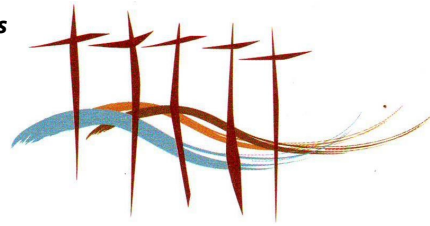


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Second Sunday of Advent 8 December, 2019

Year C: Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

next week's Readings: Is 35:1-6,10; James 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

Continuing our Pop Culture exploration and Advent:

After *Black Panther's* release in February this year, everyone wanted to visit Wakanda – the third world African cover country for the fantasy land of the black panther, but the film's standout action sequence takes place on a completely different continent. Tipped off that a shady deal involving a stolen Wakandan artifact is about to happen in South Korea, Chadwick Boseman's Black Panther travels to Seoul with his associates Okoye (Danai Gurira) and Nakia (Lupita Nyong'o) to put a stop to it. They wind up in the sort of fancy, lushly lit underground casino that shows up all the time in James Bond movies, and the trio have the suaveness to match the occasion. *Black Panther* was hailed for being the first movie in the Marvel Cinematic Universe to feature a black protagonist and a primarily black cast.

Black Panther, Disney/Marvel's latest superhero film, debuted to packed houses and will probably earn enough money to buy a small European state. Why so popular? Lots of reasons. People haven't tired of watching superheroes on the big screen, and Marvel's movies have been surprisingly good. (*Black Panther* currently holds a 98 percent "freshness" rating on Rotten Tomatoes.) Moreover, this particular superhero flick feels pretty relevant: On the heels of #BlackLivesMatter, *Black Panther* pits the African prince and protector Black Panther (Chadwick Boseman) against Erik Killmonger (Michael B. Jordan), who nurses an insatiable hatred for "colonial" oppressors and all their ilk. It's not just a clash of titans, but of ideologies, with a peace-loving superhero on one side and a man gunning for racial war on the other.

Is the Black Panther an Advent movie – not per se, but its themes echo the Advent themes to me. Lets explore the Black Panther Movie as an allegory for Advent readings this Sunday. Our first reading from Isaiah this Sunday proclaims that a shoot of hope *will spring forth ... his word is a rod that strikes the ruthless...that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples. It shall be brought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.* This shoot of hope for the nations is the techno wonder world of Wakandan and the righteous leader that fights for the land and its people. In the end of the movie echoes our psalm response – *Justice shall flourish in his time and fullness of peace for ever.* Which brings us to the character of John the Baptist in our Gospel who could easily be the Black Panther himself who heralds the one and the time that is to come. So lets break this open a little more before someone complains:

The Character T'Challa is no Christian superhero – lets be very clear about that. His powers, the movie says, come from the panther god Bast. But setting that aside (and steering well clear of spoilers), the guy shares some core values with Christianity.

T'Challa is the newly crowned leader of Wakanda, an incredibly rich, unimaginably advanced country built on the nigh-magical substance Vibranium. But here's the thing: For most of its history, Wakanda has presented itself as a third-world backwater as an effort to protect itself, its wealth and its way of life. But changes are afoot: T'Challa's ex girlfriend, Nakia (Lupita Nyong'o) wants to open the country up to the rest of the world - to be its light and salt, if you will.

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Parish Weekly Diary....

Monday, 9 December

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 9.00am **Mass** - Miami - followed by Adoration
 of Blessed Sacrament until 11am

* last Adoration for year will be on 16 December,
 resuming on 13/1/20

Tuesday, 10 December

St Melchiades

7.30am **Mass** - Burleigh Waters
 6.30pm Brazilian Catholic Community - Miami
 7.00pm Advent Twilight Retreat - Community Centre
 (Praise and Worship 6.30pm)

Wednesday, 11 December

St Damasus

7.00am **Mass** - Miami
 9.30am **Mass** - Ozanam Villa
 5.30pm **Mass** - Palm Beach

