

Stewardship Reflections

First Sunday of Advent Weekend of November 26/ 27, 2022

On this first Sunday of Advent Jesus urges his disciples to stay awake and prepare themselves for the Lord's coming. Good stewards prepare themselves and await Christ's judgment in joyous expectation. This attitude requires genuine spiritual maturity, of course; the kind that is cultivated by prayer, participation in the sacraments, loving attention to family and one's communion of faith, and love for one's neighbor. Are we prepared for the Lord's second coming? Are we ready to receive Christ? Are we ready to look joyously for Christ's judgment?

Primer Domingo de Adviento Fin de semana del 26/27 de noviembre de 2022

En este primer domingo de Adviento, Jesús exhorta a sus discípulos a permanecer despiertos y prepararse para la venida del Señor. Los buenos corresponsables se preparan y esperan el juicio de Cristo con gozosa expectativa. Esta actitud requiere una madurez espiritual genuina, por supuesto; el tipo de madurez que se cultiva mediante la oración, la participación en los sacramentos, la atención amorosa a la familia y a la propia comunión de fe, y el amor al prójimo. ¿Estamos preparados para la segunda venida del Señor? ¿Estamos listos para recibir a Cristo? ¿Estamos listos para esperar con gozo el juicio de Cristo?

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November 26 and 27, 2022

Children's Offerings/Loose	\$ 327.00
Envelopes	\$ 1,868.00
Total	\$ 2,195.00

CHURCH OFFICE UPDATE:

Please, when you call the Church office, leave your name and the purpose of your call. When you want to see and talk to Fr. Angelo during the week, please make an appointment. **Tuesdays are Fr. Angelo's day-off. Please, no calls on Tuesdays for nobody will take your call. Please no in-person visits on Tuesdays.** Thank you so much for your understanding and kind consideration. Blessings to you!

Por favor, cuando llame a la oficina de la Iglesia, deje su nombre y el propósito de su llamada. Cuando quieras ver y hablar con el Padre Angelo durante la semana, por favor haga una cita. Los martes son el día libre del Padre Angelo. Por favor, no llamen los martes porque nadie atenderá su llamada. No se permiten visitas en persona los martes. Muchas gracias por su comprensión y amable consideración. ¡Bendiciones para ti!

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Praise!

Sunday, December 4, 2022

"Therefore, I will praise you among the Gentiles and sing praises to your name." Romans 15:9

"Por tanto, te alabaré entre los gentiles y cantaré alabanzas a tu nombre". Romanos 15:9

CLERGY

Pastor:

Fr. Angelo Consemino

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Parish Office Hours:
Monday, Wednesday &
Friday
9am – 12pm

Mass Times

Saturday, Vigil: 5:30pm
Sunday: 8am (English)
11am (Spanish)

Confession Times

Saturdays @
4:30pm-5:15pm
and by appointment



Finance Committee: James Sokora, Ray Vargas, Oscar Zapata

Liturgical Committee: Mrs. Maria Cardenas

Church and Grounds Custodians: Parish Volunteers

Linens: Mrs. Alice Castillo

Religious Education:

PCL 5-6th Grades: Marisela Miranda & Cynthia Ortega

PCL 7-12th Grades: Cindy Ramirez

Music: 05:30pm - Kayla Sierra
08:00am - Ana Martinez
11:00am - Jesús Acosta

CCE meets from September thru May

Elementary CCE on Sundays from 9:45am to 10:45am

Middle and High School CCE on Sundays from 9:30am to 10:30am

Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer his request & join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention each month.

Volunteer Not-for-Profit Organizations

We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

Readings for the Week

Sunday: First: Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

Second: Romans 15:4-9

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

Monday: First: Isaiah 35:1-10

Psalm 85:9ab, 10, 11-12, 13-14

Gospel: Luke 5:17-26

Tuesday: First: Isaiah 40:1-11

Psalm 96:1-2, 3, 10ac, 11-12, 13

Gospel: Matthew 18:12-14

Wednesday: First: Isaiah 40:25-31

Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10

Gospel: Matthew 11:28-30

Thursday: First: Genesis 3:9-15, 20

Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4

Second: Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

Friday: First: Isaiah 48:17-19

Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6

Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19

Saturday: First: Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11

Psalm 80:2ac, 3ab, 15-16, 18-19

Gospel: Matthew 17:9a, 10-13

All the readings may be found on this link:

<https://bible.usccb.org/>

OUR LADY OF VICTORY RADIO: Visit 102.9 FM website at

<http://www.olvradio.com> to hear live streaming of EWTN. For program schedule, please see

<http://www.ewtn.com/radio/schedule.asp>.

Tune in to KLPF 1180 AM, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday, December 7, 2022 - Vigil Mass of the Solemnity at 6:30pm in English. Blessing of Pregnant Mothers.

