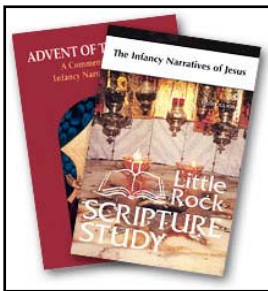


ONE MIND...ONE HEART...ONE SPIRIT!



Advent Study:

An opportunity to study the birth of our Lord in preparation for this Christmas Season...

The Infancy Narratives

A Four Week Study that begins on December 2, in the Chapel 7:00 to 8:30 PM

Please register through the Church office.

Facilitated by: Deacon Dennis Raczkowski, MPS

This study focuses on the connection between the Old and New Testaments. Deepen your longing for the Messiah's coming again and ask God to be Emmanuel, "**God with us.**"



Blood Drive!

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish is hosting a United Blood Services blood drive scheduled for **Sunday December 13, 2009 from 9:30 am – 2:30 pm**. Please consider giving an hour of your time and a pint of your life saving blood. Please sign up in the back of church or to guarantee a specific time please sign up on line at www.Bloodhero.com, our sponsor code: perpetualhelp

Gift Shop News!

The **December issue of the MAGNIFICAT** is in. We have lots of new gifts and religious items, plus new DVD's and CD's, which make great gifts for Christmas. We also have Layaway for your purchasing convenience as well.

For your convenience the Gift Shop will be open on Wednesday, December 2nd from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Please tell your friends and family so they can take advantage of this opportunity. We are open every Sunday from 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM as well as soon Sundays we are open until 2:00 PM for the Spanish mass. Hope to see you either on Wednesday or Sunday!

We are located in the hall behind the rectory. If you cannot make it after any of the weekend masses, call the rectory and we can make arrangements for you to come in during the week.

SAINT JOHN OF DAMASCUS

(c. 675-749) December 4

From almost 1300 years ago, John's message for the church's spirituality and mission is surprisingly contemporary. Pope Benedict says that, in our modern culture of images, sacred images often speak more eloquently than words. This "incarnational theology," the concept that visible, tangible elements can give believers access to divine realities beyond, found an eloquent champion in John of Damascus. He challenged the Iconoclasts (image-breakers), whose misinterpretation of the biblical prohibition of idolatrous images (Exodus 20:4-5) led them to campaign for the destruction of all sacred art. Before this controversy, however, John bore witness to Christ in a way that provides a timely example for Christians in today's pluralistic society. Succeeding his grandfather and father, John served as chief financial officer to the Muslim Caliph, professing his Christian faith without compromise, while winning the esteem of his Islamic sovereign by his competence and integrity. No wonder John could eloquently defend icons as "windows into heaven"—he had already learned to see Christ in the living icons of people different from himself yet fashioned in the same divine image!

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ACTIVE WAITING

As this new liturgical year unfolds, today's readings are most appropriate, for they root us in what it means to live authentically as Christians. The Gospel, with its frightening predictions of the end times, invites the hearer to "**be vigilant at all times**" (Luke 21:36). This kind of vigilance is not at all passive for the Christian. Instead, it is a kind of active waiting. And what should we be doing while we are waiting for the coming of the Lord? The second reading gives us the answer: "**abound in love for one another and for all**" (1 Thesalonians 3:12). Today is all about promises made and fulfilled. May this Advent season root us all firmly in a stance of active waiting for the Lord, who brings justice and peace.

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Diocese 40th Anniversary

The Diocese of Phoenix has published an informative, beautifully illustrated hardback book describing the past 40 years in the Diocese of Phoenix available in Spanish or English.

Your very own book can be purchased in the rectory office for \$35.

Coffee & Donuts

Sunday, December 6th the 8th grade school parents will have donuts & coffee in the parish hall. Please join them and socialize with your fellow parishioners.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help
 Weekly Contribution Amounts
Sunday, November 15, 2009
 Sunday Collection \$11,105.32
Thank you for your continued generosity!



Our Lady of Guadalupe

Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Patroness of the Americas, appeared to native American Juan Diego in 1531, requesting that a church be built on the spot. When the bishop asked for a sign confirming the authenticity of the apparition, she responded by producing roses in December for Juan Diego to gather, and left an image of herself imprinted on Juan Diego's *tilma* or mantle.



