

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
FIRST READING: 2 Samuel 5:1-3 (162C)
SECOND READING: Colossians 1:12-20 GOSPEL: Luke 23:35-43

FATHER KEN'S KORNER

The Four Last Things – Part 2
On Purgatory

When the topic of Purgatory comes up in Catholic circles these days it is amazing to me the number of times I hear people say, “We don’t still believe in that do we?” Breaking news (for some) ... We Catholic Christians have always believed in Purgatory and we always will because it is part of the Deposit of Faith we have received from the apostles through our Sacred Tradition. An indication of this belief in action is that it has always been our custom to pray for the dead, especially in the context of the Mass and, in more recent times, during November with the celebration of All Souls Day (a feast established by the Church to remember in prayer the souls in Purgatory). If we believed that Heaven and Hell were the only realities of the afterlife, then there would be no point to this pious practice because the souls in Heaven do not need our prayers and the souls in Hell cannot be helped by our prayers. But early Christian writings and even graffiti written on tombs provide evidence that prayers for the dead were commonplace. Early Christians of Rome who gathered to celebrate the Mass over the tombs of the martyrs prayed for the faithful dead but at the same time made an exception for the martyrs themselves. Instead they asked the martyrs to pray for them because they felt certain that the martyrs were with the saints in Heaven while the status of those who died of natural causes was less certain in their minds (i.e. possibly they were in Purgatory and they could therefore benefit from the prayers of the community). In one specific example that is famous in patristic history, as St. Monica lay dying, she told her son St. Augustine that she did not care where he chose to bury her. She asked only that he remember her in his prayers daily at the altar. In other words, she wanted him to know that if she did have to go through purification, the most precious gift he could offer her would be the Mass and this is why, so often, our Masses are offered for our beloved dead. The fact that we have

persisted through the centuries in praying for the dead as a Church is a clear indication that we also hold to a belief in this third possible spiritual state...one that we call Purgatory; a transitional spiritual state of purification that many souls must pass through before entering the gates of Heaven.

In paragraphs 1030-1032 in the Catechism of the Catholic Church we read about the Church’s teaching on Purgatory. “All who die in God’s grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned.” A careful reading of this passage highlights a couple of key ideas contained within this teaching:

a) Only that which is perfectly pure and holy is allowed to enter the gates of Heaven (see Rev. 21:27), b) The souls of those in Purgatory are joyous because their salvation is assured (as ours in this life is not) and c) The imperfectly holy receive God’s mercy at the time of their death if they call upon it and have lived as friends of God while still in this life, but God is also just. In my view, Purgatory is actually an expression of both God’s mercy and justice at work...Justice because all things must be atoned for and made whole and Mercy because the purification that is undergone in Purgatory can be viewed as a healing process in which hindrances to love are removed from our lives and we become capable of our full potential to love and praise God for all eternity in Heaven. Of course, we believe that the easier route to purification is while we are still in this life. All of our penances, prayers and good works help us to purify our hearts, grow in holiness and reduce or eliminate the wounds of sin in our lives. But if work remains at the time of our deaths, it is the mercy of Purgatory that helps us to complete the process of purification.

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What is the scriptural basis for this belief in Purgatory, some may ask? Well, the classic verse that Catholics refer to is found in 2 Mac 12:42-46. In it Judas Maccabeus urged his troops to pray for the dead and make an offering of atonement in expiation of the sins of the fallen who had secretly been wearing amulets to a foreign god under their armor. "In doing this he acted in a very excellent and noble way, inasmuch as he had the resurrection of the dead in view" (12:43). Those who would point out that Maccabees is not a book that appears within the canon of scripture for Protestant Christians can still find scriptural indications elsewhere though. Looking at 1 Peter 3:19, we are told that while Jesus was dead in the tomb "it was in the spirit also that he went to preach to the spirits in prison". This place of the dead that Peter refers to is neither Heaven (which was not yet opened by Jesus) nor Hell but a place which the Jews referred to as the Bosom of Abraham and which Christians first used the coined term "Limbo" to refer to...an in-between state. If such an in-between state is possible then the concept of Purgatory is certainly not refuted. And I have already referred to Rev 21:27, where we read "nothing profane shall enter it [the gates of

Heaven] nor anyone who is a liar or who has done a detestable act". Since we are all sinners and we all fall short of perfection, and since Revelations also symbolically refers to at least thousands who are saved, there must, of necessity be a purification process that would allow this state of perfection to be achieved...where we can collectively become the spotless bride of Christ. See also Mt. 12:32 (referred to above with Pope Gregory the Great), Lk 12:58, 1 Pet 3:19, Rev 21:27 and 1 Cor. 3:10-15, where we read that some will be saved "but only as one fleeing through fire".

