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*First Sunday of
Advent*

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You know the time; it is the hour now
for you to awake from sleep.
For our salvation is nearer now
than when we first believed; the night
is advanced, the day is at hand.
Let us then throw off the works of
darkness and put on the armor of light.
~Romans 13:11-12

Excerpts
from the
Lectionary
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Worship Schedule

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:30 p.m.

Sunday 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Weekday Schedule

Mon., Tues., Wed., and Fri.: Mass

Thurs.: Communion Service

All at 8:30 a.m.

Rosary Devotion

Monday through Friday: 8:00 AM

Sacraments

Reconciliation - Saturday 3:30 p.m.

Baptism

1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 2:00 p.m. Baptismal preparation is required. Baptismal prep takes place on the 2nd Tues. of the month at 7:30 pm. Please call Deacon Tom Nolan to register.

Marriage

Please contact the Pastor 6 months in advance.

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Note from the Pastor



HAPPY NEW YEAR?

Happy New Year! Today, the first Sunday of Advent, once again marks a new beginning. It is a time of preparation and of starting over. One of the most wonderful things about our faith is that no matter how much we messed up in the past, everything is redeemable. Everything! We get to begin again. And so we do. And so we must. Our very life and the lives of our children and grandchildren depend upon it.

The theme we have chosen for this Advent is, "You are Not Alone." What I love about it is that it can be taken on so many different levels. The most profound is the realization of the fact that no matter how alone and alienated we may feel, we *cannot* be separated from the Divine source, from God. We await the coming of Emmanuel (God-with-us) but in reality, God is already with us and we cannot be separated from God. We are not independent agents. No one acts completely alone.

In the social, cultural and economic level, we are not really alone either. We are in this mess together. The world has shrunk, we are living on top of each other, and in every way are interdependent upon each other. We are not alone. We are tied up with the "other" stranger, the foreigner in every way. And this has caused a global crisis.

Outside of the civil wars (talk about an oxymoron) most conflicts occur with those whom we perceive to be different from us, strangers, foreigners, "them". We are quite sure they are different from us in thought, dress, politics, and most serious of all, religion. What do you do with those who see reality through a different lens from our own? Well, first you try to stay away from them. We build walls and boundaries to isolate ourselves from "those people". But they don't stay on their own side of the fence. They keep on moving and taking over. Don't believe me? Ask the American Indian. Ask the Palestinians in East Jerusalem as they watch settlements spring up overnight. Ask the Jews who build giant walls and keep suicide bombers out. Ask the Christians in Iraq. Ask those imprisoned in the Gaza strip or... just go to the Arizona border.

But what do you do if they cross the line? What do you do when they are taking over your political, economic, social or religious territory? You burn them at the stake as heretics or you have an inquisition or you become a terrorist. Well, they're here. And they've got weapons and are dangerous. And if I were writing this from somewhere in the Middle East from an Islamic point-of-view, they would be referring to us as "them". Those people have started a war against us, want our oil, are out to destroy our way of life, and even if

they are not physically present in great numbers, they send their drones. They kill us by remote control. They destroy our women and children by their video games with bombs.

It is Advent, we are not alone and "they" are not going away. And they're (we're) dangerous.

So what do we do? Well, if we are this close to each other and we are not going away, the least we can do is talk and try to understand. If we can get beyond our hard-nosed ideological bent, we may find common ground. I know, I know, if the Republicans and Democrats can't find common ground how in the world do we expect Jews and Christians and Muslims to rediscover our common humanity? And yet we must. There are no alternatives. The poet W. H. Auden put it most succinctly when he wrote, "Love your Neighbor, or Die." Martin Luther King put it this way, "We will either all learn to love each other as brothers and sisters or we will all die alone as fools." And we are not alone.

I believe the greatest divide we have today isn't economic or political, but religious. Most of us of a certain age grew up in religious ghettos. In Chicago, you were either a Catholic or a Public but none of us knew too many Publics. They didn't live in our neighborhood. In the suburbs, you were white. The number of Blacks and Hispanics could be counted on one hand. And in Detroit... where did all of those people with funny headscarves come from all of a sudden? Uh, oh, they're here and they're not going away. We are not alone. It's time to talk and to listen. That is exactly what we intend to do here at Mary Queen.

