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Dec. 10,
2023

Second Sunday of Advent



MASS SCHEDULES



Sunday Mass in English

Saturday 4:30 PM

Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM & 12:15 PM

Daily Mass in English

8:30 AM Monday—Saturday

Misas Dominicales en Español

Sábado 6 PM, Domingo 2 & 6 PM

Reconciliation

Saturday 3-4 PM, Wednesday 6-7 PM

Reconciliación

Miércoles 6-7 PM

Misas en Español

Miércoles 7 PM

Adoration ~ Benediction/ Adoración ~ Bendición

Every Friday—9 AM till 1 PM
First Friday ALSO 6 PM-9 PM

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The Symbolism of the Advent Wreath

During the time of Advent, many people have an Advent wreath in their homes. While these decorations are certainly festive and add to the holiday spirit, there is also much symbolism in the wreath that people may not recognize. First, the wreath is always in the form of a circle. Since a circle has no beginning and no end, it is a symbol for God, Who is eternal and without beginning or end. The Advent wreath is always made from evergreens. These branches, as the name indicates, are "ever green" -- ever alive. They are symbolic of Christ, Who died, but Who is alive, never to die again. The evergreen branches also symbolize our soul's immortality. Christ came into the world to give us never-ending life. The wreath has four candles, three violet ones and one rose colored candle. These symbolize the four weeks of the Advent season, our time of preparation for Christmas. At the beginning of Advent a single candle is lit, but each week another candle is lit. As the light from the wreath increases each week as more candles are lit, the wreath reminds us that the birth of the Light of the World is coming closer. So may our souls grow brighter in their love for, and anticipation of, the Christ Child as this season of grace continues. The color of the four candles also has significance. The violet candles have a penitential appearance, much as we find violet in the church during the penitential season of Lent. The violet is to remind us that Advent is a season of preparation in which we should be spiritually preparing our souls to receive Christ on Christmas. The single rose colored candle is lit on the third Sunday of Advent, which is called "Gaudete" Sunday. "Gaudete" is the Latin word for "rejoice", and symbolizes an element of rejoicing in the midst of our penitential preparation, for the joy of Christmas is almost here. The rose color is made by mixing violet with white. It is almost as if the joy we celebrate at Christmas (symbolized by bright white) cannot contain itself during this penitential season (violet) and burst forth a bit into the Advent season. On Christmas, the four candles are replaced with white ones -- our time of preparation is over and we enter a time of great joy. The advent wreath is placed in a prominent place in the church. Many families have a smaller Advent wreath in their homes. This both reminds families of the wreath in their church and serves as a reminder of their link to the parish church. The candles are lit at the main meal of the day, with the new candle lit preferably at the main meal on Sunday, the first day of the new week. Joining around the table for a meal should remind the family of the table of the Lord around which they gather each week to celebrate the Eucharist -- the meal of the Lord that nourishes our soul.



