



## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"This is the one about whom it is written: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you." - Mt 11:10

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8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
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### **Confessions:**

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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**

**December 14, 2025**

- Fr. Timothy has provided an Advent Reflection for all of Advent. It is on pages 3 and 4 in English and pages 5 and 6 in Spanish.
- On page 7, there is a list of important dates in December, as well as upcoming plaza happenings
- Simbang Gabi info on pages 8
- Landscape update on page 8
- Important information from Fr. Timothy about the receipt of Precious Blood at Mass
- Photos of our 115<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala celebration are on pages 13 and 14.

### **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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DECEMBER 16,: THE PEACEABLE KINGDOM

# Advent

WEEKLY ADVENT REFLECTION  
December 14-20  
BY DR. TERCIO JUNKER



DECEMBER 14, 2025: THE BIRTH OF JOHN

**Biblical Passage:** Luke 1:57-66 (NAB)

When the time arrived for Elizabeth to have her child she gave birth to a son. Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy toward her, and they rejoiced with her. When they came on the eighth day to circumcise the child, they were going to call him Zechariah after his father, but his mother said in reply, "No. He will be called John." But they answered her, "There is no one among your relatives who has this name." So they made signs, asking his father what he wished him to be called. He asked for a tablet and wrote, "John is his name," and all were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened, his tongue freed, and he spoke blessing God. Then fear came upon all their neighbors, and all these matters were discussed throughout the hill country of Judea. All who heard these things took them to heart, saying, "What, then, will this child be?" For surely the hand of the Lord was with him.

**REFLECTION**

The birth of John the Baptist is a moment of great joy and wonder as God's promises begin to unfold in the lives of Elizabeth and Zechariah. Advent is a time of expectancy, where we watch for how God works. Like John's birth, the arrival of Christ brings new beginnings and hope to our lives.

**PRAYER**

Help us recognize your works, O God, and rejoice in fulfilling your promises. Amen.

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**

God's promises bring new life and hope.

DECEMBER 15: BEARING FRUIT

**Biblical Passage:** Luke 3:7-18 (NAB)

He said to the crowds who came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce good fruits as evidence of your repentance; and do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father,' for I tell you, God can raise up children to Abraham from these stones. Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees. Therefore every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" He said to them in reply, "Whoever has two tunics should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized and they said to him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He answered them, "Stop collecting more than what is prescribed." Soldiers also asked him, "And what is it that we should do?" He told them, "Do not practice extortion, do not falsely accuse anyone, and be satisfied with your wages." Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Messiah. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Exhorting them in many other ways, he preached good news to the people.

**REFLECTION**

John the Baptist calls the crowds to repentance, urging them to bear fruits worthy of repentance. Advent is a season of introspection, where we examine our lives and seek to align our actions with God's will. Bearing fruit is the evidence of a life transformed by God's grace, a life that reflects the coming kingdom.

**PRAYER**

Transform our hearts, O God, and help us to bear fruit that honors you. Amen.

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**

True repentance is revealed in the fruits of our actions.

DECEMBER 16: THE PEACEABLE KINGDOM

**Biblical Passage:** Isaiah 11:1-9 (NAB)

But a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom. The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, A spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD, and his delight shall be the fear of the LORD. Not by appearance shall he judge, nor by hearsay shall he decide, But he shall judge the poor with justice, and decide fairly for the land's afflicted. He shall strike the ruthless with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked. Justice shall be the band around his waist, and faithfulness a belt upon his hips. Then the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat; The calf and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them. The cow and the bear shall graze, together their young shall lie down; the lion shall eat hay like the ox. The baby shall play by the viper's den, and the child lay his hand on the adder's lair. They shall not harm or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be filled with knowledge of the LORD, as water covers the sea.

**REFLECTION**

Isaiah's vision of the peaceable kingdom, where even natural enemies live in harmony, is a powerful image of God's future reign. We long for peace and all creation to live in harmony in Advent. This vision inspires us to work for peace and justice, anticipating the day Christ's kingdom will be fully realized.

**PRAYER**

Grant us your peace, O God, and help us to be peacemakers in our world. Amen.

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**

God's kingdom is a place of peace and harmony for all creation.

