



IMMACULATE HEART OF *MARY*

— Parish Mission + Mision Parroquial —

*With Mary, we seek to know Christ better and to make him better known through our words and actions.
Con María, deseamos conocer mejor a Cristo y darlo a conocer por medio de nuestras acciones y palabras.*

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT—NOVEMBER 28, 2021



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Dear families of the Immaculate heart of Mary,

We the Church enter into Advent and the new liturgical year with a call for a watchful confidence. Our readings were originally addressed to communities undergoing great loss and confusion. Jeremiah speaks confidently of God fulfilling the ancient promises to Israel, even during a time of foreign invasion. Paul speaks of God leading the Church into holiness, while the community longs for the coming of Jesus.

In the Gospel passage from Luke, Jesus speaks of powerful signs and of great confusion to come but emphasizes that we may look forward knowing that God brings not cause for despair, but hope. We celebrate Advent to remind each other of God's faithfulness. We are to be watchful, to see how God is stirring up our world. God disturbs both our pride and our complacency and brings us healing and justice. We prepare ourselves to welcome Jesus, confident that God indeed fulfills all these divine promises.

As we begin Advent let us prepare for the coming of Jesus into our lives. This is a time for Christians as a season of prayer and fasting. "God of hope, I look to you with an open heart and yearning spirit. During this Advent season, I will keep alert and awake, listening for your word and keeping to your precepts. My hope is in you." ~ Matthew Kelly

We will have two Nights of Reflection during Advent. One in English on December 2nd and one in Spanish on December 9th. Please plan to attend. Also, our tree lighting ceremony will be on December 5 after the 5:00pm Mass.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us.

Fr. Quang

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Queridas familias del Inmaculado Corazon de Maria,

Nosotros, la Iglesia, entramos en el Adviento y en el nuevo año litúrgico con una llamada a la confianza vigilante. Nuestras lecturas se dirigen originalmente a comunidades que sufrían grandes pérdidas y confusión. Jeremías habla con confianza de que Dios cumplirá las antiguas promesas a Israel, incluso en tiempos de invasión extranjera. Pablo habla de Dios guiando a la Iglesia hacia la santidad, mientras la comunidad anhela la llegada de Jesús.

En el pasaje evangélico de Lucas, Jesús habla de poderosas señales y de una gran confusión que se avecina, pero subraya que podemos mirar hacia adelante sabiendo que Dios no trae motivos de desesperación, sino de esperanza. Celebramos el Adviento para recordarnos la fidelidad de Dios. Hemos de estar atentos, para ver cómo Dios agita nuestro mundo. Dios perturba tanto nuestro orgullo como nuestra complacencia y nos trae sanación y justicia. Nos preparamos para acoger a Jesús, seguros de que Dios cumple todas estas promesas divinas.

Al comenzar el Adviento, preparémonos para la llegada de Jesús a nuestras vidas. Este es un tiempo para los cristianos como una temporada de oración y ayuno. "Dios de la esperanza, te miro con el corazón abierto y el espíritu anhelante. Durante este tiempo de Adviento, me mantendré alerta y despierto, escuchando tu palabra y cumpliendo tus preceptos. Mi esperanza está en ti". ~ Matthew Kelly

Tendremos dos Noches de Reflexión durante el Adviento. Una en inglés el 2 de diciembre y otra en español el 9 de diciembre. Planea asistir. También, nuestra ceremonia de iluminación del árbol será el 5 de diciembre después de la misa de las 5:00pm.

Inmaculado Corazon de Maria, ruega por nosotros.

Padre Quang

Weekday Masses/Misas Diarias

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:00AM (English) - Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday: 8:00AM (Bilingual)

Saturday Vigil Mass

5:00PM (English)

Sunday Mass/Domingo Misa

7:30am (English) 9:00AM (English) - 10:45AM (Español) - 12:30PM (English) - 2:00PM (Spanish)
5:00PM - Traditional Roman Rite (Latin)

Confessions

Tuesdays 6:00PM - 7:00PM — Saturdays 3:30PM - 4:30PM

Prayers & Weekly Scriptures/Oraciones y Lecturas de la Semana

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK INTENCIONES PARA MISAS DE LA SEMANA

Sat. Nov. 27th

8:00 am † Fr. John G. Garcia
5:00 pm † Angelita & Carol Morris

Sun. Nov. 28th

7:30 am † Santiago & Alicia Hernandez
9:00 am IHM Parishioners
10:45 am † Maria del Rosario Marquez
12:30 pm † Mariana Peña
2:00 pm † Benditas Animas del Pulgatorio
5:00 pm † Roselio Angeles

Mon. Nov. 29th

8:00 am † Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary

Tues. Nov. 30th

8:00 am † Frank Duff

Wed. Dec. 1st

8:00 am † Mauro Dizon

Thurs. Dec. 2nd

8:00 am † Elba Selva Walters

Fri. Dec. 3rd

8:00 am † Rafael Ortega

Please join us the first Saturday of each month at Holy Cross cemetery for a Mass at 11:00am.

