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"May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be loved everywhere"

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Sick Calls (after hours): 951.683.0800 x 25

INDOOR MASS SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE JUNE 19, 2021

100% Capacity

Parishioners/attendees/guests are encouraged to wear masks, if health conditions exist, or as a personal choice, to ensure maximum safety/precautions for all.

SATURDAY VIGIL

*5:15 pm English

SUNDAY

6:30 am / 7:45 am / 9:00 am

*10:15 am - interpreted for the deaf

12:00 pm / *1:45 pm Español / 5:15 pm

DAILY MASS-Effective September 22, 2021

*8:15 am & 5:30 pm

Daily Mass in Spanish every Wednesday at 5:30 pm

Misa diaria en español cada miércoles a las 5:30 pm

(There is no 5:30 pm Mass from Memorial Day through Labor Day)

Above schedule in effect until further notice.

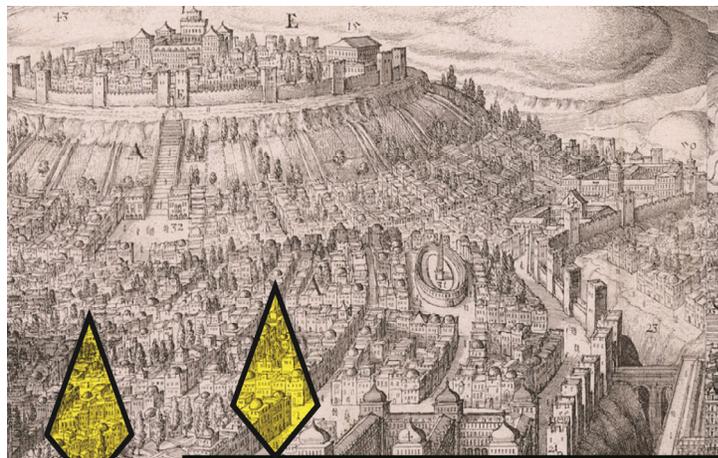
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*Masses are Live-stream

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CONFESSIONS (CONFESIONES)

Saturday (sábado): 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm



Up, Jerusalem!
stand upon
the heights;
look to the east
and see your
children
gathered from
the east and
the west
at the word
of the Holy One,
rejoicing that
they are
remembered
by God. *Baruch 5:5*

Prospect of Jerusalem
Wenceslaus Hollar
(Bohemian, 1607-1677)
1660
Metropolitan Museum of Art
New York

Second Sunday of *Advent*

December 5, 2021

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Ponte de pie, Jerusalén, sube a la altura,
levanta los ojos y contempla a tus hijos,
reunidos de oriente y de occidente,
a la voz del espíritu, gozosos porque
Dios se acordó de ellos.
Baruc 5:5

Segundo Domingo de *Adviento*

5 de diciembre de 2021

PARISH VISION STATEMENT

One God, One people in Christ, One community of love guided by the Holy Spirit to impact lives.

Un Dios, Un pueblo en Cristo, Una comunidad de amor guiada por el Espíritu Santo para impactar vidas.

MASS INTENTIONS - INTENCIONES DE MISASSUNDAY - DOMINGO 12/05

6:30 am Joseph Joaquino, Jr. †
 7:45 am Jovita de Meja †
 9:00 am Urbano Murguia †
 10:15 am Kathleen Ann Gallagher †
 12:00 pm Intentions of Crystal & Thikra Sadik
 1:45 pm St. Catherine's Parishioners
 5:15 pm All Souls of the faithful departed †

MONDAY - LUNES 12/06

8:15 am Homer Masacupan †
 5:30 pm Jose "Pepe" Ybanez †

TUESDAY - MARTES 12/07

8:15 am Edith Samaniego †
 5:30 pm Elvee Ona †

WEDNESDAY - MIÉRCOLES 12/08THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

6:30 am Beatrice Scheurer †
 8:15 am Robert W. Brown †
 10:15 am amation, and Isabela Gonzales †
 5:30 pm Ramon & Maria Carcamo †

THURSDAY - JUEVES 12/09

8:15 am Helen Vasquez †
 5:30 pm Intentions of Jenna Milburn

FRIDAY - VIERNES 12/10

8:15 am Beatrice Scheurer †
 5:30 pm Juan Reyes & deceased family members †

SATURDAY - SÁBADO 12/11

8:15 am Intentions of Eric Jackson
 10:00 am At WMV—Parishioners
 5:15 pm Vincenzo Lanni †

