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y todos los hombres verán al Salvador.*

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**Que Dios, fuente de toda paciencia y consuelo, les conceda a ustedes vivir en perfecta armonía unos con otros, conforme al espíritu de Cristo Jesús, para que, con un solo corazón y una sola voz alaben a Dios, Padre de nuestro Señor Jesucristo.**

***Romans 15:5-6***



***“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.

***December/Diciembre: Birthdays / Cumpleaños...*** 6, Susie Gardner; 7, Jose Ayala, Elana Bueno; 9, Cody Weter; 10, Mary Bohle; 11, Jazelle Bahena; 12, Maira Gomez, Daniel Perales; 14, Lesli Bahena, Jessica Perez; 17, Maria Castaneda; 19, Daniel Hatcher; 23, Paula May, Xavier Bahena; ***Anniversaries/ Aniversarios...*** 7, Benjamin y Veronica Ochoa, 23 anos; 17, Alfredo y Claudia Colon, 30 anos.

### Weekly Readings

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**Dec. 7, Advent / Adviento**

**The Second Sunday**

**El Segundo Domingo**

Is 11:1-10

Rom 15:4-9

Mt 3:1-12

**December 8, Monday-Lunes**

**The Immaculate Conception**

**La Inmaculada Concepción**

Gn 3:9-15, 20

Eph/Ef 1:3-6, 11-12

Lk/Lc 1:26-28

**December 9, Tuesday-Martes**

Is 40:1-11

Mt 18:12-14

**Dec. 10, Wednesday-Miércoles**

Is 40:25-31

Mt 11:28-30

**Dec. 11, Thursday-Jueves**

Is 41:13-20

Mt 11:11-15

**December 12, Friday-Viernes**

**Our Lady of Guadalupe**

**Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe**

Zec/Zac 2:14-17

Lk/Lc 1:26-38

**Dec. 13, Saturday-Sábado**

**Saint Lucy / Santa Lucia**

Sir/Ecle 48:1-4, 9-11

Mt 17:10:13

**Dec. 14, Advent / Adviento**

**3rd Sunday / Tercer Domingo**

Is 35:1-6a, 10

Jas/San 5:7-10

Mt 3:1-12

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**The Second Sunday of Advent, Year A**  
**El Segundo Domingo de Adviento**  
**Gospel of St. Matthew / El Evangelio de San Mateo**  
**December / Diciembre 7, 2025**

*We are scripturally encouraged to focus our Advent preparations: “Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God.” Christ welcomes with unconditional love, the very essence of hospitality and a power that transforms lives. The daily practice of Christian hospitality is also a way to answer the call of John the Baptist. His words apply just as much to us today as they did to the people awaiting the Savior’s arrival. “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!” Or from the prophet Isaiah, “Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.” There is a definite connection between repentance and sincere hospitality.*

*Las Escrituras nos animan a centrar nuestros preparativos para el Adviento: «Acérquense unos a otros, como Cristo los recibió, para gloria de Dios». Cristo acoge con amor incondicional, la esencia misma de la hospitalidad y un poder que transforma vidas. La práctica diaria de la hospitalidad cristiana es también una forma de responder al llamado de Juan el Bautista. Sus palabras se aplican tanto a nosotros hoy como a quienes esperaban la llegada del Salvador: «¡Arrepiéntanse, porque el reino de los cielos está cerca!». O del profeta Isaías: «Preparen el camino del Señor, enderecen sus sendas». Existe una clara conexión entre el arrepentimiento y la hospitalidad sincera.*

### 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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Mariam Camacho, *Youth*; Suzie Gardner, Josefina Pineda, *Social Justice*;

John Mino, Alfredo Reyes, Nick Lentz, Angel Osorio, *Stewardship*;  
Lety Curiel, Jean Nee, *Altar Society*; Irma Bahena, Roman Bahena, *San Juan Bautista*

