

## Fourth Sunday of Advent | 18 December 2022



## Mass

Sunday Vigil 5:30 PM Saturday

Sunday 7 & 9 AM

11 AM (Dominican Rite: Latin)

1 & 5:30 PM

Weekdays 6 AM (Dominican Rite: Latin)

7 AM, 12 Noon

First Friday 7:30 PM (Dominican Rite: Latin)

Saturday 6 AM (Dominican Rite: Latin)

8 AM

# Confession

Weekdays 11 AM – 12 PM

Wednesdays 7 - 8 PM

First Friday 7 – 7:30 PM

Saturday 4 - 5:30 PM

First Sunday half hour before each Mass

## Adoration

Weekdays 12:30 - 2:30 PM

Wednesdays 7 – 8 PM

## UPCOMING EVENTS

#### December 18

Swing Dancing
Aquinas Hall
7:00 PM

### December 24

Christmas Eve
Confessions 4:00 PM
Vigil Mass 5:30 PM
Carol Concert & Midnight
Mass 11:30 PM

### December 25

Christmas Day Masses at 7:00 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM

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#### THIS WEEK AT HOLY ROSARY

Sunday, 18 December

Fourth Sunday of Advent Coffee and Doughnuts after morning Masses Holy Family Chapter Dominican Laity Meeting – 9:00 AM

Swing Dancing – 7:00 PM

Monday, 19 December

Advent Weekday

Dominican Rite: Feria

Youth Choir - 3:30 PM

Consoling the Heart of Jesus – 6:30 PM

Tuesday, 20 December

Advent Weekday

Dominican Rite: Feria

Wednesday, 21 December

Advent Weekday

Dominican Rite: St. Thomas

Scouts - 7:00 PM

Knights of Columbus Family Meeting - 8:00 PM

Thursday, 22 December

Advent Weekday

Dominican Rite: Feria

Ordinariate Evening Prayer - 6:00 PM

Friday, 23 December

Advent Weekday

Dominican Rite: Feria

Office Closed

Saturday, 24 December

Advent Weekday

Dominican Rite: Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord

Confessions - 4:00 PM

Vigil Mass for Christmas – 5:30 PM

Carol Concert and Midnight Mass - 11:30 PM

Sunday, 25 December

The Nativity of the Lord

No Coffee and Doughnuts

No 1:00 or 5:30 PM Masses

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Dear Holy Rosary Friends and Families,

"In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world." (Luke 2:1)

Before his death, the first Roman Emperor, Caesar Augustus, ordered a record of his accomplishments to be inscribed on various temples and monuments around the empire. We know these inscriptions as the Res Gestae Divi Augusti (The Deeds of the Divine Augustus). They speak of the accomplishments of the deified Augustus who placed the whole world under the sovereignty of the Roman people and established an almost 200 years period of peace called the "Pax Romana"—the "Roman Peace."

However, there was an ancient prophecy given centuries before which foretold the ending of these worldly kingdoms: "In the time of those kings, the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed, nor will it be left to another people. It will crush all those kingdoms and bring them to an end, but it will itself endure forever." (Daniel 2:44)

Jewish authors knew that Emperor Augustus's empire was not eternal. The Roman historian Tacitus acknowledged that the Jews thought that a kingdom of theirs would encompass the entire world. Tacitus thought he knew better. For him, the prophecy foretold the accomplishments of Vespasian and Titus (Histories,

By contrast, the Jewish historian Flavius Josephus clearly thought that the Roman Empire would fade away and ultimately be replaced by a messianic kingdom, but he shrewdly shies away from stating his belief, out of concern for his Roman audience (Antiquities of the Jews, 10.10.4).

Over two-thousand years later, we can see that Tacitus was wrong and Josephus clearly correct, even though the messianic kingdom differed from Josephus's expectation. We have seen a kingdom span the entire earth and outlast countless kingdoms. This kingdom has led to the transformation of worldly kingdoms to such an extent that they were reconstituted as living for a supernatural end. We call this kingdom the "Kingdom of God" or the "Catholic Church."

The Catholic Church is the "Kingdom of God" because it is a supernatural society ruled by God as king, and it is "Catholic" because it is a universal society which embraces all peoples and nations. It contains all the resources and powers to bring her members to heavenly beatitude, the end of this society. For this reason, older theology called the Church a "perfect society," not because her members are perfect, but because she needs no supplement from worldly powers to fulfill her saving mission.

We find the hierarchical center of this kingdom in the city of Emperor Augustus, Rome, which now serves Jesus Christ the new emperor with the Bishop of Rome as His vicar on earth. Jesus Christ brings peace to our fallen world through the Holy Roman Church and all those churches in communion with her, a peace that the worldly peace of the "Pax Romana" could never bring peace with God and thereby peace with men.

