

November 29, 2015
First Sunday of Advent (year C)

From The Desk of Msgr. Corrigan:

Thank you to all who made our Annual Dinner Dance and Journal a success. We didn't raise as much money as we hoped but it wasn't because of lack of effort. A special thanks to Fr. Reyes who gave so much of his time and enthusiasm.

Today (Tuesday) I am meeting with a representative from a nationally renowned company whose specialty is the repair of stained glass windows. I will ask him to give me two different estimates for the repair of our windows. The first estimate will include only those windows or frames that absolutely must be repaired or replaced. The second estimate will include all the other windows and frames that are not in immediate danger but eventually should be taken care of. According to Archdiocesan rules we have to get two more estimates from other companies before making a decision. Sometime in 2016 there will be an Archdiocesan Capital Improvement for all parishes. A percentage of the money raised will help pay for the renovation of St. Patrick's Cathedral. A percentage will come back to the individual parish. This we will use for our windows.

Of course if we find out that some windows are in immediate danger, we will repair it immediately.

Next week our Annual Parish Financial Report will be included in our Sunday bulletin.

COLLECTION:

The collection for last Sunday, November 22, 2015 was \$3,667.00

First Sunday of Advent:

Today we begin a new season, and a new year, in the life of the Church. In every phase of our lives we observe annual celebrations to mark those things that we value most—birthdays, anniversaries, and holidays. So this annual season of Advent draws our attention to what is most important: God's love revealed to us in the incarnation of Jesus. Starting today, let us mark this annual season with a heightened awareness of God's presence in our midst, so that we may truly prepare for the coming of the Lord into our hearts this Christmas.

In the first reading, Jeremiah 33:14-16; a just king occupies the throne of David. He will bring true security to the Kingdom.

Responsorial Psalm, Psalm 25
"To you, o Lord, I lift my soul!"

In the second reading,

1 Thessalonians: 3:12-4:2; Paul prays that the people grow in love. He urges them to follow his instructions.

In the Gospel, Luke 21:25-28; Jesus encourages watchfulness while talking about signs preceding the end of the age.

Pope Francis:



All human persons – all of us – are important in God's eyes.

Religious



Education News:

❖ **Classes** have started on Saturdays from 9:30 to 11:00am. All children are to meet in the Parish Hall at 9:15am. Class will be held in the School Building.



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Sunday 29th-God's Promises Now Fulfilled- *Jeremiah 33:14-15*-God's promise to save us is now fulfilled

Monday 30th -Follow Me!-*Matthew 4:19-20*-Like Andrew, say "yes" right away to Jesus.

Tuesday 1st -Be Open to God-*Luke 10:21*-God is revealed to us when we are expectant as children.

Wednesday 2nd -Feed the Hungry-*Matthew 15:32*-What can we do to this Advent to help the hungry?

Thursday 3rd -Act on God's Word-*Matthew 7:24-25*-Trust in God is expressed in our daily loving actions.

Friday 4th -God is My Light and Salvation-*Psalm 27:1*-Open our eyes to God's presence around us today.

Saturday 5th -Don't Seek Rewards-*Matthew 10:8*-Do something good today without seeking thanks.

