THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE WILL BE CELEBRATED SATURDAY, DEC. 12
As we await the joyful celebration of the Nativity of Our Lord, just at the fortification edge, we do well to think about how Jesus chose to manifest his divine love to us. Human logic would seem to suggest that God should choose to reveal himself to the most educated and power

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**Tunics**

Third Sunday of Advent: “If anyone has two tunics, he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same” (Luke 3:11). All we are all that we have are gifts from our generous God. Our call is to steward them in a responsible manner and return them with in- crease to the Lord. Today, I recognize one gift that God has graced me with and I try to share it with all those with whom I come into contact. As the end of the day I thank God for giving me that gift.

Third Monday: “He will call you for authority for sitting like this” (Acts 21:27). Jesus did not engage in discussion that he was not prepared. In this sense of goodness, we cannot escape to the world about other people or to start something that might be seen as gossip. Is it an appro- priate way to prepare for the worship of Jesus? No, we will not recognize a complement – recipients have a gift that God has chosen for them. I will thank God that I receive that gift.

Third Tuesday: “For John came to you … but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prophets did. Even after seeing that you refused to think better of it and believe him, they were right” (Mark 11:29). One of the challenges for us in our Church and parish life is to be accepting. We might be tempted to hide ourselves in “holy huddles” and be content with “our kind.” To live in God’s Kingdom means to mix with and accept all. Today, I pray for a heart that can think better of it and believe in him” (Matthew 21:32). One of the challenges for us is to hide ourselves in “holy huddles” and be content with “our kind.” To live in God’s Kingdom means to mix with and accept all. Today, I pray for a heart that can think better of it and believe in him.

Third Thursday: “A genealogy of Jesus Christ, son of David, son of Abraham” (Matthew 1:1). Today’s Gospel is a genealogy from Matthew’s Gos- pel. In this way, we are the family tree of Jesus – and we see that it was made up of a diverse range of characters. There are all kinds of people from different traditions and abilities. We are an integral part of that family – part of the diverse Kingdom of peoples – all created as Blessed John Henry Newman said, for “definite service.” What are the gifts and talents that God has graced me with and I try to share that gift with all those with whom I come into contact. As the end of the day I thank God for giving me that gift.

**BOSCO BASH SET FOR JAN. 30**

Boise, B DOSCO Bash will come for young people in grades six to eight, will take place from 2:30 to 5 p.m. Sat- urday, Jan. 30 at St. Mary’s Church, 434 Norton Road.

The event’s theme will be “Unbreak- able,” featuring Bob Lennedy, also known as “Big Bob.” The theme is “Preach the Gospel at all times; if necessary, use rap.”

The rally also will include music by Station 14, time with friends, skis, games, dinner, and evening Mass. The cost is $20. To register and learn more, visit www.cdeducation.org or call mhall@cdeduca- tion.org.

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Maria Goretta's remains; Is child incarned in heaven?

I understand that the church does not want to keep the cremated remains of my loved one in my sympathy. Is it okay to ask them to return my family member's body to me in my family room and that I should consign them instead to a grave or mausoleum niche?

No, the definition of a member of Christ is known as a person who has received the sacrament of baptism. In the Catholic faith, baptism is performed at the point of death, symbolizing the moment of entry into the Church. The body is consigned to a grave or mausoleum niche to signify the person's new life in Christ. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask me.

The church's guidelines on cremated remains are grounded in the Catholic belief in the resurrection of the dead and the dignity of the human body as created by God. The apocryphal text of the Order of Christian Burial provides that the cremated remains should be treated with respect and reverence, and that the body should be given a fitting resting place.

Maria Goretta was an 11-year-old Italian girl who, in the year 1902, was attacked by a 19-year-old neighbor who made sexual advances on her. She forgave her attacker on the following day. She is venerated in the Catholic Church as a Martyr.

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The Edwaridans, a ministry of Granville St. Edward Church for people aged 50 and older, is hosting a trip to Coscohick, Ohio, on Saturday, December 12, 2015. This trip provides an opportunity for members to visit the town of Coscohick, a popular destination for tourists in the area. The day will include a visit to the shop, lunch at the Apple Farm restaurant, and shopping at the Apple Farm outlet. The cost is $22.

Anyone interested in participating may contact Liz Clark at 614-336-8870 or email liz.clark@osumc.edu for more information.

