

December 6, 2020
Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11

Psalm 85

2 Peter 3: 8-14

Mark 1: 1-8

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We look for comfort.

Fear not! God is passionate about saving us from our sin. We become aware we have repeatedly turned away from the wholesome road God has paved for us. Yet God feels our angst over this and extends his hand of mercy! In the first reading God tells the prophet, "Comfort, give comfort to my people...Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service is at an end, her guilt is expiated...."

In this season of searching for meaning, Advent, the Lord through Isaiah intensely reaches out to us. God can be heard screaming to be noticed. He asks us to help him spread his love. "Go up onto a high mountain, Zion, herald of glad tidings; cry out at the top of your voice, Jerusalem, herald of good news!"

When heard, the voice of God may give direction to life. Respecting his direction, we may see the salvation of his passionate love for us. All that is necessary is to give over to God's sublime love. Psalm 85 says, "I will hear what God proclaims...he proclaims peace to his people. Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him, glory dwelling in our land."

Conversion of our hearts brings reconciliation. That is, we become "one again". We reconcile or become one again with ourselves and God. We reconcile with other people and even nations of people. And as we reconcile justice and peace come to us. There is hope in repentance.

Saint Peter our first Pope, if you will, recognizes God is not bound by time and space as we are. "...One day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day." Therefore, as you might have angst that it is taking too long for peace to take hold remember you are the one with limitations. But God stills extends his mercy and love. "The Lord does not delay his promise...." We may not blame God for any delay in Justice and Peace. We are the ones who must open our eyes to God's presence. Now we must look and see who the Lord Jesus is as we wait for his second coming. We must look for him in one another lest we miss his presence in the community. God is surely passionate about saving us. Let us, you and me, our parish, and our Church, recognize the Lord God in all his compassion and love. God truly wishes to save. us.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

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Is61:1-2a,10-11;1Thes5:16-24;Jn1:6-8,19-28

STEWARDSHIP

Time, Talent, Tithing

Attendance last week:	199
Tithes Collected:	\$3530.50
Online Giving:	\$255.00
Total:	\$3,785.50
Thanksgiving collection For Respect Life:	\$646.00

For 11/22/20:	
Attendance:	198
Tithes Collected	\$3012.00
Online Giving:	\$430.00
Total:	\$3442.00

2nd Collection for Campaign for Human Development:	\$480.00
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Thank You!

Next weeks' second collection is for Retirement Fund for Religious.

VOCATIONS

Happy 40th Anniversary Fr. Dennis!

On December 13th, the Third Sunday of Advent, Fr. Dennis will celebrate his 40th Anniversary of ordination to the priesthood. He will preside at the 10:45am Liturgy. Many of his friends and people he has led to the Lord will be joining us here for the celebration.

We look forward to the celebration!

LITURGY FOR DECEMBER 6, 2020

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel)
O Come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel.
That mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appears.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high. Who ord'rest all things mightly; to us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her way to go.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Sinai's height in ancient times didst give the law, in cloud and majesty and awe.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 85: LORD, LET US SEE YOUR KINDNESS AND GRANT US YOUR SALVATION. /D. Pérez-Cuan)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATINO: Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths; all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

OFFERTORY HYMN: A Voice Cries Out/M. Joncas

//A voice cries out in the wilderness, "Prepare a way for the Lord!" A voice cries out in the wilderness: "Make straight a highway for God"

1. Console my people, the ones dear to me; speak to the heart of Jerusalem: the time of your mourning is ended now, the Lord of life will come.

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2. Ev'ry valley is made a plain, ev'ry mountain is leveled; the glory of God shall be revealed and the nations will sing in praise.
3. A voice shouts: "Cry!" O what shall I cry? All flesh is like grass and its flowers: the grass may wither, the flowers may fade, but the Word of the Lord is forever.
4. Zion, shout from the mountain top, lift up your voice, O Jerusalem, and say to the people of God's own land, "Behold, behold your God"

COMMUNION HYMN: A Place at Your Table/B. Wallther)

Here in your presence the greatest are least, the burdened find rest and the hungry can feast. By love we're invited, here mercy prevails. God, in your goodness, we share a place at your table, a place at your table.