That being said, however, Catholic Christians are not fundamentalists. Our truth of Divine Revelation (Jesus Himself) is drawn not exclusively from Sacred Scripture but from Sacred Tradition as well, interpreted authentically by the Magisterium of the Church (i.e. a three-pillared foundation of truth). And that Sacred Tradition, revealed through the practices of the Church and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit has proclaimed a consistent belief in Purgatory. Just remember though...Purgatory is not one of the "Four Last Things" (Death, Judgment, Heaven and Hell). It will come to an end when the last soul in it is received through the gates of Heaven to eternal joy. Stay tuned in upcoming weeks as I write about our understanding of Hell and, in the final installment, our eternal homeland...Heaven.

CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

The Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) provides funding for groups that make lasting change and uplift the poor in the United States. In the last five years, over 36% of CCHD's grants have gone to improving education, supporting economic development, and improving housing in low-income neighborhoods. Help us continue to defend human dignity and take poverty off the map.

Please give generously to the CCHD Collection.

7:00 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

M. Nov. 25:	+Paul Schaefer
T. Nov. 26:	+Dick Van Lom
W. Nov. 27:	+Ralph Cavanaugh
Th. Nov. 28:	No 7:00 Mass
Fr. Nov. 29:	+Mary Lou Loehr

8:30 a.m. DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

M. Nov. 25:	Michael Porras
T. Nov. 26:	+Carol West, +Ethel Blevins, +Della West
W. Nov. 27:	+Ralph & +Frances Dooley
Th. Nov. 28:	+Enrico Console
Fr. Nov. 29:	+Janice Gnos
Sat. Nov. 30:	+Frank Swedish

PLEASE PRAY for the sick of our parish especially:

Jim Carrigan, Barnie Deffley, Ruth Frisbee, Patti Otto, Jennifer White, Cecelia Rayburn, Loretta Thrun, Celia Caporici, Joyce Farrell, Jason Stark, Theresa Matthews, Pat Kelly, Jeff Leroy, Leonard Krug, Alice Blenkush, Linda Blixt, Nanette Hall, Vickie Harris, Marie Casilio, Brian Chachere, Margaret Welk, Rosary Brooks, Margaret Mucha, Shizuka McCue, Mary Beveridge, Rita Morrell, Rose Casagrande, Marion & Bill Owens, and Dick & Beverly Handley.

Please pray for the deceased of our parish and for their families, especially: +Mickey Ketchum.



PHILIPPINES TYPHOON RELIEF

The recent massive typhoon in the Philippines has left thousands of people dead or missing and many thousands more homeless and hungry. Archbishop Alexander K. Sample has called upon Catholics in western Oregon to respond with prayers and financial support.

Archbishop Sample stated, "I was greatly saddened to hear of the tremendous loss of life and devastation caused by typhoon Haiyan. I offer my prayers for the people mourning the death of loved ones, for those struggling to survive, and for those rescue workers assisting them. Catholic Relief Services is in the Philippines and is offering assistance. I call upon Catholics of the Archdiocese to pray for those affected by this tragedy, and to offer financial support by being generous in special collections that will be taken up in parishes for Catholic Relief Services effort in the Philippines."

Our Parish will collect contributions for the relief measures and remit them to Catholic Relief Services. To donate through the Parish, please place your contribution in an envelope marked "Philippines Relief" and place in the offertory basket or drop off at the Parish office.

You may learn more about the Catholic Relief Services efforts in the Philippines, or donate directly to Catholic Relief Services at www.crs.org.

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS -- 8:30

Please bring canned goods to Mass, which will be taken to the area's food pantries by Dave Scimeca and his family. If you'd like to bring the bread or rolls you'll be serving at your Thanksgiving feast, Father Ken will bless them at the end of the Mass.



**Last ROSARY SALE this year
December 1: 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
A HAND MADE ROSARY makes a great
Christmas present for young & old alike.
We have all colors and all prices.
Questions? Call Bertha 541-245-6981**

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

"Our lives are transformed through frequent contact with the Lord present in the Blessed Sacrament. It is impossible to spend extended periods of time with Christ, adoring him, thanking him and uniting our wills to His, and not have Him change our lives."