Thursday, 12 December

Our Lady of Guadalupe

7.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Heads
 5.30pm **Mass** - Mudgeeraba

Friday, 13 December

St Lucy

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

Saturday, 14 December

St John of the Cross

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, 14 December

Third Sunday of Advent

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

SUNDAY, 15 December

Third 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

This essential tension at play here has been central to the entire history of the Christian Church, one that we've collectively dealt with in very different ways. Closing ourselves off from the world has its own logic and appeal: some monasteries and convents have been built on just that principle, and one could argue that some strains of modern Christianity try to hermetically seal themselves off from a world that sometimes seems so hostile. But the Church — especially, I'd say, the Catholic Church — has also historically reached out to *heal* that hurting world, through its schools and hospitals, its charity work and its missionaries. And it sometimes risks a great deal of danger to do so.

Is this theme, and others found in *Black Panther*, an intentional echo of Christianity? Probably not. But it is interesting to note that much of *Black Panther*'s cast is Christian — so much so that actress Sope Aluko (who plays Shaman in the movie) said that so many of her fellow stars were sharing their religious experiences on set that “it was almost like church.”

And purposeful or not, God can use almost anything to make Himself better known to those who need Him. Even, sometimes, in a superhero movie.



About what must we repent? Advent is a blessed season, for it can bring light to the darker areas of our lives, the parts that we tend to ignore, or avoid reflecting on. It can wake us to certain compulsions we have: that we have lived superficial lives; searched for happiness in all the wrong places; thought what make us happy lies in the newest, fastest, latest and cleverest device. Isn't that what the commercials are saying will bring us happiness and fulfilment? A recent survey said that the parents who spend less time with their children buy them more gifts. Just one more sign that our society desires more and more, but it seems to offer less and less of what really counts. John the Baptist is shining a light on our lives, telling us that we may be investing a lot of our energies in the wrong places. Think about that: is it true?

The gift of Advent may be to stir us to admit, with sorrow, that our quest for happiness has disappointed us. Others have identified what will make us happy

and we have found it wanting. Why else do we come here to worship week after week? It is not just because we are keeping a religious rule, is it? It's not just because we are concerned about the next life and want to guarantee our place there, is it? John the Baptist proclaims that the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Advent reminds us that the kingdom of heaven is about this life, as we hope and search for meaning, sanity and balance in a world that is often off-balance.

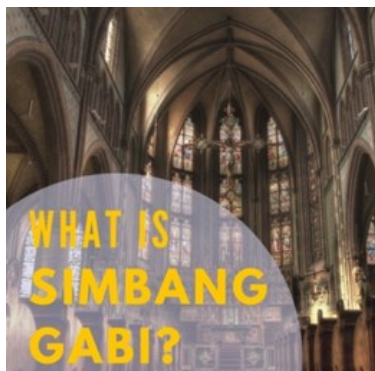
As hard as John the Baptist sounded, he drew a crowd. People came because they needed help and a voice of clarity and sanity - just as we do. Along with the crowds who heard John preach, we also hear good news. The prophet tells us that someone is coming bearing the Holy Spirit and fire to warm our spirits chilled by boredom, routine which have become bloated with excess, habit and indifference. We need a renewed spirit but we cannot manufacture one on our own.

The Spirit is the Advent gift we long for and which cannot be purchased by the rich and powerful. Nor can the Spirit be cornered and monopolized by any special religious elite; it is a free offer by God. It turns out that the voice behind John's voice is God's and it is a loving and concerned voice. God definitely intends something special this Advent for each of us and also for our worshipping community that longs for healing and renewal.

Pharisees and Sadducees came to John's baptism and the words he had for them were harsh, “You brood of vipers.” But can we hear the compassion in his voice calling them and us to put things right in our lives? Someone said recently, “I'm so busy these days and, on top of it all, I have to go to three school Christmas concerts my children will be in!” She also said, “I need a break.” It's not a very liturgical description, but Advent is just that, “a break from the routine.”

