

San Martín de Porres Parish

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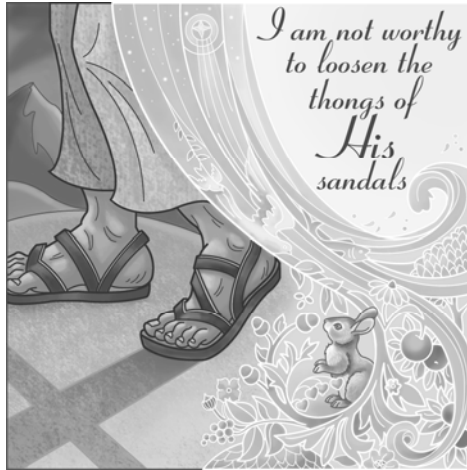
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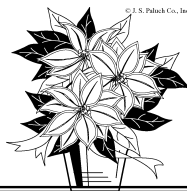
Comments/Special Requests

Rejoice! Today, the Third Sunday of Advent, is traditionally referred to as Gaudete Sunday. This is the Advent Sunday of joy. Today's first reading, responsorial psalm, and second reading call us to express joy in three ways. We are summoned to "shout for joy" (Zephaniah 3:14), to "cry out with joy" (Isaiah 12:6), and to "rejoice in the Lord always" (Philippians 4:4). Expressing Christian joy is quite distinct from the kind of joy we express, for instance, when our favorite sports team wins an important game. That kind of joy is fleeting. Christian joy is an inner peace and spiritual happiness that is developed throughout our lives and sustains us even when we struggle. It is the kind of joy that is infectious. Others can tell that there is simply something different about us. Let us rejoice this day, for to us shall come Emmanuel.



The Readings For The Week

- Monday:** Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Mt 21:23-27
- Tuesday:** Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32
- Wednesday:** Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Lk 7:18b-23
- Thursday:** Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17
- Friday:** Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25
- Saturday:** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25
- Sunday:** Mi 5:1-4a; Psalm 80; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45



Eucharist For The Homebound

Several of our Eucharistic Ministers have volunteered to start a Ministry to bring Eucharist to those who might be homebound and unable to attend Mass. If you or someone you know is in need of this service, please contact the Church Office and leave your name, telephone number, and address. Someone will contact you before bringing the Eucharist to you, which will usually be after the 9am or 11am Sunday Mass.

Eucaristía Para Los Enfermos en Casa.. Si usted sabe de alguien que no puede asistir a Misa por motivo de enfermedad o discapacitado y que desean recibir la eucaristía en los domingos después de Misa, por favor dejen su nombre y teléfono en la oficina de la iglesia.

Visit our Parish Website: Smdpsahuarita.org
for information on church scheduled activities.

Our Calendar of Events

Monday, December 14

Ríos de Agua Viva a las 7:00 pm
8th Grade RE Class (6:30-8:00 pm)

Tuesday, December 15

RE Classes Grades 1-2 (6:00-7:30 pm)
Las Posadas begin # 1 today (6:30 pm)

Wednesday, December 16

RE Classes Grades 3-4-5 (6-7:30 pm)
Posada #2 (see schedule)

Thursday, December 17

Advent Reflection Smed's Hm (1:30)
Posada #3 (see Posada schedule)

Friday, December 18

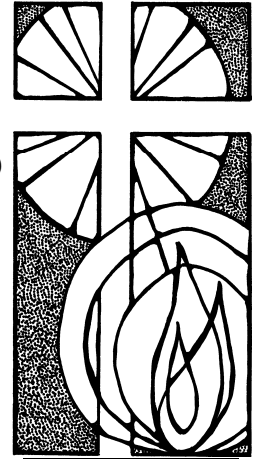
Posada #4 (see Posada schedule)

Saturday, December 19

Mass at 5:00 pm (The Fourth Sunday of Advent)
Posada #5 (see Posada schedule)

Sunday, December 20

9:00 Mass (Fourth Sunday of Advent)
11:00 Mass (Cuarto Domingo de Adviento)
RE High School Confirmation class 12:15 to 2:00 pm



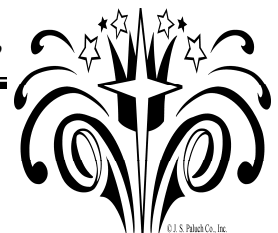
The Lord is Near

Historical records indicate that the birthday of our Savior was not celebrated in any significant way for at least the first three centuries of the church's existence. Nowadays, Christmas is considered the most important holiday in the year, and for reasons that have gone far beyond its true religious significance. Many of our most treasured customs, such as the decorated tree, greeting cards, and the exchange of Christmas presents, only date back to just over a century ago. Now, with the changing times many of us have begun to refocus on not only why we celebrate Christmas, but how, so as to be in harmony with the meaning of Christ's birth. St. Paul assures us that "The Lord is Near" and urges us to stop our worrying, knowing that God will bring the gift of peace to our hearts, a peace beyond human understanding. Like the crowds surrounding John the Baptist in today's Gospel, we may say, "What should we do?" (Luke 3:10). John's answer holds true today: Share with others, act justly, and be satisfied with what we have. Only then can "Emmanuel" truly be, as the name means, "God with us."