Next week at noon, following refreshments after the 10:30 Mass, we have the honor to have one of the finest Muslim scholars in the nation speak to us about our differences and more importantly, our similarities. Dr. Scott Alexander of the Catholic Theological Union will be here with us to share and to dialogue about the world of Islam. This is not a mere academic exercise or just an adult educational opportunity. No, it's much more about our present day lives and the future for our children and children's children. It is not an option. It is imperative that we learn to speak and to listen and to find at the deepest level not only common ground, but a common humanity and the same God. Because when all is said and done, we are not alone.

May this truly be holy, healthy, happy New Year.

In Jesus, Emmanuel, God-With-Us,

Fr. Tony

Parish News

ISLAM, MUSLIMS, AND THE CURRENT GLOBAL CONTEXT: MOVING BEYOND MEDIA SOUND BITES

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2010

IN BARRETT HALL At Noon

(following refreshments after the 10:30 Mass)



Dr. Scott Alexander
Professor of Islam
Catholic Theological Union,
Chicago

Director of Catholic-Muslim
Studies Program

Addressing the current context of widespread misunderstanding and divisiveness, this presentation will attempt to move beyond the media sound bites in order to present an intellectually sound framework for understanding Islam and Muslims within our current global and U.S. domestic context.

As part of his reflections, Prof. Alexander will focus on Catholic teaching with respect to Christian-Muslim relations and the role that Catholics are called to play in the Church's mission of dialogue, hope, and reconciliation within the human family.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SEMI-ANNUAL CLOTHING COLLECTION

Don't forget to clean your closets out. We are in need of "gently used" winter clothing for children and adults. Also, dishes, utensils, small appliances, books, blankets, linens, etc. Sorry no furniture will be accepted. The truck will be in our lot from 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 4 until Sunday, December 5 at 1:00 p.m. Receipts for your donation are always available. Please help us help others who are less fortunate.



SENIOR CITIZEN CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sponsored by
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2010

IN

BARRETT HALL

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING 4:30 pm Mass

Seniors are cordially invited to attend a Christmas Party in their honor. A buffet dinner will be served and entertainment will be provided. Mark your calendar now and plan to have an enjoyable Saturday evening with good food, great conversations with your friends and special entertainment prepared especially for you.

So that we can prepare food for everyone, if you are planning to attend, you please fill in the form below and return it in the collection basket, the basket provided in the vestibule of the Church or return it to the Rectory. If you have any questions or transportation needs, please contact Dayna Pierzchala at 630-834-3233 and she will be happy to make the arrangements for you.

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4.



Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

____ I/We will need transportation or assistance.

Parish News



DROP IN YOGA CLASSES

9:00 am - 10:00 am

Dec. 2, Dec. 14, Jan 6, Jan 13, Jan 20

Meet us in Barrett Hall - with a yoga mat

Call Debbie 941-7224 to be put on her email list for automatic Yoga invites or any questions at all.



CHRISTMAS FOOD COLLECTION AND CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Our Christmas Food Collection will take place the weekend of December 11 and 12. We are in need of canned fruit, soup, vegetables, cranberries, stuffing, cereal, baking items, juice, coffee, tea, peanut butter, jelly, pasta, spaghetti sauce, potatoes, prepared meals, goodies, paper goods such as paper towels, Kleenex, toilet tissue, cleaning supplies, dish soap, etc.

The Giving Tree will be up in the rear of Church the weekend of Nov. 27 & 28. We now have 30 families that we have adopted for Christmas. Your generosity in the past has been unbelievable and we want to thank you for all the years you have helped out with the less fortunate. Please take an ornament or two off the tree, purchase the gift requested, wrap it, place the ornament on the top of the package (name up) and return it under the tree the weekend of December 11 and 12. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Sheila at 630-833-6657.

