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The Spirituality of the Advent Season

Isaiah the prophet, John the Baptizer, Joseph, and Mary; four figures which connect us to the Advent season more deeply, helping to make our celebration of Christmas more truly Christ-centered.

The first reading proclaimed, on each Sunday of Advent this year, comes from the book of the prophet Isaiah. Images of swords remade into instruments of peace; nature itself coming to a wondrous absence of all violence and transformed into a place of abundance; the coming of Emmanuel ('God with us'). In Isaiah, feel the longing for life to be other than it is, better than it is. Feel the depth of need for God to act. Feel the trust that God will vindicate our waiting. Advent invites us to long for the full coming of Christ into this world; to not be afraid to express that longing in prayer; but to wait patiently for God's vision to unfold.

John the Baptizer dominates the gospel readings for the second and third Sundays of Advent. Notice his desire to see the coming of the Messiah right here and now; the joyful anticipation of the crowds that something wondrous from God is about to happen. Advent invites us to a youthful energy, a setting aside of tiredness and cynicism, a joyful and expectant hope that the Lord even now can make all the difference in our lives.

The fourth Sunday of Advent this year focuses on Joseph and his experience of preparing for the birth of Jesus. Recognize the unexpected turning in his life, when Mary becomes pregnant; enter into his humble integrity in doing more than simply what is expected. Advent invites us to a humble, persevering trust that grabs hold of us more deeply than any successes or failures or disappointments in life.

There is, finally, the figure of Mary. The feasts of the Immaculate Conception and Our Lady of Guadalupe are celebrated in Advent. Embrace the vision that God can weave together the strands of human history, even at its most sinful worst, into a grace-filled hope. Advent invites us to a vision wide enough to refuse to let sin have the final say.

Advent is not a season of penance, asking us to let go of our preparations for Christmas. Rather, it is a season of quiet focus in the midst of all that is happening. Reflect on the figures of the Advent season and practice the virtues they point toward: longing for and praying for God's reign of justice and peace, waiting patiently for God's vision to unfold, expectant hope in the breaking in of God's kingdom here and now, joy in the many ways Christ is already present, persevering trust that God will see us through, and a wide, wide vision that sees God's grace at work even the worst of times.

Fr. David A. Buersmeyer
Vicar

Remaining Sacrament of Reconciliation Services in Our Vicariate

St. Clement of Rome:

Monday, Dec. 13th, 7PM

St. Isidore:

Thursday, Dec. 16th, 7PM

St. John Vianney:

Thursday, Dec. 16th, 7PM

Ss. John & Paul:

Tuesday, Dec. 14th, 7PM

St. Kieran:

Tuesday, Dec. 14th, 7PM

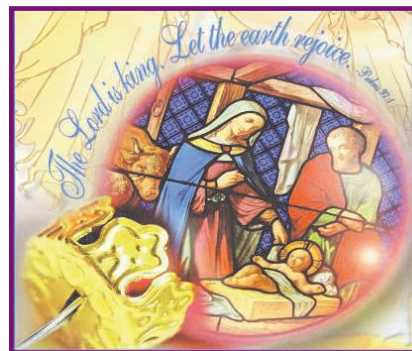
St. Lawrence:

Monday, Dec. 20th, 7PM

St. Mary Mystical Rose:

Wednesday, Dec. 15th & 22nd, 7:30PM

*From our hearts to yours, the
Vicariate Pastoral Leadership*



Editor's Note:

Due to an error on my part, newsletter did not get delivered as regularly scheduled the first weekend of the month. Submitted articles/events that occurred prior to Dec. 12th were not included in this newsletter. My sincere apologies.

Linda Maccarone

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It's Coming!

Mark your calendars for

*Onward to the Kingdom
North Macomb
Vicariate Mission*

**David Haas Concert on
March 25, 2011**

Teen Event - March 27, 2011

**March 28-31st -
Shared daily liturgies and
Evening Programs**

**David Haas Concert Tickets may
be purchased as Christmas Gifts
by phoning St. John Vianney,
586.781.6525**

**Concert tickets will be available at all
parishes beginning Jan. 9th, 2011.**

**A Mass for Children with
Autism Spectrum Disorders
Saturday, December 18th
St. Therese of Lisieux Church**

All families who have children with **ASD** are invited to attend this Mass. Visual aids and other helpful tools will be available. These tools can be customized to suit your child's needs. Please phone the parish office, **586.254.4433**, to leave your name and phone number so seats can be reserved.

