

November 29, 2020

Advent I

St. Mark's Catholic Church

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First Sunday of Advent

Be watchful
for his coming



Lectionary: 2

Reading 1

IS 63:16B-17, 19B; 64:2-7

You, LORD, are our father, our redeemer you are named forever.

Why do you let us wander, O LORD, from your ways, and harden our hearts so that we fear you not?

Return for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your heritage.

Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, with the

mountains quaking before you, while you wrought awesome deeds we could not hope for, such as they had not heard of from of old.

No ear has ever heard, no eye ever seen, any God but you doing such deeds for those who wait for him. Would that you might meet us doing right, that we were mindful of you in our ways! Behold, you are angry, and we are sinful; all of us have become like unclean people, all our good deeds are like polluted rags; we have all withered like leaves, and our guilt carries us away like the wind.

There is none who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to cling to you; for you have hidden your face from us and have delivered us up to our guilt.

Yet, O LORD, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter: we are all the work of your hands.

Responsorial Psalm

PS 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

R. (4) Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hearken, from your throne upon the cherubim, shine forth.

Rouse your power, and come to save us.

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

Once again, O LORD of hosts, look down from heaven, and see; take care of this vine, and protect what your right hand has planted the son of man whom you yourself made strong.

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

May your help be with the man of your right hand, with the son of man whom you yourself made strong.

Then we will no more withdraw from you; give us new life, and we will call upon your name.

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

Reading II

1 COR 1:3-9

Brothers and sisters:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always on your account for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus, that in him you were enriched in every way, with all discourse and all knowledge, as the testimony to Christ was confirmed among you, so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will keep you firm to the end, irreproachable on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Alleluia

PS 85:8

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Show us Lord, your love; and grant us your salvation.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

MK 13:33-37

Jesus said to his disciples: "Be watchful! Be alert!

You do not know when the time will come.

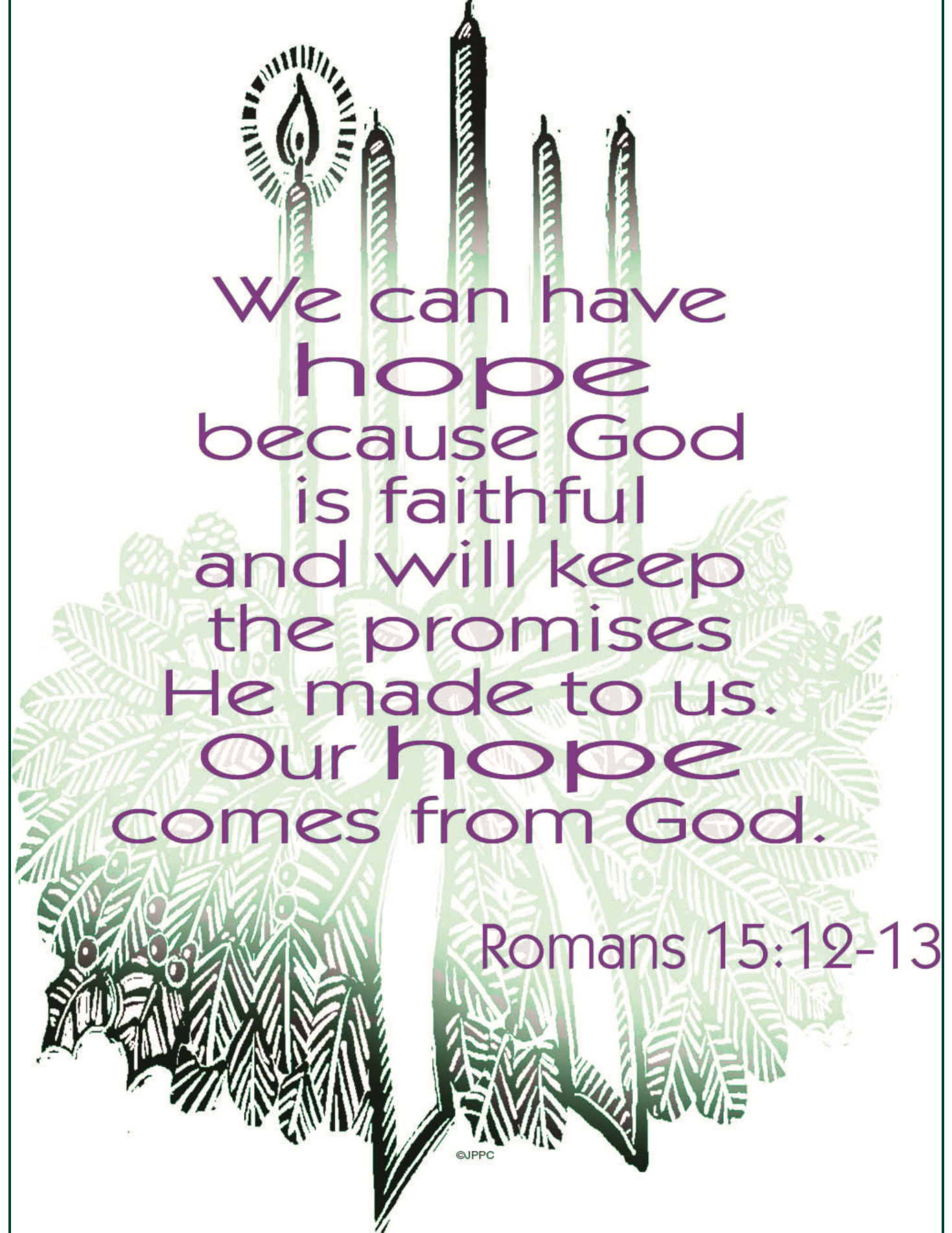
It is like a man traveling abroad.