BREAD OF LIFE, COVENANT OF LOVE

"The Eucharist contains Jesus' everything, given so that we might live more fully here in this world and ultimately be granted a share in life eternal...This is something to keep in mind on those days we might feel resistant to attending Mass..or what we are getting out of Mass. Mass is, of course, more about **participating** than simply receiving. It is more about **us** than **me**." (Emphasis added by editor) – (Tom Quinlan in *Christ is Our Hope*, 4/2010)

You are invited, during this Year of the Eucharist, to come and spend time in Eucharistic Adoration on **Monday, December 6**. It begins after 8:30 Mass, and will close with **Benediction** at **7:00 p.m.** All are invited to join us in prayer **any** time during the day, **as well as for Benediction**. Why not begin this special prayer day with Mass too! Note: We have lost one of our 2:00 pm adorers to Poland! We would welcome someone who can step up and "adopt" this hour to insure we have 2 people present. Please contact **Kay Diggins at 630-530-7214**, or **Rose Wilkes at 630-833-7238** with questions or to sign up.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Once again this year, we will be having our annual Mass celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Sunday, December 12 at 1:00 pm. We are looking for volunteers to help with the liturgy which includes a short reenactment of the visitation of Our Lady to St. Juan Diego as well as bilingual music and fellowship after Mass. We are in need of singers, readers and musicians, and family involvement. Do not be shy! You do not have to be Hispanic to enjoy this wonderful feast day. Our Lady of Guadalupe is also the patroness of the Philippines and of all the Americas!! If you are interested in helping, please feel free to call Ellen Walker at 630-279-4021.

Christian Education News



Advent Service Projects:

This year we will be collecting new unwrapped toys for **Marillac House** on Chicago's West Side. There will be a "toy box" in the hall of school for donations on Wednesday, **December 1 and 8** during class times. Toys for all ages are welcome...no violent toys please. Also, the RE children are asked to come to class with a donation of 50 cents which will be donated to **Heifer International**. They can then "vote" for a pig, a sheep, or a goat to be sent to a small village, which will drastically improve the quality of life of its residents. Our "polls" will be open on the first two Wednesdays of December.

For more information on any of the above, please contact Mary Ann Woods at the REO, (630) 832-8962 or email at mqhmawoods@sbcglobal.net.

Christian Worship Commission



Please call 630-279-5700 to have a name added to our list. A new listing will appear in bold face. Names will remain on the prayer list for four weeks. Contact the parish office to renew the individual's name on our prayer list. We hope that you will pray for these persons every day.

Kristen Jacobsen Elkins
Jorge I. Gómez
Patricia Haagen
Alfred Martin
Mark Poedike

HELP IN HARD TIMES

The speed and severity of the financial and economic recession is threatening many people in the country, including some in our community and parish. In an attempt to provide one source of assistance, the MQH Peace and Justice Committee has developed a list of organizations that provide a wide variety of help to those in need. Copies of the list are available for use not only for parishioners, but also for passing on to those you know who are facing difficulties. Please do not hesitate to avail yourself of these sources of assistance.

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| Access DuPage | (630) 510-8720 |
| Free medical & psychological services | |
| Alcoholics Anonymous (Elmhurst) | (630) 833-7897 |
| AllKids | (630) 682-7979 ext. 7676 |
| Free health insurance for children & families | |
| Bridge Communities (housing) | (630) 545-0610 |
| Catholic Charities | (630) 495-8008 |
| Housing, general assistance, parenting classes & counseling | |
| Community Clinic | (630) 682-0639 |
| Free medical and dental care in Wheaton & Villa Park | |
| Consumer Credit Counseling | 1(800) 388-2227 |
| Cornerstone Family Health (Hinsdale) | (630) 734-0580 |
| Basic medical, dental insurance discounts for kids on Public aid | |
| DuPage County Community Services | (630) 407-6500 |
| Human, Psychological and Senior services. Family Center | |
| DuPage County Health Dept. | (630) 620-3350 |
| DuPage County Info & Referrals | 1(800) 942-9412 |
| For all needs | |
| York Township | (630) 620-2400 |
| Addison Township | (630) 530-8161 |
| Addison Switchboard | (630) 628-2698 |
| Proviso Township | (630) 344-7432 |
| (Cook Co.) | |
| DuPage Home Ownership Program | (630) 260-2500 |
| Programs for buying a home on a low income or to Avoid foreclosure | |
| Elmhurst Clothing Closets | |
| St. Peter's Methodist Church | (630) 530-6000 |
| | (630) 834-2440 |
| Elmhurst Walk-In Ministry | (630) 782-6006 |
| Emergency Assistance for residents or church members in Elmhurst | |
| Family Shelter Service | (630) 469-5650 |
| Domestic abuse | |

