

DECEMBER 5, 2021—Second Sunday of Advent



ST. MARY STUDENT PARISH

CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

2nd

SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*A voice of one crying out in the desert:
"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths."*

- Lk 3:4

*Ha resonado una voz en el desierto:
Preparen el camino del Señor,
hagan rectos sus senderos.*

- Lc 3, 4

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Pastoral Perspective

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE, PATRONESS OF THE AMERICAS

BY ROSA LUZ POSTIGO, HISPANIC MINISTRY COORDINATOR



In 1531 the Guadalupe event happened. Mary, the great missionary disciple, "brought the Gospel to our America" (DA 269).

Pope Francis, in the document from Aparecida, the meeting of the Latin America bishops, helps us to recognize that the visit of the Virgin of Guadalupe was the decisive event of the first evangelization. The Holy Spirit flowed through Mary to create a new people in Christ.

Mary is therefore the great missionary, the continuation of the mission of her Son and trainer of missionaries. Just as she gave birth to the Savior of the world, Mary, when she met with the humble Juan Diego, brought the Gospel to our America. And this great event was a Pentecost that opened us to the gifts of the Holy Spirit (DA 269).

In Mexico, God gave Latin America to the Virgin and the Virgin to Latin America. This is seen in everyday life and in the common culture of many people, families and towns throughout Latin America.

The Latin American Church has a modern Marian piety with Iberian roots and a mestizo face, which is not directly represented by ancient or medieval Christianity, but is an original synthesis.

Since 1531, the brown face of the Virgin of Guadalupe carries her people in the pupil of her eyes.

A sense of belonging and accompaniment has been gestated by the Mother of God's people.

With joy we note that Mary has become part of the journey of each of our peoples, entering deeply into the fabric of our history and welcoming the noblest and most significant traits of her people. The various invocations and statues scattered throughout the continent testify to the close presence of Mary to her people and express the faith and trust that her devotees feel in her. She belongs to them and they sense that she is their mother and sister (DA 269).

The pilgrimages to Marian shrines express the mystique of the pilgrim people of God. Every year, almost 8% of Latin American Catholics make a pilgrimage to a Marian shrine. Pilgrimages express the communion of saints.

We highlight the pilgrimages, because that is where you can recognize God's people God on their journey. On them the believer celebrates the joy of feeling immersed in the midst of so many brothers and sisters, walking together towards God, who awaits them. Christ himself becomes

a pilgrim, and walks risen among the poor. The decision to travel to the sanctuary of our Lady is already a confession of faith, the walk is a true song of hope, and the arrival is an encounter of love (DA 259),

The pilgrim's gaze falls on an image that symbolizes tenderness and closeness to God. With love the pilgrim stops, contemplates the mystery, and enjoys it in silence. (DA 260).

[This article is taken from the book Francis, Pastor and theologian, by Daniel Palau Valero (ED)]

Note: Bishop Robert Barron shows us the Basilica and Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City, where the actual tilma of St. Juan Diego is on display. Here is the link to the video:

<https://faithinfocusweekly.com/week8>

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

FRI, DEC 10 | 7:00 PM



Come join us in celebrating Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, with traditional dances and a mass at 7pm on December 10 (Mass will be in Spanish, with English guides provided).

After the mass, all are welcome to join us for a reception with food and

music. All are invited to bring a dish to pass.

Los invitamos a unirse a nuestra celebración de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, Patrona de las Américas con una misa a las 7 pm el 10 de Diciembre (la misa será en español con programas en inglés). Después de la misa tendremos comida y bebidas. Les pedimos que nos apoyen trayendo algunas pizzas y bebidas calientes.

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ADVENT GIVING TREE GIFT TAGS

Advent Giving Tree gift tags are still available. We invite you to take a gift tag and purchase the requested gift to brighten the holiday season for someone in need. All gifts are to be returned by Sunday 12/19. Monetary donations can also be made online and all funds received will be split between the agencies. To make your donation on our website click "GIVE" then click "Parish Soft Giving" and the under "Fund" select Advent Giving Tree. Thank you for your generosity.

INTO THE LIGHT

SATURDAYS AT 9AM: DEC 11 AND 18

Into the Light is a fellowship group that has been meeting on Saturday mornings during Advent and Lent since the 1970's. Ours is a "Road to Emmaus" style of gathering -- a communion service prayer using the Sunday's readings, potluck breakfast, and round-the-table we each share brief reflections of what stood out in the readings. We share our spiritual and life journeys towards the celebration of Christmas through prayer, the Eucharist, and companionship. All are welcome. We will be meeting in person this Advent season.

