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**Second Sunday of Advent
December 4, 2022**

Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, December 3 - Vigil – 2nd Sunday of Advent

- 4:00pm OLOP + Pat & Anthony DiLungo
by Family
- 4:30pm SVDP + Savino, Massarelli & Montanaro Families
+ Family

SUNDAY, December 4 – 2nd Sunday of Advent

- 8:00am OLOP + Steve, Catherine, Stephen
& Stephen III Bogusky
by Arlene Van Der Maelen
- 9:00am ST. B + Paula AnneMarie Conte
by Husband, Calvin
+ Susan Gagliardi
by Family
- 10:00am OLOP + Mary DeNittis & Ray & Nancy
by Mucka Family
+ Anthony Amendola
by Family
- 11:15am SVDP + Dominick & Nicholas Langello by Family
+ Ryan Kiley by Mom, Liz, Ashley & Sean

MONDAY, December 5 - Weekday

- 8:00am OLOP + Joan Ann Montesanto
by Porto Funeral Home

- 8:00am SVDP + Laura Anderson

TUESDAY, December 6 – St. Nicholas

- 8:00am OLOP + Michael Elko & Elko Family
by Kathy Mauro

- 8:00am SVDP + Laura Anderson

WEDNESDAY, December 7 - St. Ambrose

- 8:00am OLOP + Michael Santillo, Sr.
by Porto Funeral Home

- 8:00am SVDP + Rose DeMilo
by Daughters

THURSDAY, December 8 - Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 8:00am OLOP + Living & Deceased Mem. of St. Pio

- 8:00am ST. B + Living & Deceased Mem. of St. Pio

- 12:15pm SVDP + Living & Deceased Mem. of St. Pio

- 6:00pm OLOP + Living & Deceased Mem. of St. Pio

FRIDAY, December 9 - St. Juan Diego

- 8:00am ST. B + Living & Deceased Mem. of Mahoney Family
by Patricia Mahoney

SATURDAY, December 10 - Vigil – 3rd Sunday of Advent

- 4:00pm OLOP Dr. Carl Protta & Family
by Danick Family

- 4:30pm SVDP + Jerry & Lucy Gallicchio
by Chuck, Joann & Sandy

SUNDAY, December 11 – 3rd Sunday of Advent

- 8:00am OLOP + Paul Carrera
by Wife, Caroline

- 9:00am ST. B + Annette Talbot
by Family
+ Liberato Riccio
by Riccio Family

- 10:00am OLOP + Ann Marie Murasso (Birthday)
+ William Ready
by Wife, Lucille

- 11:15am SVDP + Vincent Falco by Family
+ Andrew & Frank Criscuolo
& William Pettijohn
by Joseph & Debra Criscuolo & Family

STEWARDSHIP

Regular Collection - 11/20 \$9,251.00

Campaign for Human Development \$2,853.00

Regular Collection - 11/27 \$9,871.00

Military Collection \$773.00

December 10 & 11 Second Collection:

Retired Religious Fund

Thank you to the many of you who have been so generous and responsive in these difficult times.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

CONFESSION SCHEDULE:

Our Lady of Pompeii: Saturday at 3:00-3:30pm

St. Vincent de Paul: Saturday at 3:30-4:00pm

SILENCE.

Please, be mindful that many parishioners arrive early prior to the start of Mass in order to sit reflectively with the LORD in prayer. Please, be mindful of the level of your voice and that voices carry from the back of the church to the front. Please, maintain a subdued tone when speaking so that other's quiet time is not disturbed.



Holy Hour
Come spend time in
the presence of Jesus.

Every Monday, immediately following morning Mass at Our Lady of Pompeii, there is one hour of **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**. This *Holy Hour* is also streamed for those who cannot join us. Go to <https://www.stpioofpietrelcinaeh.com>

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MINISTRY & EVENT CALENDAR

<p>SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4 NO ACTIVITIES OR EVENTS SCHEDULED</p>	<p>SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 Lessons & Carols - 2:00pm at St. Bernadette Church</p>
<p>MONDAY, DECEMBER 5 Holy Hour - 8:30-9:30am in Our Lady of Pompeii Church Fr. Patrick Prayer Class - 2:00pm at SVDP Parish Office Bible Study - 7:00pm on Zoom Contact Christine Sandford at 203-469-7823</p>	<p>MONDAY, DECEMBER 12 Holy Hour - 8:30-9:30am in Our Lady of Pompeii Church Fr. Patrick Prayer Class - 2:00pm at SVDP Parish Office Bible Study - 7:00pm on Zoom Contact Christine Sandford at 203-469-7823 Midnight Run - 7:00pm Contact Sue Stacey at 203-214-1762</p>
<p>TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6 Fr. Patrick Prayer Class - 6:30pm at SVDP Parish Office Rosary Group - 8:00 pm on Zoom Contact Sally Mucka at 203-469-0764 ext. 8</p>	<p>TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13 Fr. Patrick Prayer Class - 6:30pm at SVDP Parish Office Rosary Group - 8:00 pm on Zoom Contact Sally Mucka at 203-469-0764 ext. 8</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7 Bible Study - 6:30pm at SVDP Parish Office Contact Marie Connors at 203-468-1184 Rosary Group - 8:00 pm on Zoom Contact Sally Mucka at 203-469-0764 ext. 8</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14 Bible Study - 6:30pm at SVDP Parish Office Contact Marie Connors at 203-468-1184 Rosary Group - 8:00 pm on Zoom Contact Sally Mucka at 203-469-0764 ext. 8</p>
<p>THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8 Holy Day of Obligation See Mass Schedule Scriptural Rosary - 6:00pm at OLOP Chapel Contact Sally Mucka at 203-469-0764 ext. 8</p>	<p>THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15 Scriptural Rosary - 6:00pm at OLOP Chapel Contact Sally Mucka at 203-469-0764 ext. 8</p>
<p>FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9 Rosary Group - 8:00 pm on Zoom Contact Sally Mucka at 203-469-0764 ext. 8</p>	<p>FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16 Rosary Group - 8:00 pm on Zoom Contact Sally Mucka at 203-469-0764 ext. 8</p>
<p>SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10 Ladies' Guild Cookie Walk - 9:00am-3:00pm at SVDP Hall Divine Mercy - 11:00am at Our Lady of Pompeii Chapel Rosary Group - 8:00 pm on Zoom Contact Sally Mucka at 203-469-0764 ext. 8</p>	<p>SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17 Divine Mercy - 11:00am at Our Lady of Pompeii Chapel Rosary Group - 8:00 pm on Zoom Contact Sally Mucka at 203-469-0764 ext. 8</p>



FROM THE PEN FR. MURASSO
GIFT CARDS NEEDED

As the food prices continue to rise and the holiday season upon us, several of our parishioners are having trouble buying food as they struggle to purchase other household necessities.