SUNDAY - DOMINGO 12/12

6:30 am Guadalupe Palomares †
 7:45 am Pete & Daisy Noriega †
 9:00 am Intentions of Norb Murphy
 10:15 am Juanita Camacho †
 12:00 pm Josefina Pabalan Soriano †
 1:45 pm Eva O. Reyes †
 5:15 pm St. Catherine's Parishioners

† Symbolizes Soul of Deceased

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26
 Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14
 Wednesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12;
 Lk 1:26-38
 Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
 Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
 Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80: 2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19;
 Mt 17:9a, 10-13
 Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7;
 Lk 3:10-18

LITURGY CORNER**December 5 - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

December 6 - *Saint Nicholas, Bishop*

December 7 - Saint Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

December 8 - THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

December 9 - *Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin*

December 10 - *Our Lady of Loreto*

December 11 - *Saint Damasus I, Pope*

Saint Nicholas bishop in Asia Minor; model pastor noted for charity; popularized as Santa Claus.

Saint Ambrose known as the Pastoral Doctor, was a model bishop and an eloquent preacher; he died in 397.

Immaculate Conception at the apparition in Lourdes, year 1858, Mary said to St. Bernadette, "*I am the Immaculate Conception.*" There are four Marian Dogmas in our church, on December 8, 1854 Pope Pius IX proclaims one of the four - Mary's Immaculate Conception. *Immaculate Mary, pray for us.*

Saint Juan Diego a great model of holiness, was canonized on July 31, 2002 by Pope John Paul II at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, in Mexico, the very location where our Lady asked that a church be constructed when she appeared to Juan Diego 490 years ago in December 1531.

Our Lady of Loreto, in Italy on a small hillside town, a grand basilica houses a tiny, three walled cottage, thirty-one feet by eleven, called the "Holy House," the cottage is believed to be the house where Mary was born and raised, the very place where she was visited by the Angel Gabriel.

Saint Damasus rose to the chair of Peter in 366, and worked for the unity of the Christian people against various schisms and heresies that afflicted the Church during his pontificate.

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Communal Penance Service
Monday, December 6, at 7:00 pm.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Stand on the heights, Jerusalem; see your children rejoicing that they are remembered by God. A merciful and just God leads Israel in joy (Baruch 5:1-9).

Psalm — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126).

Second Reading — May your love increase in knowledge to discern what is valuable that you may be blameless for the day of Christ (Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11).

Gospel — John proclaims a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All flesh shall see the salvation of God (Luke 3:1-6).

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Brothers and Sisters,

Long before the First Sunday of Advent arrives each year, the sounds of Christmas make their way into our daily lives. Whether driving in the car, shopping at the grocery store, at school or even in our homes, classic holiday tunes echo through the air well in advance of the birthday of Jesus.

Advent needs our waiting, our patience. It needs us to take our time, to sing another verse or two, to wait, holding our breath for the lighting of another candle. By the way, have you noticed the new liturgical color of our church? The liturgical color for Advent is violet, a shade of purple and purple is the color of royalty symbolic of Jesus' royal kingship.



It's quite possible you have a long checklist of things that you need to do before Christmas, and you are likely "checking it twice." But here is a question for you: Is "repentance for the forgiveness of sins" on your list? It should be, that is exactly what John the Baptist called for in preparation for the Lord's coming. Each of our readings on this Second Sunday of Advent directs our focus to the future. In our first reading, the prophet Baruch looks forward to the time when Jerusalem is restored in glory. In Paul's letter to the Philippians in our second reading Paul looks ahead to "the day of Christ Jesus", the time of the second coming.

In today's gospel from Luke, John the Baptist calls everyone to prepare for the coming of Jesus when salvation will come to all people. John is the last of the prophets of the Old Law who announces the coming of the New Law in Christ. John has been identified with the prophet Jeremiah. Both were summoned by God from their mother's wombs and both foretold God's final judgment of humanity. In line with the prophets of old, both Jeremiah and John proclaimed a reciprocal relation with the God of Israel who lifts up the poor, cares for the downtrodden and exalts the oppressed.