Contact Rainey rlamey@umich.edu

LAS MANANITAS Y NOVENA

DECEMBER 4-12 | 6:00 AM

All are welcome to join us in Las Mananitas, the tradition of praying a novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe. We will meet virtually at 6:00 AM every morning from Dec 4 through Dec 11. Then on Sunday, December 12, we will meet at St. Mary Student Parish at 6:30 AM. While the prayers are in Spanish, non-Spanish-speakers are encouraged to join too!

The zoom link: <https://umich.zoom.us/j/96762560447>

Todos están invitados a cantar Las Mañanitas con nosotros, una tradición que consiste en orar una novena a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. Nos reuniremos en línea a las 6:00 AM empezando el 4 de Diciembre hasta el 11. Diciembre 12 será presencial en la Iglesia a las 6:30 AM.

El enlace para conectarse vía zoom es:

<https://umich.zoom.us/j/96762560447>

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE @ SMSP

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15 FROM 7:00 PM-8:30 PM

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8

✠ Holy Day of Obligation

✠ Mass at 5:10 PM & 7:00 PM

DAILY ADVENT PRAYER BOOKS

Sacred Reading for Advent and Christmas books are available at both church entrances.

WOMEN OF THE HEART

THURS, DEC 9 | 10:15AM

Praying Through the Season of Advent: Symbols Tell the Story

Women of the Heart is a gathering of women seeking to enrich their spirituality through presentations, reflection, discussion, prayer, and relationships with one another. All women of the parish are invited to the monthly gatherings of Women Of The Heart. No registration is needed.

Contact Julie jmussio@smspnewman.org

JANUARY WARMING CENTER @ SMSP

JANUARY 3-28, 2022

During the month of January, our parish community provides a welcoming, safe, and warm environment where people experiencing homelessness can find companionship, food, and rest. The Daytime Warming Center provides an amazing opportunity to get to know our neighbors and to enter into deep solidarity through service of the most vulnerable.

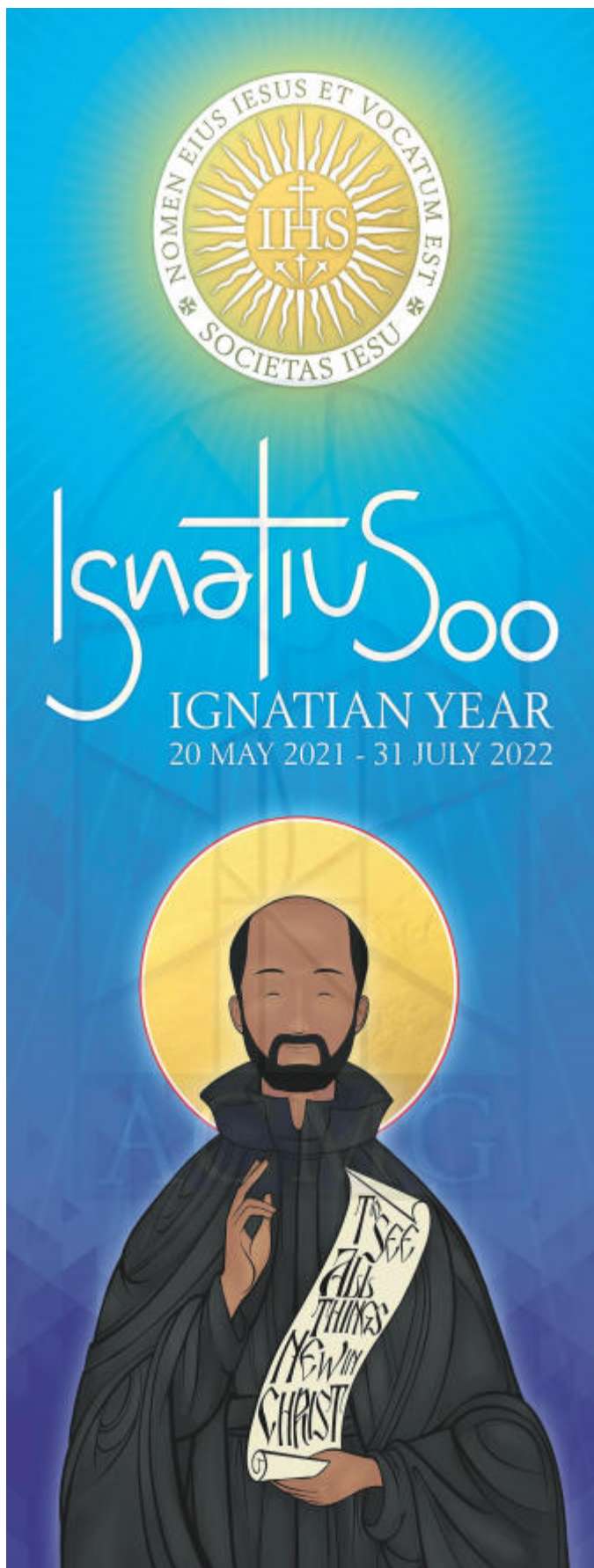
The center is open M-F throughout the whole month of January from 8:30AM-4:00PM. Volunteers can sign up to bring lunch, snack, or to be a host.

