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Dec 7th: Harold Segerson + by Khuyen Segerson
Dec 8th: Parishioners of St Andrew and St Regina

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Dec 15th: Joe York +

Liturgical Ministers

December 15, 2019
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Ushers—Men of the Parish

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 8, 2019

The earth shall be filled with knowledge of the Lord, as water covers the sea.
— Isaiah 11:9

THE LONG-AWAITED ONE

As the Sundays of Advent unfold the scriptures shift focus from the final coming of the Lord to his historical birth. Today’s scriptures blend the two. Isaiah’s disillusionment with the kings of his own day led him to envision an ideal king who would rule with divine approval and be led by divine wisdom. For centuries the Jewish people anticipated the arrival of that Messiah, who would usher in a blessed age when the whole world would finally dwell in justice and peace.

After centuries of such growing expectation, the preaching of John the Baptist about the imminent arrival of the Messiah could not help but provoke intense interest. The Baptist’s message about preparation for “the one who is coming” (Matthew 3:11) makes clear that Jesus is, in fact, the long-awaited one who is ushering in the new age foretold by Isaiah and all the prophets.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

“Outward signs instituted by Christ to give grace” is the often-memorized definition of sacrament, but through more than five decades of reform we have rediscovered the power of sacrament to bestow grace by reshaping our lives as individuals and communities. Not so long ago, most people were not attentive to the nature of sacrament as an act of the Church, a power that flows from the Body of Christ. Fifty years ago, we were inclined to see a sacrament as an encounter between Christ and an individual.

Today, we see that definition does not go far enough. God’s grace is not a trickle, but a gushing torrent washing over the whole Church. Like a photographer pulling back the camera for a broader picture, today we are not only interested in the person who is being baptized, reconciled, or anointed. We think about how celebrating a sacrament transforms a community. We think about the grace given by Christ to the community that baptizes or marries or ordains or confirms. Sacraments are for the good of the community. Even when it appears to be a private, hidden moment, as in individual confession, a sacrament is always for the sake of the whole body, always more than “meets the eye.”

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

WEEKLY OFFERING

December 1st
Budget \$2100
Actual \$3230
Over \$1130

TODAY’S READINGS FOR YEAR A

First Reading — He shall bring justice for the afflicted; the earth shall overflow with the knowledge of the LORD (Isaiah 11:1-10).

Psalm — Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — Glorify God by living in harmony with one another, welcoming each other as Christ welcomed you (Romans 15:4-9).

Gospel — Produce good fruit worthy of your baptism; repent, for the reign of God is near (Matthew 3:1-12).

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Parishioners

Grant Adams, Joe Bobak, Joyce Franckowiak, Ethel Huffman, Jean Stevens

Relatives

Michel Amrhein, Kelli Blankenship, Thomas Blankenship, Austin Ernst, Emily Ernst, Jackie Donnett, Christine Hart and the twin boys Benjamin and Theodore, Nicholas Kirkpatrick, Jenny Moore, Andrew Morlan, Yu Youn Suk

Friends

Emma Cupples, Fr Robert Ponticello

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

Mass Schedule



Monday: 11:30 am
Wednesday: 11:30 am
Thursday: 9:00 am
Thursday: Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe: Spanish Mass at 6:30 pm
Memorial Mass Friday: 11:30
Vigil on Saturday: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am

Coming Events

December 9th: Advent Penance Service at 6:00 PM, here at St Andrew

December 12th: Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Spanish Mass at 6:30 PM

December 14th: Breakfast with Santa from 8:00-10:00. This is a fund raiser for the youth.

No PRE December 22nd or December 29th. Classes resume on January 5th.

Father Edward Byrnes passed away on November 28, 2019 and was laid to rest December 3, 2019.

As a former pastor, there will be a Memorial Mass at St Andrew, on Friday, December 13th, at 11:30 am.



December 15th

PRE Christmas program after Mass.

Parish Pot Luck Christmas Meal.

Everyone is invited to bring your favorite dish and join in the fun. Ham, turkey and rolls will be provided.

JUSTICE AND OBEDIENCE

Justice is the insurance we have on our lives, and obedience is the premium we pay for it.

—William Penn, English Quaker