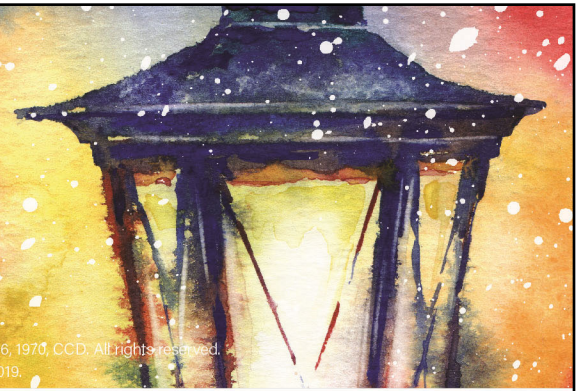


WATCH THEREFORE;  
YOU DO NOT KNOW WHEN  
THE LORD OF THE HOUSE IS COMING,  
WHETHER IN THE EVENING;  
OR AT MIDNIGHT,  
OR AT COCKCROW,  
OR IN THE MORNING.

MARK 13:35

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# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 29, 2020

## A RESTART

With Advent we begin a new church year as we renew our preparations for the coming of Christ. The scriptures show a profound movement from despair in the first reading, as we feel the wrath of God's anger and a sense of being abandoned, to the responsorial psalm, which begs us to turn toward God, and the second reading where we see a glimmer of hope. Brimstone returns in the Gospel. This sense of unease and pain is much like what we have endured throughout 2020 with COVID-19, racial struggles, and political campaigns. Frankly, everyone is ready for a restart, for a do-over, for a better year. We can understand the heartfelt prayer of the prophet Isaiah: "Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down." Hide not your face from us, O God, but during these days of Advent may you reveal yourself to each of us once again.

## BE WATCHFUL! BE ALERT!

When Jesus does not speak in eloquent sentences, but barks out imperative statements such as in our Gospel reading today, one can understand the urgency. There is no place for flowery language. "Be watchful! Be alert!" One has a sense that these should be written in bold or all caps! He tells the parable of the homeowner leaving his workers at home, with no knowledge of when he would return. Without phones and texts and travel schedules it could have meant the homeowner was returning sometime in the day, or sometime in the coming month or year. So Jesus is not telling us, "You have to behave for a little bit," but rather, "You must live your life and work like the homeowner is always here. You must always be prepared."

## WATCH!

This author was very aware of the language of "master/servant" in the Gospel today and is reading it and praying it in light of discussions on racism in recent months. Perhaps this goes with the last imperative at the end of the parable to "Watch!" This year has taught us to be alert in our actions such as social distancing, masks, and sanitizing, as well as in our language and even our thoughts. Now how do we apply that to our spirituality, to our faith? For many, due to restrictions on numbers in church, singing, and choirs, this has meant learning to pray in a whole different way. The celebration of liturgy is the same as ever, with its focus always on the Word and the Eucharist, but for those in the pew, or still watching on livestream, the sense of active participation has taken on a very different meaning from how most of us have experienced liturgy in our lifetime. It feels like we have become spectators rather than participants. Perhaps this challenge can move us from complacency in our faith, to rediscover and relate to God in new ways, and call us to be even stronger in our personal faith. We must remain diligent. We must "watch." We must hope. We must love. We must pray.

## TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7  
Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19  
1 Corinthians 1:3-9  
Mark 13:33-37

VELEN USTÉDES, 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.

MARCOS 13:35

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# PRIMER DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

29 DE NOVIEMBRE  
DE 2020

## UN REINICIO

Con el Adviento comenzamos un nuevo año de iglesia al renovar nuestros preparativos para la venida de Cristo. Las Escrituras muestran un profundo movimiento de la desesperación en la primera lectura, al sentir la ira de Dios y la sensación de ser abandonados, al salmo responsorial, que nos ruega que nos volvamos hacia Dios, y la segunda lectura donde vemos un destello de esperanza. Brimstone regresa en el Evangelio. Esta sensación de malestar y dolor es muy similar a lo que hemos soportado a lo largo de 2020 con COVID-19, luchas raciales y campañas políticas. Francamente, todo el mundo está listo para un reinicio, para un cambio, para un mejor año. Podemos entender la sincera oración del profeta Isaías: “Oh, que desgarras los cielos y bajas”. No escondas tu rostro de nosotros, oh Dios, pero durante estos días de Adviento que te reveles a cada uno de nosotros una vez más.

