

December 20, 2015

Fourth Sunday of Advent: (year C)

From The Desk of Msgr. Corrigan:

With all the bad news hitting us, it is great to have some good news. 195 countries passed a landmark climate accord weekend (December 12-13, 2015) in Paris. The last such meeting was in Copenhagen in 2009 and it ended in failure. This time it succeeded. At the least, the accord is a signal to businesses and investors that the era of carbon reduction has arrived. It is a great Christmas gift to the world. Pope Francis's message was heard. Now we have to do our part in saving our planet.

Congratulations to our Mexican parishioners who made the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe such a joyous event last Sunday. Pope Francis who will soon visit Mexico calls Our Lady of Guadalupe the Patron of all the Americas. Special thanks to Fr. Felino who worked with the Mexican people to make it such a success.

Stained glass window in the clerestory #1a on the north side: St. Ignatius Loyola. He is paired with St. Longinus because both were soldiers. Ignatius was born in the Basque province of Guipuzcos, Spain. He was the youngest of thirteen children. He was a trained soldier and was shot in the right leg at the battle of Pamplona. During his recuperation he decided to give his life to Christ. he founded the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) in 1537. Our first pastor was a Jesuit.

Did you know that there were 86 priests, 195 Sister of Charity and 185 Christian Brothers who served in our Parish?



COLLECTION:

The collection for last Sunday, December 13, 2015 was \$3,732.00

The second collection this Sunday December 20<sup>th</sup> will be for our Church Property Insurance.



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In the first reading, Micah 5:1-4a: David's royal line leads to the birth of a worthy king. He will be a good shepherd for the people of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm, Psalm 80:

*"Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved".*

In the second reading, Hebrews 10:5-10: we hear that Christ came into the world to do the will of his Father. This reached its climax when he died on the cross.

In the Gospel, Luke 1:39-45: Mary hastens to visit her relative Elizabeth. John the Baptist pays homage to Jesus while both are still in the wombs of their mothers.

Religious Education News:

There will be no Religious Education Classes next Saturday December 26<sup>th</sup> or January 2<sup>nd</sup> for the Christmas Recess. Classes will resume on January 9, 2016



Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> –To Do Your Will – *Hebrews 10:5-7* – Jesus comes to show how we ought to relate to God and others

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> –Watch for God is Near *Psalm 33:20-21*-God now draws near to us in a special way.

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> –Let Us Give Thanks-*Luke 1:48-49*-God has done great things for us because God loves us

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> –Reveal Yourself, O God!-*Psalm 25:8-10*-God's ways are made plain so we can have new life.

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> –The Way Is Prepared!-*Luke 1:67-79*-Our Advent Preparation is complete. The Lord is Coming.

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> –God is with Us!-*Luke 2:1-14*- Jesus is once again born in us. Let us rejoice and be glad!