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“The Spirit of the Lord
is upon me”

Luke 4:18



PRAISE THE LORD!

Our 28th annual Conference was a special gift of God's love and grace. From the beginning to the end, the Holy Spirit was poured out abundantly. Each speaker gave us in great measure the wisdom of God's Word. It was an honor and joy to have Archbishop Favalora with us for Sunday mass and Bishop Estevez to open the Conference on Friday evening. Our main speaker, Father Anthony Ozele was mightily anointed and the Lord's love, healing and deliverance was lavished upon all who attended. The music ministry from the Alleluia Community in Augusta, Georgia and Master of Ceremonies Steve Swenson lead us to enter into God's Presence with thanksgiving, worship and praise. The two young ladies who sang for us were a delight and Robin and her liturgical dancers are always a blessing.

We thank all who participated in the Conference to make it beautiful. All the priests, deacons and altar servers. A special thanks to Brother Mike and Daniel and each person who served in a ministry. Every person who comes brings their gifts and talents and when they all join together it brings forth a holy and blessed weekend of love, joy, peace and healing. The Spirit of the Lord was truly upon us and we give the Father, Son and Holy Spirit all the honor and glory for His faithfulness.

The Mysteries of Jesus' Infancy and Hidden Life From the Catechism of the Catholic Church

The coming of God's Son to earth is an event of such immensity that God willed to prepare for it over centuries. He makes everything converge on Christ: all the rituals and sacrifices, figures and symbols of the "First Covenant." He announces him through the mouths of the prophets who succeeded one another in Israel. Moreover, he awakens in the hearts of the pagans a dim expectation of this coming.

St. John the Baptist is the Lord's immediate precursor or forerunner, sent to prepare his way. "Prophet of the Most High," John surpasses all the prophets, of whom he is the last. He inaugurates the Gospel, already from his mother's womb welcomes the coming of Christ, and rejoices in being "the friend of the bridegroom," whom he points out as "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." Going before Jesus "in the spirit and power of Elijah," John bears witness to Christ in his preaching, by his Baptism of conversion, and through his martyrdom.

When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Savior's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming. By celebrating the precursor's birth and martyrdom, the Church unites herself to his desire: "He must increase, but I must decrease."

The Christmas Mystery

Jesus was born in a humble stable, into a poor family. Simple shepherds were the first witnesses to this event. In this poverty heaven's glory was made manifest. The Church never tires of singing the glory of this night:



**The Virgin today brings into the world the Eternal
And the earth offers a cave to the Inaccessible.
The angels and shepherds praise him
And the magi advance with the star,
For you are born for us,
Little Child, God eternal!**

To become a child in relation to God is the condition for entering the kingdom. For this, we must humble ourselves and become little. Even more: to become “children of God” we must be “born from above” or “born of God.” Only when Christ is formed in us will the mystery of Christmas be fulfilled in us. Christmas is the mystery of this “marvelous exchange”:

O marvelous exchange! Man’s Creator has become man, born of the Virgin. We have been made sharers in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share our humanity.

The mysteries of Jesus’ infancy

Jesus’ circumcision, on the eighth day after his birth, is the sign of his incorporation into Abraham’s descendants, into the people of the covenant. It is the sign of his submission to the Law and his deputation to Israel’s worship, in which he will participate throughout his life. This sign prefigures that “circumcision of Christ” which is Baptism.

The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Savior of the world. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (magi) from the East, together with his baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee. In the magi, representatives of the neighboring pagan religions, the Gospel sees the first-fruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation through the Incarnation. The magi’s coming to Jerusalem in order to pay homage to the king of the Jews shows that they seek in Israel, in the messianic light of the star of David, the one who will be king of the nations. Their coming means that pagans can discover Jesus and worship him as Son of God and Savior of the world only by

turning toward the Jews and receiving from them the messianic promise as contained in the Old Testament. The Epiphany shows that “the full number of nations” now takes its “place in the family of the patriarchs,” and acquires Israelitica dignitas (are made “worthy of the heritage of Israel”).

The presentation of Jesus in the temple shows him to be the firstborn Son who belongs to the Lord. With Simeon and Anna, all Israel awaits its encounter with the Savior - the name given to this event in the Byzantine tradition. Jesus is recognized as the long-expected Messiah, the “light to the nations” and the “glory of Israel,” but also “a sign that is spoken against.” The sword of sorrow predicted for Mary announces Christ’s perfect and unique oblation on the cross that will impart the salvation God had “prepared in the presence of all peoples.”

The flight into Egypt and the massacre of the innocents make manifest the opposition of darkness to the light: “He came to his own home, and his own people received him not.” Christ’s whole life was lived under the sign of persecution. His own share it with him. Jesus’ departure from Egypt recalls the exodus and presents him as the definitive liberator of God’s people.