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St. Vincent de Paul

St Vincent de Paul only takes up a collection on months with 5 Sundays. The people we take care of are hungry everyday. For every \$10.00 you donate to St Vincent de Paul from now till December 6th, we will give you 3 chances to win our Victorian Doll House. ***Please help us help others in need.***

PARISH SCHEDULE

Monday, Nov. 30 /Lunes, 30 de Noviembre, 2009
 5:30 pm Children's Choir Practice Confer. Rm
 7:00 pm Youth Group Hall

Tuesday, December 1/Martes, 1 de Diciembre
 9:30 am World Apostolate of Fatima Chapel
 6:00 pm Christian Formation, Spanish Class Rms
 7:00 pm RCIA, Spanish Confer. B
 7:00 pm RCIA, English Confer. A
 7:00 pm "Night of Confessions" Church

Wednesday, Dec. 2/Miercoles, 2 de Diciembre
 5:00 pm School Christmas Program Church
 6:00 pm Christian Formation, English Class Rms
 6:00 pm Choir Practice Confer. Rm
 7:00 pm Bible Study Chapel
 7:00 pm Neocatechumenal Way Casa Maria

Thursday, December 3/Jueves, 3 de Diciembre
 6:00 pm Spanish Choir Practice Confer. Rm
 7:00 pm Guadalupanos Church

Friday, December 4/Viernes, 4 de Diciembre
 6:30 pm 7th & 8th Grade Dance Hall
 7:00 pm Guadalupanos Church

Saturday, December 5/Sabado, 5 de Diciembre
 7:00 pm Neocatechumenal Way Confer. Rm
 7:00 pm Guadalupanos Church

Sunday, December 6/Domingo, 6 de Diciembre
 8:00 am Coffee & Donuts Hall
 7:00 pm Guadalupanos Church

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

Masses for the Week

Monday, November 30 — St. Andrew
 6:15 am —† Rose Garcia
 8:30 am - Intentions of Bob & Agnes Bonin (Anniver)

Tuesday, December 1
 6:15 am— † Victoria Espinoza
 8:30 am † Jack Whalen

Wednesday, December 2
 6:15 am —† Beatrice Saenz
 8:30 am † Betty Baran

Thursday, December 3 — St. Francis Xavier
 6:15am- † Connie Peralta
 8:30 am - † Alejandro Pargan

Friday, December 4 — First Friday
 6:15 am - † Pat Cooper
 8:30 am —† Jack & Michael Whalen
 7:00 pm - † Bibiano Bustos

Saturday, December 5 — St. Nicholas
 8:30 am - † Betty Baran
 5:00 pm - † Jim Peterson
 7:00 pm - † Nicolas Renteria

Sunday, December 6 — 2nd Sunday of Advent
 6:30 am —† Werner & Miller families
 8:30 am † Saavedra, Goodluck & Lee families
 10:00 am † Mauricio Delgado
 10:30 am For the People
 12:30 pm † Hector Navarro

Remember in prayer all who are sick in our community, and those who have asked for your prayers: John Dykes, Ramona Rodriguez, Maria Rojo, Alicia Macias, Sonny Knotts, Arturo Muñoz, Rod Bagnall, Jose Dorame, Lucy Santa Cruz, Christine Lopez, Angie Fass, Natalia Batista, Rod Bagnall, Lucretia Mondrogon, Jason Abril, Cruz Hernandez, Leonard Schroeder, John Simmons, Michael Alvarez, Donny Mangerie, Lupe Andrade, Anita de la Cruz, Ben Figueroa, Doug Brunner, George and Lydia Bicolis, Mary Fedro, Anne Fogus, Delfina Noriega, Jenny Dunston, Frances Bowers, Maria Carpenter, Cindy Gentry, Michael Manners, Rose Ann Carpenter, Belen Ani, John Boland, Madeline Gross, and Marjorie A. Weise. **Pray for deployed members of the military:** Lance Corp. Juan Torres and Michael George Alvarez
Pray for all who have died:

CAMPAÑA DE DONACIÓN DE SANGRE

La Parroquia de Nuestra Señora del Perpetuo Socorro tendrá una campaña de donación de Sangre el **13 de Diciembre de 2009 de 9:00 am a 2:30 pm**. Por favor considera donar una hora de su tiempo y una pinta de su sangre, para salvar vidas. Inscríbese por favor en la entrada de la Iglesia o para garantizar una hora específica favor de inscribirse en línea en www.Bloodhero.com, nuestro código de patrocinador: **perpetualhelp**.

