NOVEMBER 29 - SATURDAY

Dn 7:15-27; Lk 21:34-36

Vigil Reading: See Sunday

4:00 PM – English - Fr. Jim – Intention of

Denny Richards

5:00 – 5:45 PM: Confessions 6:00 PM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy

NOVEMBER 30 – SUNDAY

Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

9:00 AM - Spanish - Fr. Rudy

11:00 AM – English – Fr. Louis – Vivien Dominguez

12:30 PM - Spanish - Fr. Louis - Samuel Muniz

DECEMBER 1 – MONDAY

Is 4:2-6; Mt 8:5-11

DECEMBER 2 – TUESDAY

Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

DECEMBER 3 – WEDNESDAY

Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37

7:00 PM - Spanish - Novena

DECEMBER 4 - THURSDAY

Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

7:00 PM - Spanish- Fr. Rudy (Novena and Mass)

DECEMBER 5 - FRIDAY

Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31

9:30 AM - English - Fr. Rudy - Hank Wagner

7:00 PM - Spanish - Novena

DECEMBER 6 - SATURDAY

Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9::35 - 10:1, 5a, 6-8

Vigil Reading: See Sunday

4:00 PM - English - Fr. Jim - Ann Armijo

5:00 - 5:45 PM: Confessions

6:00 PM - Spanish - Fr. Rudy

7:00 PM - Spanish - Novena

DECEMBER 7 – SUNDAY

Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

Sunday Readings:

9:00 AM - Spanish - Fr. Rudy

11:00 AM – English – Fr. Louis – Catherine Lienhart

12:30 PM - Spanish - Fr. Louis

7:00 PM – Spanish – Novena (moved to the gym)

English Mass Ministry Schedule: December 6-7

Lectors: 4:00 PM – R. Ogden

11:00 AM - B. Kramer

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 PM – T. LeSaint/D. Mercer **11:00 AM** – J. Chesher/K. Gillespie

Servers: 4:00 PM - S. Heidemann/M. Sonenschein

11:00 AM – J. Ruter

Offertory Family: 4:00 PM: LeSaint

11:00 AM: N/A

FROM THE FINANCE COMMISSION

Due to the holiday print schedules for the bulletin, the financials are not available.

They will appear in next week's bulletin.

Thank you for your generosity.

Make it easy on yourself. *Use our direct debit* system for your Sunday Stewardship offering. To take advantage of this convenience, please call 513-541-1563

FOUR GRAND CLUB: Congratulations to our week 14 winners: Donna Murray, Anne & Steve Minning, and Paula Link. Each won \$25. It's not too late to get your entry, 513-541-1563, for details.

CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

Kelly Hennessy (29), Tom Lienhart (30), Cynthia Dickman (30), Mike Maley (01), Monica Garcia (01), Norman Bissell (04), Linda Hughes (04), Terri Hottinger (05), Gina Eilerman (05).

Make a long-lasting difference! Leave a Legacy by remembering St. Boniface Church in your Will. For more information, contact Jenni Lindgren at 513-541-1563, ext. 151.

FR. RUDY'S REFLECTION:

Advent begins with a single, brilliant word: hope. It is more than a wish or vague optimism; it is the confident expectation that God is faithful to His promises. As we light the first candle of the Advent wreath and mark the beginning of a new liturgical year, we are invited once again to lift our eyes toward the coming of Christ, both His birth in Bethlehem and His return in glory.

In today's Gospel, Jesus does not describe the Nativity. Instead, He speaks of the end of time, a moment known only to the Father, when the Son of Man will come again. His words are not meant to frighten us but to awaken us. He urges, "Stay awake! You do not know on which day your Lord will come." The Advent message is clear: live each day as though it matters eternally, for it does.

We often measure our lives by calendars and clocks, deadlines and seasons, beginnings and endings. But God's time is not our time. The Lord's presence moves quietly through the minutes of our days. He is there in kindness offered, prayers whispered, burdens carried, and acts of mercy unseen. The call of Advent is to notice Him and to let His light illuminate even the ordinary moments of our lives.

When St. Paul exhorted the early Christians to "put on the armor of light" and "walk in the light of the Lord," he was reminding them, and us, that faith is not passive waiting. It is active readiness. To walk in the light means to live with hearts open and souls alert, resisting the shadows of distraction and indifference.

As we prepare for Christmas, the world around us will rush to decorate, shop, and celebrate. For the believer, however, Advent is not merely a countdown to December 25, it is a sacred invitation to awaken our hearts. Let us take time to pray more deeply, to reconcile what is broken, and to see Christ in the people and circumstances placed before us.

Christ's coming is not only a future event to anticipate. It is a present reality to welcome. He comes to us in the Eucharist, in His Word, and in the faces of those we love and serve. The Lord who once

came in humility and will come again in glory also comes now in grace.

May we, in these Advent days, stay awake and walk in His light, trusting the promise that "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." In this promise lies our unshakable hope, the light that no darkness can overcome.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY FUND RAISER:

That's a wrap! Volunteers from the food pantry will be available to gift wrap your Christmas gifts on Saturday, December 6, from 3:00 - 5:30 and Sunday, December 14, from 10:00 - 12:30. You can drop your gifts off in the back of the church before Mass and pick up your beautifully wrapped gifts afterward. All wrapping paper and bows are supplied. A monetary donation to the food pantry is appreciated.

SYMBOLISM OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE: Join us Saturday, December 6th, in the cafeteria at Holy Family Parish for a presentation on the symbolism of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The program begins at 1:00PM and lasts two hours. Authenticate Mexican food will also be available for your enjoyment.

SACRED MUSIC CONCERT: The Fine Arts Department of Cincinnati Hills Christian Academy invites you to our Sacred Music Concert on Sunday, December 7th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Boniface Church. This special evening will feature performances by our high school concert band, orchestra, and choir, presenting a beautiful selection of Christmas and classical music that highlights the stunning acoustics of the sanctuary. Join us as we celebrate the season through inspiring performances that reflect the talent and dedication of our CHCA student musicians.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE: the novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe is a nine-day prayer from December 3rd-11th, leading to the celebration of Las Mañanitas on December 12th. The celebration begins at 5:00AM in the church. A bilingual Mass will be said that evening at 6:30PM followed by homage to Our Lady in the gym. While the daily novena will be prayed in Spanish, the English version can be found through Google.