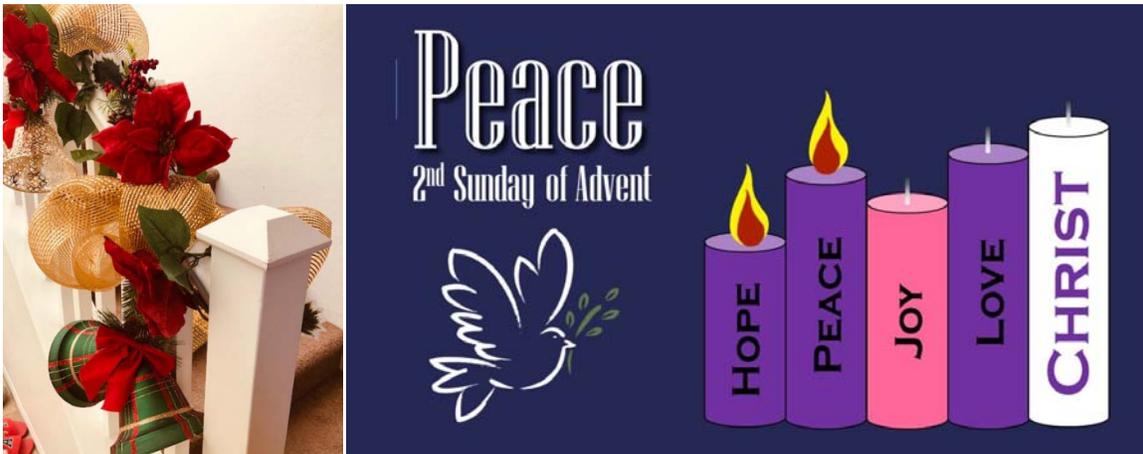




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Reference: Gentle Shepherd

Important for the Weeks of December 7th and 14th, 2020

Sun. 12/6 – 2nd Sunday of Advent & Recycling Day

Mon. 12/7 – Recycling Day

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. - Pastoral Staff Meeting & Luncheon, GSA

Note:

- 8th Grade Mock Interviews with Mrs. Nadia Funn and Mr. Steve Braden. Schedules will be emailed.
- Pick up of TK – 2nd Grade learning manipulative and 4th Grade Advent Calendar: Day #1
- Please drop off any Christmas cards and tokens for our faculty and staff on this day until Thursday for faculty's Friday pick up.

Tues. 12/8 – Happy Feast of the Immaculate Conception!

9:00 a.m. – 9:40 a.m. – School Mass (live-streamed)

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. – Faculty Meeting

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. – CSB, Consultative School Board Meeting

Note: Pick up of TK – 2nd Grade learning manipulative and 4th Grade Advent Calendar: Day #2

Wed. 12/9

Note:

- C3 Ignite Support Mentor Brendan Brennan will attend TK – 8th Grade Zoom classes.
- Pick up of TK – 2nd Grade learning manipulative and 4th Grade Advent Calendar: Day #3
- Support our Church's Toy Drive - Please bring one toy and when purchasing one, please follow the age of your child. Join Holy Family's Justice and Peace Ministry and Pastoral Council in giving joy to children this year by bringing in an unwrapped toy to our upcoming Saturday, December 12 Drive Thru Toy Drive. All donations will support the following organizations: Office of Restorative Justice, Children of the Incarcerated, and Cops for Kids. Our Glendale Police Officers will deliver to needy families in Glendale.

Fri. 12/11

12:00 p.m. – Faculty Meeting re. Christmas Class Program & PD Evaluation, GSA

Sat. 12/12 – Happy Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe!

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. - Toy Drive Thru in our Church Main Parking Lot

Note:

- Enter our parking lot through Lomita Ave. – Entrance Only
- Don't forget to wear your mask.
- Stay in your car. Open your trunk and volunteers will come to you.