We can see the supernatural character of God's kingdom through

its effects. In addition to its harmony with natural law, it claims to direct its members to a higher supernatural end, to the living of a supernatural life with God even on earth. We can see the effects of this new way of living in the lives of its greatest members: the saints. These saints have lived lives helping the poor, the sick, and marginalized. We have seen them educate pagans against their religious errors and subordinate their earthly desires to friendship with God and neighbor. If the peace Jesus brings amounts to a divine transformation of the world, we clearly see this lasting peace making its advent in the saints of the Church.

- Fr. Joseph Selinger, OP

#### THE HOLY ROSARY ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE

is available to help our parishioners and our parish neighbors in need. If you need emergency assistance with Rent, Utilities, or Food, or if you are interested in joining us as a volunteer, please contact us at 971-533-8320 or email hrstvincentdepaul@gmail.com. All inquiries are held in confidence and assistance is provided to anyone in need.

THE ST. MARTIN DE PORRES FOOD PANTRY provides food assistance to Holy Rosary parishioners as well as our local neighbors in need through the Holy Rosary St. Vincent de Paul Conference. We currently need Laundry Detergent, Dish Soap, and Toilet Paper. Next time you are shopping, please pick up an extra item and drop it in the donation barrel in the front vestibule. We are grateful for your generosity! foodpantry@holyrosarypdx.org

#### ST. NICHOLAS CHRISTMAS TREE



Please help us provide Christmas gifts to those in our community in need, by taking a tag or two from the St.

Nicholas Giving Tree in Siena Hall or the north vestibule, or going to the virtual Giving Tree on our

website. Wrapped gifts should be returned to the parish office by December 18th. For some, these are the only Christmas gifts they will receive this year, so please be generous.

#### THE LITERARIANS BOOK CLUB

Join us in reading Jane Austen's Emma. We'll meet to discuss the novel on Thursday, December 29 in the Fireside Room of Aquinas Hall. All are welcome. For more information or to be added to the mailing list, contact wendymcknight@holyrosarypdx.org.

#### CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Our CCD program is adding a second offering of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for children ages 3-5. The class will meet on Thursdays from 10:00 - 11:30 beginning January 12th. Class size is limited. For more information and to enroll, please email wendymcknight@holyrosarypdx.org.

YOUNG ADULTS Christmas Eve plans? Come join us to prepare and decorate the church for the coming of Our Lord. Beginning at 10 am with hopes to finish around noon, wrapping up with a pizza lunch. Please let me know if you can come so I can order enough pizza! Contact me at: cary@holyrosarypdx.org

**SWING DANCING** December 18 | 7:00 PM | Aquinas Hall Hey everyone! We are getting the Catholic young adults out on the dance floor with monthly ballroom dancing! Everyone ages 18-35 are welcome to a great opportunity to meet other Catholics from different parishes in the area. We will have basic swing and waltz

sessions every month so that everyone will have the opportunity to dance. Join us every third Sunday (some exceptions), 7:00-10:00 PM in Aquinas Hall. Please dress in semi-formal attire, \$3 cover charge at the door.

CHRISTMAS NOVENA CARDS The Christmas Novena of Masses will begin on December 25. Offering envelopes and cards are available in the office and vestibule and can be dropped off at the office or in the collection basket. You can also participate at holyrosarypdx.org/christmasnovena.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS Envelopes are available in the vestibule and office to donate a Christmas Poinsettia in memory of a loved one. Completed envelopes must be turned in to the office by December 16 to be listed in the December 25 bulletin. You can also donate at holyrosarypdx.org/christmaspoinsettias.

#### MEMORIAL MASS FOR UNBAPTIZED CHILDREN

A Memorial Mass for the unborn and all children who have died without baptism will be held on Wednesday, December 28 at 7:00 PM. In the prayer of the Mass, we will offer prayers entrusting these children to the mercy of God and for the healing of men, women, and families who have experienced the pain of losing a child for whatever reason. Those attending are invited to bring a flower for each child being remembered and place them in the provided vase near the front doors of the church.

### 23 December, Friday

Office closed Regular weekday liturgical schedule 24 December, Saturday

Christmas Eve

6:00 AM Dominican Rite Low Mass 8:00 AM Mass 9:00 AM Mass at Calaroga Terrace 4:00 - 5:30 PM Confessions 5:30 PM Vigil Mass 11:30 PM Carol Concert and Christmas Mass at Midnight

25 December, Sunday

### Christmas Day - Holy Day of Obligation

No Coffee and Doughnuts 7:00 AM Christmas Mass at Dawn 9:00 AM Christmas Mass 11:00 AM Dominican Rite Mass No 1:00 or 5:30 PM Vigil Mass 26 December, Monday

Office closed 6:00 AM Dominican Rite Low Mass 10:00 AM Mass No Confession or Exposition



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