

Many Hands. One Faith.

Second Sunday Of Advent

December 07, 2008

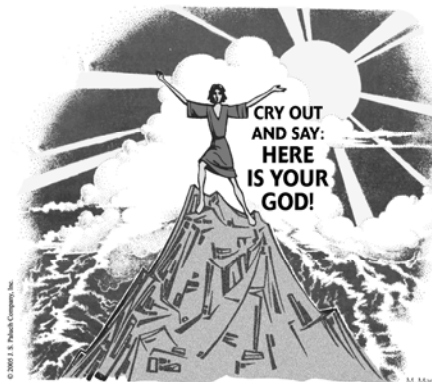
Gospel Reflection

THE PROPHET'S SONG

The rapturous lines we hear at the very beginning of the Liturgy of the Word today are some of the most familiar of this season. They were written by an author whom scripture scholars call "Second Isaiah," since this one writes with a different style, vocabulary, and content from the author of the first thirty-nine chapters of this book of the Bible. The beautiful words of trust, confidence, and faith were written when Israel was in one of its most profound periods of sadness and turmoil: exile from their land, their Temple, and (some would have believed) their God. Scholars also tell us that this passage was most likely a song or canticle sung by the exiled Israelites during prayer or worship. Like today's psalm, it calls us to look forward in confidence to that day when "kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall kiss" (Psalm 85:11).

THE HERALD'S CALL

Few of us know what it is like to be in exile. Perhaps we have, at one time or another, been homesick or estranged from family. But we do many things in life that exile us, put us at a great distance from God. John the Baptist, her-



ald of Christ, today is shown calling people to end that exile by his baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. It is this repentance, Peter tells us in his letter, that we ought to be about as we await the return of the Lord. Even though Advent is not focused on repentance in the same way or to the same degree that Lent is, our repentance is definitely one component of our own making straight a path for the coming of

the Lord. We remember Jesus' words from last week's parable to be watchful; for the master does not necessarily end our exile, our distancing, by returning us to him, but by returning to us, and expecting us to be prepared and ready when our days of separation are at an end.

Today's Readings: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; Psalm 85:9-14; 2 Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8

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Mass Intentions for December 14, 2008

5:30 p.m.	OLMC	Mike Beavin
8:30 a.m.	OLMC	Special Intentions of the McDonogh & Waller Families
10:30 a.m.	STM	Maria Pham & Gabe Cissell
12:30 p.m.	STM	All Of Our Parishioners

Daily Readings

Saturday Vigil, Dec. 6	..... Isaiah 40:1- 5, 9-11 .2 Peter 3:8-14.....	Mark 1:1-8	Sylvia Cloyd, Jean Ryan
Sunday, December 7			
8:30 a.m.	..... Isaiah 40:1- 5, 9-11 .2 Peter 3:8-14.....	Mark 1:1-8	Walter Harris,
10:30 a.m.	..... Isaiah 40:1- 5, 9-11 .2 Peter 3:8-14.....	Mark 1:1-8	Magdalena Nguyen, Ed Gootee,
			All Of Our Parishioners
12:30 p.m.	..... Isaiah 40:1- 5, 9-11 .2 Peter 3:8-14.....	Mark 1:1-8	All Of Our Parishioners
Monday, Dec. 8.....	Gn 3:9-15, 20..... Eph 1:3-6, 11-12	Luke 1:26-38.....	Bobby Fitzgibbon
12:00 p.m.	..... Gn 3:9-15, 20..... Eph 1:3-6, 11-12	Luke 1:26-38.....	James Clayton
7:00 p.m.	..... Gn 3:9-15, 20..... Eph 1:3-6, 11-12	Luke 1:26-38.....	All Of Our Parishioners
Tuesday, December 9	..... Is 40:1-11.....	Matthew 18:12-14.....	Gladys Allen
Wednesday, Dec. 10	..... Is 40:25-31.....	Matthew 11:28-30.....	All The Sick And Homebound of STM
Thursday, December 11	..... Is 41:13-20.....	Matthew 11:11-15.....	Bernice Stone
Friday, December 12	..... Rv 11:19a;12:1-6a ...	Luke 1:39-47.....	All The Sick And Homebound of OLMC
Saturday, December 13...	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11.....	Matthew 17:9a, 10-13	Fr. Luke Bresnahan

Intentions

Weekly Message

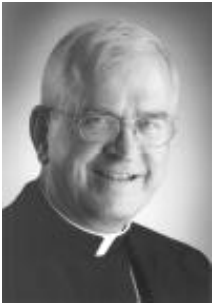
By: Pat Finck

In the reading for the Second Sunday of Advent Isaiah says "A voice cries out :in the desert prepare the way of the Lord. " Let us reach into our hearts to see where our desert is and to prepare a place for Jesus there.

