

# PARISH CALENDAR

Second Sunday  
of Advent

December 10, 2017

Behold the Lord will come  
to save the nations!

Saturday, December 9	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass	
Sunday, December 10	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass	
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass	
	..... <b>10:45 a. m.</b>	<b>Religious Education Classes (Gr. 1-8)</b>	
		<b>Confirmation &amp; Youth Ministry</b>	
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass	
	..... 7:00 p.m.	<b>R. C. I. A. - St. Francis Trailer</b>	
Monday, December 11	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer	
	..... 9:00 a.m.	<b>Funeral Service Estelle Hijirida (+)</b>	
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open	
Tuesday, December 12	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer	
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass	
Wednesday, December 13	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer	
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass	
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open	
Thursday, December 14	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer	
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass	
	..... 7:30 p. m.	<b>Prayer Meeting - Church</b>	
Friday, December 15	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer	
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass	
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open	
Saturday, December 16	..... <b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Mass - Misa de Gallo - Breakfast Potluck</b>	
	..... 4:00-4:45 p.m.	Confession	
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass	

**NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:**

**Is 61:1-2a, 10-11: The prophet announces glad tidings and vindication**

**1 Thess:5:16-24: Awaiting Christ's promised return**

**Jn:1:6-8, 19-28: "There is one coming among you. . ."**

**LIVING CATHOLIC IN THE 808**  
**1<sup>ST</sup> Joyful Mystery: The Annunciation**

*Luke 1:35 (NAB) "The Holy Spirit will come upon you and the power of the Most High will overshadow you"*

*How do we evangelize? First and foremost, "BE A PERSON OF PRAYER".*

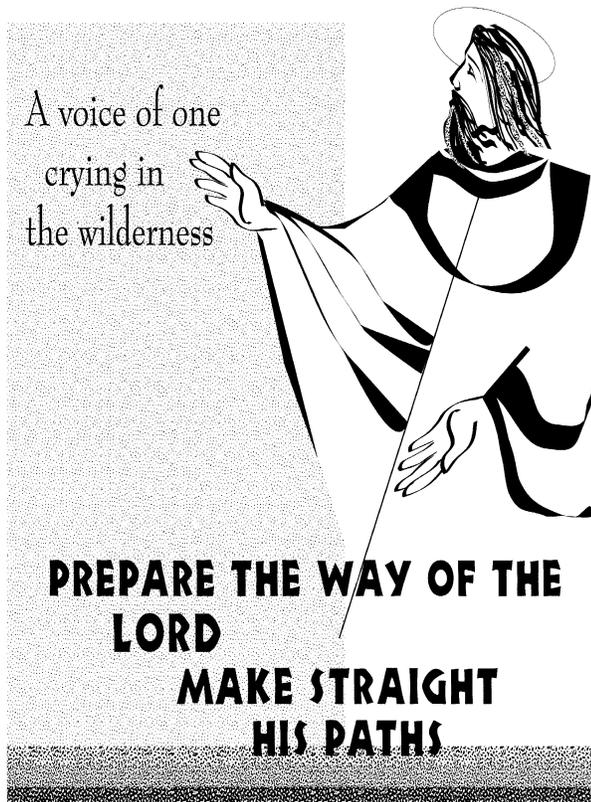
*Perhaps, some are afraid to share the Good News because we do not know what to say or we feel unworthy. Or the opposite can happen – we are so fired up to share the Good News because of our own eloquence or competence.*

*The 1<sup>st</sup> joyful mystery teaches us that we evangelize only by cooperating with God. Mary was with the Holy Spirit from the Incarnation of Jesus up to Pentecost with the Apostles. We are able to evangelize with the power of the Holy Spirit, not with our own power. Immersed in God through prayer and the Eucharist, we are overshadowed by the Holy Spirit. Thus, we can evangelize.*

*Don not worry about how you are to speak. You will be given at the moment what you are to say. For it will not be you who speak but the Holy Spirit of your Father speaking through you." (Mt 10:19-20)*

**LET US BE OPEN TO BE USED BY GOD. PRAY DAILY AND REVERENTLY.**

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GIVING ELECTRONICALLY:** There are now two ways to give electronically to St. Rita's you can give via on-line giving at [www.striananakuli.org](http://www.striananakuli.org) (on-line giving) by using your credit or debit cards. Or you can give after Mass to our parish volunteers using our credit/debit card reader. Mahalo for your generosity!

**RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS: Help religious communities.** "Your generous contribution helps us to care for our retired sisters and enables our younger sisters to continue in active ministry," writes a religious sister. Your gift to today's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works for their elders!

**THE DIVINE CHILD'S BIRTH!** Advent leads the Church to the Silent Night when God Himself is revealed as one of us. This season leads us to the joy of His birth. If God has joined His nature to ours, how can we ever allow our nature to be despised? If He has come to bring us Divine Life, and will return to take us to Heaven, how can it be all right to throw people in the garbage? May His birth shed protection on all about to be born, and as we work to tend abortion, may we "wait in joyful hope for the coming of Our Savior, Jesus Christ."

**WORD OF LIFE:** "If you know someone who has had an abortion, express your sympathy for her loss. Assure her of God's unconditional love, and encourage her to seek healing and forgiveness." *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Bridges of Mercy for Post-Abortion Healing.": [www.goo.gl/MpC7RG](http://www.goo.gl/MpC7RG)*

## WEEKLY READINGS

**Dec 10 Sun: Second Sunday of Advent**

Is:40:1-5, 9-11; Ps:85; 2 Pet:3:8-14; Mk: 1:1-8

**Dec 11 Mon: Advent Weekday**

Is 35:1-10, Ps:85;9ab & 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk:5:17-26

**Dec 12 Tue: Our Lady of Guadalupe**

Rv:11:19a; 12:1-6a 10ab; Judith:13:18bcde, 19; Lk: 1:39-47

**Dec 13 Wed: Lucy, virgin, martyr**

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

**Dec 14 Thur: John of the Cross, priest, doctor of the church**

Is:41:13-20; Ps:145: 1, 9-13; Mt: 11:11-15-27

**Dec 15 Fri: Advent Weekday**

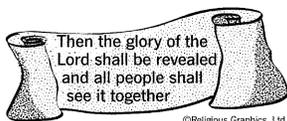
Is:48:17-19; Ps:1: 1-2, 3, 4 & 6; Mt: 11:16-19

**Dec 9 Sat: Advent Weekday**

Sir: 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps:80: 2-3, 15-16, 18-19 Mt:17: 9, 10-13

## THE PROPHET'S SONG

The rapturous lines we hear at the very beginning of the Liturgy of the Word today are some of the most familiar of this season. They were written by an author whom scripture scholars call "Second Isaiah," since this one writes with a different style, vocabulary, and content from the author of the first thirty-nine chapters of this book of the Bible. The beautiful words of trust, confidence, and faith were written when Israel was in one of its most profound periods of sadness and turmoil: exile from their land, their Temple, and (some would have believed) their God. Scholars also tell us that this passage was most likely a song or canticle sung by the exiled Israelites during prayer or worship. Like today's psalm, it calls us to look forward in confidence to that day when "kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall kiss" (Psalm 85:11).



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## NOTES ON STEWARDSHIP

Today's second reading is about Christ's coming again, "The day of the Lord." Peter calls it, but that day isn't December 25<sup>th</sup>. It's the other day, that second-coming-day about which Peter is concerned. He waits with great hope and anticipation for God to remake the earth into a place of perfect justice and peace. And he sets some demanding goals for the Christian community as it awaits that final day of accounting and reconciliation: strive to be at peace, without spot or blemish. Christian stewards work for peace. As we await the coming of Christmas, what can we do to promote peace in our homes, workplaces, community and world? (*International Catholic Stewardship Council e-bulletin*)

## THE HERALD'S CALL

Few of us know what it is like to be in exile. Perhaps we have, at one time or another, been homesick or estranged from family. But we do many things in life that exile us, put us at a great distance from God. John the Baptist, herald of Christ, today is shown calling people to end that exile by his baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. It is this repentance, Peter tells us in his letter, that we ought to be about as we await the return of the Lord. Even though Advent is not focused on repentance in the same way or to the same degree that Lent is, our repentance is definitely one component of our own making straight a path for the coming of the Lord. We remember Jesus' words from last week's parable to be watchful; for the master does not necessarily end our exile, our distancing, by returning us to him, but by returning to us, and expecting us to be prepared and ready when our days of separation are at an end.

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are you  
among  
women

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