

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

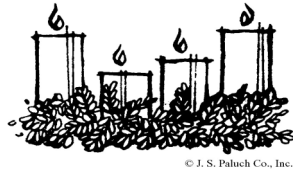
December 2nd, 2018

The Promise of Justice

We are in fairly good company when we ask God for justice. Often enough we hear and agree with the lament of the people of Israel asking God why the wicked prosper. However, when we call out for justice, we usually want someone to get his or her comeuppance. God's justice is something other than this, of course. God's justice comprises a wonderful rightness between God and humankind.

Today, Jeremiah looks ahead to a time when a just one will sprout from the shorn-off stump of Jesse of the house and family of David. Life was not fair in Jeremiah's time. Israel's kings held the promise of God's fidelity, but it was difficult to see how God's promise could be realized through them.

Nevertheless, Jeremiah lifts his voice and announces that the Promised One will come. Luke's Gospel echoes that announcement, and Paul is filled with sturdy encouragement. And so Advent begins with a promise.



ADVENT SOCIAL

Sat., Dec. 8th, 6:00 pm; Parish Hall

Delicious desserts, Mexican food, wine, raffles and silent auction.

Tickets are \$15 and may be purchased after Mass this weekend or at the door.

Proceeds benefit youth scholarships and programs in our parish.

Retirement Fund for Religious

Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests ministered for years for little to no pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate retirement savings. Your gift to next weekend's second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. Please be generous.

Men's Club Holy Mass Day

This coming Wed., Dec. 5th, will be a Men's Club Holy Mass Day. All men of the parish are encouraged to attend the 9:00 am Mass that day.

Pray for the sick.....

Alice Blankenship, Karen Gallagher, Irene Hammond, Brad Goforth, Julie Victorino, Victoria Martinez, Harvey Smith, Mikayla Martinez, Carol Bader, Jerry Reynolds, George Keenan, Gale Keenan, Matt Van Scyoc, Kathy Spencer, James Brooks.

Mass Intentions

(Dec. 1-7)

- Sat., 5:00 pm- Int. Vickie Czerwiec
+Carlos Montero
- Sun., 9:00 am- Int. Sean & Dana McFarland
+John Pollock
+Tommye Brennan
- Sun., 6:00 pm- People of the Parish
- Mon., 9:00 am- Communion Service
- Tues., 9:00 am- Communion Service
- Wed., 9:00 am- Men's Club Members
+Charles Blair
- Thur., 9:00 am- Sick of the Parish
- Fri., 9:00 am- Int. Kathy Spencer

Thank You

The Hickam family would like to thank everyone for their cards, Masses and prayers in memory of Sardis.

Parish Offerings

Plate Collection (Nov. 24/25): \$3,336.00

God Bless You for Your Generosity!

Women's Club

All women of the parish are warmly invited to the monthly Women's Club potluck luncheon on Tues., Dec. 11th, at 11:30 am, in the hall. Please use the sign-up sheet at the church entrance if you plan to attend. At 12:15 pm the video "The Stave Churches of Norway" will be shown. Please join us for both the lunch and video, or video and dessert only.

Help Fire Victims

Our Facility Repairs and Improvements second collection taken up this weekend will be directed to the Diocese of Sacramento for Fire Assistance. You can also donate directly by the methods listed below. Thank You!

Donate by mail:

- ◆ Send checks to Diocese of Sacramento Fire Assistance Fund, 2110 Broadway, Sacramento, CA 95818
- ◆ Sends checks to Archdiocese of LA Wildfire Fund, Archdiocese of Los Angeles, 3424 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90010-2241

Donate by phone:

- ◆ Call the Catholic Foundation (Sacramento) at (916) 733-0266
- ◆ Call the Archdiocese of LA Wildfire Fund at (213) 637-7672

Donate online:

- ◆ Visit www.scd.org/donate and choose the Fire Assistance Fund
- ◆ Visit www.archla.org/fires to donate to the Archdiocese of LA Wildfire Fund



Saints and Special Observances

- Sunday: Hanukkah begins
- Monday: St. Francis Xavier
- Tuesday: St. John Damascene
- Thursday: St. Nicholas
- Friday: St. Ambrose, Pearl Harbor Day
- Saturday: Immaculate Conception