

READINGS

November 29, 2015

1st Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Jeremiah 33: 14-16

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3: 12- 4: 2

Gospel: Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36

Every Advent, the Liturgy of the Word gives our sense of time a reorientation. There's a deliberate tension in the next four weeks' readings - between promise and fulfillment, expectation and deliverance, between looking forward and looking back.

In today's First Reading, the prophet Jeremiah focuses our gaze on the promise God made to David, some 1,000 years before Christ. God says through the prophet that He will fulfill this promise by raising up a "just shoot," a righteous offspring of David, who will rule Israel in justice.

Today's Psalm, too, sounds the theme of Israel's ancient expectation: "Guide me in Your truth and teach Me. For You are God my Savior and for You I will wait all day."

We look back on Israel's desire and anticipation knowing that God has already made good on those promises by sending His only Son into the world. Jesus is the "just shoot," the God and Savior for Whom Israel was waiting.

Knowing that He is a God who keeps His promises lends grave urgency to the words of Jesus in today's Gospel. Urging us to keep watch for His return in glory, He draws on Old Testament images of chaos and instability – turmoil in the heavens; roaring seas; distress among the nations; and terrified people.

He evokes the prophet Daniel's image of the Son of Man coming on a cloud of glory to describe His return as a "theophany," a manifestation of God. Many will cower and be literally scared to death. But Jesus says we should greet the end-times with heads raised high, confident that God keeps His promises, that our "redemption is at hand," that "the kingdom of God is near"

from Scott Hahn, PhD

PLEASE CONSIDER BISHOP VASQUEZ' PRAYER INTENTION FOR TODAY:

May our community of faith continue to be attentive to Christ in preparation for the coming of the Lord...

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday November 22nd\$2,867

Campaign for Human Development.....\$254

Our Lady of Wisdom relies on Bobcat Catholics like you for more than half the resources necessary to bring students of Texas State closer to their Catholic faith. Contact our Development Director, Zane Stehling, to join this mission at 512-392-5925.

PLEASE CONSIDER POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER:

That we may be open to personal encounter and dialogue with all, even those whose convictions differ from our own ...

AND

That pastors of the Church, with profound love for their flocks, may accompany them and enliven their hope ...

GOSPEL REFLECTION

During Advent, the Lord asks us to reflect on where our attention lies. Our society says we are to strive to have everything now. More is considered better. The struggle for more and new things creates chaos in our lives and turns us in on ourselves. Today, Jesus calls us to be vigilant keeping our focus on Christ so that we recognize him and run to meet him, both in our daily lives and at his final coming. How can I be more aware of Christ's presence in my life (family, friends, co-workers, etc.)?

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

ROSARY every Sunday 9:30am in the Lounge

ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament *Tuesdays* 5:45-9pm and *Mornings* Mon-Fri 8:30-9:30am in the Chapel

NIGHT PRAYER hosted by the men of Lambda Omega Alpha, 1st and 3rd Tuesday evenings after Adoration.

FREE LUNCH every Tuesday 11am-1pm in the Lobby

BOBCATS FOR LIFE Wednesdays 6:15pm in the Library

BIBLE STUDIES every day!

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION

www.txstatecatholic.org

SIGHTS AND SOUNDS please come out and support Our Lady of Wisdom from Dec. 2nd- Dec. 5th 5pm-11pm. We will be selling Gumby's pizza by the slice. All proceeds will go back to Our Lady of Wisdom.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
Tuesday, December 8th
Mass at **5:15pm ONLY**

BACCALAUREATE MASS is the

5:00pm Mass on Sunday, December 6th. If you are graduating we would like to recognize you at this Mass. All December graduates are invited to participate.



24HR. BUILDING HOURS start after the Late Night Mass and Breakfast on Thursday, December 3rd- Thursday, December 10th for finals studying.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Fri., Dec. 11th at 6pm here in our Lobby. Everyone is welcome! Please sign up to bring a pot luck dish and don't forget your White Elephant gift!



FR. CHARLIE BANKS will be available for Spiritual Direction this Tuesday December 1st. Please sign up in the Lobby for 30min. appointments.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Be spiritually prepared for the Christmas season! Penance Service here is Tues., Dec. 1st Services begin at 7pm.

Advent begins Nov. 29, 2015

LATE NIGHT MASS & BREAKFAST



Thursday, Dec. 3rd, with Mass at 10:00pm followed by breakfast. Volunteers are needed to assist. Please sign up in the Lobby.

ADVENT DINNER with Bishop Danny Garcia. Cedarbrake Retreat Center will host the annual Advent Dinner Thurs., Dec. 3 wine and cheese served at 6:30pm followed by dinner and a presentation. Cost is \$25. For information, (254) 780-2436 or cedarbrake@austindiocese.org

On the USCCB website **ADVENT RESOURCES**

- About Advent Wreaths
- Blessing of an Advent Wreath
- Blessing of a Christmas Tree
- Blessing of a Christmas Manger or Nativity Scene
- Family Calendar
- And Many More!

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