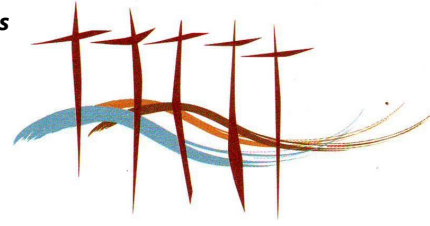


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Third Sunday of Advent 15 December, 2019

Year C: Is 35:1-6, 10; James 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

next week's Readings: Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

Christ and Pop Culture Story continues:

As we move toward the birth of Jesus as King. Today is Gaudete Sunday. That is, the third Sunday of Advent. This term Gaudete simply means rejoice! The significance of this Sunday to us Catholics and perhaps some other mainline Christian Churches like the Anglicans, Methodists etcetera, is that having engaged ourselves for a couple of weeks now with solemn and penitential preparation for the Lord's coming, the Church encourages us to lighten our mood this Sunday. This is also why symbolically the church lightens the colour of her liturgical vestment for today's celebration from purple to possibly rose.

So let us reflect on a moment of rejoicing in Pop culture and Christ with Kanye West. Is Kanye a John the Baptist Advent Character heralding Christ into a secular culture? Kanye West. The name alone draws a stir, whether of criticism, concern, or admiration. From his interruption of Taylor Swift's acceptance speech at the 2009 MTV Awards to his support for the always-polarizing President Trump to his creative work in music and fashion, West knows how to capture the zeitgeist of our volatile culture. The release of his anticipated self-acclaimed "gospel album," *JESUS IS KING*, only adds yet another wave of debate and controversy. This time, however, much of the debate is stirred within the Christian and Christian hip-hop communities.

Dubbed a genius by many (and himself), West's Chicago/Midwest production style and lyricism has influenced the hip-hop industry at large. Albums like *College Dropout* and *Graduation* skyrocketed the artist's fame. Singles like "All Falls Down" and "Diamonds from Sierra Leone" provided content that was transparent and vulnerable at a time when hip-hop projected stone-cold emotions. Even more, his hit single "Jesus Walks" from his debut album in 2004 introduced a perspective not widely popular at the time. On that song, West raps: They said you can rap about anything except for Jesus / That means guns, sex, lies, video tape / But if I talk about God my record won't get played.

Nearly 15 years later, *JESUS IS KING* is another addition to West's discography that challenges believers and nonbelievers alike to assess our assumptions about Jesus, people, and religion.

FOR THE CHRISTIAN

Do Christians really *need* a Kanye West "gospel album"? It is essential for believers to assess the reasons we might desire to quickly praise such an offering.

To make an influence on the culture-at-large, Christians don't need a big-name artist like Kanye West to co-opt the Christian message of grace, mercy, forgiveness, and justice.

Some may believe a big-name artist proclaiming a truth - that Jesus is King - will validate our belief within our society. But we must resist the temptation to praise a Kanye West "gospel album" for the sole purpose of associating our faith with fame. Western Christianity historically has dangerously conflated our religion with worldly power. Christians are sometimes so engrossed with - what ERLC President Russell Moore calls - a "siege mentality," that we imbibe ourselves with the drunkenness of power. Our desire for acceptance in society makes quickly embracing all that West offers quite enticing. The other side of the coin is to challenge believers who despise a Kanye West "gospel album." It's possible to view West's album and his "Sunday Services" as mere antics to draw upon the sacredness of Christianity to draw in fans - and the listeners he has ostracized in the past with his controversial behaviors and comments. His insistence that "slavery was a choice" left many baffled and ready to cancel the once highly regarded artist. Now his return to mainstream with a project

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Parish Weekly Diary....

Monday, 16 December

BI Mary of the Angels

4.00am Simbang Gabi Mass - Burleigh Waters
 9.00am **Mass** - Miami

Tuesday, 17 December

O Sapientia

7.30am **Mass** - Burleigh Waters
 6.30pm Brazilian Catholic Community - Miami
 6.00pm Second Rite of Reconciliation - Burleigh Wat
 7.00pm Advent Twilight Retreat - Community Centre
 (Praise and Worship 6.30pm)

Wednesday, 18 December

O Adonai

7.00am **Mass** - Miami
 9.30am **Mass** - Ozanam Villa
 5.30pm Second Rite of Reconciliation - Palm Beach

