

Four purple candles are arranged vertically in circular frames. The top candle is lit, with a bright yellow flame. The other three candles are unlit. The background is a textured, abstract painting in shades of purple, blue, and red.

# First SUNDAY

of  
*Advent*

November 29, 2020

Oh, that you would  
rend the heavens  
and come down,  
with the mountains  
quaking before you,  
while you wrought  
awesome deeds we  
could not hope for,  
such as they had not  
heard of from of old.

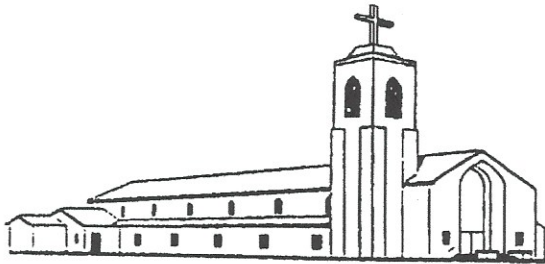
Isaiah 63:19b; 64:2-3

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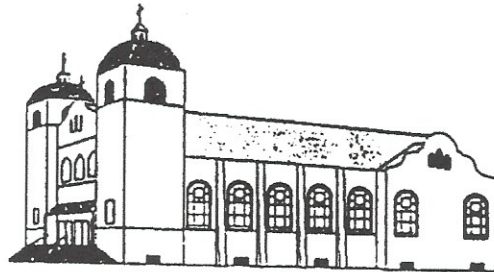
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# ST. ANTHONY / IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH



St. Anthony Church



Immaculate Conception Church

## **MASS SCHEDULE**

### **Saturday Vigil**

5:00 PM	English	St. Anthony Church
6:30 PM	Español	St. Anthony Church

### **Sunday**

6:30 AM	English	Immaculate Conception
8:00 AM	Español	St. Anthony Church
9:30 AM	English	St. Anthony Church
11:00 AM	English	St. Anthony Church

**Note: Mass is OUTSIDE in the St. Anthony School Courtyard. Please bring your own chair. You must wear a MASK!**

### **Daily Mass or Communion Service**

6:30 am	English	St. Anthony Church
6:30 pm	Español	St. Anthony Church

Liturgy of the Hours 20 Minutes Before Daily Mass

Holy Days	as Announced
National Holidays	as Announced

Confessions	5:00 PM (TILL Completed)
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Baptism	English: 1 <sup>st</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday 8:00AM
Bautismo	Español 2do & 3er Sábado 8:00AM
Marriages	6 Months Advance Notice Required

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Deacon David Torres	

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CHURCH SERVICES TO STOP

St. Anthony/Immaculate Conception Churches  
inside Masses have been closed. Until further notice, all  
Masses will be held outdoors at St. Anthony School  
Courtyard.

The Mass schedule is as follows:

**Saturday**                      St. Anthony School Courtyard

5:00pm English

6:30pm Spanish

**Sunday**                              St. Anthony School Courtyard

6:30am English

8:00am Spanish

9:30am English

11:00am English

Daily Mass or Communion Service Monday – Friday

6:30am English              St. Anthony School Courtyard

6:30pm Spanish              St. Anthony School Courtyard

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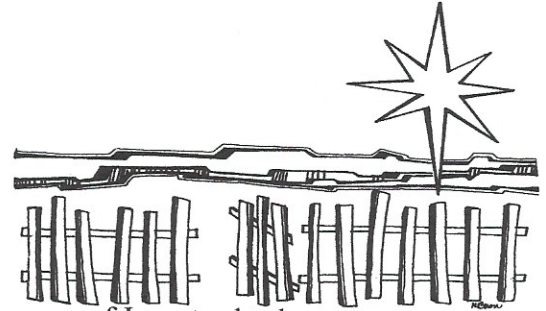
# First Sunday of Advent

## November 29, 2020

Be watchful! Be alert!

You do not know when the time will come.

