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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.

Thank you for your understanding.

***Masses are Live-stream**

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CONFESSIONS (CONFESIONES)

Saturday (sábado): 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm



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.

Luke 21:36

*The Last Judgement,
from The Small Passion
Albrecht Dürer
(German, 1471-1528)
c. 1510
Metropolitan Museum of Art
New York*

First Sunday of *Advent*
November 28, 2021

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**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.**

Lucas 21:36

Primer *Adviento*
Domingo de

28 de noviembre 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 11/28

6:30 am Urbano Murguia †
 7:45 am Intentions of The Campobasso Family
 9:00 am Intentions of Alexander & Clara Nnadi & Family
 10:15 am Ints. for the family of Alexander & Clara Nnadi
 12:00 pm St. Catherine's Parishioners
 1:45 pm Pedro Luis y Emilio Iglesias Teravieso †
 5:15 pm Rebecca Moore †

MONDAY - LUNES 11/29

8:15 am Sany Aguinaldo †
 5:30 pm Intentions of Graciana Ibarbo

TUESDAY - MARTES 11/30

8:15 am Adeling Leyva †
 5:30 pm Intentions of Eric Jackson

WEDNESDAY - MIÉRCOLES 12/01

8:15 am Intentions of St. Jude's Wirebender
 5:30 pm Gail Martinko †

THURSDAY - JUEVES 12/02

8:15 am Ikhlas Ibrahim †
 5:30 pm Binkie Yap †

FRIDAY - VIERNES 12/03

8:15 am Marie De Gano †
 5:30 pm Jessica Cecilia Granado †

SATURDAY - SÁBADO 12/04

8:15 am Jerina Jane San Agustin †
 10:00 am At WMV—Parishioners
 5:15 pm Carlos Alba †

SUNDAY - DOMINGO 12/05

6:30 am Joseph Joaquin, 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 †

† Symbolizes Soul of Deceased

LITURGY CORNER**November 28 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT****November 30 - SAINT ANDREW, APOSTLE****December 3 - Saint Francis Xavier, Priest****December 4 - Saint John Damascene, Priest,
Doctor of the Church**

Advent has a two-fold character: as a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ's first coming to us is remembered, and as a season when that remembrance directs our mind and heart to await Christ's second coming at the end of time. Advent thus is a period of devout and joyful expectation.

Saint Andrew was a disciple of John the Baptist and was the first to become an Apostle, he then went to tell his brother Simon Peter; tradition holds that he preached north of the Black Sea and in Greece, and died bound to an X-shaped cross at Petras, Greece.

Saint Francis Xavier one of the founding Jesuits, having been commissioned by St. Ignatius of Loyola; preached in India, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, and Japan; with St. Thérèse de Lisieux, co-patron of the Apostleship of Prayer and of the foreign missions; he died in 1552 at age forty-six.

Saint John Damascene born in Damascus; was the last of the Greek Fathers of the Church; first of the East to formulate a comprehensive synthesis of Christian dogma; defended the veneration of icons; composed hymns and preached many homilies in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, especially her assumption; he died in 749.

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

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Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, December 8, is a **holy day of obligation**. Mass times: Vigil, Tuesday, December 7, English 5:30 pm, Wednesday, December 8, English 6:30 am, 8:15 am, 10:15 am, and Spanish 5:30 pm.

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Our Lady of Guadalupe, Feast day, December 12, falls on the Third Sunday of Advent. We will celebrate her Feast day by gathering in church on Saturday, December 11, at 8:00 pm for vespers, rosary, and songs; and Mass on Sunday, December 12, at 4:15 am.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The days are coming when the LORD will fulfill the promise made to Israel and Judah (Jeremiah 33:14-16).

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

Second Reading — May the Lord make you increase and abound in love that you may be blameless in holiness; conduct yourselves so as to please God (1 Thessalonians 3:12 — 4:2).

Gospel — There will be signs and you will see the Son of Man coming with power and great glory. Be vigilant (Luke 21:25-28, 34-36).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
 Tuesday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
 Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
 Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 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 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8
 Sunday: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

Brothers and Sisters,

Today our Church begins the new liturgical year and during this year, we encounter Jesus through the eyes of Luke. And on this Sunday we begin the liturgical season of Advent, a time of waiting in hope. The origin of Advent dates back to the fifth century. Advent begins with the first evening prayer of the Sunday that falls closest to November 30 and ends before the first evening prayer of Christmas. During Advent, the Church prepares for two things: the coming of Christ that we celebrate on Christmas and the coming of Christ at the end of time.



