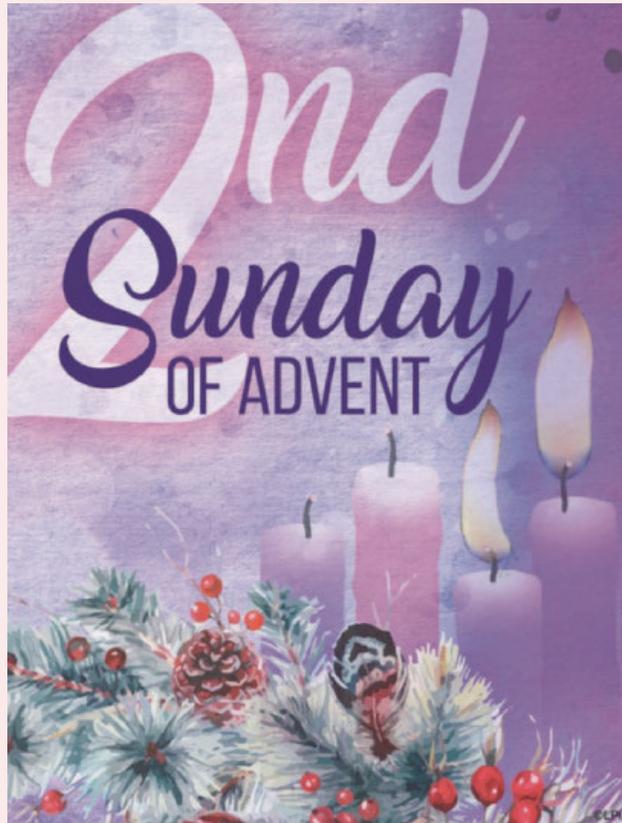




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4:00 pm - 5:00 pm



GOSPEL MEDITATION – ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

December 4, 2022
2nd Sunday of Advent

At sixty years of age, Maria and Paul had a beautiful life. High school sweethearts, they had four children, five grandchildren, a successful business, good friends and a fabulous beach house. They felt very blessed. Their strong faith in God saw them through some difficult challenges. Without warning, Paul died suddenly. Maria was devastated. Why did God do this? Why did God allow this to happen? An indescribable depth of sadness weighed heavily upon her heart. She felt betrayed by the God she thought was looking out for her. She was overwhelmed by despair. Have you ever experienced such incredible and deafening sadness? Where is God in all of the pain?

We often want God to fix things or intervene and change nature's course. When He doesn't act as we desire, it shakes our faith. We do not always understand or appreciate why things happen as they do. There is much that is beyond our control. John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus and Jesus is the way to God. There is something more going on in life than what we can see with human eyes. We are on a sacred path, and God is with us. God is with us in our confusion, suffering, doubts, and intense sadness. Jesus announced God's vision for humanity and taught people to see God and themselves for who they are. There is a way through and beyond all hardship and suffering. God does not abandon us.

God has a clear vision for the future, both for us individually and for our world. It is a vision of harmony and gentleness where all will live as one and the "wolf shall be a guest of the lamb." God is not indifferent. He is the God of "endurance and encouragement." In God, we see what we may be, what may come and who we can become. When Maria opened herself to God's creative presence, she learned to trust. She began to realize that she could endure more than she had imagined. She also discovered a spark of encouragement, bringing her through the sadness to where she could be. In retrospect, Maria knew that God's reassuring presence was with her.

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MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO – ALENTAR UN ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA

4 de diciembre de 2022
2º Domingo de Adviento

"Una voz grita en el desierto: preparen un camino al Señor; hagan sus senderos rectos" (Mateo 3,3). ¿Qué tipo de camino estamos preparando al Señor? ¿Cuáles senderos debemos de hacer rectos? Juan dio todo el protagonismo a Jesús. Eso es lo que lo hace un gran profeta. Dichosos los que esperan en el Señor y dejan las armas de la guerra a un lado, dichosos los que practican la justicia con su vida y llevan comida y consuelo a los que sufren. Esto precisamente es el Adviento, buscar regalos de amor y de justicia para la familia, comunidad y sociedad. ¡El mundo lo necesita tanto!