During this time of getting ready we celebrate the important feast day of St. Nicholas, a Bishop of the early church. What better way to recognize the role of Bishop in our own time than to take the opportunity to celebrate



with Archbishop Kurtz . The students of St. Nicholas Academy welcomed Archbishop Kurtz Friday in celebration of the feast day at Most Blessed Sacrament.



We as parishes are blessed in two other ways in which we celebrate this weekend. Our Knights of Columbus and Ladies Auxiliary will be welcoming the Archbishop at the 8:30 AM and 10:00 AM Masses. We congratulate The Knights of Columbus and Ladies Auxiliary on the founding of the Chapter and encourage all to accept the invitation to join them in celebration of this event.



Let us continue to prepare for Jesus coming in the place in our hearts where he's never been before. Isaiah says "A voice cries out in the desert prepare the way of the Lord".

Pope Benedict XVI Prayer Intentions December 2008

GENERAL:

That in the face of a spreading of a culture of violence and death the Church through her apostolic and missionary activity may promote with courage the culture of life.



MISSION:

That especially in mission countries Christians may show with acts of fraternal love that the Child born in the stable at Bethlehem is the luminous Hope of the world..



Bicentennial Moments

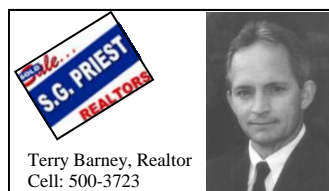
It was after hearing auxiliary Bishop John Baptist David preach in late November of 1812 that Teresa Carrico came forward asking for religious direction and community. With companion Elizabeth Wells, Teresa Carrico moved near to St. Thomas Farm on December 1, 1812. The two women were joined the following month by Catherine Spalding. This was the foundation of the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth. Within its first generation, this community grew from 3 to 145 members.

Serving God's People

Yesterday,

Today,

& Tomorrow.



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Four-Week Calendar of Upcoming Events

CONFESSION

Saturday 4:30 p.m. (OLMC)

ROSARY RECITATION

Mon. - Sat. after 8:15 Mass (OLMC)

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

5:30 p.m. (OLMC)

SUNDAY MASS

8:30 a.m. (OLMC)

10:30 a.m. (STM)

SCRIPTURE STUDY

Sunday, 9:30 a.m. (OLMC)

Friday, 11:00 a.m. (STM)

	Week of Dec. 7 – Dec. 13	Week of Dec. 14 – Dec. 20	Week of Dec. 21 – Dec. 27	Week of Dec. 28 – Jan. 3
Sunday	8:30 a.m. (OLMC) & 10:30 a.m. (STM) Masses Celebrated With The Archbishop 9:30 a.m. (OLMC) Scripture Study 1:00 p.m. (STM)	9:30 a.m. (OLMC) Scripture Study 1:00 p.m. (STM) Gamblers Anonymous	9:30 a.m. (OLMC) Scripture Study 1:00 p.m. (STM) Gamblers Anonymous	9:30 a.m. (OLMC) Scripture Study 1:00 p.m. (STM) Gamblers Anonymous
Monday	11:30 a.m. (STM) STM Lunch Outing 12:30 p.m. (OLMC) Golden Citizens Potluck 6:30 p.m. (OLMC) TOPS Meeting	6:30 p.m. (OLMC) TOPS Meeting	Beginning of Christmas Break For SNA Students 6:30 p.m. (OLMC) TOPS Meeting	6:30 p.m. (OLMC) TOPS Meeting
Tuesday	9:30 a.m. (OLMC) Over 50 Group 10:00 a.m. (OLMC) Quilters 6:00 p.m. (STM) Parish Council 7:00 p.m. (STM) RCIA	9:30 a.m. (OLMC) Over 50 Group 10:00 a.m. (OLMC) Quilters 7:00 p.m. (STM) RCIA	9:30 a.m. (OLMC) Over 50 Group 10:00 a.m. (OLMC) Quilters 7:00 p.m. (STM) RCIA	9:30 a.m. (OLMC) Over 50 Group 10:00 a.m. (OLMC) Quilters 7:00 p.m. (STM) RCIA
Wednesday	6:00 p.m. (OLMC) Quilters 7:00 p.m. (STM) Rel. Ed & Adult Faith 7:00 p.m. (STM) Al-Anon 8:00 p.m. (STM) Alcoholics Anon.	6:00 p.m. (OLMC) Quilters 7:00 p.m. (STM) Penance Service 7:00 p.m. (STM) Rel. Ed & Adult Faith 7:00 p.m. (STM) Al-Anon 7:00 p.m. (STM) Knights of Columbus 8:00 p.m. (STM) Alcoholics Anon.	Parish Offices Closed 5:30 p.m. (STM) Christmas Mass 7:00 p.m. (STM) Al-Anon 8:00 p.m. (STM) Alcoholics Anon. 12:00 a.m. (OLMC) Christmas Mass	7:00 p.m. (STM) Al-Anon 8:00 p.m. (STM) Alcoholics Anon.
Thursday	12:30 p.m. (STM) Golden Age 6:30 p.m. (STM) Children's RCIA 7:00 p.m. (STM) Worship Committee Mtg. 7:00 p.m. (STM) Alcoholics Anonymous 7:30 p.m. (OLMC) Prayer Meeting	12:30 p.m. (STM) Golden Age 6:30 p.m. (STM) Children's RCIA 7:00 p.m. (STM) Finance Committee Mtg. 7:00 p.m. (STM) Alcoholics Anonymous 7:30 p.m. (OLMC) Prayer Meeting	"Merry Christmas" Parish Offices Closed 8:30 a.m. (OLMC) Christmas Mass 10:30 a.m. (STM) Christmas Mass 7:00 p.m. (STM) Alcoholics Anonymous	"Happy New Year" Parish Offices Closed 7:00 p.m. (STM) Alcoholics Anonymous
Friday	11:00 a.m. (STM) Scripture Study	11:00 a.m. (STM) Scripture Study	Parish Offices Closed	11:00 a.m. (STM) Scripture Study
Saturday	3:00 p.m. (STM) Monthly Raffle Drawing			9:00 a.m. (OLMC) Hour Of Prayer 4:00 p.m. (OLMC) Holy Hour