Another theme that echoes through the season is penitential. The people of God are to recognize the negative things that spread throughout the world and work to do away with them. Throughout Advent we hear from the ancient prophets, who cry, "Repent and save your lives!" The cry of the prophets is as relevant today as it was then. They foretold the light that would shine in the midst of darkness. Christ is that light and we are to embrace the light and become the light of Christ in the world.

In today's first reading the prophet Jeremiah presents a divine promise full of hope for the future arrival of a "just" leader bringing the chosen people safety and security at a time when the whole kingdom of Israel was facing the beginning of the end at the hands of the Babylonians. At this very dark moment, Jeremiah urges the people to have hope for their future: "The days are coming for God to rebuild a chosen people through a royal son of David, restoring to them what is right and just in the land." (Jer. 33:14-15). As Christians today we might experience dark days as well, for various reasons: illness, old age, economic struggles, broken relationships. Still, we know that God's promise is already fulfilled in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

In our second reading from Paul's letter to the Thessalonians, Paul offers words of hope and encouragement to their people as they too anticipate the events of the fulfillment of God's promise to the Chosen People at the end of time. [Here is a trivia note for you: Pauls' Thessalonian letters are thought to be probably the beginning of Christian literature.]

Today's gospel can be very frightening, especially the final line: "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" (Lk. 21:36). St. Matthew tells us what it is going to be like to stand before the Son of Man where he speaks about "The judgment of the nations." (Mt. 25:31-46). I would suggest you read this scripture passage and ask yourself questions like these: Have I given food to my hungry brothers and sisters? Have I provided for them in their need? Have I cared for them when they are sick or visited them in prison? Since we don't know when the final judgment will happen, we must be prepared, we must be "on guard...be on watch." One of the challenges of being on guard, of being on watch is how do we do this? Perhaps it is to become more conscious of how God comes to us in our everyday life. God is present in all of creation in the beauty of the flowers, rivers and mountains and in the changing seasons. Our relationships at home, work and play can reveal the presence of God. The more willingly we see the Lord in our neighbor, the more easily we love them whom we would otherwise overlook, dismiss or just plain reject.

Faithful**PRAYER OF THE WEEK****First Sunday of Advent**

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

REFLECTION QUESTION:

What righteous deeds would I be able to bring with me if Christ returned this week?

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I will raise up for David a just shoot;
he shall do what is right and just in the land.

— Jeremiah 33:15

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

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

Words from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

“Now let me say that the next thing we must be concerned about if we are to have peace on earth and good will toward men is the nonviolent affirmation of the sacredness of all human life. Every man is somebody because he is a child of God...Man is more than a tiny vanguard of whirling electrons or a wisp of smoke from a limitless smoldering. Man is a child of God, made in His image, and therefore must be respected as such....And when we truly believe in the sacredness of human personality, we won't exploit people, we won't trample over people with the iron feet of oppression, we won't kill anybody.”

-from a Christmas Sermon on Peace, first delivered by Dr. King at Ebenezer Baptist Church and aired by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation on Christmas Eve, 1967.

*We pray for all the faithful,
may the Lord help us build a culture of life
in vigilant expectation of His return.
We pray to the Lord.*

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 4th.

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 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



VINCENTIAN CORNER



As we begin Advent we are called to “wait” in joyful anticipation for the grace of Christmas to once again bless our lives. Wherever you live in our parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home.

When in need, they ring the rectory bell. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell.

Your gift to Society of St. Vincent de Paul will help the poor celebrate the grace of God's love this 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, M-F 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Thank you



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**

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.

**ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA CHURCH
RIVERSIDE, CA**

ADVENT MISSION



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will take place on First Friday, December 3, 2021 immediately following the 8:15 am Mass and ends at 5:00 pm.

"...In this world I cannot see the most High Son of God with my own eyes, except for His Most Holy Body and Blood."
-St. Francis

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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!

The Holy Family: Joseph, Mary, Jesus



Presenter: Deacon Michael Jelley

Ordained by Bishop Barnes in 1999, Deacon Michael Jelley has since immersed himself deeply in both parish and diocesan ministry. In 2006, he earned a Juris Doctor from California Southern Law School. He served key positions at the Diocese as Vice Chancellor of the Diocese, Director of the Department of Ecclesial Services and Vicar for Deacons.