No esperemos tanto, Dios nos invita al movimiento, de la pereza a trabajar, del desánimo a tener esperanza, de que con el recién nacido entre nosotros el mundo cambiará. "El reino de Dios ha venido, ha llegado, está en medio de nosotros. Este es el mensaje central de toda misión cristiana. Cuando un misionero, un cristiano va a anunciar a Jesús, no va a hacer proselitismo como si fuera un hincha que busca más seguidores para su equipo. No, va simplemente a anunciar. ¡El reino de Dios está en medio de nosotros! Y así el misionero prepara el camino de Jesús, que encuentra a su pueblo" (Papa Francisco). El Papa Francisco es un misionero incansable que nos promueve a prepararnos sin descanso a llevar el Reino de Dios a los necesitados. ¿Estás listo para el reto?

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Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow – a day at a time

Sunday, Dec 04, 2022

Peace to all who enter here

The holiday season can be full of exciting plans and activities. It can also be stressful, as social demands increase. Shopping and seasonal food preparation take time—a thing always in limited supply. And as families and communities gather, opportunities for harmony or conflict arise. Francis de Sales offers advice for the harried: “Never be in a hurry; do everything quietly and in a calm spirit. Do not lose your inner peace for anything whatsoever, even if your whole world seems upset.” Commit to Isaiah’s peaceable kingdom, where calf and lion share the field and childhood innocence leads the way.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

TODAY’S READINGS: Isaiah 11:1–10; Romans 15:4–9; Matthew 3:1–12 (4). “The calf and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them.”

Monday, Dec 05, 2022

Feed my flock

“Mandela Day” is an annual international day in honor of South African anti-apartheid activist Nelson Mandela celebrated on his birthday in July as a call to action to every individual to change the world with acts of service. Today is the anniversary of Mandela’s death and also International Volunteer Day, another reminder for each person to make a positive difference in the lives of others. In 2022, the Nelson Mandela Foundation focused on the intersection of food security and climate change—also themes of Pope Francis’ encyclical *Laudato Si’*. How can you and your parish help provide nutritious food to all in your community in ways that are sustainable? For suggestions, visit mandeladay.com.

ADVENT WEEKDAY

TODAY’S READINGS: Isaiah 35:1–10; Luke 5:17–26 (181). “We have seen incredible things today.”

Tuesday, Dec 06, 2022

Secret Santa

The anonymous generosity of Saint Nicholas, bishop of Myra in the 300s, is legendary. So as not to attract praise from others, Nicholas performed charitable deeds on the sly—like the time he saved three poor maidens from destitution because they had no dowry for marriage. Under cover of night, Saint Nick secretly dropped three bags of gold down their chimney to ease their plight. The size, shape, and color of these bags of gold gave rise to the “Christmas orange” traditionally placed in Christmas stockings. Consider an anonymous act of charity today—and maybe treat yourself to an orange, too!

MEMORIAL OF NICHOLAS, BISHOP

TODAY’S READINGS: Isaiah 40:1–11; Matthew 18:12–14 (182). “It is not the will of your heavenly Father that one of these little ones be lost.”

Wednesday, Dec 07, 2022

Firm stance, gentle hand

Saint Ambrose of Milan, the esteemed early church theologian and pastor, was consecrated bishop of Milan on this day in 374, during a trip to the city to quell a succession crisis for the contentious church post. Known for his conciliatory demeanor, Ambrose was a staunch defender of orthodox beliefs about the divinity of Jesus, but he was also respected by those who believed Jesus not to be God,

because of his willingness to listen to them. Among his countless contributions to the church, he converted Saint Augustine of Hippo with his preaching and baptized the wayward son before his own journey to theological greatness. In this season of charity, may we all emulate Ambrose’s devotion to peace and unity on his holy feast.

MEMORIAL OF AMBROSE, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY’S READINGS: Isaiah 40:25–31; Matthew 11:28–30 (183). “Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves.”

Thursday, Dec 08, 2022

Holiness is about more than clean living

Older Catholics might smile as they recall the imagery for sin that they learned in the mid–20th century. Sin-free meant a clean soul. The dogma of the Immaculate Conception refers to Mary as free from “all stain of original sin.” Rather than emphasize Mary’s clean soul, today many contemporary theologians choose to emphasize Mary’s active faithfulness over a lifetime. That’s something each one of us can aspire to.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (PATRONAL FEAST DAY OF THE U.S.A.)

TODAY’S READINGS: Genesis 3:9–15, 20; Ephesians 1:3–6, 11–12; Luke 1:26–38 (689). “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.”

Friday, Dec 09, 2022

Don’t lose sight of Mary

After providing a mantle of roses with the image of Mary miraculously impressed upon it as proof to the archbishop of Mexico City of her appearance to him, Juan Diego spent his days living as a hermit and guide to pilgrims near a shrine built in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe, a title Mary reportedly chose for herself. The Mexican bishops define the “Guadalupe Event” as the “beginning of evangelization with a vitality that surpassed all expectations.” The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe now holds the honor of being the most visited Catholic shrine in the world. As with any Marian apparition, spiritual transformation is Mary’s primary purpose—all in the hope of leading a new generation to Christ. Draw on the presence of Mary today, as Saint Juan Diego did centuries ago, to help orient you toward God’s boundless love.

MEMORIAL OF JUAN DIEGO CUAUHTLATZIN

TODAY’S READINGS: Isaiah 48:17–19; Matthew 11:16–19 (185). “Wisdom is vindicated by her works.”

Saturday, Dec 10, 2022

Let your spirit soar!

The title of Our Lady of Loreto is owed more to a building and a statue than to a person. The building is the Basilica of the Holy House (Basilica della Santa Casa) in Loreto, Italy. A tradition arose that the Holy House was the actual house where the Virgin Mary lived in Nazareth, which had later miraculously been transported by angels to Loreto. (Crusaders returning from the Holy Land may have more plausibly transported it with them, stone by stone.) The statue is a Madonna and Child image, called Our Lady of Loreto, carved in Cedar of Lebanon and enshrined in the basilica. Whatever you might make of the miraculous story about Our Lady of Loreto, the next time you embark on a long journey or relocation, it might not hurt to ask for her protection.

MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF LORETO

TODAY’S READINGS: Sirach 48:1–4, 9–11; Matthew 17:9a, 10–13 (186). “Elijah has already come.”

St. Bernard's Food Bank

The Church of St. Bernard will be distributing meat, dairy, fruit and vegetable products at the main entrance of St. Bernard Community Center. This will be on a first come first serve basis on Thursday, December 8th at 4:00pm.

Volunteers Needed

The Church of St. Bernard needs help of volunteers to assist at the food distribution from 3:00pm - 5:00pm. If you are able to help, please make sign up by visiting our parish website and clicking on the **GREEN** Sign-Up Genius button.



Celebrating the Virgin of Guadalupe

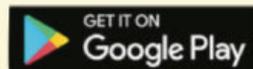
The Virgin of Guadalupe Devotional Group invite you to participate in "Mañanitas a La Virgen de Guadalupe". The Novena from will continue through December 10th at 8:00 pm in the main Church. On Sunday, December 11th a Mass will be celebrated at 11:30am followed by a small reception in our church cafeteria. The celebration will end with the novena at 9:00pm and we will sing the mañanitas at 12:00am in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe in the main church. For more information call Roberto Lepe at 914-608-2382 or Cecilia Hernandez at



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Thanksgiving Baskets - Thank you

On Tuesday, November 22nd, volunteers prepared 55 Thanksgiving food baskets for families in need. Parishioners donated \$646 to purchase the Thanksgiving baskets. We thank everyone who made this year's Thanksgiving drive a success.

THANK YOU
for your generosity



If you are able, please select a Christmas ornament from the Giving Tree to purchase a gift for someone in need. Please feel free to take a tag from the Giving Tree and return your wrapped gift with the tag as a label and place it under the tree no later than Sunday, December 18th.

Reserving Announced Masses

To request a Mass be offered for a loved one, living or deceased, please contact the Rectory 914-949-2111. Mass offering is \$15.

Advent Reconciliation Monday, December 19th

During Advent we will hear John the Baptist call us to "Prepare the Way of the Lord". The best way for us to prepare the Way of the Lord and prepare for Christmas is to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Monday, December 19th, is Advent Reconciliation Monday throughout the the Archdiocese of New York. All parishes will be providing the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the faithful from 11:00am to 1:00pm and from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Confessions will be heard at the Church of St. Bernard on Monday, December 19th from 11:00am - 1:00pm and 6:00pm - 8:00pm.