Thursday, 19 December

O Radix Jesse

7.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Heads
 5.30pm Second Rite of Reconciliation - Mudgeeraba

Friday, 20 December

O Clavis David

9.00am **Mass** - Robina Hospital
 10.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Waters

Saturday, 21 December

O Oriens

8.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Heads
 4.30pm Sacrament of Penance - Miami
 5.30pm Sacrament of Penance - Palm Beach
 5.45pm Sacrament of Penance - Burleigh Heads

Saturday, 21 December

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sat 5.00pm **Mass** - Miami
 Sat 6.00pm **Mass** - Palm Beach
 Sat 6.15pm **Mass** - Burleigh Heads

SUNDAY, 22 December

Fourth Sunday of Advent

7.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Heads
 7.00am **Mass** - Palm Beach
 8.30am **Mass** - Miami
 8.30am **Mass** - Mudgeeraba
 10.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Waters
 5.00pm Sacrament of Penance - Burleigh Waters
 5.30pm **Mass** - Burleigh Waters

filled with religious content (that if challenged, would be considered blasphemous) seems like an attempt to entice listeners who once canceled him into accepting him again.

For that reason, some suggest that West is simply using *JESUS IS KING* as gimmick to garner lost support after his slavery comments. Many are right to cautiously question if Kanye's Sunday Services and *JESUS IS KING* album might be a ploy to regain acceptance and his fan base. While that could be possible, we must hope not - and here's why.

When Saul, the chief persecutor and murderer of Christians, was confronted by Jesus, his heart and behaviour changed completely. Then God used Ananias to deliver a word to him soon after. But as you could imagine, Ananias was cautious and questioned God's instructions based on reports he had heard about this man. It took God speaking directly to Ananias to move his feet toward someone who dehumanized Christians like himself in word and deed. As you know, Saul eventually became known as Paul, who went on to become one of the most influential Christians in history. Therefore, we know that God changes those who are least likely.

Though Kanye West was not a persecutor of Christians like Saul or Herod, he is someone many would tag as least likely to change. That's why believers should hope *JESUS IS KING* is an outworking of what Jesus is doing internally in West's heart. We ought to hope it is a bold declaration of the album's title and that listeners' hearts will be drawn to Jesus - not Kanye West. We are the ones who ought to "hope all things" and believe that "all things are possible" with God. If God could save *us*, He could save anyone - even Kanye West. If God could redeem our talents and skills for His glory, He can redeem Kanye West's too. Nothing is too hard for God. So let us not be the hardline skeptics. Let us be the ones who welcome those who have a hunger and thirst for righteousness. In the end, those who call on the name of Jesus - like Kanye West - will either bear fruit or they won't.

FOR THE NON-CHRISTIAN

The challenge for nonbelievers to embrace Kanye West's latest offering is similar to the Christians' challenge.

The difference however is a summoning to what is right and true about what Kanye West proclaims in *JESUS IS KING*. Kanye has always challenged listeners. Now he's challenging core religious beliefs: What or who is king in your life? Who or what has hold of your time and deepest affections?

No matter what listeners think of West, or religion, his challenge has merit: Whatever is crowned as KING is the thing that rules the mind, woos heart, and leads the life in a certain direction. So before dismissing Kanye's attempt to proclaim an eternal joy as supreme in his life, listeners are forced to consider what temporal treasures have hold of their own.

MORE THAN KANYE

Whether you are a Christian or non-Christian, West's offering is art - it's his expression of what he's experiencing in this Advent season. It's possible that because of West's notoriety, his *JESUS IS KING* is your first hip-hop "gospel album." But it's certainly not the first, nor is it the best. There are plenty of superb artists who've been creating Christian hip-hop for years

now. For instance, hip-hop artist Thi'sl released an album (*Sttag*) on the same day as *JESUS IS KING*. It marks Thi'sl's return to music after being shot while doing missionary work on the streets of St. Louis, similar to the late Nipsey Hussle's work in Los Angeles.

On an artistic level, there are plenty of other albums that rival, and even exceed, *JESUS IS KING* in production and content. Artists like Derek Minor and Bizzle have albums that rival *JESUS IS KING* sonically. Others have picked up some attention from mainstream outlets, like Reach Records artists Lecrae, KB, and Andy Mineo. And if *JESUS IS KING* left you thirsty for more Christlike content, just search for artists like Flame, S.O., Tobe Nwigwe, Shai Linne, Datin, Swoope, or Trip Lee.

