

December 6, 2015
Second Sunday of Advent (year C)

From The Desk of Msgr. Corrigan:

Enclosed in the bulletin today is our annual report (Set 1, 2014-August 30, 2015). What is encouraging is the rise in our Sunday collections and in the fundraising by our Spanish Community.

Tuesday, December 8th, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. It is a holyday of obligation. Masses are 5pm on Monday. On Tuesday, December 8th Masses are at 8:15, noon and 7pm (bilingual).

I am researching the history of our parish for a possible book. One interesting item I just came across was the visit on August 17, 1893 by Archbishop Satoll, Apostolic delegate of the Pope. He found the morning chapel and sacristy "very grand". Why the sacristy? I don't know.

The Thanksgiving Mass at 9am was concelebrated by our three priests in English, Spanish and Arabic. One hundred of our parishioners took part and brought to the altar at the offertory time food for the poor.

We are all praying that the global climate talks in Paris will produce the necessary laws to curb climate warming. Otherwise, as Pope Francis says, we will be committing global suicide. Here are some suggestions that we can do to help. Plug leaks in your home in home insulation, install a small thermostat, fewer miles by consolidating trips or taking public transportation, waste less food and eat less meat. If you want to be at the cutting edge, you can look at buying an electric or hybrid car or putting solar panels on your roof or both.



COLLECTION:

The collection for last Sunday, November 29, 2015 was \$3,414.00

The second collection this Sunday December 6th will be for the Christmas Flowers.



Christmas Flowers :

We are taking names for the memorial which will be placed on a Christmas plaque in the rear of the church. Your donations, in memory of loved one, or for a special intention, will be placed on this plaque to be remembered by the faithful during the Holy Season. Arrangements can be made by placing your intentions and donation in the flower envelope in your December set of envelopes.

The flower offering helps to defray the cost of decorating our altars for Christmas.

Large Poinsettia Plants	\$50.00
Medium Poinsettia Plant	\$25.00
Small Poinsettia Plant	\$20.00

Second Sunday of Advent:

This week, Advent and the Jubilee Year of Mercy intersect. On Tuesday, we who are waiting for the coming of the Lord at the end of time and into our hearts at this time, will begin a sacred time of considering God's mercy and how we reflect that mercy into the world around us. What are we doing to show them the presence of the Lord?

In the first reading, Baruch 5:1-9: a prophet announces an end to the sad days of exiled. The city of Jerusalem will welcome home her exiled children.

Responsorial Psalm, Psalm 126

"The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy!"

In the second reading, Philippians 1:4-6: Paul expresses his deep love for his people. He prays that they grow in love and in every virtue so as to be ready for Christ's coming.

In the Gospel, Luke 3:1-6: John the Baptist prepares the way for the Messiah by proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

Pope Francis:



The Jubilee Year of Mercy reminds us that God is waiting for us with open arms, just like the father of the prodigal son.

Day of Obligation-December 8th Feast of the Immaculate Conception-

Tuesday, December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and a day of Obligation the Masses will be at 8:15 and 12:05 and 7:00p.m (bilingual). The rectory office will also be closed that day.



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Sunday 6th -Continue Your Good Work- Philippians 1:6-God helps us change our lives today

Monday 7th -Forgive One Another! Luke 5:17-20-Today let us give on another the gift of forgiveness.

Tuesday 8th -Say "Yes" as Mary Did-Luke 1:38-Let God be born now and live in us.

Wednesday 9th -Jesus Will Help Us-Matthew 11:28-30-When we feel burdened, Jesus helps us carry our load.

Thursday 10th -God is Gracious and Merciful-Psalm 72-How can I imitate God's kindness and compassion today?

Friday 11th -Lead Us to Yourself, O God-Isaiah 48:17-Let us follow more closely God's ways today.

Saturday 12th -Proclaim God's Greatness!-Luke 1:46-47-Let us tell someone today what God means to us.