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Bishop Flaget Tech-Brickrats
Chillcotta Bishop Flaget School's Tech-Brickrats team practices every Friday after school all year long, preparing for one competition a year. This year’s event took place in November in Columbus. School Lego Club members, advised by Diane Crider and Sue Blum, learned how to program Lego robots to run courses and complete tasks designed by the FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Lego League.

The students worked with the robots on a Lego course to find the best programming to achieve their goals and to complete research specific to topics set by the FIRST Lego League. The theme for this year’s competition was “Trash Trek.” It aimed to raise awareness about trash-related problems and finding an innovative way to solve it. Club members designed a trash compactor they named Trashbot 3.0, which would sort different types of food waste, using sensors and a grabber claw to sort the waste. Team members are (from left) first row, Emma Powers, Mary Hallam; Avery Brown, Nikiya Spaulding, and Mally Prochaska; second row, Will Flach, Darian Pope, Daniel Rekers, Jake Byrd, and Ryan Blum.

Finding Advent meaning in a world of turmoil

“What does keeping Advent mean for us now, today?” I asked myself after reading a couple of newspaper articles about mass shootings and escalating anger at terrorist attacks. I was also pondering this while making a quick stop at a mall. Lights and hype, along with an instant string of Christmas music, bombarded the senses. On the drive home, Pope Francis’ reference to this year’s Christmas trappings being a charade came to mind.

Checking the text, I discovered that he opened his homily with “Jesus wept” adding later “…because Jerusalem did not know the way of peace and chose the hostility of hatred, of war.” While Christmas coming, the pope said, “… there will be lights, there will be celebrations, tears too, even naiveté scenes, all decorated, the world continues to wage war. … The world has not comprehended the way of peace.”

Later in the homily the pope writes, “The entire world is at war, premeditated, and the cost is great—a somber message for the coming season of joy and hope.”

While terrorism and wars are in the news around the world, they are not the only form of violence. There’s also violence against the poor and marginalized when funding for safety-net programs is cut. Civil rights for all are a continuing issue. As a advocate for those suffering from mental illness. (Many mass shooters suffer from it.)

The earth itself suffers at the hands of human beings, yet some choose to dismiss the issue of global warming and the investment in new technologies needed to address it. (Did you see the pope’s shoes, sitting along with 20,000 others in a public square in Paris during the climate talks there as part of a quiet “march”?)

A friend sent a poem she has been using for Advent reflection. Annotation by Denise Levertov. “Aren’t these ammunitions of one sort or another is most cause?” the poet asks before pondering how we do or do not accept the announcements that come to us. She writes of Mary, a young girl like other young girls, but called to a “divinity more momentous that any in all of Time.” She didn’t hesitate to embrace it. Levertov concludes that whatever we have to offer is enough: “The blessing is not in the treasure/But in the letting go.”

While we may not be able to respond to this threat, we can support those working to find ways for governments to respond to this threat.

The pope is right. The world has not embraced the way of peace. How do we do that? How do we find hope in a dark world?

A poem by Jessica Powers, In Too Much Light, concludes the Incarnation. The poet sees the Magi following the star and lamanting her difficulty finding one to follow.

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Jessica again: “Behold, all places which have light in them truly are Bethlehem.”

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Our Lady of Guadalupe shouldn’t be viewed as just a traditional Mexican feast day. Pope Francis celebrated the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe at St. Peter’s Basilica in Vatican City in 2014. “She’s not just the patroness of Mexico, but the patroness of the Americas,” he said.

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Two Women Enter Children of Mary

Two women received habits signifying their entrance into the Children of Mary community and two others professed their first vows at a Mass on Saturday, Nov. 21, the Feast of the Presentation of Mary, at Columbus Holy Family Church.

Pictured are (from left) Sister Jane, who joined the community; Sister Andrea Maria and Sister Katerina Rose, who professed first vows; and Sister Peggy, who also became a member of the community.

Father Stash Duley celebrated the Mass. He was joined at the altar by Father Joseph Rice and Deacon David Losefker and Ben Recurtem, while 19 seminarians served and many of the community’s friends and family attended.

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The community’s Motherhouse and adoration chapel are in rural Licking County on 100 wooded acres. With the help of many volunteers, the community is renovating a former child care center in Columbus near Holy Fam-

ily Church and the Holy Family Soup Kitchen. The Children of Mary visit the soup kitchen once a week, offering religious instruction, prayer, and setting up an adoration chapel. For more information about the community, visit www.childrenofmary.net.

