

# SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

GOD HAS COMMANDED THAT EVERY LOFTY MOUNTAIN BE MADE LOW.

BARUCH 5:7

DECEMBER 6, 2009

~ Parish Life and Activities... ~

<p><b>READINGS AND ACTIONS</b></p> <p><b>SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT</b></p>	<p><b>MONDAY:</b> Is 35:1-10; Ps 96:1-2, 3, 10, 11-12, 13; Mt 18:12-14  <b>ANTIPHON:</b> <i>Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication.</i>  <b>ACTION...</b>Make a contribution for disaster relief.</p> <p><b>TUESDAY:</b> Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-2, 3, 10, 11-12, 13; Mt 18: 12-14  <b>ANTIPHON:</b> <i>Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God.</i>  <b>ACTION...</b> Collect toiletries and warm clothing such as socks, gloves, and stocking caps to donate to a local shelter.</p> <p><b>WEDNESDAY:</b> Is 40:25-31; Ps 103: 1-2, 3-4, 8, 10; Mt 11: 28-30  <b>ANTIPHON:</b> <i>Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves.</i>  <b>ACTION...</b>The Apostleship of the Sea ministers to seamen who are often burdened with loneliness, far away from home and family for the holidays. Greeting cards and prepaid phone cards are always a welcome donation.</p> <p><b>THURSDAY:</b> Is 41: 13-21; Ps 145: 1, 9, 10-11, 12-13; Mt 11: 11-15  <b>ANTIPHON:</b> <i>For I am the LORD, your God, who grasps your right hand; It is I who say to you, "Fear not, I will help you."</i>  <b>ACTION...</b>Contact our local Catholic Charities office to find out how you can assist a refugee family in resettling here and adjusting to their new culture.</p> <p><b>Friday:</b> Is 48:17-19; Ps 1: 1-2, 3, 4, 6; Mt 11: 16-19  <b>ANTIPHON:</b> <i>...Whoever has ears ought to hear.</i>  <b>ACTION...</b>Go Christmas caroling through your neighborhood or at a local nursing home.</p> <p><b>Saturday:</b> Srch 48: 1-4, 9-11; Ps 80: 2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9, 10-13  <b>ANTIPHON:</b> <i>O LORD of hosts, restore us; let your face shine upon us, that we may be saved.</i>  <b>ACTION...</b>Celebrate the Christmas legends, music, traditions and foods of the various ethnic groups in your parish. Attend our Posadas celebrations.</p>
<p><b>HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION THIS TUESDAY</b></p>	<p><b>The SOLEMNITY OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION</b> is this Tuesday, Dec. 8th. We will celebrate a vigil Mass on Monday evening at 5:30p.m. (English); an 8:00a.m. Mass on Tuesday, Dec. 8th. (English) and a Spanish Mass at 7:15p.m.</p>
<p><b>RETIREMENT FUND COLLECTION</b></p>	<p><i>"As expenses continue to increase and economic difficulties tighten our income, we appreciate more and more the help of the Retirement Fund,"</i> notes a woman religious. Your tax-deductible donation supports the care of elderly and frail religious and helps to provide such basic necessities as prescription drugs and medical services. <b>Please give generously to next week's collection</b> for the Retirement Fund for Religious.</p>
<p><b>THANK YOU FROM PAUL MOUSEL</b></p>	<p>Mr. Paul Mousel of the St. Francis Center would like to thank everyone for their generous donations of food and \$500+ monetary gifts. You will help so many folks! Thank you to all those who attended our beautiful Thanksgiving Day Liturgy. It was a very special way to begin the day.</p>
<p><b>ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE</b></p>	<p>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 awaits us on <b>Tuesday, December 15th at 7:00p.m.</b> This will include scripture readings, examination of conscience and confessions.</p>
<p><b>FLOWERS NEEDED</b></p>	<p>Your donation of Poinsettia plants will help enhance the beauty of the Christmas season that we are getting closer and closer to! Please deliver them to the parish office between Dec. 15-22.</p>
<p><b>MANNA MEALS HELPERS</b></p>	<p>We will be making bag lunches for the Manna Meals Program on Friday, December 18th in our parish hall. Please arrive by 8:45. What a wonderful way to prepare the way for the our Lord!</p>