



IMMACULATE HEART OF *M*ARY

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.*

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT – DECEMBER 14, 2025

Gaudete Sunday

A PRAYER FOR THE Third Sunday of Advent

Joy-filled Giver of Life,
let the anticipation of your birth
fill us with overflowing joy.
May our excitement and anticipation
be a sign to the world
that you are always near.
Amen.



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The Pastor's Page/Página del Pastor

Dear Families of the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

As we reach the halfway point of Advent, the readings for today seem less focused on preparation and more on enduring the wait. God is coming, but not quite yet. John the Baptist, seen last week as a fiery preacher, seems particularly impatient—is Jesus the expected messiah or is he not? This week is an invitation to re-engage with Advent, regardless of how we've done thus far. Proclaiming these readings, we get to remind the congregation that we still have (almost) two weeks of Advent left, even if their minds are already on Christmas. On the other hand, we also get to reassure them that God will arrive in time, even if God seems far off at the moment. The season of Advent holds both of these truths together—the fullness of God's kingdom is coming, but it's also not quite here yet. For now, we wait, but God will be here soon enough.

Gaudete Sunday invites us to consider the "here" but "not yet" of God's kingdom. While God is present and active in our lives today, we wait for and work for the time when God will reign in fullness. We must acknowledge that we are indeed always in God's presence yet commit ourselves to the justice we have heard about this Advent season. There will be a time when hatred and division and war will be no more. And that is indeed reason to rejoice!

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us.

Fr. Quang

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Queridas Familias de Inmaculado Corazón de María,

Al llegar a la mitad del Adviento, las lecturas de hoy parecen menos centradas en la preparación y más en soportar la espera. Dios viene, pero aún no. Juan el Bautista, visto la semana pasada como un predicador apasionado, parece especialmente impaciente—¿es Jesús el mesías esperado o no? Esta semana es una invitación a reconectar con el Adviento, independientemente de cómo nos haya ido hasta ahora. Proclamando estas lecturas, podemos recordar a la congregación que aún nos quedan (casi) dos semanas de Adviento, aunque ya estén pensadas en la Navidad. Por otro lado, también podemos tranquilizarles diciéndoles que Dios llegará a tiempo, aunque en ese momento parezca lejos. La temporada del Adviento mantiene juntas ambas verdades: la plenitud del reino de Dios está llegando, pero tampoco está del todo aquí todavía. Por ahora, esperamos, pero Dios llegará pronto.

El domingo de Gaudete nos invita a considerar el "aquí" pero "aún no" del reino de Dios. Mientras Dios está presente y activo en nuestras vidas hoy, esperamos y trabajamos para el momento en que Dios reine en plenitud. Debemos reconocer que, en efecto, siempre estamos en presencia de Dios, pero comprometernos con la justicia que hemos escuchado en esta temporada de Adviento. Llegará un momento en que el odio, la división y la guerra no serán más. ¡Y eso es, sin duda, motivo para alegrarse!

Inmaculado Corazón de María, ruega por nosotros.

Padre Quang

**Regular
Mass
Schedule.
Holiday and
Feast Days
may be
different.**

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 (Español)

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

Saturday, December 13th

8:00am † Legion of Mary
† Leticia and Ernesto De Leon - Health
5:00pm † Nancy Anicama
† Alice Borden

Sunday, December 14th

7:30am † Benjamin Bautista
† Pierre Rogers
9:00am † Nellie Agusan
Delores McLean - Health
10:45am † Eulogio, Jesús and Angelita Oseguera
Grecia Espinosa Villanueva - Health
12:30pm † Melchor Clavor
† Vidal Delavega
2:00pm IHM Parishioners
5:00pm † Amelia and Pietro Antonioli

Monday, December 15th

8:00am † Josie Torres
† Roselio Angeles

Tuesday, December 16th

6:00am † Lily Canlas
† Lordes Padre Sterling
8:00am † Vera Family

Wednesday, December 17th

6:00am † Rosa and Enrico Taffuri
8:00am † Renato and Rossana Cimei

Thursday, December 18th

6:00am † Augusta and Frederico Taffuri
8:00am † Ramona Del Real

Friday, December 19th

6:00am † Lucita Palma
Thanksgiving Holy Trinity
8:00am † Ruth Hernandez

Saturday, December 20th

6:00am † Sergio and Leda Antonioli

Sick Relatives & Friends Parientes y Amigos Enfermos

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Monday:	187: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a 7bc, 8-9	Ps 25:4-5b, 6, Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday:	188: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13 6-7, 17-19, 23	Ps 34:2-3, Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday:	193: Gn 49:2, 8-10 7-8, 17	Ps 72:1-4b, Mt 1:1-17
Thursday:	194: Jer 23:5-8 12-13, 18-19	Ps 72:1-2, Mt 1:18-25
Friday:	195: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a 5-6b, 16-17	Ps 71:3-4a, Lk 1:5-25
Saturday:	196: Is 7:10-14 Lk 1:26-38	Ps 24:1-6
Sunday:	10: Is 7:7-3; 2:2-4 Rom 1-17	Ps 24:1-6 Mt 1:18-24