Grocery Shopping cards in any denomination to any of the local supermarkets would help me help members of our parish family who presently are in need of assistance for the purchase of food. These gift/shopping cards can be dropped into the collection basket or brought to the parish office. Whatever you can do, is greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance. JNM

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #3300



Our Knights of Columbus Assembly in conjunction with the Catholic War Vets of Derby will be sending Christmas care packages to active duty military. Please help us identify Active duty, deployed Military personnel that are friends, neighbors or relatives of anyone from the parish. Email their full name, Rank, Unit, and Military APO, FPO, DPO or domestic address if deployed Stateside and reside off-base to Chris Neumann at Hello.Neumann@KOLonline.com or call 203-393-2924. Deadline is Nov. 21

The Candles burn this week for these special intentions:

Our Lady of Pompeii Candles

Sanctuary Lamp (Right Side) ~ In Memory of Billy Richmond & For All the Souls in Purgatory

Sanctuary Lamp (Left Side) ~ In Memory of the Mauro & Elko Families

Chapel ~

Sacred Heart of Jesus ~

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Icon ~

Our Lady of Pompeii Picture ~

St. Vincent de Paul Candles

Sanctuary Lamp (Right Side) ~ In Memory of the Balzano & Avitable Families

Sanctuary Lamp (Left Side) - In Memory of Ronald Paolillo

Our Lady's Altar ~ Nicholas, Raffaele & Peter Bertier by Ann Paolillo

St. Joseph's Altar ~

St. Bernadette Candles

Sanctuary Lamp (Right Side) ~

Sanctuary Lamp (Left Side) ~

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Nick Vessicchio, Sally Ann Fallon, Lynette Ely, David T. Boyle, Richard Lucibello, Carmel Ferretti, Bryan Surprenant, Sharon Spadacenta, Marie & Charles Zambrano, Helen Langello, Brian Savo, Gerry Andrea, Alan Poirier, Connie Rasimas, Jane Pyka, Harry Clark, Lou DiNola, Geraldine Licciardi, Joanne Cretella, Joseph Anyzeski, Fran Sofo, Elizabeth Kuen, Deborah Sanning, Paula Ferrara, Patricia Brasile, Tina Marie Fionia, Joseph Parise, Frank DelGrego, Moira Ferguson, Danielle Joubert, Frances Polaski, Pauline Condon, Rose Anna Izzo, Angelo DeMatteo, Patricia Aulenti, Michael Pascale, Alyce Richmond, Catherine Leach, Mark Schettino, Patty DiMilo, Rose Rogalski, Elaine Smith, Karen Rescigno, Virginia Pisano, DJ DiVincenzo, Sgt. Anthony Rybaruk, Philip & Sally DeMilo, Anna Concelmo, Anna Marie Nappi, Brian Higney, Rich Tortora, Denise Bailey, Joseph Peterson, Marion Mahl, Paula Ruddock, Pamela Willis, Laura Luzzi, Brian Wilson, Maureen Redmond, Kristianne Argentino, Shirley Perrelli, Bill Izzo, Andrew & Catherine Criscuolo, Patricia Miles, Joe Coscia, Deborah Verab, Dona Marie, Louis Messina, Christina Meoli, Michelle Smith, Ron Mattei, Angela Riccio, Charlene Tantalò, Al Forgione, Gabriella Garrity, Beverly Fucci, W.D. Merkle, Phyllis Anastasio, Cheryl Barbara, Carmine DelBasso, Laura-Phyllis Esposito, Diana Vitelli O'Brien, Meghan Keeney, Gennaro Milone, Jo Vuolo, Felicia DeRoche, Marilyn Kozin, Mike Barnett, Richard Costanzo, Carole & Frank Casapulla, Gerie Amendola, Michael Bowen, Linda Montone, Mary Diamante, Carol Esposito, Fred & Barbara Brow, Christopher Farrell, Roberta Sanders-Gray, Jeannette Winston, Marilyn Sisson, Ryder Feeley, Theodore Siwinski, Michael Enders, Nicholas Cerillo, Edwina Cinque, John Sole-ski, Rudolph Pohlman, Linda Esposito, Renee Flynn, The Cooper Family, Rosemary Riccitelli, Marie Riccitelli, Lynn Ely, Ethan Roche, Frances Graney, Barbara Kapusta, Megan Maturo, Rose Paula Dziedu-lonis, Roma Criscuolo, Lucille Ready, Taras Mychajlowskyj, Denise Steiner, Mary Ann Anastasio, Guy Brasile, Gloribeth R., Stacie Bou-chard, Daija Diaz, Al Sappinetti, Guy Racino, Michael Polaski, Martha Catel, Eddie Villecco, Isaiah Colville, Marie Monico, Jennie Nazario, Joan Proto, Caitlin Rustic, Michael Filion, Joanne Gondek, John Torello, Mauro Antonio Bezanilla, Matteo Criscuolo, Robert Filion, Lucy Car-bone, Dorene Izzo, Lucille Palange, Carmine Riccitelli, Sr., Louise Ama-to, Mark Houston, Avery Bye, Mark Palmisano, Alex Bernaitis, Vincent Pisano, Charles Scalesses

Please send prayer requests to stpiofpietrelcina@gmail.com so that our parishioners and friends can be remembered in our prayers.

**Midnight Run
Taylor Avenue Campus**

The Midnight Run for **December** is the **2nd Monday**, which is **December 12th**. Donations of brown bag lunches, water, juice boxes and toiletries are appreciated. These donations can be dropped off to Sue Stacey's home, 82 Forbes Place, up until 7pm on **Monday, December 12th**. At this time, because of Covid, clothing and blankets can not be accepted. Thank you and God bless you for all donations. Stay safe & well.

**Midnight Run
Foxon Road Campus**

On the last Monday of each month, we bring 75 bagged lunches to the Columbus House Overflow Shelter.

Donations Needed:

ShopRite Gift Cards or

Gallon Size Ziploc Bags

Quart Size Ziploc Bags

Peanut Butter & Jelly

Juice Pouches

Raisin Boxes

Fruit Cups & Pudding Cups

Granola Bars

Individual Packaged Cookies, Crackers or Chips

We are also looking for small amounts or full skeins of yarn, it will be used to make hats and scarves for the midnight run. Please leave your donations at any entrance of the church. Thank you.

Midnight Run is the **LAST** Monday of **EVERY** month from Our Lady of Pompeii Church from 6-7 pm. Thank-you for being so generous!



