SECOND

Sunday of Advent

On that day,
a shoot shall sprout from
the stump of Jesse,
and from his roots
a bud shall blossom.

Isaiah 11:1

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December 8, 2019

Mon, December 9
Immaculate Conception
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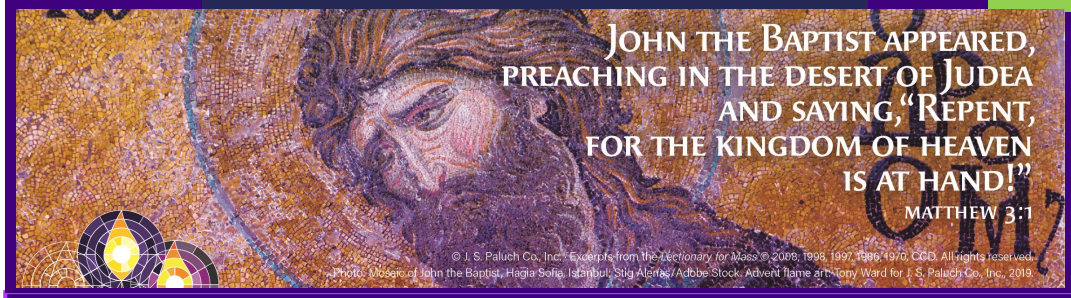
Our Lady of Guadalupe—Thursday—Dec 12
5:00am Mañanitas & Mass
7:00am Mass
7:00pm Bilingual Mass



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Worship

We pray & worship.
We are a Priestly community.

Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2019

The earth shall be filled with knowledge of the LORD, as water covers the sea.
— Isaiah 11:9

THE LONG-AWAITED ONE

As the Sundays of Advent unfold the scriptures shift focus from the final coming of the Lord to his historical birth. Today's scriptures blend the two. Isaiah's disillusionment with the kings of his own day led him to envision an ideal king who would rule with divine approval and be led by divine wisdom. For centuries the Jewish people anticipated the arrival of that Messiah, who would usher in a blessed age when the whole world would finally dwell in justice and peace.
After centuries of such growing expectation, the preaching of John the Baptist about the imminent arrival of the Messiah could not help but provoke intense interest. The Baptist's message about preparation for "the one who is coming" (Matthew 3:11) makes clear that Jesus is, in fact, the long-awaited one who is ushering in the new age foretold by Isaiah and all the prophets.
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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent
Monday: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday: International Human Rights Day
Wednesday: St. Damasus I
Thursday: Our Lady of Guadalupe
Friday: St. Lucy
Saturday: St. John of the Cross

TODAY'S READINGS
First Reading — He shall bring justice for the afflicted; the earth shall overflow with the knowledge of the LORD
(Isaiah 11:1-10).
Psalm — Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever (Psalm 72).
Second Reading — Glorify God by living in harmony with one another, welcoming each other as Christ welcomed you (Romans 15:4-9).
Gospel — Produce good fruit worthy of your baptism; repent, for the reign of God is near (Matthew 3:1-12).

Dec. 8, 2019 - 2nd Sunday of Advent

May you continue to prepare yourself for the Coming of the Lord Jesus.

So are you ready? Have you finished all of your preparations? I don't mean for Christmas and the celebration of the First Coming of the Lord Jesus to earth. I am more concerned for His final coming not just to the world as a whole at the end of time, but also for His coming to take you with Him into the Final Reign of God. Just as you are spending time preparing to celebrate Christmas, checking all your lists at least twice, decking your house and getting all things ready for seventeen days from now, so you should also be readying yourself by discipline, preparation, and thoughtful anticipation. Now is the time to get ready, for you know not when He will be coming for you.

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Special collection

Retirement Fund Religious

Dec 7 and 8

Support aging religious. Our second collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Many senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little or no pay. Today, religious communities often do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your gift helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders. Please be generous.

Guadalupe Celebrations 2019

Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena

From December 3rd to the 11th

SAT. DEC 7	AFTER 8:00 am mass
SUN. DEC 8	AFTER 1:30 pm mass
MON. DEC 9	BEFORE 7:00 pm mass
TUES.. DEC 10	AFTER 7:00 pm mass
WED. DEC 11	AFTER 7:00 pm mass

Thursday December 12th

Mañanitas and Mass

5:00 am. in the church

Flower offering and Rosary to our Lady

From 5:00 pm to 6:45 pm
at the Pavillion

7:00 pm. Bilingual Mass

Followed by fellowship

Novena Guadalupana:

Del 3 al 11 de Diciembre

SAB. DIC 7	DESPUES DE LA MISA DE 8:00 am
DOM. DIC 8	DESPUES DE LA MISA DE 1:30 pm
LUN. DIC 9	ANTES de la MISA DE 7:00 pm
MAR. DIC 10	DESPUES DE LA MISA DE 7:00 pm
MIER. DIC 11	DESPUES DE LA MISA DE 7:00 pm