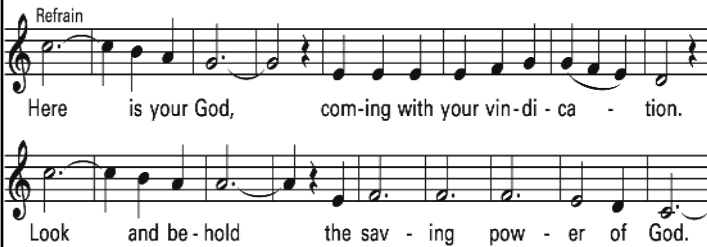
"O God, who by sending your Son into the world gave us the grace to be witnesses of his coming, grant that your people may journey with joy and hope toward the encounter with him, which is now at hand. Through Christ our Lord. Amen."

"Oh Dios, que enviando a tu Hijo al mundo nos diste la gracia de ser testigos de su venida, concede que tu pueblo viaje con alegría y esperanza hacia el encuentro con él, que ahora está cerca. Por Cristo nuestro Señor. Amén."

Entrance Hymn

Ready the Way
Bob Hurd

1. "Ready the way of the Lord! Ready the way of the Lord!"
A voice cries out in the wilderness:
"Ready the way of the Lord!"
"Let ev'ry valley be filled. Let ev'ry valley be filled.
Let ev'ry mountain be humbled;
let ev'ry valley be filled."
2. Desert and wasteland will bloom.
Desert and wasteland will bloom.
Glory and splendor will fill the land.
Desert and wasteland will bloom.
Those who are blind will then see.
Those who are deaf will then hear.
Those who are lame will then leap for joy.
Those who are mute will then sing.



Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 146 • Bob Hurd



1. It is the LORD who preserves fidelity forever,
who does justice to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the LORD who sets pris'ners free.
2. The LORD who opens the eyes of the blind,
the LORD who raises up those
who are bowed down.
- It is the LORD who loves the just,
the LORD who protects the stranger.
3. The LORD upholds the orphan
and the widow,
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The LORD will reign forever,
the God of Sion from age to age.
Alleluia!

Gospel Acclamation

Mass of Wisdom

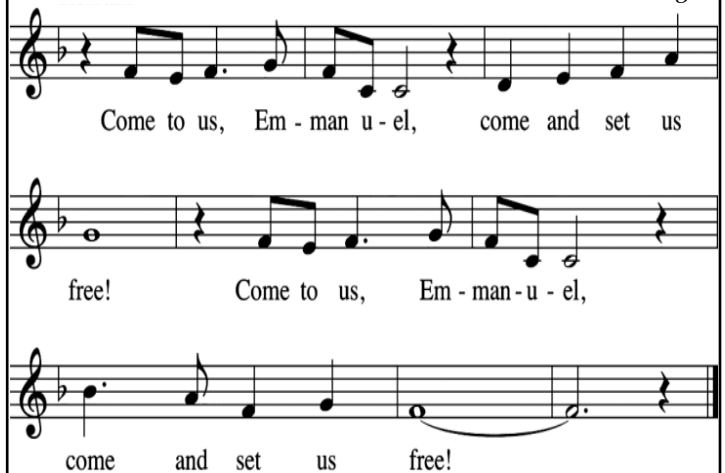


*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me /
because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor R.*



Preparation of the Gifts

Come To Us, Emmanuel
Deanna Light



1. You are God from God, you are light from light.
You are rising sun, you are radiant dawn.
You are Lord of our longing,
you are Spirit of fire.
Come and set us free.
2. You are Lord of lords, you are Prince of Peace.
You are Spotless Lamb, you are saving love.
You are source of redemption,
you are fountain of grace.
Come and set us free.
3. You are Lord of Heaven and Lord of Earth.
You are Lord of life, you are Lord of love.
You are Alpha-Omega,
our beginning and end.
Come and set us free.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Mass of Wisdom

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of Hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

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Memorial Acclamation

Mass of Wisdom

We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection
until you come again.