St. Bernadette Food Pantry located at the East Shore Senior Center is open every Saturday from 10:00am-11:00am. We are always in need of non-perishable foods. Top choices are, canned: tomatoes, tomato sauce, vegetables, tuna fish, soups and fruits. Pasta, mac & cheese and peanut butter. Consumption guidelines provided to us from the CT

Food Bank: Expiration/Code Date Extensions past expiration: high acid foods (i.e. tomatoes) 12-18 months. Low acid foods (canned meat, most vegetables) 2-5 years. Food in jars, 12 months past expiration, dry cereal 6-12 months, rice/pasta (dry) 1year. Questions, please contact Deb or Rico at 203-468-7489



THE EAST HAVEN FOOD PANTRY is asking for pasta, cereal and soup the month of December. Please leave your donations of food at the church entrances.

*Starting October 1, the Food Pantry will be open from 9:00am-11:00am on Saturdays & Tuesdays.

For more info call Christine Sandford 203-469-7823

From the Pen of Fr. M.

Reverend Jeremiah N. Murasso, Ph.D., Ed.D., Psy.D.

The Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-9;
St. Matthew 3:1-12

The Rule of Emmanuel: Paradise Restored



Last Sunday, November 27, with the *First Sunday of Advent*, the Church embarked upon a journey toward Christmas. We listened to the Prophet Isaiah as he spoke about the dawn of a new world where peace would be its hallmark. In addition, we began a new liturgical year and we embarked upon a year-long journey into the worldview of St. Matthew's gospel account.

Advent Theme

The theme throughout the *Advent Season* is one that speaks of "Hope" for a better tomorrow, "Peace" that a world cannot give, "Love" that only the *Prince of Peace* will bring into a broken world and "Joy," which emerges from the depth of one's soul; the feeling of certitude, happiness and well-being, having found meaning and purpose in God.

In addition, the *Season of Advent* enjoins men and women of faith to become *vigilant* and to remain *alert*. "Awake!" "Be *Attentive!*" These commands come from St. Paul and are meant to be taken to heart because the faithful do *not* know when the Lord Jesus Christ will return. *Advent* provides the 21st century disciple of Jesus with the opportunity for *re-connecting* and *re-establishing* a commitment to God and His *Incarinate Word*: Jesus Christ.



On the *First Sunday of Advent*, the Church listened to the Prophet Isaiah speak about a *new world* where man would no longer have the need for weapons. Instead, peace, love and equality for all would become the way of life.

"The mountain of the Lord shall be established as the highest mountain, and all the nations shall stream toward it" (2:1-2).

St. Paul in his *Letter to the Romans* gives instructions to the disciple of Jesus; a formula for meriting the kingdom of God.

"Let us throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves properly as in the day, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in promiscuity and lust, not in rivalry and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ" (13:12-14).

In Matthew's gospel account for the first week of the *Advent Season*, the evangelist warned disciples about the consequences of not being attentive to one's spiritual and moral life. Becoming overly preoccupied with one's own life and *perceived* needs will inevitably, says Matthew, be a source of distraction; thus, this will prevent disciples from focusing on their spiritual lives. Consequently, this kind of distraction will result in man's lack of spiritual preparation for the coming of Jesus.



Matthew continues his warning saying that just as in the days prior to the flood as people were going about their daily routines and were indifferent to the ways of the Lord, so it will be in the present age. In man's preoccupation with the things of this world, he may not be spiritually prepared; thus, he may miss the experience of God's kingdom and the invitation to spend eternity with God.

Matthew's words on the *First Sunday of Advent* set the tone not only for Advent; they also sets the tone for how Christians should live throughout the year: in faithful anticipation of Christ's return, striving always to hear and respond to the *Word* of God. Jesus is God's *Word*.

Second Sunday of Advent

The theme of expectation continues for this second week of *Advent*. The readings remind Christians of the need to be alert to the things of Christ. In addition, the Prophet Isaiah speaks of the coming of Emmanuel, the new David (11:1-10). Isaiah's message in chapter 11, provides a vivid foreshadowing of Jesus, the Christ of God. It is worth a line-by-line reflection in order to better understand and experience the wisdom, the richness and the power of Isaiah's prophecy.

"On that day, a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots, a shoot shall grow" (v.1).

The background for the first verse is focused on the Assyrian conquest. The Assyrians had almost annihilated Judah. The kings from the line of David had actually remained in Judah until the destruction of the Temple of Jerusalem by the Babylonians in 586 B.C.

The Jesse Tree

"A shoot will spring forth from the stump of Jesse, and a branch out of his roots."
Isaiah 11:1



The tree about which Isaiah speaks is cut close to the roots, leaving a *stump*. The *stump* symbolizes a dynasty already destroyed. In addition, the cutting close to the roots symbolizes the loss of royal power along with the humble, lowly status of the decedents of David.

“A new shoot will grow from his roots.”

The *“new shoot”* about which Isaiah symbolizes residual life in the roots. From the roots, a *branch* or a *shoot* (the Messiah) will emerge, entering into human history and bring *New Life* into the hearts of humankind. This branch (Christ) comes from the root of Jesse in the same way that David did. This means that Christ would be called the *Second David*. We read in Matthew,

“And a voice from heaven said, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased’” (3:17).

The name David in Hebrew means *Beloved*. Therefore, in Matthew 3:17, which is the Baptism account of Jesus by John in the Jordan, Matthew gives a description of a *theophany*: God speaking from the heavens. God the Father describes His *Beloved* as the *Second David*.

The connection with David was an extremely important one for the Jewish community, particularly those who were about to become followers of Jesus and who would eventually embrace the *New Covenant*. Unlike the evangelists Mark and Luke, Matthew consistently makes the connection between Jesus and David. Matthew portrays Jesus as the Second David. In doing so, Matthew fulfills the prophecy of Moses and at the same time enforces the belief that the *line of David* has not, nor will ever be broken right up to and including the Messiah: Jesus is the *long-awaited-for* Messiah.

“The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him” (v. 2).

The *resting of the spirit* is another way of saying that the spirit *bestows*. Isaiah says that the spirit of God bestows upon the branch:

- *“The spirit of wisdom,”* which signifies the ability to carry out plans to completion.
- *“The spirit of understanding,”* which enables one to discern right from wrong, and truth from untruth.
- *“The spirit of counsel and of strength,”* which signifies the ability and the power to make right decisions and to carry them out.
- *“The spirit of knowledge,”* which is insight into the character and nature of God and His relationship to man.
- *“The spirit of the fear of the Lord,”* which includes reverence for the Lord and understanding of the Lord’s right to receive worship.



