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December 5, 2010

*Second Sunday of
Advent*

Excerpts
from the
Lectionary
for Mass
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May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus, that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

~Romans 15:5-6



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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.

Parish Office Hours

Mon.-Fri.: 9:00am-4:00pm

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Note from the Pastor



YOU ARE NOT ALONE

The Lone Ranger, the Lonesome Dove, all alone by the telephone, I want to be alone, leave me alone, alone and lonely.

You are not alone.

I love to be alone. I hate to be alone. Well, which is it? Both. At the very beginning we are told that it is, "not good for man to be alone." Our deepest desire and longing is for the other, the not me. Adam longs for Eve and clings to her and she to him. In his exuberant joy, Adam proclaims, "this one, at last, is flesh of my flesh and bone of my bone." Two separate beings intimately united as one. At least for a while. At least until the apple incident and one begins to blame the other for their problem. The problem? In their desire to be like God, independent and powerful, they cut themselves off from God and then from one another. God grants their wish and the loneliness begins. The longing.

Restless, lonely, longing. No matter what we have, how much we achieve or who we become, on this side of eternity, it is not enough. And so we search. We are hungry and wish to be satisfied. We eat, fall asleep and wake up hungry again. The search goes on. There is this emptiness and void inside of us that longs to be filled. We really are sometimes so lonely that we can cry. And maybe we should. What we do, however, most of the time is to run around trying to fill the empty void.

Our modern culture and society has been described as addictive. An addict is one who does more and more to get less and less. The more alcohol they consume, the less it works. The more they use, the more they need. It's never enough. We are addicted to stimulants and depressants, activity and diversions, people and the accumulation of stuff. Some of us are even addicted to work (I still from time to time feel guilty on my day off). Why are we so addicted? We're lonely. We feel cut off.

It is the loneliness of the long distance runner. Our life is not a sprint, it is a long distance race and yet we feel that just over the next horizon, the next thing, the new car, the new boyfriend, the next toke will somehow make us reach the goal. But the goal keeps moving further and further away. And we are tired of running. May I make a suggestion? Stop running. Sit still.

When Adam and Eve ate the fruit of independence, in their nakedness and shame they felt cut off from God. The truth is, they never were. They couldn't be cut off or they would cease to exist. God is the source of all life. So if we are

living, God's here. We just don't know it. In our desire for independence, we have alienated ourselves from the Source of life. But while we may feel cut off, we really aren't. And while we look for love (God) in all the wrong places, all we need do is stop long enough to realize and experience that we truly are not alone. God never left us.

In our loneliness, in our holy longing during this season of Advent, we shout out, O Come, O Come Emmanuel. Emmanuel means God-with-us. And while we may feel abandoned by God and that He is far, far away, He is not. He is in you. You are in God. Your deepest DNA is God. As St. Augustine put it so powerfully, God is more present to you than you are to yourself. Then why don't we experience Him? Why are we so lonely? Because we are way too busy frenetically running around trying to fulfill and fill ourselves with the false gods that can never satisfy. We fill ourselves with the empty calories of activity to keep us from loneliness only to make us more lonely. Well, we are not alone.

So what do we do? Don't just do something. Sit there. Sit. Don't move. Wait. Listen. Shhhhhh. Quiet your body. Hear all that noise in your head? That's your brain working overtime. Quiet that too. Do not give into the impulse to get up and do something or to the automatic thoughts that never want to stop. Turn it all off. For those of you who were at Fr. Meninger's workshop, you have a tool to help you do this in Contemplative Prayer. For the rest of us, let us simply repeat, O Come, O Come Emmanuel. You can do it over and over again until you know in the depth of your soul that He is not coming, that He is here. Rest in Him.

Our greatest fear is the fear of being cut off, alone, isolated. The truth is, we are not alone.

In Jesus, Emmanuel,

Fr. Tony

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PARISH PENANCE SERVICE

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, **December 7 at 7:00 p.m.** It is our annual Advent Parish Penance Service and a wonderful opportunity to receive sacramental reconciliation.

FEAST OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception will take place on **Wednesday, December 8 at 7:00 p.m.**



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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.

NEW SCHOLARSHIPS

Our Mary Queen of Heaven Parish Council recently voted to offer two \$2,500.00 scholarships toward tuition at Elmhurst College. Called the *Light of Knowledge Scholarship*, it is to be awarded to one traditional and one non-traditional (older or second career) student. Preference will be given to members of Mary Queen of Heaven Parish or, in the absence of applicants, Catholic students. The student population of Elmhurst College is almost 40% Catholic so it is wonderful that we as a Parish are involved with the college.



Due to the Christmas Holiday, articles for bulletins for the month of December will have the following deadlines:

For Bulletin On	Articles due by noon
Sunday, December 12	Monday, December 6
Sunday, December 19	Friday, December 10
Sunday, December 26	Wednesday, December 15
Sunday, January 2	Wednesday, December 22

Thank you for your cooperation.