— *Mark 13:33*



### MARK'S JESUS

Mark's Gospel is the shortest and tersest of all four. The discourses of Jesus tend to be terser as well. Mark's portrayal of Jesus has none of the poetry of the Sermon on the Mount or the Sermon on the Plain as in Matthew or Luke, nor the extensive, reflective "I Am" discourses as in John. Mark's Jesus "cuts to the chase," we would say today. This is reflected quite well in today's passage.

It is no accident that the dialogue of Jesus at this point in the Gospel according to Mark—the concluding words about the end of the world—immediately before his passion, is riddled with exclamation points and an overall sense of urgency.

We would do well to re-tool our own way of living this Advent, for we live in a world urgently in need of hearing the message of Jesus proclaimed. It's time for us to "wake up!" and get out into the world to do it. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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**\* IN ORDER TO ATTEND A BAPTISM CLASS, YOU MUST REGISTER IN THE PARISH OFFICE (PLEASE CALL)**

**\*BAPTISM CLASS 7:00 PM — \*\*\*ST. ANTHONY'S SCHOOL COURTYARD  
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**BAPTISMS-ENGLISH: 1st & 4th Saturdays 8:00 am -\*\***

**IT IS A REQUIREMENT FOR BOTH PARENTS & GOD PARENTS TO ATTEND A CLASS  
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**\* (LAS CLASES SON CADA PRIMER Y TERCER LUNES DEL MES EN ESPANOL) BAUTISMOS-**

**ESPANOL: 2do y 3er sábado del mes 8:00 am**

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## CONFESSION Schedule

### Friday

5 PM – Until Completed

**NOTE:** Confessions are Drive-Thru.

Please when entering off of Winton Way Come around the Church the Priest will be standing in front of the Rectory. Mask are required!

\*Confessions will remain as a Drive-Thru

(No Confessions will be done in the Church until further notice)



### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Advent  
 Monday: St. Andrew, Apostle  
 Tuesday: World AIDS Awareness Day  
 Thursday: St. Francis Xavier  
 Friday: St. John Damascene  
 Friday: First Friday  
 Saturday: First Saturday

### UNWRINKLED

To keep the heart unwrinkled, to be hopeful, kindly, cheerful, reverent—that is the triumph over old age. —Thomas Bailey Aldrich

### LIKE A CHILD

One who aspires to the grace of God must be pure, with a heart as innocent as a child's. —St. Nicholas

## FEAST OF FAITH

### What Is the Mass?

What is the Mass? There is no simple answer to that question. The Church uses many different images and terms to describe our most important prayer. The Mass is the celebration of the Eucharist, a Greek word that means “thanksgiving.” It is the Lord’s Supper. It is the Breaking of the Bread. It is the memorial of the Lord’s passion, death, and resurrection. It is the Holy Sacrifice, in which the sacrifice of Christ on the cross is perpetuated. It is the holy and divine liturgy, the sacred mysteries. It is the source and summit of our Christian lives, the new covenant, the work of the Holy Spirit, the paschal mystery. The many different words and images that we use when we speak of the Mass are not signs of confusion, but of wonder at what the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (1328) calls the “inexhaustible richness” of the Eucharist. The Mass, our greatest prayer and our deepest mystery, is celebrated every day, many times a day, the world over. The Eucharist is both “bread from heaven” and “daily bread.” The Mass is our everyday miracle.

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### TODAY’S READINGS

**First Reading** — We are the clay and you, O Lord, are the potter: we are the work of your hands (Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7).

**Psalm** — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

**Second Reading** — God is faithful; by God you were called to fellowship with the Son (1 Corinthians 1:3-9).

**Gospel** — Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. (Mark 13:33-37).

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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

# MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**\*\* Español \* Mass at Immaculate Conception**

**Saturday, November 28<sup>TH</sup>**

5:00PM Intentions St. Anthony/Immaculate Conception Parishioners

5:00PM

6:30PM †Jose Arana\*\*

6:30PM †Joseph Arana\*\*

**Sunday, November 29<sup>TH</sup>**

6:30AM †Trinidad & Guadalupe Ortiz

6:30AM †Frank Correia

8:00AM †Gabriel Romero\*\*

8:00AM Intenciones Manuel Contreras\*\*

9:30AM †Deolinda Bettencourt

9:30AM †Ronnie Munoz

11:00AM †Velma Cunha

11:00AM †Raymond Ramirez

**Monday, November 30<sup>TH</sup>**

6:30AM †Deceased Members of Toves Family

6:30AM †Deceased Members of Rivera Family

**Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>**

6:30AM †Mike & Cuca Ybarra

6:30AM †Junie Banda

**Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>**

6:30AM †David, Albert & Joey Melo

6:30AM †Shannon Guithie

6:30PM Intenciones Jouse & Gabby\*\*

6:30PM Intenciones Frank Munoz\*\*

**Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>**

9:00AM †Deceased Members of Gutierrez Family

9:00AM

**Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>**

6:30AM

6:30AM

**Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**

5:00PM †Maria Cristina Marques

5:00PM

6:30PM Intenciones San Antonio y los feligreses de la Inmaculada Concepción\*\*

6:30PM

**Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**

6:30AM †Deceased Members of Pisacco Family

6:30AM †Deceased Members of Correia Family

8:00AM †Almas en el Purgatorio\*\*

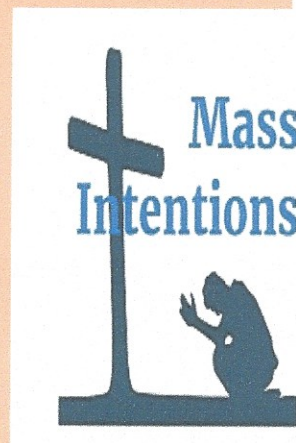
8:00AM

9:30AM †Jorge, Cristobal & Lucina Guzman

9:30AM †Velma Cunha

11:00AM †Deceased Members YMI

11:00AM †Ceferino, Apolinia & Joseph Jamero





# EDUCATIONAL HEALTH TIPS

From your Faith Community Nurses

## Is it COVID-19, ALLERGIES, or the FLU?

SYMPTOMS	COVID-19	SEASONAL ALLERGIES	FLU
Fever/chills	common	rare	common
Shortness of breath	common	Never (unless person has respiratory condition triggered by allergies)	Rare (unless in presence of severe illness)
Loss of taste and/or smell	Common	rare	rare
Sneezing	rare	common	sometimes
Cough	common	common	common
Body aches	common	rare	common
Stuffy nose	common	common	sometimes
Sore throat	common	common	sometimes
Nausea/vomiting	sometimes	never	sometimes
Diarrhea	common	never	sometimes
Headache	common	common	common
Itchy watery eyes	rare	common	never
Fatigue/weakness	common	rare	common



Source: CDC, 8/12/2020

Developed by: Melissa Pinheiro, BSN, RN





## LET US REMEMBER TO OFFER A PRAYER FOR THE SICK.

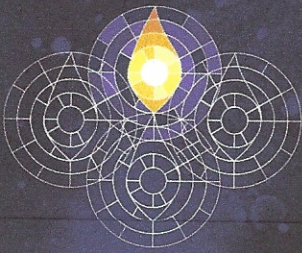
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***To Have A Name Removed or Added to The Prayer List Call the Parish Office at 358-5743.***

WATCH THEREFORE;  
YOU DO NOT KNOW WHEN  
THE LORD OF THE HOUSE IS COMING,  
WHETHER IN THE EVENING,  
OR AT MIDNIGHT,  
OR AT COCKCROW,  
OR IN THE MORNING.

MARK 13:35

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# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 29, 2020

## A RESTART

With Advent we begin a new church year as we renew our preparations for the coming of Christ. The scriptures show a profound movement from despair in the first reading, as we feel the wrath of God's anger and a sense of being abandoned, to the responsorial psalm, which begs us to turn toward God, and the second reading where we see a glimmer of hope. Brimstone returns in the Gospel. This sense of unease and pain is much like what we have endured throughout 2020 with COVID-19, racial struggles, and political campaigns. Frankly, everyone is ready for a restart, for a do-over, for a better year. We can understand the heartfelt prayer of the prophet Isaiah: "Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down." Hide not your face from us, O God, but during these days of Advent may you reveal yourself to each of us once again.

