

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish-Shrine

First Sunday of Advent
Sunday, November 27th, 2016



The Italian National Parish of the Archdiocese of Chicago
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Office Hours

Sunday

-8:00am—3:00pm

Tuesday- Friday

-8:30am—8:30pm

Saturday

-8:30am — 1:00pm
-2:00pm—5:30pm

Monday

- We're Closed

Sunday Mass Schedule

5:30pm - Sat. Vigil Mass
7:45am - English
9:00am - Español
10:30am - Italiano
12:00pm - English
1:30pm - Español
5:00pm - Español

Weekly Mass Schedule

English

-Monday - Saturday at 7:45am

Español

-Martes y Jueves a las 6:30pm

Italiano

-Sotto richiesta



**THE SCALABRINIAN MISSIONARIES
AT MOUNT CARMEL SINCE 1905**



Our Lady of Mt Carmel, is served
by the Congregation of the Missionaries of St.
Charles – Scalabrinians – .

We are an community of Catholic religious
serving migrants and refugees of different cultures,
religions and ethnicities in 32 countries.

The Congregation was founded in Italy
on November 28, 1887,
by Blessed John Baptist Scalabrin (1839-1905),
bishop of Piacenza (Italy).

Our missionary focus is to be migrants
with the migrants and to be in mission
with people on the move,
with a special priority for the poorest
And neediest migrants.

**OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL
-MISSION STATEMENT-**

We are a faith community bound by the Grace of God the Father who adopted us all as beloved children through Baptism. We journey as brothers and sisters inspired in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, nourished with the Eucharist and strengthened by the love of the Holy Spirit.

Encouraged in the practice of our Catholic Tradition, we experience and honor the maternal protection of Our Lady of Mount Carmel while joyfully celebrating the religious practices of our ancestors in Faith. Heartened by the zealous ministry of the Missionaries of St. Charles (Scalabrinians), we strive to create a welcoming space where justice for all and the wellbeing of God's people become the inspiration in our efforts to build God's Kingdom.

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**NUESTRA SEÑORA DEL MONTE CARMEL
-VISIÓN-**

Somos una comunidad de fe vinculada por la Gracia de Dios Padre, que nos ha adoptado como hijos amados por el Bautismo. Caminamos como hermanos y hermanas inspirados en el Evangelio de Jesucristo, nutridos con la Eucaristía y fortalecidos por el amor del Espíritu Santo.

Alentados en la práctica de nuestra Tradición Católica, experimentamos y honramos a la protección materna de Nuestra Señora del Monte Carmelo, celebrando alegramente las prácticas religiosas de nuestros ancestros en la Fe.

Animados por el celo ministerial de los Misioneros de San Carlos (Scalabrinianos), nos esforzamos por crear un espacio de bienvenida donde la justicia para todos y el bienestar del pueblo de Dios nos inspiran en nuestros esfuerzos para construir el Reino de Dios.

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Church Services

We encourage all to register at the Parish-Shrine.

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Les invitamos a registrarse en el Santuario Parroquial.

Support Staff

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Sacramental Life

Confessions *Confesiones*

Saturdays—*Sábados*

4:00pm—5:30pm or by appointment/ *o con cita*.

Baptisms *Bautizos*

Come to the parish office. *Pase a la oficina parroquial*.

Weddings *Bodas*

Contact the priest at least six months in advance.

Contactar al sacerdote seis meses antes de la ceremonia

Quinceañera

Contactar a la secretaria cuatro meses antes de la ceremonia.

Presentaciones

Contactar la Secretaría al menos dos semanas antes

Religious Services

Recitation of the Holy Rosary

Mon—Sat at 7:00am

Adoration *Adoración al Stmo. Sacramento*

Wednesdays 6:00pm—8:00pm

Novena & Benediction

Wednesday/Miércoles 7:30pm

Grupo de Oración Carismática

Martes a las 7:00pm

Grupo de Estudio Bíblico

Miércoles a las 7:00pm

Other Services

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During the regular office hours.