He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own work, and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch.

Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning.

May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping.

What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'

An illustration featuring five lit candles of varying heights. The candle on the far left is lit, with a flame and a circular halo effect. The other four candles are unlit. The candles are set against a background of green holly leaves and red berries. The text is overlaid on the candles and leaves.

We can have
hope
because God
is faithful
and will keep
the promises
He made to us.
Our hope
comes from God.

Romans 15:12-13

This Week's Mass Intentions

Date	Intention	Requested by
Monday, November 30		
7:30 AM	† Joseph Cahill	The Cahill Family
	Ani Slevin (Special Intention)	Saint Mark's Parish Family
11:00AM	† Patrick Barney	Anne Perry Crilley
	† Diane Vigilante	Ed and Judy Blaha
Tuesday, December 1		
7:30 AM	† Mary Cecero	Margaret Azzarella
11:00AM	† Ronald Olender	Susan Schneider
	† Veronica Davison	Saint Mark's Altar Rosary Society
Wednesday, December 2		
7:30 AM	† Bill Connor	John & Piper Bruther
11:00AM	† Walter Range	Adele Byrne
	† Betty Heilos	Annette Sudowsky
Thursday, December 3		
7:30 AM	† Janice M. Clemens	Denise & Dennis Tonry
11:00AM	† Margaret Hoyte	Mary McCarthy
	† Tom Sharkey	Family
Friday, December 4		
7:30 AM	† Agnes Morgan	Estate
11:00AM	† Mr. & Mrs. Pruneau	Bertucci Family
	† Sheila Cherry	Family
Saturday, December 5		
7:30 AM	† Colette Casey	Estate
4:30 PM	† Thomas Lynch & Deceased Members of the Lynch Family by Sara Lynch	
	† Margaret & Frank Filete	Eleanor & John Sullivan
	† Mary Dietzel	Maureen & John Dough
Second Sunday of Advent, December 6		
8:00 AM	People of the Parish	
10:00 AM	† Ann Marie Dziuban	Maureen Kelly Machirella
	† Patrick Corcoran	Ed and Judy Blaha
	† Mary "Molly" Tobin	Barbara Peters
	† James M. Revel	Knights of Columbus Council #5611
	† John P. Healy, Jr.	Saint Mark's Parish Family
	† John Langeveld	St. Mark's Religious Ed
5:00 PM	Maria Valdez (Special Intention)	Family & Friends



Readings for the Week November 29, 2020

Monday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11;
Mt 4:18-22
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6;
Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21,
25-27a;
Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6;
Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14;
2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

**Thank
you!**

The Altar Rosary Society of St. Mark's would like to thank our fellow members for donating so generously to our society. It will help us to continue our contributions to our church, St. Mark's and other local charities. We are gratefully accepting continued donations from our members. Thank you once again.