Weekly Message:

En Theos — Enthusiasm For The Faith

How is the beginning of the liturgical year similar to the start of a pilgrimage?

Every Advent begins a new liturgical year challenging us anew to renew and deepen our journey to God through the various yearly feasts and seasons. One of the richest images of church resulting from the deliberations of the Second Vatican Council is that of the church as "the pilgrim people of God." At our baptism we become members of a pilgrimage community on its faith journey to full covenant relationship with God.

Each liturgical year becomes a living reminder of our lifelong pilgrimage to God. Throughout the year we celebrate feast days of those who have completed their journey to God, and who model for us how we are to conduct ourselves as pilgrim people. We also celebrate seasons that aid us in developing perspectives and attitudes that keep us focused on God. Everything that happens during the liturgical year is intended to help us get in touch with the holy in our lives, ultimately preparing us for final union with God.

Our Muslim brothers and sisters are also renewing and deepening their relationship with God through their annual pilgrimage experience known as the Hajj, which this year falls on December 6-9. By visiting the Kaba in Mecca, they too take a journey to get in touch with the holy in their lives. Various rituals performed during the Hajj deepen their relationship to God and to their fellow human beings. Pray that their pilgrim journey and ours may ultimately lead us all to God.

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Faith

Don't trust to hold God's hand; let Him hold yours. Let Him do the holding, and you the trusting. Trust God and the plan He has for your life. Don't complain about what life gives you. Be grateful that it is part of God's plan and make the most of it.for until the Law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law. Romans 5:13

A Little Liturgy: by Chris Tolbert

Why don't we sing Christmas carols at Mass during Advent?

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal states the music during Advent ...*should be used with a moderation that is consistent with the season's character and does not anticipate the full joy of the Nativity of the Lord* (GIRM #313).

It's not that we're pretending Jesus hasn't come yet. Advent has a twofold meaning for us; we remember the first coming of Christ, and we look forward to the time when he comes again. At every Mass, at the end of the Lord's Prayer, the priest says "...as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ." That is the perfect summary of Advent. It is a time when we focus on preparing for the second coming of Jesus, not fearfully, but joyfully.

This spirit of remembrance of the past and anticipation of the future is reflected in our liturgy. Music is somewhat subdued, perhaps even unaccompanied at times. There are songs you'll hear during Advent that you're not likely to hear any other time during the church year. We do not sing the *Gloria* during Advent. The building itself is sparsely decorated. The noble simplicity of Advent allows us to really experience the grandeur of Christmas.

Why Do We Catholics Pray Novenas??

