1st Sunday in Advent

NOVEMBER 29, 2020

St. Mary of Sorrows Catholic Church, Fairfax, Virginia <u>INTRODUCTORY RITES</u>

Prayer for our Nation:

Almighty Father, source of all our blessings, help us to trust in you. Please bless our country with your care. Keep safe our men and women in uniform, here and in faraway lands. Help their families, and all of our families, to rely on you and your love for each of your children. Stretch your hand to protect the innocent, here and abroad. Make our country wise and strong, generous and accepting, a symbol of what is best in each of us. We ask this of you through Christ our Lord. Amen.





LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 63: 16B-17, 19B, 64:2-7

You, LORD, are our father, our redeemer you are named forever. Why do you let us wander, O LORD, from your ways, and harden our hearts so that we fear you not? Return for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your heritage. Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, with the mountains quaking before you, while you wrought awesome deeds we could not hope for, such as they had not heard of from of old. No ear has ever heard, no eye ever seen, any God but you doing such deeds for those who wait for him. Would that you might meet us doing right, that we were mindful of you in our ways! Behold, you are angry, and we are sinful; all of us have become like unclean people, all our good deeds are like polluted rags; we have all withered like leaves, and our guilt carries us away like the wind. There is none who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to cling to you; for you have hidden your face from us and have delivered us up to our guilt. Yet, O LORD, you are our father: we are the clay and you the potter: we are all the work of your hands.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (RECITED) *PS 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19* Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hearken, from your throne upon the cherubim, shine forth. Rouse your power, and come to save us. **R**. Once again, O LORD of hosts, look down from heaven, and see; take care of this vine, and protect what your right hand has planted the son of man whom you yourself made strong. **R**.

May your help be with the man of your right hand, with the son of man whom you yourself made strong. Then we will no more withdraw from you; give us new life, and we will call upon your name. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 COR 1:3-9

Brothers and sisters: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always on your account for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus, that in him you were enriched in every way, with all discourse and all knowledge, as the testimony to Christ was confirmed among you, so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will keep you firm to the end, irreproachable on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.





GOSPEL

MK 13:33-37

Jesus said to his disciples: "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own work, and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch. Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!''

Capital Campaign Prayer:

Loving God, at this time in the life of our parish, we turn to you with grateful hearts for what we have and with great anticipation for what is yet to be. Bless us with a sense of unity, a spirit of cooperation, and a generous heart as we face the responsibilities and challenges of this undertaking. We know there is much to do. We believe our goals are rooted in your Word and in your work. Please guide us, strengthen us, and bless us with your presence, now and in the years to come. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Lord, hear our prayer.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY

At this time, we invite you to send your guardian angel to the altar, asking him to present the prayers that you offer for this Mass.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER





GREAT AMEN



THE COMMUNION RITE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

AGNUS DEI



COMMUNION

Spiritual Communion Prayer:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

COMMUNION SONG



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

FINAL BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

CLOSING SONG In the Day of the Lord Refrain day of the Lord, will the shine like the In the sun dawn of e - ter nal day. All cre - a-tion will rise to _ dance and sing the glo ry of the Lord! Verses 1. And on that day will jus - tice tri - umph, that on 2. Then shall the na-tions throng to - geth - er to the beat their swords to plow - shares; there will 3. And they shall 4. For ls - ra el shall be de - liv - ered, and the -5. And on that day of Christ in glo - ry, God will 6. O give see your glo - ry, us eyes to give us free 1. day will all be free: from want, free from 2. moun - tain of the Lord: they shall walk the in 3. be end war: one in peace, one in an to 4. des - ert lands will bloom. Say to all, "Do not 5. wipe a - way our tears, and the dead shall rise un - der -6. hearts stand. Let ears hear your to our to Refrain O, . 1. fear, <u> </u> free live! to light _____ Lord! of the God! 3. love, _ one in 4. fear. Here is vour God!" 5. up_ from their graves! 6. voice ____ 'til come! you

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