BREAD OF LIFE, COVENANT OF LOVE

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 a.m. Mass, and closes 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! We would welcome someone who can step up and "adopt" this hour to insure we have two people present.* Please contact **Kay Diggins at 630-530-7214**, or **Rose Wilkes at 630-833-7238 with questions or to sign up**. There is Eucharistic Adoration 24/7 at our neighboring parish, Visitation in the Adoration Chapel, 799 S. York Road.



OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Once again this year, we will be having our annual Mass celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. It will be held 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!! Please come join us to celebrate this feast day of rich tradition. Thank you!

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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 is located in the rear of Church. We have 30 families that we have adopted for Christmas. 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.



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 THIS WEEKEND until 1:00 pm Sunday, December 5. Receipts for your donation are always available. Please help us help others who are less fortunate.

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
- Carmen Hernández**
- Alfred Martin
- Mark Poedtke



CALENDAR OF EVENTS DECEMBER 5 - DECEMBER 12

Sunday, December 5, 2010

7:45 AM - 12:00 PM RCIA in School Rooms 13, 4-5, 11-12
 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM MQH Mass in Church
 11:30 AM - 12:00 noon Refreshments in Barrett Hall
 12:00 noon - 1:00 PM Dr. Scott Alexander in Barrett Hall
 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Baptisms in Church

Monday, December 6, 2010

8:30 AM MQH Mass in Church
 9:00 AM - 7:15 PM Eucharistic Adoration in Church

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

8:30 AM MQH Mass in Church
 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Parish Penance Service in Church

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

8:30 AM MQH Mass in Church
 3:15 PM - 8:15 PM RE Classes in School
 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Feast of Immaculate Conception Mass in Church

Thursday, December 9, 2010

8:30 AM Communion Service in Church
 7:30 PM - 9:15 PM Peace and Justice in Conference Room

Friday, December 10, 2010

8:30 AM MQH Mass in Church

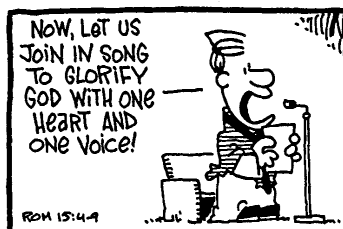
Saturday, December 11, 2010

3:30 PM Confessions in Church
 4:30 PM MQH Mass in Church
 Christmas Food Drive
 Return Christmas Tree gifts

Sunday, December 12, 2010

7:45 AM - 12:00 PM RCIA in School Rooms 13, 4-5, 11-12
 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM MQH Mass in Church
 Christmas Food Drive
 Return Christmas Tree gifts
 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Church

2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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DROP IN YOGA CLASSES

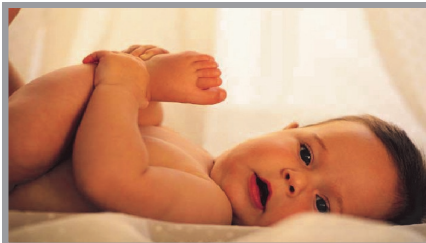
9:00 am - 10:00 am

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.

Respect Life News

THANK YOU
MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN PARISH



As of November 15, 2010 you have
generously donated:
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To the BABY BOTTLES FOR LIFE Program
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Christian Education News



MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN
PRESCHOOL AND
KINDERGARTEN ENRICHMENT

For information please contact :
Ms. Brenda Scanlon, Director
Mary Queen of Heaven Preschool (630) 833-9500
Website: www.maryqueenpreschool.org
E-mail: mqhpreschool@maryqueen.org

Christian Education News



RE tuition is due.

If you have not as yet paid
your RE tuition and fees for
this school year, please do so.

If you are having financial problems, please let us
know and we will work something out.

Advent Service Projects:

Our toy collection for new
unwrapped toys for **Marillac
House** ends this coming
Wednesday. They are in
great need this year. There is
a "toy box" in the hall of
school for donations on Wednesday, **December 8**
during class time. Toys for all ages are welcome...
no violent toys please. Please be generous.



Our children also have the
opportunity to add a
global dimension to their
acts of service. They have
been going to the "polls"
to vote for the animal of
their choice to be sent to a
3rd world country. The RE children are asked to come
to class with a donation of 50 cents which will be
donated to **Heifer International**. They 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" are open for the next
two Wednesdays. Over the years, our children have
really enjoyed this project.



Please mark your calendars:
There is no RE on the following Wednesdays
because of the Christmas break:
December 22, 29 and January 5.

Classes will resume at the normal times on
Wednesday, January 12, 2011.

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.