Thank you for being part of this community and supporting our various ministries. Peace and blessings!

Signup:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4cabaa22abf9ce9-smsp>

In the Spirit of Ignatius



IN THE SPIRIT OF IGNATIUS

WHY DO WE PRAY?

Ever wonder why God wants us to pray – even while God already knows what we want and need?

Author Becky Eldredge lists some good reasons in one of her blog posts. Her thoughts on this are:

- God deeply desires a relationship with us.
- God wants all of our lives, so much so, that our way of being with God affects all of our doing. Prayer transforms us interiorly so our outward lives reflect God.
- God wants us to acknowledge our dependence on God. In doing so, we show our trust in God and we acknowledge our great Creator, who has the power to do anything.

Her last point was important to St. Ignatius, too. He suggested that we acknowledge our complete dependence on God as we compose ourselves in prayer for each part of the Spiritual Exercises. It can be a true eye-opener for participants. We may think we realize our dependence on God, yet contemplating this thought and acknowledging it can be a challenge. “Do I really understand what this means? Do I really believe that I am completely dependent on God?”

For those of us who think of themselves as strong, independent types, that can be a tough one. Yet, scripture reminds us that this is the way of our lives as Christians. “I am the vine, you are the branches...without me you can do nothing (John 15:5).” That same passage from John tells us the end result. “Remaining” in Christ brings us fulfillment, keeps us fed and allows us to bear much fruit.

Read Becky’s full article on prayer here:

<https://www.ignatianspirituality.com/why-do-we-pray/>

Note: As a parish staffed by Jesuits, we are joining with Jesuits around the world to celebrate a special “Ignatian Year.” Through July 2022, we will reflect on the conversion of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Society of Jesus, who turned his life toward God after his legs were shattered by a cannonball in battle 500 years ago. We pray that this Jubilee will be a time to reflect on our own moments of conversion. What are the “shattering” changes we experience that can open our hearts to God?

Also: Please see our special Ignatian Table and bulletin board in the upper atrium outside the church door near Thompson Street for more information and resources on the teachings of St. Ignatius.

Campus Ministry—GRAD STUDENTS/YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

GRAD/YP MASS AND DINNER

MON, DEC 6 | 6:30 PM

All graduate students and young professionals are invited to join us for mass followed by a social time with a meal. We'll begin with mass in the Church, and share social time and dinner in Donnelly Hall.

Meat and vegetarian options provided. If you'd like to come but have additional food sensitivities, please contact Fr. Joe jwagner@smspnewman.org and we can try to arrange an option for you.

For more information, please contact Fr. Joe at jwagner@smspnewman.org, or request to receive the Grad/YP Newsletter at smsp.grads.lead@umich.edu

Campus Ministry—UNDERGRADS



UNDERGRAD CHRISTMAS PARTY

THUR, DEC 9 | 6:00—8:00 PM

All undergrads are invited to celebrate Christmas with friends at St. Mary on Thursday, Dec. 9th from 6:00pm-8:00pm.

Dinner will be provided along with games and other fun holiday activities. Bring friends and come celebrate the season of joy!

FINALS BREAKFAST FOR DINNER

SUN, DEC 12 | 6:00—7:30 PM

Undergraduates are welcome to a finals breakfast in Newman Hall! Come enjoy pancakes and sausage, coffee & juices. Contact Brian bcerabona@smspnewman.org

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THURSDAYS AT 7:00 PM

Looking to meet new friends?! Join us for fellowship and faith. Each week a different student will share their faith story followed by a small group discussion.



