

St Lawrence

Catholic Church and School

December 20, 2020

Fourth Sunday of Advent
Cuarto Domingo de Adviento

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"All the ends of the earth will behold the salvation of our God."

Isaiah 45:22

"Todos los confines de la tierra contemplarán la salvación de nuestro Dios."

Isaías 45 :22

Solemnity of the Nativity of our Lord/ Día del Natividad del Señor,

*May the peace and hope of
Christ's birth
be with you now and in the days ahead...*

Welcome to Our Community

Sunday, December 20, 2020

Mass Intentions / Readings of the Week Intenciones de Misa / Lecturas de la Semana

Saturday, December 19th

Vigil Mass

2 Sm 7, 1-5. 8-12. 14. 16/Sal 89, 2-3. 4-5. 27. 29/Rom 16, 25-27/Lc 1, 26-38
5:00 p.m..†

Sunday, December 20th 4th Sunday of Advent

2 Sm 7, 1-5. 8-12. 14. 16/Sal 89, 2-3. 4-5. 27. 29/Rom 16, 25-27/Lc 1, 26-38
9:00 am St. Lawrence Parish and Parishioners
11:00 am Olga & Carlos Conturbi
1:00 pm Zoe Campos
6:00 pm Zoe Campos

Monday, December 21st St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Cant 2, 8-14/Sal 33, 2-3. 11-12. 20-21/Lc 1, 39-45
6:30 pm †

Tuesday, December 22nd

1 Sm 1, 24-28/1 Sm 2, 1. 4-5. 6-7. 8/Lc 1, 46-56
6:30 p.m. † Michelle Mac Eachern
7:30 p.m. †

Wednesday, December 23rd St. John of Kanty, Priest

Mal 3, 1-4. 23-24/Sal 25, 4-5. 8-9. 10 y 14/Lc 1, 57-66
6:30 p.m. †

Thursday, December 24th Christmas Eve

Mañana: 2 Sm 7, 1-5. 8-12. 14. 16/Sal 89, 2-3. 4-5. 27 y 29/Lc 1, 67-79

Vigil Mass

Is 62, 1-5/Sal 89, 4-5. 16-17. 27. 29/Hch 13, 16-17. 22-25/Mt 1, 1-25.
5:00 p.m.
11:55 p.m. St. Lawrence Parish and parishioners

Friday, December 25th The Nativity of the Lord (holy day of obligation)

Noche: Is 9, 1-6/Sal 96, 1-2. 2-3. 11-12. 13/Tit 2, 11-14/Lc 2, 1-14
Matutina: Is 62, 11-12/Sal 97, 1. 6. 11-12/Tit 3, 4-7/Lc 2, 15-20.
Día: Is 52, 7-10/Sal 98, 1. 2-3. 3-4. 5-6/Heb 1, 1-6/Jn 1, 1-18
9:00 a.m. † John Calvanese, † Ana Peña
11:00 a.m.
1:00 p.m.
6:30 p.m.. †



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Registration open for the 2020/2021 cycle

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Inscripciones abiertas para el ciclo 2020/2021

Interesados contactar a

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We need ushers, lectors and Eucharistic ministers.
Please contact the office for more details.

Necesitamos ujieres, lectores y ministros Eucarísticos.
Por favor contactar a la oficina para mayores detalles.

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PREVENTION IS KEY.

Prevent the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19)



WASH YOUR HANDS OFTEN
with soap & water for at
least 20 seconds or use an
alcohol-based hand sanitizer.



MAINTAIN GOOD PHYSICAL
DISTANCE (about 6 feet) to
protect yourself & others
from exposure.



STAY HOME if you are sick.
CLEAN & DISINFECT frequently
touched objects & surfaces.



COVER YOUR MOUTH & NOSE
with a cloth face covering
when around others.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

In Blaise Pascal's work, *Pensees*, he says: "What else does this craving, and this helplessness, proclaim but that there was once in man a true happiness, of which all that now remains is the empty print and trace? This he tries in vain to fill with everything around him, seeking in things that are not there the help he cannot find in those that are, though none can help, since this infinite abyss can be filled only with an infinite and immutable object; in other words by God himself."

We have a difficult time accepting that fulfillment and happiness are not achieved by our own merits but through a relationship with God. We are hardwired for this relationship and it is in our DNA. The simple fact is that we come from God and are designed to return to God. If our beginning and our end define who we are, why would we not want to seek the One who can truly satisfy? The world does not realize that it is waiting. It is waiting for the birth of God in time, within one's soul and in eternity. We get so confused by seeking other momentary satisfactions that we misinterpret the hunger within. We crave God.

