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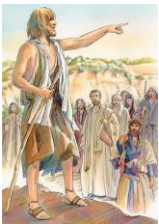
Time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving

Advent, from the Latin word *adventus* meaning arrival, is the 4-week period of waiting prepared for Christmas. The Advent wreath, four candles on a wreath of evergreen, is shaped in a perfect circle to symbolize the eternity of God. Each week we light each candle reflecting on hope, love, joy and peace, the virtues of Christmas season.

Fasting is a form of penance, which at first glance seems out of step in the season of hope. Yet it is the need for and the action of penance that prepares us for the coming of the Savior, who has come to save us from our sins. He will not save us unless we first repent –acknowledge our sins and our need to be forgiven – and then manifest our repentance through acts of penance: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

In Dec. 1, 2013, Pope Francis taught; “The time of Advent that we begin again today returns us to the horizon of hope, a hope that does not disappoint because it is founded on the Word of God; a hope that does not disappoint, simply because the Lord never disappoints! He is faithful!”

Have a grace-filled time of Advent!
Fr. Gigi Philip



[Is 11,1-10](#)
[Rm 15,4-9](#)
[Mt 3,1-12](#)

L'ORACOLO del profeta Isaia (I Lettura) trova eco nell'annuncio di Giovanni Battista narrato dal Vangelo. È l'invito a convertirsi per accogliere Colui che viene. La venuta di Cristo cambia i connotati della storia: è Lui che realizza la profezia, perché la sua giustizia è quella di Dio ed è in grado di sconfiggere il male, la violenza e inaugurare un regno di pace. È anche un giudizio per il mondo che è messo in discussione da Gesù. Isaia propone una terra in cui regna solo la riconciliazione tra i nemici e l'amore con tutti.



Becoming the hands of Christ to those in need ...

We are called to be the hands of Christ to those in need. For some, this may mean providing a place to stay for and supporting an elderly relative, volunteering at a food bank, or supporting a parish Out of the Cold or outreach programs.

Through our support, we provide resources to over 40 agencies, informed by Catholic values, offering much needed programs and services to those both here in our communities and around the world.

Your support of the ShareLife appeal has touched the lives of thousands of people both here and around the world. In this Christmas season, we thank our parish communities for all that they do to support the work of ShareLife agencies through the year. Together we are indeed fulfilling the Gospel value to 'love another as I have loved you.'

Did You Know ...

December 1 to 16, we recall the Second coming of Christ. We profess it in the Mass:

- In the Nicene Creed and in Apostles' Creed
- During the communion rite: “by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ...”.
- In the Memorial Acclamation (or Mystery of Faith): “When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again...”

Advertisements in Church Bulletin

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in February 2017 & supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 905-624-4422.

DATE

DAY OF CONFESSIONS GIORNO DI CONFESSIONI

December 15 (THURSDAY)
15 dicembre (GIOVEDÌ)
7:00 PM – 9:30 pm



The Altar Server Christmas Party will take place in the church hall on Saturday, December 17 at 11:00 AM. All Altar Servers and parents are invited.



RED POINSETTIAS

Parishioners are welcome to help us decorate the altar during the Christmas season by bringing in RED POINSETTIAS on the weekend December 17/18.

Thank you for your generosity!

FIORI ROSSI PER NATALE

Se vuoi aiutare nelle decorazioni della Chiesa per Natale, puoi farlo portando SOLO poinsettias e fiori di colore rosso non prima dicembre 18. Grazie



DECEMBER 24 – SATURDAY

05:00 pm – Children's Mass and Carolling
10:00 pm – Carolling (Inni Natalizi)
11:00 pm – Christmas Vigil Mass (Italian/English)

DECEMBER 25 – SUNDAY

09:00 am – Mass (Italian)
10:30 am – Mass (English)
12:00 pm – Mass (English)

CHRISTMAS GIFTS TO NEEDY



Let us celebrate our Christmas with those who need our support. This year let us support the organization, **Horizons for Youth**. Its mission is to shelter, prepare and guide homeless and at-risk youth to be contributing community members.

At the back of the church you will see gift tags describing different items required to help a child or youth during this Christmas. Please decorate our Christmas Tree with your gifts. We hope to provide bath towel, face cloth, toiletries to the youth men and women ages 16 to 24. For the children we are seeking books and new hats, gloves, scarves and socks.

Select an item you wish to purchase and return it to the church by no later than **Thursday December 15th**. Thank you for your generosity.



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THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY/sabato – Dec/dicembre 03

05:00 PM – +Saverio Ladisa

SUNDAY/domenica – Dec/dicembre 04

09:00 AM - +Nicola Chimienti

+Anna Pezza

+Nicola & Maria Di Ilio

+Luigi Carlesimo

+Marino Grilli

+Sorrentino & Tommasino Family

+Silvio Pagliaroli

10:30 AM – +Dorothy Livera

+Jose Boaventure

12:00 PM – For the People of the Parish

TUESDAY/martedì – Dec/dicembre 06

07:00 PM – +Benito Provenzano

WEDNESDAY/mercoledì – Dec/dicembre 07

07:00 PM – +Delia Gemmiti-Arnold

THURSDAY/giovedì – Dec/ dicembre 08

08:00 AM – +Santa Ladisa

FRIDAY/venerdì – Dec/dicembre 09

08:00 AM –