Sun. 12/13 – 3rd Sunday of Advent

Mon. 12/14

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. – PLC / Deanery 6 Principals' meeting

Tues. 12/15

9:00 a.m. – 9:40 a.m. – School Mass (live-streamed)

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. – Faculty Meeting

Wed. 12/16

7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. – Virtual greetings and HFGS Christmas Program

Thurs. 12/24

4:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve Mass for Children sponsored by the Grade School, HFCC Holy Courtyard of Charity (Patio)

Thurs. 12/17 – Sun. 1/3/2021 – Christmas break

Fri. 1/1/2021 – Happy New Year!

Mon. 1/4/2021 – Welcome back to school! Recycling Day

Classroom Observations Last Week

Thanks to our entire faculty for the opportunity to see our students and classes in action. Despite this unprecedented time, all our Zoom teachers and students are working hard to meet the benchmarks for the academic quarter. 5th Grade Social Studies and an Art class are scheduled to be visited.



Learning manipulatives for TK through 2nd Grade and Advent Calendar 2020 for 4th Grade

School Waiver Application for TK – 2nd Grade

Holy Family Grade School will hope to resume its in-person instruction starting with TK through 2nd Grade in mid-January or February, 2021. Our school is prepared for either a Full-Time or Hybrid type of instruction.

While Los Angeles County remains in Tier 1 (Widespread Community Transmission) on the state's Blueprint for a Safer Economy, schools must remain closed to in-person instruction with the exception of limited specialized services and assessments for high need students. Department of Public Health with support and guidance from the Board of Supervisors is offering a waiver opportunity whereby schools may bring back students only in grades TK - 2 upon approval by Public Health. The waiver is NOT automatically granted and no school may reopen for full TK – 2 in classroom instruction until Public Health has communicated approval.

The waiver program is subject to the following limitations:

- Up to 50 schools will be granted approvals each week; additional schools may be approved in a given week if there weren't 50 approvals each of the prior weeks.
- Prioritization for all slots will be given to schools with higher percentages of students qualifying for Free or Reduced-Price Meals (FRPM)
- The 50 schools per week will be equally distributed between the five Supervisorial Districts.

Public Health will require the following to grant a waiver:

Health & Safety

- There is adherence to LAC School Re-opening Protocols.
- There is sufficient and appropriate protective equipment and infection control supplies, as defined by the re-opening protocols and CDPH guidance that schools have obtained for all teachers and staff who will be involved in in-person instruction.
- Public health & school resources for investigation and outbreak response are clearly defined and are available to schools that are open for in-classroom instruction.

Testing

- Testing resources are available to provide access to periodic testing to all elementary teachers and staff, with reasonable turn-around times.
- Consultation with California Department of Public Health

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- Public Health will consult with CDPH through submission of a CDPH form that demonstrates that the local health officer has considered the elements described above and includes the local Health Officer recommendation for approving or denying the waiver request.

Reference: *Communication and Public Affairs – LA County*

Annual Giving 2020

Our school is sending you via mail our Annual Giving invitation and pledge card to continuously support our educational goals. Your donation will primarily help us reach our goal of \$200,000 for the much needed and on-going Capital Improvement Projects and Scholarship Tuition Assistance Program. Capital Improvement projects include an enhanced technology infrastructure, kitchen remodel, and an upgraded science lab. We would love for business, community leaders, and individuals to be on board with us.

The Holy Family Grade School Community is clearly excited and eager to see these projects come to fruition. You can be part of that excitement by supporting us through your donation. Please fill out and return the pledge card, or Give online at www.hfgsglendale.org to join the parents, grandparents, administration, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends who generously support Holy Family Grade School each year. Thank you in advance!

A spiritual meditation to begin the week...

Lord, let your light burn brightly in my heart that I may know the joy and freedom of your kingdom. Fill me with your Holy Spirit and empower me to witness the truth of your Gospel and to point others to Jesus Christ.

Psalm 85:7-13

7 Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation.

8 Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

9 Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that glory may dwell in our land.

10 Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

11 Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.

12 Yes, the LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

13 Righteousness will go before him, and make his footsteps a way.

Thank you and have a blessed 2nd Sunday of Advent!
Dr. Suelto

References:

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