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Second Sunday of Advent

*Behold, I am sending
my messenger
ahead of you;
he will prepare
your way.*

Mark 1:2

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09:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

HOÀ GIẢI - RECONCILIATION

Saturday 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Sunday

8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

LỊCH TRÌNH PHỤNG VỤ - LITURGY

Thánh Lễ Cuối Tuần - Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:00 p.m. (English)

Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 (Việt)

4:00 p.m. (English - Việt)

Thánh Lễ Trong Tuần - Weekday Masses

Tuesday to Friday

7:00 a.m. (English) & 7:00 p.m. (Việt)

Chầu Thánh Thể - Benediction

Sau Thánh Lễ Tối Thứ Năm

Following the Thursday Evening Mass

Xin liên lạc Văn Phòng Giáo Xứ trong giờ làm việc hoặc
Cha Quản Nhiệm vào bất cứ lúc nào cho những Nhu Cầu
Mục Vụ khác.

Please contact the Office for additional need

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 5
 7:00 AM Recitation of the Rosary
 4:00 PM +Armando Federico *Memorial*
 +Elena Black *Anniversary*
 +Frank and Emily Donadio *Memorial*
 +Francis Donadio *Memorial*
 +Diane A. DiMatteo *Memorial*
 +Antonio Forcucci *Memorial*

Sunday, December 6
 9:00 AM +Janice Clay *15th Anniversary*
 +Pietro Cascio and Salvatore Pintone
 11:00 AM +Family of Saint Clement
 4:00 PM +Family of Saint Clement

Monday, December 7
 7:00 AM Recitation of the Rosary

Tuesday, December 8
 7:00 AM +Anthony Iacobucci *Memorial*
 +Franca Fantasia *Memorial*
 7:00 PM +Family of Saint Clement

Wednesday, December 9
 7:00 AM +Family of Saint Clement
 7:00 PM +Family of Saint Clement

Thursday, December 10
 7:00 AM +Family of Saint Clement
 7:00 PM +Family of Saint Clement

Friday, December 11
 7:00 AM +Family of Saint Clement
 7:00 PM +Family of Saint Clement

Saturday, December 12
 7:00 AM Recitation of the Rosary
 4:00 PM +Thomas Joyce *Memorial*
 +Harry and Pauline Romano
 +Joseph and Marianna Quaranto
 +Alessandro and Lavinia Treonze

Sunday, December 13
 9:00 AM +Vinny Pintone *Memorial*
 11:00 AM +Emilio LoPriore *Anniversary*
 +Alfonso Auciello *Anniversary*
 4:00 PM +Family of Saint Clement

PRAYER CORNER



Dora DelGizzi, Mary Ackerley, Brian Branson, Fred and Eleanor Hunter, Marie Lahue, Florence Breau, Stanley and Donna Chiozzi, Patricia DiFillippo, Sally Kiely and Thomas Marabella.

IN LOVING MEMORY



Our sanctuary candle for the month of December will burn in loving memory of **Armando Federico**, given by his wife Valentina and family.

FROM FATHER PHONG

It is such a glorious Advent Wednesday morning. The morning Mass is done. I opened the school building to let the workers in -- the roofers to retrieve their tools and the boiler folks to continue to put on the finishing touches on the new boiler. The replacement of the roof is going on beautifully and at the going rate it should be completed by the end of the next week. The new boiler is completely installed. Test runs are being conducted. Now we are ready for snow!

A word of thanks to the Liturgical Committee for making our worshipping space so holy and spiritually uplifting. Very quiet and humble they are, but their contribution speaks very emphatically of their dedication and love for Saint Clement. By Sunday, we should see an outdoor manger built and the trees and shrubs lighted. Speaking of tree, the annual Giving Tree due to Covid-19 is being substituted with Gift Cards. There is a table in the vestibule with instructions. Please be a good Santa to a family in need. The collection of non-perishable food or canned goods is still going on. The Vietnamese Youths will do the sorting and the delivery just before Christmas. And yes, we are accepting donations for Christmas flowers in memory of a loved one. Let's make our worshipping space explode with colors of happiness and joy.

Inserted in this week's bulletin is the Advent and Christmas liturgical schedule. Do take the insert out and stick it to the refrigerator door. I would like to point out especially the times when the Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated. Although the listed times are in the evening, right after the daily Mass, I can sit down with you at a more convenient time. "Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord" does begin with an inventory of our heart and soul. I do extend an invitation to everyone to attend the 10:00 PM bilingual Mass on Christmas Eve. I know it is late (I wanted the midnight Mass but had gingerly proposed to the Liturgical Committee the time of 11:00 PM, and of course I was outvoted). But this is Christmas! This is the Birth of the Savior! This is Jesus' Birthday!