Simbolismo de la corona de Adviento

Durante la época de Adviento, muchas personas tienen una corona de Adviento en sus casas. Si bien estas decoraciones son ciertamente festivas y contribuyen al espíritu navideño, también hay mucho simbolismo en la corona que la gente tal vez no reconozca. En primer lugar, la corona siempre tiene forma de círculo. Dado que un círculo no tiene principio ni fin, es un símbolo de Dios, quien es eterno y sin principio ni fin. La corona de Adviento siempre está hecha de árboles de hoja perenne. Estas ramas, como su nombre indica, son "siempre verdes", siempre vivas. Son un símbolo de Cristo, que murió, pero que está vivo y no volverá a morir nunca más. Las ramas de hoja perenne también simbolizan la inmortalidad de nuestra alma. Cristo vino al mundo para darnos vida eterna. La corona tiene cuatro velas, tres violetas y una rosa. Estos simbolizan las cuatro semanas del tiempo de Adviento, nuestro tiempo de preparación para la Navidad. Al inicio del Adviento se enciende una sola vela, pero cada semana se enciende otra vela. A medida que la luz de la corona aumenta cada semana a medida que se encienden más velas, la corona nos recuerda que el nacimiento de la Luz del Mundo se acerca. Que nuestras almas se vuelvan más brillantes en su amor y anticipación por el Niño Jesús a medida que continúa esta temporada de gracia. El color de las cuatro velas también tiene significado. Las velas violetas tienen una apariencia penitencial, muy parecida a la violeta que encontramos en la iglesia durante el tiempo penitencial de Cuaresma. El violeta es para recordarnos que el Adviento es una temporada de preparación en la que debemos preparar espiritualmente nuestras almas para recibir a Cristo en Navidad. La única vela de color rosa se enciende el tercer domingo de Adviento, llamado domingo "Gaudete". "Gaudete" es la palabra latina para "alegrarse" y simboliza un elemento de regocijo en medio de nuestra preparación penitencial, porque la alegría de la Navidad ya casi está aquí. El color rosa se obtiene mezclando violeta con blanco. Es casi como si la alegría que celebramos en Navidad (simbolizada por el blanco brillante) no pudiera contenerse durante este tiempo penitencial (violeta) y irrumpiera un poco en el tiempo de Adviento. En Navidad, las cuatro velas se reemplazan por velas blancas: nuestro tiempo de preparación ha terminado y entramos en un tiempo de gran alegría.

La corona de Adviento se coloca en un lugar destacado de la iglesia. Muchas familias tienen una corona de Adviento más pequeña en sus hogares. Esto recuerda a las familias la corona en su iglesia y sirve como recordatorio de su vínculo con la iglesia parroquial. Las velas se encienden en la comida principal del día, encendiéndose la nueva vela preferentemente en la comida principal del domingo, primer día de la nueva semana. Reunirse alrededor de la mesa para comer debería recordar a la familia la mesa del Señor alrededor de la cual se reúnen cada semana para celebrar la Eucaristía, la comida del Señor que nutre nuestra alma.

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of December 10, 2023

Sun/Dom:

Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14
(8)/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

Mon/Lunes:

Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/
Lk 5:17-26

Tues/Martes:

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/
Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Wed/Mier:

Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/
Mt 11:28-30

Thurs/Juev:

Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/
Mt 11:11-15

Fri/Vier:

Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/
Mt 11:16-19

Sat/Sab:

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18
-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sun./Dom:

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54
(Is 61:10b)/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

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Tuesday & Thursday (*martes y jueves*)

— 11:00 AM—5:00 PM

Wednesday (*miércoles*)

—1:00 PM—7:00 PM

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(*lunes, miércoles y viernes*)

— 3:00 PM—7:00 PM

Rev. Henry Noga, SVD

Pastor

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday

10 AM to 12 PM

5 PM to 8 PM (*with appointment*)

lunes, martes, miércoles, y viernes

10 AM a 12 PM

5 PM a 8 PM (*con cita*)

Rev. Emilio Reyes, SVD

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Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday

10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

5 PM a 8 PM (*with appointment*)

lunes, miércoles, jueves y viernes

10:00 AM a 12:00 PM

5 PM a 8 PM (*con cita*)

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Saturday, Dec 9th—Tuesday Dec 12th —

Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena

continues
Please see complete schedule on the
following page

Thursday December 14th

7:00 PM
Bilingual Rosary in the Church

Saturday December 16th

Simbang Gabi Nine Day Novena Starts 5:30 AM
Masses daily with Reception in the Gym after
Mass

Saturday December 16th

Los Posadas Novena 7:00 pm nightly in the gym

Novenario Guadalupano 2023

Sabado 9. **San Juan Diego**
Rosario 5:45pm
Misa 6:00pm
Danzantes

Domingo 10 Rosario 5:30pm
Misa 6:00pm

Lunes 11. Rosario 6:30pm en procesión
alrededor del estacionamiento
Misa 7:00pm
Bendición de imágenes
Serenata después de misa

