



*December 3rd – December 11th*

**Saturday, Dec 3rd**

5:30 PM \*St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners

**Sunday, Dec 4th**

7:30AM †Matthew Kudlacik Sr

9:00 AM †Frank Jensenski

† Marcia O' Reilly

11:00AM † Antonio Giordano

†Henry Rohs

†John Gracias

†José R Sarden

12:30 PM †Cupertino Zuniga Martínez

†Beatriz Elena Montoya

†Juan Ruperto Estrada

**Monday, Dec 5th**

7:30AM † Angelo Bassano

7:00PM \*St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners

**Tuesday, Dec 6th**

7:30 AM †Ann Kaitwinkel

7:00 PM \*St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners

**Wednesday, Dec 7th**

7:30AM †Cristina & Francisco Rainier

7:00PM \*St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners

**Friday, Dec 9th**

7:30AM \*St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners

**Saturday, Dec 10th**

5:30 PM † Jack Kennedy

**Sunday, Dec 11th**

7:30AM \*St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners

9:00 AM †Hugh & Eleanor De Ghetto

11:00AM †Henry Rohs

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12:30 PM \*St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners

**Eucharistic Adoration**



Important Notice There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday, at 7:30 a.m. after mass.

**Grupo Carismático de Oración de San Jorge**

El grupo de oración se reúne todos los martes en la Iglesia comenzando con la Santa Misa 7:00 pm, luego de 7:30 pm a 9:00 pm con cánticos, alabanza, reflexión de la Palabra y peticiones.

**Mass intentions:**



Mass Intentions must be requested and paid only in the Parish Office. All intentions must be requested by Wednesday before 12PM. Please **“Do Not”** deposit into the collection baskets. Thank you!

**Intenciones de La Misa:**



Las intenciones de la Misa deben de ser solicitada y pagada solamente en la oficina parroquial. Todas las intenciones deben ser solicitadas antes de las 12PM. del miércoles precedente. Favor de **“NO”** depositarlos en las canastas de colecta. ¡Gracias!

**Mass Celebrants - Weekend of Dec 10th – Dec 4th**

Saturday

5:30pm **Fr. Junior**

Sunday:

7:30 am **Fr. Charlie**

9:00 am **Fr. Junior**

11:00 am **Fr. Micheal**

12:30 pm **Fr. Madrid**

**Weekend Collection Nov 19th– Nov 20th**

5:30PM	\$ 861.00
7:30AM	\$ 455.00
9:00AM	\$ 1,581.00
11:00AM	\$ 1,466.00
12:30PM	\$ 763.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 5126.00</b>
<i>Thank you for your Generosity</i>	

**Thanksgiving Mass Nov 24, 2016**

**9:30 am | \$ 189.00**

**Weekend Collection Nov 26th– Nov 27th**

5:30PM	\$ 736.00
7:30AM	\$ 538.00
9:00AM	\$ 1,123.00
11:00AM	\$ 1,277.00
12:30PM	\$ 1,131.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 4,994.00</b>
<i>Thank you for your Generosity</i>	

**Message from our Pastor** 

My dear friends, please read this article from Al Cariño, OMI.

Once there was a cartoon in a newspaper that showed several lions and lambs living contentedly in the same pen, with the caption: "Peaceful co-existence." The owner was asked how he achieved this remarkable result. "Oh, quite easily," he replied. "Each day I just throw in a few more lambs."

Obviously, the preceding is a parody of the prophecy of Isaiah in today's first reading (Is. 11:1–10): "The wolf shall be a guest of the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them." This is the peace that the Prince of Peace, would bring to the world — if we so allow Him, free as we are.

In Isaiah's time, Ahaz of the house of David was king. He was a weak leader and as such brought Judah to ruins. The people longed for a leader who would restore the country to peace and prosperity. Comparing the ruined country to the stump of a tree, Isaiah prophesied that God would bring out a shoot from the tree's stump, a prince, who would fulfill the people's expectations. He would rule with justice and righteousness thus bringing about in peace in the land. Finally, He "will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him."

The Jews in Jesus' time were familiar with this prophecy. Yet, when Jesus finally came, they failed to recognize Him. This despite the fact that the Father chose John the Baptizer to be His Son's herald to prepare the people for His coming and to point Him out to them when He would start His ministry (Mt. 3:1–12). John's message to the people was simple yet profound: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" should be the spirit that should prevail among us during this season of Advent. Yet watching television or reading the newspapers or going to colorfully decorated malls or department stores these days, the message that comes across very strongly is, "This is the season for shopping." This

commercialization of Christmas completely runs counter to the message of Advent!

If Advent is the time for preparing ourselves for the coming of Jesus into the world and into our hearts, then the message of Advent should really be: "This is the season for praying." For what? For conversion, for a change of mind and heart about what is important in life, i.e., to place our spiritual homes in order.

For this, we can take our cue from John, "A voice of one crying out in the desert," who's divinely assigned mission is to "prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God" (Luke's 3:4–6 which includes elements not mentioned by Matthew). This text, quoted from Isaiah, is a description of what people were expected to do when a king planned to visit a part of his kingdom. Reflecting on this text in its spiritual sense may help us realize what it takes to prepare ourselves for the coming of the Lord.

"Make straight his paths." Just like the flow of a river, we are often tempted to take the line of least resistance. Instead of living up to what is right — the straight path — we tend to sacrifice our convictions to please others, to be accepted by them, rather than to be pleasing in the Lord's sight. "Every valley shall be filled." When we come across a big, deep and muddy hole on the road, our tendency is to give up the trip. How many of us have given up in trying to control our passions? Or drown our problems and/or feelings of rejection in alcohol or drugs? Rather, we are asked to exert more effort to be aware of the areas in our lives that need to be changed and touched by God's forgiveness.

