

## Second Sunday of Advent | 10 December 2023



### 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

First Friday 7 – 7:30 PM Saturday 4 – 5:30 PM

Sunday half hour before each Mass

Adoration

Weekdays 12:30 – 4 PM

Devotions

Rosary 11:30 AM Weekdays,

7:30 AM Saturday, 10:30 AM Sunday

Vespers 4 PM First Saturdays

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#### THIS WEEK AT HOLY ROSARY

Sunday, 10 December

Second Sunday of Advent

Coffee and Doughnuts after morning Masses

Potluck after 9:00 AM Mass

Youth Group - 10:00 AM

Young Adult Night – 6:30 PM

#### Monday, 11 December

Advent Weekday

Dominican Rite: St. Damasus

Aquinas Littles - 9:30 AM

Tuesday, 12 December

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Rosary Makers - 10:00 AM

Wednesday, 13 December

St. Lucy

CCD - 4:30 PM

Scouts - 7:00 PM

RCIA - 7:00 PM

#### Thursday, 14 December

St. John of the Cross

Dominican Rite: Advent Feria

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd – 10:00 AM

Ordinariate Book Club - 7:00 PM

St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting – 7:00 PM

#### Friday, 15 December

Advent Weekday

Dominican Rite: Advent Feria

Winter Wonderland - 7:00 PM

#### Saturday, 16 December

Advent Weekday

Dominican Rite: Advent Feria

Rorate Cæli Mass - 6:00 AM

Nocturnal Adoration - 7:00 PM

#### Sunday, 17 December

Third Sunday of Advent

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

Swing Dancing - 7:00 PM

Parishioner Registration



Online Giving



Dear Holy Rosary Friends and Families,

Many people get stuck in the present. We get absorbed by our present woes, sufferings, and hardships. The stockmarket is down today—my kids are too loud right now. We are told to live in the moment or even to be mindful of our present experiences.

People also accuse some Christians of being "stuck in the past." They say we are museum curators or embracing a previous time with nostalgia. Instead of focusing on the present, these Christians are accused of focusing on the past. The season of advent allows us to experience the authentic Christian meaning of time. During advent, we are not just recalling the coming of Jesus in Bethlehem as a past event. Nor are we focusing on the present experience of our advent devotion. Rather, we are ultimately looking towards the future advent of Christ, wherein He will come in glory to judge the living and the dead.

Advent focuses on the three comings (advents) of Christ: (1). The coming of Christ in Bethlehem, (2). The coming of Christ into our souls, and (3). The coming of Christ in glory to judge the living and the dead.

During advent we are anticipating the future coming of Christ (3). Our orientation is towards the future, towards what is to come. However, we prepare for the coming of Christ in glory by returning to the past to meditate on the birth of Christ and celebrate that great birth liturgically. When we do so, we also change in the present, because Christ comes to dwell in our souls, which is the second advent of Christ (2).

Now we can see the Christian meaning of time. We Christians are fundamentally orientated towards the future—the coming of Christ in glory. However, we are led to the past to meditate on what happened there, which changes us in the present to prepare ourselves for our future encounter with Christ who will come as judge.

The past has its distinctive meaning for us due to our expectation of Christ's future return. Likewise, the present has a distinctive meaning for us because we are actors in a larger narrative of salvation history according to a script we didn't write.

The meaning of our lives at present is determined by that flight into the past which our anticipation of the future coming of Christ motivates. We come to the past like explorers and take with us many gems and precious stones to support ourselves in the present so to prepare for the future. The Christian meaning of time is different than the worldly meaning of time. Most people today live for the moment, for present satisfaction, for things *right now*. We Christians live for the future and see the present as a pilgrim's journey towards our true home. That union with God in the kingdom that we hope for is made possible by all the events God has worked in the past. All these past events condition our present experience.