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Great Amen

Mass of Wisdom

Amen, Amen, Amen.
Amen, Amen, Amen.

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Lamb of God

Mass of Wisdom

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.

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Communion Hymn

The Living Bread of God

Kate Cuddy

Refrain

Jesus, the living bread of God.
Jesus, the saving cup of Christ.
Ev'ry time we eat this bread,
ev'ry time we drink this cup,
we proclaim your glory
until you come again.

1. You are the bread of life!
If we come to you, we will never be in need.
If we believe in you, we will never thirst,
and we will live forever.
2. You are the life of the world!
If we come to you, we will never know death.
If we eat of this bread, we will be renewed,
and we will live forever.
3. You are the living bread!
Our bread from heaven, our food from above.
If we eat and drink, we will be like you,
and we will live forever.
4. You are the living Christ!
If we follow you, we will see the face of God.
If we die with you, we will rise again,
and we will live forever.

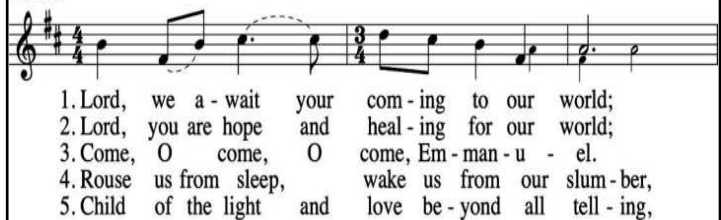
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Lead Us To Your Light

Carol Browning



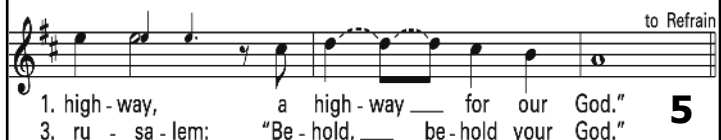
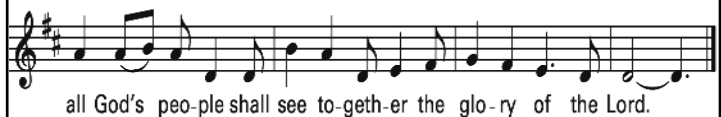
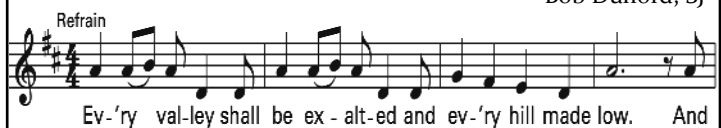
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Recessional Hymn

Every Valley
Bob Dufford, SJ



Entrada

Ven, Señor, No Tardés Más

Cesáreo Gabaráin

Estribillo

Ven, Se-ñor, no tar-des más. Ven, Se-ñor Je - sús.

Ven, Se-ñor, no tar-des más. Ven, Se-ñor Je - sús.

Ven, Se-ñor, no tar-des más. Ven, Se-ñor Je - sús.

Estrofas

1. Des-de el fon-do de los si-glos va e-le-
2. Des-de el fon-do de los si-glos bus-ca el
3. Las pró-me-sas se han cum-pli-do. Va na-

1. ván-do-se un cla-mor co-mo gri-to de es-pe-
2. hom-bre un sal-va-dor; mi-ra al cie-lo ya la
3. cer-él Ni-ño Dios. Cie-lo y tie-rra ya se a-

1. ran-za an-si-an-do un Re-den-tor. Co-mo tor.
2. tie-rra, va bus-can-do al Dios A-mor. Mi-ra al mor.
3. bra-zan, la es-pe-ran-za flo-re-ció. Cie-lo y ció.

1 al Estribillo | 2 al Estribillo



Salmo Responsorial

Salmo 146 • John Schiavone

Ven, Se-ñor, ven a sal-var-nos.

El Señor mantiene su fidelidad perpetuamente,
hace justicia a los oprimidos,
da pan a los hambrientos.
El Señor liberta a los cautivos. R.

El Señor abre los ojos al ciego,
el Señor endereza a los que ya se doblan,

el Señor ama a los justos,
el Señor guarda a los peregrinos. R.

El Señor sustenta al huérfano y a la viuda
y trastorna el camino de los malvados.
El Señor reina eternamente,
tu Dios, Sión, de edad en edad. R.

Aclamación del Evangelio

Misa Sol de Justicia

A-le-lu-ya, a-le-lu-ya, a-le-lu-ya.

El Espíritu del Señor está sobre mí /
Me ha enviado para anunciar la buena nueva a los pobres. R.



