

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT DECEMBER 6, 2020

OPENING HYMN: 1) O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. 2) O come, O Wisdom from on high, Who orders all things mightily; to us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go.

FIRST READING: *Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.*

SECOND READING: *2 Peter 3:8-14*

GOSPEL: *Mark 1:1-8*

PREPARATION OF GIFTS: 1) Creator of the stars of night, Your people's everlasting light, O Christ, Redeemer of us all, we pray You hear us when we call. 2) In sorrow that the ancient curse should doom to death a universe, You came, O Savior, to set free Your own in glorious liberty. 3) When this old world drew on toward night, You came; but not in splendor bright, not as a monarch, but the Child of Mary, blameless mother mild. 4) At Your great Name, O Jesus, now all knees must bend, all hearts must bow: All things on earth with one accord, like those in heaven, shall call You Lord.

COMMUNION HYMN: 1) Come, Thou long expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free. From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in Thee. Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art; dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart. 2) Born Thy people to deliver, born a Child and yet a King, born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring. By Thine own eternal Spirit, rule in all our hearts alone; by Thine all sufficient merit, raise us to Thy glorious throne.

CONCLUDING HYMN: 1) On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh; awake and hearken, for He brings glad tidings of the King of kings. 2) Then cleansed be every heart from sin; make straight the way of God within, and let each heart prepare a home where such a mighty guest may come. 3) For You are our salvation, Lord, our refuge, and our great reward; without Your grace we waste away like flowers that wither and decay.

DEAR FRIENDS OF THE PANTRY: The Board of Directors of the Chester Area Christian Food Pantry would like to extend a heartfelt thank you for your gift of \$225.00. Your gift directly affects the local community by providing them with food in their time of need. Thank you again for your continued generosity and support. Sincerely, Bob Koenegstein, Director and Linda Butler, Secretary. **Diapers: We are still accepting monetary donations for diapers. Please place your donation in an envelope marked Food Pantry and drop in collections. Thank you for your generosity during this holiday season.*

THE GIVING TREE: Thank you to those who took the ornaments from the Giving Tree for residents at Three Springs and Craig Manor. As a reminder, please bring gifts to the church by December 20th in order for us to get them delivered.

PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHED LETTER REGARDING CHRISTMAS MASS ATTENDANCE

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE VIRGIN BLESSED MARY: We will be celebrating Mass on Tuesday, December 8th @ 9AM in place of our normal Wednesday morning Mass this week.

MASS INTENTIONS & CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 7 – DECEMBER 13

Monday, December 7	PRIVATE MASS – For the People; St. Ambrose
Tuesday, December 8	9AM MASS (Grades K-4) – Special Intentions THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE VIRGIN BLESSED MARY
Wednesday, December 9	PRIVATE MASS – For the People; St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatatzin
Thursday, December 10	NO MASS – Fr. Gene's Day Off
Friday, December 11	PRIVATE MASS – For the People; St. Damasus I
Saturday, December 12	5PM MASS – Steve Kickham by Kathy; Our Lady of Guadalupe
Sunday, December 13	9AM MASS – For the Parish; Third Sunday in Advent

TITHE FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 29, 2020

Fiscal Week: 22

Mary Help of Christians: \$4979.00; Cemetery \$105.00; Improvement \$310.00; Catholic Camp. for Human Dev. \$162.00	
WEEKLY Budget Need: \$7000.00	YTD Budget Need: \$154,000.00
YTD Average Weekly Tithe: \$5827.92	YTD Budget Difference: (\$25,785.80)
YTD Actual Giving: \$128,214.20	YTD Weekly: (\$1172.08)

SUPPORT THE RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS: Do you remember the sisters, brothers, or religious order priests who made a positive difference in your life? Today many are elderly and need assistance. Their religious communities struggle to meet retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Please give to the Retirement Fund for Religious next week.

UNBOUND: Dear Parishioners, On behalf of Unbound, thank you very much for welcoming us into your parish a couple weeks ago. Our hearts are full of gratitude for the generosity you have shown to the children, youth and the elders in our sponsorship program. Through your willingness to partner with Unbound, your parish community has taken steps toward a closer walk with Jesus in the name of the poor. We pray that members of your parish community who answered the call to sponsorship will be richly blessed by their experience.

ANGEL TREE: To purchase a crocheted angel for \$10 or to renew your angel from past years for \$5, place your money, the memorial name, and your name in an envelope marked "ANGEL" and drop it in the collection. You may also give your money to Donna Ritter. All proceeds are donated to the church. Last year we raised \$565.00

IT'S TIME to place your offering for a Poinsettia in Memory of Family Members:

POINSETTIA OFFERING: \$25.00

NAME: _____

BY: _____