Christmas Blessing

By Christopher Galluccio

Christmas time is here again, a time for family, a time for friends.

When all people come together with hearts full of joy; and little children can’t wait to see all their new toys.

Let us all remember the true reason we celebrate; it’s the birthday of Jesus, born in a manger, but grew up to be great.

So let’s live out His message to show Love to all; no matter how rich, poor, big or small.

Then the blessings of God will be poured on to you, and you will be filled with true joy all your life through.

Jesus is born today, that’s the real reason to cheer: Merry Christmas to all and a Blessed New Year.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Every Monday - **Healing through the Word**

7:30 PM - St. Louis Church - Maria Vadia
Hospitality Room A

Fourth Monday - **Mass and Healing Prayer**

7:30 PM - St. Bernard Church
Celebrant- Rev. Robert Richardson

First Tuesday - **Mass and Healing Prayer**

8:00 PM - Nativity Church – Hollywood

First Thursday - **Mass and Healing Prayer**

8:00 PM – Nativity Church
Indian Community

Every Third Thursday- **Praise , Worship and Benediction**

7:30 PM – All Saints Church Chapel
Deacon Joe Tollis

First Friday – **Mass and Healing Prayer**

8:00 PM – Nativity Church Shrine
Filipino Community

Nov.20th – **Mass and Healing Prayer**

Celebrant - Rev. John Fink
St Maurice Church
Rosary 6:30 PM
Mass 7:00 PM

Happy Thanksgiving Day

Give thanks to the Lord for He is good.
His love is everlasting!

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This will be the last Newsletter you will receive before the New Year. We would like to wish each and every person a Holy and Blessed Christmas and a New Year filled with Gods abundant grace.

Jim and Mary Horvath

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Attention

Because of the increased cost of printing and postage, we regret to have to tell you that this office will now have to ask for a minimum of \$5.00 per year to cover the cost of your “Paraclete” newsletter. For those of you who already send contributions specifically for the “Paraclete”, we sincerely thank you. For those of you who do not, we ask you to prayerfully consider sending in your donation. We firmly believe that this newsletter should continue to proclaim the truth of the Gospel and provide you with information concerning up-coming events.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

November

1. Rv 7:2-4,9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a
2. Wis 3:1-9; Rom 5:5-11; Jn 6:37-40
3. Phil 2:1-4; Lk 14:12-14
4. Phil 2:5-11; Lk 14:15-24
5. Phil 2:12-18; Lk 14:25-33
6. Phil 3:3-8a; Lk 15:1-10
7. Phil 3:17- 4:1; Lk 16:1-8
8. Phil 4:10-19; Lk 16:9-15
9. Ez 47:1-2,8-9,12; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
10. Ti 1:1-9; Lk 17:1-6
11. Ti 2:1-8,11-14; Lk 17:7-10
12. Ti 3:1-7; Lk 17:11-19
13. Phlm 7-20; Lk 17:20-25
14. 2 Jn 4-9; Lk 17: 26-37
15. 3 Jn 5-8; Lk 18:1 -8
16. Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25: 14-30
17. Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Lk 18:35-43
18. Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Lk 19:1-10
19. Rv 4:1-11; Lk 19:11-28
20. Rv 5:1-10; Lk 19: 41-44
21. Rv 10:8-11; Lk 19: 45-48
22. Rv 11: 4-12; Lk 20:27-40
23. Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46
24. Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Lk 21:1-4
25. Rv 14:14-19; Lk 21:5-11
26. Rv 15:1-4; Lk 21:12-19
27. Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Lk 21:20-28
28. Rv 20:1-4, 11-21: 2; Lk 21:29-33
29. Rv 22:1-7; Lk 21:34-36
30. Is 63:16b-17,19b; 64:2-7; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

December

1. Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11
2. Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24
3. Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37
4. Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27
5. Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31
6. Is 30:19-21,23-26; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a,6-8
7. Is 40:1-5,9-11; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8
8. Gn 3:9-15,20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
9. Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14
10. Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30
11. Is 41:13-20; Mt 11: 11-15
12. Zec 2:14-17; Lk 1:26-38
13. Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17: 9a, 10-13
14. Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; 1Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8,19-28
15. Nm 24:2-7,15-17a; Mt 21:23-27
16. Zep 3:1-2,9-13; Mt 21:28-32
17. Gn 49:2,8-10; Mt 1:1-17
18. Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1 :18-25
19. Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25
20. Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38
21. 2 Sm 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38
22. 1 Sam 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56
23. Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66
24. 2 Sam 7:1-5, 8b-12,14a,16; Lk 1:67-79
25. Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18
26. Acts 6:8-10; 7: 54-59; Mt 10:17-22
27. 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a,2-8
28. Sir 3:2-7, 12-14; Col 3:12-21; Lk 2:22-40
29. 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35
30. 1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40
31. 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18