November 29 - December 1, 2021

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

In person, Inside the Church

Come and join us. Everyone is invited.

**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"

Our Lady of Perpetual Help: November 30 @ 7:00 pm

Corpus Christi: December 1 @ 7:00 pm

Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine: December 2 @ 7:00 pm

St. Thomas the Apostle: December 2 @ 7:00 pm

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. Mel: December 1 @ 7:00 pm

St. Edward: December 2 @ 7:00 pm

St. Anthony: December 3 @ 5:00 pm

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



Blessing of an Advent Wreath

The use of the *Advent Wreath* is a traditional practice which has found its place in the Church as well as in the home. The blessing of an Advent Wreath takes place on the First Sunday of Advent or on the evening before the First Sunday of Advent.

When the blessing of the Advent Wreath is celebrated in the home, it is appropriate that it be blessed by a parent or another member of the family.

All make the sign of the cross as the leader says:
Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Response (R/.) Who made heaven and earth.
Then the Scripture, *Isaiah 9:* (lines 1-2 and 5-6) or *Isaiah 63* (lines 16-17 & 19) or *Isaiah 64* (lines 2-7) is read:

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
R/. Thanks be to God.

With hands joined, the leader says:

Lord our God,
we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ:
he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples,
he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us,
he is the Savior of every nation.

Lord God,
let your blessing come upon us
as we light the candles of this wreath.
May the wreath and its light
be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us
salvation.
May he come quickly and not delay.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
R/. Amen.

The blessing may conclude with a verse from
"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel":

O come, desire of nations, bind
in one the hearts of humankind;
bid ev'ry sad division cease
and be thyself our Prince of peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

—From *Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers*



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PRAYER RESOURCE



Diocese of San Bernardino Office of Restorative Justice

The Christmas season is a most stressful time for someone who is incarcerated. As we enter the holiday season, we would like to ask for your help in providing Christmas cards for our incarcerated brothers and sisters.

The Office of Restorative Justice coordinates the distribution of thousands of Christmas cards each year to prisons in our Diocese. We need boxes of new, unsigned Christmas cards (especially Spanish-language cards) which are then given to inmates to send home to their families.

Please no cards that are scented or contain glitter, tassels, ribbons, plastic, pieces that can be removed or musical cards. Also no cards requesting/requiring donations to an organization.

Deadline is Friday, December 3, 2021.

Mail or drop off boxes of cards:
Office of Restorative Justice
Diocese of San Bernardino
1201 E. Highland Ave., San Bernardino, CA 92404

IT'S HERE! \$15 GETS YOU
hundreds of great deals from local merchants
and \$10 goes back to your child's organization.

Makes a great GIFT!

Shop Riverside
SCHOLARS DISCOUNT CARD
Scholars Director: [phone number]

For a complete list of participating merchants visit
ShopRiversideNow.com

YOU GET 54 one time use coupons which
feature exclusive offers totaling over \$300 in savings.
By shopping local, you are supporting local fire, police, museums, parks, libraries and youth programs.



Over 200 merchants that can be used each and every day. Above is a partial listing of participating merchants.

HELP SUPPORT ST. CATHERINE'S YOUTH PROGRAMS!

SHOP RIVERSIDE CARDS

AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THE MINISTRY CENTER

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.

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.

A message from St. Catherine's Jubilee Committee:

The Jubilee Anniversary Dinner has been postponed to June 2022 due to ongoing COVID-19 related restrictions on indoor gatherings.



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

"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.



Holy Father's Intention for the month of November:
**Universal intention—People who suffer from
depression**

We pray that people who suffer from depression or
burn-out will find support and a light that opens them
up to life.

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
in Spanish. Please plan accordingly.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK



Anointing of the Sick will take place next
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.

THE THREE COMINGS OF ADVENT

There are three distinct comings of the Lord of
which I know, His coming to humankind, His coming
into umankind, and His coming against humankind.

—St. Bernard: *Third Sermon for Advent*



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-11/28: NO Life Night

Enjoy the Thanksgiving weekend with family and friends. See you next week for our Advent Mission. Please check your email for log-in codes. **We are on Zoom meeting at 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm**. Contact Lance for more information.

