

*St. Francis' Mission is:
To live by Faith, be known by Love, and be a voice of
Hope in order to give ourselves in service and better the
lives of others.*

December 4, 2016

Second Sunday in Advent

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For Sunday
December 4, 2016

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“People Look East”

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“Soon And Very Soon”

Pastor
Father
Victor Ray

All of us at St. Francis ECC want to take a moment to extend a very warm welcome to everyone who's visiting us for the first time this morning. Whether you're just having a look, or are searching out for a place to worship, we're delighted to have you here. Enjoy the rest of your worship time with us, and God bless you!



From The Desk of the Pastor

John tells us why we must be prepared, why we must repent, why we must get ourselves ready, bath and be baptized. There is company coming! And he is going to be mighty and great. He will do more than baptize you and cleanse you with water – he will energize you and bring you the spirit, and he will gather to himself all those who have borne fruit, who have become food for others. This is what we are waiting for – this is what Advent is about.

Many of us have caller ID on our phones so that we can decide whether we want to talk to someone and answer the phone. Well in Advent, God is calling on our Caller ID. But it may take more than pushing a button to answer him or let him come in. Are you ready for him?

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

	GREETERS	ACOLYTE	1 ST READING	2 ND READING/ INTERCESSION	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
December 4	Jon L George R	Barb F	Jim H	Ron L	Jim V
December 11	Anthony Florence	George R	Mark T	Cheryl V	Ivy V
December 18	Nile Don	Terry W	Emilie M	Jim H	Deb F
December 24	John O Leo	Jim V	Cheryl V	Bill S	Mike H

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE ABOVE:

- To view readings in advance, go to www.usccb.org
- If you cannot fulfill the duty for that day, Please swap with someone else.
- If you cannot make it due to illness or emergency, please contact Jim Villafana as soon as possible. His phone number is on the last page of the bulletin.

Second Sunday of Advent

Reading 1 = Isaiah 11:1-10

Responsorial Psalm = Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-12, 17

Reading 2 = Roman 15:4-9

Gospel Acclamation = Luke 3:4, 6

Gospel = Matthew 3: 1-12

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Or visit the Website on the CONTACT Page at www.stfrancis-ecc.org and click their button.

St. Francis Community Update

- Prayers for Healing: Florence Jean–Pierre will offer Prayers after Mass in the Chapel and before Mass by appointment only. Subject to her availability.
- Choir Practice: Every Wednesday at 6 pm. Come and Join!
- Name Tags: Please sign up on the Bulletin Board if you would like one.
- Survey On Line: Quiz - What is an Ecumenical Catholic? It's part humor, but could also help newer members to understand the "ECC Way". Go to our Website, ADS/LINKS Page, under saint-matthew.org/quiz.php
- New Website Reality: Clicks/Hits promotes St. Francis. Increases interest/membership. Help us with our mission to touch the lives of 5,000! Website has added a Latest Update below Father Victor's Bio on the Home Page. Check it out for quick access as to what's new.
- **Pass It On:** If you like something on Facebook or YouTube, **PLEASE PASS IT ON.** The more that see it, the more interest we might generate.



Let Us Pray for



"Fear not for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."
(Isaiah 41:10)

- ✚ Ivy and Jim's Daughter Jessica for Eye Surgery for Cancer. Prayers for steady hands and Healing.
- ✚ Leo and John's Neighbor Joe Marek for cardiac issues. Prayers for Healing.
- ✚ Cheryl and Mike's Daughter's. Prayers for a healthy pregnancy/safe pregnancy and health for the babies they are carrying: Jasmine, Jennifer, Paula, Lauren and Kaylynn.
- ✚ Dee and D.A. Marx Brother John dealing with stomach issues. Prayer for Healing.
- ✚ Parishioner DA Marx for pain issues. Prayers for Healing.
- ✚ Parishioner Dee Spano. Prayers for continued Healing,
- ✚ Mark Talboom, dealing with health issues. Prayers for Healing
- ✚ Ivy Villafana recuperating. Prayers for Healing.
- ✚ Lorraine and Christine as they battle medical issues. Prayers for Healing.
- ✚ George Ressler dealing with health issues. Prayers for Healing
- ✚ Philip Champagne and Family, Leo's nephew for diagnosis of colon cancer. Prayers for Healing.
- ✚ Those dealing with unseen issues affecting the heart, mind and body such as grief, depression and anxiety.
- ✚ For the lonely, the dying, those who have entered God's Eternal Kingdom and those who are grieving them.