Preparación de las Ofrendas

Tiempo de Esperanza

Emilio Matéu

Estribillo

Tiem-po de es-pe-ra, tiem-po de es-pe-ran-za.

Es el Se-ñor el que lle-ga. ¡Ven a sal-var-nos, Se-ñor!

Estrofas

1. Tú que sue-ñas o-tros dí-as, o-tros cie-los, o-tra tie-rra.
2. Tú que mar-chas en las som-bras, tú que bus-cas cla-ri-da-des.
3. Tú que lu-chas por un mun-do de jus-ti-cia ver-da-de-ra.
4. Tú que su-fres en la es-pe-ra, tú que ten-sas la es-pe-ran-za.

al Estribillo

1. ¡Se han cum-pli-do ya los tiem-pos, es la ho-ra del Se-ñor!
2. Tú que, en me-dio de las co-sas, vas bus-can-do la ver-dad.
3. Tú que bus-cas o-tras sen-das de u-ni-dad y li-ber-tad.
4. El Se-ñor es el que lle-ga. ¡Él nos da la sal-va-ción!

Santo

Misa Sol de Justicia

Santo, Santo, Santo es el Señor Dios del universo.
Llenos están el cielo y la tierra de tu gloria.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna en el cielo.
Bendito el que viene en nombre del Señor,
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna en el cielo.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna en el cielo.

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Aclamación Conmemorativa

Misa Sol de Justicia

Anunciamos tu muerte, proclamamos tu resurrección.
Ven, Señor, oh ven, Señor,
ven, Señor Jesús.

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Gran Amén

Misa Sol de Justicia

Amén, Amén, Amén.
Amén, Amén, Amén.

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Cordero de Dios

Misa Sol de Justicia

Cordero de Dios, que quitas el pecado del mundo,
ten piedad de nosotros, ten piedad de nosotros.

Cordero de Dios, que quitas el pecado del mundo,
ten piedad de nosotros, ten piedad de nosotros.

Cordero de Dios, que quitas el pecado del mundo,
danos la paz, danos la paz,
danos, danos, danos la paz.

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Comunión

Arriba los Corazones
Tradicional de Panamá



Estrofas



al Estribillo



Maranatha
Juan Riera

Estribillo

Maranatha! Ven, Señor Jesús.
Maranatha! Ven, Señor Jesús.

1. Haz que abandone la alforja que hasta ahora he llevado,
haz que rechace el vestido que traje hasta aquí.
Haz que me quede desnudo ante tu presencia,
haz que abandone mi vieja
razón de vivir.
2. Dame valor en la lucha que tengo conmigo
y haz que comprenda, que solo un rival tengo yo,
ese rival es el mal que yo llevo en mi adentro,
cuando me venza a mí mismo,
seré ya de Dios.
3. Abre mi alma y prepara un rincón en mi casa,
limpia lo oscuro y lo viejo de mi corazón,
llena de luz y de vida este mundo vacío.
Ven y transforma a tu pueblo,
ven pronto, Señor.



Salida

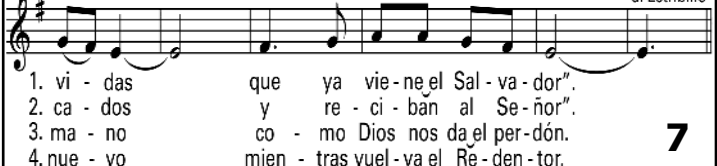
Preparen el Camino
Fernando Rodriguez



Estrofas



al Estribillo



December 14, 2025

Third Sunday of Advent

Is 35:1-6a, 10 | Jas 5:7-10 | Mt 11:2-11

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

One morning, I woke up feeling exhausted after a fitful night of sleep. I was achy and generally under the weather. Despite this, I made a to-do list because the day's work still needed to be accomplished. I was determined to not let this sickness interrupt my productivity, even though I *knew* I needed to rest. It occurred to me, then, that rest — and dependence on others and God — is sacred also. In today's psalm, we hear of the many ways the Lord provides: The *Lord* gives, the *Lord* raises, the *Lord* loves, the *Lord* protects, the *Lord* saves. We cannot accomplish our own salvation, but we can rest in the promise the Lord provides, and we can hope in the salvation offered in Christ. As we wait in joyful anticipation for the coming of Jesus at Christmas, let us find time to rest in his Word and his presence, trusting that our salvation does not depend on us and has already come to fruition in Christ.