Wilderness Outreach will be conducting its first fith-anniversary retreat for high school students Nov. 20-22 in California. This event is for fith-graders to seniors ages 14 to 17 who have been the Denver Broncos of Columbus. It will take place from Friday, Aug. 5, to Sunday, Aug. 7, 2016, in the Ansel Adams Wilderness area of the Sierra Nevada mountains.

Father William Ferguson of Ligon St. John Church will be the chaplains. The expedition will include high-adventure hiking, trail building, the Liturgy of the Hours, and daily Mass.

All adult participants must be Protecting God’s Children certified. The cost for the event, includ-

ing travel, is $200 per person. Spots are limited to a total of 12 men and boys. For more information, contact John Bradford at (614) 679-6761 or john@wildernessoutreach.net.

St. Vincent de Paul School in Lego League competition

Mount Vernon St. Vincent de Paul School’s Lego League team finished third at a regional qualifier in Granview Heights in November, allowing it to advance to district competition in Dublin next month. The team also won the regional robot design award for the second year in a row. Researching, community sharing, presenting, building, strategy analysis, programming, project management, and marketing are a few of the skills the team has learned. Team members include (from left) first-row, Henry Sarff and Bryan Sabol; second-row, coach Dave Schutte; third-row, coach Will Hadem, coach Tim Haring, coach Tim Haring, coach Tim Haring, coach Tim Haring. Coach Tim Haring; fourth row, coach Tim Haring, coach Tim Haring. Coach Tim Haring; fifth row, coach Tim Haring, coach Tim Haring. Coach Tim Haring; sixth row, coach Tim Haring, coach Tim Haring. Coach Tim Haring; seventh row, coach Tim Haring, coach Tim Haring. Coach Tim Haring; eighth row, coach Tim Haring, coach Tim Haring. Coach Tim Haring; ninth row, coach Tim Haring, coach Tim Haring. Coach Tim Haring; tenth row, coach Tim Haring, coach Tim Haring. Coach Tim Haring.

GRANVILLE EDWARDIANS планируют поездку в Косхонтон

The Edwardians, a ministry of Granville United Methodist Church for people aged 50 and older, invites diocesan residents to take part in a bus trip to Coshocton that will include stops at a national historic site, the restored community. From there, trip participants will go to Buechele’s Gazette restaurant for lunch of their choice. After lunch, they will watch Flags being made at the Amish Flag Co., followed by a return to Coshocton Village, where they will be treated to the visit the village enquirer’s shop; diverse, maps, maps, maps. For more information, call (740) 323-3105 or email lindu- woolard@windstream.net.

The Edwardians, a ministry of Granville United Methodist Church, is one of Columbus’ oldest and largest flag company in the United States. The tour will leave the church, 785 Newark-Granville Road, at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12 and return by 5 p.m.

The day will begin with a stop at the welcome center in historic Ros-sboro Village, the restored community. From there, trip participants will go to Buechele’s Gazette restaurant for lunch of their choice. After lunch, they will watch flags making at the Amish Flag Co., followed by a return to Ros-sboro Village, where they will be treated to the visit the village enquirer’s shop; diverse, maps, maps, maps. For more information, call (740) 323-3105 or email linda-woolard@windstream.net.
Advent is of great importance in the modern age, because it gives us the luxury of preparing for the Son of God knowing what is coming.

S. John, also in his Gospel (1:29), tells us that Jesus joined the Baptist and his disciples in the Jordan to be baptized. This is an excellent example of faith and humility for us: it represents the beginning of Jesus’ public ministry and it foreshadows the joy of the Resurrection. For the faith of the Baptist is so strong that he is willing to accept baptism even though he is not the one who needs it. John said: “I must decrease so that he may increase.”

The Baptist remains silent at that time of fasting and prayer, when Jesus is preparing to begin his public ministry. So too should we do in response to his call for a baptism of repentance. Then, Jesus will bring about the joy proclaimed here when the rest of this prophet’s words are added later because of their proclamation of the Baptist himself. Jesus is the one who will bring about the joy of his people, who have been added later because of their proclamation of the Baptist himself.

The people’s wondering about whether John might be the one who will bring about the joy of the people. John is called to preach the mercy of God in Christ, which is made present in his baptism of repentance. It is this announcement and the birth of the Baptist that gives us the luxury of preparing for the Son of God coming. The Advent calendar is a way to begin this preparation, by reflecting on the events leading up to the birth of Jesus and learning from the stories of those who knew him.

