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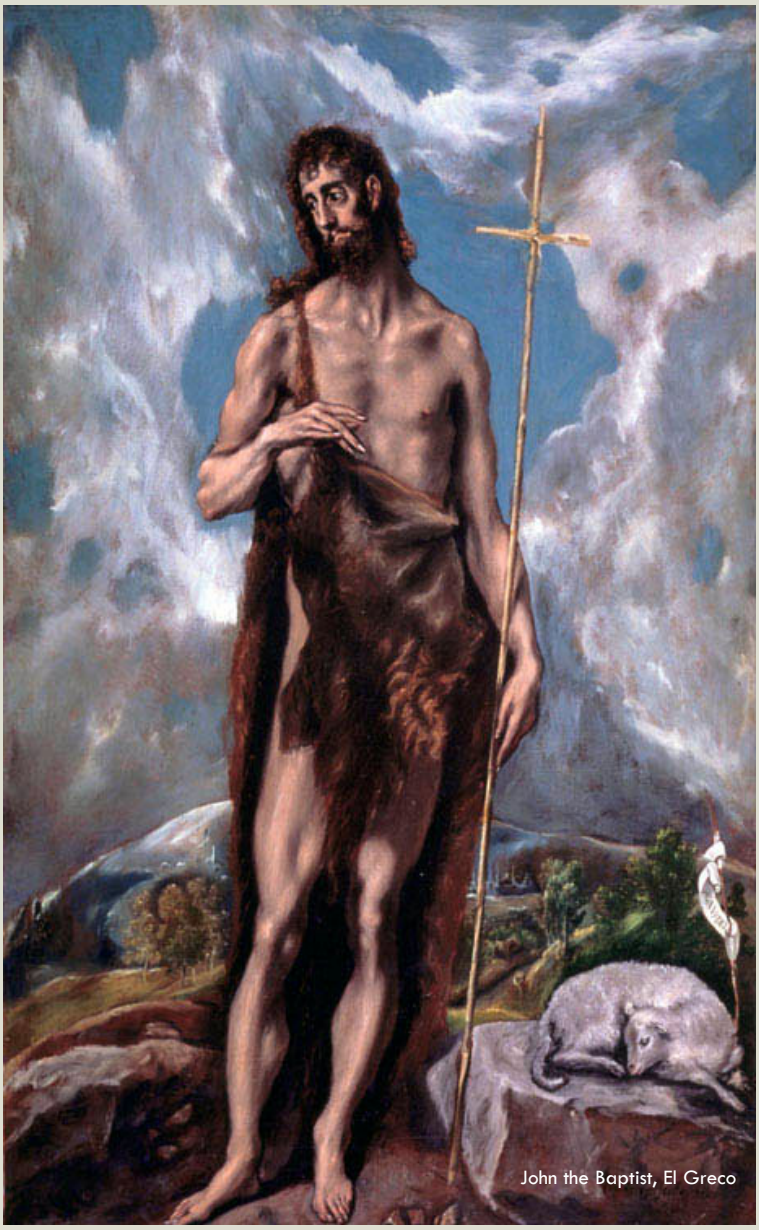
6 December 2020
2nd Sunday of Advent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MASSES: SATURDAY 4 PM; SUNDAY 8 AM, 10 AM & 4 PM;DAILY 9 AM

CONFESSIONS: 8:30 — 8:50 AM MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY

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JOURNEYS

These have been lonely months in lockdown. I did not take my summer vacation. Where could I have gone?

So I have made due by watching travel shows on the Travel Channel, Discovery and PBS: *Planet Earth, Rick Steve's Europe, The Travel Show, Our Planet with David Attenborough* and reruns of Anthony Bourdain's *Parts Unknown*. My favorites are those that visit places I know, in my dotage, I'll never go. Antarctica? No thank you. This program is as close as I ever want to get.