-- Francis Cardinal George



Open hours :

Saturday 12midnight, 1:00 a.m., 2:00 a.m.,
3:00 a.m. 4:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m.,
11:00 p.m.
Sunday 1:00 a.m., 2:00 a.m., 3:00 a.m.,
4:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12 noon, 5:00 p.m.
Monday 12 midnight, 1:00 a.m., 2:00 a.m., 3:00 a.m.
Tuesday 7:00 a.m.
Wednesday 2:00 a.m., 3:00 a.m.
Friday 1:00 a.m., 4:00 a.m., 5:00 a.m., 11:00 p.m.
To sign up for these or any hour or if you have any questions please call Dan or Sarah @ 541- 582-3717.

LITURGY CORNER

This Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. It is the last Sunday of the liturgical year, bringing us full circle to Advent. After having listened to stories of Christ's life and ministry throughout Ordinary Time, our parting image is that of majesty. Like the rose window in the front of our parish church, Christ the King reminds us that Jesus is the source and center of our lives, and His divine power and providence extends over all creation. How blessed we are to be the subjects of so great and good a King!

"I came back into the Church after a long time away, and I wanted to do all I could to say, "thank you." I was elated to be able to give His Body and Blood to others. It has brought me so much closer to our Lord Jesus. I think (serving as a Eucharistic Minister) would benefit anyone wanting to love our Lord more and know Him better. He totally watches over us." – Cecelia Rayburn

You are needed! To schedule training or sign up for Eucharistic Minister training on Thursday, 12/5, at 3:30, please call or e-mail abrophy@shcs.org. Thank you! – Ann Brophy, Pastoral Associate



ANNUAL MUSIC MINISTRY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Please mark your calendars for our annual Christmas Concert!
Friday, December, 13th at 7:00 p.m.!!
All proceeds benefit the new sound system!!



SACRED HEART GIVING TREE

'Tis soon the season for giving! Elves from Sacred Heart School have been hard at work creating gift tags with which they will soon decorate our parish's Giving Tree.

Beginning November 30, please take a tag for Magdalene Home or St. Vincent de Paul from the Giving Tree in the Parish Hall. Then on a Sunday during Advent - December 22 at the latest - please return the bagged gift to the Giving Tree with the tag attached.

Thank you, Sacred Heart School students for creating our gift tags this year, and thank you, Sacred Heart parishioners, for this tenth year of making someone's Christmas much brighter and warmer!

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS LUNCHEON

Tuesday, December 3rd we will meet in the Parish Hall at 10:30 a.m. Sacred Heart School choir and our seminarian Norman will sing for us. Please bring a favorite food dish to share. We will be collecting gift cards for our Christmas gift to the seminarians at Mt. Angel. For information call Regent Connie Moyer at 541-773-8736.



Due to increased foot traffic in our parking lot please be sure to stow your valuables and lock your vehicle while you are at Mass or at Chapel.

SALE OF CHRISTMAS TREES

Friday, November 29 -- Saturday, December 14
Hours: Saturday & Sunday -- 9:00AM -- 7:00PM
Mondays - Fridays -- 3:00PM -- 7:00PM
Proceeds benefit St. Vincent de Paul
and Knights of Columbus Charities.



ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

Our Christmas Luncheon with our Evening and Day Group will be held Saturday, December 21, at Horton Plaza, at 11:00 a.m. Husbands are invited to attend this event as well. Call: Louise-541-776-2441 or Eleanor-541-499-0277. Please consider buying your ticket early. Price \$15 per ticket.

Sees Candy will go on sale December 7th/ 8th, after all the Masses.

Christmas Caroling---6 nights in December. Call: Chato: 541-772-4180, for specific nights and times. Seminarians Norman and RJ (Our Lady of the Mountain), playing the guitar, will accompany the Carolers.



The more Carolers, the Merrier.

Thank you Advertiser of the Week

Susie's Florist

*Please thank our Advertisers with your patronage.
To place an ad call 1-800-867-0660.*

SACRED HEART CHURCH CALENDARS

Thank you Conger Morris for once again providing our church with calendars! We appreciate having Catholic calendars that let us know the seasons of the Church year. Please take one per family.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Our second collection taken up for St. Vincent de Paul last weekend totaled \$3,441.35. Thank you very much!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Sunday December 1st – NO Classes (Thanksgiving)

Sunday December 8th – Classes Resume

THANKSGIVING

As Catholics, we give thanks every Sunday in the Eucharist, the prayer of thanksgiving. Here are some ways to help children celebrate Thanksgiving and develop a habit of thanks that can change their lives. Invite your child to keep a gift list. (This is the opposite of a Christmas wish list.) Ask them to keep track of all kindnesses that have been done for them. Help them to recognize the gifts that come in disguise, too.

