

CALENDAR

Sunday	December 11	Choir Practice — Mass	6:00 — 7:00
Tuesday	December 13	LAST DAY OF FINALS	

Advent Prayer

Father, in the wilderness of the Jordan you sent a messenger to prepare people's hearts for the coming of your Son. Help me to hear his words and repent of my sins, so that I may clearly see the way to walk, the truth to speak, and the life to live for Him, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen

**We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas.
May God bless you with a wonderful relaxing, safe
Christmas Break.
See you next year!!**

Upcoming Events

January 9, 2012

Spring Session Classes begin

January 11th

Adoration 8:00 pm

January 16th

NO CLASSES-Martin Luther King Holiday

January 18th

Catholic Film Series 8:00 pm

NEWMAN CENTER WISH LIST

Printer Ink - HP 940 Black, Cyan, Yellow, Magenta & Lexmark 50, 20, 36, & 37

Gift Cards - Target, Walmart, Kroger, Sams Club, Office Depot

Printer paper, Photo paper

Candy for our candy basket

Sponsor—a student for our mission trip to Nazareth Farm for \$200

Sponsor— Dinner for \$1 for \$50

Prayer before Study or Instructions

Incomprehensible Creator, the true Fountain of light and only Author of all knowledge: deign, we beseech Thee, to enlighten our understanding, and to remove from us all darkness of sin and ignorance. Thou, who makest eloquent the tongues of those who lack utterance, direct our tongues, and pour on our lips the grace of thy blessing. Give us a diligent and obedient spirit, quickness of apprehension, capacity of retaining, and the powerful assistance of Thy holy grace, that what we hear or learn we may apply to Thy honor and the eternal salvation of our own souls. Amen.

MEDJUGORJE MESSAGE

(Message from November 25, 2011)

“Dear children! Today I desire to give you hope and joy. Everything that is around you, little children, leads you towards worldly things but I desire to lead you towards a time of grace, so that through this time you may be all the closer to my Son, that He can lead you towards His love and eternal life, for which every heart yearns. You, little children, pray and may this time for you be one of grace for your soul. Thank you

The Newman Center would like to extend a warm welcome to visiting parents or community members at tonight's mass. Please continue to pray in your home parishes for the success and strengthening of this student based campus ministry.

Student Leadership Team

**Next meeting is Tuesday,
January 10th:**

Anyone interested in joining the leadership team is welcome.

The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of **DECEMBER**



General Intention: Peace among All Peoples.

That all peoples may grow in harmony and peace through mutual understanding and respect.

Missionary Intention: That children and young people may be messengers of the Gospel and that they may be respected and preserved from all violence and exploitation.

Today's Gospel Reading: **John 1:6-8,19-28**

A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light.

And this is the testimony of John. When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to him to ask him, "Who are you?"

He admitted and did not deny it, but admitted, "I am not the Christ."

So they asked him, "What are you then? Are you Elijah?"

And he said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?"

He answered, "No." So they said to him, "Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us? What do you have to say for yourself?" He said: "I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'make straight the way of the Lord,'" as Isaiah the prophet said."

Some Pharisees were also sent. They asked him,

"Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?"

John answered them, "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie."

This happened in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

Offertory collected for 12/04/2011 \$ 68.84 Thank you!

Attendance: 29

Next mass celebrated January 8, 2012 with Father Livinus

Praying Toward Sunday 12/18/11

First Reading - 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12,14,16

Second Reading - Romans 16:25-27

Gospel - Luke 1:26-38



Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your paths. - Proverbs 3:5,6

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT: DECEMBER 11, 2011

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DECEMBER 14



Born in Spain in 1542, John learned the importance of self-sacrificing love from his parents. His father gave up wealth, status, and comfort when he married a weaver's daughter and was disowned by his noble family. After his father died, his mother kept the destitute family together as they wandered homeless in search of work. These were the examples of sacrifice that John followed with his own great love -- God. When the family finally found work, John still went hungry in the middle of the wealthiest city in Spain. At fourteen, John took a job caring for hospital patients who suffered from incurable diseases and madness. It was out of this poverty and suffering, that John learned to search for beauty and happiness not in the world, but in God. After John joined the Carmelite order, Saint Teresa of Avila asked him to help her reform movement. John supported her belief that the order should return to its life of prayer. But many Carmelites felt threatened by this reform, and some members of John's own order kidnapped him. He was locked in a cell six feet by ten feet and beaten three times a week by the monks. There was only one tiny window high up near the ceiling. Yet in that unbearable dark, cold, and desolation, his love and faith were like fire and light. He had nothing left but God -- and God brought John his greatest joys in that tiny cell. After nine months, John escaped by unscrewing the lock on his door and creeping past the guard. Taking only the mystical poetry he had written in his cell, he climbed out a window using a rope made of stirps of blankets. With no idea where he was, he followed a dog to civilization. He hid from pursuers in a convent infirmary where he read his poetry to the nuns. From then on his life was devoted to sharing and explaining his experience of God's love. His life of poverty and persecution could have produced a bitter cynic. Instead it gave birth to a compassionate mystic, who lived by the beliefs that "Who has ever seen people persuaded to love God by harshness?" and "Where there is no love, put love -- and you will find love."

Prayer: Saint John of the Cross, in the darkness of your worst moments, when you were alone and persecuted, you found God. Help me to have faith that God is there especially in the times when God seems absent and far away. Amen

Adoration

**Wednesday, January 11 & 25, 8:00 pm (time change)
(Reconciliation by appointment)**

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