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Community Center *Centro Comunitario*

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Wednesdays 4:00pm—6:00pm

Religious Education—*Catecismo*

Saturday - *Sábados* 3:30pm — 6:30pm

Sunday - *Domingos* 10:00am—1:00pm

- Mass Included—*Incluye la Misa*

For the Month of

Dec 3rd Sat/Sab

7:00pm Novena a Ntra. Sra de Guadalupe

Dec 8th Thur/Jue

6:00pm English Mass — Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Dec 9th Fri/Vier

6:00pm Presentacion de la Rosas a la Virgen de Guadalupe

Dec 11th Sun/Dom

11:00pm Misa en honor de la Virgen De Guadalupe

Dec 12th Mon/Lun Our Lady of Guadalupe

5:00am Misa en Español

7:00pm Misa de Rosas

Dec 24th Sat/Sab Christmas Eve

5:00pm English Mass with CCD kids

7:30pm Spanish Mass

12:00am English Midnight Mass

Dec 25th Sun/Dom Nativity of the Lord

Regular Sunday Schedule

Dec 26th Mon/ Lun

7:30pm Misa por la Paz

Dec 31st Sat/Sab New Year's Eve

5:30pm Bilingual Mass of Thanksgiving

Jan 1 Sun/Dom

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Regular Sunday Schesule

*"You . . . must be prepared,
for at an hour you do not expect,
the Son of Man will come."*

— Matthew 24:44

Wedding Banns

♥ Jose Perez & Nallely Baca...1

♥ Jose Luis Garcia & Veronica Galvez...1

From the Pastor's Desk



Our Advent Journey starts today! Our liturgical calendar marks a new beginning as we commence preparing our hearts for the coming of the Lord. These four Sundays preceding Christmas, are called to be special moments of reflection and prayer. One by one, the lights of the Advent Wreath will be lighted... a beautiful image of how our lives should welcome the radiant clarity of faith as the birth of the Savior approaches. In joyful expectation, we are called to prepare the way of the Lord and thus take advantage to seriously reflect on all those obstacles that keep the love of God from fully entering and transforming our lives.

Special attention should be placed in not making out of our Advent Journey an advanced Christmas season. I know it is very difficult to remain in expectation when everything surrounding us pushes to experience the jolly of the season ahead of time. Many are the difficulties we encounter to make out of our Advent Journey a space to properly prepare our hearts: shopping malls offering Christmas stuff since October, the streets we drive in filled with festive motifs, the splendor of fully decorated neighborhoods, holyday parties happening everywhere, etc. it seems as if the experience of waiting in joyful expectation is set aside to advance the season and stretch it as early as possible. However, despite all those possibilities, it is imperative to promote the need to stop for a while, take the time to meditate on the Gifts God is bestowing on us in His Only Son and the urge to prepare our hearts to properly welcome Him when the appropriate time comes. Today, I would like to stress the importance of making out of this Holy Season a true journey of Faith, one where our religious practices show others the importance of not losing ourselves in the madness of a commercial influenced experience, but rather promote the importance of a true conversion: turning our hearts to the Lord who is coming to save us, and show us the infinite love God the Father has for each one of us.

As we begin this special time of preparation, make sure you take the time to come to Church and celebrate with us the importance of letting the light of Christ illuminate our lives little by little, Sunday after Sunday, candle after candle, till the fullness of His radiance conquers not only our hearts, but our lives and actions as a whole.

Adsum,

OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL PARISH & SHRINE ALTAR & ROSARY

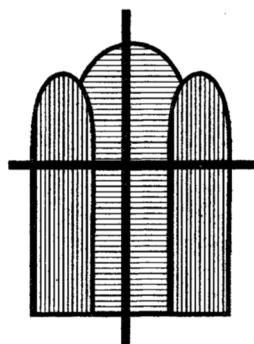
ADVENT EVENING OR RECOLLECTION

With
TR. BOB LOMBARDO
*Director of Mission of Our
Lady of the Angels*

**WEDNESDAY,
NOVEMBER 30, 2016**

- MASS 6:00pm
- DINNER IMMEDIATELY AFTER MASS

\$15.00 Donation



OUR SALVATION IS NEAR

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel GYM
22nd & Cortez st.
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BE PREPARED

