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### SUNDAYS:

7:30AM, 9:00AM, 10:30AM,  
12:00 NOON PRINCIPAL LITURGY

### WEEKDAYS &

### FIRST FRIDAYS:

7:30AM, 9:00AM, 12:00 NOON

### SATURDAYS:

9:00AM, 5:30PM VIGIL

## BAPTISMS & MARRIAGES:

BY APPOINTMENT.

PLEASE CONTACT A MEMBER  
OF THE PARISH STAFF  
WELL IN ADVANCE.

## SACRAMENT

### OF RECONCILIATION:

CONFESSIONS ARE HEARD  
AT 5:00PM ON SATURDAYS  
AND ANYTIME BY  
APPOINTMENT.



**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT: DECEMBER 5, 2010**

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John's preaching of repentance is not meant to be some finger-wagging, moralistic ultimatum by which he attempts to "scare" us into holiness. Rather, he preaches to prepare us for the One our heart has always been waiting for. "*Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.*" "*The Kingdom of God means Christ himself*" (CCC2816, St. Cyprian, De Dom. orat. 13:PL 4,528A). For a thing can only be received according to the actual disposition of the one who is to receive it. So John preaches that "*we might have hope*" in the One who will come with "*the Holy Spirit and fire,*" who will tame what is savage in the wild beast, who will put a halt to harm and ruin, who will decide aright for the land's afflicted. With the sure hope of all this, there is nothing more reasonable than repentance.

**TODAY'S READINGS ...**

First Reading — He shall bring justice for the afflicted; the earth shall overflow with the knowledge of the LORD (Isaiah 11:1-10).

Psalm — Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — Glorify God by living in harmony with one another, welcoming each other as Christ welcomed you (Romans 15:4-9).

Gospel — Produce good fruit worthy of your baptism; repent, for the reign of God is near (Matthew 3:1-12).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK ...**

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11


**SATURDAY: VIGIL**

5:30 Peter Armetta (nephew)

**SUNDAY: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

7:30 Cecelia Wantola

9:00 Winifred Pryor

10:30 Frederick Stephens, Jr.

12:00 **St. Monica Parishioners**

**MONDAY: SAINT NICHOLAS, BISHOP**

7:30 Priests of St. Monica

9:00 Blanca DeRosales

12:00 Domenica Grasso

**TUESDAY: SAINT AMBROSE, BISHOP**

7:30 Mary Jane Russo

9:00 Edward and Theresa Hogan (living)

12:00 Michael Mauro

**5:30** Robert DeCola (6<sup>th</sup> ann)

**WEDNESDAY: IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

7:30 In Thanksgiving

9:00 Liv. and dec. Members of Armetta Family

12:00 **St. Monica Parishioners**

**THURSDAY: SAINT JUAN DIEGO, HERMIT**

7:30 Canning and Frazzetta Families

9:00 Michael Hogan

12:00 Nicholas Fredo

**FRIDAY: WEEKDAY**

7:30 Souls In Purgatory

9:00 Edie DeGaetano

12:00 Gregory Longworth

**SATURDAY: SAINT DAMASUS I, POPE**

9:00 Patrick Reynolds

**THE LONG-AWAITED ONE ...**

As the Sundays of Advent unfold the scriptures shift focus from the final coming of the Lord to his historical birth. Today's scriptures blend the two. Isaiah's disillusionment with the kings of his own day led him to envision an ideal king who would rule with divine approval and be led by divine wisdom. For centuries the Jewish people anticipated the arrival of that Messiah, who would usher in a blessed age when the whole world would finally dwell in justice and peace.

After centuries of such growing expectation, the preaching of John the Baptist about the imminent arrival of the Messiah could not help but provoke intense interest. The Baptist's message about preparation for "the one who is coming" (Matthew 3:11) makes clear that Jesus is, in fact, the long-awaited one who is ushering in the new age foretold by Isaiah and all the prophets. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

*Second Sunday of Advent (A)*

***Welcome to St. Monica's!***

*The music for today's Eucharist can be found in our hymnal on the following pages:*

<b>Entrance Hymn</b>	<b>196</b>
<i>O Come, Divine Messiah</i>	
<b>Penitential Rite</b>	<b>112*</b>
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	<b>480</b>
<i>Justice shall flourish in His time, and fullness of peace forever.</i>	
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	<b>114</b>
<i>Prepare the way of the Lord; make straight His paths: all people shall see the salvation of God.</i>	
<b>Offertory Hymn</b>	<b>410</b>
<i>Shall We Gather at the River?</i>	
<i>at noon: Ave Verum Corpus (Mozart)</i>	
sung by the choir	
<b>Sanctus</b>	<b>103*</b>
<b>Memorial Acclamation</b>	<b>104*</b>
<b>Great Amen</b>	<b>105*</b>
<b>The Lord's Prayer</b>	<b>120</b>
<b>Lamb of God</b>	<b>188*</b>
<b>Communion Hymn</b>	<b>437</b>
<i>Taste and See</i>	
<b>Recessional Hymn</b>	<b>198</b>
<i>Come, O Long Expected Jesus</i>	

**STEWARDSHIP ...**

Everybody who practices authentic Christian stewardship has a moving, magical stewardship story. It's important that we share our stories, not only to convey them to others, but to reinforce our stories to ourselves. It's all too easy, once a miraculous moment has passed, to forget that coincidences are spiritual puns. Reflect upon a time in your life when you have extended yourself, risen to the occasion, gone above and beyond the call of duty and have been rewarded in spades. You might want to articulate your own Loaves and Fishes story. Tell it to somebody, or write it down. If you belong to a committee or group, this can be an inspirational exercise to share.

**Last Week's Collection: \$ 4, 645.00**

**Last Year's Collection: \$ 4, 761.00**

**OUTSIDE THE PARISH ...**

**HOLIDAY FAIR ...**

On **Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>** from 9:00am to 5:00pm at **St. Stephen of Hungary**, 414 East 82<sup>nd</sup> Street. Come try your luck raffles, 50/50, gift baskets, Christmas boutique and vendors with assorted merchandise for sale.

**ADVENT RECOLLETION ...**

Catholic Charities Junior Board Advent Recollection on **December 9, 2010 6:30pm** at the **Lady Chapel of St. Patrick's Cathedral**, 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 51<sup>st</sup> Street, behind the main altar. The recollection will consist of the Rosary, a 30 minute meditation, followed by closing prayer. For more information, please write to [Mario@cspya.org](mailto:Mario@cspya.org)

**STORIES AND SONGS ...**

On Thursday, **December 9<sup>th</sup>** at **Barnes and Noble**, Fr. John Sheehan, SJ presents 'From Broadway to God.' A former professional actor, Fr. John tells stories and sings songs and traces the path that took him from radio broadcasting, Radio City Music Hall, theatre tours and stunt driving to the Jesuit vocation office and 12 years in Nigeria.

Admission is free, the venue is at Barnes & Noble, 150 East 86<sup>th</sup> Street. Show starts at **7:00pm**. Copies of Father John's three CD's will be available as well as a newly released holiday album, "Amo, Amas, Amat – A Latin Little Christmas."

Boomers & Beyond Christmas Party is **Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-10:00pm** at the Wallage Hall, **St. Ignatius Loyola** located at Park Avenue and 84<sup>th</sup> Street. For more information call: (646) 241-1332.

**PLEASE REMEMBER...**

Both in life and in death, we belong to the Lord.

- Romans 14

Please remember St. Monica's Church in your will.

\*At the noon mass, from the Mass for St. Monica

**IN MEMORY OF ...**

The monthly Sanctuary Light and the monthly Bread and Wine used for the Celebration of the Eucharist may be reserved for your special intentions in memory of a deceased loved one, in thanksgiving for a favor received or for any other special need.

Please call the rectory (212) 288-6251 to make your reservation.

**The Burning of the Sanctuary Light  
during the month of  
DECEMBER**

In Loving Memory of the Deceased Members  
of the Armetta Family  
Requested by Adam Armetta

**The Bread and Wine for the  
Celebration of the Eucharist during the month of  
DECEMBER**

In loving Memory of Caroline Armetta  
Requested by Adam Armetta

**FEAST OF FAITH ...**

**Watching for Christ's Coming**

In the season of Advent, we look to the coming of Christ at the end of time, and we prepare ourselves to celebrate his first coming among us at Christmas. Remembrance of the past is combined with preparation for the future. Memory meets action.

