

Second Sunday of Advent
5-6 December 2015

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Clergy Notes

Dear Catholic Community,

Of the three Synoptic Gospels, the Gospel of Luke uses "baptism of repentance" (*baptisma metanoias*). 'Repentance' is the common translation for the Greek word *metanoia*, which means not just sorrow for past sins but a total and radical change of outlook in our relationship with God and other people. It calls for a radical and genuine renewal and CONVERSION of heart. This *metanoia* or conversion in turn will bring about the forgiveness of sin -- a release, a letting go, a liberation from the chains of sin and evil. Forgiveness also involves a total reconciliation with our God and with all those whom we have hurt or with whom we have come in conflict. It is a healing, a making whole.

The Precepts of the Catholic Church are a description of the absolute minimum actions required of Catholics regarding the Church and one of the precepts directs us that "You shall confess your sins at least once a year." As we enter the second week of the Advent, there's no better time to repent and reconcile ourselves. We are invited to be released from the burden of sins and forgive (and be forgiven). We'll have Advent Penance Service / Individual Confession (Sacrament of Reconciliation) this Thursday, December 10th. Please take this opportunity, if not already, to receive the baptism of repentance.

Have a blessed week!
Deacon Joe

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER--for Vocations to the Priesthood and the Military Chaplaincy; for our deployed troops and their families; for our parishioners who are ill; and for our deceased:

Deployed: FC2 Joseph Reed, USN; Ginny Ortiz, Peace Corps, AEAN AJ Ortiz, USN

Deceased:

Healing: Buddy Craven, Joseph Toth, Jeanmarie Jonston, Jim Campbell, Alfred Prados, Jim Egan, Len Trahan, Bob Bowen, Kevin Tighe, Bob Schaaf, Alexis Coffey, Frank Bernardo, Nimpa Bautista, Bonnie Benne, Richard Wicks, Richard Brysacz (father of Margaret Asten), Morris McGregor, John Bikus, Suzie Kumashiro, Hamlin Ortiz (father of Ham Ortiz), Randy Krug, Justin Cimino, Jack Doyle, Virginia Hoh, Jeff Lepak, Al and Marilyn Hanson, Russell Plaisance, Warren Krug, Gigi Goode, Betsy Plowman, Warren Efting, Barbara Nastro, Joe Franklin

~ Please contact Pam to remove names from Deployed and Healing lists ~

Introduction to Today's Readings

First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9 The setting for today's reading is the time when the Jews were captives in Babylon. The author writes of a bright future when they will return with joy to their homeland. In this passage, Jerusalem is pictured as a joyful mother, watching her children come home.

Second Reading: Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11 Of all the communities Paul founded, the one at Philippi was especially dear to him. Wherever he was, they sent him moral and financial support to help carry on his work. Now confined to a prison cell, Paul writes to them like a proud parent.

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.
Psalm 126

Announcements

Holy Year of Mercy: On the **8th of December**, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, the Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica will be opened. Pope Francis stated in his letter *Misericordiae Vultus* that on that day The Holy Door will become a DOOR OF MERCY through which anyone who enters will experience the love of God who consoles, pardons and instills hope. On the following Sunday, the Third Sunday of Advent, the Holy Door of the Basilica of St. John Lateran in Rome will be opened also. In the following weeks, the Holy Doors of the other Papal Basilicas will be opened. We will see this happen at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. On the same Sunday, Pope Francis will announce that in every local church, at the cathedral of special significance, a Door of Mercy will be opened for the duration of the Holy Year which lasts until November 20, 2016. At the discretion of the local bishop, a similar door may be opened at any shrine frequented by large groups of pilgrims. In this Jubilee Year, let us allow God to surprise us. He never tires of casting open the doors of his heart.

Prayer for the Holy Year of Mercy: Lord Jesus Christ, you taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees him. Show us your face and we will be saved. Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money; the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things; made Peter weep after his betrayal; and assured Paradise to the repentant thief. Let us hear, as if address to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman: "If you knew the gift of God!" You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified. You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God. Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind. We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. AMEN.

Hanging of the Greens: Join us as the Protestant and Catholic communities gather together on Saturday, **5 December**, at 0900 to decorate the chapel for Advent and Christmas.

Registrations are closing this Sunday, **6 December**, for **the Mid-Atlantic Congress 2016**, www.midatlanticcongress.org, 4-6 February at the Baltimore Hilton. If interested, please contact Pam at info@jbmhhcatholicparish.com no later than this evening.




Immaculate Conception Mass Schedule: Tuesday, **8 December** – Masses at Noon and 1800 at Memorial Chapel; Noon Mass at Fort McNair.

Advent Penance Service is Thursday, **10 December**, Memorial Chapel, beginning at 1900. Several priests are participating, allowing for the chance of individual confession. Whether it's been a long or short time since you've been to confession, plan to be present.

Need a Christmas tree or wreath? St. Thomas Moore Cathedral Knights of Columbus is selling them in their parking lot now through 20 December; 1800-2100 M-F and 0900-2100 weekends. The cathedral is located at 105 N Thomas St in Arlington.

Flower Dedication: A flower chart has recently been posted on the wall in Betsy Hendrix's office. You can request to have the flowers on a particular Sunday dedicated in honor of a loved one. There is no charge for the flower dedication. If you wish, you may add a bit to your regular donation.

December 5 through December 25

SAT & SUN		MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
5 0900 Hanging of the Greens DO: Holiday Voucher Program – Christmas Sat & Sun 	6 <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i> Name Tag Sunday 1030 Baptism Class 1030 EPIC 1030 Pageant Rehearsal, Old Post Chapel	7 1800 RCIA	8 <i>Immaculate Conception</i> NO Bible Study 1200 Mass 1800 Mass <i>Jubilee Year of Mercy begins</i>	9	10 1100 Daily Mass 1130 Advent Recital Series: Army Voices <i>1900 Penance Service</i>	11
12 <i>Healing of the Sick Sat & Sun</i> 	13 <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i> 0900 Christmas Pageant & Youth Mass	14 1800 RCIA	15 1100 Bible Study	16	17 1100 Daily Mass 1130 Advent Recital Series: Ted Gustin & Rebecca Littig	18
19 	20 <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i> No Religious Education	21 1800 RCIA	22 NO Bible Study	23	24 <i>Christmas Eve</i> 1630 Choral Prelude 1700 Vigil Mass	25 <i>Merry Christmas!</i> 0900 Mass

Offertory for 28-29 November 2015

1700 Vigil Mass: 122 \$987.00
0900 Mass: 226 \$3,546.00

Weekend Total: 348 \$4,533.00

Please make checks payable to C.T.O.F.

Scheduled Designated Offerings

9-10 January Wounded Warriors Lourdes Pilgrimage
23-24 January Luke's Wings
13-14 February Oblates of St. Francis deSales
19-20 March Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA