

Welcome to shinjo Church Our Lady Of Lourdes



カトリック葛西教会からルルドの聖母像が寄付されました。

遠くまで運んで来てくださった山口さん、どうもありがとうございました。

Advent according to His Holiness Pope Francis means coming. "THE LORD IS COMING. This is the root of our hope: the certainty that God's consolation comes to us amidst the troubles of the world. Not a consolation of words, but of His presence among us."

Yesterday was the beginning of advent. For us in Shinjo Catholic Church, we were blessed by the gift of Our Lady, The Virgin Mary statue from Kasai Catholic Church. We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Kasai Catholic Church for their abundant generosity. May the Virgin Mary help us to open the doors of our hearts to Christ, Redeemer of man and of history; may she teach us to be humble, because God looks upon the lowly; may she enable us to grow in understanding the value of prayer, of inner silence, of listening to God's Word; may she spur us to seek God's will deeply and sincerely, even when this upsets our plans; may she encourage us while we wait for the Lord, sharing our time and energies with those in need.

Mother of God, Virgin of expectation, grant that the God-who-comes will find us ready to receive the abundance of His mercy. May Mary Most Holy, "Woman of the Eucharist" and Virgin of Advent, prepare us all to welcome Christ's coming joyfully and to celebrate worthily his sacramental presence in the mystery of the Eucharist.

As we prepare for Christmas, let us consider the ways we can develop our relationship with our spiritual mother, drawing closer to her, so that we may draw even closer to Jesus. May this season of Advent remind us that You have blessed us, so that, in gratitude, we may live the Gospel more faithfully. As we prepare to celebrate the miracle of your Incarnation, may we attend to the needs of our suffering brothers and sisters, the body of Christ in our midst. Amen. (Christine Sato)