

First Sunday of Advent

To you, my God, I lift my soul, I trust in you; let me never come to shame. Do not let my enemies laugh at me. No one who waits for you is ever put to shame. (Psalm 24: 1-3)



Advent is here. We begin our preparations for Christmas, joyful for God's great gift of Christ the redeemer. We celebrate the beginning of the Christ-event, not simply as a past moment in history but for the future hope it gives us. Although Jeremiah's prophecy alludes to Jesus' historical coming, this first Sunday of Advent emphasizes another coming: the glorious arrival of Christ our Lord at the end of time. Luke's gospel uses traditional imagery—so familiar to our modern world—to picture the end. Luke's point is not the cosmic catastrophe itself but the people it overtakes. Some are not ready. Others, whose lives have been deeply human and filled with prayer, have nothing to fear and everything to look forward to. They can stand tall; Christ is coming to complete the liberation of the world from sin. On a more intimate note, St. Paul has a special prayer for his beloved converts: that their love for all humanity may be like his great love for them. May we grow in holiness together until that great Day.



ADVENT SCHEDULE

DAILY MASS

MONDAY TO FRIDAY:

9:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M.

CONFESSIONS

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

6:30 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.



BLESSING OF ELEVATOR - ADVENT 2015

AFTER THE 11:30 MASS PHASE ONE OF OUR PROJECT WHICH INCLUDES THE ELEVATOR AND STAIRS WILL BE BLESSED. THIS IS FOLLOWED BY A RECEPTION IN THE HALL.

THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN SUPPORTING THIS MAJOR PROJECT AND THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THIS PHASE IS THE RESULT OF A GREAT EFFORT BY MANY PEOPLE TOO NUMEROUS TO LIST. BUT SPECIAL MENTION AND THANKS GO OUT TO FRANCESCO D'AMBROGIO, WHO SUPERVISED THE CONSTRUCTION, PETER LEON, WHO HEADED THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN, PETRI KUKKOLA WHO DONATED THE BEAUTIFUL DESIGN, OUR CONTRACTOR, TONY CRISOSTIMO OF CONTERRA RESTORATION, THE LATE TONY FERRACUTI AND PAOLO PIVETTA OF GLOBAL ARCHITECTS, AND THE MANY PARISHIONERS AND SUB-TRADES WHO USED THEIR TALENTS SO SKILFULLY AND FOR ALL WHO DONATED MEMORIAL GIFTS AND ALL PARISHIONERS WHO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT OUR BELOVED PARISH BY THEIR PRESENCE AND PRAYERS. GOD BLESS YOU ALL AND CONGRATULATIONS.



