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Pastor's Corner

We're here today, all you radio listeners, to report the first full weekend of December and, as usual, the Cathedral's Festival of Trees and Lights. There is a very festive atmosphere here, as the Cathedral raises money to help with their social service ministries. I see around me baked goods, decorated Christmas trees, live Christmas music, games for the kids, and great food to enjoy. Make sure to set aside time today to join in the Christmas cheer and lend a supporting hand to the needs of your brothers and sisters this Christmas season.

The staff here at the Cathedral wants me to report that there are many other extra-liturgical opportunities to join in the celebrations throughout the Advent season. In addition to today's festival, they have a Christmas concert performed by the all male choir Chanticleer on December 16th at 8pm, and if you enjoy singing or just listening to some of the most inspiring religious music ever written, the Cathedral and the Cathedral choir is hosting a sing-a-long Messiah on the 20th at 7:30pm. As well, throughout the nine evenings prior to Christmas Day, the Cathedral invites everyone to attend the tradition of Las Posadas, a re-enactment through singing of Mary and Joseph seeking refuge for the night as Christ prepares to be born into the world. Not all the evenings will take place at the Cathedral so make sure to check their bulletin for further information. These events always are at the top of my list of things to do during this beautiful season.

Of course, the Cathedral being a Church, there are many liturgical activities during this time. People in the know tell me that this may look like Christmas, but it is actually called Advent, in which each of the four Sundays help us to prepare for the coming of Christ and the peaceful Christmas season. During this time, the Cathedral will host a "Fiat Mission" where seminarians from the diocese will speak and answer questions about their "call" to encourage vocations to priestly and religious life on the weekend of December 14th and 15th. Something called the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, normally on December 8th, is transferred to the 9th this year. And the father here has reminded me that although it is not a holy day of obligation this year, it is still a wonderful opportunity to worship with the community and appreciate the beautiful example of our Mother, Mary. Another important Marian celebration is Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12th. This tradition begins the day with hymns to Jesus and His mother at 5:30am and Mass at 6am, in Spanish. Throughout the day in parishes around the diocese, people will be worshipping Christ in memory of the great visitation of Mary to Juan Diego in the 15th century in Mexico. The following Sunday will also include Guadalupe celebrations with opportunities to enjoy delicious Mexican food after all the morning Masses. There is so much more to report but I've run out of time, so check their bulletin and Website.

This is one reporter who is certainly looking forward to enjoying all the Christ-filled moments that make up this special time of year.

Back to you, Jaime.

Fr. Scoop



Just before Thanksgiving, the Front Door ministry distributed 60 Turkey baskets to families in need. We thank the Knights of Columbus, Sister Lisa, and all those who donated turkeys and supplies, and all the volunteers who helped assemble the baskets.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Usually a Holy Day of Obligation but is not in 2019. The USCCB explains, "Since December 8, 2019, is the Second Sunday of Advent, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is transferred to Monday, December 9, 2019. The obligation to attend Mass, however, does not transfer."

Prayer to Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception

O most Holy Virgin, immaculate in body and spirit, look kindly on me as I implore your powerful intercession.

O most Holy Mother, receive my prayers as I present them to God.
(state your intentions here)

O Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Mother, you intercede for us with your Son.
O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.
Amen.

Question:

I've heard people call Jesus' conception by the Holy Spirit being "immaculately conceived." Is that what the Immaculate Conception is?

Answer:

While these two events are often confused, they are not the same thing. We celebrated the conception of Jesus on March 25th, the feast of the Annunciation. While that was surely miraculous, it isn't what we refer to as the "immaculate conception." The Immaculate Conception is Mary's conception, and we typically celebrate it on December 8th. If the 8th happens to be a Sunday, the Church moves the feast to December 9th. It is a holy day of obligation. Why does the Church consider it so important to celebrate?

Mary's conception is immaculate because she was conceived without original sin. The angel Gabriel acknowledges this when he hails Mary as "full of grace" (Luke 1:28). Scripture scholars identify several theological ideas that confirm this. In the Old Testament, the sacred, pristine Ark of the Covenant held the presence of God. The presence of God is now held within a new "arc" — the womb of Mary. Genesis 3 also prophesies of a woman who would oppose the devil and whose child would crush the devil's head. Christ is the "New Adam." This passage sets up Mary, then, as the "New Eve." Jesus and Mary are the beginnings of a new creation, one we all can participate in through the grace of our baptism. After all, God's love is more "original" than our sin!

