

PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME!

Sunday, December 8 ♦ Second Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. Marteen Tigyer (Al Roehrenbeck)
 11:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross
 Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

Monday, December 9 ♦ NO MASS

Tuesday, December 10 ♦ Advent Weekday

11:30 a.m. Bachman Family (Bachmans)
 Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday, December 11 ♦ Advent Weekday

11:30 a.m. Lydia Green (Bachmans)
 Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday, December 12 ♦ Our Lady of Guadalupe

11:30 a.m. Albert Straub (Jim Meier)
 Zec 2:14-17 or Rev 11:19, 12:1-6, 10;
 Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Friday, December 13 ♦ St. Lucy

11:30 a.m. Darlene M. Manley (Ted & Delores DiNovo)
 Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday, December 14 ♦ St. John of the Cross

11:30 a.m. Cecilia Fields (Al Roehrenbeck)
 Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9, 10-13

Sunday, December 15 ♦ Third Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross
 11:00 a.m. Jeannette Rice (Warren & Carolyn Roberts)
 Is 35:1-6, 10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

+ Please remember in your prayers our homebound parishioners, and those who are ill: Jodi Elgin, Sandra Hilbert, Elizabeth and Robert Hackett, Jestina Jones, Susan Luck, Ellen McMillen, Mary McNellis, Cathy Miller, Marilyn Scott, Jeanne Sharp, Patty Stover, Helen Violet, Elizabeth Wanamaker.

Support to St. Lawrence Haven – December 15

Attention, all our “Lil Larry” sandwich makers. The next opportunity to support St. Lawrence Haven is Sunday, December 15, following the 9:00 a.m. Mass.



Collection for Philippines – Results!

Bishop Campbell had designated last Sunday for this extraordinary need. \$1,197.25 was collected for this special appeal.

Religious Retirement Collection – Today!

The second collection this week will be for Retirement Fund for Religious. There are more than 11,000 Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests that need skilled care or help with tasks of daily living. Please be generous.

We need YOU this Christmas!

Starting at 12:00 noon!

Singing in the choir is easy, the time commitment minimal and the rewards are many. We continue after the 11:00 a.m. Mass today and will do so through December 22nd. Please grant yourself the benefit of choral singing this coming Advent/Christmas season. Contact Kelly Doman for more information.

Christmas Flower Donations

Donations toward the altar flowers for the Christmas season in the memory of deceased family members or friends can be put in upcoming Sunday collections with the person’s name you wish to remember. A donation of \$10.00 is suggested. Please utilize the special envelopes available for this purpose.

Deanery Reconciliation Service – Today!

You are encouraged to participate in our Deanery Reconciliation/Penance Service at St. Augustine/Gabriel, 1550 E. Hudson Street, today at 4:00 p.m. There will be extra priests from our Deanery Churches to hear confessions. This is a good opportunity for us to pray together as a Deanery community.

Repair Fund Collection – December 15

Due to the request by Bishop Campbell to hold a special collection for the Filipino disaster on December 1, 2013, our normal Repair Fund Collection will be taken next Sunday for the repairs on the church and rectory. We want to thank those who already turned in their envelopes last Sunday. Their contributions (\$508.00) will be added to December 15th second collection.

Senior Group Meeting – December 11th

Holy Cross’ Senior Group (65 years old plus) will meet for lunch at Plank’s on Parsons at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, December 11th. Please RSVP Betty Morbitzer (614-875-4304) by Tuesday, December 10th.

THANKS

DECEMBER 1, 2013 OFFERINGS

Designated Collections
 (Funds forwarded directly to the Diocese)
 Phil. Typhoon = \$1,197.25

Mass Attendance
 9:00 a.m. = 70
 11:00 a.m. = 111

Offertory	\$2,487.80
Repair Fund.....	\$ 508.00
Less 5% Diocese Tax	(\$ 149.79)
Net to Parish:	\$2,846.01

THE WORD

In the prophet Isaiah, we read of the blossoming forth of King David’s lineage in the one who is endowed with God’s Spirit. We also hear of all the good things that will come from this blossoming forth: righteous judgment, the restoration of the peace and integrity of creation, the restoration of true knowledge of God to all the world’s peoples. It is passages such as this that Paul probably has in mind when he speaks of the encouragement provided by scripture that allows our hope to endure. Having some vision of the goal of one’s journey is necessary to sustain us as we endure the hardships of the journey. It is because we trust in God’s promise of a glorious future for all creation that we can continue our journey toward God’s kingdom.