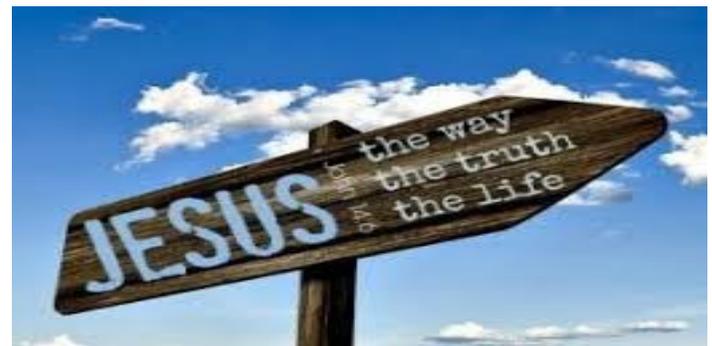
“His judgment will not be by appearances, his verdict not given on hearsay. He will judge the weak with integrity and give fair sentence for the humblest in the land. He will strike the country with the rod of his mouth and with the breath of his lips bring death to the wicked” (11:3-4).

The *Second David*, the *branch* will not only be a *Prophet*; he will also be a *Judge*. However, unlike human judges or like the Pharisees and the Scribes who must rely on appearance and external evidence, which is either seen or taken as hearsay from another, this *Judge* will read the hearts of man.

This *Judge* will also show compassion; he will rule with sincerity and kindness. His verdict will be fair, particularly when dealing with society’s poor and marginalized. He will treat them with dignity and respect in the same way that he treats all others.

“..... The rod of his mouth, and the breath of his lips...”

The *Second David* will speak the *Word* of God. God’s *Word* will cut like a knife, bringing judgment and justice. *“Rod of his mouth”* parallels, *“Breath of his lips.”* The rod brings judgment in the same way that breath [*nephesh*] not only gives life, but restores life. The *branch*, the *Second David* is the Christ of God. He brings new life into the world because he is Life.



“He shall slay the wicked, and justice shall be the band [or girdle] around his waist; faithfulness a belt upon his hips” (11:5).



The Lord’s *spirit* is life-giving. The Hebrew word is *ruah*, meaning wind or breath as it comes from God. In antiquity, *ruah* was used to describe wind or breath and consequently, it was thought to be equated with a mysterious celestial power that was revealed in and through the wind. The word *ruah* is used to illustrate the power of God that makes life possible but not, however, to be confused with *nephesh*, another Hebrew word that means soul.

“Then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being [nephesh], a soul” (Genesis 2:7).

The Psalms describe God’s *spirit* as *life-generating*: *“When you send your spirit [ruah], they are created, but when you take away your breath [ruah], they die and return to dust” (104:30).*

The psalmist uses *ruah* to describe the spirit as well as the breath of God. Both spirit and breath that come from the mouth of God are *life-giving*; thus, they are a gift to be cherished.

“The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him:

- *the spirit of wisdom and understanding,*
- *the spirit of counsel and strength,*
- *the spirit of knowledge and fear of the Lord:*

His delight shall be the fear of the Lord. His judgment will not be by appearances, his verdict not given on hearsay” (11: 2-3).

This is a very powerful metaphor. The correct translation is *loincloth around his waist*, which is worn next to the body. The statement indicates that justice and fidelity (*uprightness and constancy are used in the New Jerusalem Bible*) are to be as close to this *Second David* as his garment is to his skin. In other words, justice is part of his essence. Thus, it is through righteousness alone that he will conquer evil. Wearing a *loincloth* or *girdle* is Isaiah's way of saying that the *Second David* will be ready for action.

This new *Branch*, the *Second David* will neither use artillery nor bear arms in the same way that an earthly king who relies on his armies does so in order to win wars. Rather, his righteousness will be the *hallmark* of who he is and what he does. God's promises to His people will finally be recognized precisely in the manner in which the *Second David* conducts himself.

"Then the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; the lion shall eat hay like the ox. The baby shall be by the cobra's den, and the child lay his hand on the adder's lair" (11:6-8).



Garden of Eden Reversed

The above passage contains several of the most beautiful verses in the entire Old Testament scriptures. Isaiah is saying that all of creation will be affected by the *Messianic King*. The Garden of Eden will now be reversed. The punishment that God imposed upon Adam and Eve, which placed the natural order of creation at odds against itself and against God will now be overturned. This will all take place with the coming of the *Second David* who brings a *new world* and a new way of living for his faithful.

No longer will the created world be held tightly in the grips of Satan. The Prince of this world will no longer rule. The proof of the *new world* that brought by the *Second David* will be seen first and foremost in the animal kingdom because animals who are the most vulnerable to the injustices perpetrated by man have remained faithful to God.

"There shall be no harm or ruin on my holy mountain; for the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the Lord, as water covers the sea. On that day, the root of Jesse, set up as a signal for the nations, the Gentiles shall seek out, for his dwelling shall be glorious" (11:10-11).

Isaiah describes a *new world* that will come about through the birth of God's Son. In addition, the Prophet describes a portrait of what creation will look like. No harm will come to God's creation because God has made Himself known in and through the presence of His Son. This event will become as obvious as are the waters that cover the earth.

God's *Word* will become a *mantle* of protection. In other words, Isaiah is saying that once the Messiah comes, there will be no mistake that he is here and that he is authentic. All peoples, believers and nonbelievers alike will know that he is the real deal and not an impostor. The earth, the entire universe and beyond will know that God has returned. The knowledge of God will disseminate; it will spread and extend itself as far as the eye can see, in the same way, *"that the waters cover the sea."*



"The root of Jesse" signifies that not only will the *Messianic King* be of the line of David; he will give testimony of the continuous and unbroken Davidic Rule. He is the long awaited-for Messiah: Jesus the Christ of God.

"The root of Jesse set up as a signal [banner] for all the nations" means that this *Messianic King*, the *Second David* will be the assurance and the guarantee for victory. He will be the *One* around whom all the nations in the created world and beyond will rally. The King James Bible uses the word *"banner"* rather than *"signal."* The reference to a *"banner"* in Exodus is used for the name of God. *"The Lord is my banner" (17:15)* suggests that the *Messianic King* will be no ordinary man. He is Divine.

Paul's Letter to the Romans 15:4-9

St. Paul's message for this Second Sunday of Advent provides the link between the Prophet Isaiah and Matthew's account of John the Baptist. In St. Paul's *Letter to the Romans*, Paul teaches that it is only through the *knowledge* of God that observance of His will can bring about the long-sought era of peace about which Isaiah speaks.

"Brothers and sisters: Whatever was written previously was written for our instruction, that by endurance and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope" (Romans 15:4).

Faith plus hope equals gratitude. The mountain of the Lord about which Isaiah speaks is made possible only as a result of *man's faithful response* to God's *Word*. This in itself leads to the ability to hope for a better future where peace will be the *hallmark* of man's relationship with his fellow man. Hope results in thanksgiving; gratitude for having been set apart by God as His chosen.