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Vengan el primer sabado del mes al Cementerio de Holy Cross a la Misa de las 11:00am.



On December 5th., we will have the tree lighting ceremony after the 5:00pm Mass and will be serving hot chocolate by the kitchen area.



El 5 de diciembre tendremos la ceremonia de la iluminacion del arbol de Navidad despues de la Misa de las 5:00pm. Despues vamos a servir chocolate caliente en el area de la cocina.

Sick Relatives & Friends Parientes y Amigos Enfermos

Ryan McCloud, Ramon Antonio Toledo, Lyndsey Burrow, Chris Heuer, Meghan Heuer, Jan Cooper, Louise Delia, Art Silvergleid, Dcn. Ron Horan, Gina Lilly, Giselle Honore, Kay Aviani, Patti Hitch, Dawn Lanphere.*****

Mary McCann, Terese Brantome, Cecile Cansino, Paulina Cabada, Sheila Currier, Ann Hyde, Mia Eternal, John Wisniewski, Elizabeth Carranza, Joel Rivera, Barbara Vasquez, Baby Griffin Hinman, Michael Oscar Frank, Maria Guadalupe Oseguera, Victor Bustos, Joe Stiglich, Josephina Gonzales, Nico Gracia-Medrano, Gordon Mahl, Carolyn Daddona, Barbara King, Joe Oliver, Susan Rossillon, Barbara Crandell, Arthur Patrick Peña (son), Arthur Peña, Mayra Gutierrez, Tammy Brown, Lucrecia Barajas Oseguera, Brian Castillo, Nikkie, Ignacia Galban, Irma Perez, Elisabel Oseguera, Carol Chavez, Marge Perez, Cardinal Raymond Burke, Nellie Asinas Cruz, Dave Esser, Aida Oseguera, Anita Beral, Karissa Tikalsky and Family, Manuel Soliz, Ronald Block, Marion Cichon, Alex Jimenez, Diane McClellen, Katherine Jordan, Brian Hou, Robert Baker, Gene Buxa, Romeo Cruz, Jovita Umali, Marge and Larry Cragle, Sandy Heinisch, Franchesca Taylor, Frank Vargas, Ramona Hernandez, Lisa Corson, Ann and Dan Callahan De Palma., Teresa Saunders, Dennis Saunders, Eloisa Presaido Gonzalez, Felix Gonzalez, Jr., Armando Torres, Kristie Ann Velarde, Fran and Craig Adami, Dean Chromy, Gregoria Gonzalez, Linda Rogers, Carol Chavez, Carmen Rogers, Jorge Suarez, Laura Vecchio.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Monday:	175: Is 2:1-5 Mt 8:5-11	Ps 122:1-9
Tuesday:	684: Rom 10:9-18 Mt 4:18-22	Ps 19:8-11
Wednesday:	177: Is 25:6-10a Mt 15:29-37	Ps 23:1-6
Thursday:	178: Is 26:1-6 25-27a	Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday:	179: Is 29:17-24 Mt 9:27-31	Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14
Saturday:	180: Is 30:19-21, 23-26 Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8	Ps 147:1-6
Sunday:	6: Bar 5:1-9 Phil 1:4-6, 8-11	Ps 126:1-6 Lk 3:1-6

Lectura

Primera lectura

Jer 33:14-16

“Se acercan los días, dice el Señor, en que cumpliré la promesa que hice a la casa de Israel y a la casa de Judá.

En aquellos días y en aquella hora, yo haré nacer del tronco de David un vástago santo, que ejercerá la justicia y el derecho en la tierra. Entonces Judá estará a salvo, Jerusalén estará segura y la llamarán ‘el Señor es nuestra justicia’ ”.

Salmo Responsorial

Ps 25: 4-5, 8-9, 10, 14

A ti, Señor, levanto mi alma.

Segunda Lectura

1 Tes 3:12-4, 2

Hermanos:

Que el Señor los llene y los haga rebosar de un amor mutuo y hacia todos los demás, como el que yo les tengo a ustedes, para que él conserve sus corazones irreprochables en la santidad ante Dios, nuestro Padre, hasta el día en que venga nuestro Señor Jesús, en compañía de todos sus santos.

Por lo demás, hermanos, les rogamos y los exhortamos en el nombre del Señor Jesús a que vivan como conviene, para agradar a Dios, según aprendieron de nosotros, a fin de que sigan ustedes progresando. Ya conocen, en efecto, las instrucciones que les hemos dado de parte del Señor Jesús.

Evangelio

Lc 21: 25-28. 34-36

En aquel tiempo, Jesús dijo a sus discípulos: “Habrá señales prodigiosas en el sol, en la luna y en las estrellas. En la tierra, las naciones se llenarán de angustia y de miedo por el estruendo de las olas del mar; la gente se morirá de terror y de angustiada espera por las cosas que vendrán sobre el mundo, pues hasta las estrellas se bambolearán. Entonces verán venir al Hijo del hombre en una nube, con gran poder y majestad.

Cuando estas cosas comiencen a suceder, pongan atención y levanten la cabeza, porque se acerca la hora de su liberación. Estén alerta, para que los vicios, con el libertinaje, la embriaguez y las preocupaciones de esta vida no entorpezcan su mente y aquel día los sorprenda desprevenidos; porque caerá de repente como una trampa sobre todos los habitantes de la tierra.

Velen, pues, y hagan oración continuamente, para que puedan escapar de todo lo que ha de suceder y comparecer seguros ante el Hijo del hombre.

Credo de Nicea

Creo en un solo Dios, Padre todopoderoso, Creador del cielo y de la tierra, de todo lo visible y lo invisible.

Creo en un solo Señor, Jesucristo, Hijo único de Dios, nacido del Padre antes de todos los siglos: Dios de Dios, Luz de Luz, Dios verdadero de Dios verdadero, engendrado, no credo, de la misma naturaleza del Padre, por quien todo fue hecho; que por nosotros, los hombres, y para nuestra salvación bajó del cielo, **y por obra del Espíritu Santo se encarnó de María, la Virgen, y se hizo hombre;** y por nuestra causa fue crucificado en tiempos de Poncio Pilato, padeció al tercer día, según las Escrituras, y subió al cielo, y está sentado a la derecha del Padre; y de nuevo vendrá con gloria. Para juzgar a vivos y muertos, y su reino no tendrá fin. Creo en el Espíritu Santo, Señor dador de vida, que procede del Padre y del Hijo, que con el Padre y el Hijo recibe una misma adoración y Gloria, y que hablo por los profetas.

Creo en una iglesia, que es santa, católica y apóstolica. Confieso que hay un solo bautismo para el perdón de los pecados. Espero la resurrección de los muertos y la vida futura del mundo. Amen.



Readings

First Reading

Jer 33:14-16

The days are coming, says the LORD,
when I will fulfill the promise
I made to the house of Israel and Judah.
In those days, in that time,
I will raise up for David a just shoot ;
he shall do what is right and just in the land.
In those days Judah shall be safe
and Jerusalem shall dwell secure;
this is what they shall call her:
"The LORD our justice."

Reponsorial Psalm

Ps 25: 4-5, 8-9, 10, 14

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul, to you I lift my soul.

Second Reading

1 Thes 3:12—4:2

Brothers and sisters:
May the Lord make you increase and abound in
love for one another and for all,
just as we have for you,
so as to strengthen your hearts,
to be blameless in holiness before our God and
Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his
holy ones. Amen.

Finally, brothers and sisters,
we earnestly ask and exhort you in the
Lord Jesus that,
as you received from us how you should conduct
yourselves to please God—and as you are
conducting yourselves—you do so even more.
For you know what instructions we gave you
through the Lord Jesus.

Gospel

Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Jesus said to his disciples:
"There will be signs in the sun, the moon,
and the stars,
and on earth nations will be in dismay,
perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves.
People will die of fright in anticipation of what is
coming upon the world,
for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.
And then they will see the Son of Man
coming in a cloud with power and great glory.
But when these signs begin to happen,
stand erect and raise your heads because your
redemption is at hand.

"Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy
from carousing and drunkenness
and the anxieties of daily life,
and that day catch you by surprise like a trap.
For that day will assault everyone
who lives on the face of the earth.
Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the

strength to escape the tribulations that are
imminent and to stand before the Son of Man."

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

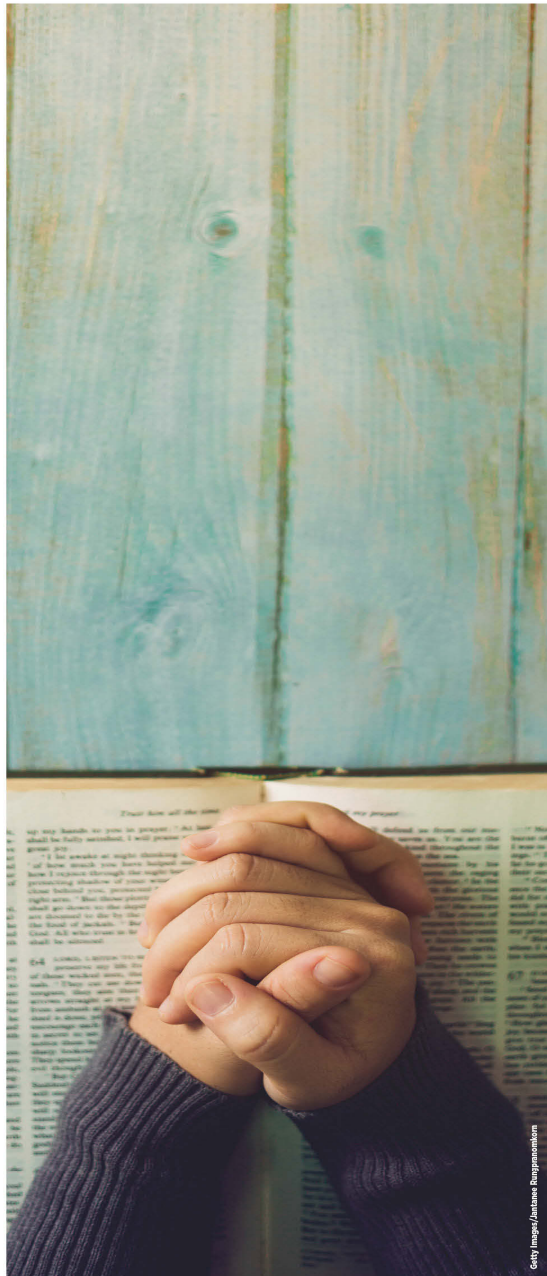
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation he came down
from heaven,
**and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the
Virgin Mary, and became man.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day in accordance with
the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right
hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and
the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and
glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.





November 28, 2021

First Sunday of Advent

Jer 33:14-16 | 1 Thes 3:12-4:2 | Lk 21:25-28,34-36

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

As the days grow shorter and darker, I am especially ready for Advent wreaths and nativity sets; sparkling lights and singing angels. More than ever, I eagerly anticipate the joyful celebration of Christ's birth. But today's readings for the first Sunday of Advent point us to the end of time, when Jesus returns in glory. Wait a minute, what? I don't want to think about the dismay and fright that Jesus foretells in the Gospel, I want to think about shepherds and holy nights. We really can't do one without the other, however, and the underlying message of the readings is one of hope and reassurance: Our God keeps his promises. He is faithful to the covenants he makes. He loves us so much; he offers us new beginnings. Our God became one of us, died to save us, and will give us the strength to be ready to greet him when he comes again. "Stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand," Jesus says. Pray that our preparation for Christ's birth will make us all the more ready for his return.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

We are a society and culture that focuses a lot on the outward signs of preparation, and there is a lot of pressure to make it all perfect. Pinterest boards, social media groups, magazine photos, clothing catalogs: all show perfectly dressed people with perfectly adorable dogs standing in front of exquisitely perfect Christmas trees, on perfectly unblemished snow. But perfection on the exterior is not the Christian goal. Our interior preparation - how we make ourselves ready for Christ now, and at the end of time - is the focus of Advent. It is an opportunity for repentance, and a joyful new beginning in our relationship with God. It is a time to recommit ourselves to the covenant he made with us, and the psalm and the second reading offer assistance in doing so. Make time each day to dive in and explore what Scripture reveals about "conducting yourselves to please God."

PRAY

Pray the psalm from the first Sunday of Advent each morning. Ask God to open your heart to ways you can be more just. He will teach you, guide you, and strengthen your heart so that you can stand upright to face whatever challenges come your way.

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;
teach me your paths,
Guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my savior,
and for you I wait all the day.

Oracion San Miguel

San Miguel Arcángel,
defiéndenos en la batalla.
Sé nuestro amparo contra la
perversidad y asechanzas del
demonio. Reprímale Dios,
pedimos suplicantes,
y tú Príncipe de la
Milicia Celestial,
con el divino poder de Dios,
arroja al infierno a Satanás
y a todos los espíritus
malignos que andan dispersos
por el mundo para la perdición
de las almas.
Amén.



Prayer to St. Michael

St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle,
be our protection
against the wickedness and
snares of the devil.
May God
rebuke him we humbly pray;
and do thou, O Prince of the
Heavenly host,
by the power of God,
cast into hell Satan
and all the evil spirits
who prowl about the world seeking
the ruin of souls.
Amen

Information/Información

St. Vincent de Paul for Friday's Food Pantry

For the weekend of December 5, 2021 please bring canned vegetables. THANK YOU!

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Para el fin de semana del 5 de diciembre 2021 por favor traigan vegetales enlatados. GRACIAS!!!

Scripture study:

Are you interested in deepening your understanding of, and engagement in the Mass and drawing closer to Jesus? Come join us for a scripture study to delve into the coming weekly readings from our Priests and Deacons. We will discuss the historical context, in both Jewish and Catholic faith traditions, and then explore together practical applications of the readings. This will make us all more alert and receptive to Homilies at Mass, a modest investment that reaps major blessings! Each week we will cover the reading from the Old and New Testament in our Sunday/Holy Day Mass readings.

Fridays, our scripture study will be at 3:30pm in the Library. Our facilitator, Dr. Allan Steinhardt, will go over background context and Catholic understanding of the readings, and then we will break into groups to discuss applications.

Dr. Steinhardt has been teaching Bible studies for Adult RE, and RCIA, for over thirty years. He is a Jewish convert, and has corresponded with various Bishops and Cardinals on Jewish Catholic relations, including Cardinal Dulles, and Bishop Gregory, as well as the late Father John Neuhaus. Contact: Dr. Allan Steinhardt; Cell: 925-200-0115, or email: asteinhardt@aeye.ai.

Nights of Reflections at IHM

We are having Nights of Reflections at IHM on December 2nd., at 7:00pm in English and on December 9 at 7:00pm in Spanish in the Church.

We look forward to seeing you!

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Tendremos Noches de Reflecciones en ICM el 2 de diciembre a las 7:00pm en Ingles y el 9 de diciembre a las 7:00pm en Espanol en la Iglesia.

Nos gustaria verlos en esos dias.

SCHEDULE O, F SECOND COLLECTIONS

December 5, 2021 - Facility Improvement
December 12, 2021 - Christmas Flowers

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FECHAS DE SEGUNDAS COLECTAS

5 de diciembre, 2021 - Fondo del Mejoramiento de las Instalaciones
12 de diciembre, 2021 - Flores para la Navidad

The Greeter Ministry is looking to become active once again now that we can accommodate a greater number of participants at each of our weekend Masses. For the present time, we only need one Greeter at the Front Door to welcome people back to Mass on Saturdays at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday Masses at 7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

The Greeter will follow the protocol established by the County which includes wearing a mask and not exchanging handshakes or other physical contact. Each attendee will pick up their own Bulletin.

If you are interested in volunteering to help in this Ministry, please call Carol Smith, Greeter Coordinator, at 925-390-6980.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT/ANUNCIO

The photos that were placed in the vestibule of the church of your loved ones for All Souls day need to be removed by no later than November 30th. After that date, please come to the office to pick them up. Thanks you!

Las fotos que fueraon puestas en el vestibulo de la Iglesia de sus seres queridos para el Dia de Los Difuntos tienen que ser recogidas a mas yardar para el 30 de noviembre. Despues de esa fecha por favor vengan a la oficina a ecogerlas. Muchas gracias!

