

St. Barnabas Church Dec. 4, 2011

THE COMING OF CHRIST

We do not preach only one coming of Christ, but a second as well, much more glorious than the first. The first coming was marked by patience; the second will bring the crown of a divine kingdom.

In general, what relates to our Lord Jesus Christ has two aspects. There is a birth from God before the ages, and a birth from a virgin at the fullness of time. There is a hidden coming, like that of rain on fleece, and a coming before all eyes, still in the future.

At the first coming he was wrapped in swaddling clothes in a manger. At his second coming he will be clothed in light as in a garment. In the first coming he endured the cross, despising the shame; in the second coming he will be in glory, escorted by an army of angels. We look then beyond the first coming and await the second.

(Cyril of Jerusalem)

Parish Council will meet on Sunday, December 11th following the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

Tourtiers will be ready for pick-up on Wednesday, December 7th from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

We have a small number of turkey pies available. Add some festive ribbon and they would make a nice gift for shut-ins or when you visit your friends over the holidays. Check with Rosemary.

Sunday, December 18th at 7 p.m.

Festival of Lessons and Carols

St. Barnabas Choir and
Singers from Avanti Chamber Choir
(sherry party and Christmas goodies to follow)

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 24th

10:30 p.m.

MASS OF THE SHEPHERDS

Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25th, 9:30 a.m.

Low Mass

The 2012 offering envelopes are ready for you to take home. They are available at the back of the church. If you do not use envelopes but wish to do so, please speak to Ruth Tate—905-646-1982.

NOTICES

Intercessions: please see the list at the back of the church. Please remember in your daily prayers the sick and suffering, especially those for whom our prayers are desired.

Weekday Services at 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, December 7th—St. Nicholas

Prayers for Healing

Thursday, December 8th—Conception of

the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday, December 10th—Feria

Joan's Challenge Update

We have completed the challenge! Received this week \$1,350.00, giving us a total of \$15,176.00.

Thanks to everyone who supported the Alzheimer Coffee Hour. We raised \$118 which will be forwarded to the Alzheimer Society. Anyone who missed that coffee hour can certainly forward their donation directly. Every little helps!

St. Barnabas Food "Fare" - Thanks to the donors, the servers and the shoppers. \$999.70 was raised and forwarded to Joan's Challenge. We were very pleased with the results. Many thanks to Joan Ashcroft for putting forward that challenge.

Advent Coin Folders/Special Offering envelopes, too, are ready to be picked up at the back of the church.

Envelopes for flowers and candles to decorate the church at **Christmastide** are in the pews. Please have these handed in no later than Sunday, December 18th to ensure the names are printed in the bulletin.