MAÑANITAS

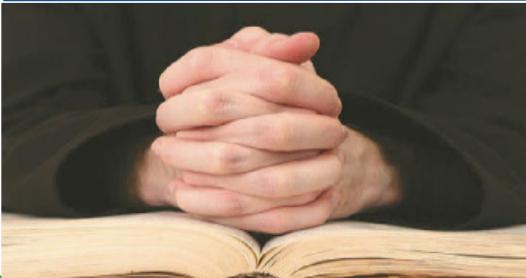
Martes 12 Rosario 4:00am
Mañanitas 4:30am
Misa 5:30am
Desayuno en el Gym después de misa

Celebración de la tarde

Misa 6:00pm
Kermes en el gimnasio
Presentación de las apariciones de la virgen en el gimnasio
Banda la Peligrosa



Parroquia de
San Joaquín



PRAY FOR

Malosi Meredith
Carlos Jose Alegre
Amanda Dazo
Ernie Alvarez
Shawn Silva
Paul Hennessey
Carmelita Jante
Manuela Nabong
Pamela Enrique
Emmanuel Enrique
Brian Advincula
Ramon Perez Jr.
Selena Castellanos
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VATICAN CORNER

On Nov. 22, 2023, Pope Francis met with 12 relatives of Israelis

being held hostage by Hamas and met separately with 10 relatives of Palestinians suffering under the Israeli attack in Gaza. The Palestinians delegation was made up of both Christians and Muslims. Pope Francis planned the meetings to show his spiritual closeness to the suffering of each group. The Israeli delegation wanted Pope Francis to continue making public appeals for the release of the hostages taken by Hamas, and hoped he would use his influence to allow the Red Cross or other humanitarian organizations to visit them and ensure they are being well treated. With the Palestinian delegation he spoke about what he hears from the Catholic parish in Gaza. Of the meeting, the Palestinians reported that Pope Francis listened to their stories about the suffering of Palestinians in Gaza, the deaths, the constant bombardment by Israel and the lack of food, water and electricity. They said that Pope Francis said the Hamas attack on Israel on Oct. 7 was an unjustified act of terrorism. They also said that he said "Terror cannot justify terror" and "I see genocide." Vatican spokesperson Matteo Bruni contradicted that Palestinian's statement saying "I don't recall him (Francis) using this word (genocide). He used the same language he used during the General audience and words that represent the terrible situation unfolding in Gaza." Palestinians and Israelis both are urging the Pope to take a stand for their side, but he refuses to take sides in global conflicts. This is in an effort to bring both sides to the negotiating table. His prayer intention for the month of November showed this balancing act: "The Palestinian people, the people of Israel, have the right to peace. These two fraternal peoples have the right to live in peace. Let us pray for peace in the Holy Land. Let us pray that the difficulties resolve themselves in dialogue and negotiation and not with a mountain of dead on each side." The Vatican opened official diplomatic channels with Palestinian representatives in June 2015, and has been a consistent proponent of a two-state solution.

Bethlehem, the birthplace of Jesus, is in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and as the Israel- Hamas war continues, Christmas celebrations have been canceled. The City leaders decided to suspend Christmas events and remove decorations. Outgoing mayor Hanna Hanania said "Bethlehem, as any other Palestinian city, is mourning and sad... We cannot celebrate while we are in this situation." Following what Christian churches are doing in the Holy Land, he said they are going to focus on prayer. "We'll pray for God to have peace in the land of peace." The leaders of the churches in Jerusalem have urged the faithful to stand strong with those suffering and "focus on the spiritual meaning of Christmas, holding in our thoughts our brothers and sisters affected by this war and its consequences and with fervent prayers for a just and lasting peace for our beloved Holy Land."