Pray FOR THE SICK

The list of parishioners, relatives, and friends are in need of your prayers for healing. Note to ensure the consent of the person whose name appears here, the pastor's policy requires that only they or a family member may request a name be added to this list. Also if you or a loved one are unable to attend mass and would like to receive Holy Communion in a home or assisted living, please notify **Donna at 732-449-6364 ext. 100.**

Benjamin Ohlweiler	Vivian Wilson
Jeremy Pavlick	Ken Hauck
Lucy Gargano	Dorothy Waugh
Julia Buonocore	Patricia Cavanaugh
Fred Buonocore	Rose Courtney
Christine Frauenheim	Grace Philhower
Alexandra Gavilanes	Jim Bogan
Sarah Gallagher	Maria Valdez
Jimmy Azzollini	Ani Slevin

Eternal Rest grant onto them, O Lord, And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Please remember in your prayers those of our diocese, parish, friends, and family members who have recently died.

† *Dolores Randazzo*

May the angels lead you into paradise...

Thank You! We are so grateful to all those who financially sacrifice each week to support our parish and it's ministries!



We would especially like to thank all of those who faithfully use their weekly parish contribution envelopes and those who give online through the Parish Giving Program.



We would like to thank all those who have attended Mass the past few weeks, who wore a mask and adhered to the social distancing requirements. We wish to remind those who are afraid to come to Mass because of health issues, that the dispensation from Sunday and Holy Day obligation will remain in effect until further notice.

CYO News

"CYO Operation Thermal"

The Missionaries of Charity sisters have asked us for donations of NEW thermal tops and pants in adult sizes for the homeless in our area. These will be gifted to them by the Sisters on Christmas Day.

Please place new thermals in the boxes designated "CYO Operation Thermal" on the weekends of December 5/6 and December 12/13.

Thank you!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



Christmas Wreath Sale

We will also be selling our Christmas wreaths to benefit our charities: Madonna House, Ugandan missions etc. on December 5/6 for \$25.

Thank you. A blessed Advent season to all!

Any parishioner who has not been able to attend Mass and would like to have a Eucharistic Minister bring Holy Communion to them, please contact Donna at the rectory, 732-449-6364 x100 or email donna@stmarkseagirt.com

If you know someone who doesn't have access to the internet and would like a copy of the bulletin, please reach out to the Rectory at 732-449-6364.

Rosary Makers will meet Monday, November 30th, at 1pm in the church basement. Masks must be worn.

"Dear blessed Mother Mary. Teach me loving acceptance of the divine will. May I be a true servant to the Lord, generous in doing all that pleases Him."

Please Note: At this time, because of Covid 19, we are not accepting clothing, or any personal books, devotionals, religious articles or Rosary beads. In the future we will gladly accept your donations, but at the present time and for the safety of all those concerned, we are asking that these items not be left at the church.

Thank you.





The Christmas season is now upon us and The Giving Tree committee, through the Social Concerns ministry, is asking for your support. The response has always been exceptionally generous, and despite the challenges we face with the pandemic, we hope this year's efforts will continue to show our desire to share with others. St Mark's will continue to sponsor the residents of Habcore in Asbury with \$25 Target gift card donations as well as toys, hats and gloves for the children of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Epiphany House, Mercy Center and Madonna House.

With the safety of our parishioners and volunteers in mind, this year's Giving Tree procedures have been adjusted to be 100% non-contact. There are three ways to contribute:

- **Online gift donations:** We have set up online gift registries through Amazon, Walmart and Target. Gifts will be shipped directly to the Social Concerns and dropped off at our charities. **We ask that online orders are to be placed by Tuesday, December 1st** to ensure they arrive on time.

Target Registry Link

Type in: tgt.gifts/stmarksgivingtree

Walmart Registry Link

Type in: <https://bit.ly/2GJQJLU>

Amazon List Link

Type in: <https://amzn.to/3f9jRcn>



- **Gift Card donations:** \$25 to either Target or Walmart. Please put in envelope and drop off at the rectory or mail to 215 Crescent Pkwy, Sea Girt, NJ 08750. **Return by Sunday, December 6th.** You can also purchase gift cards through the registry links.
- **Monetary donations:** We are accepting monetary donations to shop on your behalf. Any donation in either cash or checks, made out to St. Mark's Social Concerns with Giving Tree in the memo. Please put in envelope and drop off at the rectory or mail to 215 Crescent Pkwy, Sea Girt, NJ 08750. **Return by Sunday, December 6th.**

Please reach out to **Tricia Levin** at stmarksgivingtree@gmail.com with any questions.

Thank you and God Bless you for your generosity.

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this light shining brightly.**

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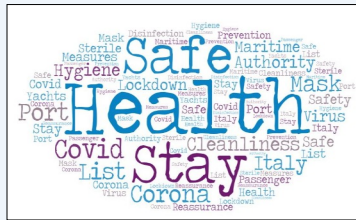
Jesus Christ You traveled through towns and villages curing every disease and illness. At Your command the sick were made well. Come to our aid now in the midst of the global spread of the corona virus, that we may experience your healing love. Heal those who are sick with the virus, may they regain their strength and health through quality medical care. Heal us from our fear which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another.

