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Mass Intentions

Dec 6th: Parishioners of St Andrew and St Regina

Dec 7th: Harold Segerson +
by Khuyen Segerson

Dec 9th: Soul of Maria Hua Thi An
by Kenny Duc Nguyen

Dec 11th: Soul of Peter Nguyen Huu
Luong by Kenny Duc Nguyen

Dec 12th: Jason A Clutch +
by Eleanor fMichie

Dec 13th: Parishioners of St Andrew and St Regina

Liturgical Ministers

December 13, 2020

Lectors — Jacquelyn Mize

Gift Bearers —

Eucharistic Ministers —

Sacristans — Mary Alyce Fiechtl

Altar Linens — Eleanor Michie, Khuyen Segerson

Ushers — Men of the Parish

Second Sunday of Advent December 6, 2020

Every valley shall be filled in,
every mountain and hill shall be made low.
—Isaiah 40:4

GOD’S DELAY

In times of great difficulties scoffers taunt us, “Where is God? Why hasn’t your Lord come to save you now?”

And we of faith respond much in the same way as Peter did in today’s second reading: the “delay” of the Lord’s second coming is not any type of punishment or failure to keep the divine promise, but a loving sign of God’s patience. God is giving *everyone* the chance to seek repentance.

God does not make life more difficult. Rather, God lessens our burdens as once before for the Jewish exiles returning home to Judea after captivity in Babylon. It was God who personally led them, making a “straight highway” for them across the desert.

We join with our ancestors of faith, who hoped that they might see God’s Chosen One before them and who eventually realized that the Lord was also walking with them side by side.

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FEAST OF FAITH

Watching for Christ’s Coming

In the season of Advent, we look to the coming of Christ at the end of time, and we prepare ourselves to celebrate his first coming among us at Christmas. Remembrance of the past is combined with preparation for the future. Memory meets action.

In a certain sense, the Mass is an Advent prayer. At the Last Supper, Jesus did not tell his disciples, “Never forget what I did for you.” Instead, he said, “Do this in remembrance of me.” He calls us to remember by *doing*, to combine memory with action. In the celebration of the Eucharist, remembering and doing become one. Jesus is as present in our midst as he was in that upper room, breaking the bread and sharing the cup; but it is a new kind of presence, seen only with the eyes of faith. In the heavenly liturgy, there will be no need of sacraments, for there, “celebration is wholly communion and feast” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1136). Here, things are different. We have only glimpses and flashes of the beauty that is yet to be. And yet, in the liturgy, we truly participate in the heavenly liturgy. The Mass is our foretaste of the joys of heaven.

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WEEKLY OFFERING

Nov 29th

Budget	\$2100
Actual	\$890
Bldg.	\$0
Short	\$1210



TODAY’S READINGS FOR YEAR B

First Reading — The rugged land shall be made a plain; the rough country, a broad valley (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11).

Psalm — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

Second Reading — Conduct yourselves in holiness, hastening the coming of the day of God (2 Peter 3:8-14).

Gospel — I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit (Mark 1:1-8).

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Parishioners

Gary Adams, Grant Adams, Joe Bobak,
Ethel Huffman, MaryAnn Maness, Deacon Jim Moss

Relatives

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

Friends

Emma Cupples, Sunny Maness, Fr Robert Ponticello

HUMAN RIGHTS

Necessity is the plea for every infringement on human rights. It is the argument of tyrants.

—William Pitt the Younger

Special Collection

Retired Fund for Religious
December 13th

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent

Monday: St. Ambrose;
Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

Tuesday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday: St. Juan Diego

Thursday: International Human Rights Day;
Hanukkah begins at sunset

Friday: St. Damasus I

Saturday: Our Lady of Guadalupe

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12;
Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9, 10-13ab;
Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: 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

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54;
1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Mass Schedule

Monday: 11:30 am

Tuesday: 9:00 am

Wednesday: 11:30 am

Thursday: 9:00 am

Friday: 11:30

Vigil on Saturday: 4:30 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am



Coming Events

December 7th: Penance Service at
St Andrew at 6:00 pm

December 8th: Mass at 9:00 am for the
Immaculate Conception

December 9th: Penance Service at
St Regina at 6:00 pm

December 12th: Spanish Mass at 6:30
pm for Our Lady of Guadalupe

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