Thursday, December 8, 2022 – Mass of the Solemnity at 6:30pm in Spanish. Blessing of Pregnant Mothers.

Miércoles 7 de diciembre de 2022 - Misa de Vigilia de la Solemnidad a las 6:30 p. m. en inglés. Bendición de las Madres Embarazadas.

Jueves 8 de diciembre de 2022 – Misa de Solemnidad a las 6:30pm en español. Bendición de las Madres Embarazadas.

Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Monday, December 12, 2022

Mass at 6:30pm in Spanish. Blessing of Roses.

***Festividad de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe
lunes, 12 de diciembre de 2022***

Misa a las 6:30pm en español. Bendición de Rosas.



The "splendor of an entirely unique holiness" by which Mary is "enriched from the first instant of her conception" comes wholly from Christ: she is "redeemed, in a more exalted fashion, by reason of the merits of her Son". The Father blessed Mary more than any other created person "in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places" and chose her "in Christ before the foundation of the world, to be holy and blameless before him in love". CCC 492

El "esplendor de una santidad enteramente única" con que María es "enriquecida desde el primer instante de su concepción" procede enteramente de Cristo: ella es "redimida, de manera más exaltada, en razón de los méritos de su Hijo". El Padre bendijo a María más que a cualquier otra persona creada "en Cristo con toda bendición espiritual en los lugares celestiales" y la eligió "en Cristo antes de la fundación del mundo, para ser santa y sin mancha delante de él en el amor". CIC 492

Diocesan Announcements/ Anuncios diocesanos

Check what events are going on in the diocese! Visit catholiclubbock.org/Calendar.html

Bishop Coerver promulgated a decree for the National Eucharistic Revival in the Diocese of Lubbock on June 1.

Read what you can expect for 2022 -2023 in the diocese at www.CatholicLubbock.org at

www.CatholicLubbock.org.

El obispo Coerver promulgó un decreto para el Avivamiento Eucarístico Nacional en la Diócesis de Lubbock el 1 de junio.

Lea lo que puede esperar para 2022 -2023 en la diócesis en www.CatholicLubbock.org at www.CatholicLubbock.org.

First Friday All-night devotions

December 2-3, continues a Novena of Nine Months in preparation for the 40th Anniversary Celebration of the establishment of the Diocese of Lubbock. First Friday and First Saturday all-night vigils in the Lubbock Deanery at Christ the King Cathedral (begin at 6:30 p.m. with Mass continuing through First Saturday morning. Check the diocesan calendar at catholiclubbock.org/Calendar.html for January – June 2023 dates and save the dates on your own digital calendar.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Procession

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Lubbock invites all people of good will in Lubbock and all our surrounding communities to Our Lady of Guadalupe Procession on Sunday, December 11 beginning at 3pm. The procession will begin at the corner of 34th St & Ave L. walking to Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, 1120 52nd St to Mass in the church. Floats and all different groups are welcome. For information, please call the church office at (806) 763-0710.

“Respect for Marriage Act” disrespects Marriage and Religious Freedom. On November 16, 2022, the United States Senate voted 62–37 to advance the Respect for Marriage Act. Now that the Senate has bypassed a potential filibuster and could repeal the 1996 Defense of Marriage Act signed into law by former President Bill Clinton, the bill will go before Congress soon. The “Respect for Marriage Act,” is a poorly-named bill that further undermines the truth of marriage and harms religious freedom. There is serious risk that this bill could secure the necessary votes to pass. Senator James Lankford (R-OK) stated “the private right of action only goes against people that have religious objections. Those religious individuals, if they are discriminated against are on their own – they get no protections in this bill.” Your voice is urgently needed to tell your U.S. Representative to vote “NO” on the “Respect for Marriage Act.”

Please visit the following weblink for more information and to send your message or you may contact our U.S. Representative by phone. <https://www.votervoice.net/USCCB/Campaigns/98786/Respond>

For Lamb County, Representative Jodey Arrington, (202)225-4005.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Frist Saturday, December 3, St. Francis Xavier, Priest

4:30-5:15pm – Confessions

5:30 Vigil Mass – † Mary Castillo

† Manuel Venzor

December 4, Second Sunday of Advent

8:00am Mass – For our Paris community

Misa de 11:00am (español) – † Bobby y Cecilia Mendoza

Lunes, 5 de diciembre, Día de la semana de Adviento

6:30pm (Español) – † Padres Larry Hemp y Wm. Clarence Huber

Wednesday, December 7 – Vigil Mass of the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Blessing of Mothers

6:30pm – Mass - † Carmela Lopez

Jueves, 8 de diciembre – Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción de la Santísima Virgen María - Bendicion de las Madres Embarazadas

6:30pm (Español) – † Dominga Serna

Friday, December 9, Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatatzin

9:00am Mass – † Ralph Mendez, Jr.