Through Luke's gospel today we hear from the prophet Isaiah in Luke's description of John the Baptist's work, challenging and comforting the people of Israel with the words: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God." (Is. 40:3-5)

So how do we go about filling in the valleys, making low the mountains and hills, straightening the paths and smoothing out the rough ways? In a word "Repentance." It is sin that throws up obstacles on our paths to salvation. Things like a falling out between friends which prevents that friendship from growing and developing. Our past sins prevent our love of God and love of neighbor from developing. Repentance allows us to put aside the past and focus on the future. Today's gospel calls for nothing less than a complete *metanoia*, a turning away from sin and turning toward the God who transforms and heals.

Final Reminder: This coming Wednesday, December 8, 2021 is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the patron saint of the U. S. and a holy day of obligation. Also, on December 7th, we observe Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day.

Faithful



PRAYER OF THE WEEK

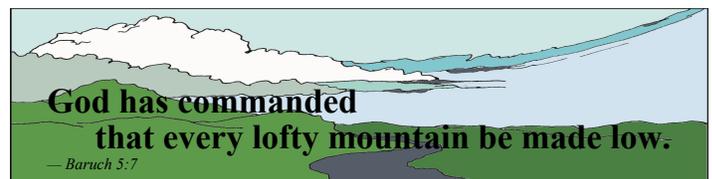
Second Sunday of Advent

Almighty and merciful God,
may no earthly undertaking hinder those
who set out in haste to meet your Son,
but may our learning of heavenly wisdom
gain us admittance to his company.
Who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

REFLECTION QUESTION:

What earthly undertakings do I need to set aside so that I can set out to meet God's Son?

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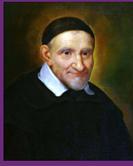
Living Stewardship Now

Take part in the parish Advent penance service or the sacrament of reconciliation, and experience again God's loving mercy.

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Financial updates were not available at press time. Look for them in next week's bulletin. Thank you

VINCENTIAN CORNER



In today's Gospel John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord," and this is what Advent is all about. We are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at 1-951-684-7386 so that together we can help the suffering and poor to celebrate Christmas.



We need **COOKIES, CRACKERS, MACARONI & CHEESE** for the grocery bags given to those in need of assistance with food. Donations can be dropped off at St. Catherine's Ministry Center, 7005 Brockton Ave., Riverside, CA 92506 M-F 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Thank you

HEALTH MINISTRY NEWS

The mobile clinic will be at St. Catherine's school from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm for adult clients on Saturday, December 18th.



During the Coronavirus pandemic, please call 714-633-4600 for pre-screening and to make an appointment.

Free Adult Medical care is offered, labs and meds are as low-cost as possible. Patients sign in on a first-come, first-served basis. For additional information or to volunteer visit their website at www.lestonnacfreclinic.org.

VINCENTIAN CORNER

Adopt-a-Family for Christmas

Each year at Christmas time, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul adopts several of the families whom we have visited throughout the year by providing Christmas gifts for the children and food for the families. We also provide slippers, toiletry items and toilet paper for many of our senior clients who are not able to afford these items due to their limited finances.

Thanks to your contributions last year, the SVdP 2020 Christmas Adopt-a-Family program successfully adopted 26 families, including 49 children, 16 adults and 8 senior citizens. The families are extremely grateful when the SVdP volunteers arrive with the wrapped gifts and food for the holidays. **Please call 683-0800 ext. 17 if you are interested in adopting one of our families for Christmas.** Please leave your name and phone number and a SVdP volunteer will return your call. If you are not able to adopt a family on your own, but would like to make a contribution, please include a note with your donation payable to St. Vincent de Paul and drop in the Sunday collection basket. Food and toiletry items may be deposited in the metal bins at the side and rear doors of the church. Please keep our St. Vincent de Paul clients and volunteers in your prayers. **Thank you for your generous support.**

Feeding the Hungry Ministry—WARM BLANKETS & SOCKS NEEDED

Cold weather is coming on and it is hard to get warm without socks or blankets. Those less fortunate than us are in need of our help. We are asking for donations of **NEW SOCKS AND CLEAN, GENTLY USED BLANKETS. All items must be sealed individually with plastic or in a trash bag.** Donations can be dropped off during weekend Masses in the container located at the entrance of the church or at the Ministry Center Monday-Friday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.



