
December 16, 2018 | Third Sunday of Advent

I AM BAPTIZING YOU WITH WATER,



but one mightier than I is coming.
I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals.

- Luke 3:16

St. Cyril of Jerusalem

REV. EBEN M. MACDONALD -PASTOR

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From the Desk of Father Mac,

Some of us are old enough to remember a time when our Catholic schools and parishes were staffed by dedicated sisters, brothers, and priests of various religious orders who dedicated their lives to the service of others. Here at St. Cyril's, we've been blessed by the presence of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Carondelet (SCJ) who founded Saint Cyril school in 1950 and have been in our community ever since. Today, we have three retired SCJ Sisters living in our convent and still serving our parish and school on a volunteer basis. What a blessing they are to our community!

I'm sure many of us can recall a religious sister, brother, or priest who had a positive impact on our life. Growing up in Flint, Michigan, I was taught by the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM). Those dedicated women religious definitely had a positive impact on my life and influenced my vocation to the priesthood later in life.

The sad reality is that these dedicated religious women and men often worked for little or no pay which has now left a shortage of funds to provide for their retirement needs. Like many Americans, religious communities face rising retirement and health-care costs and often struggle to provide for elderly members.

Historically, Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests—known collectively as women and men religious—received small stipends that just met the needs of the day. Any surplus funds were reinvested in ministry and the education of younger members. As a result, hundreds of U.S. religious communities lack adequate retirement savings.

At the same time, the income available to support older religious is decreasing. Currently, earnings from the ministries of younger religious cover a significant portion of eldercare expenses, but the number of religious able to serve in compensated ministry is rapidly diminishing.

During the early to mid-twentieth century, the Catholic Church in the U.S. experienced a surge in vocations to religious life, with numbers peaking in the mid-1960s. Care for elderly members was provided largely by younger ones. Over time, however, the number of vocations decreased while lifespans increased. The result is far fewer younger members available to support the retirement and eldercare needs of senior members. The total cost of care for senior women and men religious in the United States has exceeded \$1 billion annually for each of the last 10 years.

You can give back to these women and men who have given so much to us by giving generously to today's second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your financial support helps provide for necessities such as medications and nursing care. To learn more visit: retiredreligious.org.

Fr. Mac

YOURS IN CHRIST,
REV. EBEN MACDONALD, PASTOR

PREPARE FOR THE COMING OF OUR LORD JESUS! Our Advent Penance service will take place this **Monday, December 17th at 7pm.** Don't miss this opportunity to get your heart ready to receive the Christ child.

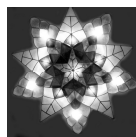


RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS Like many Americans, religious communities face rising retirement and health-care costs and often struggle to provide for elderly members. Please support today's *RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS* second collection. Learn more at retiredreligious.org. *This is your chance to give to those who have given a lifetime.*



SCRIPTURE
STUDY

BIBLE STUDY AT SAINT CYRIL'S The final class in our Advent series on the beatitudes will meet Tuesday December 18th, at 7 pm. Please meet in the Parish Bungalow.



SIMBANG GABI (OR MISSA DE GALLO, "Mass of the Rooster") the Filipino tradition for Advent which prepares our hearts for the coming of our Savior at Christmas will be celebrated at St Cyril's **Wednesday, December 19th.** The celebration

will begin at 6PM with Mass in the church and a reception will follow in the parish hall. All are welcome!

THE GIVING TREE Thank you for your generosity. Your acts of kindness will go a long way in bringing happiness on Christmas morning to children in less fortunate families!



MAYONNAISE SUNDAY is next week, **December 23rd.** The Christmas season, as beautiful as it is, becomes very difficult emotionally for the homeless. The Catholic Worker community, in their love and compassion, open their doors wide! The lunches they serve are complete meals. A fresh garden salad, with their famous Mayonnaise French dressing, always accompanies the hot dish. Our donations mean so much to their efforts and the Catholic Worker community is truly grateful for our support.

MEND stands for **Meet Each Need with Dignity.** As you know, the homeless situation in the San Fernando Valley is increasing greatly. Many individuals and families who are homeless go unnoticed because they are sleeping in their cars or crowded with multiple families in one home or garage. Many of these families have children who will not be getting gifts this Christmas. **Please consider volunteering with MEND Poverty this Christmas to help serve homeless families.** MEND helps feed and clothe families in need, currently they are looking for volunteers to set-up and sort toys. Donations of food, clothing, warm coats and blankets are always appreciated.

For more information please call (818) 686-7342 or email volunteering@mendpoverty.org.

SAFEGUARDING THE CHILDREN
WE ARE ALL GOD'S CHILDREN AND
WE ALL NEED PROTECTION



While a major part of preventing sexual abuse and exploitation is aimed at keeping young children safe, the focus and goal of the "Protecting God's Children" program is to keep all people safe, including adults. By knowing the warning signs of different types of abuse and taking action to shut down abuse and offer protection and support, we can help the most vulnerable among us, whoever they may be. For a copy of the complete VIRTUS® article, "Don't Forget to Protect the Vulnerable Adults in Your Community", contact us.

email: jvienna@la-archdiocese.org



FULLY RELY ON GOD (FROGS) is our 'little church' program for ages 4-7, which meets during the 10 am Mass. **There will be no FROGS on December 23rd or 30th.** Please watch the bulletin for dates in the new year.

If your child enjoys FROGS, why not become a volunteer? No experience is necessary, all lessons and materials are provided and you always teach as part of a team. Parents of children in Saint Cyril's School can earn their service hours! If you would like more information, please contact the Parish Office.