Fiestas Guadalupanas 2019

On December 12th, the Spanish Liturgical ministries invite you to sing *las mañanitas** to the Virgin of Guadalupe at 5:00am, followed by Mass at 6:00am. Hot chocolate and Mexican bread will be served in Mercy Hall after Mass.

And, on Sunday December 15th, we will be holding a food fundraiser from 8am to 3 pm in Mercy Hall, serving pozole, tamales, hamburgers, and a variety of drinks and coffee. Mariachi will perform at the 1pm Mass and after. Let us enjoy as a family, good food with Mexican music, celebrating our blessed Virgin Mary of Guadalupe. For more information, contact Miriam Romo at miriamromo06@yahoo.com.

*A traditional Mexican birthday song sung in Mexico and other Latin American countries at birthday parties, usually early in the morning to awaken the birthday person.

Our Lady of Guadalupe

According to tradition, the Virgin Mary appeared to an indigenous man named Juan Diego on Dec. 9, 1531. The Virgin asked that a shrine in her name be built on the spot where she appeared, Tepeyac Hill, which is now in a suburb of Mexico City. Juan Diego told the bishop about the apparition and request, but he didn't believe him and demanded a sign before he would approve construction of the church.

On Dec. 12, the Virgin reappeared to Juan Diego and ordered him to collect roses in his tilmátlí, a kind of cloak. Juan took the roses to the bishop and when he opened his cloak, dozens of roses fell to the floor and revealed the image of the Virgen of Guadalupe imprinted on the inside. The tilmátlí with the image is on display in the Basilica de Guadalupe.

The appearance of the Virgin of Guadalupe to an indigenous man is said to be one of the forces behind creating the Mexico that we know today: a blend of Spanish and native blood. Her dark skin and the fact that the story of her apparition was told in the indigenous language of Nahuatl and in Spanish are said to have helped convert the indigenous people of Mexico to Christianity at the time of the conquest. She is seen as having a blend of Aztec and Spanish heritage.

Her image has been used throughout Mexican history, not only as a religious icon but also as a sign of patriotism. Miguel Hidalgo used her image when he launched his revolt against the Spanish in 1810. She could be seen on the rebels' banners and their battle cry was "Long Live Our Lady of Guadalupe."

Emiliano Zapata also carried a banner of the Virgen of Guadalupe when he entered Mexico City in 1914.

Pope John Paul II canonized Juan Diego in 2002, making him the first indigenous American saint, and declared Our Lady of Guadalupe the patroness of the Americas. (HUFFPOST.com/Latino Voices)



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John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" (Mt 3:1-2)

This Weekend: Festival of Trees

Saturday, December 7th from 9am to 7pm

Sunday, December 8th from 8am to 6pm

Mercy Hall

Come shop for handcrafted items, baked goods, gift baskets, and decorated trees!!

Enjoy Mexican and Filipino food and beverages from our Food Court and baked items from our

Sweet Shop

\$\$ Win great prizes in our raffle \$\$

All proceeds benefit the Social Service programs for the downtown homeless and needy



Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24 5:00 pm Children's Mass
9:00 pm Bi-Lingual Mass
11:30 pm Music Prelude followed by Midnight Mass

December 25 8:00 am Christmas Mass in English
10:00 am Christmas Mass in English
12:00 pm Misa de Navidad en Español

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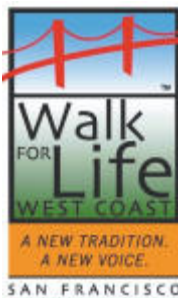
Catholic Viewpoint, Faith, Hope and Love, hosted by Fr. Michael Kiernan. Don't miss this week's show as Cheryl Tholcke from the Tribunal Office of the Diocese discusses marriage and the annulment process! View on Comcast 20, Consolidated 19 and AT&T 14, Times: Sun. 7:00 AM, Tues. 9:30 AM, Weds. 8:30 PM, and Thurs. 5:00 PM. All shows are also on **YouTube** and website **CatholicviewpointFHL.com!**

THE BIBLE TIMELINE: THE STORY OF SALVATION BIBLE STUDY BEGINS ON JANUARY 9, 2020

The Bible Timeline is a Catholic Bible study that can help anyone to make sense of the Bible and experience the life-changing power of God's Word. The study takes you on a journey through the entire Bible and brings you deep into each period of salvation history so that you can discover the amazing story woven throughout all of Scripture.

The study will include a series of twenty-three videos presented by Jeff Cavins. Each video will be preceded by a lively group discussion. We will meet every Thursday from 7pm to 8:30 in the lower level of the Cathedral. After 23 sessions you will receive a certificate of completion.