Saturday, December 10, Our Lady of Loreto

4:30-5:15pm – Confessions

5:30 Vigil Mass – † Joe and Mary Gomez

December 11, Second Sunday of Advent

8:00am Mass – † Bobby y Cecilia Mendoza

Misa de 11:00am (español) – Para nuestra comunidad parroquial

Parish Sick List

Dolores Abeyta	George Abeyta
Emma G. Acevedo	Gloria Aguilar
Alicia Ayala	Bryan Cavazos
Ethan Cervantez	Elijah Cervantez
Emilia Córdova	León Córdova
Luke Criado	Chiche Davila
Carmela DeLaFuente	Alfredo Duran
Manuel Duran	Mary Galaviz
Shiann Gallegos	Molly Garcia
Lupe Pérez Gregg	Joe Gutierrez
Guadalupe Gutiérrez	Teófilo Gutiérrez
Alejandra Hernandez	Christina Hernandez
Ernest Hernandez	José Hernández
Dana King	
Jr. y María Longoria	Lillie Longoria
Victoria Longoria	Isaura López
Juanita Macias	Jimmy Mangles
Alex McCrary	Josephine McCrary
Betty Jo Martinez	Chris Martinez
Lillian Martinez	Martin Méndez
Jesús Mendoza	Louisa Montoya
Rey Morales, Jr.	Nicole Morfin
Blanca Lidia Muñiz	Víctor Muñoz
Marie Pérez	Petra Polando
Jesús Provencio	Ashley Ramirez
Esperanza Rangel	Connie Reedy
Ricardo Reyes	Manuel Reyna
Teodoro Rivera	Ashley Rodriguez
Juan Rodríguez	Julia Rodriguez
Samantha Rodriguez	Adela Rosas
Tommy Savala	Lucila Silvas
James Sokora	Dolores Soliz
Jimmy Soliz	Roy Steadham
Julian Torres	Rodney Trevino
Rogelia Trevino	Eva T. Willaims
Sandra G. Williams	Frank Villarreal
Jeremy Ybarra	Christopher Underwood

Parish Announcements/ Anuncios Parroquiales

No Baptismal Classes will be held in November and December 2022. Classes will resume in January 2023. You will still need to **REGISTER** prior to the classes by calling the church office. You will need to provide the birth certificate of the child, sponsor forms, and letters, if needed, **BEFORE** attending the classes. After registering you may call Mrs. Lola Zapata at 806/778-8753, for other information.

*No se llevarán a cabo clases bautismales en noviembre y diciembre de 2022. Las clases se reanudarán en enero de 2023. Aún deberá **REGISTRARSE** antes de las clases llamando a la oficina de la iglesia. Deberá proporcionar el certificado de nacimiento del niño, los formularios del patrocinador y las cartas, si es necesario, **ANTES** de asistir a las clases. Después de registrarse puede llamar a la Sra. Lola Zapata al 806/778-8753, para más información.*

IMPORTANT All blessings, as well as blessings for anniversaries and birthdays, will be done on the last weekend of the month, at the end of Mass before the final blessing.

IMPORTANTE Todas las bendiciones, así como las bendiciones de aniversarios y cumpleaños, se realizarán el último fin de semana del mes, al final de la Misa antes de la bendición final.

Your Offerings Envelopes will not be available for pickup until later this month. Thank you for your patience.

Sus Sobres de Ofrendas no estarán disponibles para ser recogidos hasta finales de este mes. Gracias por su paciencia.

The Second Sunday of Advent

As we progress through the spiritual journey of Advent, the second Sunday traditionally symbolizes the virtue of Faith. The second purple candle that is lit on this day is known as the "Bethlehem Candle." Reflecting on the journey of Mary and St. Joseph to Bethlehem during the weeks leading up to the first Christmas is a good way to remain in a spirit of humble reflection and penance.

Certainly, even the faith of Mary and St. Joseph must have been put to the test during the arduous journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem. They had to travel 90 miles to the city of Joseph's ancestors: south along the flatlands of the Jordan River, then west over the hills surrounding Jerusalem, and on into Bethlehem. They were not unaccustomed to traveling on foot, but with Mary's advanced state of pregnancy, to say that "the going was rough" would be a terrible understatement, bordering on blasphemy.

All this hardship was borne in a spirit of faith, knowing that what had been promised to them would be fulfilled, despite all physical evidence to the contrary. The Child in Mary's womb would be the Savior of all humanity. The Creator of all the hillsides and valleys through which they passed would soon, so very soon, take His first breath amongst them. Within a matter of days, the entire world would be changed.