### BE WATCHFUL! BE ALERT!

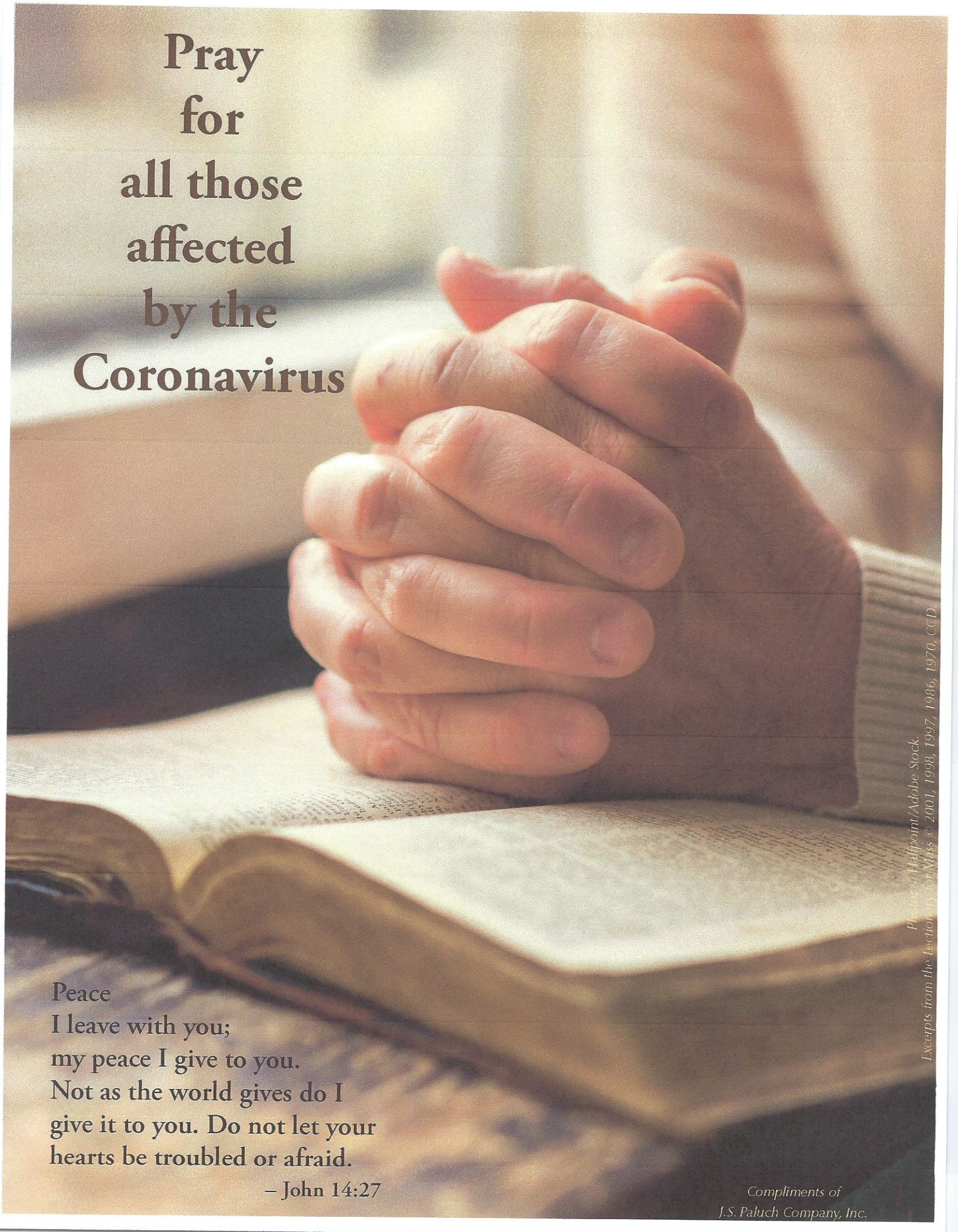
When Jesus does not speak in eloquent sentences, but barks out imperative statements such as in our Gospel reading today, one can understand the urgency. There is no place for flowery language. "Be watchful! Be alert!" One has a sense that these should be written in bold or all caps! He tells the parable of the homeowner leaving his workers at home, with no knowledge of when he would return. Without phones and texts and travel schedules it could have meant the homeowner was returning sometime in the day, or sometime in the coming month or year. So Jesus is not telling us, "You have to behave for a little bit," but rather, "You must live your life and work like the homeowner is always here. You must always be prepared."