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Distribución de Alimentos de San Bernardo

La Iglesia de San Bernardo distribuirá productos cárnicos, lácteos, frutas y vegetales en la entrada principal del Centro Comunitario de San Bernardo. Será por orden de llegada el jueves 8 de diciembre a las 4:00 p. m.

Necesitamos Voluntarios

La Iglesia de St. Bernard necesita la ayuda de voluntarios para ayudar en la distribución de alimentos de 3:00 p. m. a 5:00 p. m. Si puede ayudar, regístrese visitando el sitio web de nuestra parroquia y haciendo clic en el botón VERDE Sign-Up Genius.

Celebrando a la Virgen de Guadalupe

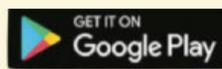
El Grupo Devocional Virgen de Guadalupe te invita a participar en “Mañanitas a La Virgen de Guadalupe”. Habrá una Novena del 3 al 10 de diciembre a las 8:00 pm en la Iglesia principal. El domingo 11 de diciembre se celebrará una misa a las 11:30 am seguida de una pequeña recepción en la cafetería de nuestra iglesia. La celebración terminará con la novena a las 9:00 pm y cantaremos las mañanitas a las 12:00 am en honor a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe en la iglesia principal. Para más información llamar a Roberto Lepe al 914-608-2382 o a Cecilia Hernández al 914-290-7338.



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Canastas de acción de gracias - Gracias

El martes 22 de noviembre, los voluntarios prepararon 55 canastas de alimentos para el Día de Acción de Gracias para familias necesitadas. Los feligreses donaron \$646 para comprar las canastas de Acción de Gracias. Agradecemos a todos los que hicieron que este año las canastas de Acción de Gracias fuera un éxito.



Si usted puede, seleccione un adorno navideño del árbol generoso para comprar un regalo para alguien que lo necesite. Por favor, siéntase libre de tomar una etiqueta del árbol generoso y devolver su regalo envuelto con la etiqueta y colocarlo debajo del árbol a más tardar el domingo 18 de diciembre.

Reservando Misas Anunciadas.

Para solicitar que se ofrezca una Misa por un ser querido, vivo o fallecido, comuníquese a la Rectoría al 914-949-2111. La ofrenda para la Misa es de \$15

Adviento de Reconciliación Lunes 19 de diciembre

Durante el Adviento escucharemos a Juan Bautista llamarnos a “Preparar el Camino del Señor”. La mejor manera de preparar el Camino del Señor y prepararnos para la Navidad es celebrar el Sacramento de la Reconciliación. El lunes 19 de diciembre es el lunes de reconciliación de Adviento en toda la Arquidiócesis de Nueva York. Todas las parroquias brindarán el Sacramento de la Reconciliación a los fieles de 11:00 a. m. a 1:00 p. m. y de 6:00 p. m. a 8:00 p. m. Las confesiones se escucharán en la Iglesia de San Bernardo el lunes 19 de diciembre de 11:00 a. m. a 1:00 p. m. y de 6:00 p. m. a 8:00 p. m.



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION



Saturday, December 3, 2022

5:30 Laura Rosa Hurtado

Sunday, December 4, 2022

9:30 Manuel Muñoz & Victoria Lopez

11:30 Maura Ramos

Wednesday, December 7, 2022

9:00 Virginia Kernathan

Thursday, December 8, 2022

9:00 Br. Pius Blandino

Friday, December 9, 2022

9:00 Ana Fuentes

Saturday, December 10, 2022

5:30 Jairo de Jesus Zuluaga Alzate

Sunday, December 11, 2022

9:30 Martha Tineo

11:30 Agustina Vazquez Garcia & Froilán Hidalgo Aguilar

**Prayer for the Sick /
Oración para los Enfermos**

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill and those who serve them. / *Recemos por todas las personas de nuestra parroquia que se encuentran enfermas.*

William Fargelli

Jerrie Duffy

Jennie Magnotta

Vicky Rebatta

Am

Lucia Flores

Bernie Levine

Elie Rodriguez

Ruben Rebatta



Sunday's Collection:

Today's Second Collection is for Snow Plowing. Next week's Second Collection will be for Retirement Fund for Religious. Thank you for your generous support to our parish.

La Segunda Colecta de hoy será para el Arado de Nieve. La Segunda Colecta de la próxima semana sera para Los Religiosos Retirados. Gracias por sus generosas contribuciones a nuestra parroquia.

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2nd Collection -

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