So how does someone living in the twenty-first century prepare to commemorate such an awe-inspiring, supernatural event? When surrounded by the consumerism that has all but eclipsed the reason for the season, it is easy to be lulled into a sense of indifference. There is something we can do as individual believers both to prepare ourselves spiritually for Christmas and to fight the secular tide. It is a practice older than Christmas itself, a mandatory observance in centuries past, and a discipline recommended by our Lord himself: We can fast for Advent.

Fasting is a form of penance, which at first glance seems out of step in the season of hope. Yet it is penance that prepares us for the coming of the Savior, who has come to save us from our sins. And He will not save us unless we first repent –acknowledge our sins and our need to be forgiven – and then manifest our repentance through acts of penance: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Fasting is more necessary than ever, for we live in times where instant gratification reigns supreme; where a great number of human beings are encouraged to enslave themselves to a gadget, a vice or worse. Fasting helps gain back a degree of control in our lives, which is real freedom.

As You Light the Second Candle...

On the Second Sunday of Advent, with your loved ones, or the memory of your loved ones, gathered with you around the Advent Wreath, it is now time to continue the age-old tradition of lighting the second purple candle along with the first.

Before lighting the candle, pray—

O God, Rejoicing, we remember the promise of your Son. As the light from this candle, may the blessing of Christ come upon us, brightening our way and guiding us by His truth.

May Christ our Savior bring life into the darkness of our world, and to us as we wait for His coming. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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El Segundo Domingo de Adviento

A medida que avanzamos en el viaje espiritual de Adviento, el segundo domingo tradicionalmente simboliza la virtud de la Fe. La segunda vela morada que se enciende en este día se conoce como la "Vela de Belén". Reflexionar sobre el viaje de María y San José a Belén durante las semanas previas a la primera Navidad es una buena manera de permanecer en un espíritu de humilde reflexión y penitencia.

Ciertamente, también la fe de María y de San José debió ser puesta a prueba durante el arduo viaje de Nazaret a Belén. Tuvieron que viajar 90 millas hasta la ciudad de los antepasados de José: hacia el sur a lo largo de las llanuras del río Jordán, luego hacia el oeste sobre las colinas que rodean a Jerusalén y hasta Belén. No estaban desacostumbrados a viajar a pie, pero con el avanzado estado de embarazo de María, decir que "el camino fue duro" sería una terrible subestimación, al borde de la blasfemia.

Toda esta dificultad fue soportada con espíritu de fe, sabiendo que lo que se les había prometido se cumpliría, a pesar de toda evidencia física en contrario. El Niño en el vientre de María sería el Salvador de toda la humanidad. El Creador de todas las laderas y valles por donde pasaban, pronto, muy pronto, daría su primer aliento entre ellos. En cuestión de días, el mundo entero cambiaría.

Entonces, ¿cómo se prepara alguien que vive en el siglo XXI para conmemorar un evento sobrenatural tan imponente? Cuando está rodeado

por el consumismo que casi ha eclipsado el motivo de la temporada, es fácil dejarse llevar por una sensación de indiferencia.

Hay algo que podemos hacer como creyentes individuales tanto para prepararnos espiritualmente para la Navidad como para luchar contra la marea secular. Es una práctica más antigua que la propia Navidad, una observancia obligatoria en siglos pasados y una disciplina recomendada por nuestro Señor mismo: Podemos ayunar para el Adviento.

El ayuno es una forma de penitencia, que a primera vista parece desfasada en el tiempo de la esperanza. Sin embargo, es la penitencia la que nos prepara para la venida del Salvador, que ha venido a salvarnos de nuestros pecados. Y Él no nos salvará a menos que primero nos arrepintamos, reconozcamos nuestros pecados y nuestra necesidad de ser perdonados, y luego manifestemos nuestro arrepentimiento a través de actos de penitencia: oración, ayuno y limosna. El ayuno es más necesario que nunca, porque vivimos en tiempos donde la gratificación instantánea reina suprema; donde se anima a un gran número de seres humanos a esclavizarse a un artificio, un vicio o algo peor. El ayuno ayuda a recuperar un grado de control en nuestras vidas, que es la verdadera libertad.

Al encender la segunda vela...

En el Segundo Domingo de Adviento, con tus seres queridos, o la memoria de tus seres queridos, reunidos contigo alrededor de la Corona de Adviento, es hora de continuar con la tradición milenaria de encender la segunda vela morada junto con la primera.

Antes de encender la vela, reza:

Oh Dios, Gozosos, recordamos la promesa de tu Hijo. Como la luz de esta vela, que la bendición de Cristo descienda sobre nosotros, iluminando nuestro camino y guiándonos por su verdad.

Que Cristo, nuestro Salvador, traiga vida a la oscuridad de nuestro mundo, ya nosotros mientras esperamos Su venida. Te lo pedimos por Cristo nuestro Señor. Amén

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