

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 9, 2018

Awaiting the Salvation of God

The world does not seem big enough to contain the jubilation of the first reading. In the Gospel reading, the Roman empire isn't big enough, either. The great powers of Rome are named and made to stand waiting for the arrival of God's salvation. And we find Paul meditating joyfully on what really matters.



According to Baruch, the city of Jerusalem is like a person standing on tiptoe looking for God's salvation, which is coming from the east. Those who were led away on foot, heads down, now come back, a proud people. Why, the very way is smoothed out. The path is lined with fragrant, lush trees.

It can't get any better than this, can it? Well, yes, it can. For a voice calls out in the desert. Here is the beginning of the salvation of God. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Saints and Special Observances

Monday:	International Human Rights Day
Tuesday:	St. Damasus I
Wednesday:	Our Lady of Guadalupe
Thursday:	St. Lucy
Friday:	St. John of the Cross

Our Lady of Guadalupe

To celebrate Mary's place as queen of the Americas, we will honor her as Our Lady of Guadalupe on Wed., Dec. 12th. The day begins early at 5:00 am with *manañitas* (songs). There will be a 9:00 am English Mass and a 6:00 pm Spanish Mass with mariachis, followed by a potluck in the hall. You are invited to attend any or all of the celebrations.



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, James Brooks.

Christmas Flowers

Envelopes for Christmas flower donations are on the tables near the church entrance. We will use the money collected to buy Poinsettias. The envelopes with the names of your loved ones will remain on the altar throughout the Christmas season.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

(Dec. 8-14)

Sat., 5:00 pm- +Fred Apitz
Sun., 9:00 am- +Rev. Richard William Morris
+Sardis Hickam
Int. Bill & Shirley Bianchi
Sun., 6:00 pm- People of the Parish
Mon., 9:00 am- Communion Service
Tues., 9:00 am- Communion Service
Wed., 9:00 am- +Richard Goforth
+Don Woodard
Wed., 6:00 pm- People of the Parish
Thur., 9:00 am- Int. Cynthia Estrada
Fri., 9:00 am- Int. Richard Hyde

Help Decorate

Help will be needed on Fri., Dec. 14th, at 9:30 am when we hang the "O" Banners and set up the Nativity. Please plan to help if you are able.

In Memory

Parishioner Kathy Spencer recently passed away. Her Memorial Mass will be held at Santa Rosa at a future date. Please keep Kathy and her family in your prayers.



From Cambria Vineyard Church...

"Thank you to Santa Rosa for your kind donation to our Community Thanksgiving dinner. Your assistance helped us feed 765 Cambrians and guests a healthy, hot traditional Thanksgiving meal."

Saint of the Week

St. Lucy- Dec. 12; Although many details of her life are unknown, we know Lucy was born to a noble family in Syracuse, Sicily, and



martyred in the persecution of Emperor Diocletian. During the Middle Ages, people suffering from eye trouble began invoking Lucy's aid because her name is derived from the Latin word for "light" (*lux*). She is also associated with festivals of light, especially in Scandinavia. May we share her courage to witness to Christ with our lives.

(Living with Christ, Dec. 2018)

Women's Club- Tuesday

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.

Pray for Rain

Parish Offerings

Plate Collection (Dec. 1-2): \$2,794.00
Wildfire Relief: \$1,693.00

God Bless You for Your Generosity!