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 | Hamdard Center | (866) 305-3933 |
| Free medical & psychological services | | Domestic violence/abuse of women & children | |
| Alcoholics Anonymous (Elmhurst) | (630) 833-7897 | Illinois Dept. of Public Aid | (630) 530-1120 |
| AllKids | (630) 682-7979 ext. 7676 | Illinois Employment Training Ctr. | (630) 495-4345 |
| Free health insurance for children & families | | Legal Aid | (630) 653-6212 |
| Bridge Communities (housing) | (630) 545-0610 | L.I.H.E.A.P. | 1(800) 942-9412 |
| Catholic Charities | (630) 495-8008 | For utility assistance | |
| Housing, general assistance, parenting classes & counseling | | York Township | (630) 620-2400 |
| Community Clinic | (630) 682-0639 | Addison Township | (630) 530-8161 |
| Free medical and dental care in Wheaton & Villa Park | | Lombard, Villa Park Walk-In Ministry | (630) 693-0185 |
| Consumer Credit Counseling | 1(800) 388-2227 | LOVE Christian Clearinghouse | (630) 512-8665 |
| Cornerstone Family Health (Hinsdale) | (630) 734-0580 | General assistance if referred by church in DuPage Co. | |
| Basic medical, dental insurance discounts for kids on Public aid | | Marion Park & Assisi Homes | (630) 665-9100 |
| DuPage County Community Services | (630) 407-6500 | (Wheaton) Subsidized housing for low income persons, families and Seniors | |
| Human, Psychological and Senior services. Family Center | | Metropolitan Family Services | (630) 682-1802 |
| DuPage County Health Dept. | (630) 620-3350 | Counseling for individuals and families | |
| DuPage County Info & Referrals | 1(800) 942-9412 | P.A.D.S. | (630) 682-3846 |
| For all needs | | Emergency nightly shelter and day site | |
| York Township | (630) 620-2400 | People's Resource Center | (630) 682-5412 |
| Addison Township | (630) 530-8161 | Food pantry, medical & dental clinic, literacy tutoring, Computer Training, rental assistance for PRC clients | |
| Addison Switchboard | (630) 628-2698 | Poised for Success | (630) 691-1455 |
| Proviso Township | (630) 344-7432 | Women's work clothing and accessories | |
| (Cook Co.) | | Prairie State Legal | (630) 690-2130 |
| DuPage Home Ownership Program | (630) 260-2500 | Salvation Army | (630) 629-4948 |
| Programs for buying a home on a low income or to Avoid foreclosure | | Serenity House | (630) 620-6616 |
| Elmhurst Clothing Closets | | Treatment facility | |
| St. Peter's Methodist Church | (630) 530-6000 | St. Vincent de Paul Society at Mary Queen of Heaven Church in Elmhurst | (630) 279-5700 |
| | (630) 834-2440 | State of Illinois | www.illinois.gov |
| Elmhurst Walk-In Ministry | (630) 782-6006 | Official website for the State of Illinois. State links include: Living, Health & Wellness, Working, Learning, Business, Government and Help | |
| Emergency Assistance for residents or church members in Elmhurst | | Veteran's Assistance, DuPage Co. | (630) 407-5655 |
| Family Shelter Service | (630) 469-5650 | Emergency assistance for Veterans only | |
| Domestic abuse | | 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
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8
FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

7:00 PM	
Presider	Fr. Tony
Lector	B. Lawlor
Eucharistic Ministers	K. Vicary (S) D. Starosa (C) G. Regan T. Kevil K. Gusloff M. Kelly R. Morro
Altar Servers	C. Gornick J. Alonso J. Mirretti

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11 - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2010

	4:30 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Presider	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony
Lector	E. Cutri	G. Dolesy	P. Reynertson
Eucharistic Ministers	G. Los (S) D. StaRosa (C) B. Eadon H. Todd G. Pstrzoch M. White B. Lawlor	M. Kelly (S) T. Sabel (C) A. Grozik B. Nosek D. Bernstein G. Regan T. Nanak	J. Spears (S) K. Gusloff (C) P. Le Tourneau B. Quist M. Quist P. Mason R. Morro D. Justus
Altar Servers	C. Gornick J. Mirretti S. Pierzchala	K. Lewand S. Lewand J. Race	M. McDonough M. McDonough H. Rossiano



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday, December 5, 2010**
 8:30 AM † Jeane Allen
 10:30 AM † Blythe O' Sullivan
- Monday, December 6, 2010**
 8:30 AM † Anna Marinello
- Tuesday, December 7, 2010**
 8:30 AM People of the Parish
- Wednesday, December 8, 2010**
 8:30 AM † Robert Maricich
 7:00 PM † Rosemary Bularzik
- Thursday, December 9, 2010**
 8:30 AM Communion Service
- Friday, December 10, 2010**
 8:30 AM † Dan Scanlon
- Saturday, December 11, 2010**
 4:30 PM † Faye St. Pierre
 † Ralph St. Pierre
- Sunday, December 12, 2010**
 8:30 AM † Joan Lewis
 10:30 AM † Alejandro Villamil
 1:00 PM † José Alonso de la Torre

† indicates person is deceased



Church Support

Collection Totals for: Sunday, November 21, 2010		Collection Totals for: Sunday, November 28, 2010	
Adults	\$8,208.97	Adults	\$9,417.23
Parish Pay	\$3,166.16	Parish Pay	\$3,166.16
Children	\$37.31	Children	\$55.98
Collection Total	\$11,412.44	Collection Total	\$12,639.37

Thank you for your continued support!

Readings for the Week of December 5, 2010

- Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12
 Monday: Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26
 Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14
 Wednesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/
 Lk 1:26-38
 Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15
 Friday: Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19
 Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13 OR
 OL Guadalupe: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/
 Lk 1:26-38 or 1:39-47
 Next Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11