Advent Week One

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

— Romans 15:13, NIV —



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Information/Información

Weekly Calendar/Calendario Semanal

<u>DATE/TIME:</u>	<u>MEETING:</u>	<u>LOCATION:</u>
<u>Mon. Nov. 29th</u>		
8:00am	Men's Fellowship Group	Library
5:00pm	Legion of Mary/Eng	Library
7:00pm	Bible Study/Sp	Hall A
7:00pm	Escuela de La Cruz/Sp.	Luke
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<u>Tues. Nov. 30th</u>		
10:00am	IHM Crafters	Hall C
2:45pm	CCD 1st. Communion	Library
	All classrooms/Hall A/B/C	
4:00pm	CCD Middle School	Hall A/B/C
6:00pm	Legion of Mary/Sp	Chapel
7:00pm	Spanish Parent Meeting	Church
7:00pm	CCD 1st. Comm/Sp	Hall ABC
	All classrooms	
<u>Wed. Dec. 1st</u>		
9:00am	Perpetual Help	John
3:00pm	Library Hour	Library
7:00pm	Confirmation/Teen	Church
	All classrooms/Hall A/B/C	
<u>Thurs. Dec. 2nd</u>		
10:00am	Women's Faith Sharing	Library
4:00pm	RCIC	Mark
5:00pm	Widow and Widowers	Library
7:00pm	Confirmation/Adult	Matthew
7:00pm	Discovering Christ	Library
7:00pm	CDA Prayer Meeting	Luke
7:00pm	Emmaus Men/Sp	John
<u>Fri. Dec. 3rd</u>		
8:00am	San Vincent de Paul	Hall/ABC
3:30pm	Bible Study/Eng	Library
6:30pm	Youth Group	Hall C
7:00pm	Confirmation Adult/Sp	John
7:00pm	Divine Mercy/Sp	Luke
<u>Sat. Dec. 4th</u>		
9:00am	Lord of the Rings	Library
9:00am	Faith Formation/Eng	All Classrooms
10:30am	Marian Movement of Priests	Library
10:30am	Our Lady of Fatima	Matthew
1:30pm	Missionary Families for Christ Prayer Assembly	Hall C

Italian Catholic Federation Spring Fundraiser

The ICF needs your help in raising funds for the upcoming scholarship program. We are selling See's Candy for distribution before Christmas. Please help us help High School and College students achieve their goals in colleges of their choice.

Order sheets can be downloaded from the IHM Website, picked up in the church vestibule, or can be e-mailed to you! Final date to order will be November 30th, with distribution to be at the parish office on December 12th 9AM-3PM.

Contact: Pat Rebollar, 925-679-7481,
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Ministry Meetings/Reuniones de Ministerios

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Confessions / Confesiones

Tuesday/Martes: 6:00 - 7:00PM
Saturday/Sabado: 3:30 - 4:30PM

Devotions/Devociones

Monday to Friday/Lunes a Viernes
7:30AM

Holy Rosary/Santo Rosario

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Wednesday/Miércoles
8:30AM

Mother of Perpetual Help Novena Novena Madre del Perpetuo Socorro

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Friday/Viernes
8:30AM

Divine Mercy Chaplet Novena Coronilla a la Divina Misericordia

Anointing of the Sick Unción de los Enfermos

Home Communion Comunión a los Enfermos

Contact a priest / llame a un sacerdote

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Marriage/Matrimonios

Requires at least six month preparation
Requiere por lo menos 6 meses de preparación

Baptism/Bautismos

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What Is Advent?

Advent is a period of spiritual preparation in which many Christians make themselves ready for the coming, or birth of the Lord, Jesus Christ. Celebrating Advent typically involves a season of prayer, fasting, and repentance, followed by anticipation, hope, and joy.

Many Christians celebrate Advent not only by thanking God for Christ's first coming to Earth as a baby, but also for his presence among us today through the Holy Spirit, and in preparation and anticipation of his final coming at the end of the age.

Advent Meaning

The word *advent* comes from the Latin term *adventus* meaning "arrival" or "coming," particularly the coming of something having great importance. Advent season, then, is both a time of joy-filled, anticipatory celebration of the arrival of Jesus Christ and a preparatory period of repentance, meditation, and penance.

The Time of Advent

For denominations that celebrate the season, Advent marks the beginning of the church year.

In Western Christianity, Advent begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas Day, or the Sunday which falls closest to November 30, and lasts through Christmas Eve, or December 24. When Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday, it is the last or fourth Sunday of Advent. Thus, the actual season of Advent can last anywhere from 22-28 days, but most commercial Advent calendars start on December 1.

For Eastern Orthodox churches that use the Julian calendar, Advent begins earlier, on November 15, and lasts 40 days rather than four weeks (in a parallel to the 40 days of Lent prior to Easter). Advent is also known as the Nativity Fast in Orthodox Christianity.