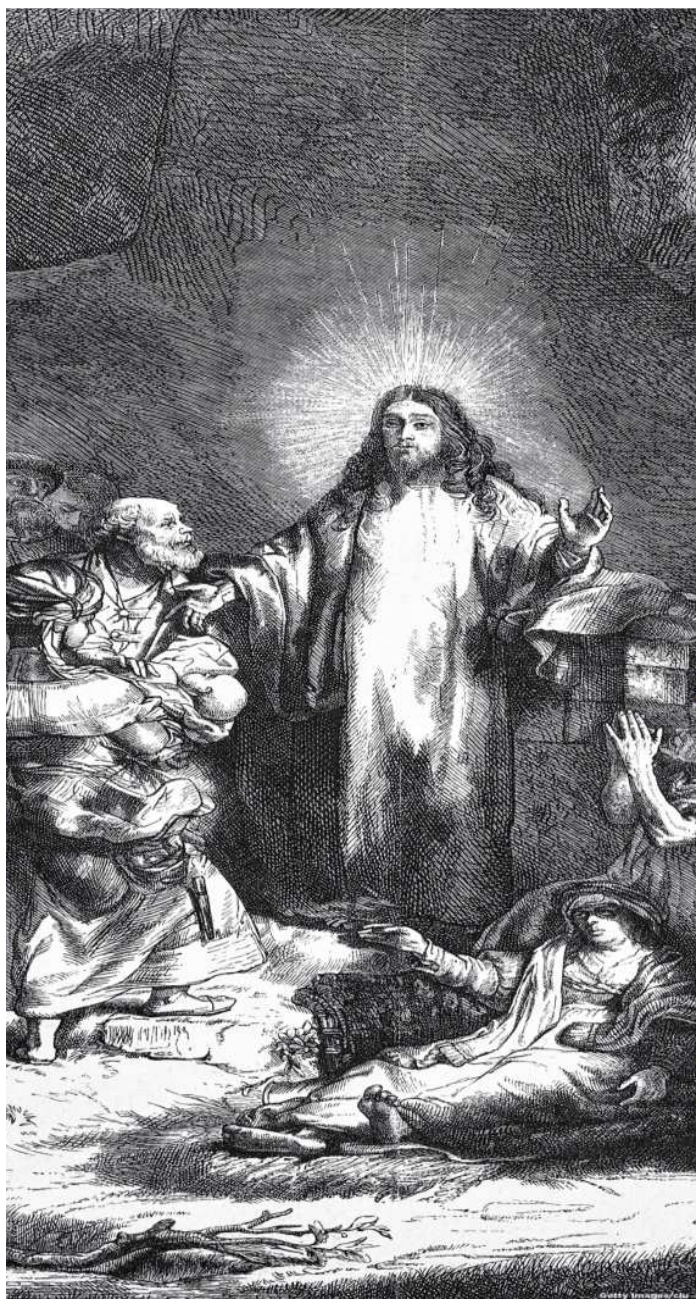
GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

As we saw in our psalm, God is the one who takes initiative, who provides for our salvation. In our work to share the faith with others, sometimes our task is simply to help others become aware of the ways God is providing for them by pointing out the signs of his action in their lives. When the disciples of John came to Jesus asking if he was "the one who is to come" or whether they should "look for another," Jesus reminds them of the evidence all around them: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, and the dead are raised. As we help others to see God's work in their lives, we are also leading them to greater faith and trust in him.

REST

We are more able to see the signs of God's providence in our lives when we take time to reflect. Make time to rest in God's presence this week. This could mean stopping into a chapel for a couple minutes of quiet prayer, reflecting on Scripture using *Lectio Divina*, or reading the story of Christ's nativity in the Gospel. These simple practices will prepare our hearts to recognize Christ's presence and goodness at each moment of our lives.



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.

Jubilee 2025

As 2025 draws to a close, so does the Jubilee Year of Hope. The last major event for the Jubilee in Rome is this weekend, the Jubilee of Prisoners, organized by the General Inspectorate of the Italian Prison Chaplains. Throughout the world, many priests, deacons, and lay persons minister to those in prisons and jails. The gospel (good news) is meant for everyone. Jesus demonstrated this with his ministering to tax collectors and other outcasts. Jews despised tax collectors as traitors and extortionists. Jesus' dining with them scandalized people. Jesus responded by telling them he came to seek and save the lost.

This jubilee event is also an opportunity for those of us who are not prisoners in the sense of people incarcerated; we are all prisoners of our sins. The penitential season of Advent is the perfect time to reflect on how our sins imprison us and deny us the ability to be truly free and to give our lives fully to God.