Help your child(ren) make “5 Kernels” bags for each person’s place at the Thanksgiving dinner. Have them place 5 pieces of candy corn into a small plastic bag, along with this explanation below....

The corn reminds us of the meaning of Thanksgiving

First kernel – stands for God’s love

Second kernel – reminds us that God provides for all our needs

Third kernel – stands for the friends God has given us

Fourth kernel – reminds us of all the people who love us

Fifth kernel – reminds us that God hears our prayers

Let us be thankful every day!

On Thanksgiving Day, begin the ritual of “Two Cents A Meal”. By contributing 2 cents per person at each meal, family members are reminded each time they eat of the needs of others and the reality of hunger for millions in our world. Use the money to buy items for the food bank or donate to St Vincent De Paul.

Decorate a box with words of thanksgiving (Thank you, Lord,” etc). Cut a slot in the top large enough to slip note paper through. On Thanksgiving, after every meal, spend time sharing what each person is thankful for. Then put the box in a special place. Throughout the year, family members can continue to write what they are thankful for and slip it into the box. The next Thanksgiving, after the meal, the box can be opened and the cards passed out to be read and shared.

Keeping an “attitude of gratitude” will help you and your children live a life of thanksgiving all year long.

Happy Thanksgiving
from the Religious Education team!!

HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION

We **will** be having Youth Confirmation with classes **beginning in January 2014**, on Wednesday evenings in the Parish Hall. Registration will happen at that time. Please watch our bulletin and website for information. Sessions will focus on Confirmation as the Sacrament of the Holy Spirit and the Sacrament of Mission and what that means in the lives of those who receive this awesome Sacrament!



SACRED HEART SCHOOL NEWS

Annual Fund Drive- The Drive the Mission brochure serves as our end of the year report and also shares highlights from the 2012-2013 school year and some fun pictures of our students and activities. I am working with Fr. Ken to find a weekend to present at each of the Masses, but in the meanwhile I have placed copies of the brochures at the entrances to the church.

Thanks to the parishioners of the area parishes, last year we received \$29,849.00, exceeding our goal of \$25,000! As you consider your end-of-year donations, please consider Sacred Heart Catholic School. I will post a graph on the bulletin board in the back of the church to track our progress with this year’s Annual Fund Drive. Our goal once again is \$25,000.

We have made great progress at Sacred Heart School and continue to work on improving the quality of the Catholic education we provide. We appreciate your partnership in our mission.

Thank you for your continued, generous support of your parish school. Please know that you are in our prayers as well. Once again, we invite you to continue to help us through a donation to our Annual Fund Drive. RSVP...respond, if you please:). God’s richest blessings to you all!

