



1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake." - Mt 24:43

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Mission Statement

By promoting the teachings of Jesus, St. Catherine of Alexandria welcomes all people to share in our blessed sacraments to strengthen and inspire our faith, to bring all closer in relationship to Jesus and creating friendship and unity in ethnic groups and committees as we walk in His footsteps daily.

Welcome to St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Church

November 30, 2025

- We have an Advent Reflection for each day of the week. It is on pages 3, 4 and 5 in English and pages 5 6, and 7 in Spanish
- One last reminder for the Christmas Concert on December 7, after the 5 p.m. Mass. See page 8.
- On page 9, there is a Reflection on this Sunday's Gospel, in both English and Spanish.
- See on page 12, a list of all Penance Services prior to Christmas in our Vicariate area.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

Vigil 4:00 PM (English)
6:00 PM (Spanish)

Sunday

8:00 AM (English)
10:00 AM (English)
12:00 PM (English)
2:00 PM (Spanish)
5:00 PM (English)
5:00 PM (Korean Mass on
2nd & 4th Sundays-Di Leo Hall)

Weekday Mass Times

Monday through Friday
7:30 AM (English)
Thursday 6:30 PM (Spanish) & Adoration

La declaración de la misión

Al promover las enseñanzas de Jesús, Santa Catalina de Alejandría da la bienvenida a todas las personas a compartir nuestros santos sacramentos para fortalecer e inspirar nuestra fe, para acercar a todos a Jesús y crear una amistad y unidad en grupos étnicos y comités mientras caminamos en sus pasos todos los días.

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Awaiting the Light: An Advent Journey through Scripture

Dr. Tercio B. Junker

November 30: Watching and Waiting - Biblical Passage: Luke 21:20-24 (NAB)

“When you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, know that its desolation is at hand. Then those in Judea must flee to the mountains. Let those within the city escape from it, and let those in the countryside not enter the city, for these days are the time of punishment when all the scriptures are fulfilled. Woe to pregnant women and nursing mothers in those days, for a terrible calamity will come upon the earth and a wrathful judgment upon this people. They will fall by the edge of the sword and be taken as captives to all the Gentiles; and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.”

REFLECTION

Jesus speaks of great distress and tribulation, yet he also calls for vigilance and readiness. In Advent, we are reminded that waiting for Christ's return involves an active posture of watchfulness. We must be aware of the signs of the times, not in fear but in hope, trusting that God's purposes will be fulfilled.

PRAYER

Keep us watchful, O God, as we await the coming of your kingdom. Amen.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Watchfulness expresses faith in God's promises.

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December 1: Signs of Hope - Biblical Passage: Luke 21:25-36 (NAB)

“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand. He taught them a lesson. “Consider the fig tree and all the other trees. When their buds burst open, you see for yourselves and know that summer is now near; in the same way, when you see these things happening, know that the kingdom of God is near. Amen, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap. For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth. Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man.”

REFLECTION

The imagery of cosmic signs and distress is contrasted with the assurance that redemption is drawing near. In Advent, we look for signs of hope in our world, knowing that God's salvation is at work even in chaos. Christ's coming is a beacon of hope that invites us to lift our heads in anticipation of God's transformative power.

PRAYER

Give us eyes to see your signs of hope, O God, and hearts ready to receive your salvation. Amen.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Hope shines brightest amid darkness.

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December 2: God's Promises Fulfilled - Biblical Passage: 2 Peter 3:1-15a (NAB)

“This is now, beloved, the second letter I am writing to you; through them by way of reminder I am trying to stir up your sincere disposition, to recall the words previously spoken by the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and savior through your apostles. Know this first of all, that in the last days scoffers will come [to] scoff, living according to their own desires and saying, “Where is the promise of his coming? From the time when our ancestors fell asleep, everything has remained as it was from the beginning of creation.” They deliberately ignore the fact that the heavens existed of old and earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God; through these the world that then existed was destroyed, deluged with water. The present heavens and earth have been reserved by the same word for fire, kept for the day of judgment and of destruction of the godless. But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day. The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard “delay,” but he is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar and the elements will be dissolved by fire, and the earth and everything done on it will be found out. Since everything is to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought [you] to be, conducting yourselves in holiness and devotion, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved in flames and the elements melted by fire. But according to his promise we await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, since you await these things, be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace. And consider the patience of our Lord as salvation.”

REFLECTION

Peter reminds the early Christians of God's patience and faithfulness in fulfilling promises. The delay of Christ's return is not a cause for doubt but an invitation to live holy and godly lives as we wait. Advent is a time to reflect on God's promises, trusting they will be fulfilled in God's perfect timing.