Thank you for helping those in need!

"Truly, I say to you, whatever you did for the least of my brothers, you did for me" - Matthew 25:40

FEEDING THE HUNGRY MINISTRY

Did you know that St. Catherine's Feed the Hungry Ministry has provided over 20,000 meals to the homeless over the last seven years?



This has all been made possible by the incredible volunteers and the very kind donations from the St. Catherine's Parishioners who so generously donate to keep this operation going. If you would like to donate your time, please contact Steffi Chen at 310.266.9796.

You can also participate by putting a donation in an envelope and writing "Feed the Hungry" on the outside and dropping it in the collection basket at Mass or by mail:

St. Catherine of Alexandria Church
7005 Brockton Avenue, Riverside, CA 92506

Remember, this is an act of mercy and you will be following the words Jesus said:

"When I was hungry you fed me."



Deaths

Please pray for our beloved dead...
*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord;
and let perpetual light shine upon them*

**Narisa Narag
Margaret Lillian Clarey
Craig Schoomderwoerd
Loras Ralph Steger**

**Socorro Flores
Cesar P. Hernandez
Juanita Subia
Jose Luis Rodriguez**

For all who have died during COVID-19 pandemic.

...May they rest in peace



St. Catherine Church has radio frequency capability at 72.9 MHz Wideband Audio Input with 10.0 db for the FM Radio that you can hear with your in-ear headphone direct from the president's microphone.

THANK YOU Parishioners!
for your donations to World Mission Sunday.



MISSION OFFICE OF SAN BERNARDINO

1201 East Highland Ave.
San Bernardino, CA 92404
(909) 475-5130

*Some give by going to the Missions
others go by giving to the Missions
without both there are no Missions*

November 18, 2021

Dear St Catherine's Church,

May the holiday seasons gladden your spirit and grant you God's gift of joy, peace and fulfillment. We appreciate your recent donation of \$5,610.00 for the *World Mission Sunday Collection that was held on Oct 24, 2021, at your parish.*

We feel blessed to pray for you and your family & friends this Holiday Season. Together, may we make a difference in the lives of the poorest in the missions.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Msgr. Tom Wallace
Msgr. Tom Wallace *Thank you!*
Director of Missions



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Has Arrived!

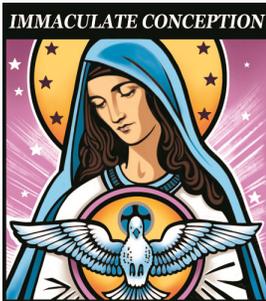
The tree will stand on Joseph's side of the church and will be adorned with paper ornaments with age and gender of a deserving child in need of a Christmas gift.

Take an ornament home and pray about the child who is to receive this gift. **Please LEAVE THE GIFT UNWRAPPED and place it under the tree with the PAPER ORNAMENT SECURELY ATTACHED.**

We also ask that you bring an ornament and place it in the ornament box by the tree. **Please place all gifts under the tree by DECEMBER 19th.**

Each year we try to give the tree and ornaments to a deserving family so they may celebrate the birth of our LORD this ADVENT as you do with your families.

Wishing you a blessed and holy holiday!



December 8, 2021
FEAST OF THE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

A Holy Day of Obligation
Mass times as follows:
Vigil Mass in English: Tuesday,
December 7th at 5:30 pm

Wednesday, December 8th in English:
6:30 am, 8:15 am and 10:15 am

Dia de Precepto - **INMACULADA CONCEPCIÓN DE LA BIENAVENTURADA VIRGEN MARÍA**

Misa en español: 5:30 pm

December 12, 2021
FIESTA DE
NUESTRA SEÑORA
DE GUADALUPE
FEAST OF OUR
LADY OF GUADALUPE



Planee en unirse con otros feligreses en la iglesia donde celebraremos a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, Patrona de las Américas, el sábado, 11 de diciembre a las 8:00 pm con las vísperas, el rosario y cantos. **La Misa se celebrará el domingo, 12 de diciembre a las 4:15 am.**

Join us by gathering inside the church on Saturday, December 11 at 8:00 pm for vespers, rosary and songs. **Mass will be Sunday, December 12th at 4:15 am.**

2021 ADVENT COMMUNAL PENANCE and RECONCILIATION SERVICES
2021 SERVICIOS DE RECONCILIACIÓN Y PENITENCIA COMUNAL DE ADVIENTO