### ¡ESTÉN ATENTOS! ¡ESTÉN ALERTA!

Cuando Jesús no habla con frases elocuentes, lo hace con frases en imperativo que raspan, así como las de la lectura del Evangelio de hoy, uno puede entender la urgencia. No hay lugar para el lenguaje florido. “¡Estén atentos! ¡Estén alerta!” ¡Uno tiene la sensación de que deben escribirse en negritas o en mayúsculas! Él cuenta la parábola del dueño de la casa dejando a sus trabajadores en casa, sin decirles cuando va a regresar. Sin teléfonos, textos e itinerario de viaje podría haber significado que el dueño de la casa regresaría en algún momento del día, o en algún momento del próximo mes o año. Así que Jesús no nos dice “tienes que comportarte un poco”, sino más bien “debes vivir tu vida y trabajar como si el dueño de la casa estuviera siempre aquí. Debes estar siempre preparado”.

### ¡PERMANECE ALERTA!

Este autor era muy consciente del lenguaje de “dueño/esclavo” en el Evangelio de hoy y lo está leyendo y rezando a la luz de los debates del racismo de los últimos meses. Tal vez esto va con la última frase imperativa al final de la parábola “permanezcan alerta”. Este año nos ha enseñado a estar alerta en nuestras acciones como el mantener una distancia física, el uso del cubre bocas y el desinfectar superficies, así como en nuestro lenguaje e incluso en nuestros pensamientos. Ahora, ¿cómo empleamos eso a nuestra espiritualidad, a nuestra fe? Para muchas personas, debido a las restricciones al número de personas permitido en la iglesia y en los coros, esto ha significado aprender a rezar de una manera totalmente diferente. La celebración de la liturgia es la misma de siempre, con su enfoque en la Palabra y en la Eucaristía, pero para aquellas personas que están en las bancas o que la ven transmitida en las redes sociales o en la TV, el sentido de la participación activa toma un significado muy diferente de cómo la mayoría de nosotros hemos experimentado la liturgia en nuestra vida. Se siente como si nos hubiéramos convertido en espectadores en lugar de participantes. Tal vez este desafío puede hacernos pasar del exceso de confianza en nuestra fe, a redescubrir y relacionarnos con Dios de nuevas maneras y llamarnos a ser aún más fuertes en nuestra fe personal. Debemos seguir siendo perseverantes. Debemos “permanecer alerta”. Debemos tener esperanza. Debemos amar. Debemos rezar.

## LECTURAS DE HOY

Isaías 63:16b–17, 19b, 64:2–7  
Salmo 80 (79):2–3, 15–16, 18–19  
1 Corintios 1:3–9  
Marcos 13:33–37

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Mon-Tuesday: 8:30 am - 2:30 pm/

Wed and Thurs: by phone only

9:00 am - 2:00 pm Fri - Sun Closed

\*Please contact us through email so we  
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Music Director	Audrey Donaldson	Ext. 227
Pastoral Care	Debby Leonardo	Ext.
	Gloria Rivera	Ext. 222
Parish Admin. Assistant /Bulletin	Alex Zarate	Ext. 242

**Kindness is the Language**

*Which*

**THE DEAF CAN HEAR AND THE BLIND CAN SEE**

**Parish School / Preschool through – 8th grade: 987-7908**

Principal – Preschool Director	Kelly Burt	Ext. 235
Business Manager	Laura Onopa	Ext. 245
Administrative Assistant	Maria Trujillo	Ext. 234

*Parish Mission Statement*

We the people of St. Peter and St. Paul Parish, as members of the Roman Catholic Church, are a sacramental, worshiping community on a journey towards the fulfillment of Christ's Kingdom. We strive to provide a spiritual haven for all people without distinction. We are equally committed to the challenges of the gospel message. We accept its call to ongoing conversion, the use of our gifts for the benefit of our community, and loving service to one another.

**Pray for the dead  
and  
Fight to the end for the living**

## Our Parish Financial Corner

### Update

**Sunday 11-22-2020:**

Envelopes/checks:	\$ 12,323.00
Plate:	697.00
Online Giving 11-22-2020:	\$ 4,851.00
<b>Total for 11-22-2020:</b>	<b>\$ 17,871.00</b>


JPII Debt Envelopes/checks:	\$ 1,427.00
JPII Debt online 11-22-2020:	433.00
<b>Total JPII 11-22-2020:</b>	<b>\$ 1,625.00</b>
<b>Total Misc. Income:</b>	<b>\$ 3,879.00</b>

**JPII**

**Parish Debt Elimination Campaign**

October payment: \$ 19,257.00

**Balance on Debt: \$133,361.72**



**Thoughts on Giving . . . .**

**Give consciously.** Write your parish into your family budget. Whether it's on a yearly, monthly, or weekly basis, make your parish offering a line item. Planning ahead will keep you from resorting to digging in your pockets for spare change as the collection basket comes by. Using weekly offering envelopes or participating in an online giving program, if your parish offers one, are two good ways to make your giving conscious.

Dear Parishioners,

For your convenience we have provided several ways you can send us your offering.