"With joy you will draw water at the fountain of salvation."

—Isaiah 12:3



¡Regocíjate! Hoy, el Tercer Domingo de Adviento, tradicionalmente se lo llama de Domingo de Gaudete. Es el domingo de gozo del Adviento. La primera lectura, el salmo responsorial, y la segunda lectura nos llaman a expresar alegría de tres maneras. Nos dicen: den “gritos de júbilo” (Sofonías 3:14), “griten de alegría” (Isaías 12:6), y “alégrense siempre en el Señor” (Filipenses 4:4). Expresar gozo cristiano es muy distinto del tipo de contento que manifestamos cuando, por ejemplo, nuestro equipo deportivo favorito gana un partido importante. Este tipo de alegría es pasajero. El gozo del cristiano es una paz interior y felicidad espiritual que se desarrolla a lo largo de nuestra vida y nos sostiene aun en las luchas. Es una alegría contagiosa. Otros miran de que sencillamente hay algo diferente en nosotros. **Regocijémonos hoy, pues nos llegará el Emmanuel.**



Mass Intention/Intenciones



December 12

(5:00 pm Mass) **Rose Gomez (+) special intention**

December 13

(9:00 Mass) **Nancy Santos (+) special intention**
 (11:00 Mass) **María Nhiell (+) Anton Dzung (+)**
Anna Luu (+) sp intention
Deceased members of Mai family

Ministers Schedule/Horario de Ministros

Dec 19 Sat 5:00 pm Mass (Fourth Sunday of Advent)

(C) Bob Pascalar (L) Ernest Lopez (1st) Jane Davis (2nd) (Ems) DiAnn Bresina, Kathy Lasecki

Dec 20 Sun 9:00 Mass (Fourth Sunday of Advent)

(C) Magua Kershner (L) José Nuñez (Esp) Al Fisch (Eng) (EMs) Violet Heeb, Pat Bradley, Jane Dickerson, John & Mary Millar, Irene Gonzalez

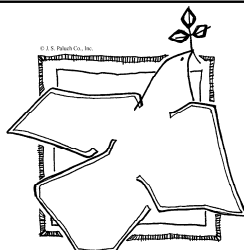
Dec 20 11:00 Misa (Tercer Domingo de Adviento)

(C) Connie Grimaldo (L) Rosa L. Arellano (Esp) Jose Martinez (Eng) (EMs) Evie Grota, Barbara Amaro (H.C.), John Quihuis, Gloria Arrebollo, Pina y Emilio Medrano

Weekly Offering—Ofertorio

December 6 — \$6,171.15

Thank You! ¡Muchas Gracias!



For advertising in the back of the bulletin call Claudia Borders at 289-1265.

Las Lecturas de La Semana

- Lunes:** Nu 24:2-7, 15-17a; Mt 21:23-27
- Martes:** Sof 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32
- Miércoles:** Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Lc 7:18b-23
- Jueves:** Gén 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17
- Viernes:** Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25
- Sábado:** Jue 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lc 1:5-25
- Domingo:** Miq 5:1-4a; Salmo 80 (79)
Heb 10:5-10; Lc 1:39-45



Holiday Mass Schedule

- Dec 24 — Vigil of Christmas Mass 11:00 pm**
- Dec 25 — Christmas Day (The Nativity of the Lord)**
Mass at 9:00 am and 11:00 am
- Jan 1 — New Year’s Day (Holy Mary, Mother of God)**
Mass at 7:00 pm
- All Saturday and Sunday Masses are at regular hours.**

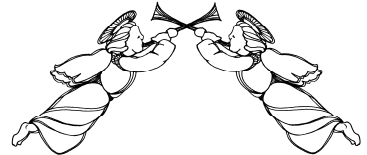
The San Martín de Porres polo shirts and t-shirts will be on sale after the 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday, December 19th. Cash or checks OK. Shirts that were pre-ordered can also be picked up at that time. If you plan to pick up a pre-ordered shirt from the office during the week, please call first to make sure someone is there to help you. Office Phone (625-1154)

Las camisetas de SMDP estaran en venta el sábado 19 después de Misa. Aceptamos cheques o en efectivo. Pueden levantar sus camisetas ya ordenadas allí mismo o en la oficina, hablen primero para asegurarse de que alguien estará allí para ayudarle. (625-1154)

Oración Para Adviento

ALÉGRATE SIEMPRE EN EL SEÑOR

Que el Dios de paz nos haga totalmente santos. Que conserve nuestro espíritu sin mancha, cuerpo y alma, hasta la llegada de nuestro Señor, Jesucristo. El que nos invita es siempre fiel —Dios nuestro Padre. Vivamos en esperanza gozosa de la revelación de la gloria de nuestro Dios y Salvador, Jesucristo. Que sea glorificado por siempre. Ven Señor Jesús. Que tu gracia esté en todos nosotros hoy y siempre.



St. Vincent de Paul members and the RE Confirmation students thank you all for your generous food donations which totaled 1,582 lbs in October—521 lbs in November plus 953.5 lbs from the students. Times are bad for a lot of families, please continue to support our efforts to help our needy. We also ask for your help with a person who needs a bike to go to work, his car was repossessed and he needs a way to get to work. If you have a bike please leave message at the office for SVDP.