Sources: catholicnewsagency.com, religionnews.com, npr.org



Sun Dec 24	11:30 pm Christmas Carols Midnight Mass—English
Mon Dec 25	CORRECTION 9:00 am Mass English 11:00 pm X Mass Spanish SPANISH Mass at 11:00 AM



Christmas

MASS INTENTIONS
December 9-16, 2023

Saturday 4:30 PM

Jose Alberto Gonzales † (1st anniversary)
Ernesto Garcia †

Saturday 6:00 PM

Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena

Sunday 7:30 AM

Paul Loc Kieu & Maria Ngai Do †

Sunday 9:00 AM

Ernesto Salta (healing)
Francis Carlo Salta (healing)
Anna's Ancestors †
Florencio Marquez †
Maria Brenda Tran †
Edgar Delos Angeles †
David Tayco †

Sunday 10:30 AM

Joamil Dela Cruz (special intention)
Johnmel Guiao (healing)
Christian & Dolores Reese †
Armando Valente †
Henry Santos †
Eduina Silva †
Russell Goode †
Binh Nguyen †
Ana Bertha Acosta † (9th day)

Sunday 12:15 PM

Digna Santos Libunao †

Sunday 2:00 PM

Jaime Martinez (30th day)
Gregorio Moreno †
Rodolfo Fernandez † (aniversario)
Giannis Moreno † (aniversario)
Maria N. Quinones † (aniversario)
Antonio Gonzalez †
Gabina Ramirez & Mercedes Cortes †

Sunday 6:00 PM

Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena

Monday 8:30 AM

Cynthia Roa (birthday)
Nora Torrea (healing)
Gabina Ramirez & Mercedes Cortes †

Monday 7:00 PM

Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena

Tuesday 5:30 AM

Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena

Tuesday 8:30 AM

Ranielle & Kristine Garcia (thanksgiving)
Jose Neto †
Angel Campos (1st anniversary)

Tuesday 6:00 PM

Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena

Wednesday 8:30 AM

Patrick & Hazel Rodriguez
(wedding anniversary)
Mark Francis Delos Angeles (birthday)
Arielle Garcia (birthday)
Ramon G. Garcia †

Wednesday 7:00 PM

Manuel, Paula & David Cruz †

Thursday 8:30 AM

Souls in Purgatory

Friday 8:30 AM

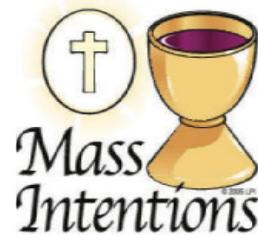
Rio Cuayzon (birthday)
Valeriano Pilapil (97th birthday)
Kathryn Torres (birthday)

Saturday 5:30 AM

Simbang Gabi Novena

Saturday 8:30 AM

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**Mayormita
(Music Director) at
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Come and enjoy a Christmas Concert in the gym on December 29, 2023 at 7PM featuring the GANAP Performing Arts

Group from the Philippines and our very own church musicians. Get your tickets now from the Rectory or from any member of the Fil-Am Ministry. Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!



Las Posadas

16-24 diciembre

Las posadas son fiestas que tienen como fin, preparar la Navidad. Las posadas se llevan a cabo por nueve días previos a la Navidad



simbolizando los 9 meses de embarazo de María. Comienzan el día 16 y terminan el día 24 de diciembre. Las posadas son un medio para preparar con alegría y oración nuestro corazón para la venida de Jesucristo. La comunidad se reúne para el rezo del Santo Rosario, acompañados por cantos, y representaciones basadas en el Evangelio, como recordatorio de la espera del Niño Jesús y del peregrinar de José y María de Nazaret a Belén para empadronarse. Acompáñenos a celebrar esta bella tradición. Invitamos a los niños a ser parte de nuestras posadas vistiéndose de pastorcitos para acompañar a José y María. ¡Los esperamos!

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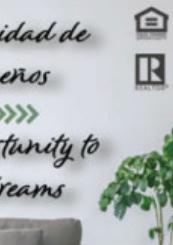


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