HOPE FOR US ALL

While we ought to hope for a truly repentant heart for Kanye West - one that is obsessed with the beauty and glory of God - we do not *need* a Kanye West "gospel album." Gospel albums are good. They stir our affections for Jesus. Christ-centric music often helps marry our emotions to solid gospel truths. But to make an influence on the culture-at-large, Christians don't *need* a big-name artist like Kanye West to co-opt the Christian message of grace, mercy, forgiveness, and justice. We are each commissioned with beautiful feet to not only proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ but to also serve and love nonbelievers in our communities.

At the same time, while we do not *need* a Kanye West "gospel album," we are free to sing along with him in his declarations of Christ our King. I remember the words of Paul who addressed the teachers who preached "Christ out of envy and strife... rivalry, not sincerely" (Philippians 1:15-17). Whatever the motivations for those who preached Christ was not Paul's concern: "What does it matter? Just that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is proclaimed." And in this we ought to rejoice as Paul did that Kanye West is praising Jesus with his life.

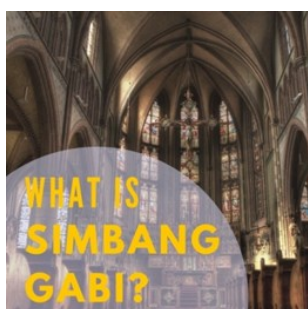
Our desperate grasps for cultural relevance and power will not win the culture. A Christian conservative Prime Minister, a famous actor or artist who goes to church, a well-spoken Bishop - none of these can do the work we're each commanded to do. So for believers who were aware that Jesus is King before this album, we welcome Kanye West's message with open arms. Whether we sing along with Mr. West or not, *JESUS IS KING* and that will remain a constant forever. And He will be born ever deeper each year during our Advent preparation and Christmas stories. How we live in light of this truth toward our neighbours will speak louder of this fact than any of Kanye West's albums ever could. Rejoice.

Based on the blog by Tim Thomas - <https://christandpopculture.com/a-kanye-gospel-album-we-didnt-need-but-welcome/>

Blessings,
Padre



SIMBANG GABI FILIPINO CELEBRATION



Mass will be celebrated Monday 16th December 4am in Mary, Mother of Mercy Church. Breakfast after in the Community Centre.

Simbang Gabi is a Filipino Christmas tradition. It involves a dawn Mass about 16th December and Midnight Mass on the 24th December (other dawn Masses can be also held). This tradition was introduced by the Spanish friars to allow the farmers to hear Mass before going to the fields early in the morning. The Masses can start as early as 4 in the morning. Simbang Gabi is not just a tradition that is celebrated because the Filipinos need to do so; it is also the spiritual preparation for Christmas and commemorates the birth of Jesus Christ. The celebration is also seen as a way of requesting blessings from the Lord, as most people believe that if one completes the whole series of nine dawn Masses, their wishes will be granted.

Please join the community for this Annual Mass.

Parish News and Happenings

ADVENT NATIVITY STICKERS for CHILDREN

Available from Mass Co-ordinators/hospitality welcomers at each church are sheets with a crib to colour; and then each week stickers of the nativity scene will be given out for the children to build a crib. Children are welcome to take the sheets and stickers home each week. Advent blessings.



CHRISTMAS VIGIL FAMILY MASS

6pm - Mary, Mother of Mercy Church, 24 December

A tradition of our Christmas Family Mass is to have a "live" Children's Crib with baby Jesus, mother Mary and St Joseph. To complete this manger scene we ask our young children to come dressed as angels, shepherds and wise kings. This is not a play or a drama, simply the nativity scene and a wonderful opportunity for the children to enter and be part of the joy and happiness of the real reason for Christmas. No practice is necessary - children will be called forth at the appropriate time.

• ADVENT RETREAT FOR ALL AGES

- Tuesday 17 December, Mercy Community Centre, (commencing with Reconciliation at 6.00pm). Exploring Advent and Christmas, with Fr Jacob.

• PARISH CHRISTMAS DINNER

- Monday 23 December, 6.30pm in Mary, Mother of Mercy Community Centre. To give thanks for all who minister and worship in our Parish. *Please bring a plate.*

• BRAZILIAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

meets each Tuesday in Calvary Church, Miami, from 6.30 - 8.30pm and for Natal Novena every Tuesday and Thursday night in December.