Finally, one of the most comforting passages from Paul comes as he nears the end of the Philippians letter. “Rejoice! The Lord is near!” Paul writes from his imprisonment, clearly out of place of the crucible of suffering, but he is able to rejoice and to realize that by accepting the crucifixion of Jesus Christ that he will be able to guard his hearts and minds in Christ. Those who will not be able to guard their thoughts will be the ones who will be among the people who will hate the light and violently rebel against the words of God.

The Baptist’s words of comfort are also a reminder to us today. Our relativism of, say, 100 years ago and our more distant ancestors occupied most of our waking moments in December, when the world is preparing for the birth of Christ. The Baptist’s hope of the future is for the birth of the King of Kings, the Messiah, who will bring salvation to all who believe in him.

Therefore, we pray, and we mass, and we pray. During Advent, we also make time for reflection and prayer, to prepare ourselves for the birth of Jesus. We can learn a lot from this meeting concerning the sort of friendliness and passion that the Baptist, a Christian or a Muslim who was so persuasive, had in order to bring him to his faith. Our possessions, conveniences, and technological devices apparently aren’t making us any safer, and they aren’t going to save our souls, but what if...? Perhaps it is because we don’t want to take a closer look at ourselves, since we might not like what we see.

Perhaps one could say that with the destruction of Jerusalem and its leaders, the way is paved for the Lord to bring about the joy of his people. Perhaps one could also say that with the destruction of Jesus and his followers, the way is paved for the Lord to bring about the joy of his people.

Our relatives did not have the time. This is something to learn from the Baptist, and we can do any- thing about it. We are sure we know the answer to these questions. Sadly, it takes tragedies and problems for us to take our faith seriously. Perhaps the real lesson of the recent events in Paris and San Bernardino, California, is that we need to protect the light and violently rebel against the words of God.

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Christmas Cards for Rehabilitation Center

St. Dominic Concert

The annual holiday concert of the traditional choir of Columbus St. Dominic Church will take place on Saturday, Dec. 14 at 7 p.m. on the third floor, and at the church, 453 N. 20th St. Columbus. The concert will include selections from the Joyful Inspiration dance ministry. For more information, call (614) 253-5926.

St. Mary Ann Schutz, OSF

Funeral Mass for Sister Mary Ann Schutz, OSF, 85, who died Saturday, Nov. 29, was held Tuesday, Dec. 3, at the chapel of the Sisters of St. Francis of Penance and Charity, New York, burial was in the sisters’ cemetery.

She became a member of the sisters in the Sta. Frances Nicolaus Franciscan on Sept. 4, 1949, made her first vows on Aug. 18, 1952, taking the name Sister Minnie T. Timoney, and professed perpetual vows on Aug. 18, 1952.

In the Diocese of Columbus, she was a teacher at Columbus Sacred Heart (1958-62) and Columbus Holy Rosary (1962-63) schools. She also served in the dioceses of Buffalo and Terre Haute, Indiana, New York in 1977 did not receives a bachelor degree in science in education in 1961 from Rosary Hill College (now Daemen College) in Amherst, New York.

Jane E. Sherrard

A prayer service for Jane E. Sherrard, 90, who died Saturday, Dec. 5, was held Tuesday, Dec. 8 at the Scheiding North Chapel in Columbus. Burial was at Northlawn Memory Gardens, Westerville.

She was a retired member of Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School and was a member of Columbus St. Matthias Church for 50 years. She was preceded in death by her husband, James, and brother, Douglas. Survivors include daughters, Pamela (Michael) Hickey and Teresa (Richard) Koeck; sisters, Rita Burgess and Margaret Pratt; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

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BRUNING, Mary C., 92, Dec. 5
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HILL, Beside L., 88, Dec. 3
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HOF, Dr. Don, 88, Dec. 5
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Our Lady of Loretto Church, Grove City

MOSLEY, Gloria, 60, Nov. 28
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NUTTEN, Helen E., 91, Dec. 5
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WOLFE, Denise J., 51, Nov. 26
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Funeral Mass for St. Luke Church March 7th TG Sue Group
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studies show the influence of medieval European sacred art, but the settings, dress, and physical gestures of the people in his prints are distinctly Japanese. When Watanabe had chosen a biblical theme for a new print, he considered the sacred text carefully before mak-
ing his first drawings. He once described his method to a visiting Benedictine abbot: he would read the passage several times, going over the words again and again, then would spend time meditating on the theme. Then, before setting to work, he prayed. Watanabe considered his artmaking to be a form of worship. “As I grow older,” he said, “my work becomes less of myself and more of my Lord.”