Attendance is free. We will also provide materials. Although there are some helpful online materials that are made to go with this presentation that you may purchase to supplement your learning, it is not required. Please join us for a life-changing journey through the Bible! See you there!



16TH WALK FOR LIFE WEST COAST • SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2020 • CIVIC CENTER PLAZA •

Join thousands of fellow Catholics and Pro-lifers from all over California and beyond as we proclaim to the world the sanctity of life. Let's stand up for the littlest among us at the 16th Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco on January 25, 2020. Reserve your seat or buy your bus ticket today. The Respect Life ministry will be outside the church after masses to give you more information or contact Veronica Avina at (916) 205-0713. For complete information about the walk, visit www.walkforlifewc.com



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Our PARISH APP will have this special advent reflections button, to encourage Catholic Life every day with reflections from the church triumphant to help us each day as we await Christ's coming, from November 25 to December 24 2019.

A CHANTICLEER CHRISTMAS

Monday, December 16 8:00 - 10:00 pm

Known around the world as "an orchestra of voices" for its seamless blend of twelve male voices ranging from soprano to bass celebrate an age-old narrative with fresh eyes and ears, hearts and voices. Tickets at www.chanticleer.org

HANDEL'S MESSIAH

Friday, December 20, 2019 7:30 - 9:00 pm featuring the Capella Antiqua Choir, Baroque Orchestra and the Cathedral Choir. Tickets available at www.brownpapertickets.com/event/4380736

CHRISTMAS CAROLING - The Parish Pastoral

Council invites you for a fun evening of Christmas caroling on **Saturday, December 21 at 6:30 p.m.** We will meet at the Cathedral Square then walk down K Street to Downtown Commons and return to the cathedral. Practice is on Tuesday, December 17, 7 - 8:30 pm in the Manogue building. Don't worry if you miss the practice. You're still welcome to join the fun. For questions please call Aileen Rasmussen at (916) 215- 8616.



Help decorate the Cathedral with beautiful flowers for Christmas. We will be taking donations of potted poinsettias on December 22nd, in Mary's Chapel. To make other arrangements, contact cathedralsacramento@gmail.com.

OFFERTORY REPORT

November 9/10	\$8,125	-\$3,375	70%
November 16/17	\$10,175	-\$1,325	88%
November 23/24	\$8,314	-\$3,186	72%

Date	Mass / Intentions / Readings
Saturday December 7	FESTIVAL OF TREES 5:00 pm / John Bennyhoff S.I. Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday December 8	2ND WEEK OF ADVENT / FESTIVAL OF TREES 7:30 am / Marjorie Olofson + 9:00 am / People of the Cathedral Parish 11:00 am / Leann Burnside + 1:00 pm (Spanish) / Melasio Baragan + 3:00 pm (Chinese) 5:00 pm / Jose & Leonisa Belisario + , Josephine + , Bryan Moyco + , Cesar + & Rosario + 7:00 pm / Mr. & Mrs. Alejandro y Irma Cerranza & Family S.I. Is 11:1-10/ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 19 [cf. 7]/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12
Monday December 9	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary 12:10 pm / Roseller Cabantan S.I. 5:10 pm / Deacon Don DeHaven + Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday December 10	12:10 pm / Sister Antoinette Vasquez + 5:10 pm / Nancy Leifheit + Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday December 11	St. Damasus I, Pope 12:10 pm / Dzung Tran + & Qui Tran + 5:10 pm / Deacon Don DeHaven + Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30
Thursday December 12	Our Lady of Guadalupe 12:10 pm / Joan L. Bledsoe S.I. 5:10 pm / Deacon Don DeHaven + Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25
Friday December 13	St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr 12:10 pm / Joel Benigno S.I. Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday December 14	St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church 5:00 pm / John Bennyhoff S.I. Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

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Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for ages 3+, visit youngsheep.org, or call 916-910-3435

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Choir (Spanish)
Jerry Vanoye in the choir annex after the 1pm Mass, or Ricardo Savala in the choir annex after 7pm Mass.

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 Read the Gospel and Color



Cathedral Kids

Sharing the Gospel - John the Baptist taught people to get ready for Jesus. He told them to change their lives. John helped many people wash away all their mistakes and bad choices. He washed away all their cheating, lying, fighting, and stealing. Once they were clean, John wanted them to see that living God's way is so much better. John told the people not only to clean their bodies, but to show that they love God by the way that they live.