- Safely drop off in the office between the hours 9 am to 2:30 pm Mon-Thurs.
- Drop in the mail slot in the Serra Building which is checked daily
- Mail in to St. Peter & St. Paul, 9135 Banyan St. Alta Loma, 91737
- Online giving via our website [stpeterstpaul.com](http://stpeterstpaul.com)
- Through your bank

Thank you for your continued support of our parish and we all pray that we will be back together in our pews very soon. May God bless you and keep you and your families safe.

In Christ's Service  
Father Henry



**Diocesan Development Fund**

**Diocese Goal:** \$99,975.00  
**Pledges Made:** \$142,246.00  
**Gifts Received:** \$123,486.20  
**Donors:** 465  
**Percent of Goal:** 123.52 %  
**As of:** Nov 22, 2020 10:43PM

We are so excited to share that we have met our DDF goal so every dollar given now comes directly back to our parish! May God bless you for your continued generosity!



## HAVING A SAFE THANKSGIVING

During the COVID-19 Pandemic

**With the holidays just around the corner, we understand how special it is to gather with friends and family. The safest way to celebrate this year is with the people who live within your household.**

If you plan to gather with people outside of your household, keep it to only 2 other households, and take steps to make it as safe as possible.

- ❖ Wear a mask
- ❖ Wash and sanitize hands
- ❖ Gather outdoors
- ❖ Social distance at 6 feet apart
- ❖ Disinfect common areas often
- ❖ Do not share utensils
- ❖ Open windows if indoors
- ❖ Keep your visit short
- ❖ Stay home if you are sick

**IMPORTANT:** People at higher risk such as older adults and people with medical conditions, are strongly urged not to attend any gatherings, especially indoors.

### Lower Risk Activities

**Enjoy these activities** to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

- Have a holiday gathering with only the people who live in your household
- Dine in an outdoor area while social distancing
- Have a virtual dinner with family and friends
- Share recipes
- Watch holiday parades, movies, and sports from home

### Higher Risk Activities

**Avoid these activities** to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

- Large indoor gatherings with people from outside of your household
- Shopping in crowded stores
- Parades or sporting events
- Traveling out of town
- Hosting guests at your home
- Shouting and singing in indoor spaces



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**Marriage Moments & Parenting Pointers**



Sometimes marriage is like our computers. You learn a lot of information, but with time bugs and viruses can creep in. Things get messy and work slower. When all else fails try rebooting your relationship. Let go of old hurts and start from scratch with the same spouse. Programs like [Marriage Encounter](#) and [Better Marriages](#) can now be done online.

*Heaven on Earth ...* Friday's from 6 pm to 7 pm

Sign Up for  
**Adoration**  
 During the COVID - 19 pandemic

**Saturday, November 21**

4:00 PM People of the Parish

**Sunday, November 22**

7:30 AM Dominic Chan - Happy Birthday  
 †Jinky Inocencio Roberto  
 9:00 AM Christina Warden - Happy Birthday  
 †Antonietta & †Carmelo Consiglio  
 †Carlos Lucas Sanchez  
 11:00 AM †Rita Donchipehak  
 †Deogracias Fontanilla  
 1:00 PM †Luis J. Lastres  
 †Lionor Fernandez  
 4:00 PM †Ariel Gieseman  
 †Daniel Collins

**Monday, November 23**

7:30 AM Cresenciano Paglinawan - Happy Birthday  
 Ruben Lim - For Healing  
 †Pauline Doyle

**Tuesday, November 24**

7:30 AM Cresenciano Paglinawan  
 †Meghan Cortez  
 †Rogelio Abreniea

**Wednesday, November 25**

7:30 AM Alfredo Ladres - Happy Birthday  
 †Andres Ladres Sr.  
 †Chidinma Okoro

**Thursday, November 26**

9:00 AM †Margaret Mary Rathbun  
 †Amalia Torio  
**NO CONFESSION**

**Friday, November 27**

7:30 PM Luis & Matha Rios - Happy 50th Anniversary  
 Alfredo & Vilma Ladres - Thanksgiving

**Saturday, November 28**

4:00 PM †Michael Costello  
 †Patricia N. Bosner

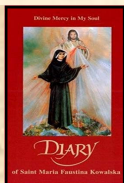
**Sunday, November 29**

7:30 AM People of the Parish  
 9:00 AM †Jeffrey A. McMillin  
 The Gannon Family  
 11:00 AM †Vincenzo & †Nicolantonio Iglese  
 †Eduardo Romero  
 1:00 PM †Victoria Marzona  
 4:00 PM †Chris Roldan

**December 3rd**

I travel, work, suffer my weak health, meet with a thousand difficulties, but all these are nothing, for this world is so small. To me, space is an imperceptible object, as I am accustomed to dwell in eternity.