Riverside Vicariate & Riverside Metropolitan Area

"Lord, forgive the wrong I have done"

St. Catherine of Alexandria: December 6 @ 7:00 pm

St. Andrew Kim: December 10 @ 3:00 pm & 7:00 pm

Queen of Angels: December 15 @ 7:00 pm

St. John the Evangelist: TBD

St. Matthew: December 9 @ 7:00 pm

St. Mary Magdalene: December 14 @ 7:00 pm

St. Andrew Newman Center: December 17 @ 7:00 pm

St. Francis de Sales: None scheduled

as of 11.28.21

"Join us in Prayer" The Holy Rosary



Daily @ 7:00 PM
On Zoom Bilingual English and Spanish
Meeting ID: 848 7071 4466
Passcode: 803585

You can now Pray the Rosary using your telephone.

The rosary begins at 7pm. We pray for the sick of the parish 6:45 pm.

Step 1. Dial +1(669) 900-9128

Step 2. Listen to the prompt, type in the Meeting ID: 848 7071 4466#

Step 3. Listen to the prompt...press # again

Step 4. Listen to the prompt type in Password: 803585#

Step 5. Wait for the host to answer your call

"Follow us on Facebook at 7pm Daily"

DIOCESE OF SAN BERNARDINO

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DIACONATE INFORMATION MEETINGS VIA ZOOM

JUNTAS DE INFORMACIÓN ACERCA DEL DIACONADO POR ZOOM

Do you believe God is calling you to become a deacon?

Would you like to know more about who a deacon is and does?

If so, and you are a single or a married man between 32 and 62 years of age, we invite you and your wife to participate in one of the meetings that will be offered via zoom on the following dates and times.

¿Cree usted que Dios lo está llamando a ser diácono?

¿Le gustaría saber más acerca de quién es un diácono y que hace?

Si así es, y usted es soltero o casado y está entre los 32 y 62 años de edad, lo invitamos a usted y a su esposa a que participe en una de las sesiones que se ofrecerán por medio de zoom en las fechas siguientes.

English: Wednesday, December 15, 2021, 6:30PM-8:30PM

Español: Jueves, 16 de diciembre de 2021, 6:30PM-8:30PM

Please send a text message or an e-mail with your name and contact information to Deacon Luis Sanchez, (909)234-1958, luisanchez@sbdioocese.org and the link for the zoom meeting will be sent to you.

Por favor envíe un mensaje por teléfono o correo electrónico con su nombre e información de contacto al Diacono Luis Sanchez, (909)234-1958, luisanchez@sbdioocese.org y se le enviara el enlace para la sesión que se llevara a cabo por medio de zoom.

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HELP SUPPORT ST. CATHERINE'S YOUTH PROGRAMS!

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7005 Brockton Avenue, Riverside, CA 92506

Monday to Friday - 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Call Lance at 951/781-9855 x 14 for information.

Holy Father's Intention for the month of December:
Intention for evangelization — Catechists
Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

As we enter flu season and with rising numbers of COVID-19 cases, we encourage you to wear a face mask during Mass.

To maintain safety protocols, we will wait until after the flu season to determine if we will place our missals and songbooks in the pews.

TO REPORT THE SEXUAL ABUSE OF A CHILD

by a priest, deacon, employee, or volunteer, call the toll free

Sexual Misconduct Hotline 1-888-206-9090

PARA REPORTAR EL ABUSO SEXUAL DE UN MENOR

por parte de un sacerdote, diácono, empleado o voluntario, llame a la **Línea Directa de Conducta Sexual Inapropiada 1-888-206-9090**

YOUTH ADVENT MISSION *IS TONIGHT! JOIN US!*

"The Holy Family: Joseph, Mary, Jesus"
Sunday, December 5, 2021
7:00 pm via Zoom
Presenter: Chika Anyanwu



*Please check your email for
log-in code or call Lance for
more information at
1-951-781-9855 ext. 14.*

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

St. Catherine's Sunday Mass times will return to pre-pandemic schedule at the start of the new year. Beginning **Sunday, January 2, 2022**, the Mass times will be:

English: 6:30 am, **8:30 am**, 10:15 am,
12:00 pm and 5:15 pm, and 1:45 pm in
Spanish. Please plan accordingly.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK



Anointing of the Sick will take place this weekend—Saturday, December 4th after the 5:15 pm Mass and Sunday, December 5th after all Masses. Please plan to join us if you need the blessings of this Sacrament.