## DECEMBER 17: BOLD WITNESS:

### Biblical Passage: Acts 28:23-31 (NAB)

So they arranged a day with him and came to his lodgings in great numbers. From early morning until evening, he expounded his position to them, bearing witness to the kingdom of God and trying to convince them about Jesus from the law of Moses and the prophets. Some were convinced by what he had said, while others did not believe. Without reaching any agreement among themselves they began to leave; then Paul made one final statement. "Well did the holy Spirit speak to your ancestors through the prophet Isaiah, saying: Go to this people and say: You shall indeed hear but not understand. You shall indeed look but never see. Gross is the heart of this people; they will not hear with their ears; they have closed their eyes, so they may not see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their heart and be converted, and I heal them." Let it be known to you that this salvation of God has been sent to the Gentiles; they will listen." He remained for two full years in his lodgings. He received all who came to him, and with complete assurance and without hindrance he proclaimed the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ.

### REFLECTION

Even while under house arrest, Paul's bold witness to the kingdom of God reminds us of the power of the gospel. Advent calls us to be bold in our witness, sharing the good news of Christ's coming with courage and conviction. Advent is one of hope and salvation, a message we are called to proclaim to the ends of the earth.

### PRAYER

Empower us, O God, to be bold witnesses of your love and grace. Amen.

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

A bold witness to the gospel brings light to a needy world.

## DECEMBER 18: WISDOM'S CALL

### Biblical Passage: Luke 7:31-35 (NAB)

"Then to what shall I compare the people of this generation? What are they like? They are like children who sit in the marketplace and call to one another, 'We played the flute for you, but you did not dance. We sang a dirge, but you did not weep.' For John the Baptist came neither eating food nor drinking wine, and you said, 'He is possessed by a demon.' The Son of Man came eating and drinking and you said, 'Look, he is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.' But wisdom is vindicated by all her children."

### REFLECTION

Jesus critiques those who reject both John the Baptist and himself, likening them to children who do not respond to the calls of others. Advent is a time to heed the call of wisdom and recognize how God is speaking to us through the prophets' voices and Christ's teachings. We are invited to respond with open hearts and minds.

### PRAYER

Give us ears to hear, O God and hearts to respond to your call. Amen.

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

God's wisdom calls us to listen and respond with faith.

## DECEMBER 19: A NEW COVENANT

### Biblical Passage: Jeremiah 31:31-34 (NAB)

See, days are coming—oracle of the LORD—when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors the day I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt. They broke my covenant, though I was their master—oracle of the LORD. But this is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after those days—oracle of the LORD. I will place my law within them, and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people. They will no longer teach their friends and relatives, "Know the LORD!" Everyone, from least to greatest, shall know me—oracle of the LORD—for I will forgive their iniquity and no longer remember their sin.

### REFLECTION

Jeremiah speaks of a new covenant written on the hearts of God's people. In Advent, we celebrate the fulfillment of this covenant in Christ, whose life, death, and resurrection have brought us into a new relationship with God. This covenant is marked by forgiveness, love, and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

### PRAYER

Write your covenant on our hearts, O God, and help us to live as your people. Amen.

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The new covenant in Christ transforms our relationship with God.

## DECEMBER 20: RESTORE US, O GOD

### Biblical Passage: Psalm 80:2-8 (NAB)

O Shepherd of Israel, lend an ear, you who guide Joseph like a flock! Seated upon the cherubim, shine forth upon Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh. Stir up your power, and come to save us. O God, restore us; light up your face and we shall be saved. LORD of hosts, how long will you smolder in anger while your people pray? You have fed them the bread of tears, made them drink tears in great measure. You have left us to be fought over by our neighbors; our enemies deride us. O God of hosts, restore us; light up your face and we shall be saved.

### REFLECTION

The psalmist cries out for restoration, pleading with God to shine God's face upon the people. Advent is a season of longing, where we seek God's presence and restoration in our lives and the world. As we await Christ's coming, we echo the psalmist's prayer for God's light to shine upon us, bringing healing and renewal.

### PRAYER

Restore us, O God, and let your face shine so we may be saved. Amen.

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

God's restoration brings healing and hope.

## 14 de diciembre: El Nacimiento de Juan

**Pasaje Bíblico:** Lucas 1:57-66 (DHH)

Al cumplirse el tiempo en que Isabel debía dar a luz, tuvo un hijo. Sus vecinos y parientes fueron a felicitarla cuando supieron que el Señor había sido tan bueno con ella. A los ocho días, llevaron a circuncidar al niño, y querían ponerle el nombre de su padre, Zacarías. Pero su madre dijo: --No. Tiene que llamarse Juan. Le contestaron: -

--No hay nadie en tu familia con ese nombre. Entonces preguntaron por señas al padre del niño, para saber qué nombre quería ponerle. El padre pidió una tabla para escribir, y escribió: «Su nombre es Juan.» Y todos se quedaron admirados. En aquel mismo momento Zacarías volvió a hablar, y comenzó a alabar a Dios. Todos los vecinos estaban asombrados, y en toda la región montañosa de Judea se contaba lo sucedido. Todos los que lo oían se preguntaban a sí mismos: «¿Qué llegará a ser este niño?» Porque ciertamente el Señor mostraba su poder en favor de él.