Prayer - Dear God, help my words and my choices to show that I love you.

Mission for the Week - Write a prayer to God, asking him to help you stop doing those things, and start being honest, giving and kind.

 Puzzle

Help the baby find his way to the priest for his baptism.





Esquina del Pastor

Hoy estamos aquí, todos ustedes, oyentes de radio, para informar el primer fin de semana completo de diciembre y, como de costumbre, el Festival de Árboles y Luces de la Catedral. Aquí hay un ambiente muy festivo, ya que la Catedral recauda dinero para ayudar con sus ministerios de servicio social. Veo a mi alrededor productos horneados, árboles de Navidad decorados, música navideña en vivo, juegos para niños y excelente comida para disfrutar. Asegúrese de reservar tiempo hoy para unirse a la alegría navideña y ayudar a sus hermanos y hermanas en esta temporada navideña.

El personal aquí en la Catedral quiere que informe que hay muchas otras oportunidades extra-litúrgicas para unirme a las celebraciones durante la temporada de Adviento. Además del festival de hoy, tienen un concierto de Navidad a cargo del coro de hombres Chanticleer el 16 de diciembre a las 8 p.m., y si disfrutas cantando o simplemente escuchando la música religiosa más inspiradora jamás escrita, el coro de la Catedral y la Catedral es organizando un Mesías para cantar el 20 a las 7:30 pm. Además, durante las nueve noches previas al día de Navidad, la Catedral invita a todos a asistir a la tradición de Las Posadas, una recreación a través del canto de María y José buscando refugio para la noche mientras Cristo se prepara para nacer en el mundo. No todas las noches tendrán lugar en la Catedral, así que asegúrese de consultar su boletín para obtener más información. Estos eventos siempre están en la parte superior de mi lista de cosas que hacer durante esta hermosa temporada.

Por supuesto, siendo la catedral una iglesia, hay muchas actividades litúrgicas durante este tiempo. Las personas que saben me dicen que esto puede parecer Navidad, pero en realidad se llama Adviento, en el que cada uno de los cuatro domingos nos ayuda a prepararnos para la venida de Cristo y la pacífica temporada navideña. Durante este tiempo, la Catedral organizará una "Misión Fiat" donde los seminaristas de la diócesis hablarán y responderán preguntas sobre su "llamado" para alentar las vocaciones a la vida sacerdotal y religiosa el fin de semana del 14 y 15 de diciembre. Algo llamado Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción, normalmente el 8 de diciembre, se transfiere al 9 de este año. Y el padre aquí me ha recordado que, aunque no es un día santo de obligación este año, sigue siendo una oportunidad maravillosa para adorar con la comunidad y apreciar el hermoso ejemplo de nuestra Madre, María. Otra celebración mariana importante es Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe el 12 de diciembre. Esta tradición comienza el día con himnos a Jesús y su madre a las 5:30 a.m. y misa a las 6 a.m., en español. A lo largo del día en las parroquias de la diócesis, la gente adorará a Cristo en memoria de la gran visita de María a Juan Diego en el siglo XV en México. El domingo siguiente también incluirá celebraciones de Guadalupe con oportunidades para disfrutar de deliciosa comida mexicana después de todas las misas de la mañana. Hay mucho más que informar, pero me he quedado sin tiempo, así que revise su boletín y su sitio web.

Este es un reportero que ciertamente espera disfrutar de todos los momentos llenos de Cristo que componen esta época especial del año.

De vuelta a ti, Jaime.

El p. Cuchara



Justo antes del Día de Acción de Gracias, el ministerio de Front Door distribuyó 60 canastas de Turquía a las familias necesitadas. Agradecemos a los Caballeros de Colón, a la Hermana Lisa, a todos los que donaron pavos y suministros, y a todos los voluntarios que ayudaron a armar las canastas.





Nuestra APLICACIÓN PARROQUIAL tendrá un botón especial de reflexiones de adviento, para alentar la vida católica todos los días con reflexiones de la iglesia triunfante para ayudarnos cada día mientras esperamos la venida de Cristo, del 25 de noviembre al 24 de diciembre de 2019.

Los Ministerios de Liturgia le invitan:

FIESTAS GUADALUPANAS 2019

12 de diciembre Mañanitas a la Virgen 5:00am seguida de la Santa Misa a las 6:00am, Habrá de cortesía chocolate con pan mexicano después de Misa

El Domingo 15 de diciembre: Venta de comida desde las 8am y hasta las 3pm

Pozole, Tamales y Hamburguesas con variedad de refrescos y café.