IF YOU HAVE ANY PRAYER PETITIONS, PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING, REQUESTS FOR VISITATION OR MEETING WITH A PRIEST....

Prayer leaflets are available on the Community Table. Please complete and drop in the offertory plate or contact a Council Member.

Requests will remain on the Prayer List 30 days unless otherwise requested.

MASS CARDS - Sympathy Mass Cards are available by contacting the church office (727- 234-1380)

Bulletin Guy Inquiry: Please let me know who we need to pray for! The power of prayer works, but I need to know who we can all pray for.....



The Candle of Love is the Second Sunday of Advent - Meaning

During each Sunday of the Advent season, we focus on one of the four virtues Jesus brings us: Hope, Love, Joy and Peace. Others consider the lighting of the first candle to symbolize expectation, while the second symbolizes hope, the third joy and the fourth purity. The Christ candle is lit on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day reminding Christians that Jesus is the light of the world. The order and exact wording vary among churches, but the wreath continually reminds us of whom we are called to be as followers of Jesus.

Most of us enjoy the splendor and glory of candles. Candles are visible reminders of our possible triumph over darkness. Have you ever noticed how one candle can go nearly unnoticed yet when you have a lot of candles lit, their presence is domineering and you can't ignore their impact.

The symbolism of candles is reflected in numerous ways in your religious and cultural traditions -- and in your marriage. Examples include how the [Kwanzaa](#) celebration utilizes special colored candles, the [Yahrzeit](#) memorial candles, kindling [Hanukkah](#) lights, and the [Advent Wreath](#).

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Any questions or concerns,
please contact William Schwartz
at media.stfrancis.ecc@gmail.com

Upcoming Anniversaries and Birthdays:



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Frank Matzelle/James Meeks Ann 12/7
Maureen McGill Birthday 12/7
Anthony Guerrier 12/16
Todd Chase Birthday 12/17
Chris Warner Birthday 12/24
Frank Matzelle 1/5
David Baughman 1/8
John O'Grady 1/10



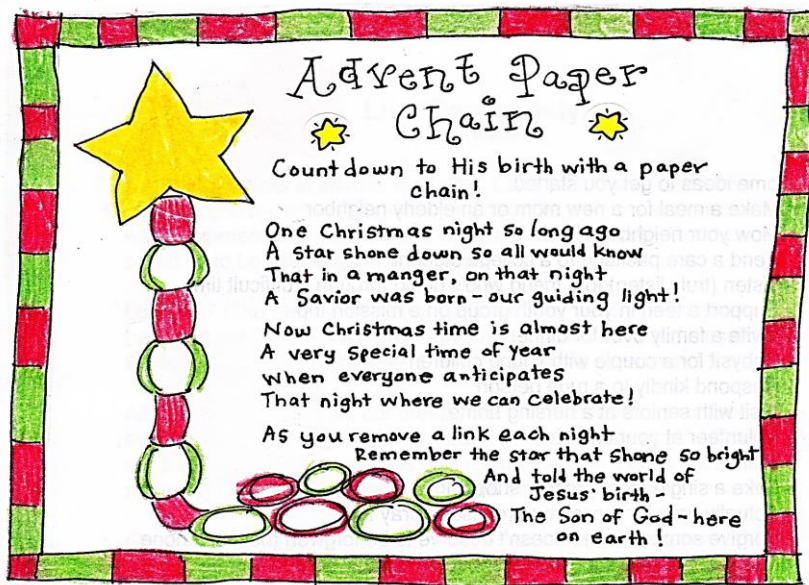
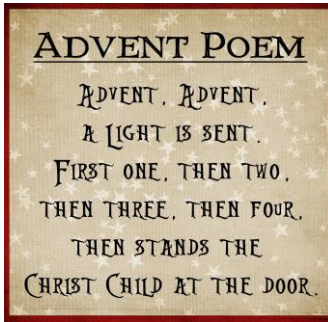
LOOKING AHEAD:

Dec 7 – Wednesday - Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
Dec 10 – Saturday - Tampa Bay AIDS Walk +5K Run at Vinoy Park
8am-4pm
Dec 13 – Tuesday - Council Meeting
Dec 14 – Wednesday – Gift Wrapping for 100 Kids. 5:30 – 8:30 pm.
See Calendar
Dec 24 – Saturday - Christmas Eve Mass with Buffet 7:30pm
Jan 6 – Friday – 1st Friday Mass
Jan 14 – Saturday – Dunedin Bowling Night 7-9pm
Jan 24-26 – Wed-Fri- Drop of items for Rummage Sale.
Remember all items received will not be returned rather donated to a
charity.
Jan 28 – Saturday – Rummage Sale – 8am-1:30pm

SEE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE CALENDAR PAGE

What Makes My Belly Laugh! This Week AWWW!