In Matthew's gospel account for this weekend, shortly after John the Baptist is introduced, Matthew quotes Isaiah: *"A voice of one crying out in the desert. Prepare the way for the Lord, and make straight his paths" (40:3).*

Isaiah, like Matthew speaks of a *new age*, an age where all things will be made new in and because of God's Son, His anointed. In the passage cited by Matthew, Isaiah calls out, commanding the people to prepare the way for the Lord and *to "make a straight highway in the desert."*

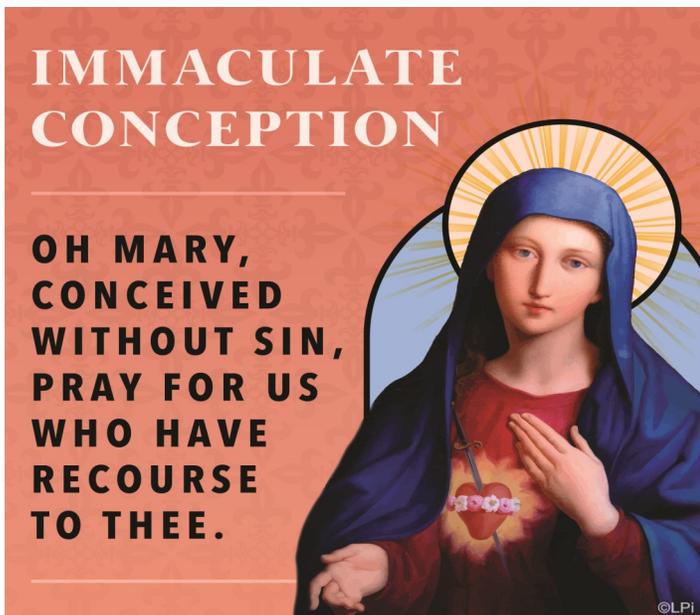
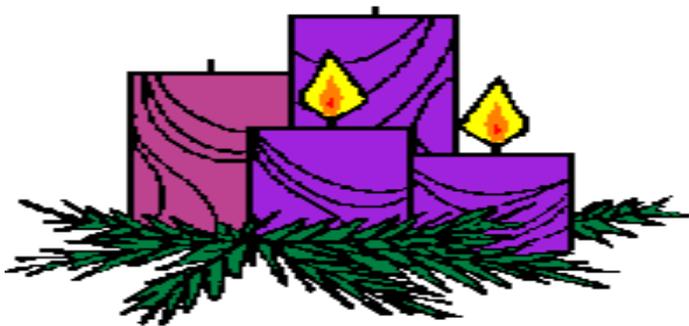


Matthew quotes Isaiah and uses this particular passage to capture the real message of the Christ Event. It is a message that transcends space and time; a timeless reality that speaks to more than the arrival of God's Son. The *Second David* ushers in a brand-new *world* that will lead to the renewal of the kingdom of God in these present days. It is a kingdom that will be realized and experienced as Jesus brings the Paschal Mystery to completion.

As Christians, we are *invited* and *encouraged* to savor the weeks of Advent, heeding the injunction of the Prophet Isaiah, St. Paul and St. Matthew: to "*stay awake*," to "*be vigilant*" and not to permit ignorance or laziness to distract us from authentic spiritual renewal in our own lives. This is a command and an invitation to remove the obstacles that are preventing each of us from discovering God's kingdom in our midst and at the same time, for preparing for the dawn of a *new world*.



The *Season of Advent* becomes an opportunity to hold tightly to the hope of a *new world*; an atmosphere where peace and goodwill toward all will become the reality. *Advent* is an invitation to all men and women of faith to strive to contribute to this realization. JNM

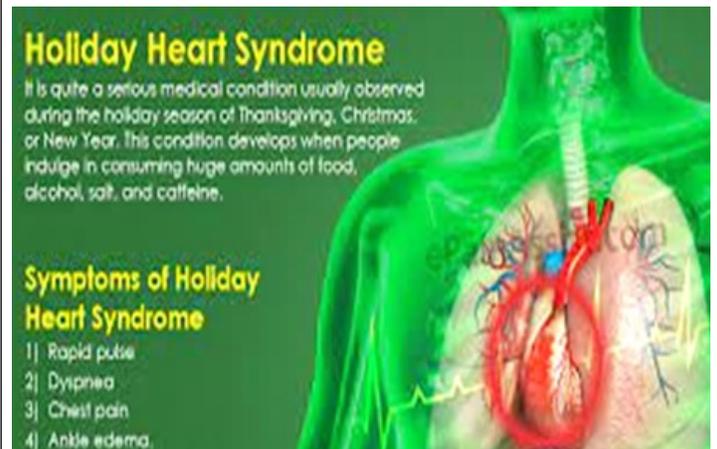


From the Pen of the Parish Nurse
Kimberly Petrillo, R.N.

Holiday Heart Syndrome (HHS)



It is the time of the year when three major holidays are celebrated: Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's. Decadent foods and desserts are plentiful. Many of the foods and desserts that are prepared contain saturated fat and are high in calories. The holidays are not always compatible with a healthy lifestyle. The festive parties along with the holiday stress *can* have a negative impact on the body.



This year now that the pandemic appears to be under better control because of the COVID-19 vaccines, people will be gathering to celebrate Christmas and the New Year's. It is a time that may involve excessive amounts of food and alcohol. The traditions often include elaborate choices of high calorie foods. *Holiday Heart Syndrome* is a real and serious medical phenomenon that occurs when large amounts of food, alcohol, caffeine and salt are ingested.



Holiday Heart Syndrome can cause heart rhythm disturbances referred to as *atrial fibrillation*. Atrial fibrillation occurs when the heart beats fast with an irregular pattern. This abnormal heartbeat can result in complications such as stroke and heart failure. An *arrhythmia of the heart* affects the electrical system of the heart, which is built into the muscle cells. Holiday Heart Syndrome can lead to a weakened heart (*cardiomyopathy*), *congestive heart failure* (CHF), or *heart attack*. Holiday Heart Syndrome is brought on by consuming excess food and alcohol. Caffeine and dehydration can also contribute to this condition.



Harmful Holiday Habits

The following common holiday habits can negatively impact the heart:

Overeating. Eating a large amount of food in one sitting causes the stomach to expand to accommodate large, indulgent meals. The distention of the stomach can result in a stretching reflex that stimulates the nervous system and initiates fast heart rhythms such as *atrial fibrillation*.

Excessive Salt. When too much salt is consumed, the body retains fluid and the blood pressure increases. For people with a history of hypertension (high blood pressure) or heart valve problems, the increase in blood pressure and the higher amount of fluid in the body can also precipitate *atrial fibrillation* (AF). It is important for individuals with Congestive Heart Failure to avoid consuming excess salt as this can increase the chance of heart failure; thus, it can result in shortness of breath and swelling (edema) to lower extremities.