My current reading also takes me away: Marilynne Robinson's *Jack* (all of her novels, including this one, take place in the fictional Iowa town of Gilead.) Luis Alberto Urrea's *House of Broken Angels* (about the border between Mexico and the U.S.) Waiting me on my coffee table are Olaf Olafsson's *The Sacrament* (which is set mostly in Iceland) and Mphuthumi Ntabeni's *The Broken River Tent* (set in the 19th century eastern cape of South Africa.)

The most interesting book I read recently was Nicolas Diat's *A Time to Die*. Diat, a French journalist, takes as his premise that, among other things, monks enter monasteries to prepare for death. So he goes to Benedictine, Cistercian and Trappist monks as well as to canons and Norbertines to gather their thoughts about death in order to discover the greatest mystery of all—the end of life.

Of course, this ultimate journey lies ahead for all of us and no book or show can takes its place. I am speaking, of course, experiencing what lies beyond. Some people fear it because they are afraid of what God will say in judgement against them; since it lasts for eternity, you don't want to find you have a reservation in that other place. But I am kinda looking forward to it, though I am not in a hurry to get there. This current creation is so impressive, (the Sequoias, Handel's Messiah, the smell of a good cabernet sauvignon, the softness of cat fur, the sweetness of handmade vanilla ice cream, to name but a few) that we've relish it.

Think of heaven as the next great adventure: getting to meet your favorite saints, reuniting with parents and loved ones, seeing in person a real angel, not to mention touring the "many rooms of our Father's house," which I suspect is a lot like visiting Heart Castle but much more magnificent. In *Love Medicine*, Louise Erdrich asks provocatively, "How come we've got these bodies? They are frail support for what we feel. There are times I get so hemmed in by my own arms and legs I look forward to getting past them. As though death will set me free like a traveling cloud....I'll be out there as a piece of endless body of the world feeling pleasures so much larger than skin and bones and blood."

Albert Camus, the great existentialist philosopher, put it most positively, "The great courage is still to gaze as squarely at the light as at death."

Msgr. Mike

Our Parish

OUR MISSION:
Saint Anne Church exists to help us become disciples of Jesus Christ who connect with God, grow in faith, and serve in love.

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

WORDS TO LIVE BY FROM POPE FRANCIS:
"Do not be afraid of holiness. It will take away none of your energy, vitality or joy. On the contrary, you will become what the Father had in mind when he created you, and you will be faithful to your deepest self. To depend on God sets us free from every form of enslavement and leads us to recognize our own great dignity."

The Christmas Mass schedule for this year is as follows:

Thursday, December 24th
Christmas Eve
3:00 PM
5:00 PM (Livestreamed)
Friday, December 25th
Christmas
8:00 AM
10:00 AM

Please remember that there is limited seating and you may be turned away if we are full. Once seating capacity has been met those whose cars fit in the parking lot may tune into 90.5 FM to hear the Mass. Please come out by the garage side of the building at the time of Communion, keeping a 6' physical distance for safety.

Msgr. Mike

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Your Pastor

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

MONTHLY MEETING / MEMBERSHIP
All interested Catholic men are invited to attend our council meetings. Our meetings are usually held the first Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Our next meeting is scheduled for December 7th (Zoom). For additional information, please contact Brian Taylor at 949-378-7454.

CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE
Please support the annual KOC Christmas Food Drive by helping to feed others in need during this glorious Christmas season. The Knights will be collecting Food, Cash and Checks at all Masses for the next 2 weekends. For more info please text/ call Brian Taylor @ 949-378-7454 or e-mail: brianltaylor@gmx.com"

"Help Us Help Those In Need"

WOMEN'S GUILD

Jesus is the Reason for the Season! The "Little Books" for Advent are in our Parish office. If you would like a copy of this special Advent reflection book, they are available in the parish office between the hours of 7 AM and 2 PM, Monday through Friday.

As a special incentive, we are offering free Women's Guild membership for the months of November and December if your annual dues are paid by the end of October. Dues are $25 for the year of 2021 and can be sent to St. Anne's Church, 340 - 10th St., Seal Beach, CA 90740. Attention: Jolinda Mailangi, Women's Guild Membership. You may call Jolinda for more information at 714-655-6348.