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| Hamdard Center | (866) 305-3933 |
| Domestic violence/abuse of women & children | |
| Illinois Dept. of Public Aid | (630) 530-1120 |
| Illinois Employment Training Ctr. | (630) 495-4345 |
| Legal Aid | (630) 653-6212 |
| L.I.H.E.A.P. | 1(800) 942-9412 |
| For utility assistance | |
| York Township | (630) 620-2400 |
| Addison Township | (630) 530-8161 |
| Lombard, Villa Park Walk-In Ministry | (630) 693-0185 |
| LOVE Christian Clearinghouse | (630) 512-8665 |
| General assistance if referred by church in DuPage Co. | |
| Marion Park & Assisi Homes | (630) 665-9100 |
| (Wheaton) Subsidized housing for low income persons, families and Seniors | |
| Metropolitan Family Services | (630) 682-1802 |
| Counseling for individuals and families | |
| P.A.D.S. | (630) 682-3846 |
| Emergency nightly shelter and day site | |
| People's Resource Center | (630) 682-5412 |
| Food pantry, medical & dental clinic, literacy tutoring, Computer Training, rental assistance for PRC clients | |
| Poised for Success | (630) 691-1455 |
| Women's work clothing and accessories | |
| Prairie State Legal | (630) 690-2130 |
| Salvation Army | (630) 629-4948 |
| Serenity House | (630) 620-6616 |
| Treatment facility | |
| St. Vincent de Paul Society at Mary Queen of Heaven Church in Elmhurst | (630) 279-5700 |
| State of Illinois | www.illinois.gov |
| Official website for the State of Illinois. State links include: Living, Health & Wellness, Working, Learning, Business, Government and Help | |
| Veteran's Assistance, DuPage Co. | (630) 407-5655 |
| Emergency assistance for Veterans only | |
| W.I.C. | (630) 682-7979 |
| Nutritional education program, coupons for food for Women and children | |
| West Suburban Job Seekers Club | (630) 833-6664 |
| Woman's Choice Services | (630) 261-9564 |
| Pregnancy intervention and support. Post abortion Counseling And services | |
| Work Net DuPage Career Center | (630) 495-4345 |

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4 - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2010

| | 4:30 PM | 8:30 AM | 10:30 AM |
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| Presider | Fr. Tony | Fr. Tony | Fr. Tony |
| Lector | M. Grozik | R. Wilkes | K. Passarelli |
| Eucharistic Ministers | M. White (S) M. Zelinski (C) D. StaRosa K. Diggins L. Loesch S. Pingatore H. Todd | M. McCall (S) M. Grozik (C) M. Conway J. Eichorst J. Unger K. Vicary M. Kelly | K. Mueller (S) T. Kevil (C) P. Twardowski D. Justus J. Lindberg D. Styka R. Styka P. Mason |
| Altar Servers | N. Simon N. Simon E. Zielinski | J. Vosicky I. Weigel M. Bourke | D. Bolivar B. Dunn A. Frank |



Church Support

Collection totals for Nov. 21 will be published in next week's bulletin.

Thank you for your continued support!



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, November 28, 2010

8:30 AM † William J. Neven
10:30 AM Peter Lewis

Monday, November 29, 2010

8:30 AM † Kay Kennedy

Tuesday, November 30, 2010

8:30 AM † Catherine Emnis

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

8:30 AM † Cyril Emnis

Thursday, December 2, 2010

8:30 AM Communion Service

Friday, December 3, 2010

8:30 AM † Robert Lawlor, Jr.