PRAYER

Strengthen our faith, O God, as we trust in fulfilling your promises. Amen.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

God's promises are sure and steadfast, even in the waiting.

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Glory
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God

DECEMBER 3: A PRAYER FOR THE KING - BIBLICAL PASSAGE: 2 SAMUEL 7:18-29 (NAB)

Then King David went in and sat in the LORD's presence and said, "Who am I, Lord GOD, and what is my house, that you should have brought me so far? And yet even this is too little in your sight, Lord GOD! For you have made a promise regarding your servant's house reaching into the future, and giving guidance to the people, Lord GOD! What more can David say to you? You know your servant, Lord God! For your servant's sake and as you have had at heart, you have brought about this whole magnificent disclosure to your servant. Therefore, great are you, Lord GOD! There is no one like you, no God but you, as we have always heard. What other nation on earth is there like your people Israel? What god has ever led a nation, redeeming it as his people and making a name by great and awesome deeds, as you drove out the nations and their gods before your people, whom you redeemed for yourself from Egypt? You have established for yourself your people Israel as your people forever, and you, LORD, have become their God. Now, LORD God, confirm the promise that you have spoken concerning your servant and his house forever. Bring about what you have promised so that your name may be forever great. People will say: 'The LORD of hosts is God over Israel,' when the house of your servant David is established in your presence. Because you, LORD of hosts, God of Israel, have revealed to your servant, 'I will build you a house,' your servant now finds the courage to make this prayer before you. Since you, Lord GOD, are truly God and your words are truth and you have made this generous promise to your servant, do, then, bless the house of your servant, that it may be in your presence forever—since you, Lord GOD, have promised, and by your blessing the house of your servant shall be blessed forever."

REFLECTION

David's prayer is a profound response to God's covenant promise of an eternal dynasty. In Advent, we recall the fulfillment of this promise in Jesus, the King of Kings. Like David's, our prayers are rooted in gratitude and trust in God's covenantal love as we anticipate the coming of Christ's reign.

PRAYER

May our hearts be filled with gratitude, O God, as we await the coming of our King. Amen.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Gratitude shapes our prayers as we await God's kingdom.

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DECEMBER 4: REFINING FIRE - BIBLICAL PASSAGE: ISAIAH 1:24-31 (NAB)

Now, therefore, says the Lord, the LORD of hosts, the Mighty One of Israel: "Ah! I will take vengeance on my foes and fully repay my enemies! I will turn my hand against you, and refine your dross in the furnace, removing all your alloy. I will restore your judges as at first, and your counselors as in the beginning; after that you shall be called city of justice, faithful city. Zion shall be redeemed by justice, and her repentant ones by righteousness. Rebels and sinners together shall be crushed, those who desert the LORD shall be consumed. You shall be ashamed of the terebinths which you desired and blush on account of the gardens which you chose. You shall become like a terebinth whose leaves wither like a garden that has no water. The strong tree shall turn to tinder, and the one who tends it shall become a spark; both of them shall burn together, and there shall be none to quench them."

REFLECTION

Isaiah's prophecy describes a refining process in which God purifies and restores the people. Advent is a season of preparation, where we open ourselves to God's refining work in our lives. As we await Christ's coming, we seek to be purified to stand in God's presence with hearts made clean.

PRAYER

Purify our hearts, O God, and prepare us for your coming. Amen.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

God's refining fire prepares us for the fullness of life in Christ.

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DECEMBER 5: THE DAWN FROM ON HIGH - BIBLICAL PASSAGE: LUKE 1:68-79 (NAB)

"Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, for he has visited and brought redemption to his people. He has raised up a horn for our salvation within the house of David his servant, even as he promised through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old: salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us, to show mercy to our fathers and to be mindful of his holy covenant and of the oath he swore to Abraham our father, and to grant us that, rescued from the hand of enemies without fear we might worship him in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. And you, child, will be called prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give his people knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins, because of the tender mercy of our God by which the daybreak from on high will visit us to shine on those who sit in darkness and death's shadow, to guide our feet into the path of peace."

REFLECTION

Zechariah's prophecy celebrates the coming of the Savior, who will bring light to those in darkness. In Advent, we rejoice in the dawn from on high that visits us in Christ, bringing guidance, peace, and salvation. Our hearts are filled with hope as we prepare to receive this light anew.

PRAYER

Shine your light upon us, O God, and guide us toward peace. Amen.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Christ's light dispels our lives' darkness.

