

***Muéstranos, Señor, tu misericordia  
y danos tu salvación.***

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and grant us your salvation.***

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**Ya es hora de que se despierten del sueño, porque ahora nuestra salvación está más cerca que cuando empezamos a creer. La noche está avanzada y se acerca el día. Desechemos, pues, las obras de las tinieblas y revistámonos con las armas de la luz.**

***Romans 13:11-12***



***"But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you." Mt. 5:44***

**We continue to lift up to the Lord...**

...all who have died. We pray for those who struggle with migration, aging, cold weather, disease, illness, violence, grief or addiction. We are grateful for those who feed, house and clothe the world, and those who labor selflessly for our safety, growth and well being, including our catechists, first responders and military. May we always follow the Father's beloved son, Jesus Christ.

***November/Noviembre: Birthdays / Cumpleaños... 30, Adriana Castruito, Eduardo Lopez. December/Diciembre: 3, Emir Bahena; 6, Susie Gardner; 7, Jose Ayala, Elana Bueno; 9, Cody Weter; 10, Mary Bohle; 11, Jazelle Bahena; 12 Maira Gomez, Daniel Perales. Anniversaries/Aniversarios... 5, Efrén Lopez y Teresa Carrillo, 33 años; 7, Benjamin y Veronica Ochoa, 23 años.***

### Weekly Readings

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**Nov. 30, Advent / Adviento**

**The First Sunday**

**El Primer Domingo**

Is 2:1-5

Rom 13:11-14a

Mt 24:37-44

**December 1, Monday-Lunes**

Is 4:2-6

Mt 8:5-11

**December 2, Tuesday-Martes**

Is 11:1-10

Lk/Lc 10:21-24

**Dec. 3, Wednesday-Miércoles**

**Saint Francis Xavier**

**San Francisco Javier**

Is 25:6-10

Mt 15:29-37

**Dec. 4, Thursday-Jueves**

Is 26:1-6

Mt 7:21, 24-27

**December 5, Friday-Viernes**

Is 29:17-24

Mt 9:27-31

**Dec. 6, Saturday-Sábado**

Is 30:19-21, 23-26

Mt 9:35-10:1, 6-8

**Dec. 7, Advent / Adviento**

**The Second Sunday**

**El Segundo Domingo**

Is 11:1-10

Rom 15:4-9

Mt 3:1-12

### Mass Intentions

**Sat, Nov. 29, 4:30 p.m. Unionville**

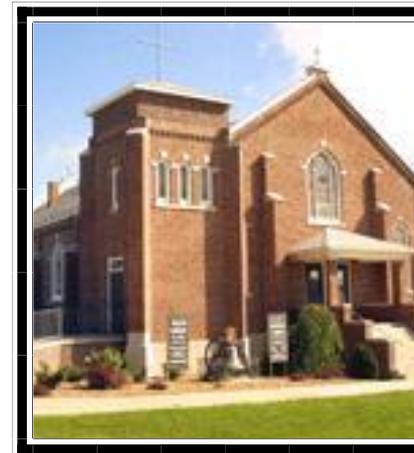
Ministerial Alliance Volunteers

**Sun, Nov. 30, 8:30 a.m. Milan**

†Doug Ryan

**Sun, Nov. 30, 11:00 a.m. Milan**

Parish



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### The First Sunday of Advent, Year A

**El Primer Domingo de Adviento**

**Gospel of St. Matthew / El Evangelio de San Mateo**

**November / Noviembre 30, 2025**

*We are pushed to spend more, do more, entertain more, all to create a "perfect" Christmas. Yet, the Church's guidance is to use these coming weeks to focus on our spiritual lives. This wise use of time is what we are called to do, especially during Advent. How then, do we prepare for a proper celebration of Jesus' first and second coming? Refuse the pressure to have the "world's perfect Christmas." Scale back the material, the unessential trappings of the season, leaving more time for the spiritual, the ageless seasonal traditions of our faith, and gifts of love, kindness and concern.*

*Estamos presionados a gastar más, hacer más, entretener más, todo para crear una Navidad "perfecta". Sin embargo, la guía de la Iglesia es usar estas próximas semanas para enfocarnos en nuestra vida espiritual. Este uso sabio del tiempo es lo que estamos llamados a hacer, especialmente durante el Adviento. ¿Cómo nos preparamos entonces para una celebración apropiada de la primera y segunda venida de Jesús? Rechace la presión de tener la "Navidad perfecta del mundo". Reduzca lo material, las trampas no esenciales de la temporada dejando más tiempo para lo espiritual, las tradiciones estacionales eternas de nuestra fe y los regalos de amor, bondad y preocupación.*

### Weekly Schedule of Services

Saturday Unionville 4:30 pm,

Sunday Milan English 8:30, Spanish 11:00 a.m.

Milan Tuesday, 8:15 a.m.; Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

Reconciliation, 30 minutes before mass & by appointment.

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## Pastoral Council

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### Background on the Gospel Reading

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of a new liturgical year for the Church. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. It is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. Key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice.

In this new liturgical year, the Gospel of Matthew will be the primary Gospel proclaimed (Lectionary Cycle A). In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus speak about the need for wakefulness, for watchful waiting, for the coming of the Son of Man.

