

## First Sunday of Advent (December 2, 2018)

### Reflection on Today's Readings

#### THE PROMISE OF JUSTICE

We are in fairly good company when we ask God for justice. Often enough we hear and agree with the lament of the people of Israel asking God why the wicked prosper. However, when we call out for justice, we usually want someone to get his or her comeuppance. God's justice is something other than this, of course. God's justice comprises a wonderful rightness between God and human-kind.

Today, Jeremiah looks ahead to a time when a just one will sprout from the shorn-off stump of Jesse of the house and family of David. Life was not fair in Jeremiah's time. Israel's kings held the promise of God's fidelity, but it was difficult to see how God's promise could be realized through them.

Nevertheless, Jeremiah lifts his voice and announces that the Promised One will come. Luke's Gospel echoes that announcement, and Paul is filled with sturdy encouragement. And so Advent begins with a promise.

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11  
 Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24  
 Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37  
 Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27  
 Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31  
 Saturday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38  
 Sunday: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and offer our prayers for them. *St. John Chrysostom*

We would like to extend our deepest condolences to John Martino and family on the death of his mother, Irene Martino, who died Nov. 10, 2018.



We would like to express our deepest condolences to Gabriela De La Serna and family on the death of her father, Oscar Buzon, who died Nov. 15, 2018.



We would like to express our deepest condolences to Hector Sic and Juliana Pedro-Bernabé and family on the death of their son, José Elias Sic, who died November 16, 2018.



### Weekly Schedule

#### Monday, December 3

Noon Mass-Tommy Franco (I)  
 6:45 PM-Cub/Boy Scouts  
 7:00 PM-RCIA

#### Tuesday, December 4

Noon Mass-Michael DiBiase (+)

#### Wednesday, December 5

Noon Mass-Irene Martino (+)  
 5:30 PM-Citizenship Classes  
 7:00 PM-Father Ken's Class

### *The Black Death The World's Most Devastating Plague The Epidemiology of Plague*

#### Thursday, December 6

12:00 Noon Mass-Irene Martino (+)  
 5:30 PM-Meditation Group  
 7:00 PM-Adult Choir

#### Friday, December 7

Noon Mass-Latin-Irene Martino (+)  
 6:30 PM-Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

#### Saturday, December 8

9:00 AM Mass  
 4:00 PM-Confession  
 5:00 PM Mass-English-Simon Herzer (I) B-day

#### Sunday, December 9

9:00 AM Mass-English-Deacon Pe Lee (+)  
 12 Noon Mass-Hmong  
 5:00 PM Mass-Spanish-*Pro Populo*

## Weekly Collections

#### 2018-2019 Fiscal Year

Weekly Amt. Needed for Budget	\$ 8,461.54
Offertory Week of 11/25/2018	\$ 4,176.50
Online Giving week of 11/25/2018	\$ 857.44
Holy Day Offertory	\$
Total Offertory for week	\$ 5,033.94
Fiscal Year (Under)/Over Budget	\$ (8,967.44)

#### \*2018 Diocesan Support Appeal (DSA)\*

**Goal: \$50,138.00**

Paid \$ 46,782.82 Pledge balance \$ 5,440.68  
 Amt. Paid Over Pledge Goal \$ 2,085.50 Donors 159

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**GIFTS FOR THE EPIPHANY, JANUARY 6**

We are asking for donations to the food pantry to be presented at Mass on Sunday, January 6, The Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. Please bring the following items: soup, pasta sauce, rice, boxed mashed potatoes, rice-a-roni and any other non-perishables. Let us share our gifts with the hungry. Thank you for your generosity! The Liturgy and Worship Commission.

**ROOM AT THE INN**

Room At The Inn is in need of \$25.00 gift cards from Walmart to use as Christmas gifts for the mothers in the program. Cards can be mailed to: PO Box 13936, Greensboro, NC 27415. Thank you for helping to make Christmas possible for our guests.

**FAMILY ROSARY**

WHEN: Tuesday, Dec. 4 at 7:15 PM in Murray Hall



**JOB OPENINGS AT THE CATHOLIC CONFERENCE CENTER**

The center has an immediate need for two key *part-time* positions in the kitchen. These are perfect jobs for a retired person, a student, someone looking for a second job, or a stay at home parent looking for some additional income, or anyone who would like to join our mission in providing a beautiful space for renewal and evangelization to the thousands that visit the center each year. For more information, visit our website at: [www.catholicconferencecenter.org](http://www.catholicconferencecenter.org).

**THE THREE COMINGS OF ADVENT**

There are three distinct comings of the Lord of which I know: His coming to humankind, His coming into humankind, and His coming against humankind.

—St. Bernard: *Third Sermon for Advent*

**MASSES FOR CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S**

**Monday, Dec. 24 Christmas Eve**

5:00 PM Mass-English  
8:00 PM Mass-Spanish

**Tuesday, Dec. 25 Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day)**

12:00 AM Midnight Mass  
6:30 AM Mass  
9:00 AM Mass

**Monday, Dec. 31 New Year's Eve**

5:00 PM Mass-English  
8:00 PM Mass-Spanish  
11:30 PM Mass

**Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2019 Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God (New Year's Day)**

12:00 Noon Mass

**SUPPORT THE RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT FUND**

A second collection will be taken up on Dec. 8 & 9 for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your gift helps to provide medications, nursing care, and more for the elderly religious. Please give to those who have given a lifetime. Thank you.

**Church Meetings**

**LADIES GUILD**

Monday, Dec. 3 at 10:30 AM

**LADIES BIBLE STUDY**

Tuesday, Dec. 4, 11, and 18 in library

**PARISH COUNCIL**

Tuesday, Dec. 4 at 7:00 PM

**PRAYING HANDS & KNITTING GROUP**

Sundays, Dec. 9 and 23 from 2-4 PM in library

**FINANCE COUNCIL**

Tuesday, Dec. 11 at 5:00 PM

**EDUCATION & FORMATION COMMISSION**

No Meeting in December

**LITURGY AND WORSHIP**

Monday, Dec. 17 at 5:45 PM

**Abbreviated Directory**

Faith Formation—10:30 AM Sunday

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