As Catholics, we have been given the great gift of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. When we hear the words of absolution from the priest, who speaks *In Persona Christ* (In the Person of Christ), we have absolute assurance of our pardon and reconciliation with God when we complete our penance. Thankfully, this Sacrament is available always, not just in Jubilee years. What a great gift!

The Jubilee of Hope officially ends on January 6, 2026, with the closing of the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica. In our Diocese, the Jubilee closes with the Jubilee Year Closing Mass at the Mission San Jose Church in Fremont. This Mass will be on Saturday, December 27, at 5:30 pm.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us!

Jubileo 2025

A medida que llega el final de 2025, también llega el Año Jubilar de la Esperanza. El último gran evento del Jubileo en Roma es este fin de semana, el Jubileo de los Prisioneros, organizado por la Inspección General de los Capellanes de la Prisión Italiana. En todo el mundo, muchos sacerdotes, diáconos y laicos atienden a quienes están en prisiones y cárceles. El evangelio (buenas noticias) está destinado a todos. Jesús lo demostró con su ministerio a recaudadores de impuestos y otros marginados. Los judíos despreciaban a los recaudadores de impuestos como traidores y extorsionadores. Que Jesús cenara con ellos escandalizaba a la gente. Jesús les respondió diciéndoles que había venido a buscar y salvar a los perdidos.

Este acto jubilar también es una oportunidad para quienes no somos presos en el sentido de personas encarceladas; Todos somos prisioneros de nuestros pecados. La temporada penitencial del Adviento es el momento perfecto para reflexionar sobre cómo nuestros pecados nos aprisionan y nos niegan la capacidad de ser verdaderamente libres y de entregar nuestras vidas plenamente a Dios.

Como católicos, se nos ha concedido el gran don del Sacramento de la Reconciliación. Cuando escuchamos las palabras de absolución del sacerdote, que habla *In Persona Christ* (En la Persona de Cristo), tenemos absoluta seguridad de nuestro perdón y reconciliación con Dios cuando completamos nuestra penitencia. Por suerte, este sacramento está disponible siempre, no solo en años jubilares. ¡Qué regalo tan estupendo!

El Jubileo de la Esperanza termina oficialmente el 6 de enero de 2026, con el cierre de la Puerta Santa en la Basílica de San Pedro. En nuestra diócesis, el Jubileo concluye con la Misa de Clausura del Año Jubilar en la Iglesia Misión San José en Fremont. Esta misa será el sábado 27 de diciembre a las 17:30.

¡Inmaculado Corazón de María, ruega por nosotros!

Information/Información



St. Vincent de Paul for Friday's Food Pantry

For the weekend of December 21, please bring canned tomatoes. THANK YOU!

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Para el fin de semana del 28 de septiembre, por favor traigan tomates enlatados. GRACIAS!

SCHEDULE OF SECOND COLLECTIONS

December 21 - Religious Retirement

January 4 - Facility Improvement

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FECHAS DE SEGUNDAS COLECTAS

21 de diciembre - Jubilación Religiosa

4 el enero - Fondo del Mejoramiento de las Instalaciones

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD



ON CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24, 2025

5:00pm English Mass
7:00pm English Mass
9:00pm Spanish Mass
12:00am Bilingual Mass
Midnight Mass

ON CHRISTMAS DAY

December 25, 2025

7:30am English Mass
9:00am English Mass
10:45am Spanish Mass
12:30pm English Mass
2:00pm Spanish Mass
5:00pm Latin Mass

Posada Parroquial

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

16 – 23 de Diciembre 2025, 7pm.

16 de Dic: Catequesis y COV #2

17 de Dic: Legión de María y Guadalupanas

18 de Dic: Emmaus

19 de Dic: COV's 1,3,4,5,7

20 de Dic: Movimiento Familiar Cristiano

21 de Dic: Escuela de la Cruz

22 de Dic: Coros, Minist. de San José y COV #8

23 de Dic: Divina Misericordia-COV #6 y MFC

Deanery 10 Advent Confession Schedule



Immaculate Heart of Mary: 12/16/25 @ 7 pm

St. Peter Martyr: 12/17/25 @ 7 pm

St. Anthony: 12/18/25 @ 6 pm

Most Holy Rosary: 12/19/25 @ 7 pm

A Posada reenacts Mary and Joseph's journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem, as they sought shelter the night Jesus was born. Each night, participants form a procession with candles praying and singing special songs as they go from house to house asking for "posada" (lodging). When they are finally welcomed in, everyone joins in **prayer, carols, and a joyful celebration**, often with food, piñatas, and music, symbolizing the Christian call to hospitality and preparation for the coming of Christ.



IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH ADVENT RECONCILIATION



PENANCE SERVICE

Tuesday, December 16, 7pm
no regular 6pm confessions on this day



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IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH ADVENT CULTURAL CELEBRATIONS 2025

Simbang Gabi (Dawn Mass)

December 16-24 — 6:00am Morning Masses

*a 9-day novena of morning Masses
in preparation for the Birth of Christ
(Philippines)*

Las Posadas (The Bethlehem Inns)

December 16 — 6:00pm Festivities

December 17-23 — 7:00pm Festivities

*procession and festivities commemorating
Mary & Joseph's travel to Bethlehem to find shelter
(Mexico/Latin America)*

YOUTH CORNER

For the youth – and young at heart!

As a reminder to our teens - In our youth programs recently we have covered helpful hints for Mass.
Here they are once again to refresh our memory!

Mass Helpful Hints

- DO** – Come to Mass with an open heart. Through scripture, music and the homily, God is speaking to you. Try to listen and hear something encouraging.
- DO** – Turn your phone on silent or turn it off completely. If it is a distraction, leave it in the car – Mass is only 1 hour.
- DO** – Try to prepare for Mass ahead of time
 1. Read the readings at www.usccb.com. Look under daily readings.
 2. Remember to fast for 1 hour before Mass.
 3. If you need to, make sure to go to Confession beforehand.
 4. Decide what you will wear – Give thought to what you will wear– appropriate modest dress at Mass is important.
 5. Leave your house early enough to arrive BEFORE Mass begins.
 6. When you arrive, remember you are in a Sacred space. Bless yourself with Holy Water and make sure to genuflect before entering your pew and sitting down.
- DO** - Pray before Mass & after Mass – Bring God your petitions (needs) and your thanksgivings (what you're grateful for).
- DON'T** - Bring your coffee/snacks into Mass.
- DON'T** - Leave early – the Priest should always be the first one out! Wait for him to exit.
- DON'T** - Receive the Eucharist casually, receive with reverence and respect.
- DON'T** - Take the host out of the hand of the Priest/Eucharistic minister – receive on your tongue or in your hand. If you take communion in your hand, IMMEDIATELY put the Eucharist in your mouth. Respond with "Amen" which means, 'I believe'.
- DON'T** - Treat the time after communion as a talking or social time. It is a time to pray and reflect and give thanks to God for coming to us in the Holy Eucharist.

Lastly, let's try to remember that we do not come to Mass to be entertained.
We come to give thanks to God for all the blessings in our lives.

Singing plays a significant role in the Holy Mass for several reasons, both spiritual and communal. Here are some of the key aspects that highlight the importance of singing during the Holy Mass:

1. Worship and Praise: Singing is a form of expression that allows congregants to worship and praise God collectively. The lyrics of hymns and songs often contain messages of adoration, thanksgiving, and reverence, which help to elevate the spiritual atmosphere of the Mass.

2. Engagement and Participation: Singing encourages active participation from the congregation. When people sing together, they are actively involved in the Mass rather than just passively observing. This engagement fosters a deeper connection to the liturgy and the community.

3. Enhanced Understanding: Hymns and songs can convey theological and scriptural messages in a memorable and relatable way. They can reinforce key teachings of the faith, making it easier for congregants to internalize and understand the spiritual lessons being shared during the Mass.

4. Unity and Communion: Singing together creates a sense of unity and communion among the congregants. It's a shared experience that binds individuals as they come together to worship. This communal aspect of singing reflects the Church's broader emphasis on community and fellowship.

5. Emotional Expression: Music has a unique ability to convey emotions and create a mood. During the Mass, singing can evoke feelings of joy, awe, contrition, and gratitude. It provides a channel for people to express their inner spiritual experiences in a way that words alone might not capture.

6. Aesthetic Beauty: Music adds an element of aesthetic beauty to the liturgy. Well-composed hymns and melodies can enhance the overall experience of the Mass, making it more uplifting and memorable.

7. Tradition and Heritage: Throughout the history of the Church, singing has been an integral part of worship services. Many hymns and chants have been passed down through generations, connecting modern congregants with the rich spiritual heritage of the Church.

8. Focus and Reverence: Singing can help individuals focus their thoughts and enter a state of reverence. It can serve as a bridge between the earthly and the divine, helping congregants to shift their attention away from mundane concerns and direct it towards the sacred.