AMDG GROUPS

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AMDG, the motto for the Jesuits, in latin is Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam, meaning for the greater glory of God. When we are living our truest self and living as God calls us to be, we give glory to God. Joining an A.M.D.G. is about growing into your most authentic self as a follower of Jesus. We pray and hope that this experience will help you live your life for the greater glory of God.

Each group is an intentional community that commits to meeting weekly together for community, prayer, and service.

Please see below our three communities to join:

1. Men's Group (Tuesdays 7-8pm)
2. Women's Group (Tuesdays 7-8pm)
3. Mary & The Lives of the Saints (Fridays 5-6pm)

If you are interested in registering to join a community, please follow the link here to register

<https://forms.gle/whbQcWV2bDCqcffT8>

To get Campus Ministry updates right to your inbox, join the **CCC email list**

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Questions? Contact CCC President David Bosek dbosek@umich.edu

St. Mary Student Parish



WHO

Any adult man over the age of 18 from the Diocese of Lansing who has graduated from high school and desires to join a group of men who are not afraid to talk about priesthood and be open to God's call – whatever it is.

WHAT

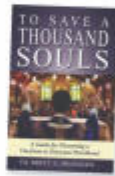
Peer support and prayer are the main focus of the group, along with diving into topics surrounding priestly discernment and Catholic identity. All meetings are centered around a discussion about the chapter of the day from the book *To Save a Thousand Souls* (books will be provided).

WHERE

St. Mary Student Center, Loyola Room
333 Thompson St., Ann Arbor | Contact: Fr. John Vinton at fjvinton@stfrancis2.org

WHEN

Saturday meetings at 10 a.m. and end with lunch!



2021 - SEPTEMBER 18
OCTOBER 9
NOVEMBER 13
DECEMBER 18

2022 - JANUARY 15
FEBRUARY 19
MARCH 12
APRIL 9



CATHOLIC THINKER'S BOOK CLUB

2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7PM AT THE PARISH

The first half of the reading year will focus on social justice and the second half on contemporary Catholic leadership including a look at the Council of Bishops.

The reading list is as follows:

- Dec 14-*Gregory of Nazianzus* by Brian E. Daley, SJ
- Jan 11-Movie Night - Title TBD
- Feb 8-Articles about USCCB - Titles TBD
- Mar 8-*Fratelli Tutti: On Fraternity and Social Friendship* by Pope Francis
- Apr 12-*Joe Biden and Catholicism in the United States* by Massimo Faggioli

Contact: Nora Maloy at nmaloy@med.umich.edu

LGBT OUTREACH MINISTRY

3RD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH | 7-8:30 PM

Meetings are private and confidential and held on the third Tuesday of the month. As a diverse community of believers, we respect each person as a unique reflection of God's presence in our midst. We commit ourselves to being a community of care, support, formation, reconciliation, and witness to justice with and among gay and lesbian persons, parents, family members, and friends. We teach that all love comes from God and focus on helping people reconcile their orientation with their faith.

We provide a safe space for discussion, healing, and prayer. Together we reflect on Scripture and listen to the lived experiences of gay and lesbian persons and their allies.



OUTREACH MINISTRY CHRISTMAS POTLUCK

TUES, DEC 14 | 6:30-8:00 PM

A Christmas potluck for Outreach Ministry members and allies. It will be held at St. Mary on Tuesday, 12/14 starting at 6:30 PM in the Rectory Dining and Living Room.

For more info contact: Rodrigo rodri_cg@hotmail.com or Cynthia jcynthia@umich.edu

OUR MISSION

St. Mary Student Parish is a welcoming, inclusive, caring, and diverse Catholic community, uniting residents and students.

We are Christ-centered with the Eucharist as the source of holiness in our vibrant liturgical life.

Inspired by Ignatian spirituality, we live a faith that does justice, reaching out to the marginalized.

As an apostolic parish, we are committed to ongoing formation of Christian witness, discipleship, and leadership.

St. Mary Student Parish

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Wednesday 5:45-6:45 PM

Sunday 6:15-7:00 PM or by appointment

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

WEDNESDAYS | 5:45-8:00 PM

Eucharistic Adoration will be available each Wednesday in the Church from 5:45pm-8:00pm. We are in need of two adorers for each time slot. Thank you for supporting this ministry!

