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Weekday Masses: Mon, Wed & Fri 5:30pm - Tue & Thurs 7:30am in the Chapel
Weekend Masses: Sat. Vigil - 6:00pm; Sun. 8:00am, 10:00am, & 12:00noon (Spanish)
Confessions: Sat. 4:30pm-5:30pm in the Church & 15 min before Weekday Masses in Church Office

Liturgies for the Week

Mon	Dec 10	5:30pm	+Wilma Frnka
Tues	Dec 11	7:30am	+Millycent Tait Cordes
Wed	Dec 12	5:30pm	+Lewis Epps
Wed	Dec 12	7:00pm	Special Intention
Thur	Dec 13	7:30am	+Kevin Oppermann
Fri	Dec 14	8:15am	+Melvin Heinsohn (7th grade)
Fri	Dec 14	10:00am	People of the Parish (TLC)
Fri	Dec 14	5:30pm	Special Intention
Sat	Dec 15	6:00pm	+Felix and Loreda Buxkemper
Sun	Dec 16	8:00am	Amanda Sciba & Kayla King (S.I.)
Sun	Dec 16	10:00am	+R.L. Schuck
Sun	Dec 16	12:00noon	Nicholas Gonzales (S.I.)

Ministers serving this weekend	
6pm	T., A., & J. Schobel
C/L	B. Besch
EM	B. & S. Berger, B. Besch
8am	S. Wolters, E. Lanham, A. Cranek
C/L	S. Glueck
EM	J. & S. Glueck, S. Rhodes
10am	D., H., & Thea Schobel
C/L	N. Nelson
EM	N. Nelson, D. Dungen, R. Theut
12pm	L. Alvarez, S. Gonzales, M. Garcia
C/L	M. Ortiz
EM	P. & R. Tovar

Sunday, December 9, 2018
Second Sunday of Advent

"God is leading Israel to joy" (Baruch 5:9). When was the last time you saw Jesus in another person? Not just in a vague "I suppose so" way, but in a specific inspiring "Hey! I just felt the Lord!" way?

While it may not seem so at first, this is the kind of vision that Baruch gives his people in today's first reading. Baruch is speaking to the people of Jerusalem--a people who have survived a devastating military assault and who are now living hand to mouth in their city of ruins. Most of their fellow Israelites were carted off to exile in Babylon, leaving behind them a dreary and war-torn landscape. Seeing his people's distress, Baruch gave them an unexpected message from God. Rather than telling them to look *up* and fix their eyes on the Lord, he directed their gaze *out*, where they could ultimately see their exiled brothers and sisters coming home in joyful procession. He promised that if they looked closely enough, they would see God's presence in the midst of these returnees. They would see it for the miracle that it was, and that vision would fill them with joy.

What Baruch told the Israelites the Holy Spirit wants to tell you: *If you want to see Jesus, don't just look up to heaven. Look out at the people around you as well.* Try an experiment at Mass today. Every time you stand (for the Gospel Acclamation, the Creed, the Great Amen, and the Communion procession), look at the people standing with you. Tell yourself, "These are my brothers and sisters. Jesus has given them to me so that I could find Him more easily. Each one of them reveals a different facet of God's love and faithfulness."

All these people surrounding you are precious to the Lord. Together, with you, they make up the body of Christ. This means that Jesus is present in them, just as He is present in the Host and the chalice. So don't just look up. Look out as well, and marvel that Jesus is coming to you in such a personal way.

"Dios está llevando a Israel a la alegría" (Baruc 5:9). ¿Cuándo fue la última vez que vio a Jesús en otra persona? No sólo de una manera vaga "supongo", pero en un específico inspirador "Hey! ¿Manera me sentía el Señor!?"

Aunque no lo parezca al principio, este es el tipo de visión que Baruch le da a su pueblo en la primera lectura de hoy. Baruch es hablar a la gente de Jerusalén--un pueblo que han sobrevivido a un ataque militar devastador y que ahora son vida mano a la boca en su ciudad de ruinas. Mayoría de sus compañeros que israelitas fueron llevados al exilio en Babilonia, dejando tras de sí un paisaje triste y desgarrado por la guerra. Ver el sufrimiento de su pueblo, Baruch dio un inesperado mensaje de Dios. En lugar de decirles para buscar y fijar sus ojos en el Señor, él dirigió su mirada hacia fuera, donde en última instancia podría ver sus exiliados hermanos y hermanas que en alegre procesión. Prometió que si miraron lo suficientemente cerca, ven la presencia de Dios en medio de estos retornados. Ven el milagro que era, y que visión les llenara de alegría.

Lo que Baruch le dijo a los israelitas el Espíritu Santo quiere decir: *Si quieres ver a Jesús, no solo ver al cielo. Mira la gente a tu alrededor también.* Trate de un experimento en masa hoy. Cada vez se pone de pie (para la aclamación del Evangelio, el credo, el gran amén y la procesión de la comunión), mirar a la gente de pie con usted. Decirte a ti mismo, "Estos son mis hermanos y hermanas. Jesús les ha dado a mí para que pudiera encontrarlo más fácilmente. Cada una de ellas revela una faceta diferente del amor y la fidelidad de Dios".

Todas estas personas que te rodean son preciosas para el Señor. Juntos, conforman el cuerpo de Cristo. Esto significa que Jesús está presente en ellos, tal como está presente en la hostia y el cáliz. Así que no basta con mirar para arriba. Mira así y maravilla que Jesús viene a usted de manera personal.

*"Lord, open my eyes to see you!"
 (from "The Word Among Us")*

Calendar for the Week

Mon	Dec 10	Bible Study: The Bible and the Virgin Mary, 6:15pm in SAS Library
Tues	Dec 11	No RCIA; next class will be January 15, 2019
Wed	Dec 12	CCE Classes, Mass at 5:30pm followed by class Youth Group, Mass at 5:30pm followed by Youth Group Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass, 7:00pm in Church (Spanish)
Thurs	Dec 13	SAS students will pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, 9:30am in Church
Fri	Dec 14	SAS Mass prepared by 7th grade, 8:15am in Church Mass at TLC, 10:00am Angel Tree Gifts need be brought to church office by today Junior High Lock-In

Last Weekend's Collection

\$ 4447.00	Sunday Envelopes
\$ 1576.00	Loose
\$ 690.00	Paving the Way

Donations Made Last Week

\$ 315.00	Capital Campaign Donations & Pledges
\$ 65.00	Capital Campaign Memorials
\$ 200.00	Donations for A/C

Donations for New A/C in the Church

\$32,474.00 (\$130,000.00 Needed)

"Thank you for your generosity!"

"Building on our Legacy, Building for Christ!"

Your donations are appreciated. If you'd like to make a donation to help us meet our goal, see Tracey in the Church Office. To date, we have received **\$2,866,268.67** in pledges, gifts and Memorials.

If you would like to have a Mass said for a loved one,

please see Tracey in the Church Office.

First Communion Pictures are ready for pick up in the church office.

If you are new to the parish, please register your family in the church office or fill out a form from the back of church and drop in the collection basket. PLEASE let your previous parish know that you are leaving. ***Si usted es nuevo a la parroquia, por favor registrar su familia en la oficina de la iglesia o llenar un formulario de la parte posterior de la iglesia y colocar en la canasta. Por favor, comuniqué su anterior parroquia que va a salir.***

Ministers To Serve December 15 & 16

12/15	6:00pm	AS	Z. Kuhn, A. & L. Potter	12/16	10:00am	AS	G. Theut, A. Heffley, M. Ehlert
		C/L	C. Kuhn			C/L	R. Theut
		EM	C. & T. Potter, D. Rios			EM	R. & T. Theut, J. O'Leary
		FG	D. Wagner				
12/16	8:00am	AS	S. & S. Korell, T. Watkins	12/16	12:00pm	AS	L. Alvarez, R. Sanchez, K. Rubio
		C/L	G. Warschak			C/L	Ma. A. Sanchez
		EM	D. & G. Warschak, L. Novosad			EM	A. & V. Sanchez
		FG	K. Marusik				
		EM to visit TLC 12/16, 9:30am:	D. & G. Warschak, J. Huebel				

Please keep
Rusty Theut and
John Glueck
 in your prayers as they continue their journey in the Diaconate Program.

Angel Tree Gifts are due in the church office by December 14. Please tape or tie the angel card on the gift so that we can make sure they each get to the right child. Thank you for your generosity!

Because of finals and the Christmas Holidays, there will be no 8:15am Mass on Tuesday morning until January 15, 2019.

Please keep ***Adam Shimek***, grandson of Geraldine Streckfuss, and all Seminarians in your prayers.

The Altar Society is accepting donations for **poinsettia plants** to decorate the altars for Christmas. To donate or to remember someone special, use the envelopes at the entrances of the church or go by the Church Office. You may put your envelopes in the collection basket.

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Attention Men of God! Men's prayer group is forming. Contact Jonathan Dooley (733-7740) or Rusty Theut (979-481-3306) for more details.