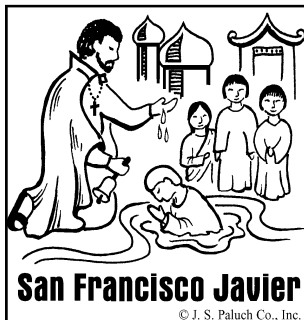
SAN FRANCISCO JAVIER

(1506-1552) 3 de diciembre

Este joven de origen vasco emigró a París para cursar estudios profesionales durante once años. Ahí destacó por su inteligencia y dotes deportivas. No obstante, conoció a otro joven vasco de nombre Ignacio, del castillo de Loyola, quien lo desafió a 'cosas mayores'. Vivió así sus ejercicios espirituales, logrando una conversión interior y entrega a la voluntad de Dios. Junto con otros seis jóvenes, incluyendo Ignacio, se convirtió en uno de los primeros miembros de la Compañía de Jesús (Jesuitas).

En 1541 se embarcó como misionero y nuncio papal a Goa, al Sur de la India. Ocho años más tarde, extendió su viaje a Japón, civilización que le impactó mucho por su sistema de valores y nivel educativo. Aprendió de ellos su cultura e idioma, les enseñó ciencia y evangelio, llegando a entender que, a fin de lograr la conversión de Japón, sería necesario evangelizar también a China. Aunque planeó el viaje a China para continuar su obra, la muerte le sorprendió y su viaje quedó pendiente. El Papa Pío XI lo declaró patrono de las misiones en 1927.

—Miguel Arias, © J. S. Paluch Co.



LAS TRES VENIDAS DEL ADVIENTO

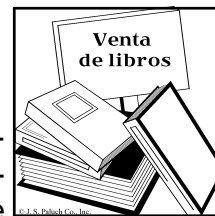
Sabemos de una triple venida del Señor: su venida a la humanidad, su venida en la humanidad y su venida contra la humanidad.

—San Bernardo: Tercer Sermón para Adviento



El 40avo. Aniversario de la Diócesis

La Diócesis de Phoenix ha publicado un libro empastado, hermosamente ilustrado e informativo que describe los pasados de 40 años en la Diócesis de Phoenix.



Usted puede comprar su propio libro muy propio en la oficina de la Rectoría por \$35.

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

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Viernes: Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31
Sábado: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8
Domingo: Bar 5:1-9; Sal 126 125); Fil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lc 3:1-6



Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, patrona de las Américas, se le apareció al indígena Juan Diego en 1531, pidiendo que se construyera una iglesia en ese lugar. Cuando el obispo pidió una señal que confirmara la autenticidad de la aparición, ella respondió produciendo rosas en diciembre para que Juan Diego las recogiera, y dejó una imagen de sí misma impresa en la *tilma* o manto de Juan Diego.

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UNA ESPERA ACTIVA

A medida que se abre este nuevo año litúrgico, las lecturas de hoy resultan muy apropiadas ya que nos fundamentan en lo que significa vivir como auténticos cristianos. El Evangelio, con sus atemorizantes predicciones sobre el fin de los tiempos, invita a los oyentes a que "velen... y hagan oración continuamente" (Lucas 21:36). Este tipo de vigilancia no es algo pasivo para los cristianos. Más bien, es una espera activa. ¿Qué debemos hacer mientras esperamos la venida del Señor? La segunda lectura nos ofrece la respuesta: "rebotar de un amor mutuo" (1 Tesalonicenses 3:12). Hoy se habla de promesas hechas y cumplidas. Que en este tiempo de Adviento quedemos firmemente enraizados en una postura de activo esperar por el Señor, quien trae justicia y paz. Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.