



## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 4, 2005

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.

—Mark 1:3

### ADVENT PRAYER

DECEMBER 5 — 5:30 P.M. INSIDE THE CHURCH

*Enjoy some "quiet time" reflecting  
about this beautiful season of waiting.*

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

After our Advent prayer service, there will be an *Italian Food Fest*. Lasagna will be provided by our Comunidad organization. **Please bring your favorite salad and/or dessert and/or bread to compliment the delicious lasagna.**

### ST. FRANCIS CENTER THANKS YOU

and is most grateful for your bountiful Thanksgiving Day donations of food and \$885! These donations will go a long way in benefiting our less fortunate brothers and sisters.

Pray that we may be compassionate stewards in distributing these gifts to the needy. Thank you again.

*Mr. Paul Mousel*

### PENANCE LITURGY

DECEMBER 17TH—3:30 P.M.

As we prepare for Christmas in so many ways, let us remember that the spiritual peace and healing that come from the Sacrament of Reconciliation are awaiting us. This opportunity to pray together and to go to confession is a great blessing we have as Catholics. We hope many people will attend.

### RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

#### *Share in the Care*

Next week is the annual Retirement Fund for Religious appeal. Almost 33,000 women religious and more than 5,500 men religious are past age 70. Though they may withdraw from compensated, full time ministry, religious continue to visit the sick, tutor children, and volunteer in parishes and among refugee populations. Your donations helps alleviate the spiraling costs of health care. Special envelopes are in the pews today.

*Please be generous*

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY MEETS

On the 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month in Room #1 of the Education Building. Please join us **today** after the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

### THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8TH

**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

#### Mass Schedule

Wednesday, Dec. 7 — 5:30 p.m. (English)

Thursday, Dec. 8 — 8:00 a.m. (English)

7:15 p.m. (Spanish)

### YOUR GENEROSITY IS NEEDED

As we begin making our own preparation for this joyous holiday, it is important to remember those who might not experience the joy without the assistance of our caring parish community.

**Comunidad will be outside the church today** and the next two weekends **to receive your contribution toward Christmas Charity**. Money collected will be given to St. Matthew's St. Vincent de Paul Society in order to assist those in need in our community.

### LECTOR ENRICHMENT DAY

DECEMBER 10, 2005

Enrichment day for Lectors (new and experienced) on Saturday, December 10, 2005 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels, (in the ballroom at the Center at Cathedral Plaza), 555 W. Temple St. Los Angeles, 90012. The presenters will be Fr. J. Patrick Mullen, (English) and Fr. Manuel Sanahuja, (Spanish). For more info:

**Office for Worship**

**213.637.7586**

### ATTENTION LITURGICAL MINISTERS

In the midst of all your preparations for Christmas, please take a moment to let Sr. Dolores know your non-availability dates for service during the months of January and February. Dates are needed by Monday, Dec. 19th. Thank you.

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### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**First Reading:** Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11

**Second Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

**Gospel:** John 1:6-8, 19-28

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### PRAY FOR OUR SICK

*Carolyn Aldapa, Charlie Welty, Melody Bach,*

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### PRAY FOR OUR DEAD

*Stephen Neill, George Wright*

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