• LOOKING FOR A CHRISTMAS GIFT?

Padre's Spiritual Book (only 6 left) or Mountain Story (only 25 left) are available from the Parish Office. \$20 each.

• INFANT SAVIOUR MEDITATION GROUP

is in recess and will recommence on Wednesday 5 February at the home of Kay Harding before continuing at Infant Saviour in 2020. Further details Paul - 5593 3794.

• Result of the CHRISTMAS HAMPER

RAFFLE, drawn at the Parish Lunch on 5 December: 1st Marcia Robinson; 2nd Gordon Green; 3rd Faye Howlett; 4th Robert Walsh; 5th Valerie Murphy. Many thanks to all who contributed to the raffle.



I wish to thank you for all the help, hospitality and support that I have been given by individuals, groups, Marymount Schools and your priests.

I am grateful for the opportunity you have given to me to learn about teaching practice in Australia, your Australian way of life, and the many Missions in your busy Parish.

I will carry your love, blessings and gifts back to my Community and Dominican School, at Hera, in Timor Leste.

I wish you all a happy and holy Christmas and all the very best for the New Year."

Sr Adina Baptista - Missionary Dominican Sisters of the Rosary

Second Rite of Reconciliation

Tuesday 17 December	6pm	Mary, Mother of Mercy, Burleigh Waters
Wednesday 18 December	5.30pm	Our Lady of the Way, Palm Beach
Thursday 19 December	5.30pm	St Benedict's, Mudgeeraba
Monday 23 December	9am	Calvary, Miami

Christmas Mass Times

Tuesday 24 December		Wednesday 25 December	
5pm	Calvary Church, Miami	7am	Infant Saviour, Burleigh Heads
5pm	St Benedict's, Mudgeeraba	7am	Our Lady of the Way, Palm Beach
6pm	Our Lady of the Way, Palm Beach	8.30am	Calvary Church, Miami
6pm	Mercy Church, Burleigh Waters	8.30am	St Benedict's, Mudgeeraba
9pm	Infant Saviour, Burleigh Heads	10am	Mercy Church, Burleigh Waters
Midnight	Mercy Church, Burleigh Waters		

Christmas Cake and Sherry Supper - After CHRISTMAS EVE MASS -

9pm Infant Saviour and 12 Midnight Mary Mother of Mercy.

Stay and enjoy this Christmas Eve cheer. *Padre*

BAPTISMS

We welcome to our faith community Naya, Sam, Cooper and Anastasia who were baptised last week.

FUNERALS

Last week we celebrated the funeral of Jean Gabriel Gardner who has died in Christ. Let us remember her family and friends in our prayers this week.

God will raise you up on eagle's wings

SICK & SPECIAL NEEDS

Your prayers have been requested for Beverley Aliprandi, Michael Allan, Noreen Andersen, Patricia Ashton, Glenys Bailey, Ida Elda Bonke, Leigh Boulcher, Peter Briggs, William Buckley, Lily Burgstaller, James Burke, Diane Busutil, Joyce Cabral, Jan Carmont, Brenda Carr, Stephen Cochrane, John Costigan, Cyrus Davern, Fr Des Fitzgerald, Angelita Freda, Norma Greenland, Geromy Grima, Fred Grioli, Vera Havlik, Cheryl Hingerty, Jean Hokin, Norman Ingle, Stuart Ingram, Veronica James, Clive Andrew Lang, Darren Lemon, Denis McNery, Anne McInnes, Fay & Dennis McGreevy, Margaret Merrotsy, Terry Miners, John Mooney, Pat Moy, Stephen Murray, Josie Nicolas, Mary O'Brien, Sr Annette O'Connor, Paul O'Connor, Eileen O'Neill, Michael Onn, Sean O'Reilly, Anne Owens, Maureen Pocock, Phyllis Pola, William Sheehan, Peter Smith, Pacing Soriano, Isaac Stafrace, Andrew Supple, Luke Thorpe, Lourdes Toledo, Nemcio Toledo, Sarra Tyler, Marie Walker, Dan Wilson, Graham Zender, Norah Zipf, the sick of our Parish and all in need of God's healing Spirit.

DECEASED

Masses have been requested for the recently deceased and for friends and relatives whose anniversaries occur about this time: Colin Randazzo, Jean Gardner, Gerald Dwyer, Vincent Bugeja, Alan Bugeja, Gloria O'Rourke.