Binge Drinking. Drinking alcohol in excess can become cardio-toxic as it weakens the heart and the cardiovascular system. Heavy alcohol consumption causes a surge in the body's adrenaline and other stress hormones. This sudden surge in stress hormones can precipitate cardiac arrhythmias and can lead to heart attack in high-risk people. This condition can also occur when individuals consume only moderate amounts of alcohol. An increased incidence of the holiday heart syndrome has clearly been documented in males of atrial fibrillation and alcoholism.



Holiday Heart Syndrome manifests itself with the symptoms of: dizziness, dyspnea (difficulty breathing especially with exertion), chest pains, palpitations (rapid irregular heart rate) and the loss of consciousness. Irregular heartbeats can be serious. It is important to seek medical attention if palpitations occur or last for longer than a couple of hours.

It is not a coincidence that heart attacks are most common between Christmas and New Year's. It is key not to over eat and drink excessively. Sitting down to a holiday meal that begins with appetizers, a 5-course dinner with wine, followed by high fat, high calorie desserts, can calculate to approximately 4,500 calories for one meal.

The human body was never designed to process and metabolize an overload of calories, fat, sugar and salt. Be mindful of portion sizes and remember all the extra calories consumed are stored in the body as fat. Extra stored fat result in unnecessary weight gain that often times is never lost.

Eating Smart

Some tips for eating smart and staying healthy during the holidays include the following:

- **Eating in moderation** can be a saving grace. Be sure to make meal choices that are healthy and nutrient dense.
- **Portion control** should be part of each meal. Eat small snacks during the day and have three medium meals instead of three large ones. This will help improve digestion and reduced the amount of food that is consumed both during meal times and throughout the day. Use smaller plates or reduce the number of dishes you serve at each meal.



- **Take a walk after dinner.** Walking after a meal has several distinct benefits. It helps with digestion and some quiet alone time helps to de-stress the mind and body. Walk immediately after a meal to get the most benefit from the walk.
- **Do not forgo exercise.** Find time to exercise even if there are a million things to do. Maintaining good exercise habits are good for physical and mental health. It helps to relieve stress especially felt during this time of the year.
- **Sufficient sleep is important.** Attempt to stick to a typical sleep schedule. Poor or irregular sleep patterns can lead to poor eating habits and fatigue. This can be avoided when maintaining a consistent schedule of sleep; i.e., retiring and rising at the same time.
- **Do not eat fast.** Eating slowly can give the stomach enough time to send the hormonal signal to the brain, indicating when the body has had sufficient food. This will stop the tendency to over eat. This can help maintain better portion control as a result.
- **Add more vegetables.** Increase the number of vegetable dishes on the dinner table; finding creative ways to dress them up veggies without making them unhealthy. Roasted sweet potatoes or asparagus can be quite beneficial and healthy on their own. Both are rich in taste and sweet potatoes add a *pop* of color to the dinner table.
- **Become nutrition-conscience** in the preparation of meals. Find ingredient substitutions and recipe makeovers that can boost the nutrition of holiday recipes.
- **Remember to hydrate.** It can be easy to forget to drink water during this busy time.
- **Take time for yourself** (self-care). The holidays are full of commitments and gatherings, which can be draining and stressful. Make time to mediate. Take a walk daily. Taking this time for you, even if it is for short periods of time will recharge the body, clear the mind and nourish the soul.

Enjoy the holidays, eat and drink mindfully, and be kind to the heart. KP

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SIGNS OF THE SEASON
Part 1



The *Season of Advent* is a wonderful time of the year not only for what it signifies but also because *Advent* ushers in the *Christmas Season*; the one time of the year when the young and the *young-at-heart* turn their attention to giving: to friends, to loved ones, to those in need.

The *Advent/Christmas Season* is a time of year when harden hearts and pressured agendas are often softened and relaxed as the *hustle-and-bustle* of daily routines suddenly and without warning become tolerable, if not downright enjoyable. Daily tasks and long-term deadlines unexpectedly become a means to an end, rather than an end in themselves. The end being a focus on holiday merry-making with family, colleagues and friends.

People *appear*, if for a fleeting moment *or two*, to be less stressed, less anxious, less impatient. Many even appear spirited, more energized and more patient.

During this time of the year, our society transforms itself into a *Santa's Wonderland*: bells ringing, pine and spruce ablaze with sparkling lights and evergreens decorated with seasonal treasures of all shapes and sizes.

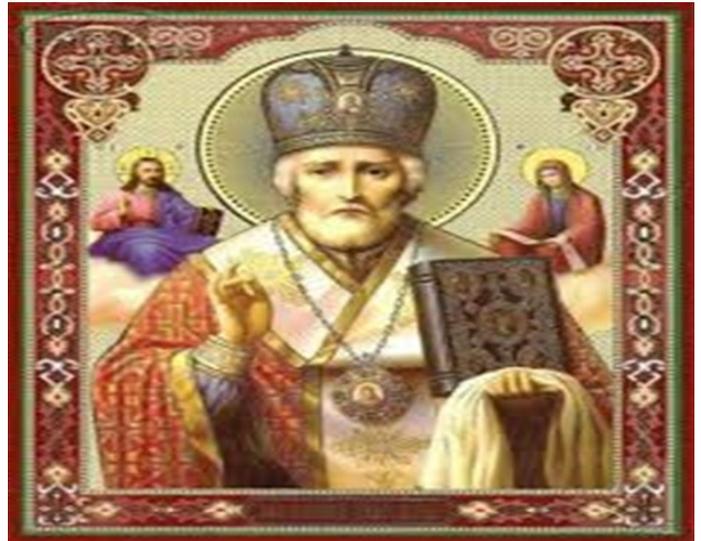
Living in a society that *appears* to have lost sight of its sacred origin, we really need the *Season of Advent and Christmas*. Both *Advent* and *Christmas* provide us with the opportunity and perhaps, the occasion for *breaking-away* from the daily routine to *breathe-in* the *signs* of the season, which point to one person: Jesus Christ.



Many if not all of the decorations that embellish our homes, store fronts, city streets and town greens have a *Christian origin*. The twinkling lights, the glistening garland and the fresh smell of pine and spruce brought in from the out-of-doors and decorated with ribbons and ornaments serve as a reminder that even during the deepest freeze or the darkest days, God is alive and lives in and through His creation.

ST. NICHOLAS: December 6

St. Nicholas, also known as *Good Old St. Nick*, *Santa Claus*, *Father Christmas* and *Kris Kringle* is another visible reminder of the season as a multitude of bearded men in red flannel suits flood the shopping malls, stand before store fronts and make merry at holiday parties. In this joyous season, St. Nicholas is not only about *Toys for Tots*, St. Nicholas is about pointing the way to Jesus by a life lived rooted in God's *Word*.