La Misa de 1pm en español estará acompañada de Mariachi que continuará tocando después de Misa en el Mercy Hall. Disfrutemos en familia de una rica comida con música mexicana, celebrando a nuestra bella Paloma Blanca, la Virgen de Guadalupe.

Para más información contacte a Miriam Romo: (916)796-6824

VILLANCICO DE NAVIDAD

El Concilio Pastoral de Catedral invita a toda la comunidad de Catedral a una tarde de Canciones Navideñas por las calles cercanas a Catedral

El Sábado 21 de diciembre a las 6:30 pm

Nos reuniremos frente a Catedral y caminaremos por la calle K hacia el centro y regresaremos a catedral. a práctica es el Martes 17 de Diciembre de 7 - 8:30 pm en el Salon Manogue. No se preocupe si no puede asistir a la práctica, aun son bienvenidos de unirse a los villancicos con nosotros. Para mas información contacte a Patricia Davila (916) 502 - 4854

- 16ª Caminata
- Por la Vida Costa Oeste
- Sábado, 25 de Enero, 2020 •
- Plaza del Centro Cívico •

Únase a miles de católicos y Pro-vidas de todo California y más allá para proclamar al mundo la santidad de la vida. Luchemos por los más pequeños entre nosotros en la 16ª Caminata por La Vida de la Costa Oeste el 25 de Enero del 2020. Reserve su asiento o compre ya su boleto de autobús. El ministerio de Respeto a la Vida estará afuera de las misas para darles más información o contacte a Lilianna Balderrama al (916) 912-8256. Para obtener más información sobre la caminata, visite www.walkforlifewc.com.



LAS LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo: Is 11, 1-10/ Sal 72, 1-2. 7-8. 12-13. 19 [cfr. 7]/Rom 15, 4-9/Mt 3, 1-12

Lunes: Gn 3, 9-15. 20/Sal 98, 1. 2-3. 3-4 [1]/Ef 1, 3-6. 11-12/ Lc 1, 26-38

Martes: Is 40, 1-11/Sal 96, 1-2. 3 y 10. 11-12. 13/Mt 18, 12-14

Miércoles: Is 40, 25-31/Sal 103, 1-2. 3-4. 8 y 10/Mt 11, 28-30

Jueves: Jue 13, 2-7. 24-25/Sal 71, 3-4. 5-6. 16-17 [cfr. 8]/Lc 1, 5-25

Viernes: Is 48, 17-19/Sal 1, 1-2. 3. 4 y 6/Mt 11, 16-19

Sábado: Eclo 48, 1-4. 9-11/Sal 80, 2 y 3. 15-16. 18-19/Mt 17, 9. 10-13

LAS CONMEMORACIONES DE LA SEMANA

Domingo: 2º Domingo de Adviento

Lunes: La Inmaculada Concepción de la Santísima Virgen María

Martes:

Miércoles: San Dámaso I, papa

Jueves: Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

Viernes: Santa Lucía, virgen y mártir

Sábado: San Juan de la Cruz, sacerdote y doctor de la Iglesia

MEDITACIÓN EVANGÉLICO

Vamos caminando poco a poco rumbo a la Navidad; el Adviento abre un camino nuevo dando oportunidad a una conversión sincera girando el corazón hacia Dios. El protagonista de este domingo y el que viene es Juan Bautista. Con su mensaje, exhorta a la sociedad de hoy a reencontrar el camino y esperar con esperanza cristiana, que es a la vez jubilosa pero exigente en el cambio radical de acciones que destruyen el espíritu de esta temporada. Muchas compras y prisas sin sentido hacen olvidar lo importante del mensaje: "Una voz clama en el desierto: Preparen el camino del Señor, enderecen sus senderos." Significa abrir el corazón a la luz del mensaje. Un corazón sencillo que perdona y experimenta la conversión en pequeños detalles como: una palabra de amor a su familia, aceptar a la persona que no cae bien, o simplemente quitar la cara aburrada de siempre.

"Ya el hacha está puesta a la raíz de los árboles, y todo árbol que no de fruto, será cortado y arrojado al fuego." Mas claro el mensaje no puede estar. La presencia salvadora se presenta en este Adviento invitando a hacer obras buenas, preparando y arreglando lo que esta chueco o, como se dice, dejar de hacer tranzas. El Adviento implica ser valientes para hacer el bien. ¿Qué estás dispuesto a cambiar? ¿Qué se debe de enderezar? Recuerda, Isaías lo describe así: "Habitará el lobo con el cordero, la pantera se echará con el cabrito, el novillo y el león pacerán juntos y un muchachito los apacentará." El llamado sigue, ¿que respondes?

