



Sacred Heart of Jesus *Roman Catholic Church*

First Sunday of Advent, November 30, 2014

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MASSES

Monday to Saturday
9:00 AM in the Chapel

Saturday Vigil
5:00 PM in the Church

Sunday
English Mass
8:00 AM & 10:00 AM
Creole Mass 12:45 PM

Holy Days
English Mass 9:00 AM
Bilingual Mass 7:30 PM

Eucharistic Day of Adoration
Every 1st Friday



Parish Mission

Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church, Cambria Heights is a vibrant community united in faith that engages in celebrating the ongoing presence of Christ, evangelizing persons, families, culture to the gospel of Jesus Christ, serving all peoples in His name.

A little walk through Advent and its Scriptural readings with Fr. Hilaire



The church's doctrine defines Advent as a time of preparation, a time of waiting and watching. This definition shows the twofold character of the Advent season. Although it was originally instituted to prepare the faithful for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, it later took an eschatological sense. It has also become a time of preparation for the 2nd coming of Christ at the end of time (the parousia). So, Advent is a time to prepare for Christmas-Jesus' birth, and a time to prepare for Christ's return. That's the Church's doctrine. The world in general, including faithful believers, tends to focus more on the first aspect (Preparation for Christmas), and we undermine the second. However, the scriptural readings that are selected for the season reflect this twofold character.

In the first half of the season, from the beginning of Advent to December 16, the emphasis is on the 2nd coming of Christ. This year that is designated as year B in our liturgical calendar is the year of Mark (Mark and John). The season opens up this Sunday with that portion of Mark 13:33-37 echoing "Keep awake... Keep awake... Keep alert for you know neither the day nor the hour." If Advent is defined as a time of waiting, this act of waiting is not passive, but an act of vigilance. It gets to be active and productive. When it is Jesus we are awaiting, working and watching go hand in hand. The parable of the talents in St. Matthew's gospel two Sundays ago illustrates this truth. The first two servants put the talents to work while awaiting the master's return, produced more and were rewarded. The third servant, while awaiting the master's return, did nothing, and so was blamed and punished.

The second Sunday of Advent is an invitation to conversion by John the Baptist. He was telling his audience that the one who is more powerful, the messiah, the Son of God, is coming. So, reform your way of life." We-Christians of today hear

this invitation from Christ himself about his 2nd coming. How much more urgent it is for us than for John's audience to repent, and prepare the way of the Lord. As we sing this beautiful refrain throughout the season ("Prepare the Way of the Lord"), let us take time to see how we are going to do that. What are those things in our life that prevent us from receiving Christ joyfully?

Then comes the third Sunday that is the "Gaudete" Sunday, or Sunday of rejoicing. The note of joy is sounded through all the scriptures: The prophet Isaiah, filled with the Holy Spirit, announces a year of favor from the Lord: The joy of the Good News for the oppressed. The response that is given is taken from the Magnificat: "My spirit finds joy in God my savior." Paul, in the 2nd reading, repeats the original exhortation: "Rejoice always": How much more shall we rejoice as disciples of Jesus. And even in the gospel, though the word joy itself does not appear, joy is the underlying theme. As we know John, we cannot expect him to say 'joy', but 'repent', and yet his life is bounded by joy: "We know how he leapt with joy in his mother's womb." Joy here is not to be understood as feeling, but joy rooted in the recognition that God is gracious, that the grace of God is made flesh in Jesus, that Jesus is Emmanuel, God-with-us. So we stand here in joyful expectations despite the fact that many people in the world get caught up in fear. We -Christians enter this season of Advent with joyful expectations. And it's our dutiful mission to share the good news with others, and eliminate their fear.

With regard to 1st and 2nd readings, the year B presents selections from Isaiah on the 1st three Sundays. In the words of the prophet, we find an invitation to Israel to walk In the light of the Lord, that is, to accept the Lord as Her God and king, and to turn away from idols and do God's will, showing justice to the poor and the needy. If Israel will do this, Jerusalem and its temple will be recognized by all the nations as God's dwelling place, and they shall go to Jerusalem to worship God and hear his word of instruction. These words of Isaiah are offered to us as we prepare ourselves for the 2nd coming of Christ. So, we have work to do while we're waiting.