Be prepared. It's that simple. As this Advent season opens before us, the Lord Jesus summons us to stand ready for his coming. At this time of year much of our attention is focused on being prepared for the details that accompany the holiday season. We purchase gifts; we decorate our homes, inside and out; we prepare foods that we eat only during the holidays; we write and send Christmas cards; we attend holiday concerts; we prepare either to welcome family and friends into our homes or arrange for visits to their homes. We really can't escape the details that make up the season. Perhaps this Advent is a time to attend to all those details with a different spin. As we prepare to celebrate the feast of Christmas, why not be deliberate about acknowledging the presence of the Lord as we go about these tasks? The Lord often comes to us in wonderfully surprising ways. Let us be prepared.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Before the Second Vatican Council in the mid-1960s, Advent had a strong penitential tone, reminiscent of Lent. From as long ago as the fourth century, some Christians began a solemn fast on St. Martin's Day, November 11. This "Saint Martin's Lent" extended all the way to Christmas, and was widely followed in the dioceses of France and Germany, and in the Middle Ages in England. Fasting was required, and dancing and similar activities were banned for the duration. The fast had a social function, too, assuring that the winter food supplies would stretch into spring.

At the Second Vatican Council, some bishops argued that a revival of the long winter's fast would give the Church a chance to establish the message and themes of the Incarnation long before the holiday hubbub took hold. This proposal didn't pass, and Advent emerged as a four-week period of reflection, expectant waiting, and joyful preparation for the coming of the Lord. The season has two principal phases, with the first beginning this Sunday. The second phase commences on December 17, when the liturgy begins to unfold the story of the Savior's coming. Interestingly, the Eastern Church maintains a strongly penitential note in Advent, which is called "Winter Lent," "The Nativity Fast," or "Christmas Lent," and has laws forbidding people to absent themselves from liturgy from December 17 onward.



PARENT UNIVERSITY

Tuesday, November 29th

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

**Gymnasium of Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Church**

**1100 North 22nd Avenue
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A workshop designed to prepare parents to help

their students in high school and beyond.

Get information on:

- **Paying for College**
- **Community College: a Gateway to Success**
- **Issues Affecting Latino Students and Families**

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BOTH ENGLISH AND SPANISH!**

Mensaje del Párroco



¡Llego el tiempo de Adviento! La estación de la espera gozosa y de la preparación a la llegada del Salvador nos invita a caminar con una actitud festiva hacia la celebración del nacimiento de Cristo. Por cuatro semanas antes de la Navidad, la Iglesia nos invita a vivir intensamente una experiencia de expectación gozosa mientras reflexionamos y valoramos el amor tan increíble que el Padre nos ha profesado al entregarnos a su Hijo Único para que nos salvara. Es pues el Adviento un camino entusiasta pero también lleno de reflexión y meditación profunda en el misterio que celebraremos al término de esta jornada.

No podemos olvidar la importancia de caminar hacia el pesebre haciendo de nuestra vivencia del Adviento un tiempo único... especial. Muchas veces el ambiente social nos impone una celebración adelantada de la Navidad en la que lejos de profundizar en la llegada del Salvador, la fiesta y la algarabía de la época nos hace pasar por alto el regalo que los creyentes somos llamados a descubrir en el misterio del nacimiento. Todo a nuestro derredor anuncia el adelanto de las festividades navideñas: Centros comerciales llenos de propaganda, posadas que comienzan desde el final de noviembre, la preocupación por adquirir regalos para todos los seres queridos, los anuncios de radio y televisión gritándonos que ya está aquí la Navidad... etc. Es en medio de todo eso que los creyentes en Cristo debemos hacer el espacio adecuado para meditar en las realidades tan profundas que hacen de este tiempo una época especial: Tiene que ver con el Amor que Dios nos profesa, y no podemos comercializarlo reduciéndolo a una jornada de gastos sin fin en los que no se toma en cuenta cómo es que lo más importante en la existencia, lo verdaderamente valido es gratis y esta siempre al alcance de nuestro corazón: El Amor, la Reconciliación con los distantes, el Perdón hacia quienes nos hayan ofendido... de esto es de lo que tendría que tratarse esta época tan pintoresca y linda.