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Jesus

DECEMBER 6: TO LIVE IS CHRIST / BIBLICAL PASSAGE: PHILIPPIANS 1:18B-26 (NAB)

“As long as in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is being proclaimed? And in that I rejoice. Indeed I shall continue to rejoice, for I know that this will result in deliverance for me through your prayers and support from the Spirit of Jesus Christ. My eager expectation and hope is that I shall not be put to shame in any way, but that with all boldness, now as always, Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me life is Christ, and death is gain. If I go on living in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. And I do not know which I shall choose. I am caught between the two. I long to depart this life and be with Christ, [for] that is far better. Yet that I remain [in] the flesh is more necessary for your benefit. And this I know with confidence, that I shall remain and continue in the service of all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, so that your boasting in Christ Jesus may abound on account of me when I come to you again.”

REFLECTION

Paul's words express a deep commitment to living for Christ, whether in life or death. Advent calls us to this same radical devotion, where our lives are centered on Christ's presence and purpose. As we await Christ's coming, we find our true life in him, living each day as an offering to God.

PRAYER

May our lives reflect your love, O Christ, as we await your coming. Amen.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Living for Christ is our highest calling and profound joy.

A la Espera de la Luz: Una Jornada de Adviento por las Escrituras

Dr. Tercio B. Junker

30 DE NOVIEMBRE: VIGILANCIA Y ESPERA - PASAJE BÍBLICO: LUCAS 21:20-24 (DHH)

“Cuando vean a Jerusalén rodeada de ejércitos, sepan que pronto será destruida. Entonces, los que estén en Judea, que huyan a las montañas; los que estén en Jerusalén, que salgan de la ciudad, y los que estén en el campo, que no regresen a ella. Porque serán días de castigo, en que se cumplirá todo lo que dicen las Escrituras. ¡Pobres mujeres aquellas que en tales días estén embarazadas o tengan niños de pecho! Porque habrá mucho dolor en el país, y un castigo terrible contra este pueblo. Unos morirán a filo de espada y a otros los llevarán prisioneros por todas las naciones; y los paganos pisotearán a Jerusalén hasta que se cumpla el tiempo que les ha sido señalado.”

REFLEXIÓN

Jesús habla de tiempos de gran angustia y tribulación, pero también llama a la vigilancia y la preparación. En Adviento, se nos recuerda que esperar el regreso de Cristo implica una postura activa de vigilancia. Debemos estar atentos y atentas a los signos de los tiempos, no con temor, sino con esperanza, confiando en que los propósitos de Dios se cumplirán.

ORACIÓN

Mantennos vigilantes, Oh Dios, mientras esperamos la venida de tu reino. Amén.

PENSAMIENTO DEL DÍA

La vigilancia es una expresión de fe en las promesas de Dios.

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1 DE DICIEMBRE: SEÑALES DE ESPERANZA - PASAJE BÍBLICO: LUCAS 21:25-36 (DHH)

«Habrà señales en el sol, en la luna y en las estrellas; y en la tierra las naciones estarán confusas y se asustarán por el terrible ruido del mar y de las olas. La gente se desmayará de miedo al pensar en lo que va a sucederle al mundo; pues hasta las fuerzas celestiales serán sacudidas. Entonces se verá al Hijo del hombre venir en una nube con gran poder y gloria. Cuando comiencen a suceder estas cosas, anímense y levanten la cabeza, porque muy pronto serán libertados.» También les puso esta comparación: «Fíjense en la higuera, o en cualquier otro árbol. Cuando ven que brotan las hojas, se dan cuenta ustedes de que ya está cerca el verano. De la misma manera, cuando vean que suceden estas cosas, sepan que el reino de Dios ya está cerca. «Les aseguro que todo esto sucederá antes que muera la gente de este tiempo. El cielo y la tierra dejarán de existir, pero mis palabras no dejarán de cumplirse. «Tengan cuidado y no dejen que sus corazones se hagan insensibles por los vicios, las borracheras y las preocupaciones de esta vida, para que aquel día no caiga de pronto sobre ustedes como una trampa. Porque vendrá sobre todos los habitantes de la tierra. Estén ustedes preparados, orando en todo tiempo, para que puedan escapar de todas estas cosas que van a suceder y para que puedan presentarse delante del Hijo del hombre.»

Reflexión

La imagen de señales cósmicas y angustia se contrasta con la seguridad de que la redención está cerca. En Adviento, buscamos señales de esperanza en nuestro mundo, sabiendo que incluso en el caos, la salvación de Dios está en acción. La venida de Cristo es un faro de esperanza que nos invita a levantar nuestras cabezas en anticipación del poder transformador de Dios.

Oración

Danos ojos para ver tus señales de esperanza, Oh Dios, y corazones listos para recibir tu salvación. Amén.

Pensamiento del Día

La esperanza brilla más intensamente en medio de la oscuridad.