The smaller prints in the exhibition are painted on paper, hand-printed traditional kozo-paper (made from mulberry trees) and are known as yoshii prints. The three large prints in the show are montgoyyi (wrinkled-paper) prints, in which tinted mulberry paper is crumpled and stretched to create a textured effect. Each image is an original work of art, hand-printed and hand-colored by the artist.

Watanabe's sacred art is collected by major museums and private collectors around the world. In 1964, Lady Bird Johnson, whose husband, Lyndon, was president at the time, chose Watanabe’s stencil prints to display in the White House. Today, Watanabe's biblical prints are on display in the Vatican Museums Collection of Modern Religious Art, the Brauer Museum of Art at Valparaiso (Indiana) University, the Museum of Modern Art in New York City, the British Museum, the Art Institute of Chicago, the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, and elsewhere.

The exhibition is organized by Dr. Graziella Marchi-Kane, curator of early Christian art at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, in New York City, and is sponsored by Zenith USA (a division of ZenithUSA, Inc.).

The exhibtion "Beauty Given by Grace: The Biblical Art of Sadao Watanabe" ©2012 Sadao Watanabe is also the title of a book published by the Christians in the Visual Arts, Inc. This book features an essay by John Kohan, who is also a contributor to this article. Other essays in this book explore the relationship between sacred art, beauty, and grace.

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Homeless, poor get star treatment at Vatican movie premiere

By Junno Arocho Esteves
Catholic News Service

The usual fanfare that comes with the world premiere of a movie is pretty standard: the lights and cameras, the celebrities walking down the red carpet, and screaming fans trying to catch a glimpse of their favorite actors.

At the Vatican, however, a movie premiere is not your typical star-studded event.

The world premiere of *Call Me Francesco*, the first movie based on the life of Pope Francis, took place in the Vatican audience hall on Tuesday, Dec. 1. In attendance were people who most of the world may not know, but who are considered celebrities in the eyes of the pope.

“To this exceptional premiere, the Holy Father wished to invite the poor, the homeless, refugees, and the people most in need, together with the volunteers, religious and lay people, who work daily in charity,” a statement from the papal almoner’s office said.

Parishes and charitable associations in Rome were given 7,000 tickets to distribute to the poor so they could attend the premiere at the Vatican. The night also included a concert featuring the Pontifical Swiss Guard’s musical band. The papal almoner’s office said many of the Swiss Guards offered to play during their free time as a gift to the homeless.

The poor also were offered a brown-bag dinner “donated especially for the occasion by several benefactors.”

Directed by Italian filmmaker Daniele Luchetti, *Call Me Francesco* details the life of Jorge Mario Bergoglio, from his humble beginnings in Buenos Aires, Argentina, to his election to the papacy in 2013.

At the premiere, Luchetti expressed his hope that the movie would be “an emotional moment” in following “the footsteps of a man we admire.” While all the details of the pope’s life are not known, the Italian director said he was optimistic that the film would explain “how he came to be and for what reasons.”

For Argentine actor Rodrigo de la Serna, portraying the young Jorge Mario Bergoglio on the silver screen was a dream come true. “It’s crazy, I never imagined in my life to be here at the Vatican, much less portraying Jorge Mario Bergoglio. It’s a dream!” de la Serna told Catholic News Service. He said seeing how well the movie was received by the 7,000 guests was “something that I will never forget.”

David, one of the thousands of homeless people attending the premiere, said it was “truly emotional” to see the path followed by Pope Francis. “His way of being close to the poor, close to people in need and the endless struggle against evil” was particularly moving, he told CNS.

Of the many groups at the premiere, one stood out in the crowd, holding a large colorful banner with the words, “Thank you, Pope Francis!” The banner belonged to a group of refugees from Eritrea who were invited to attend.

A young refugee who wished to remain anonymous told CNS that he was happy to see the film and that the pope’s life showed prayer can be a powerful solution, even in the most difficult circumstances.

Photos: Rodrigo de la Serna (top two photos) and Sergio Hernandez (bottom photo) portray the future Pope Francis in “Call Me Francesco,” the first movie based on his life. CNS photos/Taodue-Film, distributed by Medusa