Come, Lord Jesus



RCIA INQUIRY

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Though our face-to-face Inquiry gatherings are cancelled at present, our Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is **starting an on-line group on Sundays** for those interested in becoming Catholic. If you are interested in joining or have questions, please call 951-781-9855 extension 29 and leave your contact information. God bless and "see you" soon!



Lance Wiseman - 781.9855 ext. 14

All High-School-Age Youth LIFE NIGHT
Sundays from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. after LIFE TEEN Mass

LIFE TEEN (high school age teen)

Due to the Coronavirus the **Life Night are meeting online almost every Sunday 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm**. Contact Lance Wiseman at lwiseman@stcofa.org or 951-781-9855 Ext. 14 if you are interested in joining us for online gatherings.

This Week-12/5: ADVENT MISSION

Join us for a great evening with Chika Anyanwu as we talk about The Holy Family Joseph, Mary & Jesus. Please check your email for log-in codes. **We are on Zoom meeting at 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm.**

Next Week-12/12: Continuing with session **Keep it Together**. **We are on Zoom meeting at 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm**. Contact Lance for more information.

Remember Life Nights are open to **all High School age youth and we invite you to join us**. They are held most Sundays via ZOOM at this time. Please contact Lance if you have questions or need more information.

YOUTH SERVICE HOURS - We are looking for help handing out bags for the Christmas food baskets the weekend of 12/4 & 12/5. Please contact Lance Wiseman at 951/781-9855 ext. 14.

YOUTH FUNDRAISER - NEW Shop Riverside cards for 2022 are available for purchase. Cards are valid from date of purchase through all of Year 2022. Please call Lance at 951/781-9855 x 14 if you are interested in purchasing. **Remember the money raised helps support St. Catherine's Youth Programs.** Please contact Lance for other upcoming fundraisers.

MIDDLE SCHOOL - THE EDGE - a Ministry for youth in middle school from 6th to 8th grade in private or public schools. **We are not sure at this time when we will be able to start this school year.** For more information please contact Lance.

CONFIRMATION NEWS - UPDATE AS OF 12/5/2021

1st Year of Confirmation - Our 3rd Module for the year will be **December 12th or 13th, Zoom code will be emailed the week before.** You only need to attend one of the two modules. If you missed the Mandatory Parent & Candidate meeting or make-up, please contact Lance for Zoom code.

2nd Year of Confirmation - Classes have started. If you have missed anything, please contact Lance right away for schedules and make-up meeting date. Please make sure to turn in any make-up work, mass reflection & service reflection sheet from last year ASAP.

3rd Year of Confirmation - We will have a Zoom meeting **TONIGHT December 5th** for the upcoming 3rd year retreat, at this meeting we will cover what our options will be for this year's retreat. We have started classes and if you missed anything, please contact Lance right away for schedules and make-up meeting date. Please make sure to turn in any make-up work, mass reflection & service reflection sheet from last year asap.

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION—Has started for all interested in registering for this Confirmation year. Please contact Lance Wiseman at 951-781-9855 ext. 14 for **APPOINTMENT** & more information.

Our Confirmation process is a three year program, starting in 9th grade, confirming in 11th grade, this includes public or private schools. Please contact Lance Wiseman with any questions.



ADVIENTO

ORACIÓN DE LA SEMANA

Segundo Domingo de Adviento

Dios omnipotente y misericordioso, haz que ninguna ocupación terrena sirva de obstáculo a quienes van presurosos al encuentro de tu Hijo, antes bien, que el aprendizaje de la sabiduría celestial, nos lleve a gozar de su presencia.

Él, que vive y reina contigo en la unidad del Espíritu Santo y es Dios por los siglos de los siglos.

PREGUNTA DE REFLEXIÓN:

¿Qué ocupaciones terrenas me impiden recibir al Hijo de Dios?

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Juan comenzó a recorrer toda la comarca del Jordán, predicando un bautismo de penitencia para el perdón de los pecados.