OFFERTORY NEWS

For these gifts we are grateful:
Weekly Offertory:

November 29, 2020	*December 1, 2019*
$7198	*$9080*

Thanksgiving collection for Mercy House $919

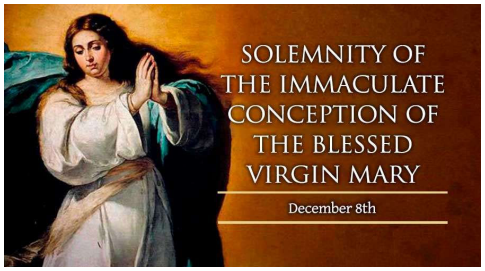
Calendar

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DEC. 6TH
2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8:00—Mass (Women's Guild Installation)
10:00—Mass
4:00—Mass
MONDAY, DEC. 7TH
8:30—Confessions
9:00—Mass
9:45—1:30—Private Prayer in the Church
4:00— Vigil Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
TUESDAY, DEC. 8TH
FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
8:30—Confessions
9:00—Mass
12:00—Mass
3:00—Mass
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 9TH
8:30—Confessions
9:00—Mass
9:45—1:30—Private Prayer in the Church
THURSDAY, DEC. 10TH
8:30—Confessions
9:00—Mass
9:45—1:30—Private Prayer in the Church
FRIDAY, DEC. 11TH
8:00—Holy Hour
8:30—Confessions
9:00—Mass
SATURDAY, DEC. 12TH
8:30—Confessions
9:00—Mass
4:00—Mass

TWO SHALL BECOME ONE

Vinh Quang Tran & Diana Pham
Married on November 28th, 2020
Congratulations!



O God,
who by the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin
prepared a worthy dwelling for your Son,
grant, we pray,
that as you preserved her from very stain
by virtue of the Death of your Son, which you foresaw
so through her intercession,
we, too, may be cleansed and admitted to your presence.
through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son
who lives and reigns with you in the
unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever.

BAPTISMS AT ST. ANNE

September - October Baptisms

Camryn Claire Fiori
Rafaela Alexandra DeFreitas
Luka Joseph Jarolimek

2ND COLLECTION

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS
In good times and bad, senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have dedicated themselves to service and acts of mercy. Today, they pray for an aching world. Yet years of serving for little or no pay have left their religious communities without enough retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and other necessities. The 2nd collection will be taken up next weekend, December 12th & 13th, please be generous.

Around our Diocese

HOPE AND HEALING

CRISIS HOTLINE - 714-639-4673
The New Hope Crisis Hotline provides telephone crisis intervention and suicide prevention services in Orange County. Trained crisis workers at the Tower of Hope on the Christ Cathedral campus provide counseling to those who are struggling to cope with day-to-day life. Services are free and available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

MENTAL HEALTH

THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF MENTAL HEALTH
Supports research on anxiety disorders, Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD), Autism Spectrum Disorders, Bipolar Disorder, Borderline Personality Disorders, Depression, Eating Disorders, Generalized Anxiety Disorder, Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder, Panic Disorder, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, Schizophrenia, Social Phobias, and Suicide Prevention. Information on mental health can be found at nimh.nih.gov.

VETERANS

LONG BEACH VETERAN'S ADMINISTRATION HOSPITAL
Mental Health Treatment Center - Gateway for mental health treatment - contact triage nurse at 562-826-5737
Outpatient Psychiatry Program - 562-826-5603
Substance Abuse Treatment Center - 562-826-5610
The Program for Traumatic Stress - 562-826-8000 (x 5308)
Women's Mental Health Center - 562-826-8000 (x4919)

The Soldiers Project

SOLDIER'S PROJECT - Connects post 9/11 combat veterans with mental health services - 818-761-7438

STRENGTH IN SUPPORT – Provides confidential mental health services to military and veterans. 949-505-5015 x 106/102, www.StrengthinSupport.org

ALCOHOL DEPENDENCY

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714-556-4555

S. Orange County Central Office
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PRAYER NET

Due to Covid-19, our ministry is unable to provide a receptacle for your prayer requests. However, our prayer warriors are still on the job! Please send your prayer requests to Linda Morrow by email at mimi.m4286@gmail.com, phone 714-846-4286, or text 714-803-8337.