If you felt that I have tried a bit too hard in being positive and happy and hope filled and optimistic, you're correct. With the surge in the Covid-19 cases and the so easily exposure nature of the virus, the extremely divisiveness of our country's political environment, the continuing of the stupid violence in the Middle East and the seemingly calloused, complacent and desensitized human hearts, I have been grabbing and holding on to any bit of laughter and good news. Even the tidbit about my mother's getting along very well with the strayed cat that my youngest brother retrieved from under the hood of his car on a cold Texan morning a few weeks ago. Or that I fried successfully a very tasty dish of rice mixed with a very spicy Italian sausage. Indeed, growing old and being old has taught me that reality is how I chose to see it. Happiness is dependent upon my deliberation. The amount of peace is the opposite equivalence to the amount of injustices. And love is proportionate to the absence of fear!

So, let these Advent Days find us working a bit harder in holding onto hope, nurturing happiness, creating peace and instrumenting love. Let's work harder in making people laugh, harder in becoming an oasis of gentleness and kindness. Let's rewrite history and be the compassionate and merciful innkeepers who would be so welcoming to anyone in need of a place to stay. That anyone may turn out to be our very own source of salvation!

HAPPY ADVENT, FATHER PHONG



The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated at 7:00 AM and 7:00 PM.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Patricia Walker and Donna Corbett who were buried from Saint Clement Church this past week



Saint Clement Parish joyfully welcomes **William Dao** who was baptized on Sunday, November 29



CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS Please remember your deceased loved ones by donating to the Saint Clement Christmas Altar Flowers.

ST. CLEMENT PARISH GIVING TREE



All Giving Tree donations benefit Respond, Inc. Somerville, MA. Twenty (20) families need our help this Advent season. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, this year's Wish List will consist of gift card donations only. Gift card requests: Target, Walmart, Market Basket, Kohl's, Bed Bath & Beyond, Amazon, Marshall's, Old Navy, Carters, Stop & Shop, Burlington, Uber, Gap, Nintendo Shop, Ulta, TJ MAXX. Please deposit gift card donations in the locked box located at the Church entrance. We will sort and package the donations received and hand-deliver them to Respond, Inc. Copies of the Family Wish List are available at the entrance of the church. **The return date for all donations is on or before December 9, 2020.** Thank you for your continued generosity & support.

SAINT CLEMENT PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

PASTORAL AIDE TO THE HOMEBOUND

If you are aware of anyone who would like to receive a visit, the Eucharist, the weekly bulletin, or who would simply enjoy a weekly telephone chat, please submit their names to: secretarysaintclement@outlook.com. Thank you.

SAINT CLEMENT FOOD COLLECTION

We are collecting nonperishable foods for the local food banks. Donation boxes are located at the front entrances of the Church. We appreciate your support and generosity.

THE WREATHS ARE HERE! Please pick up your wreath orders on Saturday, December 5, from 3:00-5:00 PM and on Sunday, December 6, from 9:00 AM-Noon. A limited number of wreaths are still available for purchase. Thanks for your support of CDA Scholarship Fundraisers



MAKE YOUR NEW YEAR'S EVE SPECIAL HAVE YOUR MARRIAGE BLESSED IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

If you are married, but not in the Catholic Church, you are invited to a Marriage Convalidation Ceremony officiated by Bishop Mark O'Connell on Thursday, December 31 at 6:00 PM at Saint Theresa of Lisieux Parish, 63 Winter St., North Reading. Celebrate the sanctity of marriage by ending 2020 in this wonderful way, and together look forward to the blessings of 2021. During the wedding ceremony, each couple will say their vows separately before Bishop O'Connell and their two witnesses. To sign up, each couple should be endorsed by their Parish as free to marry and prepared. Please register by December 10 with the Regional Bishop's Office, 978-531-1013 or northregion@rcab.org. There is no cost to the couple. The ceremony will comply with all state, town, and Archdiocesan COVID protocols.



If you are new or visiting at Saint Clement Parish, please introduce yourself to Father Phong, or call the Parish Office if we can be of assistance. If you would like to become a member, please complete the registration form at the entrance of the Church.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bulletin Announcements must be submitted to Saint Clement Parish Office no later than 6:00 PM on Tuesdays. Submit all notices to: secretarystclement@outlook.com.

COLLECTION

Last Week's Collection: \$3,999.00.

The second collection this weekend is for Christmas Altar Flowers. No second collection next weekend.

