

Third Sunday of Advent Daily Prayer

This third week of Advent, our daily prayer continues to allow us to become much more concrete about naming our desires and preparing the way for the Lord. We begin this week with joy, knowing that our celebration of all the ways our Lord comes to us is near.

For some of us, the great grace will be to ask that expectant hope - and the joy that this can bring - will fill our hearts and replace whatever is heavy or dark or sad there. We can only let our Lord bring good news to us who are poor, if we acknowledge our poverty. He can only proclaim liberty and release to us if we can admit that we are captives and prisoners to so many habits and patterns that inhibit joy.

A week of recognizing ourselves, and recognizing our need for a Savior is a wonderful way to prepare. We can only turn to our God and trust in the safety we find accepting our God as the only god of our lives if we first can name the place in which we are in danger, with the choices we are making. We can surrender our fear of being put to shame by humbly coming face to face with who we can sometimes be. The depths of gratitude and joy come when we can experience the tenderness with which our Lord keeps taking us back.

This is a wonderful week to examine our consciences as we let our daily, prayer-filled background moments interact with some of the places in our daily lives in which we discover the need for mercy and peace. Wherever we encounter some experience of darkness or fear, some struggle with faith or hope, some discouragement about my own generosity or freedom, it is there that we have an opportunity to pause, in the briefest way and pray, "Come, Lord Jesus; come and visit me here, in this place." Preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, individually or in common, can be a powerful Advent religious experience. And the one who forgives us deeply desires to heal us and give us his peace.

<https://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Prayer/A2-AD-03.html>



Reflection

This Sunday we celebrate the 3rd Sunday of the season of Advent. Our Gospel this weekend comes in two parts. In the first section, once again we encounter John the Baptist. This time, though, John is in prison and will soon face death. Given this, he is concerned whether Jesus was indeed the "one who is to come." At first glance, this question from John may seem strange, but I suspect that as John approached death he wanted to be sure that his mission had not been for naught. In response, Jesus does not give a yes or no answer. Instead he said: "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them." As we will see in our first reading for this weekend, these are all signs of God's grace and favor --- and a promise of hope for the future.

In the second section of this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus "began to speak to the crowds about John." He concludes by saying: "Amen I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

Our first reading this Sunday is taken from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah. At the time of this prophecy the Jewish people had been conquered in the north by the Assyrians and in the south by the Babylonians. Isaiah speaks words of comfort and hope to this conquered people, reminding them there will come a time of vindication when all will see the "glory of the Lord" when God will come "with vindication." The signs of the Lord's return will be the very signs Jesus mentioned in our Gospel today: "Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf will be cleared; then will the lame leap like a stag, then the tongue of the mute will sing."

Our second reading this Sunday is taken from the Letter of James. In it James urges: "You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm because the coming of the Lord is at hand." While this sentence reflects the early church's belief that the return of Christ was imminent, it reminds us today that we are called to wait patiently for the Lord's coming --- whenever that may occur.

Questions for Reflection/Discussion:

1. I suspect there are times for each of us when, like John, we wonder whether our lives are on the right course. Who do you look to for guidance at these times?
2. What signs of God's Kingdom do you see in the world around you?
3. How do we wait patiently for the Lord's coming?

<https://www.mary.org/blog/201912/thoughts-readings-third-sunday-advent-c-2020#.XfN825FyUk>

Misas de Aguinaldo

Los coordinadores de las *Misas de Aguinaldo* son las siguientes comunidades:

16 de dic.: Comunidad Misa de las 8am domingo;

17 de dic.: Colegio San Ignacio de Loyola

18 de dic.: Comunidad Misa de las 5:30p domingo

19 de dic.: Academia San Ignacio de Loyola

20 de dic.: Comunidad Misa de las 5:30p sábado

21 de dic.: Com. Misa de las 11:30am domingo

22 de dic.: Community 9:30am Mass Sunday

23 de dic.: Comunidad 10:30am domingo Jardines

24 de dic.: Consejos Pastoral y Económico

Misas de semana: 6am; de fin de semana: 8am



Misas de Navidad

24 de diciembre:

“Midnight Mass”: 8pm (with Carols at 7:30pm)

Misa de Noche Buena: 10:30pm

25 de diciembre: Una sola misa a las 11am

31 de diciembre:

Misa de Vigilia Año Nuevo a las 5:30pm

1 de enero: Una sola Misa a las 11am

5 de enero: Misa de Vigilia de Reyes 5:30pm

6 de enero: Una sola Misa a las 11am



Calendario Breve

- Rezo del Santo Rosario media hora antes de las dos misas diarias de lunes a sábado.
- Guerreros de la Oración reanudan sus reflexiones el lunes, 13 de enero de 4 a 4:45pm en el Templo.
- Estudios Bíblicos los lunes a las 7:30pm en la biblioteca de la Academia San Ignacio de Loyola.
- Ejercicios Espirituales, grupo avanzado, los martes a las 9am, grupo Normal, los martes a las 7pm, ambos en el Centro Parroquial.
- Circulo de Oración los jueves 7pm en la Capilla del Templo.
- El Ministerio del Sagrado Corazón se reúne los primeros viernes de mes para la misa de 8:00am en el Templo.
- La Cofradía de Nuestra Señora del Carmen se reúne el primer sábado de mes a las 7:30am en el Templo.
- La Comunidad de la Misa dominical de las 8:00am invita a su **desayuno comunitario** el tercer domingo de mes al finalizar la Misa. Próximo desayuno será el **15 de diciembre**.

ANUNCIOS PARROQUIALES

- La última tanda de los **Ejercicios Espirituales de 7-Días** durante el Adviento comenzará el domingo, 15 de diciembre con una orientación a la 1:30pm en el Centro Parroquial.
- Ya comenzó el proyecto **“Arboles de la Esperanza”**. Este año los beneficiarios serán el **Instituto Psicopedagógico de PR** y la **Fundación Modesto Gotay**. Cada adorno tendrá el nombre del participante y el donativo por un lado, con el nombre de la institución por el otro. Favor de tomar un adorno del árbol y devuélvelo con el regalo que escogiste y colócalo bajo el árbol.
- La **próxima Noche de Película** será el viernes, **20 de diciembre** a las 7pm y se ofrece la película **“The Nativity Story”**. Traigan algo para compartir.
- La **Arquidiócesis de San Juan** les invita a la Ordenación Episcopal de **Mons. Alberto Figueroa Morales** el **viernes, 27 de diciembre a las 11:00am** en la Iglesia Santa Teresita, Calle Loiza en Santurce. Se pide mucha oración por el nuevo obispo auxiliar, y la participación de todos en la celebración de su ordenación episcopal.
- No tenemos un coro para la misa de la Noche Buena a las 10:30pm. Si alguien conoce a músicos y cantores que quisieran venir y suplir la música, están cordialmente invitados.



Parroquia San Ignacio de Loyola

Intención del Papa Francisco

Mes de diciembre 2019

Este mes el Papa Francisco nos invita a rezar “para que cada país decida tomar las medidas necesarias para hacer el provenir de los más jóvenes una prioridad, sobre todo el de aquellos que están sufriendo”.

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(Favor de informarle a la Oficina Parroquial de los enfermos y de los fallecidos para que podamos anunciarlos en el boletín. Gracias.)