Click [HERE](#) or copy and paste:

<https://bit.ly/3ziUjTsADORATION>

✚ **Please note, there is no Adoration on December 8 due to the FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION masses at 5:10 PM & 7:00 PM**

SANTO ROSARIO (ROSARY)

THURSDAYS | 8:00 AM

All are welcome to pray the Rosary in Spanish with other SMSP parishioners every Thursday at 8:00am, virtually on Zoom.

For more information or to receive the Zoom link, please email Isabel isabelehcorona@yahoo.com or Karin karinromeros@gmail.com

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

✚ 5:00 PM — SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

✚ 10:00 AM **Masks & social distancing required**

Watch live or anytime after the mass

<https://www.stmarystudentparish.org/category/live-mass/>

10:00 Mass is a safe Mass where everyone in attendance is required to wear a mask. The Mass will also be streamed in Donnelly Hall for those that wish to attend unmasked

✚ 12:00 Noon

✚ 2:00 PM (Spanish) Watch live or anytime after the mass

<https://www.stmarystudentparish.org/category/live-mass/>

✚ 5:00 PM

✚ 8:00 PM

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

✚ **Mon-Thurs** 5:10 PM

✚ **Friday** 12:10 PM

OFFICE HOURS

Sunday 8:00 AM-10:00 PM

Mon-Thurs 9:00 AM-10:00 PM

Friday 9:00 AM-5:00 PM

Saturday 4:00 PM-6:00 PM

STAFF NEWS

We want to welcome two new staff members to the team - Rosa Luz Postigo and Mirella Quintanilla! Rosa Luz is taking on the role of Hispanic/Latino Ministry Coordinator and began on November 15. Mirella is taking on the role of Office Manager/Liturgie Assistant and began November 30, so she will have time to transition with Lanette Mele before she retires at the end of the year.

HONORING LANETTE'S RETIREMENT

In an effort to honor Lanette on her 20 years of dedicated service to St. Mary and send her off to retirement at the end of this year with fond memories, we are creating a collective memory book where anyone can contribute online--text and photos--and that's turned into a keepsake book as well as a digital book. Here you can write a letter for Lanette.

So, sit back, think of some good times you shared with her, and let her know how much she matters to you. You do not have to write it all now. You will receive a link that will allow you to edit or even delete it later.

Your letter is meant to be private: in principle only Lanette will see it--although it will end up printed in a physical book, in which case we of course cannot guarantee that it will be kept private.

Please submit your thoughts and photos (if applicable) by December 25, 2021:

<https://HappyRetirementLanette.fromabirdie.com/contribute>

Mass Intentions and Events

MASS INTENTIONS: DECEMBER 4-11

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4

5:00 PM Mass for

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

8:30 AM Mass for +Sandra Eiler
 10:00 AM Mass for Margaret Szypulski
 12:00 PM Mass for +Barbara Schaefer
 2:00 PM Mass for People of the Parish
 5:00 PM Mass for +Don Webber
 8:00 PM Mass for

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6

5:00 PM Mass for

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7

5:10 PM Mass for

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8

5:10 PM Mass for Barb Linnert
 7:00 PM Mass for

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9

5:10 PM Mass for

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10

12:10 PM Mass for
 7:00 PM Mass for

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

5:00 PM Mass for

MEETINGS & EVENTS: DECEMBER 5-11

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5—Men's Rotating Overnight Shelter

Las Mañanitas Novena	6:00 AM	Virtual
SMSP Sac Prep	11:00 AM	Loyola Room Newman Room Rectory Dining Room Richard Room & Whitman Room
TC Sunday Session	3:00 PM	Donnelly Hall
H/L Sacramental Prep	3:15 PM	Newman Hall
Reconciliation	6:15 PM	Church

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6

Las Mañanitas Novena	6:00 AM	Virtual
Meals for Mercy House	5:45 PM	Off-site
Baptism Class	6:30 PM	Newman Hall
Grad Y/P Mass & Dinner	6:30 PM	Church/Donnelly

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7

Las Mañanitas Novena	6:00 AM	Virtual
Women's AMDG	7:00 PM	Newman Room
Men's AMDG	7:00 PM	Newman Hall

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8

Las Mañanitas Novena	6:00 AM	Virtual
Meals for Mercy House	5:45 PM	Off-site
RCIA	7:00 PM	Donnelly Hall

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9

Las Mañanitas Novena	6:00 AM	Virtual
Santo Rosario	8:30 AM	Virtual
Women of the Heart	10:15 AM	Donnelly Hall
Undergrad Christmas Party	6:00 PM	Newman Hall