The union of God and humanity, revealed in Jesus Christ, is precisely what sets us on a straight path, orders our relationships, establishes proper focus and goals and tells us whose kingdom we really are meant to serve. We are so lost. God is with us. The prophet Nathan told this to King David, the angel said this to Mary and the birth of Christ brings this Good News to us. We do not need to be busily looking for more things but must learn to find contentment and blessing in the One Presence. This is the beautiful simple message of Advent!

If you are feeling unsettled, anxious, angry, disgruntled, disconnected, unhappy, worried, fearful, off center, becoming overly self-indulgent, unable to spend time alone and without distraction, then there's a good chance you are lost. Now is the time to allow God to find you! Ponder the holy simplicity of Mary's call to be the Mother of God. "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." When we are helpless and at home with our emptiness, God will fill us. Our Savior has come.

Every year every family has very big wishes. And, we know that not all these wishes necessarily come true. But just in case you need a special break on your taxes, or you are planning for your financial future, or a grant that will help us, these are some of our special financial needs that you may consider to uplift our Parish.

These may also help you realize how difficult our financial situation is, just like so many families and institutions. You may want to consider a monthly donation plan for any of these wishes.

May the Lord replenish you a hundredfold.

Church Audio System \$17,497 Partial Fencing of Grounds \$30,000

Please contact Fr Cletus at fcletus@stlaw.org

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Thank you for your generosity Gracias por su generosidad

MEDITACIÓN EVANGÉLICA

La Primera Lectura nos dice que David deseaba construir un templo de cedro a Dios, pero por medio del profeta Natán, Dios le dice que no quiere que se le construya un templo. Las intenciones de David eran buenas, pero, encerrar a Dios en un templo no era el plan de Dios para la humanidad. Su plan perfecto era la Encarnación del mismo Dios en María. Es decir, Dios afuera. Dios en todos, en cada ser humano. Nosotros somos el templo de Dios; Él desea morar en cada persona. ¡No en un templo, no en la parroquia! Dios está vivo, se mueve en cada ser humano. María, es el mejor templo escogido por Dios, humilde, sencillo y lleno de amor para el Hijo de Dios. Con su "Sí" ella se entrega toda a él. Ahora, nosotros al rezar el santo rosario afirmamos lo que María es para Dios y para nosotros. Ella es arca de la alianza, puerta del cielo y estrella de la mañana. En resumen: las lecturas de hoy, nos invitan a ver tres puntos claves donde Dios muestra su presencia. 1. Cuando Natán va a casa de David. 2. Cuando el arcángel Gabriel va a casa de María. 3. Y cuando San Pablo dice: "¡A Dios, el único sabio, por medio de Cristo Jesús, a él sea la Gloria por siempre ¡Amén!" (Romanos 16:27). El punto 4, nos toca a cada uno de nosotros, ya sabemos que María es luz que irradia a Cristo en esta Navidad, es un misterio gozoso el ser Madre de Dios. Entonces, ¿Dónde llevaré la luz de Dios que habita en mí? ¿Qué tipo de arreglos necesita el templo de mi persona para que Dios nazca en él?

Clarification note:

The published collection numbers for 11/22/2020 were incorrect. Revised numbers as follows:

Collection 11/22/2020			
Mass	First Collection	Second Collection Human Development	Census
5:00 PM	123.00	51.00	52
9:00 AM	328.00	150.00	68
11:00 AM	382.00	130.00	89
1:00 PM	783.00	199.00	133
6:00 PM	361.00	67.00	91
Total	1,977.00	597.00	433
Daily Masses			
11/17/2020 6:30 pm	65.00		40
11/17/2020 7:30 pm	131.00		58
11/18/2020	25.00		24
11/19/2020	44.00		33
11/20/2020	121.00		37
11/23/2020	68.00		25
Total	454.00		217
Envelopes by mail offertory			
Envelopes by mail parish improvements	20.00		
Candles	153.00		
Parish Improvements (online giving)	35.00		
Offertory (online giving)	785.00		
Total	993.00		
Total first (1) / second collection (2)	3,424.00	597.00	
Grand total (1) + (2)	4,021.00		



Welcome Visitors and Newcomers to our parish. We are happy for your presence. Feel free to use the parish registration forms asking one of our ushers. Thank you.