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2 DE DICIEMBRE: LAS PROMESAS DE DIOS CUMPLIDAS - PASAJE BÍBLICO: 2 PEDRO 3:1-13 (DHH)

“Esta es, queridos hermanos, la segunda carta que les escribo. En las dos he querido, con mis consejos, hacerlos pensar rectamente. Acuérdense de lo que en otro tiempo dijeron los santos profetas; y del mandamiento del Señor y Salvador, que los apóstoles les enseñaron a ustedes. Sobre todo tengan esto en cuenta: que en los días últimos vendrá gente que vivirá de acuerdo con sus propios malos deseos, y que en son de burla preguntará: «¿Qué pasó con la promesa de que Cristo iba a volver? Ya murieron nuestros padres, y todo sigue igual desde que el mundo fue creado.» Esa gente no quiere darse cuenta de que desde tiempos antiguos ya existía el cielo, y también la tierra, que Dios con su palabra hizo salir del agua y la mantiene en medio del agua. También por medio del agua del diluvio fue destruido el mundo de entonces. Pero los cielos y la tierra que ahora existen, están reservados para el fuego por el mismo mandato de Dios. Ese fuego los quemará en el día del juicio y de la perdición de los malos. Además, queridos hermanos, no olviden que para el Señor un día es como mil años, y mil años como un día. No es que el Señor se tarde en cumplir su promesa, como algunos suponen, sino que tiene paciencia con ustedes, pues no quiere que nadie muera, sino que todos se vuelvan a Dios. Pero el día del Señor vendrá como un ladrón. Entonces los cielos se desharán con un ruido espantoso, los elementos serán destruidos por el fuego, y la tierra, con todo lo que hay en ella, quedará sometida al juicio de Dios. Puesto que todo va a ser destruido de esa manera, ¡con cuánta santidad y devoción deben vivir ustedes! Esperen la llegada del día de Dios, y hagan lo posible por apresurarla. Ese día los cielos serán destruidos por el fuego, y los elementos se derretirán entre las llamas; pero nosotros esperamos el cielo nuevo y la tierra nueva que Dios ha prometido, en los cuales todo será justo y bueno.”

REFLEXIÓN

Pedro recuerda a los primeros cristianos la paciencia y fidelidad de Dios al cumplir sus promesas. La demora del regreso de Cristo no es motivo de duda, sino una invitación a vivir vidas santas y piadosas mientras esperamos. El Adviento es un tiempo para reflexionar sobre las promesas de Dios, confiando en que se cumplirán en el tiempo perfecto de Dios.

ORACIÓN

Fortalece nuestra fe, Oh Dios, mientras confiamos en el cumplimiento de tus promesas. Amén.

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PENSAMIENTO DEL DÍA

Las promesas de Dios son seguras y firmes, incluso en la espera.

3 DE DICIEMBRE: UNA ORACIÓN POR EL REY - PASAJE BÍBLICO: 2 SAMUEL 7:18-29 (DHH)

“Entonces el rey David entró para hablar delante del Señor, y dijo: «Señor, ¿quién soy yo y qué es mi familia para que me hayas hecho llegar hasta aquí? ¡Y tan poca cosa te ha parecido esto, Señor, que hasta has hablado del porvenir de la dinastía de tu siervo! ¡Ningún hombre actúa como tú, Señor! ¿Qué más te puedo decir, Señor, si tú conoces a este siervo tuyo? Todas estas maravillas las has hecho, según lo prometiste y lo quisiste, para que yo las conociera; por lo tanto, Señor mío, ¡qué grandeza la tuya! Porque no hay nadie como tú, ni existe otro dios aparte de ti, según todo lo que nosotros mismos hemos oído. En cuanto a Israel, tu pueblo, ¡no hay otro como él, pues es nación única en la tierra! Tú, oh Dios, lo libertaste para que fuera tu pueblo, y lo hiciste famoso haciendo por él cosas grandes y maravillosas. Tú arrojaste de delante de tu pueblo, al que rescataste de Egipto, a las demás naciones y a sus dioses, porque tú has determinado que Israel sea tu pueblo para siempre, y que tú, Señor, serás su Dios. «Así pues, Señor y Dios, mantén para siempre la promesa que has hecho a tu siervo y a su dinastía, y cumple lo que has dicho. ¡Que tu nombre sea siempre engrandecido, y se diga que el Señor todopoderoso es el Dios de Israel! ¡Que la dinastía de David, tu siervo, se mantenga firme con tu protección! Tú, Señor todopoderoso, me has hecho saber que vas a establecer mi dinastía; por eso yo, aunque soy tu siervo, me atrevo a hacerte esta súplica. Tú, Señor, eres Dios, y tus palabras son verdaderas, y has prometido a tu siervo tanta bondad; dignate, pues, bendecir la dinastía de tu siervo para que permanezca siempre bajo tu protección. Tú, Señor Dios, lo has prometido, y con tu bendición la dinastía de tu siervo será bendita para siempre.»”