Saturday, December 4, 2010

4:30 PM † Otto Family
† Lauretta Vero

Sunday, December 5, 2010

8:30 AM † Jeane Allen
10:30 AM † Blythe O' Sullivan

† indicates person is deceased

Readings for the Week of November 28, 2010

Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44
Monday: Is 4:2-6/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22
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
Next Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

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Website: www.maryqueenpreschool.org
E-mail: mqhpreschool@maryqueen.org

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| <p>28 First Sunday of Advent 7:45 AM - 12:00 PM RCIA in School Rm 4-5, 11-12,13 8:30 & 10:30 AM Masses in C 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM Destiny in School 1 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Youth Wings in BH</p> | <p>29</p> | <p>30 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM Bible Study in Conf. Rm.</p> | <p>1 3:15 PM - 8:15 PM RE Classes in School</p> | <p>2 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Yoga in BH 10:15 AM - 11:15 AM Yoga KEP in BH 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM Men's group in BH</p> | <p>3</p> | <p>4 3:30 PM - Confessions 4:30 PM - Mass in C 5:30 PM - 10:00 PM CCW Christmas Senior Parry in BH</p> | | | | | | | | |
| <p>5 Second Sunday of Advent 7:45 AM - 12:00 PM RCIA in School Rm 4-5, 11-12,13 8:30 & 10:30 AM Masses in C Noon - Dr. Alexander in BH following refreshments after 10:30 Mass 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Baptisms in C</p> | <p>6 9:00 AM - 7:15 PM Eucharistic Adoration in C</p> | <p>7 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Parish Penance in C</p> | <p>8 3:15 PM - 8:15 PM RE Classes in School 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Feast of Immaculate Conception in C</p> | <p>9 7:30 PM - 9:15 PM Peace & Justice in Conf. Rm</p> | <p>10 DEADLINE BULLETIN Dec. 19</p> | <p>11 3:30 PM - Confessions 4:30 PM - Mass in C Christmas Food Dr. in C</p> | | | | | | | | |
| <p>12 Third Sunday of Advent 7:45 AM - 12:00 PM RCIA in School Rm 4-5, 11-12,13 8:30 & 10:30 AM Masses in C Christmas Food Drive in C 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe in C</p> | <p>13</p> | <p>14 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Yoga in BH 10:15 AM - 11:15 AM Yoga KEP in BH 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM Christmas Food Sorting in C 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM CRHP (Women) in Conf. Rm. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM CRHP (Men) in SH 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Baptism Class in C</p> | <p>15 DEADLINE BULLETIN Dec. 26 3:15 PM - 8:15 PM RE Classes in School</p> | <p>16</p> | <p>17</p> | <p>18 3:30 PM - Confessions 4:30 PM - Mass in C</p> | | | | | | | | |
| <p>19 Fourth Sunday of Advent 7:45 AM - 12:00 PM RCIA in School Rm 4-5, 11-12,13 8:30 & 10:30 AM Masses in C 11:30 AM Destiny Branch in School 1 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Baptisms in C 6:00 PM Wings Christmas Parry in BH</p> | <p>20 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Commissions Mtg. in BH</p> | <p>21 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM CRHP (Women) in Social Hall</p> | <p>22 DEADLINE BULLETIN Jan. 2 NO RE Classes</p> | <p>23 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Building & Grounds Committee Mtg. in Conf. Room</p> | <p>24 Christmas Eve 4:00 PM Children's Liturgy in C 6:30 PM - Family Mass in C 10:30 PM - Choir Music in C 11:00 PM - Midnight Mass</p> | <p>25 Christmas Day 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Christmas Day Mass in C</p> | | | | | | | | |
| <p>26 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph 8:30 & 10:30 AM Feast of Holy Family in C</p> | <p>27</p> | <p>28 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM CRHP (Men) in Social Hall</p> | <p>29 NO RE Classes</p> | <p>30</p> | <p>31 New Year's Eve 5:30 PM Mary Mother of God in C</p> | <table border="1"> <tr> <td>BH</td> <td>Barrett Hall</td> </tr> <tr> <td>C</td> <td>Church</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Conf Rm</td> <td>Conference Room</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SH</td> <td>Social Hall</td> </tr> </table> | BH | Barrett Hall | C | Church | Conf Rm | Conference Room | SH | Social Hall |
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