LA CORRESPONSABILIDAD DIARIA

Jesús se dirige hacia ti

Un día, escuchamos la noticia de que un posible tornado se dirigía hacia nosotros. Nosotros vivimos a las orillas de una carretera, y se dirigía por ese mismo camino. Mi esposa e hijos se amontonaron en el baño de abajo. No hay muchos tornados en Carolina del Norte, por lo que nuestros hijos estaban particularmente preocupados porque era algo que nunca habían pensado que sucediera antes. El tornado nunca llegó a nuestro vecindario, pero sí hizo que uno de nuestros hijos expresara que necesitaba ir a la Confesión lo antes posible. No había hecho nada excesivamente pecaminoso, pero encontrarse cara a cara con un tornado le había hecho tener dudas sobre su preparación para encontrarse con Dios. Espero que un tornado no atravesara camino a través de tu ciudad o pueblo este Adviento.

A veces, recordatorios de nuestra mortalidad encuentran su camino a nuestra vida. El fallecimiento de un ser querido, un accidente automovilístico o un problema de salud pueden hacernos reflexionar sobre dónde estamos en nuestra relación con Dios. Sin esos momentos, podemos encontrarnos viviendo diariamente sin tener en cuenta dónde está Dios en nuestra vida y si nuestras acciones le agradan ...o si nos arrastran más hacia el mundo.

Adviento es el momento de hacer un inventario para saber en dónde estamos con Dios. ¿Cómo estamos viviendo como buenos corresponsables y discípulos maduros? ¿Qué necesito enmendar con el poder curativo del sacramento de la Penitencia? Puede que no venga un tornado, pero Jesús regresará algún día. Espero corras fuera de tu casa para salir a su encuentro, y Él no te encuentre amontonado y asustado en tu baño.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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Rectory Office Hours — Monday to Friday, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

MASSES

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	6:30 pm a 7:00 pm

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道尋知音：信中成長、活於希望

韓大輝總主教

上主已經發言，而且還繼續發言。上主的聖言在創造時和歷史中顯示其大能。人的被造就是成為上主愛的聆聽者。而聆聽需要承行主旨愛的回應。不聆聽就會導致犯罪；不幸的是，事就這樣發生了。聖言降生成人的使命就是從罪惡中拯救人類，並恢復其聆聽聖言的能力。降生成人的聖言，耶穌基督建立了教會，並賦予教會積極參與基督的使命，就是幫助及伴隨人類走信、望、愛的旅程。這旅程包括不斷的生活實踐：勤讀聖經，勤領聖事，遵守十誡，廣傳福音。童貞聖母就是聆聽聖言的最好典範。

God in search of His willing hearers: Growing in Faith and Living with Hope

The LORD has spoken and still speaks. His Word has been powerful and came true each time in creation and history. Human persons had been so created as to be His beloved hearers. Hearing requires a response of love carrying out the Will of God. Failure in hearing would lead to sin. Unfortunately, so it happened. The Word of God was made flesh with the Mission to redeemed the humans from sin and to restore their ability to hear God's Word. The Incarnate Word, Jesus Christ, founded the Church which is called to take an active part in the same Mission of Christ by assisting and accompanying the humanity in the journey of faith-hope-love. Such a journey consists in some constant practices: reading the Bible, receiving the sacraments, observing the commandments, and spreading the Gospel. In this regard, the Blessed Virgin Mary is, par excellence, the hearer of the Word.

Archbishop Savio Tai Fai Hon, SDB, STD

~ 華人團體活動事項 ~

1. 本堂Michael 神父的母親Philomena O'Reilly 女士，於十一月七日逝世，殯葬彌撒已在十一月二十二舉行，請教友們繼續為此共同祈禱。

Brothers and sisters, let's continue to pray for the eternal repose of Philomena O'Reilly, the mother of Father Michael O'Reilly. She passed away on November 7. Her funeral was held on November 22. God bless the O'Reilly family.

2. 慕道班的姊妹 Yan 將在十二月二十二日聖體大教堂接受領洗聖事，讓我們一起來參與和祝福她！歡迎她進入我們聖教會的大家庭。

On December 22, Yan Dai will be baptized during the 3:00pm Chinese Mass. Let's celebrate her entrance into God's family.

華人團體感恩節聚餐照

Chinese group Thanksgiving dinner photos





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