REFLEXIÓN

La oración de David es una respuesta profunda a la promesa del pacto de Dios de una dinastía eterna. En Adviento, recordamos el cumplimiento de esta promesa en Jesús, el Rey de Reyes. Nuestras oraciones, como las de David, están arraigadas en la gratitud y la confianza en el amor del pacto de Dios, mientras anticipamos la venida del reinado de Cristo.

ORACIÓN

Que nuestros corazones estén llenos de gratitud, Oh Dios, mientras esperamos la venida de nuestro Rey. Amén.

Pensamiento del Día

La gratitud moldea nuestras oraciones mientras esperamos el reino de Dios.

4 DE DICIEMBRE: FUEGO REFINADOR - PASAJE BÍBLICO: ISAÍAS 1:24-31 (DHH)

“Por eso, el Señor todopoderoso, el Poderoso de Israel, afirma: «¡Basta! Yo ajustaré las cuentas a mis enemigos. Me vengaré de ellos. Voy a levantar de nuevo mi mano contra ti y a quemar por completo tu basura; voy a limpiarte de toda tu impureza. Haré que vuelvas a tener jueces como antes y consejeros como los del principio. Después que yo lo haya hecho, volverán a llamarte «Ciudad de justicia», «Ciudad fiel». Con mi justicia y acción salvadora libentaré a los habitantes de Sión que se vuelvan a mí; pero haré pedazos a los rebeldes y pecadores, y los que me abandonen morirán. Se avergonzarán ustedes de esas encinas y jardines que tanto les gustan, donde dan culto a los ídolos. Ustedes serán como encina de hojas marchitas, y semejantes a un jardín sin agua. El hombre fuerte se convertirá en paja, y sus obras en chispa: los dos arderán al mismo tiempo y no habrá quien los apague.»”

REFLEXIÓN

La profecía de Isaías habla de un proceso de refinamiento donde Dios purificará y restaurará al pueblo. El Adviento es una temporada de preparación, donde nos abrimos al trabajo refinador de Dios en nuestras vidas. Mientras esperamos la venida de Cristo, buscamos ser purificados, para que podamos estar en la presencia de Dios con corazones limpios.

ORACIÓN

Purifica nuestros corazones, Oh Dios, y prepáranos para tu venida. Amén.

PENSAMIENTO DEL DÍA

El fuego refinador de Dios nos prepara para la plenitud de la vida en Cristo.

5 DE DICIEMBRE: LA AURORA DE LO ALTO - PASAJE BÍBLICO: LUCAS 1:68-79 (DHH)

«¡Bendito sea el Señor, Dios de Israel, porque ha venido a rescatar a su pueblo! Nos ha enviado un poderoso salvador, un descendiente de David, su siervo. Esto es lo que había prometido en el pasado por medio de sus santos profetas: que nos salvaría de nuestros enemigos y de todos los que nos odian, que tendría compasión de nuestros antepasados y que no se olvidaría de su santa alianza. Y este es el juramento que había hecho a nuestro padre Abraham: que nos permitiría vivir sin temor alguno, libres de nuestros enemigos, para servirle con santidad y justicia, y estar en su presencia toda nuestra vida. En cuanto a ti, hijito mío, serás llamado profeta del Dios altísimo, porque irás delante del Señor preparando sus caminos, para hacer saber a su pueblo que Dios les perdona sus pecados y les da la salvación. Porque nuestro Dios, en su gran misericordia, nos trae de lo alto el sol de un nuevo día, para dar luz a los que viven en la más profunda oscuridad, y dirigir nuestros pasos por el camino de la paz.»

REFLEXIÓN

La profecía de Zacarías celebra la venida del Salvador, quien traerá luz a aquellos que están en tinieblas. En Adviento, nos regocijamos en la aurora de lo alto que nos visita en Cristo, trayendo guía, paz y salvación. Nuestros corazones se llenan de esperanza mientras nos preparamos para recibir esta luz nuevamente en nuestras vidas.

ORACIÓN

Brilla tu luz sobre nosotros, Oh Dios, y guíanos por el camino de la paz. Amén.

PENSAMIENTO DEL DÍA

La luz de Cristo disipa la oscuridad de nuestras vidas.