INFLUENCED by Wayne Rettke



R & R (Respect and Reverence)

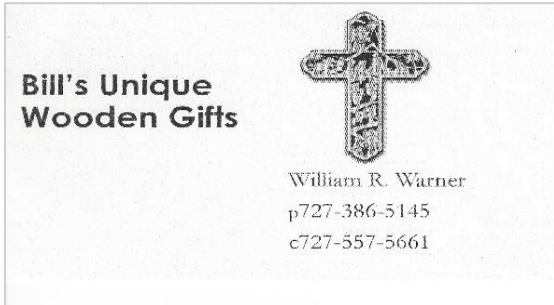
- **Housekeeping Note:** Please no food or drink in the Chapel area. Thank you for your cooperation!
- **Times when not to bother a Priest:** Please be respectful of our Pastor's time before and after Mass. At the present time Father Victor does not have office hours. If you wish to meet with him, you are most welcome to email or phone him to arrange an appointment. Our Website contact page is setup for that purpose
- **Respect People's Personal Space:** During our sign of peace tradition, we at St Francis are quite zealous with our affection. Please be mindful of those that aren't as comfortable with hugs and kisses and remember, a soft spoken word with an appropriate handshake or even an acknowledgement bow can go a long way!
- **Ministry Leaders:** Those who have volunteered for these positions are responsible for their Ministry and leading other who volunteer to assist within their ministries.



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MASS Each Sunday at 10:30am
Followed by Coffee and Fellowship**

2016 Community Council

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*Father Victor Ray
Office Hours*

*Are Currently
By
Appointment Only.*

*Please use Contact Page
To Email Father Victor.*

Bulletin Guy Request:



HEY EVERYONE

*I NEED JOKES, COMIC STRIPS, FUNNY STORIES, RECIPES,
ETC. WHATEVER YOU GOT, THE BULLETIN NEEDS IT. HELP
ME OUT!*

THANK YOU!!!

Bulletin Submissions due by Thursday at Midnight.

Email to: media.stfrancis.ecc@gmail.com

or by calling Bill Schwartz at PH: 727-350-3778



We are now Professional!

- 20 Character/Spaces per line except with Graphics
- We have Graphics
- Font is ARIAL, Brick color is REGIMENTAL RED
- We have a Sales Binder
- We have a One Page Flyer with a Donor Letter on the back
- We have a Bi-fold Flyer
- We have Business Cards
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- We have a Payment Program for St. Francis Parishioners Only
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PICK A GIFT



FOR OUR ADOPT A FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS

+ CHOOSE A SNOWFLAKE FROM OUR TREE

+ PURCHASE THE GIFT LISTED ON THE SNOWFLAKE

+ IF YOU WOULD LIKE, WRAP THE GIFT

*+ PLACE THE SNOWFLAKE BACK ON THE GIFT –
SO, THEY KNOW IF IT IS FOR A BOY OR GIRL*

*Please have all Snowflakes and Presents
Back by December 11th, so we can distribute them.*

TAMPA BAY
AIDS WALK
+ 5K Run

Save the Date
December 10
2016

Vinoy Park



Register today at
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CHRISTMAS GIFT WRAPPING FOR 100 KIDS

SPONSORED THROUGH THE DREAM CENTER OF PINELLAS COUNTY

Where: 4020 58th Avenue North, Lealman, near Lealman United Methodist Church.

Date: Wed., Dec. 14th, from 5:30-8:30pm.

What to bring: A favorite pair of scissors - all other items will be supplied. Snacks & beverages will be provided.

Please sign up on the bulletin board if you'd like to help that night. Also, if you have any spare Christmas wrapping paper or package tags just hanging around the house that you might like to donate, please give to Barb Fichter.