In a certain sense, the Mass is an Advent prayer. At the Last Supper, Jesus did not tell his disciples, "Never forget what I did for you." Instead, he said, "Do this in remembrance of me." He calls us to remember by *doing*, to combine memory with action. In the celebration of the Eucharist, remembering and doing become one. Jesus is as present in our midst as he was in that upper room, breaking the bread and sharing the cup; but it is a new kind of presence, seen only with the eyes of faith. In the heavenly liturgy, there will be no need of sacraments, for there, "celebration is wholly communion and feast" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1136). Here, things are different. We have only glimpses and flashes of the beauty that is yet to be. And yet, in the liturgy, we truly participate in the heavenly liturgy. The Mass is our foretaste of the joys of heaven. —*Corinna Laughlin*, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

**WORDS OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE TO  
JUAN DIEGO ...**

"Let not your heart be disturbed. Do not fear that sickness, nor any other sickness or anguish. Am I not here, who is your Mother? Are you not under my protection? Am I not your health? Are you not happily within my fold? What else do you wish? Do not grieve nor be disturbed by anything."

**CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS ...**

**BIBLE CLASSES ...**

To celebrate Advent, Father Joe Francis is having Bible study classes in the church on Tuesdays from 7:00pm to 8:00pm on **December 7, 14 and 21<sup>st</sup>**. All are welcome, please join us and bring a friend.

**CHURCH DECORATING ...**



We are asking for parishioners and friends to help with the church decorating which will take place next **Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup> after the 12 Noon Mass**. Sign up sheets are on the 2 tables in the rear of the church.

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT ...**



On **Sunday, December 19, 2010 at 7:00pm** we will have our **'Saint Monica Choir Christmas Concert.'** More details to follow. All are welcome!

**PENANCE SERVICE ...**

On **Wednesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>**, we will have the Parish Penance Service with individual confessions at 7:30pm.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS ...**

All registered parishioners will be receiving a flowers offering envelope with the December mailing. Your generosity will help to defray the cost of beautifying our church during this blessed season. Envelopes can be placed in the offering box, center isle.

**SPIRITUAL BOUQUET ...**

Christmas Spiritual Bouquet cards are on the tables in the rear of the church. The intention envelope can be filled out and placed in the offertory box near the Baptismal Font. Your intentions will be remembered in the Christmas Masses celebrated here.

**YOUR GENEROSITY ...**

The Yorkville Common Pantry is grateful for the delicious food items that were donated by the many generous parishioners and friends of St. Monica Church. We collected 30 large plastic bags weighing over 700 lbs! This is true Christian stewardship at work.

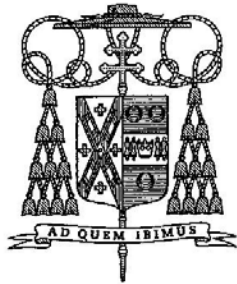
**SPECIAL DEVOTIONS**

**Rosary:** Weekdays after the Noon Mass

and on Saturday after the 9:00am

**Holy Hour:** First Friday of each month after the Noon Mass

**Devotions:** Miraculous Medal on Mondays after each Mass



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November 15, 2010

Dear Friends in the Lord:

In the midst of this Advent season, I ask your generous support for the *annual appeal for our retired religious*.

Our retired men and women religious have dedicated their lives to serving others: nurturing the young, comforting those in need, and sharing their faith and love with all to whom they ministered. Thank the Lord, many religious continue to serve the archdiocese; yet, our older sisters and brothers are in need of our assistance in providing for their well-deserved and well-earned retirement years.

Please be as generous as you can in helping to support our retired sisters and brothers, particularly in defraying the ongoing costs of their health care, who have given so very much to all of us here in the archdiocese over the years. Your gift will be an expression of your gratitude for their dedicated service to the Lord and His Church.

With prayerful best wishes for a blessed Advent, I am,

Faithfully in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Timothy M. Dolan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'T'.

Most Reverend Timothy M. Dolan  
Archbishop of New York