Matthew's Gospel is dated by most scholars after 70 A.D. Most believe that Matthew wrote for a primarily Jewish community, but one that was no longer centered on the Temple in Jerusalem. These were Jewish Christians trying to come to terms with their relationship to Judaism in a new situation: Judaism after the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem. There may have been Christians who believed that the events of the

world around them gave evidence of the imminent return of the Lord in glory.

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required. The passage speaks to the uselessness of looking for signs; there will be none. As a thief sneaks in during the night, so will the Lord's coming in glory be.

The question for us as members of the Christian community, then, is how do we prepare for this? Today's passage speaks more about the manner of waiting, rather than the details of the preparation. Jesus compares the vigilance required of Christians to the vigilance of a homeowner who knows the plans of the thief. If one knows that the thief's action is imminent, one remains watchful. As Christians, we know that our Lord is coming even if we cannot know the precise timing. Jesus calls us to be watchful and vigilant, like the homeowner. If we become lax in our Christian living, we may be caught unprepared.



*Remember your personal commitment to return to God, the Father, a minimum of one hour of worship, prayer, service and wage each week.*

## Calendar of Events

Sat, Nov 29 4:30 pm	First Sunday of Advent, Holy Mass, Unionville Church
Sun, Nov 30 8:30 am	First Sunday of Advent, Mass Milan, livestream at <a href="http://stmary.church">stmary.church</a>
Sun, Nov 30	<b>NO Parish School of Religion</b>
Sun, Nov 30 11:00 am	Primer Domingo de Adviento, Misa, Milan Iglesia y en vivo.
Tue, Dec 2 8:15 am	Holy Mass of the Day Milan Church
Tue, Dec 2 9:00 am	Ladies Yoga, Milan Parish Hall
Tue, Dec 2 6:00 pm	San Juan Grupo de Oración, Milan Iglesia
Wed Dec 3 6:00 pm	Santa Misa del día Milan Iglesia
<b>Dec 3—Dec 12 6:00 pm</b>	<b>Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena Every Night, Milan Church</b>
Fri, Dec 5 9:00 am	Ladies Yoga, Milan Parish Hall
Fri, Dec 5 6:00-7:30 pm	First Friday Adoration Milan Church
Sat, Dec 6 4:30 pm	Second Sunday of Advent, Holy Mass, Unionville Church
Sun, Dec 7 8:30 am	Second Sunday of Advent, Mass Milan, livestream at <a href="http://stmary.church">stmary.church</a>
Sun, Dec 7 9:50-10:40 am	Parish School of Religion Escuela Parroquial de Religión Milan Parish Hall / Salón Parroquial
Sun, Dec 7 11:00 am	Segundo Domingo de Adviento, Misa, Milan Iglesia y en vivo.
Mon, Dec 8 7:15 am	Immaculate Conception Holy Day Mass, Unionville Church
<b>Mon, Dec 8 7:00 pm</b>	<b>Immaculate Conception Holy Day Mass, Milan Church</b>

*No construction costs are included below!*

Giving and Expenditures	Last 30 Days	Year To Date
<b>Weekly Donations</b>	<b>\$7,104</b>	<b>\$31,266</b>
<b>Operating Exp</b>	<b>\$9,394</b>	<b>\$43,124</b>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>-\$2,290</b>	<b>-\$11,858</b>

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*Romans 13:11-12*

***Wake up. Pay attention. Live as if Christ does truly matter. The night of sin is ending. A new day in Christ is dawning. Live as children of the day, courageous, visible, and deliberate.***



***As we celebrate each week the pascal mystery, may the selfless life of Jesus Christ guide us in every way.***

ing and Expenditures	Last 30 Days	Year To Date
Donations	\$3,314	\$13,929
Expenses	\$2,164	\$12,890
Balance	\$1,150	\$1,039

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**The First Sunday of Advent, Year A  
Gospel of Saint Matthew, Sunday, November 30, 2025**

**Weekly Readings**

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Mt 7:21, 24-27

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Mt 9:27-31

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Mt 9:35-10:1, 6-8

**Dec 7, 2nd Sunday Advent**

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Rom 15:4-9

Mt 3:1-12

*Everywhere we turn we are pushed to spend more, do more, entertain more, and generally rush around at a frantic pace — all to create a “perfect” Christmas day. In contrast to this worldly pressure, the Church’s guidance to use these coming weeks as a time to focus on our spiritual lives can seem like a mountain climb. But the intentional and wise use of the gift of time is exactly what the Christian steward is called to do, and with even greater intensity during Advent. How do we prepare for a truly holy celebration of Jesus’ birth on Dec. 25 and for his second coming whenever that might be? We can refuse the pressure to have the “world’s perfect Christmas.” Scale back on the material kind of gift-giving, the complicated menus, the unessential trappings of the season so that we have more time for the spiritual: the gifts of true love, kindness and concern and the ageless seasonal traditions of our faith.*

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**December Birthdays...** 1, Julia Rasmussen, 21, Sophia Maria Villarreal, 24, Jenna Knowles. **Anniversaries...** None Recorded.

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### Ministers

### November

Coordinator	Ed Brockmeyer
Music	Julia and Mary
Environment	Kathleen VanWyhe
Acolyte	Ed Brockmeyer
Lead Rosary	Ed Brockmeyer
Greeter	Cari Dukes
Hospitality	The Bensons
Lector	Doris Benson
Communion	Kay Bonifazi
Church Cleaning	Julia Rasmussen
Plants	Margaret Szucs
Supplies	Julia Rasmussen