

PARISH CALENDAR

Saturday, November 26	..... 5:00 p. m.	Mass	First Sunday of Advent
Sunday, November 27	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass	November 27, 2016
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass	
	..... 10:45 a. m.	Religious Education Classes (Gr. 1-8) Confirmation & Youth Ministry	Marana tha! Come Lord Jesus!
Monday, November 28	..... 5:00 p. m.	Mass	
Tuesday, November 29	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer	
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open	
	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer	
Wednesday, November 30	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass	
	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer	
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass	
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open	
Thursday, December 1	..... 7:00 p. m.	Pastoral Committee Meeting - St. Francis Trailer	
	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer	
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass	
	..... 7:30 p. m.	Prayer Meeting - Church	
	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer	
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass	
Saturday, December 3	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open	
	..... 4:00-4:45 pm	Confession	
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass	

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Isaiah:11:1-10: Isaiah's poetic yearning for the one who will restore peace to Israel.

Roman: 15: 4-9: Paul prays for hope and harmony.

Matt:3:1-12: John the Baptist preaches repentance.

Living Catholic in the 808! Mary as Evangelizer: Her Pregnancy

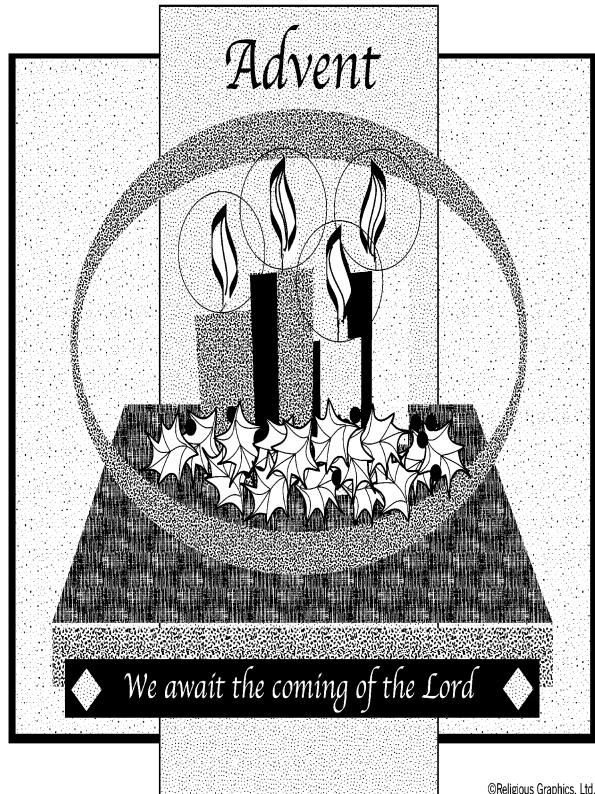
The Annunciation, Mary agreeing to become the Mother of God, is a prime example of how Mary can help us to follow and proclaim Jesus. Mary was an uneducated, unwed poor teenager. By agreeing to become pregnant with Jesus, she knew her entire world would be turned upside down. Never mind how being a mother would change her – this goes much deeper than that.

What is mind blowing about Mary's "yes" is that by agreeing to become an unwed mother, Mary knew she would likely lose her carpenter fiance (aka, her best chance at a somewhat better life) and be ostracized by all of society instead. The world would think of her as whore (sorry!) – Mary faced a destitute life not knowing where her next meal would come, let alone how she would care for her baby.

To follow Jesus means to let our world be turned upside down. To be honest, Mary's example here is too hard for many of us. Let ourselves have an uncertain future? Let ourselves be despised by everyone in society? No thank you! Yes, we know saints like St. Francis of Assisi, Sts. Damien and Marianne and Mother Theresa all gave up the comfy life.

Can't I just pray some extra Advent prayers instead?

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

LEEWARD VICARIATE ADVENT PENCE SERVICES:

Listed are the dates for Leeward Parishes Advent Pence Services:
 Tuesday, November 29th - St. Joseph - Waipahu
 Thursday, December 1st - Our Lady of Perpetual Help - Ewa Beach
 Monday, December 5th - Immaculate Conception - Ewa
Tuesday, December 6th St. Rita
 Monday, December 12th - St. Jude - Kapolei
 Tuesday, December 13th - Sacred Hearts - Waianae
 All Services begin at 7 p. m.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

(CCHD): Thank you for your contribution to the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)! Your generous gifts will help CCHD break the cycle of poverty in the United States through better education, improved housing, and economic development. Through CCHD and its beneficiaries, we demonstrate Catholic social teaching and carry out Jesus' mission to "bring glad tidings to the poor... to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free" (Lk 4:18)

WORD OF LIFE: "A model of care has been developed specifically for families whose infant is likely to die before or after birth. Often called "perinatal hospice,"... {it} provides precious moments together – whether the baby is inside or outside the womb— which can be cherished forever."