Hagamos pues de nuestro Adviento una auténtica jornada de preparación a la llegada de Cristo. Que al ir encendiendo una a una las velas de la corona, nuestra vida se vaya iluminando paulatinamente hasta que la claridad radiante de la Fe en Emmanuel (*Dios con nosotros*) inunde toda nuestra existencia.

Adsum,

UNIVERSIDAD PARA PADRES

Martes, Noviembre 29

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Gimnasio de Nuestra Señora del Monte
Carmelo
1100 N. 22 Avenida
Melrose Park, IL 60160

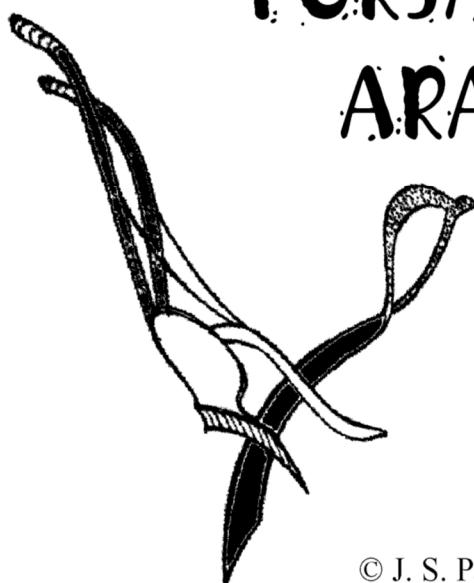
Un Taller diseñado a preparar a los Padres para que puedan ayudar a sus hijos a entrar a la Universidad.

Obtenga información sobre:

- Pagar la Universidad
- Como hablar con su Hijo
- Problemas que afectan a los estudiantes Latinos y sus Familias



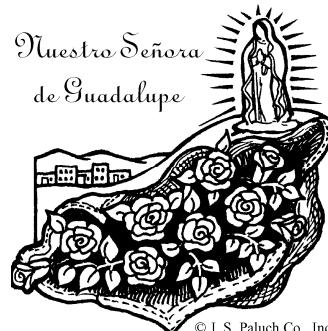
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CELEBRACIONES EN HONOR DE LA SANTÍSIMA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE

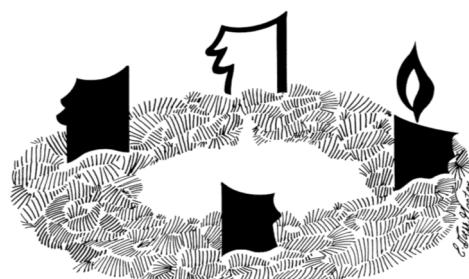


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- Dom. Dic. 3:** 7:00pm Comienzo de la Solemne Novena
predica el *Padre Jesus Ramirez, c.s.*
- Vier. Dic. 9:** 6:00pm Presentación de las Rosas a La
Virgen Morena
- Dom. Dic 11:** 2:30pm Danza "Indios del Tepeyac"
10:00pm Serenata a la Virgen Santísima
con el Mariachi *Perla de México*.
- Lun. 12 Dic:** 11:00pm Misa Solemne con Mariachi
12:00am Mañanitas a Ntra. Madre del
Cielo con Banda
*- Al termino de las mañanitas se ofrecerá
menudo y café a las personas que gusten
pasar al Carmel Hall.*
- 4:00am Mañanitas Festivas a La Virgen
Santísima de Guadalupe con Banda
- 5:00am Misa solemne de Acción de Gra-
cias por todas las Familias Migrantes
- 6:00am Desayuno con Menudo para to-
dos en el Carmen Hall
- 7:30pm Santa Misa Bilingüe en Honor de
los no-nacidos recordando que la Virgen
Stma. de Guadalupe es Madre de Todos.