### **REFLEXIÓN**

El nacimiento de Juan el Bautista es un momento de gran alegría y asombro, ya que las promesas de Dios comienzan a desplegarse en las vidas de Isabel y Zacarías. El Adviento es un tiempo de expectativa, donde observamos las formas en que Dios está obrando en el mundo. Como el nacimiento de Juan, la llegada de Cristo trae nuevos comienzos y esperanza a nuestras vidas.

### **ORACIÓN**

Ayúdanos a reconocer tus obras, Oh Dios, y a regocijarnos en el cumplimiento de tus promesas. Amén.

### **PENSAMIENTO DEL DÍA**

Las promesas de Dios traen nueva vida y esperanza al mundo.

## 15 de diciembre: Dando Fruto

**Pasaje Bíblico:** Lucas 3:7-18 (DHH)

Cuando la gente salía para que Juan los bautizara, él les decía: «¡Raza de víboras!

¿Quién les ha dicho a ustedes que van a librarse del terrible castigo que se acerca? Pórtense de tal modo que se vea claramente que se han vuelto al Señor, y no vayan a decir entre ustedes: «¡Nosotros somos descendientes de Abraham!»; porque les aseguro que incluso a estas piedras Dios puede convertirlas en descendientes de Abraham. Además, el hacha ya está lista para cortar los árboles de raíz. Todo árbol que no da buen fruto, se corta y se echa al fuego.»

Entonces la gente le preguntó:

--¿Qué debemos hacer? Juan les contestó: --El que tenga dos trajes, dele uno al que no tiene ninguno; y el que tenga comida, compártala con el que no la tiene. Se acercaron también para ser bautizados algunos de los que cobraban impuestos para Roma, y le preguntaron a Juan: --Maestro, ¿qué debemos hacer nosotros? Juan les dijo: --No cobren más de lo que deben cobrar. También algunos soldados le preguntaron: --Y nosotros, ¿qué debemos hacer? Les contestó: --No le quiten nada a nadie, ni con amenazas ni acusándolo de algo que no haya hecho; y conformense con su sueldo. La gente estaba en gran expectativa, y se preguntaba si tal vez Juan sería el Mesías; pero Juan les dijo a todos: «Yo, en verdad, los bautizo con agua; pero viene uno que los bautizará con el Espíritu Santo y con fuego. El es más poderoso que yo, que ni siquiera merezco desatarle la correa de sus sandalias. Trae su aventador en la mano, para limpiar el trigo y separarlo de la paja. Guardará el trigo en su granero, pero quemará la paja en un fuego que nunca se apagará.» De este modo, y con otros muchos consejos, Juan anunciaba la buena noticia a la gente.

### **REFLEXIÓN**

Juan el Bautista llama a las multitudes al arrepentimiento, instándolos a dar frutos dignos de arrepentimiento. El Adviento es una temporada de introspección, donde examinamos nuestras vidas y buscamos alinear nuestras acciones con la voluntad de Dios. Dar fruto es la evidencia de una vida transformada por la gracia de Dios, una vida que refleja el reino venidero.

### **ORACIÓN**

Transforma nuestros corazones, Oh Dios, y ayúdanos a dar fruto que te honre. Amén.

### **PENSAMIENTO DEL DÍA**

El verdadero arrepentimiento se revela en los frutos de nuestras acciones.

## 16 de diciembre: El Reino de Paz

**Pasaje Bíblico:** Isaías 11:1-9 (DHH)

De ese tronco que es Jesé, sale un retoño; un retoño brota de sus raíces. El espíritu del Señor estará continuamente sobre él, y le dará sabiduría, inteligencia, prudencia, fuerza, conocimiento y temor del Señor. Él no juzgará por la sola apariencia, ni dará su sentencia fundándose en rumores. Juzgará con justicia a los débiles y defenderá los derechos de los pobres del país. Sus palabras serán como una vara para castigar al violento, y con el soplo de su boca hará morir al malvado. Siempre irá revestido de justicia y verdad. Entonces el lobo y el cordero vivirán en paz, el tigre y el cabrito descansarán juntos, el becerro y el león crecerán uno al lado del otro, y se dejarán guiar por un niño pequeño. La vaca y la osa serán amigas, y sus crías descansarán juntas. El león comerá pasto, como el buey. El niño podrá jugar en el hoyo de la cobra, podrá meter la mano en el nido de la víbora. En todo mi monte santo no habrá quien haga ningún daño, porque así como el agua llena el mar, así el conocimiento del Señor llenará todo el país.