Beginning centuries ago, novenas are a tradition of prayers being recited or devotions for a special purpose during nine consecutive days. "Novena" comes from the Latin word for "nine". It is one way Catholics demonstrate perseverance and trust in God through prayer. As we pray a novena for a special intention, we are turning to God with our needs and asking for his help and protection. A novena is a continual act of faith and hope in our loving God.

Minister Schedule

Saturday, December 13, 5:30 p.m. Mass - OLMC

GREETERS	Bradley Wegman, Lynn Wegman
EUCH. MINISTERS	Sharon Hudson, Carolyn Kupper, Carol Reinstedler, John Reinstedler, Carmela Shackleton, Bill Weaver
LECTORS	Duffy Baker, Valarie Fowler
CANTOR	Diana Fiorucci
USHERS	John Feuerborn, Bruce Hines Terrance Nelson, Steve Wegman
GIFT BEARERS	Irene Denzik, Edward Niner
SERVERS	Tori Gillon, Justin Kellerman

Sunday, December 14, 8:30 a.m. Mass - OLMC

GREETERS	Deana Craycroft, Linda Jordan
EUCH. MINISTERS	Beverly Flanery, Susan Johnson, Mary Kustes, Alan Lee, Pat Lee, Darleen Marr
LECTORS	Patrick Cooper, Anna McNearnes
CANTOR	Mary Beth Zinsius
USHERS	Joseph Hafner, Milton Hafner, G Billy Johnson, Kurt Peace
GIFT BEARERS	Thomas Marlin, Robert Thompson
SERVERS	Matt Bradshaw, Jonathan Wilburn

Sunday, December 14, 10:30 a.m. Mass - STM

GREETERS	Marge Hardin, Dylan Hawkins, Pam Hawkins, Sandra Pierce, Vickie Way
EUCH. MINISTERS	Pat Adkisson, Christie Atkinson, Angela Bell, Ron Bolton, Sr., Nancy Coyne, Valerie Evans, Anna Gulick, Diane Hawkins, Dawn Haydon, Susan Higdon, Barbara Jansing, Sr, Marilyn Mueller, Bon- nie Tolbert, Marty Way
LECTORS	Diane Hoagland, Dolores Rauten- busch
CANTOR	Bill Kustes
USHERS	Al Ash, Michael Bell, Anthony Ce- cil, Tim Clay, Earl Hardin, Steven Rowe
GIFT BEARERS	Dane Haydon, Annetta Richard
SERVERS	Shawn Cecil, Shane Haydon

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Last Week's Contributions	\$4,352.50
Weekly Budget	\$5,136.15
Year-To-Date Contributions	\$96,011.68
Year-To-Date Budget	\$114,148.27
Year-To-Date Gain or (Shortfall)	(\$18,136.59)

Our Lady of Mount Carmel:

Last Week's Contributions	\$6,842.25
Weekly Budget	\$9,615.39
Year-To-Date Contributions	\$185,834.25
Year-To-Date Budget	\$211,874.07
Year-To-Date Gain or (Shortfall)	(\$26,039.82)

VOCATION VIEW:

John the Baptizer appeared in the desert proclaiming the Lord. Who will proclaim him in this generation? (Mark 1:1-8)



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Don'ts for Caregivers

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Don't be a martyr. When others offer to help—let them. Make a list of ways they can help and let them choose what they want to help with-- whether it's to cook a meal, help with cleaning, run errands or stay with your loved one-- so you can get needed time away. Or, you can consider hiring a home health aide or using an adult day-care center for one or two days a week.

Don't suffer in silence. Talk out your frustrations with a friend preferably someone who has experienced the same situation. Talk out conflicts with family members too. Join a support group

Don't neglect your health. Get regular check-ups. Eat healthy foods. Exercise.

Don't stop doing things that you enjoy. Every day, do something that makes you happy. Read an uplifting story, join a scripture study group, invite a friend to lunch. Try to laugh.

Being a caregiver is a tough job and all caregivers need breaks. Respite care can help. To find respite care, call 1-800-677-1116 or visit www.eldercare.gov on the Internet. You can also ask for help from your local Area Agency on Aging (KIPDA). Phone 266-6084.



Don't Forget These Fundraisers For Our School

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Below is the SCRIPS schedule to help you plan ahead for the holiday season:

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Support year-to-date	\$17,628.00	\$37,068.00

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Ms. Carol Nord, Head of School		

WE, THOUGH MANY, ARE ONE BODY IN CHRIST.

ROMANS 12-5

"What we await are new heavens and a new earth where, according to God's promise, the justice of God will reside." 2 Peter 3:13

Advent does not imply a passive waiting, but an active preparation for a new heaven and new earth. Like John the Baptist, we must prepare the way of the Lord. In their pastoral letter on stewardship, the U.S. Bishops emphasize that we are active coworkers in God's creative plan.