CANDLELIGHT ROSARY AND PRAYER GROUP
 We will not meet on December 24th or December 31st. We will resume our regular schedule on Monday, January 7th 2019. For more information, please call the Parish office.

CALLED TO RENEW CAMPAIGN UPDATE

AS OF DECEMBER 9TH, 2018

TOTAL= 125 GIFTS

PARISH GOAL	\$ 1,000.000	100% OF GOAL
AMOUNT PLEDGED	\$ 980,000	89 % OF GOAL
AMOUNT UNDER GOAL	(\$-20, 000)	- 10 % OF GOAL

THANKS TO ALL OUR GENERIOUS PARISHIONERS WHO PARTICIPATED IN OUR CALLED TO RENEW CAMPAIGN. FIGURES FROM OUR SECOND COMMITMENT WEEKEND WILL BE AVAILABLE NEXT WEEK

Mass Intentions

- SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15TH**
 4:00 pm - Dominic Mistretta, *RIP*
- SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16TH**
 8:00 am - Ronald J. Oard, *RIP*
 10:00 am - People of the Parish, *SPEC. INT.*
 12:00 pm - Juanna Granielo, *RIP*
- MONDAY, DECEMBER 17TH**
 7:30 am - Mary Rubino, *SPEC. INT.*
- TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18TH**
 7:30 am - Diane Proctor, *SPEC. INT.*
- WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19TH**
 7:30 am - Leonard Piccinonno, *RIP*
- THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20TH**
 7:30 am - William Romano, *SPEC. INT.*
- FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21ST**
 7:30 pm - People of the Parish, *SPEC. INT.*
- SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22ND**
 7:30 am - John Hietpas, *SPEC. INT.*

ST CYRIL OF JERUSALEM PARISH STEWARDSHIP
 December 9th 2018

"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God." (PHILIPPIANS 4:6)

Envelopes (Egive incl.)	\$ 9291.50
Loose cash	\$ 908.00
Total	\$10

Our weekly Collection goal is \$13,000

Thank You

St. Paul reminds us that our God is an abundant God, the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. When we trust that God will take care of us, it is easier for us to live Stewardship by sharing what we have been given.



PLEASE JOIN US IN THE GROTTA FOR COFFEE AND DONUTS AFTER THE 8 AND 10 AM MASSES THIS WEEKEND. COME MAKE NEW FRIENDS!

Pray For



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|---------------------|--------------------|
| Frank Ivancie | Bob Farina |
| Regina Hagan | Sheldon Payne |
| Anne Galli | Jose Ramirez |
| Tio Galli | Christopher Browne |
| Mickey Pappas | Antonio Almonte |
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| Shelia Hartman | Dolores Cardelucci |
| Fr. Verne Boutilier | Ali Rich |
| | Giovanna Cortese |
| | Mary Rubino |

Saint Cyril of Jerusalem Church

SUNDAY & WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturdays	4:00 PM
Sundays	8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM
Vigil of Holy Days	7:00 PM
Holy Days	7:30 AM, 12:00 PM, 7:00 PM
Weekdays (MON-SAT)	7:30 AM

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE/RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 8:00-8:30 AM & 3:00-4:00 PM

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS

Tuesday: 8:00 AM

HOLY ROSARY

Daily after the 7:30 AM Mass

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

2nd Sunday of each Month at 2:00 PM

WEDDINGS

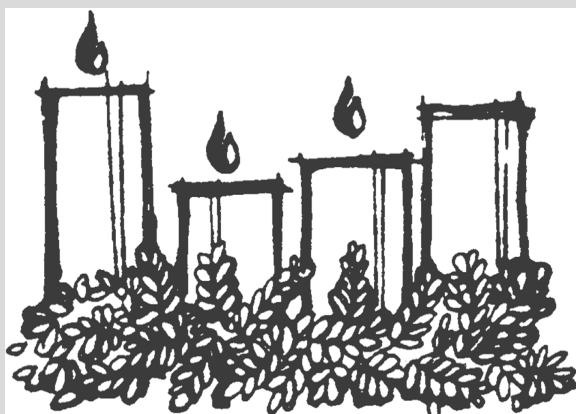
Must contact the priest at least 6 months in advance

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL

Open Monday–Friday: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

1st Friday of each Month after the 7:30 AM Mass



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Celebrate the Birth Of Our Savior, Jesus Christ

Monday, December 24th

7:30 a.m. ~ Daily Mass for 4th Monday in Advent

4:00 p.m. ~ Christmas Eve Mass ~ contemporary music

11:30pm ~ Carols sung by St. Cyril's Choir

12:00 a.m. ~ Midnight Mass ~

MISSA BREVIS IN C by W.A. Mozart,
St. Cyril's choir, soloists & orchestra

Tuesday December 25:

8:00 a.m. ~ Christmas Mass

10:00 a.m. ~ Christmas Mass~
contemporary music

12:00 p.m. ~ Christmas Mass~

MISSA BREVIS IN C, by W.A. Mozart,
St Cyril choir, soloists & orchestra

Wed., Thurs., Fri., December 26, 27, & 28:

7:30 a.m. Daily Mass

Saturday December 29:

7:30 a.m. ~ Daily Mass

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

3:00 - 4:00 p.m. ~ Confessions

4:00 p.m. ~ Mass for the Feast of the Holy Family

Sunday December 30:

The Feast of the Holy Family

8:00 a.m. ~ Mass

10:00 a.m. ~ Mass

12:00 p.m. ~ Mass

Monday December 31:

7:30 a.m. ~ Daily Mass

Tuesday January 1:

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

7:30 a.m. ~ Daily Mass

(not a holy day of obligation)

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