~ Frances Xavier Cabrini



**Divine Mercy in My Soul**  
 from the Diary of  
 Saint Faustina Kowalska

*“When once I asked the Lord Jesus how He could tolerate so many sins and crimes and not punish them, the Lord answered me, ‘I have an eternity for punishing [these], and so I am prolonging the time of mercy for the sake of [sinners]. But woe to them if they do not recognize the time of My visitation.’”*  
 (No. 1160)

Please visit my blog [www.priestmbp.com](http://www.priestmbp.com)

To stay connected with you, the People of God. May God help you to find whichever is lost in your life. I just found some words and sentences instead of that missing back pack.

## THE PRIEST OF THE MISSING BACK PACK

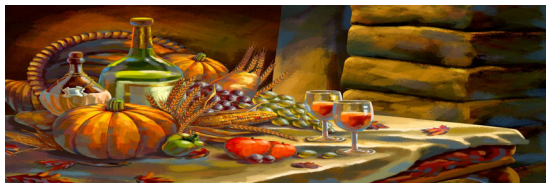
"I DID NOT FIND MY BACK PACK, BUT I FOUND MANY REASONS TO WRITE ABOUT THE LORD..."



### The St. Vincent de Paul Conference - Thanksgiving Update

*"Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me."*

Matthew 25: 31-46



*"Thank you so much" "Gracias" "We are so grateful" "You are angels" "God Bless you" "Happy Thanksgiving"*

These are some of the responses we were privileged to hear because of your Thanksgiving generosity.

On Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup>

our Conference supplied food gift cards in \$50, \$60, and \$70 Denominations to over 150 families, approximately 870 recipients

Thank you to you and to the Filipino ministry who, for many years, has silently supported St. Vincent de Paul.

(Note: The parish has a food collection receptacle in front of the Office for those in need throughout the year.)

Questions: Scott: [sandnsky8@gmail.com](mailto:sandnsky8@gmail.com) or Sherry [Busiabaer@outlook.com](mailto:Busiabaer@outlook.com)



Heart of Mary Women's fellowship is excited to have Donna Ross, President of the Palm Desert order of Magnificat as our guest speaker, **Saturday December 5 at 9 am.** Donna was the Manager of the Emporium at Disneyland for many years, when she left Disney to serve God fulltime, her motto quickly became, "From the magic kingdom to the eternal kingdom".

If you would like to join us, reach out to [heartofmarywf@aol.com](mailto:heartofmarywf@aol.com) and we will send you the access information.



The Military Ministry at St Peter St Paul is currently seeking parishioners with family members serving in the military.

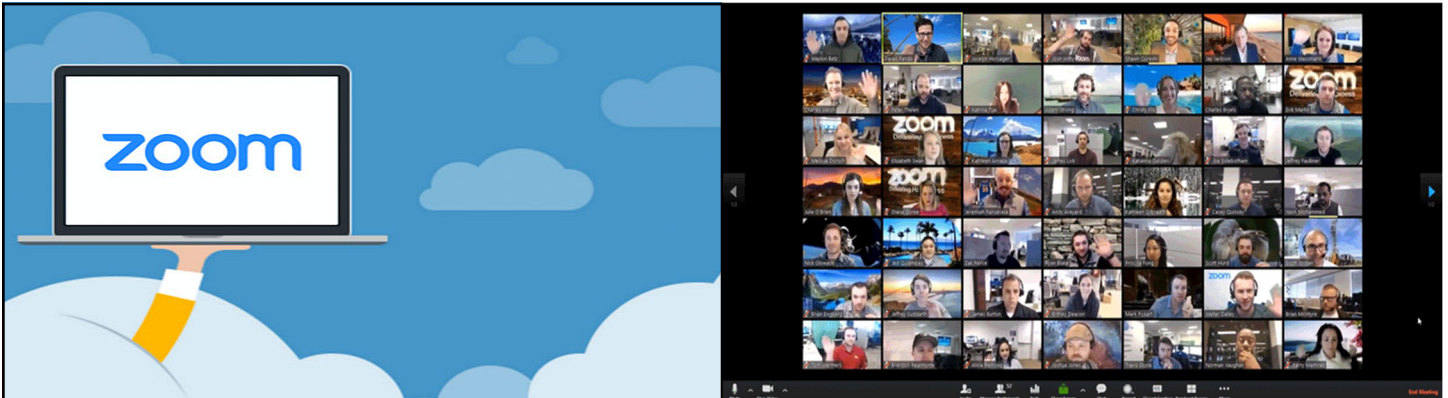
#### Military Ministry Request

The Military Ministry at St. Peter & St. Paul is seeking anyone interested in being part of our team, which will be made up of parishioners who have family members actively serving in the military. As well as, those who have a love for our military and are dedicated to keeping those who have served in our prayers. Activities of this ministry will consist of mailing care packages to military family members of our parishioners, support for families that have a loved one serving in active duty, coordinating with past and present military families for parish events, organizing special Masses and events for the Military holidays and celebrations. you are interested in being involved in this ministry, please contact: Jonathan & Lynde Peralta (Jonathan @ 951-285-0270, Lynde @909-938-3243)

