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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil

7:00 p.m. **Spanish** (organ & cantor)

Sunday

8:00 a.m. **English** (organ & cantor)

9:30 a.m. **Spanish** (organ & cantor)

11:30 a.m. **English** (organ & cantor)

1:30 p.m. **Vietnamese** (keyboard & choir)

Weekdays

8:30 a.m. **Spanish** (Mon-Fri.)

12:00 p.m. **English** (Mon-Fri)

7:45 a.m. **Vietnamese** (Thu & Sat)

AUGUSTINIAN FRIARS

PASTORAL STAFF

Fr. Luis A Vera, O.S.A.

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CATHOLIC FAITH
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Jesus DeLaRosa

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CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION

All those who are called to follow Jesus in the Catholic faith along with Catholics already baptized (adults, youth & children) who desire to celebrate the sacraments of First Confession, First Communion and Confirmation can make contact with the coordinator of this area for information about the various programs available. Registration for these programs are announced in the bulletin during various times of the year. Also appointments can be made in the parish office at anytime.

Parents wishing to baptize their children (ages 1-5) are invited to make an appointment in the parish office to speak with a staff member in order to make arrangements for participating in the Baptismal Program.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

Saturday 5:30-6:30 p.m. and at the parish office by appointment.

MARRIAGE

Couples planning to be married should call for an appointment six months in advance of the wedding.

VISITS TO THE SICK

In emergency, call the parish office at any hour. Please inform the office of sick or homebound who desire the sacraments.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to all parishioners.

We encourage all parishioners to register at our parish office. We invite new parishioners to make an appointment to meet a member of the parish staff.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. open

MONDAY - THURSDAY 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. open

SATURDAY 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

SUNDAY 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus tells us to “be vigilant at all times.” Advent is a time of watchfulness. Things are moving and shifting and changing — in our souls, in heaven, on earth. It’s a time of great consequence. Great trial. Great hope. So, look to Jesus. He is coming.

1st Sunday of Advent

When I was a young priest, about one year after ordination, I was called to the hospital to anoint a dying mother of three young children. She had a painful, terminal cancer. After celebrating Last Rites with her, I said, “Don’t be afraid.” She looked me square in the eye from her hospital bed and said, “Oh Father, I am in a lot of pain, but I am not afraid. Something wonderful is about to happen.” A few days later she died.

Christians face the ending of our personal various “worlds” in a totally unique way. This first Sunday of Advent, Jesus says that when people see their world falling apart, they find themselves “**fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world**” (Luke 21:26). In our fear, our natural response is to check out, to hide our heads in drunkenness, distraction, and false securities. But Jesus commands us to “**look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.**” He then compares what’s coming to a lovely summer in full bloom. That’s what the cross and resurrection empower us to do, as strange as it may seem.

Advent challenge: What world in your life is collapsing? A relationship, a dream, a work opportunity? Maybe you’re troubled by a crumbling world in the political or economic sphere. Or maybe someone you love is seriously ill or dying. Name that world or worlds. Then pray: “Lord, help me to not faint with fear. Help me to raise my head and see your redemption coming.”

— *Father John Muir*

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Readings for the week of December 1, 2024

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 (1b)/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
 Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11
 Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24
 Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37
 Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27
 Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31
 Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
 Next Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

Observances for the week of December 1, 2024**Sunday**

1st Sunday of Advent

Tuesday

St. Francis Xavier, Priest

Wednesday

St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Friday

St. Nicholas, Bishop

Saturday

St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday

2nd Sunday of Advent

**(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE
GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Remembering Advent

It always makes me laugh a little, these apocalyptic Gospel readings that come at the beginning of Advent.

What a funny juxtaposition — all of us stringing twinkle lights and wrapping presents, with Jesus thundering on about the end of the world. It’s Christmas! Don’t be a downer. Pour me some more eggnog and turn up the Nat King Cole.

Well, except it’s not Christmas. It’s Advent.

There’s nothing wrong with the cultural accessories that have developed alongside this religious holiday. There’s nothing wrong with the twinkle lights and the eggnog. But here’s the thing: when Satan knows we’re watching the front gate, he slips in the back door. And something I’ve found is that one back door he likes to use in my life is Cultural Christmas.

I love Cultural Christmas. I tend to overdo Cultural Christmas. I overschedule, I overdecorate, I overgift. All this “over” leads to — you guessed it! — overwhelm. “The anxieties of daily life,” as Jesus describes in today’s Gospel, make my heart drowsy. My *spiritual* Christmas joy, time and time again, is diminished — all because I embrace Cultural Christmas and ignore Advent. Satan sneaks in with the twinkle lights and the Christmas carols and he snatches The Present like the nasty little Grinch he is. He photobombs my experience of the religious holidays with the anxieties I so willingly embrace because of the production that is Cultural Christmas.

So, remember to rest this Advent, folks. Rest your heart. Rest your hands. Watch the back door *and* the front. Remember that this is the perfect time to be thinking about the state of your soul and not just the state of your house.

(Even though, yes, I know, the guests are coming any minute.)

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First Reading:

“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.” (Jer 33:15)

Psalm:

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul. (Ps 25)

Second Reading:

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.
(I Thes 3:12-13)

Gospel:

“But when these signs begin to happen,
stand erect and raise your heads
because your redemption is at hand.” (Lk 21:28)

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
DECEMBER 2, 2024**

Monday

8:30am Ricardo Reyes (L) por su salud

12:00pm

Tuesday

8:30am Jaime Roman (D)

12:00pm Simon Thanh (D)

Wednesday

8:30am Rebecca Gallardo de San Lucas (D)

12:00pm Fr. Joseph Girone & Ángela Girone (D)

Thursday

8:30am

12:00pm

Friday

8:30am Anastacio Montero, Manuel de Jesús Hernández (hijo), Gladys Hernández, Fermín Ramírez (D), Felicia Díaz, María Tereza Álvarez, José Ulises García, José Ramón García (D)

12:00pm

Saturday

7:45am Giacobe Phu & Ane Kwong (D)

7:00pm Ramon Santos Molina (D), Jose Arturo Flores Manzaba (D), Miguel Angel Vichay Tovar (D), Marina De Jesus Espinal Hernandez (D), Sofia Peralta, Jose Rolando Peralta, Venero Reyes, Dora Lora (D)

Sunday

8:00am

9:30am

People of SNT
Nancy Cruz, Roberto Cruz, Reyna Vasquez (D), Valentina Morel, Gilberto Romero (D)

11:30am

1:30pm

Christopher Negron (L) - birthday
Vicente Duc & Mai Le (D)

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION
NOVEMBER 24, 2024**

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| Tithing: | \$8,240.82 | Catholic Campaign: | |
| Children: | \$0.00 | \$1,323.00 | |
| Total: | \$8,240.82 | | |

We pray for the People of St. Nicholas of Tolentine.

We pray for the sick: Navine Young

We pray for the dead: Juana Suardi