6 DE DICIEMBRE: VIVIR ES CRISTO / PASAJE BÍBLICO: FILIPENSES 1:18B-26

“De cualquier manera, con sinceridad o sin ella, anuncian a Cristo; y esto me causa alegría. Y todavía me alegraré más, pues yo sé que todo esto será para mi salvación, gracias a las oraciones de ustedes y a la ayuda que me da el Espíritu de Jesucristo. Pues espero firmemente que Dios no me dejará quedar mal, sino que, ahora como siempre, se mostrará públicamente en mí la grandeza de Cristo, tanto si sigo vivo como si muero. Porque para mí, seguir viviendo es Cristo, y morir, una ganancia. Y si al seguir viviendo en este cuerpo, mi trabajo puede producir tanto fruto, entonces no sé qué escoger. Me es difícil decidirme por una de las dos cosas: por un lado, quisiera morir para ir a estar con Cristo, pues eso sería mucho mejor para mí; pero, por otro lado, a causa de ustedes es más necesario que siga viviendo. Y como estoy convencido de esto, sé que me quedaré todavía con ustedes, para ayudarlos a seguir adelante y a tener más gozo en su fe. Así me tendrán otra vez entre ustedes, y haré que aumente su orgullo en

Cristo Jesús.”

REFLEXIÓN

Las palabras de Pablo expresan un profundo compromiso de vivir para Cristo, ya sea en la vida o en la muerte. El Adviento nos llama a esta misma devoción radical, donde nuestras vidas están centradas en la presencia y el propósito de Cristo. Mientras esperamos la venida de Cristo, encontramos nuestra verdadera vida en él, viviendo cada día como una ofrenda a Dios.

ORACIÓN

Que nuestras vidas sean un reflejo de tu amor, Oh Cristo, mientras esperamos tu venida. Amén.

PENSAMIENTO DEL DÍA

Vivir para Cristo es nuestro llamado más alto y nuestra mayor alegría.



St. Francis Xavier

This week is the feast of St. Francis Xavier. As a young man, Xavier met Ignatius of Loyola at the University of Paris. Xavier was inspired by his friend's zeal and devotion. When Xavier was 31, he became one of the first members of the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits). The order presented themselves to the Pope for service as missionaries. Xavier would spend the rest of his life traveling the world and spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ. He served side by side with the poor in India, modern-day Malaysia, Pacific Islands, and ultimately Japan.

Rather than imposing on the people, Xavier wore local dress and arranged translations of religious texts into the local language. It's estimated that he baptized 30,000 people. His charismatic joy is an inspiration for all who want to bring people to Christ.



St. Nicholas | Feast Day December 6

St. Nicholas of Bari (March 15, 270 – December 6, 343), the bishop of Myra in the fourth century, is the saint that Santa Claus is modeled after. Known for his kindness and generosity to the poor, the story has it that St. Nicholas once tossed bags of gold through the open window of a poor man's house to help his daughters avoid a life of prostitution.

According to legend, the gold landed in stockings dangling on the corners of the beds, which is why many of us celebrate St. Nicholas Day by hanging stockings and filling them with candy, fruit, and small toys.

Not much else is known about this beloved saint, but regardless, his reputation as a generous man continues today.

St. John Damascene | Feast Day December 4

St. John Damascene (676 -749) was the son of the chief of the revenue department in the city of Damascus. Through his father, he received a classical and theological education and attempted to follow in his footsteps by serving in a government position. However, the Lord was calling him to a different life, and a few years later he resigned from his position and went to the Monastery of St. Sabas, where he wrote books and composed hymns along with his adopted brother, Cosmas.

St. John Damascene is best known for his writings against the iconoclasts, who opposed the veneration of images; his treatise, Exposition of the Orthodox Faith, a summary of the Greek Fathers; and his work as a poet, one of the two greatest of the Eastern Church. His devotion to the Blessed Mother and his sermons on her feasts are well known.



Advent Day Retreat for Young Adults



Why take time out for retreat?

- Reignite hope in Christ
- Prepare yourself to fully live the Christmas season
- Time for silence and sharing

When: Sunday, Dec. 7 from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm (we will conclude with a 5 pm mass)

Where: Viña de Lestonnac Retreat Center (39300 de Portola Rd.)

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Register with: Sister Anh Giang, ODN at giesuanh@gmail.com or text/call at 714-483-2331

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Beginning in the first week of December, we will not have Confessions on Wednesdays. Our regular Confessions will continue on Saturdays from 2:30–3:30 pm and by appointment.



November 30, 2025
First Sunday of Advent
Matthew 24:37-44

A few years ago, my house was broken into on Super Bowl Sunday. Turns out, it's a great day for burglars. If the TV isn't on, people are probably watching the game somewhere else, so ... easy pickins'. I'll never forget walking into my bedroom and realizing someone had been there. My stuff was thrown all over the floor. The closet was torn apart. It was disorienting and disturbing — someone had invaded the space I thought was secure. After that, I bought an alarm system. And every Super Bowl Sunday since, I'm extra careful to lock the doors and keep the lights on. That experience made me more alert. Not scared. Just attentive.