#### Military Prayer List Please pray for those serving our country

(PFC) Jacob Beaty  
 (AMN) Jacob Beckham  
 (MC) Hadji Cabangcalan  
 (MSG) Carlos Carrasco  
 (LTC) Jeffry Combalecer  
 (PFC) Candace Cordero  
 (SGT) Christian Cortez  
 (SGT) Kurt Rehnburg  
 (SMCCA) Raymund Alvaran  
 (E3) Alexander Jimenez  
 (PFC) Jacob Rivas

(PFC) Christian Lopez  
 (SSG) Kamrin Pavlos  
 (PO) Matthew Peralta  
 (MSG) Victor Sanez  
 (SSG) Jordan Stone  
 (Specialist) Nathan Taylor  
 (Sgt) Riley Villapando  
 (SR) Nicole Woodall  
 (USMC) Joseph Luzzini  
 Daniel Duarte III



**St. Joseph Covenant Keepers**

Saturday @ 7:30-9:00 am

Contact: Chuck Denise. [cfdinise@gmail.com](mailto:cfdinise@gmail.com)

**Adult Bible Study**

Wednesday @ 9-10:30 am and 7-8:30 pm

Contact: Jenny Campbell. [jcampbell@stpeterstpaul.com](mailto:jcampbell@stpeterstpaul.com)

**Boy Scout Troop**

Monday @ 6:55 pm

Contact: Marc Cobb. [Marccobb@verizon.net](mailto:Marccobb@verizon.net)

\*Note: Knights of Columbus meetings are for members only Contact Marc Cobb

**Catholic Daughters- Our Lady of Fatima Court #1387**

3rd Monday @ 7 pm with rosary at 6:30 pm

Contact: Yvette Weilacker. [yweilacker@gmail.com](mailto:yweilacker@gmail.com)

**Hispanic Community**

Daily rosary in Spanish

Friday June 5 at 7pm

Contact: Mercedes Aschenbrenner. [mercedesasch@icloud.com](mailto:mercedesasch@icloud.com)

**St. Vincent de Paul Member Meeting**

Wednesday @ 7:00 pm

Contact: Scott Schwartz. [sandnsky8@gmail.com](mailto:sandnsky8@gmail.com)

**Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Monday @ 10:30-12:00

Contact: Mary Jo Kunkel. [mjkunkel155@gmail.com](mailto:mjkunkel155@gmail.com)

**ACTS**

Women - 2nd Wednesday of the month @ 7:00 pm

Men - 3rd Thursday of the month @ 7:00 pm

Contact: Tiffany Wulkopf. [tiffanywulkopf@gmail.com](mailto:tiffanywulkopf@gmail.com) or 909-565-3348

**Virtual pre-baptism classes**

Once a month beginning June

Contact: Aileen Gamalinda for more information. [agamalinda@stpeterstpaul.com](mailto:agamalinda@stpeterstpaul.com)

**RCIA**

Contact: Jenny Campbell. Tuesday @ 7-9 pm [jcampbell@stpeterstpaul.com](mailto:jcampbell@stpeterstpaul.com)





**Black Catholic History Month: Six African American men and women on the road to Sainthood**

By David Okonkwo

November is a special month for Catholics of African descent as they celebrate with the Church the joys and sorrows of being black and Catholic. The history of African descent people to the Church of Jesus Christ is a history of force. The forcing of Simon of Cyrene to help Jesus carry the cross. Then Simon empathized and then he loved. It is the curiosity search and the spirit of Ethiopian eunuch that led to his baptism. It is a history like no other. But look where we are today.

Slaves were forced to attend the church of their masters and so they stayed and helped to build it, irrespective of the treatments they received. They came and believed in one true Catholic church. But even before then, the Spaniards as they came, converting the Native Americans, came with free black people. History tells us that we have been here from the beginning of this country's church and have also been here from the beginning with our Lord Jesus the Christ. And so, as we celebrate this year's November, I would like to mention the six African American men and women on the road to sainthood.



**Pierre Toussaint** Venerable Pierre Toussaint, a high-end hairdresser. When his owner was about to die, she wished him released after her death. He used his money to buy back lots of black people from slavery and give them their freedom.



**Henriette Delille** Venerable Henriette Delille - from a rich family but fought for blacks and Indians with her inheritance and started a congregation that fought with her and accepted black women into her convent.



**Fr. Augustus Tolton** The Venerable Father Augustus Tolton - recognized as the first black priest in the U.S. because the Healys passed as white and hid their race. Fr. Tolton was born into slavery, suffered immensely on his journey to priesthood and suffered even more as a priest, dying very young in his priesthood.



**Julia Greeley** Servant of God Julia Greeley, who practically lived on the street. She used all her money as a house cleaner/cook to care for those who lived on the street. She gave her life that those on the street might have a better life.