### **REFLEXIÓN**

La visión de Isaías del reino de paz, donde incluso los enemigos naturales viven en armonía, es una imagen poderosa del futuro reinado de Dios. En Adviento, anhelamos el día en que la paz prevalezca y toda la creación viva en armonía. Esta visión nos inspira a trabajar por la paz y la justicia, anticipando el día en que el reino de Cristo se realizará plenamente.

### **ORACIÓN**

Concédenos tu paz, Oh Dios, y ayúdanos a ser pacificadores en nuestro mundo. Amén.

### **PENSAMIENTO DEL DÍA**

El reino de Dios es un lugar de paz y armonía para toda la creación.

## 17 de diciembre: Testimonio Valiente

**Pasaje Bíblico:** Hechos 28:23-31 (DHH)

Así que le señalaron un día, en el que acudieron muchas personas a donde Pablo estaba alojado. Desde la mañana hasta la tarde, Pablo les habló del reino de Dios. Tratava de convencerlos acerca de Jesús, por medio de la ley de Moisés y los escritos de los profetas. Unos aceptaron lo que Pablo decía, pero otros no creyeron. Y como no se ponían de acuerdo entre sí, comenzaron a irse. Pablo les dijo solamente: --Bien habló el Espíritu Santo a los antepasados de ustedes por medio del profeta Isaías, diciendo: «Anda y dile a este pueblo: Por más que escuchen, no entenderán; por más que miren, no verán. Pues la mente de este pueblo está entorpecida, tienen tapados los oídos y sus ojos están cerrados, para que no puedan ver ni oír, ni puedan entender; para que no se vuelvan a mí, y yo no los sane.» Sepan ustedes, pues, que de ahora en adelante esta salvación de Dios se ofrece a los no judíos, y ellos sí escucharán. Pablo se quedó dos años completos en la casa que tenía alquilada, donde recibía a todos los que iban a verlo. Con toda libertad anunciaba el reino de Dios, y enseñaba acerca del Señor Jesucristo sin que nadie se lo estorbara.

### **REFLEXIÓN**

El testimonio valiente de Pablo sobre el reino de Dios, incluso mientras estaba bajo arresto domiciliario, nos recuerda el poder del evangelio. El Adviento nos llama a ser valientes en nuestro testimonio, compartiendo las buenas nuevas de la venida de Cristo con coraje y convicción. El mensaje del Adviento es uno de esperanza y salvación, un mensaje que estamos llamados a proclamar hasta los confines de la tierra.

### **ORACIÓN**

Danos poder, Oh Dios, para ser testigos valientes de tu amor y gracia. Amén.

### **PENSAMIENTO DEL DÍA**

El testimonio valiente del evangelio trae luz a un mundo necesitado.

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## 18 de diciembre: El Llamado de la Sabiduría

**Pasaje Bíblico:** Lucas 7:31-35 (DHH)

«¿A qué compararé la gente de este tiempo? ¿A qué se parece? Se parece a los niños que se sientan a jugar en la plaza y gritan a sus compañeros: «Tocamos la flauta, pero ustedes no bailaron; cantamos canciones tristes, pero ustedes no lloraron.» Porque vino Juan el Bautista, que ni come pan ni bebe vino, y ustedes dicen que tiene un demonio. Luego ha venido el Hijo del hombre, que come y bebe, y ustedes dicen que es glotón y bebedor, amigo de gente de mala fama y de los que cobran impuestos para Roma. Pero la sabiduría de Dios se demuestra por todos sus resultados.»

### **REFLEXIÓN**

Jesús critica a aquellos que rechazan tanto a Juan el Bautista como a él mismo, comparándolos con niños que no responden a los llamados de los demás. El Adviento es un tiempo para escuchar el llamado de la sabiduría, para reconocer las formas en que Dios nos habla a través de las voces de los profetas y las enseñanzas de Cristo. Estamos invitados a responder con corazones y mentes abiertas.

### **ORACIÓN**

Danos oídos para escuchar, Oh Dios, y corazones para responder a tu llamado. Amén.

### **PENSAMIENTO DEL DÍA**

La sabiduría de Dios nos llama a escuchar y responder con fe.

