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Praying for Peace

We stand at the brink of a nuclear war. For some of us, we cannot sit at a table and enjoy a meal as a family. The daily stresses at work weigh us down. Our cares and concerns about our children, job, finances and future overwhelm us. We are scared, tired and helpless. We want PEACE.

Jesus says: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid". (John 14:27). Yes, I want this Peace that Jesus is offering. So how do I get it? Pray for it. Why pray for Peace?

If I go to the heart of Prayer, I realise that Prayer is conversing with the Lord. Not a mere recitation of words and phrases, and not just letting God know the list of things I want God to grant. When we pray sincerely, and as we praise, thank, confess and petition, our relationship with God grows. Our Faith in God grows. Our Trust and Confidence in God's Love and Goodness grows.

For I know the thoughts and plans that I have for you, says the Lord, thoughts and plans for Peace and not for evil. To give you Hope and Future. (Jeremiah 29:11)

And as we let God into our lives, listen to him and seek to do his will, his Peace starts to infuse our minds, our hearts and our every being.

But all who Listen to me will live in Peace untroubled by fear of harm (Proverbs 1:33).

And when we experience his Peace, we are finally at Rest. Contented and secure in the knowledge that we are with God and God is with us,

My soul is restless until it rests in God (St Augustine)

So as we light the Candle of Peace on this second Sunday of Advent, let us pray...

for government leaders to practice restraint, exercise good counsel and pursue peace

for open communication, forgiveness and reconciliation in our family.

for strength, serenity and hope to deal with our daily stresses, anxieties and cares.

for the faith, courage and humility to let go and let God take control of our lives.

for PEACE...In the name of the One who makes the wind and waves stand still, AMEN.

PEACE is not the absence of trouble but the presence of Christ. (Sheila Walsh)

Reflection by Ros

Novena notes



2nd Sunday of Advent
 Year B
 10 December 2017

Readings & Responses for the Week

Sun, 10 December	Is 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8 Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.
Mon, 11 December St Damasus I, Pope	Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26 Look, our God is coming to save us.
Tue, 12 December Our Lady of Guadalupe	Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14 Here is our God coming with power.
Wed, 13 December St Lucy, Virgin & Martyr	Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30 My soul, give thanks to the Lord.
Thu, 14 December St John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor	Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15 The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love.
Fri, 15 December	Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19 Anyone who follows you, Lord, will have the light of life.
Sat, 16 December	Sir 48:1-4,9-11; Mt 17:10-13 God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

WEEKDAY MASS (MON - FRI)
 Time: 6.30am, 12.15pm, 6.30pm
 Confession: Half an hour before Mass

SUNSET MASS (SAT)
 Time: 6.30pm

SUNDAY MASS
 Time: 8am, 10am, 12noon, 5.30pm

PUBLIC HOLIDAY
 Time: 8am, 6.30pm

SATURDAY MORNING MASS
 Time: 7am

SATURDAY NOVENA DEVOTION
 English: 8am, 9.30am, 11am, 1pm, 4pm, 5.30pm
 Mandarin: 2.30pm
 Confession: After every Novena Service except after the 11am service.

DAYS OF OBLIGATION
 Time: 7pm (Eve of Day of Obligation)
 6.30am, 12.15pm, 7pm

Novena notes

Car-Park Charges

All Drivers, please take note that we'll be starting our car-park charges from Monday, 4th December. The following are the rates:

Cars

15 minutes Grace Period

Monday to Friday (6.00am to 6.00pm)

- 1st hour or part thereof - \$1.50

Subsequent 15 minutes or part thereof - \$0.50

Per entry after 6.00pm - \$2.50

Saturday, Sunday and Public Holiday (6.00am to 5.00pm)

- 1st hour or part thereof - \$1.50

Subsequent 15 minutes or part thereof - \$0.50

Per entry after 5.00pm - \$2.50

Motor Cycles

15 minutes Grace Period

Monday to Friday (6.00am to 6.00pm)

- 1st hour or part thereof - \$0.80

Per entry after 6.00pm - \$1.50

Saturday, Sunday and Public Holiday (6.00am to 5.00pm)

- 1st hour or part thereof - \$0.80

Per entry after 5.00pm - \$1.50

Advent Novena

Our Advent Novena to prepare for Christmas has begun. It started on 28th October 2017. The Theme for this special Novena is: "When A Child Is Born." It is not too late to join us. All are welcome and bring along your family and friends.

28 Oct : We are Children of God

4 Nov : Dependence and Trust

11 Nov : Innocence and Purity

18 Nov : Humility and Wonder

25 Nov : Growth and Maturity

2 Dec : Discipline and Obedience

9 Dec : Teaching and Learning

16 Dec : Honour and Respect

23 Dec : Jesus: A Child is Born

School's Out: Go Wild

Novena Youth Camp (For youth 14 years old and above)

Date: 17-20 December 2017

Those interested may register, or leave your contact information at our reception office. Thank you.

Come As You Are

The life transforming 4 Steps Retreat will be held in The Holy Innocents High School from 16th Dec - 17th Dec. Come and encounter the Risen Lord in your life.

For any enquiries : 98709504

Advent Penitential Services for City District at 8pm

11th December - Church of Our Lady of Lourdes

12th December - Church of St Teresa

13th December - Church of St Bernadette

14th December - Church of Sts Peter and Paul

15th December - Church of the Sacred Heart

18th December - Church of St Alphonsus (Novena Church)

19th December - Church of St Michael

Christmas & New Year Eve Masses

Sunday - 24th December
Christmas Pageant - 8.00pm
Christmas Carols - 8.30pm
Vigil Mass - 9.00pm

Monday - 25th December
8am, 10am, 12noon and 5.30pm

Sunday - 31st December
Praise & Worship - 10.00pm
Mass - 10.30pm

Monday - 1st January 2018
8am & 6.30pm

Maintenance of the new church

Now that our building fund target has been met, all further donations will go towards our Church Maintenance Fund.

You can donate by cheque. You can now also donate via GIRO.

Kindly issue your cheque payable to:

Redemptorist Fathers Maintenance Fund.

Those who wish to donate via GIRO, please obtain the GIRO Form from the Reception desk.

Our credit card machine can now accept donations to the Maintenance Fund via Pay Wave.

Thank you very much for your generous support.

Society of St Vincent de Paul

The second collection last Sunday amounted to \$15,204/-.

Thank you for your support for our Friends-In-Need.

