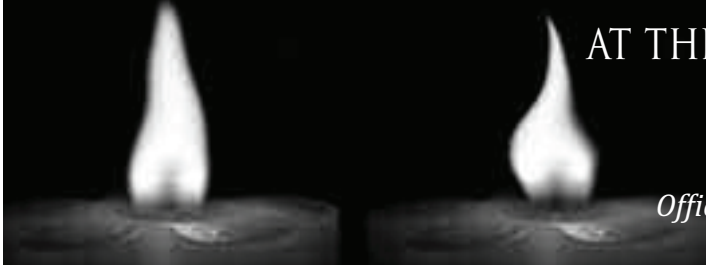


DECEMBER 8, 2019

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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CALENDARS

By Marilena Berardinelli

I recently visited a JK/SK classroom in the context of our parish's mission of evangelization in the spirit of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. To begin our "wondering" together about the seasons of the church, I asked the children what I thought was a simple question: "What is a calendar?"

Firstly, who knew that these paper organizers strung on walls and littered on desks are relics of things past. Since none of the 4, 5 or 6 year olds were familiar with Google Calendar or iCal only a handful of the 140 JK/SK students could share that: calendars told us the days of the weeks, the days we go to soccer or to ballet class, when vacations start or how many "sleeps" until their birthday. One student figuring I was the "religion lady" (as he endearingly refers to me)

Since 1856, St. Basil's Parish has been home to people of all ages and needs.

Mothers are welcome to nurse their children in church or provide them snacks as needed. If you need to, feel free to walk with your child in the back of the church or in the hallway off the side aisle. We are blessed because you are all here!

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chimed in about his special Christmas calendar that gave him chocolate one year or toys another year. So, after much debate on whether all calendars provide "surprises" the children finally (phew!) concluded that calendars mark time.

Last Sunday the church began to mark time, not with bright lights, tinsel or chocolate(!), but with a simple wreath and the lighting of the first of four candles that mark our journey together toward the celebration of Christmas; when we remember that Jesus was born and that one day He will come again. With the JK/SK students, as well as the children who attend the Atrium, the Advent wreath is a visual reminder on what we are called to focus our attention during this time of preparation. This Advent symbol that marks time for us, helps us fix our gaze on the journey we have embarked on rather than the destination before us- on the present rather than on the celebrations, the culinary feasts, and the gift exchanges ahead.

Today's Gospel readings reminds us that this four-week journey is meant to be a time to "Prepare a way for the Lord." With this in mind, let us mark our calendars (paper or otherwise). If we haven't already done so, let us commit to preparing the way, to repenting and acknowledging our failings, to committing to bearing good fruits. Let us mark this time with concrete actions that prepare our very souls for the celebration ahead.

May these remaining weeks of Advent be a time marked by interior preparations to receive and celebrate the gift of the Word made flesh.

SUNDAY'S READINGS:

- ISAIAH 11.1-10
- PSALM 72
- ROMANS 15.4-9
- MATTHEW 3.1-12

THURSDAY VESPERS IN ADVENT

All are invited to join as we celebrate sung Vespers, led by two cantors and organ, on the remaining Thursdays in Advent (**December 12, and 19**) at 5:10PM following Adoration. We hope that you will join us in the sanctuary for this prayerful experience.

SUPPORT THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DEPAUL

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is making its annual Christmas appeal to help the needy during the holiday season. There was a special Christmas envelope in last week's bulletin, and envelopes at the back of the church.

With your support, volunteers at St. Basil's will help single people and families buy Christmas dinner. We will also help parents buy gifts for their children. We hope to brighten the day of Jesus' birth for hundreds of adults and young people. Every donation, small or large, makes a difference.

You can return the envelopes by placing them in the regular collections at Masses throughout December. You can also hand them in at the parish office, or drop them into the poor boxes. Tax receipts will be sent to those who provide names and addresses. Please make cheques payable to: Society of Saint Vincent de Paul.

God bless you for your prayers and support.

**PALESTRINA, MISSA GABRIEL ARCHANGELUS:
A Concert for Advent**

All are invited to join here at St. Basil's Church on **Monday, Dec. 9 at 7:30PM** for a special concert for Advent. Directed by professor Michael O'Connor, the St. Michael's Schola Cantorum will be joined by John Paul Farahat on the organ for Palestrina's Missa Gabriel Archangelus and organ music by Frescobaldi.

This event is free and open to the public, but donations are welcome.

WELCOME DEACON KEVIN

Kevin grew up in Ottawa and entered the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) in 2011 after working for 12 years in a multinational pharmaceutical company where he held a number of leadership positions in Canada, the US and Europe. He was ordained a transitional deacon in October 2019 and is preparing for his priestly ordination next spring. As part of his formation, Kevin will serve throughout the year. Kevin is currently studying theology at Regis College at the University of Toronto. He hopes to finish these studies in May 2020.

Kevin's interests include spiritual direction, integrating Ignatian spirituality into the business context, and working with those in recovery from addiction. Kevin is a member of the Ignatian Spirituality Project in Toronto, a retreat program that supports those in recovery who have experienced homelessness.

Kevin has been a parishioner at St. Basil's at various times when he has lived in Toronto and is happy to be back with this dynamic faith community.

REGIS COLLEGE PUBLIC COURSES

Two new Windows on Theology continuous learning courses are now open for registration at Regis College.

Understanding Sacred Space: Exploring Western Religious Architecture (led by architect Roberto Chiotti; Wednesdays from Jan 15 - Feb 19, 6 PM - 8 PM)

Ecological Wisdom: Righting Our Relationships With Each Other and the Earth (led by Dr. Mark Hathaway of the Jesuit Forum for Social Faith and Justice; Wednesdays from Feb 26 - April 1, 11 AM to 1 PM)

Courses are six sessions each, and open to all interested members of the public. Registration is \$175 per course, and all sessions are held in the Regis College chapel (100 Wellesley Street West).

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SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Sunday, November 24, 2019 \$4,735.00



MASS INTENTIONS

DECEMBER 8TH - 14TH

SUNDAY SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00am Rosa Trigiani (+)

10:30am *Pro Populo*

12:00pm Ignatius Pereira (+)

4:30pm Zofia and Marian Kupfer (+,+)

MONDAY IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

7:30am Susanna Lo (liv)

12:10pm Margaret Macdonald (+)

TUESDAY

7:30am Patrick Page (+)

12:10pm Lawrence Gonsalves (+), John Hanney (+)

WEDNESDAY

7:30am Nguyễn Trong Hiệp (+)

12:10pm John Harrington (+)

THURSDAY OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

7:30am Mai O'Connor

12:10pm Stefan and Anna Papez (+,+),
Fernandes Family (liv.)

FRIDAY ST. LUCY

7:30am Sally Lianko (liv.)

12:10pm Lina Ciavarella (+)

SATURDAY (ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS)

5:00pm Patrick Nunes-D'Souza (liv.)

PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially, Sue Banfield, Rebecca Beaton, Barbara Boyle, Desmond Brownlee, Anne C., Gemma Ciavarella, Josephine D'amico, Jasper David-Fuchs, Clare DeMello, Romulus DeMello, Erika Farncomb, Jose Gaitero, Maryanne Hodges, Roberto Martello, Margaret Mary McKenzie, Neil McCormack, Hilary McCormack, Rosy Menezes, Rita Moran, Mary O'Brien, Paul O'Brien, Delaila Salvador, Erin Sullivan, Kham Tang, Betty Veit, and Alexander Wu.

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