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10

Las Mañanitas Novena	6:00 AM	Virtual
Mary & The Lives of the Saints	5:00 PM	Off-site
Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass & Celebration	7:00 PM	Church

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

Las Mañanitas Novena	6:00 AM	Virtual
Into the Light	9:00 AM	Newman Hall
Men's Discernment Group	10:00 AM	Loyola Room

St. Mary Student Parish

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Orlando Averion, Zenaida Averion, Maryjo Lum, Ric Chapman, Therese Sheffield, Brianna Liker, Elpidio Adrian, Marcelo Alvarez, Eddie Smith, Joan Lesneski, Daniel Leung, Francyn Chomic, Mark Kintz, Benjamin Besa, Brian Weard, Joan Brown Alexander, Alicia Patterson, Shawn Brown, Jamie Ballew, Patrick Geary, Ron Lesneski, Christopher Brown, Scott Alexander, Wilmer Zhinin, Juan Ibarra-Gonzalez, Adam Lesneski, Stacey Simpson Duke, Joanna Vuylsteke, Julia Zhinin, Wilmer Zhinin, Maria Ayauaca, Manuel Zhinin, Liz Groulx, Michael Patterson, Filiberto Zamorano, Nikolas Block, Rosemary Rodriguez, Cristina Magsino, Kate Hanson, Maria Delores Monicibas Aleman, Luis Mario Riano, Joseph Puttrich, Monica Terhar, Senir Rivas, Maria Hernandez, Hilda & Henry Willis, Joan Benzie, Jan Buhler, Brent Horvath, Marianna Hann, John Burns, Pablo Angiano Flores, Christine Geoghegan, Laura Brown, Cindy McPherson, Gloria Grisales, Aurora Kobalz, Amaris Bolanos Luna, John Lanzatta, Curran Lawrence, Fred Metry, Tom Forner, Brian Cronin, Phil Simmons, Charlotte Jenkins, Nancy Harknett, Matthew Casey, Amby Gallagher, Clifton Chippewa, Nic Steadman, Bonnie Dean, Debbie Nigh, Arthur O'Neil, Augusto Silvino Garduno Esquivel, Kaylah Misiuk, Paul McNamara, Rosemary Callahan, Terri White Kaufman, Joseph D. Schwartz, Annie & Justin Siciliano, Cynthia Lear, Guillermo Foncerrada, Dianna Nati, Pedro Osorio Soriano, Maria Enriqueta Ramirez Flores, Donna Osborne, Ernie Jones, Tina Jones, Bernie Lamey, Jo Lamey, Flora Corrales, Juanita Esquivel, Julio Ramos, Hugo Lombardo, Sara Zuleta, Art Lamey, Jeanne McAree, Salvador Cuevas, Lou Terhar, Fr. Walter Moll, Jr, Helen Lucille Ceasar, Robert Hunter, Mary D'Souza, Keisha Banks, Martha Leticia Garcia Guerra, Steiner Supphellen, Gerry Spencer, Mike Pearce, Norma Gonzalez, Marianne Roche, Philip Chan, Teresita Shah, Mercy Philomena Mascarenhas, Jose Luis Hernandez, Sheri Wander, Kathleen Moore, Susan Meyer, Gerald Montry, Ed Zyniewicz, Katie Veilleux, Aimee Manning, Kathryn Tendero, Ginny Weingate, Ellie Lewandowski, Arthur and Esther Michalec, Courtney Seitz, Oscar Perales, David Guevara, David Bull, Luis Campuzano, Kevin Nigh, Nancy Hook, Charlie Onesian, Marti Rozmys

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Sunday Readings

DECEMBER 5 – Second Sunday of Advent

Reading I Bar 5:1-9
 Psalm Ps 126:1-6
 Reading II Phil 1:4-6, 8-11
 Gospel Lk 3:1-6

The Lord has done great things, leading his people out of slavery to the glorious splendor of Jerusalem. Let us make ready the way of the Lord by abounding in love and in works of justice.

DECEMBER 12 –Third Sunday of Advent

Reading I Zep 3:14-18a
 Psalm Is 12:2-6
 Reading II Phil 4:4-7
 Gospel Lk 3:10-18

Rejoice in the Lord always! Great in our midst is the Holy One of Israel, a mighty savior. It is he whom John foretold; it is he who will baptize in the Holy Spirit.

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