**Mother Mary Lange** Servant of God Mother Mary Lange, a freewoman who dedicated her life by risking it to teach children in hidden rooms on the church grounds in Baltimore, keeping her safe. She later founded the Oblate Sisters.



**Sr. Thea Bowman** And here Servant of God Sister Thea Bowman - a Franciscan Sister of Perpetual Adoration. She was a shooting star, an evangelizer of her own people, she evangelized the world. When she was asked what it means to be black and Catholic, she answered that one comes to church "fully functioning" meaning that she comes to church ready. She said "I bring myself, my black self, all that I am, all that I have, all that I hope to become, I bring my whole history, my traditions, my experience, my culture, my African American song and dance and gesture and movement and teaching and preaching and healing and responsibility as gift to the church."

**And that is what people of African descent bring to the church, their uniqueness.**

**Like St. Pope John Paul II said that Africans are called to bring into the Church  
their uniqueness, their gift of blackness.**



## Pope Francis: The poor are at the heart of the Gospel

Vatican City, Nov 15, 2020 / 04:35 am MT (CNA).- Pope Francis said that the needy are at the heart of the Gospel as he celebrated a Mass marking World Day of the Poor Sunday. In his [homily](#) in St. Peter's Basilica Nov. 15, the pope urged Catholics to take risks to help the millions of people worldwide who live below the poverty line. "Do not forget: the poor are at the center of the Gospel; the Gospel cannot be understood without the poor," he said, adding: **"The poor guarantee us an eternal income and even now they help us become rich in love.** For the

worst kind of poverty needing to be combated is our poverty of love." Pope Francis celebrated the Mass at the Altar of the Chair in St. Peter's Basilica on the fourth annual observance of the World Day of the Poor, which falls on the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Along with volunteers and benefactors, around 100 people were present in the basilica, symbolically representing the world's poor. The congregation sat spaced out wearing face masks. Some wore yellow vests bearing the World Day of the Poor logo. Coronavirus restrictions forced the Vatican to [scale down](#) this year's commemoration of the World Day of the Poor. The pope could not host a lunch for poor inhabitants of Rome after Mass as he had in previous years. The Vatican was also unable to provide a "field hospital" for the poor in St. Peter's Square as it had in the past, though it is providing free coronavirus tests in the clinic under the colonnade of St. Peter's. In his homily, the pope reflected on this Sunday's Gospel reading, Matthew 25:14-30, known as the Parable of the Talents, in which a master entrusts talents to his servants. The pope explained that one talent was equivalent to the income from 20 years' work. The pope said that at the center of the parable was the question of service. **"In the Gospel," he noted, "good servants are those who take risks.** They are not fearful and overcautious, they do not cling to what they possess, but put it to good use. For if goodness is not invested, it is lost, and the grandeur of our lives is not measured by how much we save but by the fruit we bear." **He continued: "It is sad when Christians play a defensive game, content only to observe rules and obey commandments."** The pope said that this risk-averse attitude was summed up in the figure of the lazy servant, who failed to invest his talent. **"The master actually calls him 'wicked.' And yet he did nothing wrong! But he did nothing good either. He preferred to sin by omission rather than to risk making a mistake,"** he said. The pope added: "The Lord asks us instead to be generous, to conquer fear with the courage of love, to overcome the passivity that becomes complicity. Today, in these times of uncertainty and instability, let us not waste our lives thinking only of ourselves, or deluding ourselves into thinking: 'peace and security!' (1 Thessalonians 5:3)." Francis said that at the end of our lives success, power and money will be revealed as illusions, while love will be shown to be true riches. "If we do not want to live life poorly, let us ask for the grace to see Jesus in the poor, to serve Jesus in the poor," he said. At the end of his homily, the pope paid tribute to Fr. Roberto Malgesini, who was [stabbed to death](#) in Como, Italy, Sept. 15. The 51-year-old priest was known for his [devotion](#) to the homeless and migrants. "I would like to thank all those faithful servants of God who quietly live in this way. I think, for example, of Fr. Roberto Malgesini. **This priest was not interested in theories; he simply saw Jesus in the poor and found meaning in life in serving them.** He dried their tears with his gentleness, in the name of God who consoles," he said. "The beginning of his day was prayer, to receive God's gifts; the center of his day was charity, to make the love he had received bear fruit; the end was his clear witness to the Gospel. This man realized that he had to stretch out his hand to all those poor people he met daily, for he saw Jesus in each of them." **"Let us ask for the grace to be Christians not in word, but in deed.** To bear fruit, as Jesus desires. So be it." In June, the World Bank estimated that the pandemic will push 100 million people into [extreme poverty](#) this year, increasing global poverty rates for the first time in decades. **More than 200 million people are believed to have lost their jobs as a result of the pandemic.** In his [message](#) for the 2020 World Day of the Poor, the pope said: "This pandemic arrived suddenly and caught us unprepared, sparking a powerful sense of bewilderment and helplessness. This has made us all the more aware of the presence of the poor in our midst and their need for help." Pope Francis established the World Day of the Poor in the [apostolic letter](#) "*Misericordia et misera*," published Nov. 20, 2016, at the end of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy. He decreed that it should be celebrated on the 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time, in preparation for the **Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**, **"who identified with the little ones and the poor and who will judge us on our works of mercy."** "It would be a day to help communities and each of the baptized to reflect on how poverty is at the very heart of the Gospel and that, as long as Lazarus lies at the door of our homes, there can be no justice or social peace," he wrote. **"This Day will also represent a genuine form of new evangelization which can renew the face of the Church as She perseveres in her perennial activity of pastoral conversion and witness to mercy."**