9. Liturgy and Ritual: Singing is often integrated into specific moments of the Mass, such as the Kyrie, Gloria, Sanctus, and Agnus Dei. These sung prayers and responses add structure to the liturgy and emphasize its ritualistic nature.

10. Elevated Atmosphere: The combination of music and singing can create a transcendent atmosphere that allows individuals to experience a deeper connection to the divine. This sense of transcendence can lead to spiritual growth and transformation.



"Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day. Psalm 96:1"



**Praise the Lord, O my soul!
I will praise the Lord
as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God
all my life long.
Ps 146:1-2**

Worship of God in the Mass is the most distinctive activity of Christ's church, the summit toward which all its activity is directed and the font from which its life flows. From the procession to the altar and the Sign of the Cross to the final blessing and sending forth, the eucharistic liturgy of the church is a mosaic of words, images, and actions drawn from sacred Scripture. Explore the biblical foundations of each part of the Mass and learn how the saving truths of Scripture are made present for us in the eucharistic liturgy.

In every stage of Israel's history and into the life of the church, music has played a central role. From the least to the greatest, the people of the Bible sang and played musical instruments, and music was woven into the fabric of their communal living and public worship. Many of these hymns and songs have been preserved for us in the Torah, prophets, gospels, and epistles. Choirs of voices, lyres and harps, strings and pipes, tambourines and dance all resonate in praise, remembering God's wondrous deeds.

The people of ancient Israel taught the world to "awake the dawn" with songs of praise. Jesus himself rose early to begin his days with these morning prayers. While the psalms are two to three thousand years old, they are amazingly contemporary — prayed by the kings and priests of Israel, the apostles of the church, and the whole community of God's people in the temple, synagogue, monastery, cathedral, chapel, and home. We too may seize the day by beginning with these inspired psalms.

The evening twilight reminds God's people to prayerfully trust in God. The confidence of those who pray these psalms rests in the God of the covenant, the God who has proven trustworthy in the past and so can be trusted now. We have no reason to fear because the God who was with our ancestors is now with us. These evening psalms help us believe that nothing can take away God's faithful concern for us, that we can depend on God and look to the future with hope.

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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
8:00AM Mass then 8:30AM

Mother of Perpetual Help Novena Novena Madre del Perpetuo Socorro

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Thursday/Jueves and Friday/Viernes
8:00AM Mass then 8:30AM

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Weekly Calendar/Calendario Semanal

Sun. December 14th

9:00pm	Tamale Sale	John
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Mon. December 15th

8:45am	Men's Fellowship Group	Library
5:00pm	Legion of Mary/Eng	Library
7:00pm	Bible Study/Sp	Hall A
7:00pm	Men of St. Joseph	Library
7:00pm	Daughters of Mary	Luke
7:00pm	Escuela de la Cruz	John

Tues. December 16th

3:00pm	First Communion/Eng	All Classrooms/Library/ Hall A/B/C
4:00pm	Edge/Middle School	All Classrooms/Library/ Hall A/B/C
5:00pm	Legion of Mary/Sp	Chapel
6:00pm	Posadas	Church/Hall
7:00pm	SPRED	Library/Matt
7:00pm	Penance Service	Church

Wed. December 17th

10:30am	SVDP General Mtg	Mark
2:30am	IHM Good Shepherd Mass	Church/Hall C
4:00pm	OCIC/RCIC	Mark
7:00pm	Posadas	Church/Hall

Thurs. December 18th

5:00pm	Widow/Widower Group	Library
6:30pm	Youth Group	Hall A/B
7:00pm	Discovering Christ	Library
7:00pm	OCIA/RCIA	Mark
7:00pm	Adult Confirmation/Eng	Hall C
7:00pm	Emmaus Men/Sp/Retreat Formation	Matt
7:00pm	Posadas	Church/Hall

Fri. December 19th

9:00am	SVDP Food Distribution	Hall A/B/C
3:30pm	Bible Study/Eng	Library
7:00pm	RICA/Confirmation Adult/Sp	Luke
7:00pm	OLG Celebration	Church/Hall A/B/C
7:00pm	Posadas	Church/Hall
7:00pm	Divine Mercy Cenacle/Sp	Library

Sat. December 20th

9:00am	First Communion/Eng	All Classrooms/ Library/Hall A
3:30pm	Confessions	Church
7:00pm	Posadas	Church/Hall

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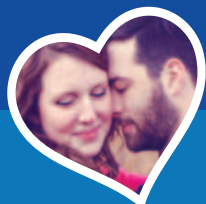
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