Saint Nicholas is a reminder to men and women of all faiths of the true meaning of Christmas, which is echoed in the phrase, "*Peace on earth, good will toward all.*" The future saint was born in the small village of Patara in Lycia, now Turkey. Nicholas was the only son of very devout Christian parents. At a young age, he learned about God and developed a great love for Jesus and the Church. Shortly before his sixth birthday, both his parents died in an epidemic that swept through this area and subsequently, took many lives.

Unlike other orphans, however, Nicholas was left a significant inheritance from the large estate of his parents. Nicholas took seriously the words of Jesus: "*Sell what you own and give the money to feed the poor.*" And Nicholas did just that. He had a great love for those in society who were marginalized and rejected as well as the poor, many of whom were homeless and hungry.

Nicholas was particularly concerned about other orphans like himself who were without parents or family, and who were forced to enter state-run orphanages. On any given day, Nicholas could be seen making his way through the streets of Patara distributing *gold coins* from a large sack that he flung over his little shoulder.

Desiring to follow Jesus in all things, Nicholas began studies for the priesthood. Shortly after ordination, he was ordained a bishop. This was during the period in which the persecution of Christians was widespread. At the time, the ruling emperor was Diocletian who hated Christians and who demanded that Christians relinquish any and all ties to the Church and to Jesus Christ.



Emperor Diocletian

Diocletian feared that Nicholas would incite the masses to rise up against him because as a bishop, Nicholas had great influence over the spiritual lives of his flock. Diocletian also feared Nicholas himself, because he was a holy and pious man; thus, he believed that the future saint enjoyed special favor with God. Perhaps, the emperor also feared possible wrath coming from God if he killed Nicholas. Therefore, Diocletian spared Nicholas' life and instead of beheading him, Diocletian had Nicholas thrown into prison and eventually exiled.

Nicholas spent many years imprisoned, however, although he was prevented from pursuing a priestly ministry dedicated to the poor as he desired, God used him in a different way to accomplish the same end. Nicholas continued to cultivate faith in God by spreading the Gospel from his prison cell. His efforts resulted in the conversions of many who had lapsed in their faith.

Throughout his years as a prisoner, Nicholas lost neither his faith nor his love for Jesus. The iron bars, which separated him from his flock did not hamper his resilient human spirit and his desire to serve God. Nicholas was eventually released from prison in the year 343. On December 6, shortly after his release at age 73, Nicholas died.

Miracles & Saint Nicholas

Nicholas was known for his tremendous piety and faith as well as his profound ability to preach the *Word* of God that was relevant and meaningful for those who heard him. During his years of confinement, Nicholas was responsible for numerous miracles, particularly among many of the pagan leaders to whom Nicholas appeared through dreams. Many of these men, like Diocletian, himself, had been responsible for massive Christian persecutions.

Stories have been handed down from generation to generation about Nicholas that describe Nicholas' appearance to sailors warning them of storms or attacks from foreign shores. Consequently, he is recognized as the *patron saint* of sailors. Other stories tell of a generous and charitable Nicholas whose presence either through dreams or through physical manifestations changed for the better, the course of people's lives. This was especially true with regard to children, especially orphans. For this reason, Nicholas is known as the *patron saint of children*.



Nicholas is also credited with having performed numerous thoughtful deeds, most of which were done in secret, as he expected nothing in return for his compassionate gestures. Within a century after his death, Nicholas was elevated by the Church to sainthood. Today, he is venerated in the East as *Wonder Worker* or *Miracle Worker*. In the West, Saint Nicholas is known as the *patron saint* for many different occupations. In addition to being the *patron saint* of sailors and children, he is also the *patron saint* of bankers, students, scholars, laborers, travelers, judges, unmarried women, victims of injustice and prisoners. Saint Nicholas is also the *patron saint*, friend and protector of all in trouble or in need. Saint Nicholas is the *patron saint* of Russia, along with St. Andrew the Apostle.



Gift-Giving

Gift-giving has always been associated with Saint Nicholas, perhaps, because of his generous spirit as a child. The idea of exchanging gifts at Christmas first occurred in Germany and Switzerland. At the present time many, if not most of the European countries exchange gifts on December 6, leaving December 25, as a time for a spiritual celebration with church services and the gathering of family and friends around a dining room table.

This *Joyful Season* becomes a wonderful opportunity to focus on the life of Saint Nicholas and his ministry to all of God's children. In addition, Saint Nicholas shows us the way to Jesus through children, the poor, the oppressed, the broken, the abused and those who are forgotten. The act of gift-giving involves not only the giving of ourselves to another; it also involves the giving of Jesus to the other because the act of giving, itself, resembles the compassion and love of Christ that he demonstrated through his healing ministry.



Saint Nicholas teaches us that as Christian men and women who endeavor to follow Jesus, we are called to *live-out* the *Good News* on a daily basis regardless of the obstacles that the world places before us. Even from his prison cell, Nicholas continued to be an *instrument* of God's healing *love*. Advent, Christmas and the ministry of Saint Nicholas serve as reminders that despite our limitations or *perceived* obstacles, we too, have the responsibility for bringing Jesus to others. What better time to begin than during the Advent and Christmas season?

- Saint Nicholas teaches us to look for the face of Jesus in children and those who are less fortunate and to recognize his presence in people of all nationalities, races, creeds and color.
- Saint Nicholas teaches us to withhold judgment and criticism of others and to look at our brothers and sisters with compassion and love.
- Saint Nicholas teaches us to find Jesus in those who are wrongly treated, marginalized, abused and rejected.
- Saint Nicholas shows us how to find Jesus even in our enemies.

CANDY CANE



The origin of the candy cane dates back to Germany to the year 1670. A choirmaster at the Cathedral in Cologne, year after year on Christmas Eve would become annoyed at the noisy behavior on the part of the children during his annual production of the *Living Crèche*. Consequently, the wise choirmaster approached the local candy maker and requested that he make *sweet sticks* for the children to suck on throughout the long production.

The choirmaster decided to justify this rather radical idea in the chance that the cathedral rector should question the rationale of eating candy during a church service; thus, he asked the candy maker to put a hook on one end of the candy stick as a reminder to the children of the shepherds who visited the Christ Child. The candy maker agreed, making the candy stick white as a way of teaching the youngsters about Jesus' sinless and pure nature. In addition, the candy maker added red stripes to symbolize the blood of Jesus that he shed on the cross.



The candy cane spread quickly throughout Europe and became associated with the *Christmas Season*. Candy Canes continued to be distributed throughout time to the young and the *young-at-heart* at Christmas Eve services throughout Europe.