Lucas 3:3

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SEGUNDO Domingo DE Adviento

5 DE DICIEMBRE DE 2021

TRES ADVIENTOS

Hace casi novecientos años, san Bernardo de Claraval sugirió en una de sus homilias de Adviento que deberíamos pensar en tres Advientos de Cristo: el primero cuando Cristo vino humildemente como el Niño de María, revestido de nuestra naturaleza humana; el segundo cuando Cristo venga en gloria como Juez y redentor del mundo. Luego, san Bernardo habla de una venida intermedia, un Adviento “mientras tanto”, cuando Cristo viene a nosotros en su Palabra, en la Eucaristía y en aquellos que necesitan nuestro amor y cuidado, familia y amigos, vecinos y extraños. Ese es el Adviento de este año, el que estamos celebrando ahora; y la pregunta de este Adviento es: ¿hasta qué punto estoy atento a la llegada de Cristo a la historia de mi vida, aquí y ahora?

UN ADVENIMIENTO INADVERTIDO

Hoy Lucas anuncia solemnemente los nombres de los poderes seculares y sagrados que creían tener en sus manos el destino del mundo. Pero se perdieron por completo el acontecimiento decisivo que cambió para siempre la historia religiosa y política del mundo. Cuando nadie escuchaba, la Palabra de Dios llegó a un don nadie, Juan el Bautista, y no en el santuario del templo o en la sala del trono de un palacio, sino “en la calle”, la Palabra que un día limpiaría el templo y derribaría tronos. Los poderosos nombres que anuncia Lucas no eran populares entre la gente común: los tiempos eran difíciles, la economía era mala, la gente tenía que arreglárselas con menos; y esos nombres recordaban a la gente común que gran parte de la vida estaba fuera de su control. ¿Les resulta familiar? Sin embargo, justo en ese momento, cuando muchos estaban lejos de la esperanza, Dios actuó con decisión para salvar al pueblo.

EL PLAN DE RECONSTRUCCIÓN DE DIOS

Escuchamos a Baruc, en la primera lectura, imaginando nuestro mundo roto renaciendo: los dispersos siendo llevados a casa, las lágrimas enjugadas, la rectitud y la justicia, la paz y la adoración. Cómo quisiéramos que todo esto fuera verdad. Pablo declara que será verdad, optimista de que Dios, que ya ha comenzado una obra tan buena en nosotros, seguirá completándola para el día del regreso glorioso de Cristo, aumentando nuestro amor y agudizando nuestro discernimiento de los valores que perduran. Así pues, deberíamos comenzar esta segunda semana de Adviento revigorizados con la esperanza en el plan de Dios para la salvación del mundo. Pero Juan el Bautista nos recuerda que el “plan de reconstrucción” de Dios para la transformación del mundo comienza mucho más cerca de casa: ¿qué giros de mi propia vida hay que desenredar, qué montañas elevadas de mi propio orgullo y egocentrismo hay que rebajar, qué valles profundos de mi propia indiferencia y negligencia hay que rellenar? Ven, Señor Jesús, y haz que toda la creación sea nueva, pero empieza aquí y ahora conmigo.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Baruc 5:1-9
Salmo 126 (125):1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6
Filipenses 1:4-6, 8-11
Lucas 3:1-6

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Is 35:1-10; Sal 85 (84):9-14; Lc 5:17-26
Martes: Is 40:1-11; Sal 96 (95):1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14
Miércoles: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Sal 98 (97):1-4; Ef 1:3-6, 11-12; Lc 1:26-38
Jueves: Is 41:13-20; Sal 145 (144):1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
Viernes: Is 48:17-19; Sal 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
Sábado: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Sal 80 (79): 2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Domingo: Sof 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Fil 4:4-7; Lc 3:10-18

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Sube a la altura, Jerusalén; contempla a tus hijos gozosos porque Dios se acordó de ellos. Un Dios misericordioso y justo guía a Israel con alegría (Baruc 5:1-9).
Salmo — El Señor ha estado grande con nosotros, y estamos alegres (Salmo 126 [125]).
Segunda Lectura — Que su amor siga creciendo más y más y se traduzca en un mayor conocimiento y discernimiento de lo que vale la pena para que lleguen irreprochables al día de Cristo (Filipenses 1:4-6, 8-11).
Evangelio — Juan proclama un bautismo de arrepentimiento para el perdón de los pecados. Todos podrán ver la salvación de Dios (Lucas 3:1-6). Salmo responsorial: *Leccionario Hispanoamericano Dominical* © 1970, Comisión Episcopal Española. Usado con permiso. Todos los derechos reservados.