1. Happy the one whom you call here to dine, the saint and the sinner, your friends. Now reconciled in this banquet divine, the promise of life without end, the promise of life without end.
2. From this communion, in one heart and mind, out into mission we go. No greater love shall the world ever find, and none shall we ever know, and none shall we ever know.

POST COMMUNION HYMN (Ready the Way/C. Stephan

//Ready the way, ready the way, ready the way of the Lord//

1. Make straight the road, raise the valleys, and mountains make low. Turning from sin, let the broken be whole, and ready the way of the Lord.
2. As we wait for you, give us the strength to walk in your truth, so we may love more like you and ready the way for you, Lord.
3. Let us see your face; in our hearts we prepare a place. Come bring this world your mercy and grace as we ready the way for you, Lord.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: (City of God/D. Schutte)

Awake from your slumber! Arise from your sleep!
A new day is dawning for all those who weep.
The people in darkness have seen a great light.
The Lord of our longing has conquered the night.

Let us build the city of God.

May our tears be turned into dancing!

**For the Lord, our light and our love,
has turned the night into day.**

We are sons of the morning; we are daughters of day. The One who has loved us has brightened our way.
The Lord of all kindness has called us to be a light for his people to set their hearts free.

Let us build the city of God.

May our tears be turned into dancing!

**For the Lord, our light and our love,
has turned the night into day.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Joe Alfaro, Jordan Almendral, JoAnn Anderson, Michael Beard, Karen Becker, Mary Benivegna, Kyle Brincat, Margarita Bogle, Tom Carver, Sean Chin, Robert Clark, Mary Collis, John Cooper, Logan Costante, Gregoria Daen, Sam DeMarco, Ines DeSalle, Roseanne DeSimone, Lisa DeStasio, John Dooney, Nelson Douaihi, Peggy Duff, Susan Fabbri, Lisa Findlay, Megan Forrester, Joshua Freeman, Richard Gossett, Ana Gilajota, Stephen Goch, Keri Greenan, Tyler Harrison, Cindy Hogman, Kara, Nancy Hernandez, Jean Ingraham, Tiffany Kentosh, Butch Klinger, John LaNeve, Rey Lizzano, Judith Kolo, Tamika Lee, Bernie Ligget, Gail Martin, Sean Martin, Mary McKelvey, Betsy McMahon, Clare McMahon, Frank McNeil, Dan Murphy, Teresita Nazareno, Lauren Nicole, Thomas O'Brien, Barbara Perry, Della Mae Reblin, Lucy Reitano, Coleen Riley, Dee Ripple, Matilda Rivier, Charles Rousseau, Anthony Ruggiero, Theresa Schluter, Brad Schroder, Ellen Seaman, Roger Sherman, Jim Smullen, Vivian Spasiano, Rick Steffan, M. Stoufer, Richard Taylor, Antoinette Teresi, Constantino Thomas, Margarita Verano, Peggy Weiss, Ed Wisley, Nancy Zakem, Marie & Jeff

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 5

- 4:00 p.m. † Deceased Casey & Scott Family by Elizabeth Scott
† Mary Stupi by Joanne Adamik

Sunday, December 6

- 9:00 a.m. † James Riedy by Friends
10:45 a.m. † Casmir & Marie Kolodziejski by son JP
† Dottie Jewett by Sharkey Family

Monday, December 7

- 8:00 a.m. NO MASS

Tuesday, December 8

- 8:00 a.m. Blessed Sacrament Parish
7:00 p.m. Blessed Sacrament Parish

Wednesday, December 9

- 8:00 a.m. Past & Present Members & Benefactors of St Vincent de Paul Society

Thursday, December 10

- 8:00 a.m. † Marge Murphy Mc Cabe by Daniel T. Murphy

Friday, December 11

- 8:00 a.m. † Serge Cadet by Youseline

Saturday, December 12

- 4:00 p.m. † Mary Stupi by Maryann & Paul Surprenant
Sean Chin by Jean Ingraham

Sunday, December 13

- 9:00 a.m. Blessed Sacrament Parish
10:45 a.m. † Dottie Jewett by Sharkey Family
Fr. Dennis 40th Anniversary of Ordination by Joanie