Following the Mass there will be a light reception and fellowship in the hall. Gluten-free snacks will be available. For additional information, please call **Gerri, 586.254.4433, ext. 306** or email:

gerri.g@stthereseparish.ws

**Intro to Sacred Scripture at
St. Therese of Lisieux Parish**

Learn the Bible, understand how Sacred Scripture truly supports Catholic doctrine and how to deepen your prayer life using the Word of God! Sacred Heart Major Seminary is offering a three-credit **Introduction to Sacred Scripture** course this coming winter on-site at St. Therese of Lisieux. Taught by Deacon Franz Hoffer, the course will be held **Thursday evenings** from 6:30 – 9:30PM from January 13th – April 28th.

The course cost is \$1,115, which includes the registration fee. New students must apply online at www.shms.edu, submit official transcripts from previous academic work, and schedule a short phone interview with an admissions representative. For more information, please contact the Admissions Office at

**Sacred Heart Major Seminary at
313.883.8520 or
fromm.tamra@shms.edu.**

Vicariate Christmas Mass Schedules

St. Clement of Rome:

Christmas Eve: 4PM, 6PM, 10PM

Christmas Day: 9AM, 11AM

Sts. Francis/Maximilian:

Christmas Eve: 4PM, 6PM Posada & Spanish Mass, Midnight

Christmas Day: 10AM

St. Isidore:

Christmas Eve: 4PM, 6PM, Midnight

Christmas Day: 8:30AM, 11:30AM

Ss. John & Paul:

Christmas Eve: 5PM, Midnight

Christmas Day: 9AM, 11AM

St. John Vianney:

Christmas Eve: 4PM, 6:30PM, & Midnight

Christmas Day: 11AM

St. Kieran:

Christmas Eve: 4PM, 6PM, Midnight

Christmas Day: 9AM, 11AM

St. Lawrence:

Christmas Eve: 3:30PM, 6PM, 10PM

Christmas Day: 8AM, 10AM, Noon

St. Mary Mystical Rose:

Christmas Eve: 4:30PM, 7PM, 11PM

Christmas Day: 10AM

St. Therese of Lisieux:

Christmas Eve: 4PM, 6PM, 9:30 PM, Midnight

Christmas Day: 9:45AM, 11:45AM



Samaritan House Seeks Help

Since 2005, Samaritan House, located in Washington Twp, prepares income tax forms for low income people. Through their efforts, over one million dollars have been returned to their clients and thus to the community.

They are seeking volunteers to become income tax preparers for this program. The training is free through the Accounting Aid Society.

If you are interested in sharing your time and talent to help the less fortunate in our area, please call Pamela at 586.336.9956

Christmas Luncheon at St. Clemens

You are invited to the December 16th Christmas Lunch at St. Clement Church in the social hall at Noon. Speaker, Dr. David Bauer will present: **Preventing Falls**. Wisdom Keeper topic is: **Relating with Your Adult Children**.

This luncheon is sponsored by the Wisdom Keepers Group. The cost of the luncheon is **\$6 p/p** at the door. Please make your reservations by phoning the Parish Office, **586.752.9611**.



Women to Women Reflection Evening

Thursday, December 16th, 7-9PM

St. Kieran's Catholic Church

An evening for women to reflect on the season of Advent with prayer, praise, music, tea and fellowship. Suggested donation is **\$10 p/p**. Please bring your favorite mug or tea cup.



Music lead by "God Sent," a contemporary band from Holy Family Catholic Church in Memphis, MI. Questions can be directed to **Maureen Duncan, 810.326.3833**, or email at: **mdcountrylife@att.net**; or **Sr. Joanne, 586.992.0961**,

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Songs & carols to celebrate Christmas

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