

# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT NOVEMBER 29, 2009

## ***THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS***

Monday	9:00 a.m.	Hedi Rahmel +
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Sick members of the parish
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Faithful Departed
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Isolda Pleier +
Friday	NO MASS	
Saturday	4:30 p.m.	Louie Dyer + (anniversary)
Sunday:	11:00 a.m.	Canonization of John XXIII

Please pray for our deceased priests:

Tuesday	Fr. Placidus Zach, OSB	2008
Thursday	Fr. Sabastian Bohan, OP Fr. Francis J. Maloney	1928 1972
Friday	Fr. Vincent Sampietro, CSP	2007
Saturday	Fr. Joseph M. O'Farrell Fr. Ludovic J. Derouin	1944 1961

## ***THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR***

TODAY:	Child Lit/Word	9 & 11 a.m.
Monday:	Mom's Group SVDP	9:45 a.m. 7 p.m.
Tuesday:	Music Rehearsal	7 p.m.
Thursday:	ERNESTO'S NIGHT RCIA SJF Choir Practice	6:30 p.m. 7 p.m.
Saturday:	SJF Christmas Fest	5-7 p.m.

## ***SERVER & GREETER SCHEDULE***

Saturday, December 5th:	
4:30 PM	Jimmy Gambiae Patrick Hickam
GREETERS:	The Coury Family

Sunday, December 6th:

9:00 AM	Paul Wyatt Luke Tillisch
GREETERS:	The Meisenheimer Family
11:00 AM	Demarre Barton Sophia Anderson
GREETERS:	The Caprice Lee Family

## ***A SACRED ADVENT CONCERT***

The combined choirs of St. John Fisher, St. Luke Lutheran and First Immanuel Lutheran present "A Sacred Advent Concert" on **Sunday, December 6th at 4 pm in our church.** This concert will feature "The Magnificat" by Giovanni Pergolesi, an 80-voice chorus, soloists, and chamber orchestra. There will be additional Advent anthems, Scripture reading and congregational singing.

A free will offering will be taken that benefits the Oregon Food Bank.

## ***SJF CHRISTMAS FEST***

**Mark Your Calendar: December 5th and 6th in the Church Hall, the Annual Christmas Fest** will be sponsored by the Altar Guild.

**You can help us** by donating gifts for our Granny Table and sweets for our bake sale. Suggestions for the Granny Table include: homemade items, craft items or new or gently used Christmas items. You can leave Granny Table gifts in the back of the church any week-end during November. For more information, call Barbara at 503-245-0800.

## ***SVDP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED***

Our SVDP ministry is looking for volunteers to help stuff envelopes as part of their annual appeal. They will meet on November 30th (Monday) at 7 pm. Come help out for an hour.

## **Family Faith Sharing Questions:**

We encourage parents to reflect on these questions at home each week with their children. Start talking, share the Faith!

**November 29, 2009      Luke 21:25-28, 34-36**

Today's Gospel talks about the return of Jesus at the end of time. When some people see the signs of Jesus' return they will be afraid. But faithful believers have nothing to fear! Don't spend your time worrying, instead, continue to pray and behave in ways that are pleasing to God.

*What are some things that can make our lives more pleasing to God? What are some behaviors that we need to change? How can we make more time in our lives to pray? What are some simple things we can do for others?*

## **FAITH CAFE**

Our turn to host and serve at the Faith Cafe is quickly approaching on December 20th. We need help in cooking, serving, greeting and cleaning. Contact Scott in the parish office if you can help.

Future Faith Cafe dates for 2010: February 7, March 28, May 16, July 4, August 22, October 10 and November 28.

## **ICON PRESENTATION**

You are invited to attend a presentation on "Praying with Icons" present by Mary Katsilometes, known in the Portland area as an iconographer and instructor, on December 5 from 9:00 a.m. – noon at the Sisters of St. Mary of Oregon motherhouse (Bethany Center) in Beaverton on the corner of TV Hwy and Murray. Cost: \$15. Please call in your reservation to Sr. Noreen at 503-644-9181 or [snoreeno@ssmo.org](mailto:snoreeno@ssmo.org).

## **JESUIT HIGH PLACEMENT TEST**

All interested eighth grade students should plan to take the Jesuit High Placement Exam on Friday evening, December 11th at 4:30 pm (doors open at 4:00) or Saturday, December 12th at 9:00 am (doors open at 8:00). There will be a \$20 fee for the test. Refreshments will be served. There is no obligation to enroll after taking this test. Visit our website [www.jesuitportland.org](http://www.jesuitportland.org) for more information.

## **GROTTO FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS**

This year, The Grotto is celebrating its 22nd Annual Christmas Festival of Lights. The Festival of Lights runs Friday, Nov. 27 through Wednesday, Dec. 30 (closed Christmas Day) from 5-9:30 pm. The cost of admission is \$7.50 for adults, \$3 for children ages 3-12.

*This is a great Advent/Christmas activity for the family.*

**The SJF School Choir will be singing at the Grotto on Monday, Nov. 30th at 6 pm in the chapel.**

## **SENIORS ADVENT DAY OF REFLECTION**

The Mt. Angel Abbey Retreat House is hosting an Advent day of reflection for senior citizens on December 9th (Wednesday) from 9 am - 3:30 pm. The day includes conferences, prayer and the sacrament of reconciliation. It will be facilitated by Deacon Owen Cummings, a professor at Mt. Angel. The cost is \$25 and includes the conferences and lunch.

To register, contact Karen Loftus at [retreat@mtangel.edu](mailto:retreat@mtangel.edu) or by calling 503-845-3025.

## **JUSTICE & PEACE & RESPECT LIFE**

The Archdiocesan Office of Justice & Peace & Respect Life has a new website with great information. Check it out at [www.archdpdx.org/jprespect](http://www.archdpdx.org/jprespect).

## **ADVENT DATES**

December 8th, Tuesday, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. It is a Holy Day of Obligation and we will have Masses at 9 am and 6 pm.

*Mary, as the Immaculate Conception, is the patron of our country and our archdiocese.*

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Our Advent Reconciliation Service will be on December 15th, Tuesday, at 7 pm in the church.