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Ladies Guild Annual
Christmas Buffet
will take place on:

- * **Monday, December 12th @ 6:00pm**
- * **Our Lady of Pompeii Church Hall**
- * **Tickets: \$22.00**

Menu

- ◆ *Salad*
- ◆ *Chicken Francaise*
- ◆ *Roasted Potatoes*
- ◆ *Ziti*
- ◆ *Eggplant Parmigiana*

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From the *Pastor's Pen*
Reverend. Jeremiah N. Murasso, Ph.D., Ed.D., Psy.D.

Second Sunday of Advent

Pearl Harbor

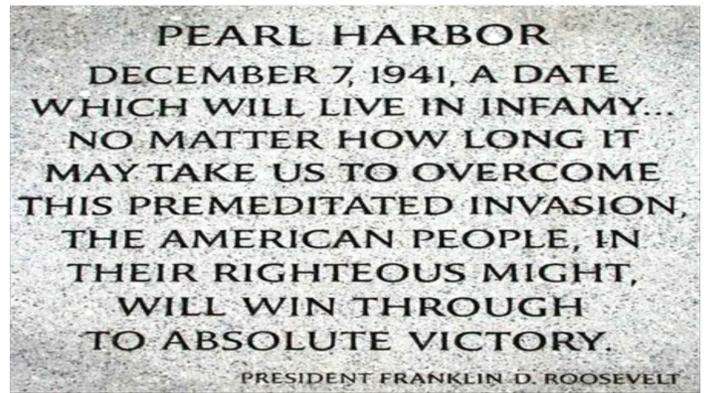


It is 81 years since that fateful Sunday morning, the beginning of the second week of Advent, December 7, 1941, when the course of world history was changed forever. Like most mornings, it began as another peaceful day, as the sun began to stretch its golden rays over the sleepy island paradise of Oahu, just west of Honolulu. I picture the calm, bluish-green waters of the Pacific Ocean glistening like bouncing crystals against the picture-perfect horizon, unsuspecting that moments later this picture-postcard vision of paradise would be dramatically changed forever.

Another Sunday

Across this island community, I picture families waking from their sleep, mothers making breakfast for their children, after which time, they would, perhaps, make their way to the local church for Sunday Mass. Children not unlike children in 2019, pondered Christmas thoughts of Santa, presents beneath the Christmas tree and the quickly-approaching school vacation. Little did they know that on this day their hopes and dreams for Christmas and beyond would be shattered; as reality as they knew it would come to an abrupt end; a screeching halt as family plans as well as future goals and life's ambitions would be altered or never realized.

Although America was well aware that an attack by Japan was likely, America knew neither when nor where war would break out. Yet, despite the ominous atmosphere of uncertainty, there appeared on this fateful Sunday in *Advent*, no real sense of urgency. And although American war planes were secured to the tarmacs of the nine docked American battleships that were ready for action at a moment's notice, no one anticipated the cosmic catastrophe that erupted just before 8:00am that Sunday morning, catching America by surprise and shattering the lives of thousands and with them: their hopes, their dreams and their futures.



As Japanese aircrafts cascaded across the once sun-drenched skies of Oahu, now darkened by smoke and smog, hope for a peaceful second *Sunday in Advent* was shattered. Within seconds, American battleships were bombed and along with their crew, they were swallowed up by the now raging Pacific Ocean; quickly, yet, grudgingly plummeting to the ocean's floor.

In the same way, almost instantaneously, American war planes that minutes before lay dormant were bombed, and consequently burned to a crisp. Like the battleships, they too, entered into the graveyard of the ocean's floor. Hundreds of men, women and children gave up their spirits and along with so many brave and loyal American military men and women, they joined the ranks of the deceased.

The history books indicate that the decision was made that there would be no pictures of this day; no *gone-down-in-infamy* snapshots. Consequently, there are very few pictures of the attack. The casualties of war: broken, battered and burned bodies of hundreds of innocent people, including our American military are seldom viewed by the public. I suppose it is wise that publication of the gruesome details as well as the visual representations of this horrendous chapter in American history be bottled-out.

Man's Inhumanity Toward Man

In describing the attack on Pearl Harbor, the history books have given us a comprehensive account, many details with regard to Japanese-American relations and that which led up to the attack, all of which are not necessarily relevant for this writing. What is relevant, however, is the picture that we as a people have before our eyes of this event. In the absence of the vivid pictures of war, but not necessarily desiring to suppress the graphic realities, the human mind creates images in order to better cope with the realities of the broken *human spirit*, stemming from man's inhumanity toward man.



The *Season of Advent* becomes a personal invitation for all Christians to *re*-discover their *need* for Jesus and to permit Jesus to *re*-enter their lives. JNM

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Immaculate Conception
Holy Day of Obligation



The Feast of the Immaculate Conception:
Thursday, December 8
Holy Day of Obligation

OLOP: 8:00am & 6:00pm
SVDP: 12:15pm
SB: 8:00am



LESSONS & CAROLS
SUNDAY, December 11 @ 2:00pm
at St. Bernadette Church



Saturday, Dec. 24
Christmas Eve
SVDP: 4:30pm & 11:00pm
OLOP: 4:00pm
SB: 4:00pm

Sunday, Dec. 25
Christmas Day
OLOP: 8:00am & 10:00am
SVDP: 11:15am
SB: 9:00am



Mass Schedule

December 3 & 4, 2022

4:00pm OLOP: Fr. Borino
4:30pm SVDP: Fr. Patrick
8:00am OLOP: Fr. Patrick
9:00am SB: Fr. Borino
10:00am OLOP: Fr. Kelly
11:15am SVDP: Fr. Patrick

Fr. Murasso in the Holy Land

December 8, 2022

Immaculate Conception
Holy Day of Obligation

8:00am OLOP: Fr. Kelly
8:00am SB: Fr. Meehan
12:15pm SVDP: Fr. Borino
6:00pm OLOP: Fr. Patrick

Fr. Murasso returns, Dec. 8

December 10 & 11, 2022

4:00pm OLOP: Fr. Murasso
4:30pm SVDP: Fr. Patrick
8:00am OLOP: Fr. Patrick
9:00am SB: Fr. Borino
10:00am OLOP: Fr. Kelly
11:15am SVDP: Fr. Murasso

December 17 & 18, 2022

4:00pm OLOP: Fr. Patrick
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8:00am OLOP: Fr. Borino
9:00am SB: Fr. Murasso
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11:15am SVDP: Fr. Patrick



December 24 & 25, 2022

Christmas Eve
4:00pm OLOP: Fr. Borino
4:00pm SB: Fr. Meehan
4:30pm SVDP: Fr. Patrick
11:00pm SVDP: Fr. Patrick



Christmas Day
9:00am SB: Fr. Borino
8:00am OLOP: Fr. Murasso
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