### WATCH!

This author was very aware of the language of "master/servant" in the Gospel today and is reading it and praying it in light of discussions on racism in recent months. Perhaps this goes with the last imperative at the end of the parable to "Watch!" This year has taught us to be alert in our actions such as social distancing, masks, and sanitizing, as well as in our language and even our thoughts. Now how do we apply that to our spirituality, to our faith? For many, due to restrictions on numbers in church, singing, and choirs, this has meant learning to pray in a whole different way. The celebration of liturgy is the same as ever, with its focus always on the Word and the Eucharist, but for those in the pew, or still watching on livestream, the sense of active participation has taken on a very different meaning from how most of us have experienced liturgy in our lifetime. It feels like we have become spectators rather than participants. Perhaps this challenge can move us from complacency in our faith, to rediscover and relate to God in new ways, and call us to be even stronger in our personal faith. We must remain diligent. We must "watch." We must hope. We must love.

## TODAY'S READINGS

- Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7
- Psalms 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19
- 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
- Mark 13:33-37



Pray  
for  
all those  
affected  
by the  
Coronavirus

Peace  
I leave with you;  
my peace I give to you.  
Not as the world gives do I  
give it to you. Do not let your  
hearts be troubled or afraid.

– John 14:27

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## MEETINGS

Group	Meets	Location/Contact
Altar Society	As Announced	
Benediction	1st Tuesday/Month 7:00 PM	St. Anthony Church
Bible Study	Call Parish Office	358-5743
Catholic Daughters of the Americas	2nd Tuesday/Month 7:00 PM	Small Hall
Children's Liturgy	Sundays 10:00 AM	358-0940 (Christian Family Movement)
Choir (Español)	Wednesdays 7:00 PM	St. Anthony Cry Room
Christian Family Movement	Meets 1-2 Times/Month	658-3328 (Randy & Noemi Ruano)
Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial	Wednesdays 7:00PM	Small Hall
Movimento Familiar Cristiano	Meets 1-2 Times/Month	617-2773(Francisco & Elizabeth Alvarez)
Guadalupe Society	Last Wednesday/Month 7:00 PM	St. Anthony School Classroom 1
The Edge (6th, 7th, 8th graders)	Wednesdays 5:30 - 7:00 PM	Small Hall
Knights of Columbus	1st & 3rd Mondays 6:00PM ( 4th Degree 1st Tuesday 6:00 PM)	Small Hall
Parent's Club	2nd Wednesday/Month 7:00PM	Parish Hall
Anchor-Youth Group	Fridays 7:00—9:00 PM	Parish Hall
Prayer Group(Espanol)	Saturdays 8:00 PM	St. Anthony Church
Prayer Group(English)	Tuesdays 7:00—9:00 PM	St. Anthony Church Cry Room
RCIA	Sundays 11am-1pm	Music Room
RICA(Español)	Thursdays 7:00 PM	Parish Hall
Oremus (Young Adult Adoration)	Thursday 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	St. Anthony Cry Room
St. Vincent de Paul	3rd Tuesday/Month 4:30 PM	Parish Office
School Board	3rd Wednesday/Month 7:00 PM	School Office
YLI	2nd Monday/Month 7:00 PM	Merced Italo-American Lodge
YMI	4th Wednesday/Month 7:00 PM	Parish Hall
St. Anthony 4-H Club	2nd Monday/Month 7:00 PM	Parish Hall

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