WELCOME TO THE NSA MONTEREY CHAPEL
ST. THOMAS AQUINAS ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
8 DECEMBER 2019
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Sunday Mass: 0900

Weekday Mass (Mon – Thurs): 1205

Holy Days of Obligation: 1205 & 1715

Sacrament Of Penance
Confession/Reconciliation

Available by Appointment & the
First and Third Sunday of each month 0830-0900

~ Pastoral Advisory Council 2019 ~

President: Robert Fritsch
Altar Servers: Kristen Earp
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Ushers: Ryan Kelly
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Outreach: Bruce Johnsen
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~ Attendance & Financials ~
Sunday, December 1, 2019: 70
Weekday: 25
Offering: $272.00

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http://www.nps.edu/Adminsrv/ReligiousPrograms/index.html
JUST FOR MASS:

Looking for something simple and positive you can do for Advent? Try "Just for Mass". It involves asking a non-practicing Catholic to attend mass with you one time. No further obligation for the person or you. What better Christmas gift could we give a friend or relative than to help them come back to Church?

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CHAPEL MINISTRIES

Please consider helping the St. Thomas Aquinas community through service to the parish. We are in need of ushers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, lectors, altar servers, daily Mass servers, religious education teachers, volunteers to wash linens, or anywhere you can help. We thank you for your prayerful consideration; please contact Robert Fritsch at robert.fritsch@nps.edu.

CATHOLIC WOMEN OF THE CHAPEL:

The Catholic Women of the Chapel meet on Tuesdays from 9:30-11:30 AM at NPS Chapel Annex. Children are welcome! Email questions to CWOC.MontereyCA@gmail.com and find us on Facebook at: Catholic Women of the Chapel (CWOC) ~ Monterey, CA

WEEKDAY READINGS:

MON 9: GN 3:9-15, 20; PS 98:1, 2-3AB, 3CD-4; EPH 1:3-6, 11-12; SEE LK 1:28 LK 1:26-38
TUE 10: IS 40:1-11; PS 96:1-2, 3 AND 10AC, 11-12, 13; MT 18:12-14
WED 11: IS 40:25-31; PS 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 AND 10; MT 11:28-30;
FRI 13: IS 48:17-19; PS 1:1-2, 3, 4 AND 6; MT 11:16-19;

ST. LUCIA:

Lucy’s history has been lost and all we really know for certain is that this brave woman who lived in Syracuse lost her life during the persecution of Christians in the early fourth century. Her veneration spread to Rome so that by the sixth century the whole Church recognized her courage in defense of the faith. Because people wanted to shed light on Lucy’s bravery, legends began to crop up. The one that has passed the test of time tells the story of a young Christian woman who vowed to live her life in service of Christ. Her mother tried to arrange a marriage for her with a pagan and Lucy knew her mother could not be swayed by a young girl’s vow, so she devised a plan to convince her mother that Christ was the better partner for life. After several prayers at the tomb of Saint Agatha, Lucy saw the saint in a dream. St. Agatha told Lucy her mother’s illness would be cured through faith, which Lucy used to persuade her mother to give the dowry money to the poor and allow her to commit her life to God. While Lucy and her mother were grateful to God, the rejected bridegroom was deeply angered and betrayed Lucy’s faith to the governor Paschasius. The governor attempted to force her into defilement at a brothel, but the guards who came to take her away were unable to move her, even after hitching her to a team of oxen. The guards heaped bundles of wood around her but it wouldn’t burn so they finally resorted to their swords, and Lucy met her death. Though details of her life remain unknown, it is widely known that during her lifetime Christians were persecuted for their faith. They were forced to endure horrific torture and often met painful ends during Diocletian’s reign. Though the details surrounding her death remain only as legends, it is all modern-day Christians can rely on. Lucy’s legend did not end with her death. According to later accounts, Lucy warned Paschasius he would be punished. When the governor heard this he ordered the guards to gouge out her eyes; however, in another telling, it was Lucy who removed her eyes in an attempt to discourage a persistent suitor who greatly admired them. When her body was being prepared for burial, they discovered her eyes had been restored. Lucy, whose name can mean "light" or "lucid," is the patron saint of the blind. She is often seen with the emblem of eyes on a cup or plate. In paintings, she is often depicted with a golden plate holding her eyes and often holds a palm branch, which is a symbol of victory over evil.