Next 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**

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 11/28/2021

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 on 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

Primer Domingo de Adviento

Concede a tus fieles, Dios todopoderoso, el deseo de salir al encuentro de Cristo, que viene a nosotros, para que, mediante la práctica de las buenas obras, colocados un día a su derecha, merezcamos poseer el reino celestial.

Por nuestro Señor Jesucristo, tu Hijo, que vive y reina contigo en la unidad del Espíritu Santo y es Dios por los siglos de los siglos.

PREGUNTA DE REFLEXIÓN:
¿Qué buenas obras podría traer conmigo si Cristo regresara esta semana?

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LAS TRES VENIDAS DEL ADVIENTO

Sabemos de una triple venida del Señor: su venida a la humanidad, su venida en la humanidad y su venida contra la humanidad.

—San Bernardo: *Tercer Sermón para Adviento*

Habrán señales prodigiosas en el sol, en la luna y en las estrellas. Cuando estas cosas comiencen a suceder, pongan atención y levanten la cabeza, porque se acerca la hora de su liberación.

Lucas 21:25, 28

UN NUEVO COMIENZO

Hoy, ya sea por la noche, por la mañana o al mediodía, en muchas comunidades de diferentes iglesias de todo el mundo, la primera vela encendida en cada coron de Adviento anuncia silenciosa pero bellamente el comienzo de un Nuevo Año litúrgico. Este nuevo comienzo presenta una oportunidad llena de gracia para que nos decidamos a vivir no simplemente según el calendario secular de nuestra sociedad comercializada, sino según el espíritu de la liturgia. No hay nada malo — de hecho, puede haber algo muy sagrado — en planificar la celebración del sorprendente regalo del Hijo de Dios sorprendiendo a nuestros seres queridos con regalos bien pensados en Navidad. Pero es muy importante, en medio de las prisas de los preparativos navideños, tomarse el tiempo y hacer el esfuerzo de apreciar los crepúsculos tempranos del Adviento y los amaneceres más tardíos, inundados de púrpuras, azules profundos e incluso los colores rosas oscuros que asociamos con el Adviento. Así dejamos que el propio “Adviento” de la naturaleza nos haga reflexionar sobre el “Adviento” que Jeremías vio venir.

IMÁGENES DEL FIN DE LOS TIEMPOS

Con qué fuerza las Escrituras de hoy nos desafían a prestar atención a la naturaleza inquietante de la irrupción definitiva del Reino. La llamada resuena en la profecía de Jeremías: “En aquellos días, en aquel tiempo” y en la carta de Pablo: “en la venida de nuestro Señor Jesús con todos sus santos. Amén”. El tema se intensifica con aumento en Lucas: “habrá señales en el sol, la luna y las estrellas, y en la tierra . . . consternación y perplejidad”. La gente estará muerta de miedo — literalmente — “en previsión de lo que vendrá sobre el mundo”, ya que “rugirán los mares y las olas” y “las potencias del reino serán sacudidas”. Y todo esto será el preludio de que “el Hijo del hombre vendrá en una nube con poder y gran gloria”. Ante este final “asombroso” (es decir, lleno de estupefacción), Jesús advierte a sus discípulos que se cuiden de dos extremos igualmente debilitantes, que parecen ser marcas registradas de nuestra cultura contemporánea: la diversión mortífera, por un lado, y la ansiedad frenética, por otro.

PREPARACIÓN PARA EL FIN DE LOS TIEMPOS

A la luz de estas predicciones del aterrador final de los tiempos, Jesús nos aconseja adoptar su triple “Programa de preparación para el final: (1) “¡Cuidado!”, es decir, ser conscientes de lo que realmente importa, las verdaderas prioridades de la vida. (2) “Velen en todo momento”, es decir, estén atentos a la venida de Cristo no sólo al final, sino mientras tanto, en la familia y en el prójimo, en el amigo y en el extranjero. (3) Sobre todo, “reza”. La oración, la comunión con Dios, nos ayudará a recordar que, para los discípulos fieles, el Fin de este mundo — o de nuestras propias vidas, lo que ocurra primero — será el Inicio de una alegría que nadie podrá quitarnos, la plenitud de la vida que nunca terminará. Qué bonito sería que la renovación de este Adviento nos preparara para esperar el momento de la venida de Jesús — en su gloria o en nuestra muerte — no como un desastre cataclismo, sino como un motivo por el que “estar erguidos y levantando (nuestras) cabezas (en alegre expectación) porque (nuestra) redención está cerca”.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Jeremías 33:14-16
Salmo 25 (24):4-5, 8-9, 10, 14
1 Tesalonicenses 3:12 — 4:2
Lucas 21:25-28, 34-36