YOU CAN HELP

The **Life Center of Santa Ana** is a non-profit pregnancy resource center that provides pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, medical referrals, diapers, gently-used children's clothing, pack-n-plays, strollers and car seats. *Walking With Moms In Need*, a mentor program for young women in crisis pregnancy, offers compassion and emotional support. For more information, email respectlife@hforange.org or call 714-835-5433.

Our Faith

MASS INTENTIONS

12/6	8am	✞Christopher Hlad
	10am	For the People of the Parish
	4pm	Rosemary Barnes, Spec. Int.
12/7	9am	✞Troy Hardin
	4pm	✞Enrique Lavadia
12/8	9am	For the People of the Parish
	3pm	✞Albert Dinger
12/9	9am	✞Margaret Stock
12/10	9am	✞John Van Hook
12/11	9am	✞The Burke & Keating Families
12/12	9am	For the People of the Parish
	4pm	✞Rhuemell Prangley

(✞Rest in God's love and peace)

Please call the office at 562-431-0721 if you would like to have a Mass intention scheduled.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Fr. Bob Vidal, Msgr. Jim Forsen, Elizabeth Sandman, Don Lewis, Greg Walgenbach, Katherine Anderson, Mike Dunn, Sherry Dunn, Phil Fisher, Margaret Bennett, Jack Kimminau, Jeff Ballas, Lynette Rausch, Hal Noring, Sharon Casserly, Katia Bergstrom, Jackie Maloney, Kathy Purcell, Jerome Gendron, Jim Ferguson, Mary Maskell, Mary Kiely, Linda Bolt, Jackie Chambers, Marlene Blackford, Bob Wagner, Bob Rattray, Julie Rivera, Pat Giacomi, Ernie Ramirez, Pat Clustka, John Barnes, Mary Kunz, Katherine Irwin, Dixie Redfearn, Beverly Maybrier, Cathy Oliver, John Holland, Dorothy Ceballos, L. Tanguay, Ed Michaud, Laurel Creasy Tenelshof and Nick Williams.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is not just for the end of life. It is the Sacrament for the healing of body and soul that is administered to the faithful who begin to fall into danger because of illness, wounds, or the vulnerabilities of age.

Please contact the parish via e-mail pv@stannesealbeach.org or phone (562) 431-0721 ext 13.

REST IN PEACE

Bob Ragland

TENDING TO THE FLOCK

Baptism:
Contact the Parish Office to arrange for baptism. Baptisms during Covid-19 are to be private and will be celebrated on Saturday's at 11:00 a.m. Baptism preparation classes for parents and Godparents are being done via Zoom. Please call the parish office for details and date availability.

PreK-8 Faith Formation:
For information about Faith Formation programs, please call 562-431-0721 ext. 16 or email faithformation@stannesealbeach.org.

Confirmation:
For information about our Youth Ministry programs, please call 562-431-0721 ext. 15 or email ym@stannesealbeach.org.