–"Supporting Families Who Receive a Prenatal Diagnosis"
www.goo.gl/JqdQJT USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

WEEKLY READINGS

Nov 27 Sun: 1ST Sunday of Advent

Isa:2:1-5; Ps 122; Rom:13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

Nov 28 Mon: Advent Weekday

Is: 4:2-6; Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 8:5-11

Nov 29 Tue: Advent Weekday

Is: 11:1-10; Ps:72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

Nov 30 Wed: Andrew, apostle

Rom:10:9-18; Ps:19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mt 4:18-22

Dec 1 Thur: Advent Weekday

Is: 26:1-6; Ps 118: 1 & 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Dec 2 Fri: Advent Weekday

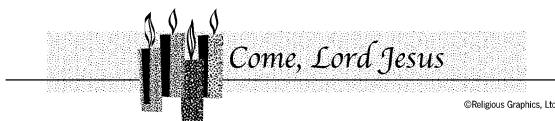
Is 29:1-6; Ps:27: 1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Dec 3 Sat: Memorial of Francis Xavier, priest

Is:30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:35b-10:1, 5a, 6-8

PEACEFUL AND STILL

Several years ago I had the opportunity to spend a night at the Timberline Lodge on the slopes of Oregon's Mount Hood. Peering out the window of my room in the early morning, I saw the snow-covered slope of the top of the mountain appear as the sun began to rise. I quickly got out of bed, got dressed, and walked through the lodge to the front door. Opening the door, I was stunned by the fact that the cloud line was only a few feet below me. Only the lodge and the top of the mountain itself were above the clouds. As I climbed up the face of the mountain, the sun began to rise, piercing the clouds with shafts of pink, orange, and yellow light. When I climbed higher and higher, the snow-capped peaks of the surrounding mountains began to pierce the clouds. All was still and peaceful, like the world proclaimed in today's passage from Isaiah.

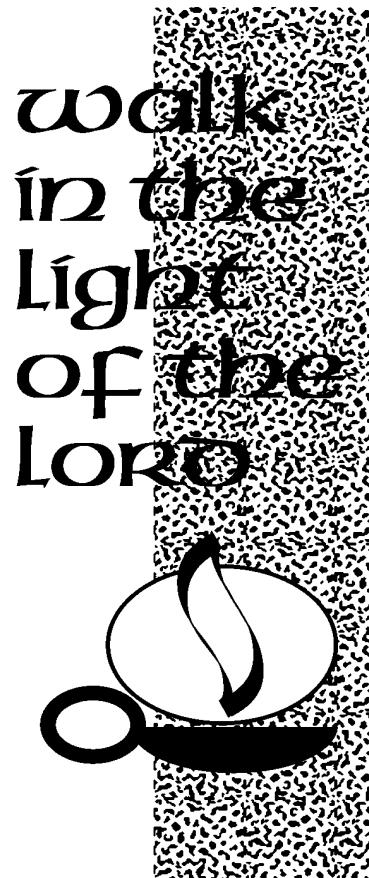


NOTES ON STEWARDSHIP

On this first Sunday of Advent Jesus urges his disciples to stay awake and prepare themselves for the Lord's coming. Good stewards prepare themselves and await Christ's judgement in joyous expectation. This kind of attitude requires genuine spiritual maturity, the kind that is cultivated by prayer, participation in the sacraments, loving attention to family and one's communion of faith, and love for one's neighbor. Are we prepared for the Lord's second coming? Are we ready to receive Christ? Are we ready to look joyously for Christ's judgement? (International Catholic Stewardship Council e-Bulletin)

THE MOUNTAIN OF PEACE

Isaiah describes the mountain of the Lord's house as a place where we receive instruction from God. In prophetic exhortation we are reminded that we are to beat our swords into plowshares and our spears into pruning hooks. We are not to raise a sword against another nation or train for war again. We can choose to throw our hands in the air and give up hoping that this could ever become a reality. Or we can choose to heed the call of Saint Paul, issued in today's second reading: "Let us throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light" (Romans 13:12). Preparing ourselves for the coming of the Lord means much more than putting our own spiritual house in order. It means that in our everyday life we dedicate ourselves to being peacemakers: at home, at work, and in our relationships. The stunning prophecies we hear during this holy season remind us that, like a peaceful mountaintop high above the clouds, our world can become a place of peace, tranquility, and light.



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