That's much like the spiritual place Jesus wants us to be on this first Sunday of Advent. He doesn't start the season with soft candlelight and cozy manger scenes. He starts with two brutal images: a flood and a thief. In other words, chaos and violation. Why? Because life will flood us. Chaos will come. And in the midst of it, Christ will come like a thief — not to steal from us, but to steal us back. He is the intruder we should want. The one who breaks in, not to ransack, but to rescue.

Christ presents himself as the thief but also the new Noah. He builds the ark of the Church to carry us through the flood. And he invites us to join him. How? By participating fully in our parishes. By making our homes places of prayer. By guarding our hearts with truth. By refusing to let spiritual complacency leave us exposed. By repentance.

This Advent, don't just stay vaguely "awake." Prepare. Build. Watch. The flood will come. But so will he.

— Father John Muir



30 de noviembre de 2025
I Domingo de Adviento
Mateo 24:37-44

El Adviento es un tiempo litúrgico de mucha esperanza. Hoy damos comienzo al ciclo A, y será el Evangelio de Mateo el que nos ayude a caminar durante este tiempo de gracia. Mateo, llamado también Leví, fue uno de los que Jesús quiso tener entre sus doce apóstoles. Él nos ayudará a ver que la esperanza está más cerca que nunca; que el anuncio de paz consiste en: Estén alerta, no se duerman, vigilen hasta entrada la noche. "Por eso estén despiertos, porque no saben en qué día vendrá el Señor" (Mateo 24:42). Un año más ha llegado, y se nos invita no a tener miedo, sino más bien a tener la intención de despertar, prestar atención y velar, para descubrir y seguir cómo será el paso de Dios en mi vida en este Adviento.

Esperanza y vigilia es lo que la Iglesia nos propone en este jubileo, y el Adviento es el momento de estar despiertos, como los pastores que supieron escuchar la noticia de que, en la ciudad de David, había nacido un Salvador. ¿De qué formas estaré despierto o despierta en este Adviento?

Puede ser que reciba a Cristo de una forma diferente a otros años, con un espíritu de vigilancia y compromiso hacia mi familia y mi comunidad. Jesús, ayúdame a girar mi corazón hacia ti, para que al hacerlo pueda ver con una mirada nueva la búsqueda de la verdad y la justicia que tanto necesitamos en la familia y en la sociedad.

¡Ven, Señor!

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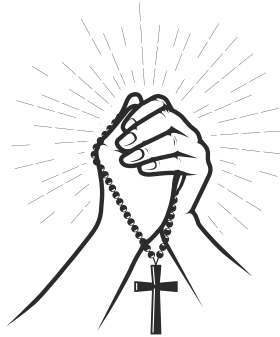
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mhitzeman@sbdiocese.org.

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Pablo Vallin

Bob Meade
Jim McCulley
Darcie Donohue
Donna Guthrie
Elizabeth Paulous
Bianca Lim
Albert Yang

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 29

4:00 pm Leng Gonzales Manny Gonzales
Louise Sunga
Thanksgiving Intention for Kim Pham

6:00 pm Daniel Trivia Juan Beccera
Justino & Celia Ramos Candelario Chaidez

Sunday, November 30

8:00 am Arnel Cristobal Victorino Cristobal
Joel Bequilla Angel Cruz

10:00 am Conchita Flores Perfecto Flores
Jason Mercier, Jr. Jon Sot

12:00pm Kiyoshi Kodani Peter Santrack
Thanksgiving Intention for Edgar Solideo

2:00pm Victor and Shili Gertrudis Molina
Aurelio Reyes
Las Almas del Purgatorio

5:00pm George Gallagher Michele Michel
Daniel Vitale

Monday, December 1

7:30am Lenat John Fedele Barbara Harris
Cettina Salvador
Josephine & Dante Faglia

Tuesday, December 2

7:30am Romeo David

Wednesday, December 3

7:30am Intentions of Parishioners

Thursday, December 4

7:30am Jason Mercier, Jr.
6:30pm Intenciones de los feligreses

Friday, December 5

7:30 am Lenat & John Fedele Deacon Bob Mueller
Gary & Jennie Rama
Josephine & Dante Faglia



*Let us Pray
to the Lord*

IMPORTANT DATES IN DECEMBER

- December 3rd – 6:30 Penance Service
- December 5th – Temecula Christmas Parade
- December 7th – Christmas Concert after the 5:00 pm Mass
- December 8th – **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary** (Holyday of Obligation). **Mass Times: 7:30 am English Mass, 12:00 pm English Mass, 6:30 pm Spanish Mass**
- December 12th – **Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe**. 5:00 am Mañanitas, 7:30 am English Mass, 6:00 pm Bilingual Mass
- December 24th – **Christmas Eve**. Mass Times: 4:00 pm English Mass, 6:00 pm Spanish Mass, 10:00 pm English Mass
- December 25th – **Christmas Day**. Mass Times: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm English Masses, 2:00 pm Spanish Mass
- All Parish Offices Are Closed From 12/24/25-1/3/2026