"Every mountain and hill shall be made low." Pride, which makes us think that we tower above everyone else because of our "sterling" qualities (real or imagined), stops us from reaching out to others or prevents others to reach out to us. Pride brings about misunderstanding and discord while humility does the reverse.

"Rough ways made smooth." How many times have we repulsed people with our rough ways? We often say that we are to love one another. Yet, have we

taken steps to make ourselves more lovable by smoothing out our rough manners and dispositions? Obviously, we have to undertake some soul-searching during the Season of Advent so that God, with our cooperation, can affect real conversion in us. Then our hearts will be ready for Jesus on Christmas Day and every day thereafter. Then the peace of the Prince of Peace will be ours which we can then pass on to others.

Fr. Junior Flores  
Pastor

**Fuente: Catholic.net**

*Está cerca el Reino de Dios.* Esta afirmación del Evangelio de San Mateo (EV) parece ofrecernos un elemento unificador a las lecturas de este domingo segundo de adviento. El Reino era la más alta aspiración y esperanza del Antiguo Testamento: El Mesías debía reinar como único soberano y todo quedaría sometido a sus pies. El hermoso pasaje de Isaías (1L) ilustra con acierto las características de este nuevo reino mesiánico: "brotará un renuevo del tronco de Jesé... sobre él se posará el espíritu... habitará el lobo con el cordero, la pantera se tumbará con el cabrito. Habrá justicia y fidelidad". Ante la inminencia de la llegada del Reino de los cielos se impone la conversión. Juan Bautista predica en el desierto un bautismo de conversión. Se trata de un cambio profundo en la mente y en las obras, un cambio total y radical que toca las fibras más profundas de la persona. Precisamente porque Dios se ha dirigido a nosotros con amor benevolente en Cristo, el hombre debe dirigirse a Dios, debe convertirse a Él en el amor de donación a sus hermanos: acogeos mutuamente como Cristo os acogió para Gloria de Dios (2L).



The joint music ministries of St. Brendan and St. George, together with friends and under the direction of Dylan Wyka, will present a concert to the public to celebrate the twelve days of Christmas, which culminate on the Feast of the Epiphany, or Three Kings Day. Please come support the music ministries with a good will offering to help the costs of other musical endeavors throughout the year!



### **Bulletin Announcement**

Please note: **No Advertisement** is to be placed in the church. Any non-parish organization who wishes to place an announcement in the parish bulletin or inside the church must do so by submitting a printed or e-mailed copy to the parish office for approval from our Pastor, Fr. Junior.



Especially for: Christopher Bergen Fr. Michael Burke, Emma Bracigliano, Jose Bravo, Msgr. Patrick Brown, Loretta Cammarto, Charlene Carbonelli, Alexandra Cafferta, John Canemalla, Angela Cubati & Mary Ann DiPietro. Alyssa DiGiacomo, Joseph Eagan, Steve Farrell, Frank Feeney, Gerardo Fernandez, Maria Fernandez, Rizel M. Flores Luna, Selby Flores, Delphina Gracias Christopher Grossman, Louise Gorman Trudy Lucas, Elba LeBron, Carmen LeBron, Lee LeBron, Kimberly Halupka, Mel nick Hank, Teresa Hewitt, Evelyn Kemp, Marie Kennedy, Ivette Larsen, Jan Linton, Kathy Mc Dermott, Albert Mauro, Sophie Messina, Joan Mindrebo, Steven Mihalovic, Elena Montoya, Louis Morgan, Keith Oakley, Helen Ortiz, Andy Ponce, Thelma Reck, Anne Roback, Gerry Roback, Lolita Rodriguez, George Sharp, Jennifer Sogka, Frank Stolair, Carl Stramiello, Barbara Urgovitch, Judid Vivar, Phillip W. Wood, Nancy "Gisella" Zegarra.

***We also remember those who have died.***



On Monday, December 12, 2016, The Catholic Community of St. Brendan & St. George will be celebrating our annual Mass of Our Lady of Guadalupe at 7:00pm in Spanish, music by a live Mariachi band.

El Lunes, 12 de diciembre 2016, La comunidad católica de St. Brendan & St. George estará celebrando nuestra misa anual de La Virgen de Guadalupe a las 7:00 pm en español, la música de una banda de mariachi en vivo.



### **Giving Tree**

Please don't forget to drop off your Giving Tree Gift and mark your calendar to join us for the gift sorting after the 12:30 Mass on Sunday, December 18. Remember your gift will bring a world of Christmas joy to a boy or girl this holiday season.

### **Attention all lectors and altar servers**

The schedule for December and January is posted in the sacristy. Please take a copy home with you.

# **The REIGN of God is AT HAND**



## **UPCOMING LITURGICAL MASSES 2016-2017**

**Thursday, December 8, 2016 -Immaculate Conception**

**7:30am (English)  
9:30am (School Mass)  
12:00pm (English)  
5:00 pm (English)  
7:00 pm (Spanish)**

**Monday, December 12 - Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass & Gathering with Mariachi**

**7:00- 9:00 pm (Bilingual)**

**Thursday, December 22, 2016- Decoration & Tree Lighting**

**TBD**

**Saturday, December 24, 2016 - Christmas Eve**

**5:30pm (English)**

**Sunday December 25, 2016 - Christmas Day**

**7:30am (English)  
9:00am (English)  
11:00am (English)  
12:30pm (Spanish)**

**Saturday, December 31, - New Year's Eve**

**5:30pm**

**Sunday January 1, 2017- New Year's Day**

**7:30am (English)  
9:00am (English)  
11:00 am (English)**

***Celebrant Bishop Serratelli***

**12:30 pm (Spanish)**

**Friday, January 6, 2016- Twelve Days of Christmas- a fundraiser concert**

**7:30pm**