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SI DESEAS ORDENAR UN RAMO DE ROSAS
FAVOR DE CONTACTAR A LOS VOLUNTARIOS
DESPUÉS DE LAS MISAS O LLAMA A LA OFICINA
O PASAR A LA OFICINA PARROQUIAL



Fr. Feccia's Reflection



L'Avvento: un breve periodo che ci prepara al natale, mentre la natura scivola lentamente nel sonno. Ascoltiamo l'avvertimento di Paolo: «*E' ormai tempo di risvegliarvi dal sonno, perché la nostra salvezza ora è più vicina. La notte è avanzata, il giorno è vicino!*»

A partire dalla pasqua di Gesù, infatti, la vita degli uomini e della società avanza irresistibilmente verso la fine e verso il giudizio. Dobbiamo decidere per lui, e impegnare tutte le nostre energie per «inventare il nostro futuro con Dio». (E. Mounier). Il vangelo di questa domenica ci mette in guardia, insistendo sul fatto che che non si è preparati, non ci si preoccupa,

si assume un atteggiamento di falsa sicurezza di fronte all'imprevedibile avvento del figlio dell'uomo. Come ai giorni di Noè, la gente non si rende conto di nulla, bada alle proprie cose. E all'improvviso saranno presi nella loro ibernazione, nella loro non sicurezza dell'essenziale.

L'immagine del Sifnore, paragonato a un ladro che viene nel cuore della notte, esprime in modo significativo la necessità di una continua vigilanza. «Ecco, sto alle porte e busso» Ap. 3,20) Ad ogni ora della storia la chiesa corre il rischio di non udire colui che batte alla porta per risvegliare i cristiani ai richiami dello Spirito. Oggi più che mai la chiesa e i cristiani devono svolgere un ruolo profetico di contestazione nei confronti di un mondo addormentato, che rischia di perdere la propria anima. Come fare per tenerci svegli, per lasciare dilagare nella nostra vita una corrente di acqua viva che ci sospinga al servizio al servizio generoso del regno? Come fare per non essere colti di soppressa dai giudizio, alla sera della nostra vita, alla sera del mondo? Dio ci chiama ogni giorno— Questo testo riflette l'atmosfera di febbre attesa del ritorno di Cristo, che regnava al tempo dei primi cristiani. Mentre il mondo si lasciava andare, senza ideali e senza speranze, essi attendevano qualcosa che avrebbe dovuto essere immediato e definitivo. Sentivano quindi il bisogno di tenersi pronti. Ma Dio «viene» ogni giorno; è eterno e nello stesso tempo imprevedibile. Non si tratta però di essere tesi e inquieti come di fronte ad un improvvisa catastrofe, ma al contrario di essere attenti e concentrati: non per paura della morte, ma per non perdere l'occasione di essere per sempre con Dio.

VIGILATE

Dio viene: nella nostra esistenza quotidiana s'inserisce un avvenimento sconvolgente, che butta all'aria tutte le nostre sicurezze, i nostri progetti. All'improvviso egli cammina accanto a noi, e fa parte della nostra storia: lo riconosce presente chi tiene gli occhi aperti, chi aspetta e prepara un mondo nuovo.

L'annuncio profetico (prima lettura) parte da una realtà piuttosto deludente: un piccolo popolo senza importanza per nessuno sarà il centro religioso e spirituale di tutti i popoli finalmente in pace. Questo non può che essere opera di Dio, divenuto lui stesso ispiratore, norma e termine del cammino dell'umanità. E solo allo sguardo della fede è possibile scorgere il disegno che si va formando all'interno di



avvenimenti banali, oscuri, poco significativi; un disegno che Dio rivela come una sua proposta per la crescita e il bene dei suoi figli, una realizzazione di cui non è dato sapere l'ora del compimento, ma che certo l'avrà un giorno.



Mass Intentions

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS
WHO ARE ILL OR INFIRMED :**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26

7:30 am †
5:30pm † Edwin Schmidt by Wife

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

7:45am Josephine Papa by Husband
† Pedro Montoya by Family
9:00am †
10:30am † Concetia Picano by Daughter Elisabetta & Angelo De Biasio
† Giovanni and Teresa Berardi by Maria
12:00pm † Lloyd Pollard by Janet & Elio Marso
1:30pm †
5:00pm †