The second half of the season of Advent starts from Dec. 17 through Dec. 24. At this time, the emphasis changes and turns to the first coming of Christ in his birth. The gospel readings present the events that prepared immediately for Jesus' birth: The annunciation story, the visitation story, etc. This part begins with the genealogy of Jesus, showing who Jesus is. Jesus is the fulfillment of all the promises of the Old Testament, the son of Abraham-the one through whom all the nations will be blessed, the son of David-the messianic expected by Israel. The scriptural readings that are offered for this 2nd half of the season make present the mystery of Jesus' birth within us. Just as Jerusalem was invited to rejoice because of Emmanuel, we too are invited to be joyful for salvation is at hand. In all, the liturgical readings from the Old Testament help us develop a sincere spirit of longing and expectations while the gospels gradually unfold the meaning of Jesus' incarnation and his life among us. So, with faith in the gift of his saving mysteries, we can work with hope toward the day of his final coming as we strive to live out the Christian love.

Pilgrimage to the Basilica
of the National Shrine
of the Immaculate Conception
Washington, DC

Sponsored by Groupe Misericorde
Saturday, December 6, 2014
(Bus will leave Sacred Heart at 6 AM)



Contribution: \$50.00
For registration and information
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Weekday Reading

Monday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8,
12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6;
Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21,
25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14;
Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6;
Mt 9:35 - 10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2
Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, November 30

8:00 am Marie Rose Colette Labissiere
(D)
10:00 am Tracy Gomes & Marlene
Pierre in Thanksgiving
12:45 pm Thanksgiving to Our Lady of
Altgrace by Claude Jean Lominy

Monday, December 1

9:00 am Marie Carmele Kernizan (B)

Tuesday, December 2

9:00 am Thanksgiving to our Lady of
Perpetual Help
by Claudette Salnave

Wednesday, December 3

9:00 am Ellen Lee (D)
9:00 am Marie Magloire (B)

Thursday, December 4

9:00 am Lawrence Lazarus (D)

Friday, December 5

9:00 am Deceased members of the
Laine Family

Saturday, December 6

9:00 am Thanksgiving to all Saints
by Claudette Salnave



Pray For

Myriam St Louis Juste, Myrna Desnoyers, Yolande Pierre, Hubert Mills, Mythe Ste Rose, Rosa Wright, Irma Ali, Saincile Joseph, R. Saillant Jr., Sade Jean-Raymond, Jahlil Nahser, Mr.&Mrs. Kenneth Baptiste, Brenda Alleyne, Elliot Haynes, Ann Gutman, Alex St. Urbain, Candie Olmstead, Augustina Pitt, Gloria John, Clarence Hoggard, Lela Moton, Narque and Patrick Jean, Carolyn Keller, Marie Elene, Mercia Crevecoeur, Carolin Edith, Eva Thebeaud, Steve Ste Rose, Raymonde Bertrand, Anne Louissaint, Carmene Muscad, Genevieve Morin, Marie Kernisant, Cecile Campayne, Gustave Dominique, Mie Antoinette Ferere, Marguerite Etienne, Ms. Anglade, Georges Brierre, Christine Bellot, Raymond Cleopha, Terry Gilbert, Sylvia Williams, Katena Charles, Evelina Malbranche, Louise Young, Cecille Lingoard, Marcelle Carre, Delreta Mason, Claudette Perrin, George L. Jordan, Elizabeth Kingston, Joane Zamy, Rose Guerrier., Celine Duverger, Myrtha Manigat, Lisette Boigris, Vada Chevry, Edrice Enayo, Ledanee Couloute

LESSONS AND CARROLS

Sunday, December 7, 2014

4:00 PM



The story of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah, and the birth of Jesus told in short Bible readings from Genesis, the prophetic books and the Gospels, interspersed with the singing of Christmas carols, hymns and choir music.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, December 13th—8:00 PM

PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 15th—7:00—10:00 PM

FINANCIAL SEMINAR WITH TD BANK
(General banking, financial planning, mortgages, wills). Sponsored by the Brothers in Christ

Monday, December 22nd—9:30 AM

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC ACADEMY CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Let's Decorate our Parish

Please join us next Saturday, December 6th at 11:00 AM as we put the final touches in preparation of our beautiful celebration of lights

The Lighting of the First Candle: Waiting for the Shepherd

By lighting one candle each week of Advent, we help ourselves get ready for the birth of Jesus. The candles have different meanings, each based upon the Bible. These meanings help us understand how special the birth of Jesus is for us.



Today we focus on the coming of Christ as our Shepherd.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Sunday, December 21st - 6:00 PM

Sacred Heart Auditorium

115-50 221st Street, Cambria Heights, NY 11411

Adults: \$20.00 Children: \$10.00

Children Choir
Voix Des Anges,
Creole Choir
Youth Choir
Gospel Choir
Dance Ministry