## 19 de diciembre: Un Nuevo Pacto

**Pasaje Bíblico:** Jeremías 31:31-34 (DHH)

El Señor afirma: «Vendrá un día en que haré una nueva alianza con Israel y con Judá. Esta alianza no será como la que hice con sus antepasados, cuando los tomé de la mano para sacarlos de Egipto; porque ellos quebrantaron mi alianza, a pesar de que yo era su dueño. Yo, el Señor, lo afirmo. Esta será la alianza que haré con Israel en aquel tiempo: Pondré mi ley en su corazón y la escribiré en su mente. Yo seré su Dios y ellos serán mi pueblo. Yo, el Señor, lo afirmo. Ya no será necesario que unos a otros, amigos y parientes, tengan que instruirse para que me conozcan, porque todos, desde el más grande hasta el más pequeño, me conocerán. Yo les perdonaré su maldad y no me acordaré más de sus pecados. Yo, el Señor, lo afirmo.»

### **REFLEXIÓN**

Jeremías habla de un nuevo pacto, uno escrito en los corazones del pueblo de Dios. En Adviento, celebramos el cumplimiento de este pacto en Cristo, cuya vida, muerte y resurrección nos han traído a una nueva relación con Dios. Este pacto se caracteriza por el perdón, el amor y la presencia del Espíritu Santo.

### **ORACIÓN**

Escribe tu pacto en nuestros corazones, Oh Dios, y ayúdanos a vivir como tu pueblo. Amén.

### **PENSAMIENTO DEL DÍA**

El nuevo pacto en Cristo transforma nuestra relación con Dios.

## 20 de diciembre: Restáuranos, Oh Dios

**Pasaje Bíblico:** Salmo 80:1-7 (DHH)

Pastor de Israel, que guías a José como a un rebaño, que tienes tu trono sobre los querubines, ¡escucha! ¡Mira con buenos ojos a Efraín, Benjamín y Manasés! ¡Despierta y ven a salvarnos con tu poder! Oh Dios, ¡haz que volvamos a ser lo que fuimos! ¡Míranos con buenos ojos y estaremos a salvo! Señor, Dios todopoderoso, ¿hasta cuándo estarás enojado con la oración de tu pueblo? Nos has dado lágrimas por comida; por bebida, lágrimas en abundancia. Nos has convertido en la burla de nuestros vecinos, y nuestros enemigos se ríen de nosotros. Dios todopoderoso, ¡haz que volvamos a ser lo que fuimos! ¡Míranos con buenos ojos y estaremos a salvo!

### **Reflexión**

El salmista clama por restauración, suplicando a Dios que haga resplandecer su rostro sobre el pueblo. El Adviento es una temporada de anhelo, donde buscamos la presencia y restauración de Dios en nuestras vidas y en el mundo. Mientras esperamos la venida de Cristo, hacemos eco de la oración del salmista, para que la luz de Dios brille sobre nosotros, trayendo sanidad y renovación.

### **ORACIÓN**

Restáuranos, Oh Dios, y haz resplandecer tu rostro sobre nosotros, para que seamos salvos. Amén.

### **PENSAMIENTO DEL DÍA**

La restauración de Dios trae sanidad y esperanza a nuestras vidas.

## Prayer for Advent – New Growth

Dear God,

**Bring new life! Your love creates and cultivates. Bring Your power into the places I think of as “deserts” and your grace to the prayers I fear may be “deserted.” You can redeem and restore, bring a new song to my heart. Amen.**

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## Oración para el Adviento – Nuevo Crecimiento

Dios mío,

**¡Trae nueva vida! Tu amor crea y cultiva. Lleva tu poder a los lugares que considero "desiertos" y tu gracia a las oraciones que temo que puedan estar "desiertas". Tú puedes redimir y restaurar, traer un nuevo canto a mi corazón.**

**Amén.**



# IMPORTANT DATES IN DECEMBER

- December 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6:30 Penance Service
- December 5<sup>th</sup> – Temecula Christmas Parade
- December 7<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Concert after the 5:00 pm Mass
- December 8<sup>th</sup> – **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 12<sup>th</sup> – **Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe.** 5:00 am Mañanitas, 7:30 am English Mass, 6:00 pm Bilingual Mass
- December 24<sup>th</sup> – **Christmas Eve.** Mass Times: 4:00 pm English Mass, 6:00 pm Spanish Mass, 10:00 pm English Mass
- December 25<sup>th</sup> – **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



Ryan Kleinwachter, our Pastoral Care Coordinator, is all dressed up and ready for the Temecula Christmas Parade.

### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday, December 13

**4:00 pm** Claire Wright Richard Michael  
Alejandro Ferrer Victoria & Archer Aphaile

**6:00 pm** Steven Quintero Celia Sanchez Nicolas  
Alfonso Patino Martha Fernandez

#### Sunday, December 14

**8:00 am** Luz Gecain Cholo Blanco  
Angel Cruz Cettina Salvador  
**10:00 am** Kyle Vilter Steven Patrick Parsley  
Louie del Rosario Marie Chiadon Yapi  
**12:00pm** Guadalupe Alcalá Francisco Fonseca  
Ronny Tengonciang Grace Ubiztondo & Sons

**2:00pm** Ricardo Vazquez Araceli Vazquez  
Julia Trejo Gomez Jose Arrunategui

**5:00pm** Nicole Marquez Hunter V.  
Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Marquez 53<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary



### Mass Intentions

#### Monday, December 15

**7:30am** Richard Rodriguez Teresita DeGuzman  
Juan Lamas Hunter V.

#### Tuesday, December 16

**7:30am** Robert Camerota Lanelle and Marlon Billote

#### Wednesday, December 17

**7:30am** Priscila Bacho Christine Godinez Mailhot  
Lanelle & Marlon Billote

#### Thursday, December 18

**7:30am** Estela Villanueva Roanne Casiano Birthday  
Arsemio Jajalia Jaze Samson

**6:30pm** Carlos and Orfilda Colin  
Jaze Samson  
Lanelle and Marlon Billote

#### Friday, December 19

**7:30 am** Sweetie Bowles Georgina Riganon  
Lanelle and Marlon Billote  
Noah Ayala



DECEMBER 20

4:00 PM Saturday Mass

The Filipino Ministry of St. Catherine of Alexandria invites the Parish Community to celebrate "Simbang Gabi", a Filipino tradition, to welcome the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. Celebration will continue after the 4:00 PM Mass with a reception & entertainment in Di Leo Hall.

Para los que asistenthe 6 :00 PM Misa del sábado pino de Santa Catalina de Alejandría invita a la comunidad parroquial a celebrar "Simbang Gabi", una tradición filipina, para dar la bienvenida al nacimiento de nuestro Salvador Jesucristo . La celebración continuará después de la Misa con una recepción y entretenimiento en el Salón Di Leo.



### Landscape Project Update: Progress Amid Challenges

We wanted to provide an update to all our parishioners on the progress of our ongoing landscaping project. As many of you know, the project has encountered a few delays as we have worked through the necessary approvals with the City of Temecula. After two rounds of plan checks, the City has unfortunately denied the current landscaping plan, citing minor adjustments needed in the plan to meet their requirements.

We are continuing to work closely with Abarca Landscaping to make the required modifications. Their team has been diligent in addressing these changes, ensuring that the final plan will align with both the City's guidelines and our parish's vision for an enhanced, welcoming outdoor space.

While these adjustments have extended the timeline of the project, we are optimistic that with the final tweaks being made, we will be able to seek the City's approval for the landscaping plan by mid-December. We are aiming for project completion in January or February, barring any further delays. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we continue to move forward with this important project. The enhancements to our church grounds will not only beautify our parish but also provide a more inviting space for everyone to enjoy.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

Thank you to all those who decorated trees on the church campus! It makes our campus more welcoming and festive.

Be on the lookout for plaza happenings the next few weekends.....

**Souvenir books** If you have donated to the DDF this year (2025), you will be given a souvenir book for free! One per family only please.

If you haven't had a chance to donate to DDF this year, here is your chance: If you would like to receive a book, minimum \$20.00 donation is appreciated for each book.

**Our Lady of Guadalupe Raffle** fundraiser during Spanish Masses on December 6 and 7.

**Poinsettias fundraiser** Be a part of decorating the altar for Christmas by purchasing a poinsettia. It will be placed on the altar with your name during Christmastime and you can bring it home afterwards.



OFFERING – November 23, 2025  
Sunday collection \$ 16,098  
Dropped Off/Mailed to Office \$ 2,500  
Online \$ 6,407  
Total \$ 25,005

OFFERING – November 30, 2025  
Sunday collection + Thanksgiving \$ 17,583  
Dropped Off/Mailed to Office \$ 192  
Online \$ 13,731  
Total \$ 31,506

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Whether you donate in person at Mass of the parish office, by mail or online, we would like to thank you all for your continued financial support and prayers. Our parish remains alive and vibrant because of your generosity of time, talent and treasure. Please prayerfully consider including St. Catherine of Alexandria, Temecula in your will. May God bless each and every one of you.