On With Life

A Catholic support group for the widowed, meets on the first Monday and third Tuesday of each month. The next meeting will be held on December 16th at 7:30 PM at St. Denis Parish, 4205 Cane Run Road. **(Brick House Behind Church!)** For more information, call Family Ministries at (502) 636-0296

For Your Prayers

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Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sherrill Neutz

St. Thomas More Parish

No Listings At This Time



NURSING HOMES

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Ann Crabb, Alice Hagan, Clara Miller and Carolyn Schneider.

St. Thomas More Parish

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Please notify the office if you know someone who needs to be on or **OFF** our lists.

PARISH CONDOLENCES

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul Bernice Stone who passed away this week. May she rest in peace.



St. Thomas More Parish

Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of Kathleen Watson who passed away this week and who's funeral Mass will be held Monday. Also remember in prayer her family and friends. May the peace of Christ be with them all.

Please remember in your prayers all those who suffer with illness of mind, body or spirit.

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Coming Together in Faith

Notes From Tom Morton:

Our Religious Ed sessions will continue this week.

Wednesday Evenings 7:00—8:15 PM

RELIGIOUS ED for K-8 (CCD) meet in church first.

CHRISTMAS SING-ALONG: This Wednesday, December 10, 1:00 PM, St Thomas More Cafeteria. Bring a snack to share and whatever singing voice God has given you.

WEBSITE OF THE WEEK:

www.americancatholic.org

You can contact Tom at the Religious Formation Center by calling 366-1463 or e-mail SouthendCatholic@hotmail.com

Just A Reminder:

This Monday, December 8th we celebrate the Immaculate Conception Of The Virgin Mary. This is a Holy Day Of Obligation.

Our Mass Schedule is as follows:

8:15 Mass at OLMC with students from SNA.

12:00 Mass at STM with DeSales students

7:00 Mass at STM

Christmas Children's Choir

A children's choir is forming to sing for the 5:30 Christmas Eve Mass. Rehearsals will be held at 11:30 (following 10:30 Mass) at STM beginning next weekend (11/30). To participate, children must be old enough to read.

Attention STM Parishioners:

Tithing envelopes for St. Thomas More Parishioners will be mailed to each registered household bi-monthly beginning with the January 2009 envelopes. Envelopes will be mailed directly from the envelope company (Our Sunday Visitor). If you do not receive yours by the first week of January, please notify Benida at the parish office.

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Memorial Christmas Flowers

If you would like to make a suggested \$15.00 donation to cover the cost of a poinsettia to be used for adornment of our altars and sanctuaries at Christmas in memory of a loved one, you can do so by placing the money and the name of the person you are remembering and either STM or OLMC in an envelope marked "Christmas Flowers" and drop it in the collection or by either parish office. **PLEASE NOTE: The deadline is Monday, December 15th!** The weekend of Christmas a list of all those who were remembered will be placed in the bulletins. When decorations are taken down the plants will be placed in the back of the churches for those who



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More Angel Tree Information From Deacon Mike:

Last week, Project Hope's "Angel Trees" were placed in St. Thomas More Church. Each angel card represents one child. On the back of the card, you will find information concerning gender, age, size, and some choices of things that they want or need. You may purchase one or more gifts mentioned on the card, and then ATTACH THE ANGEL CARD TO THE PACKAGE. If you have more than one package for the same child, just MARK EACH GIFT WITH A TAG that shows the ANGEL NUMBER OR LETTER. **The gifts need to be returned to the church by 1:30 PM on Sunday, December 14th or at the latest, by 6:00 PM Thursday, December 18th to the rectory.** Please do not wrap them. We are asking for a little additional help from those who are unable to shop for one of our "Special Angels" by asking you to please consider purchasing some Christmas wrap, bows and tape. These will be given to the parents to wrap their children's gifts making it more meaningful to them. We will distribute everything to the proper places and families. Decorated envelopes are also on the trees for anyone who would like to give a monetary donation instead of shopping. This will also be used for gifts for families. Simply put the envelope in the collection basket. There will also be "Project Hope" boxes located at the church doors in case you would like to make a monetary donation. Whatever you do will be greatly appreciated! Thank you and God Bless, Deacon Mike



Members Of STM

are having lunch at a variety of restaurants on the second Monday of each month. Our destination for this month's lunch is the Cracker Barrel. Everyone is welcome to meet in the church parking lot at 11:30 AM. Rides will be provided. See you this Monday!



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