Wrap Yourself or Your Loved One in a Prayer Shawl



If you, a family member, or neighbor, are sick, lonely, grieving or would appreciate the embrace of a warm shawl, **please call Donna at the rectory at 732-449-6364 ext.100.**

Community Services is Catholic Charities' link to parishes in the Trenton diocese. Serving families in crises, we provide food, mortgage, rent and utilities assistance, temporary housing, counseling, and immigration services. To learn more about Catholic Charities Community Services visit our You Tube presentation. Click on: <https://youtu.be/-r8YRyPClY4>
If you know of anyone needing assistance, please contact Catholic Charities at 800-360-7711



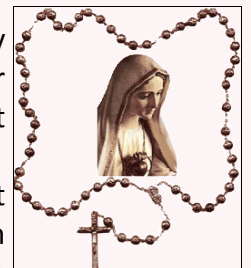
they can make informed decisions on whether they feel they would like to attend in person Masses. Social distancing with roped off pews which allows those present to sit at least 6 feet apart, all pews, door handles and railings are sanitized after every Mass daily and during the weekend Masses and Sacraments, sanitizer is at the front and side entrances, bathrooms are cleaned and sanitized on a regular basis, masks must be worn by everyone in the church, the priests and Extraordinary Ministers use hand sanitizer before distributing Communion, Communion is distributed one side at a time to allow for social distance, the windows are open during Mass to help circulate air, collection baskets are placed on the Altar rail rather than the Ushers handling the collection, weekend requirement is entrance thru the front doors for Parishioner count but you may exit thru all doors.



Please join us on Friday's for Adoration immediately after 11:00 AM Mass with Benediction at 1:45 PM. It will be broadcast as well on livestream @ stmarkseagirt.com

St. Mark's Altar Rosary Society will be reciting the rosary after the 11am mass on the first Monday of each month.

We invite those that cannot make it to church, to join us from home in the recitation of the



rosary. In this way we continue to honor our Blessed Mother and follow her directions to continue praying for an end to abortion and all the intentions of her Immaculate Heart.



Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

One day, while filing away papers, the secretary of President John F. Kennedy found this note, written in the president's own hand. It read: "I know there is a God—and I see a storm coming. If He has a place for me, I believe that I am ready." Our Lord's warning this weekend to be ready, and President Kennedy's readiness to serve, invite me to ask: "How ready am I to put myself at God's service for whatever God may ask me to do?"

Today begins Advent: a new season and a new Liturgical Year. It is a short season, often cut off from a full four weeks by the secular calendar. It is as if there's such a thing as "Lent Lite," since it asks us to do penance and fast in preparation for the great Feast of Christmas.

Of course, one nod to the world around us and the media that frame it, and you would believe that this is the season for shopping, decorating, and even baking. None of those is bad in itself. But if any of it robs us of some quiet time for reflection and prayer, then we have wasted Advent time.

In fact, this First Sunday of the season traditionally pulls us away from thoughts about the annual celebration of Christ's first coming to make us reflect on His second one. That is very much an unknown entity, even though it is inevitable.

The whole point of Advent is not to exclude our pre-Christmas fun, but to remind us of life's serious side. It's time to get ready for the next life as President Kennedy believed himself to be.

Nor does Advent ask us to pretend that Christ has not already come to us. It is rather telling us that Christ wants to come closer to us. One day in the unknown future, framed in the Book of Revelation as one of fire raging and trumpets blaring, Jesus will come back as He promised He would, to judge us all and decide our eternal fate.

In the meantime, we are asked to remember the fact of His wanting to come closer to us. In fact, we should desire to be one of His points of entry into the world, always being attentive to what's coming, rather than just to opt for a settled and comfortable life. This means that we actually facilitate the coming of God's world into our own that began some 2,000 years ago with Christ. Now each of us has a part to play. In other words, each of us must so live that it doesn't matter when the end comes because our whole life is a preparation for it.

In this context, it is remarkable what insight comes to us by way of that twenty-something Little Flower who is Saint Therese of Lisieux. Once she wrote this: *"Let us go forward in peace, our eyes upon heaven, the only one goal of our labors."*

God love you and give you His Advent peace!