How will we provide that for ourselves? Can we put aside a little time for quiet and reflection? It will take creativity, but we can do that! There is too much clutter in our lives and John promises that Jesus' coming with his Spirit can do what we can't, “Clear the threshing floor and gather his wheat into his barn....” That is the promise we hear this Advent: the Spirit is coming to help us clear space for God and gather “the wheat,” that will give us the life God wants us to have.

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** - with Alice Foddy - 10 December. Exploring Advent and Christmas faith in the light of ecological understanding from Laudato Si, Mercy Community Centre. (commencing with praise and worship at 6.30pm). Fr Jacob - Exploring Advent and Christmas - 17 December.
- **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.
- **ALTAR SERVERS' MASS** - Thursday 12 December, 5.30pm, St Benedict's Church, Mudgeeraba. All altar servers from the Parish (and their families) are invited. Following Mass there will be pizza, cake, salad and fun.
- **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.

- **ROSIES GOLD COAST** - Rosies Street Mission would like to thank Burleigh Heads Parish for all their support. They are now one year old operating from Infant Saviour Church, Burleigh Heads, and the volunteers are growing as is their client base. Blessings. Tracy.
- **INFANT SAVIOUR MEDITATION GROUP** will close on Wednesday 11 December. The group will recommence on Wednesday 5 February at the home of Kay Harding for the first meeting before continuing at Infant Saviour in 2020. Further details Paul - 5593 3794.
- **PARISH CHOIR** - Mondays, 5.30 - 6.30pm in Mary, Mother of Mercy Church. New members welcome.
- **THE CATHOLIC LEADER** - Four Brisbane married Catholic men have been ordained permanent deacons for the archdiocese ... Former refugee Anthony Gawlu escaped persecution and violence to become a seminarian at Holy Spirit Seminary, Banyo.

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 Benjamin who was baptised last week.

FUNERALS

Last week we celebrated the funeral of Patrick Joseph MacNamara who has died in Christ.

Let us remember his family and friends in our prayers this week.

God will raise you up an 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 McEnery, 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: Alice & Patrick Shannon, Lily Caruana, Odette Sweeney, Vincent Bugeja, Alan Bugeja.

*May the choirs of angels come to greet you ...
May you find eternal life.*

PLANNED GIVING LAST WEEK - ☺

CODE: ☺☺ = very good;

☺ = good;

☺ = hangin' in there;

☺ = help!

Counting roster this week: Mudgeeraba

2018 EXPENSES:

Church Supplies - Music - \$3000.00



A course for anyone

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Infant Saviour meeting room,

Monday 6.30pm.

Enquiries Damien Kinnear - 0401 313258.

Liturgical Music for Second 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

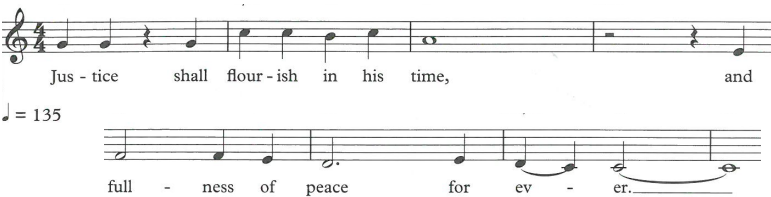
All: For we have sinned against you

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 of healing, Alleluia, Heal our sorrow. Maranatha!
Word of comfort, Alleluia, Bring us hope now. Maranatha!
Word of gladness, Alleluia, Fill our hearts now. Maranatha!
Word of wisdom, Alleluia, Come renew us. Maranatha!

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST:

Communion:

Be Still For The Presence Of The Lord

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here;
come bow before him now with reverence and fear;
in him no sin is found - we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned.
How awesome is the sight, our radiant king of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place,
he comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace.
No work too hard for him, in faith receive from him:
be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.

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Thanksgiving: O Come, O Come Emmanuel

O come, Thou wisdom from on high,
who ord'rest all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show,
and teach us in her ways to go.

*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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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*