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**NOVEMBER / DECEMBER**

- 23-27: THANKSGIVING BREAK / NO SCHOOL**
- 24: HAPPY THANKSGIVING**
- 29: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
- 30-4: PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES (SEE BAND FOR DETAILS)**
- 4: TENTATIVE - WREATH ORDER PICKUP**  
(PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE TO CONFIRM DELIVERY)



**ADMINISTRATION**

- Kelly Burt—Principal
- Joann Losciale—Preschool Director
- Laura Onopa—Business Manager
- Maria Trujillo—Administrative Assistant

**FAITH IN OUR FUTURE! #SPSPSAINTS**

**Give thanks**

to the Lord, for  
He is good; His love  
endures forever.

*Psalm 107:1*



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This holiday season, give the gift that spreads joy long after it's been unwrapped. You will find the perfect gift for everyone on your list. Invite friends & family to buy some gift cards too.

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**TENTATIVE PICKUP ON DECEMBER 4**  
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FIRST SUNDAY OF *Advent*

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Preschool is learning on campus ♦ Kindergarten-8th Grade are distance learning with Catholic Online Synchronous Learning (COSL)**

The health, safety, and well-being of all members of our SPSP family remain our top priority in providing a safe learning environment for the 20-21 school year. We have been working closely with the San Bernardino Office of Catholic Schools (OCS), awaiting our return to on-campus learning.

We are confident our school community is ready and capable of transitioning fluidly between distance learning and in-person instruction. We thank our SPSP families and community for their continued support during the frequent changes of the COVID-19 directives. Contact our office for more information.

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| <p><b>Smaller Class Sizes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preschool Classes = 12</li> <li>• Average Grade School Classes = 16:1</li> </ul> | <p><b>Co-curricular Subjects:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Computers, Music, Art, Spanish, and Sparks®</li> <li>Physical Education</li> <li>School Library &amp; RC Book Mobile</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WCEA/WASC Accredited</li> <li>• Diocesan &amp; CA Common Core Standards</li> <li>• Credentialed Teachers</li> <li>• Weekly School Mass</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accelerated Reader &amp; Math</li> <li>• ICSL Sports Program</li> <li>• Before &amp; after school care 7 a.m.—6 p.m.</li> <li>• Catered hot lunch program</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Renovated classrooms</li> <li>• New S.T.E.A.M. Lab</li> <li>• 100 Mile Club®</li> <li>• AHA Kids Heart Challenge</li> <li>• Community Service and Outreach</li> </ul> |
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November

# Youth Ministry and Confirmation

## Ministries offered by the Youth Office:

### Youth Groups:

#### EDGE

Middle School

6 th Grade: Every 3rd Monday of the month

7th & 8th Grade: Every 4th Monday of the month

For more information please contact Maggie

#### LIFE TEEN

High School

Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month

### Catechism:

#### Sacramental Prep.

Every other Thursday for all middle school and high school students who are preparing to receive their First Communion

For more information please contact Daniel

#### CONFIRMATION

Every Sunday or Tuesday  
Last session for 1st term is November 15/17

### Young Adults:

#### RENEWED

Join us for our Young Adult Nights  
Please contact Maggie for more information.

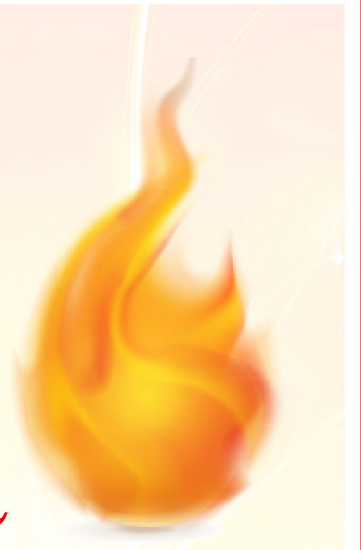
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Suzy Metzgar - Youth Ministry Admin. Assistant

### Office Hours:

Please contact us through email so we may assist you as soon as possible.