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28

7:30 am †

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

7:30 am †

6:30 pm †

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

7:30 am †
7:30 pm NOVENA

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

9:00 am †

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

7:30 am †

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

7:30 am †

5:30pm † Don Cervone by Art & Pam Artman

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

7:45am †
9:00am †
10:30am †
1:30pm †
5:00pm †

WEEKDAY

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Phyllis Aiuppa

Linda Bandy

Art Conti

Mary Conti

Antonela De Biasio

Nico De Biasio

Mary Donato

Judith Escamilla

Jacob Duda

Kristie Goldi

Linna Goldi

Susan Humpf

Carol Maioni

Vandy Liala

Ethan Maidl

Joseph Pulido

Lauren Rendi

Bobby J. Villa

Luke Westrick

Ann Yench

Angela Williams

Alexandra Vitali

Vicki Parisi

Ken Douglas

Michael Turso

Anna Baffa

Jan Clark

Sara Zonca

Nancy Oshea

Madeline Vittori



Reflecting on God's Word

How do you prepare a heart for Christmas? It is not all that different from how we prepare any room for the season. We move some things out and bring others in: lights, candles, and appropriate decorations. We can also apply this to our hearts, both our individual heart and our community heart. Today four voices offer direction.

Jeremiah calls us to remember the God who worked on the house of Israel and Judah, bringing "a just shoot" (Jeremiah 33:15) to flower from the old stump that Israel had become, replacing lifeless leadership with a new branch of the house of David. Justice would flourish for all the people. Jeremiah calls us to trust God's designs that go beyond the surface.

Jesus' words, however, seem to contradict all this, predicting signs that will dismay and perplex, with people dying of fright. What happened to security and justice? But all this frightening activity is not for those waiting on the Lord. Jesus' words are strong: Don't cower; stand erect. Don't let your heart sink into sleep, dive into drink, or be corrupted by carousing. Redemption is in the room, a heartbeat away.

Paul reminds us that we best renovate our hearts by filling them with God's love for others. We do this by how we treat each other. A new year offers time to bring healing to damaged relationships, to reach out to someone we have neglected. And God works along with us, pouring the Holy Spirit into our hearts. —James A. Wallace, C.SS.R.

Reflexionemos sobre la Palabra de Dios

¿Cómo se prepara un corazón para la Navidad? No es tan diferente de como preparamos cualquier habitación del hogar para este tiempo. Quitamos algunas cosas y ponemos otras: luces, velas y decoraciones apropiadas. Eso mismo podemos hacer con nuestro corazón, tanto personalmente como dentro de la comunidad. Hoy hay cuatro voces que nos indican una dirección.

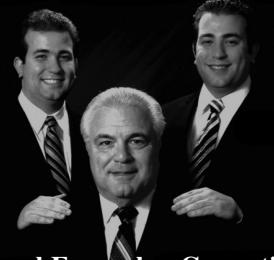
Jeremías nos pide que recordemos al Dios que hizo tanto por la casa de Israel y la casa de Judá, haciendo nacer "un retoño legítimo" (Jeremías 33:15) del viejo tronco en que se había convertido Israel, y remplazando el liderazgo sin vida con una rama de la casa de David. La justicia florecerá para todos. Jeremías nos exhorta a confiar en los designios de Dios, que van más allá de lo que podemos ver.

Las palabras de Jesús, sin embargo, parecen contradecir todo esto, pronosticando señales que consternarán y desconcertarán a las gentes, que se morirán de espanto. ¿Qué pasó con la seguridad y la justicia? Toda esta actividad que asusta no es, sin embargo, para los que aguardan al Señor. Las palabras de Jesús son fuertes: Pongan atención y levanten la cabeza. Estén alertas y no se embriaguen ni se dejen arrastrar por los vicios. La redención está cerca y a nuestro alcance.

Pablo nos recuerda que mejor renovemos nuestro corazón llenándolo del amor de Dios por los demás. La manera de hacer esto es llevándonos bien los unos con los otros. Un año nuevo nos ofrece tiempo, tiempo para sanar las relaciones que se han dañado y para extender nuestras manos a alguien que hemos desatendido. Dios permanece a nuestro lado derramando el Espíritu Santo en nuestros corazones.

—James A. Wallace, C.SS.R.

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