Shirley Kennedy

Principal, Sacred Heart Catholic School



*...from The faculty
and staff of
Sacred Heart School!*

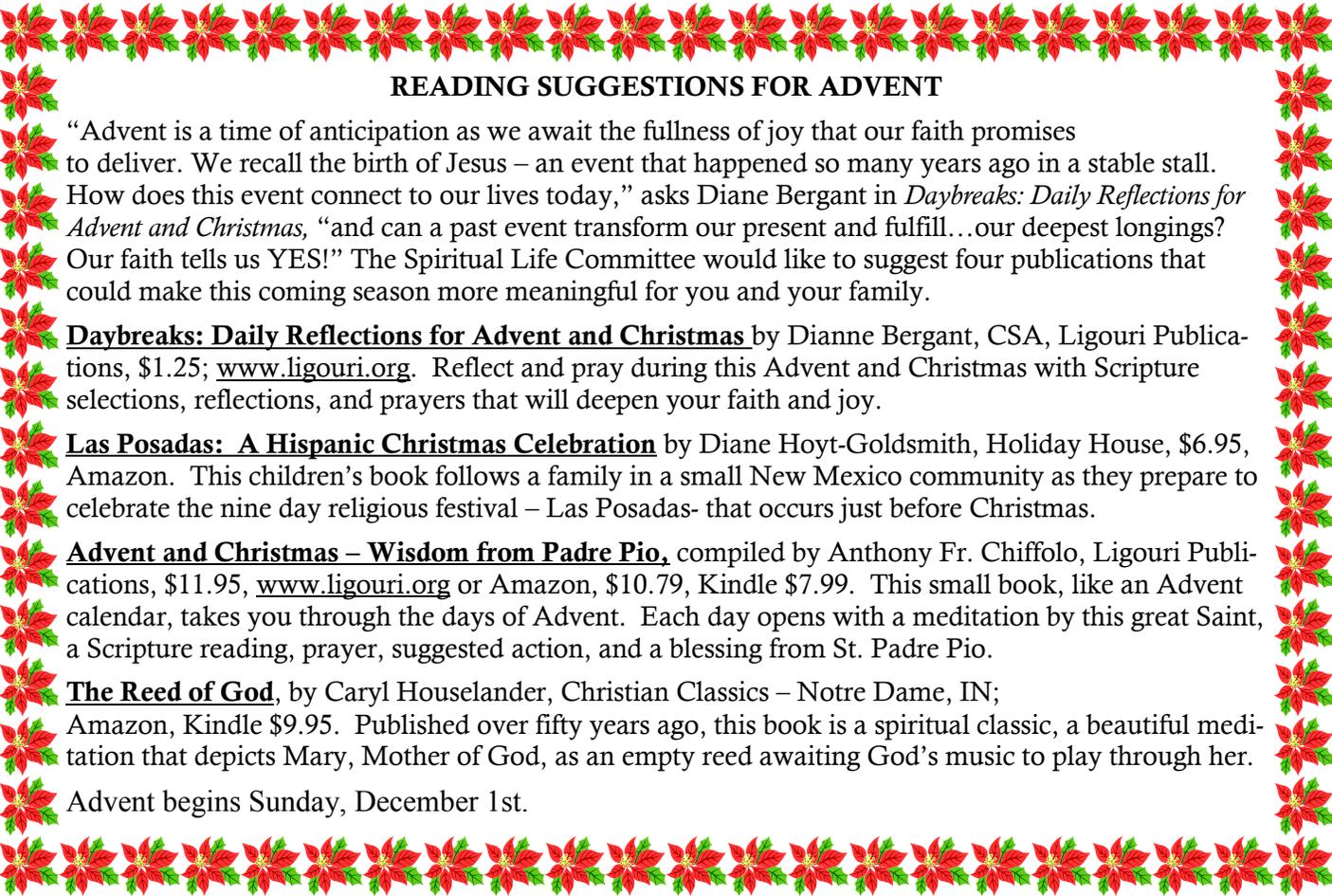
We will be selling Scrip after the 7:00 and 8:30 Masses on November 24th, December 1st, December 8th, and December 15th

“Make yourself familiar with the angels, and behold them frequently in spirit; for, without being seen they are present with you.” ~ St. Francis De Sales

Financial Report

	11/10/2013	11/11/2012
Offertory received - this week	\$20,471.33	\$16,158.20
Offertory received - Year to Date	\$333,163.94	\$336,974.84
Needed for Budget	\$343,050.50	\$349,056.60
Over (Under) Budget	(\$9,886.56)	(\$12,081.75)

God gives it all, then calls us to share. Thank you for sharing!



READING SUGGESTIONS FOR ADVENT

“Advent is a time of anticipation as we await the fullness of joy that our faith promises to deliver. We recall the birth of Jesus – an event that happened so many years ago in a stable stall. How does this event connect to our lives today,” asks Diane Bergant in *Daybreaks: Daily Reflections for Advent and Christmas*, “and can a past event transform our present and fulfill...our deepest longings? Our faith tells us YES!” The Spiritual Life Committee would like to suggest four publications that could make this coming season more meaningful for you and your family.

Daybreaks: Daily Reflections for Advent and Christmas by Dianne Bergant, CSA, Ligouri Publications, \$1.25; www.ligouri.org. Reflect and pray during this Advent and Christmas with Scripture selections, reflections, and prayers that will deepen your faith and joy.

Las Posadas: A Hispanic Christmas Celebration by Diane Hoyt-Goldsmith, Holiday House, \$6.95, Amazon. This children’s book follows a family in a small New Mexico community as they prepare to celebrate the nine day religious festival – Las Posadas- that occurs just before Christmas.

Advent and Christmas – Wisdom from Padre Pio, compiled by Anthony Fr. Chiffolo, Ligouri Publications, \$11.95, www.ligouri.org or Amazon, \$10.79, Kindle \$7.99. This small book, like an Advent calendar, takes you through the days of Advent. Each day opens with a meditation by this great Saint, a Scripture reading, prayer, suggested action, and a blessing from St. Padre Pio.

The Reed of God, by Caryl Houselander, Christian Classics – Notre Dame, IN; Amazon, Kindle \$9.95. Published over fifty years ago, this book is a spiritual classic, a beautiful meditation that depicts Mary, Mother of God, as an empty reed awaiting God’s music to play through her.

Advent begins Sunday, December 1st.