Damos la Bienvenida a los nuevos feligreses. Estamos contentos con su visita. Si desean llenar el formulario de registro contacten a los ujieres. Gracias.

CLERGY

Rev. Father Cletus Omode
Parish Administrator

Rev. Mr. Clyde McFarland, Jr,
Permanent Deacon

Rev. Mr. Paul Pierce
Transitional Deacon

Office Hours / Horario de Oficina

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Monday–Friday / Lunes–Viernes

9:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.

Closed during Lunch 12:00 -1:00 p.m.

Saturday/Sábado

10:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.

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Message from **Archdiocese of Miami**

Think of giving not as a duty but as a privilege! As you begin year-end tax planning, take advantage of the charitable tax deduction for gifts made before December 31 and consider the variety of gift options available to you. Your gift to our parish can make a great difference to us and help you as well. Visit www.isupportabcd.org to make a gift today!

If you own a business, consider donating surplus property or inventory that the parish could use. The cost basis of your gift can be deducted. Contact the rectory or call the Office of Planned Giving at (305) 762-1110 for more information.

Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." (Luke 1:38)

Mary without hesitation accepted her earthly vocation as "Mother of God." Are we, as Christian stewards, through prayer and discernment, prepared to say "yes" to God's call?

¡Piensa en dar no como un deber, sino como un privilegio! Al comenzar la planificación fiscal de fin de año, aproveche la deducción de impuestos caritativos para regalos hechos antes del 31 de diciembre y considere la variedad de opciones de regalos disponibles para usted. Su regalo a nuestra parroquia puede hacer una gran diferencia para nosotros y ayudarlo también. ¡Visita www.isupportabcd.org para hacer un regalo hoy!

Si usted es dueño de un negocio, considere el donar a su parroquia los bienes o el inventario sobrantes que la parroquia podría utilizar. La base del costo de su donación podría deducirse. Póngase en contacto con la rectoría o llame a la Oficina de Donaciones Planificadas al (305) 762-1110 para obtener más información.

"María contestó: "Yo soy la esclava del Señor; cúmplase en mí lo que me has dicho" (Lucas 1:38)

María sin dudar aceptó su vocación terrenal como "Madre de Dios". ¿Estamos, como mayordomos cristianos, a través de la oración y el discernimiento, preparados para decir "sí" a la llamada de Dios?

Child Care Center

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Registrations open school year 2020 — 2021
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CHRISTMAS EVENTS 2020

Christmas Novena:
December 16 to 24 7:00 pm

Christmas Concert
December 20 7:00 pm

December 24:
5:00 pm Vigil Mass
11:00 pm Carols
11:55 pm Midnight Mass

December 25:
9:00 am mass
11:00 am mass
1:00 pm misa
6:00 pm misa

December 26:
5:00 pm Vigil Mass

December 27:
9:00 am mass
11:00 am mass
1:00 pm misa
6:00 pm misa

December 31:
2:30 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
6:30 pm Vigil Mass

January 3: 3 Kings Visit
11:00 am mass
1:00 pm misa

CELEBRATING MASS AGAIN WITH OUR PARISHIONERS

WE ARE THANKFUL FOR BEING ABLE TO CELEBRATE AGAIN TOGETHER IN COMMUNITY AND KINDLY ASK YOUR COOPERATION IN THESE MATTERS:

- PLEASE NOTE THAT WE HAVE HAD TO REDUCE OUR SEATING CAPACITY BY 30% IN ORDER TO OBSERVE SOCIAL DISTANCING AND SEATING IS LIMITED.
- PLEASE LISTEN TO THE USHERS INSTRUCTIONS ON ENTRANCE TO THE CHURCH, SEATING AND EXITING THE CHURCH.
- PLEASE USE HAND SANITIZER WHEN ENTERING THE CHURCH.
- PLEASE MAINTAIN PROPER SOCIAL DISTANCING OF 6 FT. AT ALL TIMES.
- PLEASE USE A MASK AT ALL TIMES EXCEPT WHEN RECEIVING SACRED HOLY COMMUNION.
- THERE WILL BE NO HOLY WATER IN THE FONTS. YOU CAN ASK THE PRIEST TO BLESS A BOTTLE FOR YOU.
- THERE WILL BE NO HOLDING OF HANDS FOR THE LORD'S PRAYER OR EXCHANGE FOR THE SIGN OF PEACE.
- THERE SHOULD ONLY BE ONE PERSON IN THE BATHROOM AT A TIME.
- THE DISPENSATION FOR THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND MASS ON SUNDAYS CONTINUES INDEFINITELY. GOOD JUDGEMENT AND REASONING SHOULD GUIDE YOUR DECISION AS TO WHEN YOU SHOULD RESUME COMING TO SUNDAY MASS.
- IF YOU ARE SICK OR HAVE FLU SYMPTOMS, STAY HOME. IF YOU ARE FRAGILE BECAUSE OF AGE OR FOR A PHYSICAL CONDITION, OR YOU ARE A CARETAKER OF SOMEONE WHO IS, IT MIGHT BE REASONABLE FOR YOU TO STAY HOME. IF YOU ARE FEARFUL, STAY HOME.
- HOME BOUND PARISHIONERS MAY CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE TO ASK FOR COMMUNION TO BE BROUGHT HOME.
- PLEASE HELP US KEEP OUR PARISH CLEAN. DO NOT DISCARD YOUR GLOVES OR MASKS IN THE PARKING LOT.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION AND MAY GOD GUIDE AND PROTECT YOU DURING THESE DIFFICULT TIMES.

CELEBRANDO LA MISA DE REGRESO CON NUESTROS FELIGRESES

ESTAMOS AGRADECIDOS POR PODER CELEBRAR DE NUEVO JUNTOS EN COMUNIDAD Y AMABLEMENTE PEDIMOS SU COOPERACION EN ESTOS ASUNTOS:

- POR FAVOR CONSIDEREN QUE HEMOS TENIDO QUE REDUCIR NUESTRA CAPACIDAD DE ASIENTOS EN UN 30% PARA OBSERVAR EL DISTANCIAMIENTO SOCIAL, Y LOS ESPACIOS SON LIMITADOS.
 - POR FAVOR, ESCUCHEN LAS INSTRUCCIONES DE LOS UJIERES SOBRE LA ENTRADA A LA IGLESIA, LOS ASIENTOS Y LA SALIDA DE LA IGLESIA.
 - POR FAVOR, USEN DESINFECTANTE DE MANOS AL ENTRAR A LA IGLESIA.
 - POR FAVOR, MANTENGAN UNA DISTANCIA SOCIAL ADECUADA DE 6 PIES EN TODO MOMENTO.
 - POR FAVOR, USE UNA MASCARA EN TODO MOMENTO EXCEPTO CUANDO RECIBA LA SAGRADA COMUNION.
 - NO HABRA AGUA BENDITA EN LAS FUENTES, PERO PUEDEN PEDIR AL SACERDOTE QUE LES BENDIGA UNA BOTELLA DE AGUA.
 - NO SE TOMARAN DE LA MANO PARA LA ORACION DEL SEÑOR O EL INTERCAMBIO DEL SIGNO DE LA PAZ.
 - SOLO DEBE HABER UNA PERSONA EN EL BAÑO A LA VEZ.
 - LA DISPENSA DE LA OBLIGACION DE ASISTIR A LA MISA DEL DOMINGO CONTINUA INDEFINIDAMENTE. EL BUEN JUICIO Y LA RAZON DEBEN GUIAR SU DECISION DE CUANDO DEBE VOLVER A VENIR A LA MISA DEL DOMINGO.
 - SI ESTA ENFERMO O TIENE SINTOMAS DE GRIPE, QUEDESE EN CASA. SI USTED ES DEBIL POR EDAD O ES VULNERABLE DEBIDO A SU CONDICION FISICA O SI USTED CUIDA DE ALGUIEN QUE TENGA LAS ANTERIORES CONDICIONES, PODRIA SER RAZONABLE QUE SE QUEDE EN CASA. SI TIENE MIEDO, QUEDESE EN CASA.
 - LOS FELIGRESES QUE ESTAN EN CASA PUEDEN PONERSE EN CONTACTO CON LA OFICINA PARROQUIAL PARA PEDIR QUE SE LES LLEVE LA COMUNION.
 - POR FAVOR AYUDENOS A MANTENER LIMPIA NUESTRA PARROQUIA. NO TIREN SUS GUANTES O MASCARAS EN EL ESTACIONAMIENTO.
- GRACIAS POR SU COOPERACION Y QUE DIOS LOS GUIE Y PROTEJA EN ESTOS TIEMPOS DIFICILES.