Mañanitas a la Virgen de Guadalupe

La parroquia Católica de San Marcos, Sea Girt
les hace una cordial invitación:

A la Gran Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

Viernes 11 de Diciembre 2020

Comenzando a las 8:00 p.m.



**Ven a Festejar con Nosotros a Nuestra
Madre Celestial**



Programa:

Rosario

Bendición a los niños

Santa Misa 9:00 pm

Mañanitas a la Virgen

Refrigerios para llevar

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Misa Dominical: Domingo 5:00 p.m.

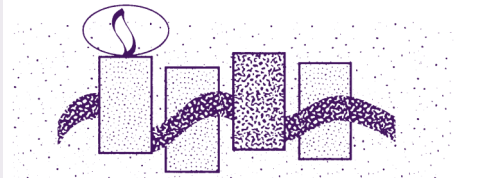
Misa de Semana: Martes 6:00 p.m.

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Primer Domingo de Adviento ~ Noviembre 29, 2020



Primera lectura: Isaías 63, 16b-17. 19b; 64, 2b-7.

Tú, Señor, eres nuestro padre y nuestro redentor; ése es tu nombre desde siempre. ¿Por qué, Señor, nos has permitido alejarnos de tus mandamientos y dejas endurecer nuestro corazón hasta el punto de no temerte? Vuélvete, por amor a tus siervos, a las tribus que son tu heredad. Ojalá rasgaras los cielos y bajaras, estremeciendo las montañas con tu presencia.

Descendiste y los montes se estremecieron con tu presencia. Jamás se oyó decir, ni nadie vio jamás que otro Dios, fuera de ti, hiciera tales cosas en favor de los que esperan en él.

Tú sales al encuentro del que practica alegremente la justicia y no pierde de vista tus mandamientos. Estabas airado porque nosotros pecábamos y te éramos siempre rebeldes.

Todos éramos impuros y nuestra justicia era como trapo asqueroso; todos estábamos marchitos, como las hojas, y nuestras culpas nos arrebataban, como el viento. Nadie invocaba tu nombre nadie se levantaba para refugiarse en ti, porque nos ocultabas tu rostro y nos dejabas a merced de nuestras culpas. Sin embargo, Señor, tú eres nuestro padre; nosotros somos el barro y tú el alfarero; todos somos hechura de tus manos.

Salmo Responsorial: Salmo 79, 2ac y 3b. 15-16. 18-19.

Señor, muéstranos tu favor y sálvanos.

Escúchanos, pastor de Israel, tú, que estás rodeado de querubines, despierta tu poder y ven a salvarnos.

Señor, muéstranos tu favor y sálvanos.

Señor, Dios de los ejércitos, vuelve tus ojos:
mira tu viña y visítala, protege la cepa plantada por tu mano, el renuevo que tú mismo cultivaste.

Señor, muéstranos tu favor y sálvanos.

Que tu diestra defienda al que elegiste, al hombre que has fortalecido.
Ya no nos alejaremos de ti; consérvanos la vida y alabaremos tu poder.

Señor, muéstranos tu favor y sálvanos.

Segunda lectura: 1 Corintios 1, 3-9.

Continuamente agradezco a mi Dios los dones divinos que les ha concedido a ustedes por medio de Cristo Jesús, ya que por él los ha enriquecido con abundancia en todo lo que se refiere a la palabra y al conocimiento; porque el testimonio que damos de Cristo ha sido confirmado en ustedes a tal grado, que no carecen de ningún don, ustedes, los que esperan la manifestación de nuestro Señor Jesucristo. Él los hará permanecer irreprochables hasta el fin, hasta el día de su advenimiento. Dios es quien los ha llamado a la unión con su Hijo Jesucristo, y Dios es fiel.

Aclamación antes del Evangelio: Salmo 84, 8.

R. Aleluya, aleluya.

Muéstranos, Señor, tu misericordia y danos tu salvación.

R. Aleluya, aleluya.

Evangelio: Marcos 13, 33-37.

En aquel tiempo, Jesús dijo a sus discípulos: "Velen y estén preparados, porque no saben cuándo llegará el momento. Así como un hombre que se va de viaje, deja su casa y encomienda a cada quien lo que debe hacer y encarga al portero que esté velando, así también velen ustedes, pues no saben a qué hora va a regresar el dueño de la casa: si al anochecer, a la medianoche, al canto del gallo o a la madrugada. No vaya a suceder que llegue de repente y los halle durmiendo. Lo que les digo a ustedes, lo digo para todos: permanezcan alerta".