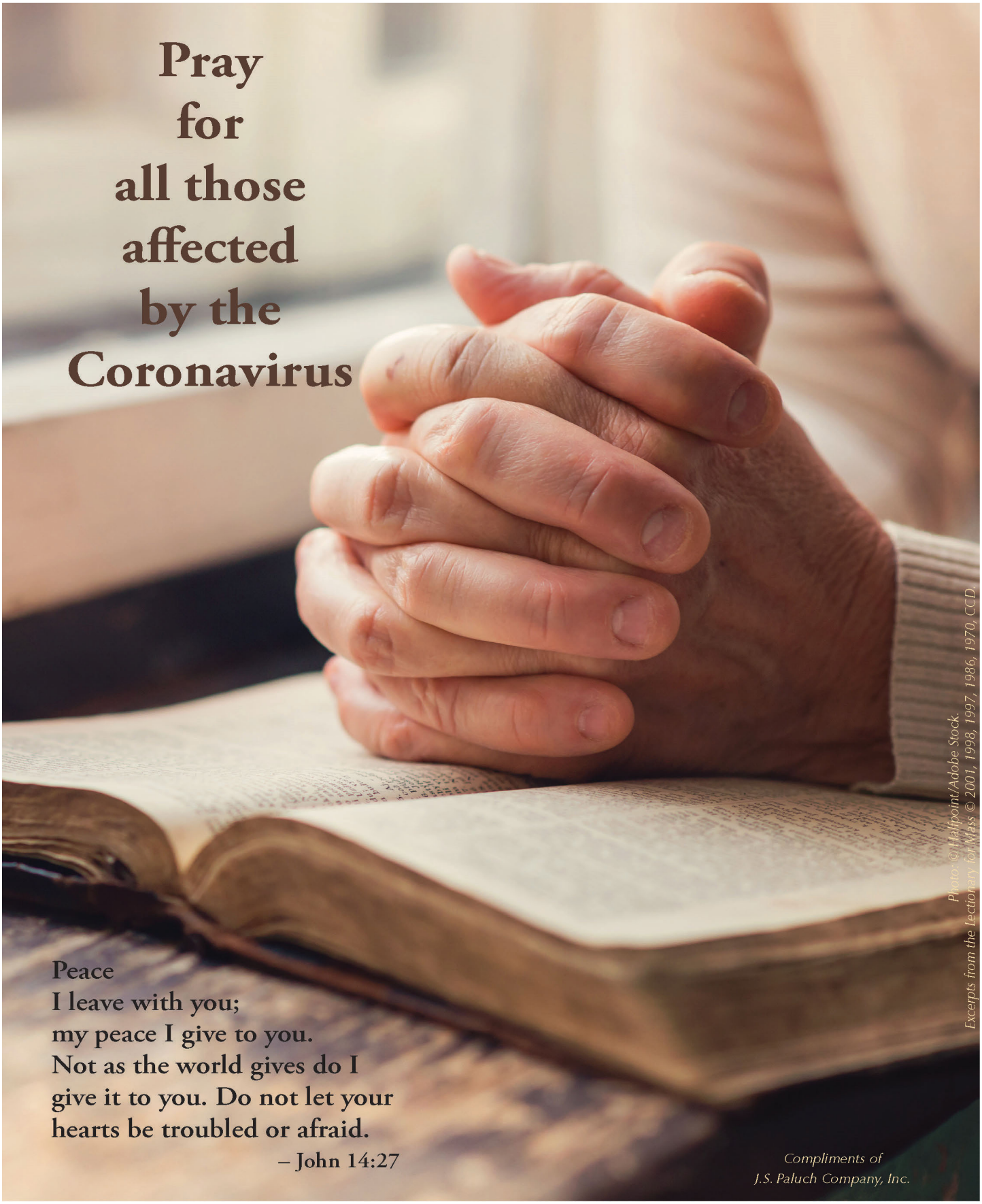
Marriage:
An appointment with one of our priests to begin marriage preparation must be made at least six months before the wedding celebration.

Funeral:
Contact the Parish Office to arrange funerals.

Pastoral Care:
If you, or someone you know would like to have a pastoral visit or wish to have their name placed on our prayer net or in the bulletin please contact the Parish Office.

Confession:
The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered from 8:30 AM until 8:50 AM Monday-Saturday on the parish center patio. Those unable to go to Confession in the morning are welcome to schedule an appointment for another time, call 562-431-0721.

In addition to our regular Confession schedule on December 21st, 22nd and 23rd Confession will be offered in the afternoon from 4:00 PM until 5:00 PM. We will have two priest available during this time.



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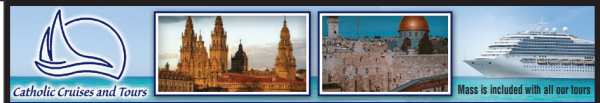
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