Diocesan Development Fund Campaign Progress  
2025 Diocesan Goal: \$114,100  
DDF Gifts Received: \$200,777

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*Please Prayerfully consider including St. Catherine of Alexandria, Temecula in your Will or Trust*



We are happy to report that we have reached our annual goal of contributing to the diocese for 2025. Going forward, all contributions to DDF will go back to our parish. The surplus funds will be used for Religious education program, PMFP, participation for volunteers, Youth and Young Adult Ministries, new landscaping, fixing the air ducts in the L shape building and Fr. Wagner building and the continued maintenance of our parish and buildings. We thank you for your support. Your generosity is a blessing for our community.

Praying for one another is an important tradition in our Catholic faith communities. Here we list those who are presently in need of prayers, either for healing and restored health or for the peaceful repose of the souls of those who have recently passed into eternal life.

**In order to keep the information current, we will list the names submitted for two weeks only. If the need still exists for the listing of those who are ill, please give us a call or send an email and we will gladly include the name again.** To contact us, please call Mary Hitzeman in the Parish Office at 951-676-8136, or send an email to [mhitzeman@sbdiocese.org](mailto:mhitzeman@sbdiocese.org).

***Prayer Requests for Healing  
Petitciones de oracion por sanacion***

Gregory Golas	Darcie Donohue
Aria Gonzales	Joan Musser
Elizabeth Paulous	Loretta Marcum
Vazid Gonzalez	Michael O'Neill
Rudy Rodarte	Lorraine Sedillo
Evelyn Moncayo	Evangeline Sedillo
Soccoro Dominguez	Dale Barbat
Teofilo "Teddie" Weston	



***Prayer Requests for The Repose of Souls  
Petitciones de oracion por el descanso de las almas***

GIL PATRICIO, SR.	LEO OPOLENTO
VENY OPOLENTO	REBECCA SOLAIRE
CHRISTIAN MARTYRS IN NIGERIA	

Orar unos por otros es una tradición importante en nuestras comunidades de fe católica. Aquí presentamos a quienes actualmente necesitan oraciones, ya sea por sanación y recuperación de la salud o por el eterno descanso de quienes han fallecido recientemente y han pasado a la vida eterna.

**Para mantener la información actualizada, incluiremos los nombres enviados por dos semanas solamente. Si aún existe la necesidad de mantener en la lista a quienes están enfermos, por favor llámenos o envíenos un correo electrónico y con gusto incluiremos el nombre nuevamente.**

Para comunicarse con nosotros, por favor llame a Mary Hitzeman en la Oficina Parroquial al 951-676-8136, o envíe un correo electrónico a [mhitzeman@sbdiocese.org](mailto:mhitzeman@sbdiocese.org)

Do we do not need to receive the Precious Blood at Mass?

Many people wonder if they are receiving “all of Jesus” when they only receive the consecrated host and not the Precious Blood at Mass. The answer is yes. When you receive Holy Communion under the form of bread alone, you receive the whole of Jesus—Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity.

The Church teaches a doctrine called concomitance, which means that the risen Christ cannot be divided. Because He is fully alive and glorified, He is completely present in both the consecrated host and the consecrated wine. This teaching comes from the Council of Trent, which said clearly that Christ is fully present under each species.

The Catechism explains it this way:

“Since Christ is sacramentally present under each of the species, Communion under the species of bread alone makes it possible to receive all the fruit of Eucharistic grace.” —CCC 1390

So even when you receive only the host, you are not receiving “half of Jesus”—you are receiving the entire Jesus.

Precious Blood will not be offered in our parish due to health, safety, or practical concerns. But we can be assured: Jesus is fully present in every consecrated host. Nothing is lacking.

Let us receive Him with faith, love, and reverence—knowing that He gives Himself to us completely.

Rev. Timothy Do, Pastor

¿No necesitamos recibir la Preciosa Sangre en la Misa?

Muchas personas se preguntan si están recibiendo “todo Jesús” cuando reciben solo la hostia consagrada y no la Preciosa Sangre en la Misa. La respuesta es sí. Cuando recibes la Sagrada Comunión bajo la forma del pan solamente, recibes a Jesús completo: Cuerpo, Sangre, Alma y Divinidad.

La Iglesia enseña una doctrina llamada concomitancia, que significa que el Cristo resucitado no puede dividirse. Porque Él está completamente vivo y glorificado, está plenamente presente tanto en la hostia consagrada como en el vino consagrado. Esta enseñanza viene del Concilio de Trento, que declaró claramente que Cristo está plenamente presente bajo cada una de las especies.