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Is 2:1-5; Sal 122 (121):1-9; Mt 8:5-11
Martes: Rom 10:9-18; Sal 19 (18):8-11; Mt 4:18-22
Miércoles: Is 25:6-10a; Sal 23 (22):1-6; Mt 15:29-37
Jueves: Is 26:1-6; Sal 118 (117):1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Viernes: Is 29:17-24; Sal 27 (26):1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Sábado: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Sal 147 (146):1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8
Domingo: Bar 5:1-9; Sal 126:1-6; Fil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lc 3:1-6

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Se acercan los días cuando el Señor cumplirá su promesa que hizo a Israel y a Judá (Jeremías 33:14-16).

Salmo — A ti, Señor, levanto mi alma (Salmo 25 [24]).

Segunda lectura — Que el Señor los llene y los haga rebozar de amor para que sean irreprochables en santidad; pórtese de tal manera que complazcan a Dios (1 Tesalonicenses 3:12 — 4:2).

Evangelio — Habrá señales y verán al Hijo del hombre venir con gran poder y majestad. Estén alerta (Lucas 21:25-28, 34-36).

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INFORMACIÓN LITÚRGICA

28 de noviembre - PRIMER DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

30 de noviembre - San Andrés, apóstol

3 de diciembre - San Francisco Javier, presbítero

4 de diciembre - San Juan Damasceno, presbítero y doctor De la Iglesia

El Adviento tiene un doble carácter: como temporada para preparar la Navidad, cuando se recuerda la primera venida de Cristo a nosotros, y como temporada en la que ese recuerdo dirige nuestra mente y nuestro corazón a esperar la segunda venida de Cristo al final de los tiempos. El Adviento es, pues, un período de devota y alegre espera.

San Andrés fue discípulo de Juan Bautista y fue el primero en convertirse en Apóstol, luego fue a contar a su hermano Simón Pedro; la tradición sostiene que predicó al norte del Mar Negro y en Grecia, y murió atado a una cruz en forma de X en Petras, Grecia.

San Francisco Javier uno de los jesuitas fundadores, por encargo de San Ignacio de Loyola; predicó en la India, Sri Lanka, Malasia y Japón; con Santa Teresa de Lisieux, copatrn del Apostolado de la Oración y de las misiones extranjeras; murió en 1552 a los cuarenta y seis años.

San Juan Damasceno nació en Damasco; fue el último de los Padres griegos de la Iglesia; el primero de Oriente en formular una síntesis completa del dogma cristiano; defendió la veneración de los iconos; compuso himnos y predicó muchas homilias en honor de la Santísima Virgen María, especialmente de su ascensión; murió en el año 749.

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Servicio de Penitencia Comunitaria, el lunes, 6 de diciembre, a las 7:00 pm.

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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.



GRUPO DE ORACIÓN BÍBLICA

Anfitrión: Padre Luis A. Segura, MSC

Cada viernes en español por Zoom 7:00 pm a 8:00 pm



Para unirse a la reunión:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88988979099?pwd=N2dKcFFxaTVaL0l4a2RYRXE0QSrZz09>

**Meeting ID: 889 8897 9099
Passcode: biblia**

¡ÚNASE A NOSOTROS!



Acompañenos para el Servicio de Penitencia Comunitaria, el lunes, 6 de diciembre a las 7:00 pm adentro de la Iglesia.

UNCIÓN DE LOS ENFERMOS

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



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

Intención universal—Las personas que sufren de depresión

Recemos para que las personas, que sufren de depresion o agotamiento extreme, reciban apoyo de todos y una luz que les abra a la vida.



Yo haré nacer del tronco de David un vástago santo, que ejercerá la justicia y el derecho en la tierra.
— Jeremías 33:15

Guardar la Fecha Misión de Adviento de Santa Catalina

“La Sagrada Familia: José, María, Jesús”

12/3: 7:00 pm a 8:00 pm

Misión en español, en persona, dentro de la iglesia
Anfitrión: P. Eduardo Aguirre

11/29 - 12/1: 7:00 pm a 8:00 pm

Misión en inglés, en persona, dentro de la iglesia

12/5: Misión para jóvenes por Zoom

“¡MARANATHA! ... VEN SEÑOR JESÚS!”