INFORMACIÓN LITÚRGICA

5 de diciembre - SEGUNDO DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

6 de diciembre - San Nicolás, obispo

7 de diciembre - San Ambrosio, obispo y doctor de la Iglesia

8 de diciembre - Inmaculada Concepción de la Bienaventurada Virgen María

9 de diciembre - San Juan Diego

10 de diciembre - Bienaventurada Virgen María de Loreto

11 de diciembre - San Dámaso I, Papa

San Nicolás, obispo en Asia Menor; pastor ejemplar, conocido por su caridad; popularizado como Papá Noel

San Ambrosio, conocido como el Doctor Pastoral, fue un obispo ejemplar y un predicador elocuente; murió en el año 397.

Inmaculada Concepción en la aparición de Lourdes, año 1858, María dijo a Santa Bernadette: "Yo soy la Inmaculada Concepción". Hay cuatro dogmas marianos en nuestra iglesia, el 8 de diciembre de 1854 el Papa Pío IX proclama uno de los cuatro: la Inmaculada Concepción de María. Inmaculada María, ruega por nosotros.

San Juan Diego, gran modelo de santidad, fue canonizado el 31 de julio de 2002 por el Papa Juan Pablo II en la Basílica de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, en México, el mismo lugar donde la Virgen pidió que se construyera una iglesia cuando se le apareció a Juan Diego hace 490 años, en diciembre de 1531.

Nuestra Señora de Loreto, en Italia, en un pequeño pueblo en la ladera de una colina, una gran basílica alberga una pequeña casa de tres paredes, de treinta y un pies por once, llamada la "Santa Casa", la casa se cree que es la casa donde María nació y creció, el mismo lugar donde fue visitada por el Ángel Gabriel.

San Dámaso subió a la cátedra de Pedro en el año 366, y trabajó por la unidad del pueblo cristiano contra los diversos cismas y herejías que afligieron a la Iglesia durante su pontificado.

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Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción de la Santísima Virgen María, 8 de diciembre, es día de precepto.

Horario de las misas:

Vigilia, martes 7 de diciembre, inglés 5:30 pm.

Miércoles 8 de diciembre, inglés 6:30 am, 8:15 am, 10:15 am, y en español 5:30 pm.

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Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, 12 de diciembre, cae en el tercer domingo de Adviento. Celebraremos su fiesta reuniéndonos en la iglesia el sábado 11 de diciembre a las 8:00 pm para las vísperas, el rosario y los cantos; y la misa el domingo 12 de diciembre a las 4:15 am.



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Reconciliación al menos una vez por año y se les anima a recibir el Sacramento durante las temporadas de Adviento y Cuaresma. Tendremos sacerdotes disponibles para escuchar confesiones esa tarde después de un breve Servicio de Penitencia.

UNCIÓN DE LOS ENFERMOS

Este fin de semana, 4 y 5 de diciembre, tendremos la Unción de los Enfermos después de cada Misa. Si usted necesita las bendiciones del Sacramento, acompañenos después de la Misa.



Intención de oración del Santo Padre para el mes de diciembre 2021:

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Cuando Juan proclamó un bautismo de arrepentimiento, así como lo relata el Evangelio de hoy, él llamó a las personas a un cambio profundo de corazón. Para Juan el Bautista, el arrepentimiento no era simplemente un remordimiento de las flaquezas, sino un compromiso a orientar la vida en torno a los deseos y propósitos de Dios. ¿Cómo podría ser una vida adecuada con los deseos de Dios? Nuestras lecturas ofrecen algunas pistas. Baruc indica que cuando la misericordia y la justicia se abrazan como un ropaje majestuoso, podemos ver los frutos del arrepentimiento. Pablo señala cómo el Espíritu Santo ha estado activo dentro de la iglesia de Filipos, formándola para vivir en una comunidad de fe amorosa y unida, para que pueda dar testimonio del amor de Dios. Y el mismo Juan sugiere que un corazón arrepentido limpia un camino para que Dios entre, emparejando los valles y montañas de nuestra resistencia, para que Dios pueda habitar en el.

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