El Catecismo lo explica así:

“Cristo está sacramentalmente presente bajo cada una de las especies, de modo que la comunión recibida sólo bajo la especie del pan permite recibir todo el fruto de la gracia eucarística.”

—CIC 1390

Por lo tanto, incluso cuando recibes solo la hostia, no estás recibiendo “la mitad de Jesús”, sino que recibes a Jesús entero.

La Preciosa Sangre no será ofrecida en nuestra parroquia debido a razones de salud, seguridad o consideraciones prácticas.. Pero podemos estar seguros: Jesús está plenamente presente en cada hostia consagrada. Nada falta.

Recibámoslo con fe, amor y reverencia, sabiendo que Él se nos entrega por completo.

Rev. Timothy Do, Pastor



Please tell us what you need prayers for

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# FAITH FORMATION



Nathan, Michael, Joselyn, & Madison ready to serve their faith community

Confirmation youth being of service at the 115th Anniversary Gala of our parish



## A L K AHEAD

- December 14th: OCIA (10am Mass) & Children's Liturgy of the Word (10am & 2pm Masses)
- December 15<sup>th</sup>: OCIA Adults 6:30pm
- December 16<sup>th</sup>: Faith Formation (begins at 6pm) Life Teen Event for High School "Sacked" and Sesion de padres 6pm
- December 17th: Grades K-8 Formation 6pm
- December 18<sup>th</sup>: Grades 2-8 Formation, 6pm and Parent Session 6pm
- December 21<sup>st</sup>: OCIA (10am Mass) & Children's Liturgy of the Word (10am & 2pm Masses)
- December 24<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Eve.
- December 25<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Day
- January 4<sup>th</sup>: OCIA (10am Mass) & Children's Liturgy of the Word (10am & 2pm Masses)

Coming Soon!



Big Bear Confirmation 2 Retreat

January 23-25

This is your chance to recharge, connect with friends, strengthen your faith, and experience God in a powerful new way. Expect inspiring talks, meaningful prayer, and moments that will stay with you long after the retreat ends.

**Come ready. Come open. Come excited.**



## SPECIAL MESSAGE

Faith formation offices are closed on Fridays and will be closed on the following days:

December 24th, 2025 through January 3, 2026



# SAINT OF THE WEEK

## Saint John of the Cross

Feast Day: December 14

Lived Jesus' teaching: "Take up your cross and follow me."  
Carmelite priest who worked with St. Teresa of Avila to reform the order.

Faced persecution and was even imprisoned for his efforts. In the darkness of his cell, he wrote powerful spiritual poetry. Known as a mystic-poet and a great teacher of the spiritual life.

Taught that the cross leads to light, and sacrifice leads to union with God.

Died at age 49 but became a Doctor of the Church.



Our sweet kiddos partaking in the children's Liturgy of the Word from Miss Brianna

Thank you to the Art & Environment Ministry for Decorating the Church for Advent and all our youth that stepped up to help make our church beautiful.



## Family Faith Discussion

"When have you felt God's presence in your life this week? How did it make you feel, and how can we notice God in the little things every day?"

### Tips for discussion:

- Encourage everyone to share honestly, no right or wrong answers.
- Start with one example from yourself to model openness.
- End with a short prayer thanking God for His presence in your family's lives.

Let us pray for our dearly departed

## Welcome to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

### The Candle of Joy

The third candle, the Candle of Joy is pink, symbolizing rejoicing. The LORD is near! Our Salvation is at hand! Maranatha!



## Faith Formation Volunteer Spotlight Meet Mr. Deeds



Mr. Deeds is one of our valued Faith Formation volunteers. He is often found ensuring that our campus remains a safe and secure environment for our youth. In addition to his dedication to our program, Mr. Deeds also serves our faith community as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. We are grateful for his generous service and steadfast commitment to our parish. Thank you Mr. Deeds!



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Gala Celebration  
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*Thank you so much to all who supported the St. Catherine's Temecula 115<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year. Those who attended the Anniversary Mass and Gala, bought raffle tickets and auction items, visited the museum, donated time, talents and treasures to make this year extra special, we appreciate you!*

*Muchísimas gracias a todos los que apoyaron el 115.º aniversario de St. Catherine's Temecula este año. Quienes asistieron a la misa y gala de aniversario, compraron boletos para la rifa y artículos para la subasta, visitaron el museo y donaron su tiempo, talento y tesoros para que este año fuera aún más especial, ¡los apreciamos!*



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