Our present is characterized by the logic of "already, but not yet." We say "not yet" because Christ has not yet returned

and we wait with joyful hope. However, God has implanted within us the seed of eternal life in baptism—we *already* have eternal life, but it has *not yet* come to full maturity.

- Fr. Joseph Selinger, OP



#### ST. NICHOLAS CHRISTMAS TREE

If you are struggling or are aware of any families struggling during this time, please contact st.nicholaschristmastree@yahoo.com. This ministry of Holy Family Chapter of the

Dominican Laity helps families and parishioners with Christmas gifts and needs. You can help 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 at the QR code. Wrapped gifts should be returned to the parish office by December 10th.

THE RORATE CAELI MASS is a traditional Advent devotion wherein the Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary for Advent is offered just before dawn. On December 16 this Mass will be celebrated according to the Dominican Rite at 6:00 AM. The Mass takes its title, Rorate Caeli, from the first words of the Introit, which are from Isaiah 45:8: "Rorate, caeli, desuper, et nubes..." (Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain the just: let the earth be opened and bud forth a Savior.) The Rorate Mass is lit only by candlelight. Because it is a votive Mass in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, white vestments are worn instead of Advent violet. In the dimly lit setting, priests and faithful prepare to honor the Light of the world, Who is soon to be born, and offer praise to God for the gift of Our Lady. As the Mass proceeds and sunrise approaches, the church becomes progressively brighter, illumined by the sun as our Faith is illumined by Christ.

**SOLEMN VESPERS** January 6 | Please join us for Solemn Vespers according to the ancient Dominican Rite, held on the first Saturday of every month at 4:00pm.



A WINTER WONDERLAND WITH CANTORES IN ECCLESIA This year marks the 40th anniversary of Cantores in Ecclesia! Please join us on Friday, December 15th at 7:00 pm in Holy Rosary's Aquinas Hall as we

celebrate with our annual Winter Wonderland fundraiser! Admission includes a festive evening of wine, hors d'oeuvres, seasonal desserts, and holiday cheer. Entertainment will be provided by the choir's two ensembles of children and adults. Tickets available for purchase at *cantores.ticketleap.com* or by scanning the QR code.

**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.

#### **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 or in the collection basket by December 15 to be listed in the December 25 bulletin.

#### THE LITERARIANS BOOK CLUB

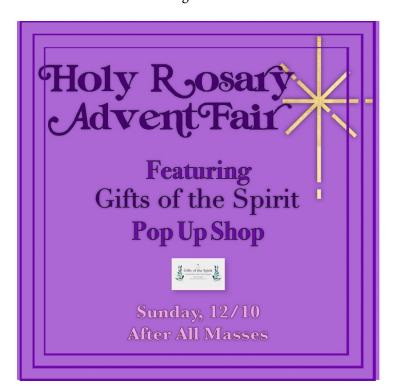
Join us at 7pm on Wednesday, December 20 in the Fireplace Room of Aquinas Hall to discuss *Mariette in Ecstasy* by Ron Hansen. For more information, contact wendymcknight@holyrosarypdx.org.

#### THE HOLY ROSARY CHAPTER DOMINICAN LAITY

want to thank all of those who so generously contributed their time and resources to our Thanksgiving basket project. We provided about 77 baskets for families and individuals in our community that might not have been able to celebrate otherwise. We especially want to thank Sue Scheese and the St. Vincent dePaul Society, the Homeschooling community and the Knights of Columbus. Thanks also to Pacific Coast Fruit Company for their donation of fresh produce every year to help make this project successful.

#### CLASSICAL EDUCATION IN THE PAST AND PRESENT

All are welcome to a talk on the history and definition of classical education, and a survey of the contemporary classical education landscape. The talk will be on Sunday, December 17th, at 10:15 AM in Siena, in between the 9 and 11 o'clock Masses. The speaker is parishioner McLeod Sumner, who is currently pursuing an M.A. in Classical Education at Hillsdale College.



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