# *Catching Fire, Becoming Flame*



*a Guide for Spiritual Transformation*

**An Advent Weekly Retreat**

***Wednesday***

***Dec. 2, 9, 16***

**Choose Zoom Time**

**9 - 11 AM or 7 - 9 PM**

Zoom codes will be sent out on *Flocknote*;  
sign-up through our parish website

**Contact *Jenny Campbell* for more  
information**

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Suggested Reading: *Catching Fire, Becoming Flame*  
by Albert Haase, OFM

## The Sacred Heart Sisters are giving a Virtual Advent Retreat for Adults

Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup> 6 pm – 8:30pm Or  
Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> 10am – 12:30pm

Sign up now – registration is online.  
[www.sacredheartretreatcamp.com/advent-retreat/](http://www.sacredheartretreatcamp.com/advent-retreat/)  
Call 714-557-4538 with questions.  
A freewill donation is greatly appreciated.





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of approaching Jesus! St Louis de Montfort*

Contact Margaret Navarro at 909-214-9558 to register,  
receive your book and virtual meeting information.

Cost is \$10, for all materials. If you are not able to pay the  
fee, we would be honored to bless you with your  
materials as a gift.

Save the dates:

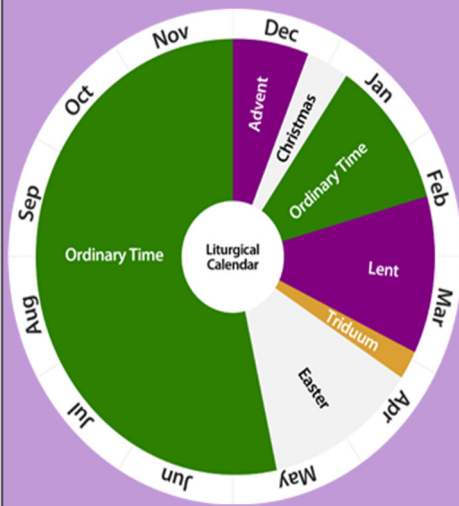
Preparation for start day: 12/29/2020 at 6:00PM

Location: Virtual

Consecration Day: "The Presentation of our Lord"

2/2/2021 at 7:30am Location: TBA





## CATHOLIC CHURCH LITURGICAL CALENDAR 2019-2020

*Have you ever wondered when Ordinary Time or Lent or Advent starts or ends? Listed below is the entire 2019-2020 Liturgical Calendar of seasons. As defined by the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the Liturgical Year is "The celebration throughout the year of the mysteries of the Lord's birth, life, death, and Resurrection in such a way that the entire year becomes a 'year of the Lord's grace.'"*

The Season of Advent begins four Sundays before Christmas (December 1, 2019) and ends after the mid-afternoon prayer on Christmas Eve (December 24, 2019).

The Christmas Season begins with Evening Prayer on Christmas Eve (December 24, 2019) and ends with Evening Prayer on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (January 12, 2020).

Ordinary Time begins after Evening Prayer on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (January 12, 2020) until Ash Wednesday (February 26, 2020).

The Season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday (February 26, 2020) and ends with the Celebration of the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday (April 9, 2020).

The Paschal Triduum begins on Holy Thursday with the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper (April 9, 2020) and ends with Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday (April 12, 2020).

The Easter Season begins on Easter Sunday (April 12, 2020) and ends with Evening Prayer on the Solemnity of Pentecost (May 31, 2020).

Ordinary Time begins after Evening Prayer on the Solemnity of Pentecost (May 31, 2020) and continues until Evening Prayer of the First Sunday of Advent (November 29, 2020).



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### STUDENT SHADOW VISITS

**JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL  
SHADOW VISITS**  
*(Virtual visits from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.)*  
Thursday, September 24  
Wednesday, November 4

**JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL  
SHADOW VISIT**  
*(Scheduled on campus unless public health mandates require virtual visits)*  
Wednesday, January 20, February 10, and March 10

**"HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS"  
VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE**

**THURSDAY • OCTOBER 29, 2020 THROUGH  
SUNDAY • NOVEMBER 1, 2020**

**OPEN HOUSE**  
*(Face masks required)*

**SUNDAY • NOVEMBER 15, 2020**  
11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

### APPLICATION PRIORITY DEADLINE

**THURSDAY • JANUARY 7, 2021**  
*Student Applications Available Online*

**HIGH SCHOOL  
PLACEMENT TEST (HSPT)**

**SATURDAY • JANUARY 9, 2021**  
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**REGISTRATION NIGHT**

**THURSDAY • MARCH 18, 2021**  
6:30 p.m.



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El 2020 ha sido el año de la pandemia del coronavirus, de las protestas y las revueltas, del racismo y de las divisiones políticas. ¿Qué hay que agradecer? A veces este tipo de disturbio nos puede instar a enfrentar nuestra humanidad común y discernir lo que importa de verdad. Piensa en una consecuencia positiva que haya surgido de este año tan difícil.