Hemet Vicariate Penance Services ADVENT 2025

PARISH	PENANCE SERVICE
St. Christopher MORENO VALLEY	December 1 st 6:30pm
St. James the Less PERRIS	December 2 nd 6:30pm
St. Catherine of Alexandria TEMECULA	December 3 rd 6:30pm
St. Vincent Ferrer MENIFEE	December 4 th 4-6pm
Holy Spirit HEMET	December 4 th 6:30pm
St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta WINCHESTER	December 5 th 6:30pm [Spanish]
Our Lady of the Valley HEMET	December 9 th 6:30pm
St. Martha MURRIETA	December 10 th 6:30pm
St. Anthony SAN JACINTO	December 11 th 6:30pm
St. Patrick MORENO VALLEY	<u>No Penance Service</u> Times for Confession are available as per their regular schedule.
St. Frances of Rome WILDOMAR	<u>No Penance Service</u> Times for Confession are available as per their regular schedule.
Sacred Heart ANZA	<u>No Penance Service</u>
Queen of Angels IDYLLWILD	<u>No Penance Service</u>



Save The DATE

Faith Formation

Things, things, & more things

- November 30: Rite of Welcome 10am, OCIA (youth) (10am Mass) & Children's Liturgy of the Word (10am & 2pm Masses)
- December 2- 4: Formation
- December 6: Confirmation 1 Retreat
- December 8th: Holy Day of Obligation
- December 7: OCIA (youth) (10am Mass) & Children's Liturgy of the Word (10am & 2pm Masses) and Youth Mass and Session (High School) at 12:00 PM – Sign in at 11:15 AM in Di Leo Hall and the Christmas Concert after the 5pm Mass
- December 8th: Holy Day of Obligation
- December 13th: Sacrament Prep #3, please check in at 8:45 am
- December 14th: OCIA (10am Mass) & Children's Liturgy of the Word (10am & 2pm Masses)
- December 15th: OCIA Adults 6:30pm

Reminder...Faith formation offices are closed on Fridays and will be closed on the following days:
December 24th, 2025-January 3, 2026

Christmas Concert



December 7th

The concert will be in the church after the 5:00 PM Mass.

This special event will feature performances from our Mass Choirs and Faith Formation classes, as they share the joy of the season through song and skits.

We encourage you to invite family and friends to join in this festive celebration. It's a beautiful opportunity to gather as a community!

Formation families, please check the Flocknote email you received on Nov. 6th for more information on how you can help in preparing your child to learn their song lyrics



St. Catherine community,
We ask you to keep our second-year OCIA group in your prayers as they continue preparing with faith and dedication to receive their sacraments at the Easter Vigil.

May the Lord strengthen their journey, increase their hope, and fill them with joy as they approach this very special moment in their spiritual lives.

We deeply appreciate your support and prayers.



Our middle schoolers having fun & growing in their faith.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint

Andrew



- Feast Day: November 30
- One of the Twelve Apostles and the brother of St. Peter
- Born in Bethsaida, a village on the Sea of Galilee
- Recognized as one of the first disciples called by Jesus
- Martyred in Patras
- Honored as the patron saint of fishermen, reflecting his early profession with Peter
- Described by Pope Benedict XVI as the "Apostle of the Greek world," highlighting his missionary work and symbolic brotherhood between the Eastern and Western Churches



Thank You to Our Youth

We want to express our heartfelt gratitude to all the young people who were present at the Youth Mass. Your enthusiasm, your willingness to help, and especially the warm and joyful welcome you offer to our community make a wonderful difference.

Thank you for your smiles, your dedication, and for being a living example of faith and service. We are very proud of you!

Family Faith Discussion The Sunday Gospel



- What part of today's Gospel stood out to you?
- What do you think Jesus was trying to teach us?
- How can we live this message during the week?

Formation Volunteer Spotlight

Meet Michael O'Neill

Mr. Michael is in his first year as a high school formation volunteer. Mr. Michael feels that teaching the youth is a rewarding endeavor and his favorite part is accurately conveying to them the truths of the Sacred Scriptures and Traditions as taught by the Magisterium of the Catholic Church. Saint Jude Thaddeus (Apostle of Christ, patron of hopeless cases and his Confirmation Saint) is his favorite. A verse from the Holy Bible currently on his heart is Matthew 7:3-5. Mr. Michael is fluent in German and his message is "Repent! You are greatly loved!" Thank you for all you do Mr. Michael



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