### Background on the Gospel Reading

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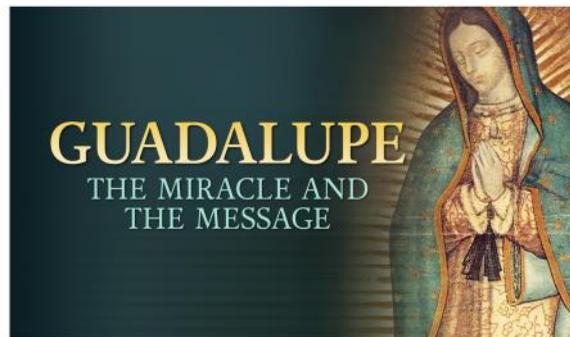
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In this reading, John makes very clear that his relationship to the Messiah yet to come (Jesus) is one of service and subservience: ". . . the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his san-

dals" (Matthew 3:11). In the context of Matthew's Gospel, today's passage is followed by Jesus' baptism by John, an event that is attested to in all four of the Gospels and appears to have been the start of Jesus' public ministry.

John's preaching of the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus in the first century, we, too, are called to prepare oursel-

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## Calendar of Events

Sat, Dec 6 4:30 pm	Second Sunday of Advent, Holy Mass, Unionville Church
<b>Dec 6—Dec 12 6:00 pm</b>	<b>Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena Every Night, Milan Church</b>
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
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Tue, Dec 9 8:15 am	<b>No Holy Mass of the Day Milan Church</b>
Tue, Dec 9 9:00 am	Ladies Yoga, Milan Parish Hall
Tue, Dec 9 6:00 pm	San Juan Grupo de Oración, Milan Iglesia
Fri, Dec 12 9:00 am	Ladies Yoga, Milan Parish Hall
Fri, Dec 12 6:00 pm	Our Lady of Guadalupe Holy Mass Milan Church
Sat, Dec 13 4:30 pm	Third Sunday of Advent, Holy Mass, Unionville Church
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Sun, Dec 14 11:00 am	Tercer Domingo de Adviento, Misa, Milan Iglesia y en vivo.

*No construction costs are included below!*

Giving and Expenditures	Last 30 Days	Year To Date
<b>Weekly Donations</b>	<b>\$7,858</b>	<b>\$33,077</b>
<b>Operating Exp</b>	<b>\$9,364</b>	<b>\$46,349</b>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>-\$1,506</b>	<b>-\$13,272</b>

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*Romans 15:5-6*

***In this evermore polarized world, St. Paul strongly reminds each of us that Christian unity is both a gift to be received and a mission to be lived.***



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

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Donations	\$2,875	\$13,929
Expenses	\$2,230	\$13,962
Balance	\$645	<b>-\$33</b>

**We need your ongoing support and stewardship.**

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**The Second Sunday of Advent, Year A  
Gospel of Saint Matthew, Sunday, December 7, 2025**

**Weekly Readings**

**Dec. 7, 2nd Sunday Advent**

Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9  
Mt 3:1-12

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**The Immaculate Conception**

Gn 3:9-15, 20;  
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Zec 2:14-17  
Lk 1:26-38

**Dec. 13, Saturday, St Lucy**

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11  
Mt 17:10:13

**Dec. 14, 3rd Sunday Advent**

Is 35:1-6a, 10; Jas 5:7-10  
Mt 3:1-12

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

### Background on the Gospel

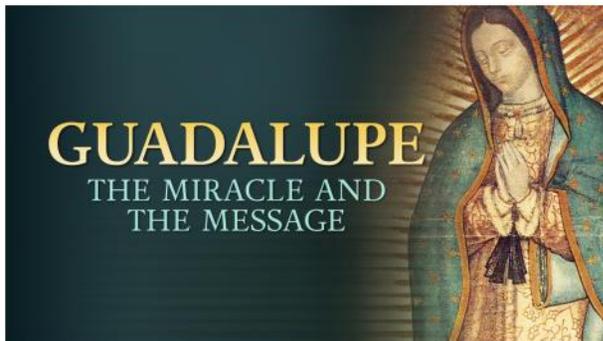
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Fri, Dec 12 6:00 pm	Santa Misa Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe Milan Church
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### Ministers

### December

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