But John the Baptist, in our Gospel reading, takes a somewhat different approach. It is as if he wants to warn his listeners that hope in the promise of a glorious future is not sufficient if we want to be part of God’s kingdom. It seems that some of his listeners, having heard the encouragement of scripture, were presuming that simply being descendants of Abraham was sufficient to ensure them a place in God’s kingdom. Rather than being sustained by the promises of scripture, they had become over-stuffed and self-satisfied. To them, John issues a stern warning, and it is one that we ought hear as well. We must repent so that our lives might be like trees bearing good fruit.

Along with this stern warning, however, John also issues a promise, the promise of a mighty one who will baptize us with the Holy Spirit and fire. This promise might sound at first like a threat, since fire can be destructive. But fire is also purifying, and the promise John makes is that the fire of God’s Spirit will purify our hope, free us from self-satisfaction and complacency, and endow us with the gifts Isaiah speaks about: wisdom and understanding, counsel and strength, knowledge and reverence and fear of the Lord. Guided by the Spirit, we seek to walk that fine line between confidence and complacency, trusting in the promise of Christ while also heeding the demands of the Gospel.

from “Living the Word”

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Second Sunday of Advent		
**** Spoken Mass Responses begin on page 1 ****		
Readings, collects & Antiphones	35	Living Liturgy Sunday Missal
Entrance Hymn	724	Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding
Gloria	None	
Psalm	72	Justice Shall Flourish in His Time, and Fullness of Peace Forever
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia:	Chant Mode VI
Preparation of Gifts	738	On Jordan’s Bank
Eucharistic Acclamations	1194 1216	Sanctus, Mysterium Fidei, Amen Agnus Dei
Communion Hymn	722	Wait for the Lord
Closing Hymn	730	Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Special Parish Dates

Mark your calendars for the following important dates for the parish:

- 1) **Sunday, December 8, 2013 – Deanery Reconciliation Service at St. Augustine/Gabriel – 4:00 p.m.**
- 2) **Tuesday, December 24, 2013 – Christmas Eve Mass at 4:00 p.m.**
- 3) **Wednesday, December 25, 2013 – Christmas Day Mass at 10:00 a.m.**
- 4) **Sunday, December 29, 2013 – Feast of the Holy Family, Rectory Open House following each Mass.**

ADVENT GIVING TREE

We are helping some needy families this Christmas by purchasing gifts for their children. If you would like to participate in this Christmas giving, please take a tag off the tree located in the back of Church and purchase the item that is written on the tag. Please return the gift(s) to Church on or before Sunday, December 15th with the tag on top of the gift so we know to whom it goes. In the spirit of Christmas, giving we thank you.

Nine Day Novena – Before Christmas!

Come and join us in celebrating the Nine Days Novena in preparation for Christmas! The Nine Days Novena will start on Sunday, December 15, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. and will end on Monday, December 23 with Mass is at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Cross. Our priest presider is Fr. Ramon Owera, CFIC.

“A CONCERT OF CHRISTMAS MUSIC”

The Music Ministry at the Church of the Resurrection in New Albany will present a concert of sacred Christmas music on Friday, December 20th at 7:30 p.m. Over 200 voices and musicians, from four choirs, will perform selections from Craig Courtney, John Rutter, George Frederic Handel, David Kauffman, John Leavitt, Mark Hayes and more. For more information, contact Thom Wyatt, Music Director, at 614-855-1400, ext. 18 or twyatt@cotrna.org.

JUBILEE MUSEUM PRESENTS *Mangers at the Museum*:

Come see the large display of nativity sets from around the world at the Jubilee Museum and Catholic Cultural Center. 57 S. Grubb Street, Columbus OH. Open weekends through January 5th and Monday, January 6th. Saturdays from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; Sundays from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Other times by appointment only. Phone 614-221-4323, ext. 111 for more information or email jubileemuseum1@gmail.net.