Denominations That Celebrate

Advent is primarily observed in Christian churches that follow an ecclesiastical calendar of liturgical seasons to determine feasts, memorials, fasts and holy days. These denominations include Catholic, Orthodox, Anglican / Episcopalian, Lutheran, Methodist, and Presbyterian churches.

Nowadays, however, more and more Protestant and Evangelical Christians are recognizing the spiritual significance of Advent, and have begun to revive the spirit of the season through serious reflection, joyful expectation, and through observing traditional Advent customs.

Advent Origin

According to the Catholic Encyclopedia, Advent began sometime after the 4th century as a time of fasting and preparation for Epiphany, rather than in anticipation of Christmas. Epiphany celebrates the manifestation of Christ by remembering the visit of the wise men and, in some traditions, the Baptism of Jesus. Sermons focused on the wonder of the Lord's Incarnation or becoming a man. At this time new Christians were baptized and received into the faith, and so the early church instituted a 40-day period of fasting and repentance.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			8:00 Fr. Quang	8:00 Fr. Mark Benediction / Adoration 5:00 Benediction 7:00 In English Fr. Mark - Advent Reflection & Retreat	8:00 Fr. Quang Benediction / Adoration Benediction	8:00 Fr. Mark 10:00 Bap.-Dcn. John 11:00 Holy Cross-Fr. Mark 12:00 Bap.-Dcn. LeLand. 3:30 Confessions 5:00 Fr. Quang / John (Tree Lighting)
2 nd Advent 5	6	7	Immaculate Conception 8	9	10	11
7:30 Fr. Mark / J 9:00 Fr. Quang / J 10:45 Fr. Mark / Leland 12:30 Fr. Quang / J 2:00 Fr. Mark / Leland 5:00 Latin-Fr. Candelario	8:00 Fr. Quang	8:00 Fr. Quang 6:00 Confessions 7:00 Bi-Lingual - Immaculate Conception Fr. Quang	8:00 Fr. Quang 5:00 Latin-Fr. Candelario 7:00 Bi-Lingual - Immaculate Conception Fr. Mark	8:00 Fr. Mark Benediction / Adoration 5:00 Benediction 7:00 In Spanish Fr. Mark - Advent Reflection & Retreat	8:00 Fr. Mark Benediction / Adoration Benediction	8:00 Fr. Mark 3:30 Confessions 5:00 Fr. Quang
3 rd Advent 12	St. Lucy 13	14	15	16	17	18
7:30 Fr. Quang 9:00 Fr. Quang 10:45 Fr. Mark 12:30 Fr. Quang 2:00 Guadalupe / Fr. Mark 5:00 Latin- Fr. Candelario	8:00 Fr. Mark	8:00 Fr. Mark 6:00 Confessions	8:00 Fr. Quang (Simbang Gabi: 16-24 @ 6:00 AM) (Posadas: 16-24 @ 7:00 PM)	6:00 Fr. Quang 8:00 Fr. Mark Benediction / Adoration 5:00 Benediction	6:00 Fr. Mark 8:00 Fr. Quang Benediction / Adoration  7:30 Christmas Caroling Benediction	6:00 Fr. Quang 8:00 Fr. Mark 3:30 Confessions 5:00 Fr. Mark / Paul
4 th Advent 19	20	21	22	23	24	The Nativity of the Lord 25
6:00 Fr. Quang / P 7:30 Fr. Quang / P 9:00 Fr. Mark / P 10:45 Fr. Mark / L 12:30 Fr. Quang / P 2:00 Fr. Mark / L 5:00 Latin-Fr. Erick	6:00 Fr. Mark 8:00 Fr. Mark	6:00 Fr. Quang 8:00 Fr. Quang 6:00 Confessions	6:00 Fr. Quang 8:00 Fr. Quang	6:00 Fr. Mark 8:00 Fr. Mark Benediction / Adoration 5:00 Benediction	6:00 Fr. Quang 8:00 Fr. Quang Christmas Eve 5:00 Fr. Quang / P 7:00 Eng. Fr. Mark / P 9:00 Sp.- Fr. Mark / L 12:00 Fr. Quang / Fr. Mark (Preach)	Christmas Day 7:30 Fr. Quang / John 9:00 Fr. Quang / John 10:45 Fr. Mark / Leland 12:30 Fr. Quang / John 2:00 Fr. Mark / Leland 5:00 Latin. Fr. Erick
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