May the choir of angels come to greet you ...

PLANNED GIVING LAST WEEK - ☺

CODE: ☺☺ = very good;
☺ = good;
☹ = hangin' in there;
☹ = help!

Counting roster this week: Burleigh Waters

2018 EXPENSES:

Hospitality - \$6600.00



The Recovery Course is a Christ-centred 12 step course for people with any sort of addiction or compulsive behaviour.

The last session for 2019 will be held at Infant Saviour meeting room on Monday 16 December, resuming on Monday 3 February at 6.30pm. New people are welcome to join the group at any time.

Enquiries Damien Kinnear - 0401 313258 - kinneark@bigpond.net.au

Liturgical Music for Third Sunday of Advent

INTRODUCTORY RITES:

Gathering:

Open The Heavens

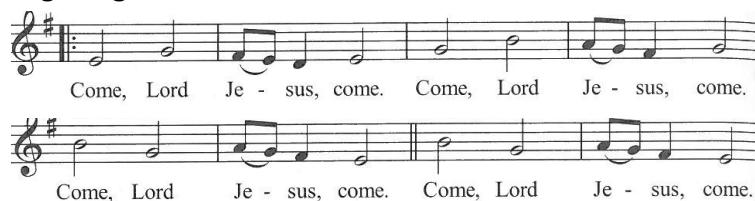
*Open the heavens, Lord, come to your people,
hide not your face, O God. Open the heavens, Lord,
come to your people, open the heavens and come.*

Look on the sheep of your pasture, Lord.
Water your vineyard again
scattered and broken, return to our aid,
open the heavens and come.

Lift up your eyes to the heavens today.
Listen to hear when he comes.
Know that salvation will break like the dawn,
open the heavens and come.

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Lighting of the Advent Candle



Penitential Rite:

Have mercy on us, O Lord

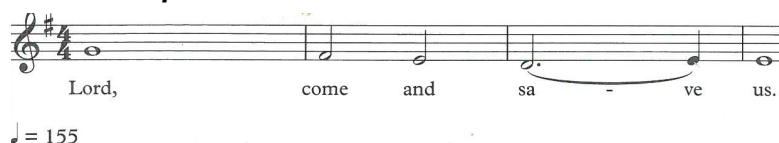
All: For we have sinned against you

Show us, O Lord, your mercy

All: And grant us your salvation

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Psalm Response:



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Gospel Acclamation:

Word we long for, Alleluia, Word we thirst for. Maranatha!
Key of David, Alleluia, Son of Mary. Maranatha!
Promised Saviour, Alleluia, True Messiah. Maranatha!
Cry of prophets, Alleluia, Hope of ages. Maranatha!

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST:

Communion:

You Are Mine

I will come to you in the silence,
I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice,
be still and know I am here.

I am hope for all who are hopeless,
I am eyes for all who long to see.
In the shadows of the night, I will be your light,
come and rest in me.

*Do not be afraid, I am with you,
I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me, I will bring you home;
I love you and you are mine.*

I am the Word that leads all to freedom.
I am the peace the world cannot give.
I will call your name, embracing all your pain,
stand up, now walk, and live!

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Thanksgiving: O Come, O Come Emmanuel

O come, O come, Thou Lord of might,
who to thy tribes of Sinai's height
in ancient times didst give the law,
in cloud and majesty and awe.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel!*

CONCLUDING RITES

Dismissal: Joyful In Hope

Joyful in hope, your people pray.
Joyful in hope, we're on our way.
Though the road may not be clear,
we believe, Lord, you are near,
in the smile and open heart of a friend.

Joyful in hope, your people pray.
Joyful in hope, we're on our way.
There's sunshine after rain;
there's laughter after pain;
and I am with you always, so rise again.

Mary, so open to the Lord,
when you answered, "Yes", our hope was restored.
Though you couldn't understand,
in trust you took his hand.
So, joyful in hope, we live again.

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PARISH PAY WAVE - In line with the Cathedral and other Archdiocesan parishes we are introducing a Sunday collection paywave point. We will trial the paywave at Mercy Church before rolling out other paywave stations in the rest of the communities.

The paywave is set at \$10. All you need do is tap your card as you leave church. Please look for the paywave station at the front door. Thank you.
Padre and the Parish Finance Advisory Council