Jueves 12 de Diciembre

Mañanitas y misa

5:00 am. en la Iglesia

Ofrecimiento de Flores y Rosario a la Virgen

De 5:00 a 6:45 pm en Patio frente a la Iglesia

Misa Bilingüe a las 7:00 pm

Seguido de Convivencia

SAINT JUAN DIEGO (1474-1548)
December 9

How well Mary's own words describe Juan Diego: "God has cast down the mighty from their thrones and lifted up the lowly" (Luke 1:52). Through him, for the diverse peoples of the Americas, indigenous and immigrant, the Mother of God became known as their Mother, too. Cuauhtlatzin, his given name, means "One Who Speaks Like an Eagle," and Juan Diego faithfully delivered the Virgin's request that a church be built at Tepeyac where she had appeared to him. To the skeptical bishop's request for a sign, Our Lady showed Juan Diego roses blooming through stony ground, despite winter's cold. When he unfolded his tilma to present them to the bishop, imprinted there was Mary's image! Her blue sash and the flower over her womb were traditional Aztec symbols of pregnancy and new life. But her features were those of a mestiza, indicating mixed Aztec-European heritage. Thus to peoples too easily prone to a "clash of cultures," Our Lady of Guadalupe remains the enduring icon of unity-in-diversity, the fruit of our one baptism into Jesus, her Son.

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BOOKSTORE

Is it not true that the Christmas Season puts us all in a giving mood? Be sure to give your very own St Lorenzo Ruiz Gift Shop a quick look. Who knows —-that perfect gift can be sitting on one of our shelves just waiting for you to find!

Hope to see you soon and Merry Christmas.

SLR Books & Gifts

GIFTSHOP

Education

WE LEARN AND EDUCATE.
WE ARE A PROPHETIC PEOPLE

Catechist Faith Formation All of us are catechists !

Christians who share their faith with others. Yet sometimes we are not fully sure of what our faith is teaching us about certain aspects of what the Church teaches. We need to be reassured of that our understandings is in line with the official teachings of the church. There are four major areas (Pillars) with which we should be familiar:

1)Creed - our beliefs
2) Liturgy and sacraments - how we celebrate our communal faith
3) Morality - the ways we live out what we believe in our every day lives
4) Prayer - our relationship with God, both personally and communally.

In our new Church year, which begins on December 1, 2019, we will be offering a course in deepening our understanding of the beliefs of the Catholic Church. This twelve-week course is **open to everyone**, since we are all catechists, but it is especially for those who are helping to share their faiths as catechists to our **children, youth, and adults.** ***(A must for all our SLR Catechists).***

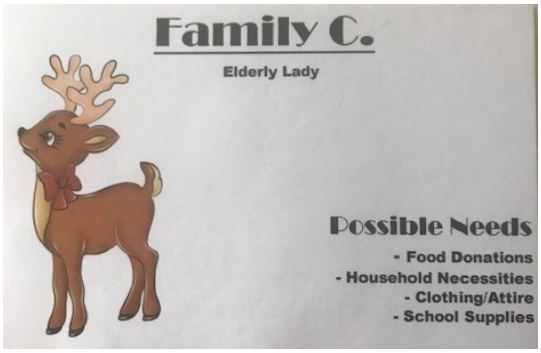
There will be three sessions for each of the four pillars: **Creed, Liturgy and Sacraments, Morality, and Prayer**. The sessions will be held on Monday evenings from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. The dates are:
Creed: December 9, 16 - 2019
Liturgy: January 6, 13, 20 - 2020
Morality: January 27, February 3, 10 - 2020
Prayer: February 17, 24, March 2 - 2020

Please RSVP so we can make sure we have enough materials. **bobkondrath@saintlorenzo.org**

WELCOME HOME
December Baptisms

Lorenzo Ramos Gonzales
Kara Rose Pascual

Adopt a Family FOR CHRISTMAS



Let us share our blessings by "adopting a family" this Christmas! Please visit the church vestibule and take a card from our Giving Tree.

'TIS THE Season OF Giving

THE GIVING TREE

You may have seen it in years passed...a brightly decorated tree in the vestibule of our church with ornaments that list baby items for families in need. In fact, you may have picked up one of the ornaments and brought back a wrapped item.

Each year, St. Lorenzo Youth Ministry sponsors The Giving Tree. It's a project that has been near and dear to the youth for over a decade. The youth of our parish collect, sort, and distribute items such as baby wipes, diapers, formula and other necessities to various pregnancy help centers around the San Gabriel Valley, but most especially to the Bethany Center at St. Martha. It is something that they look forward to every year and it is with the generous help of the community that our youth ministry is able to sprinkle a little bit of Christmas magic around our community. This year, we are also reintroducing the "Adopt a Family" for Christmas. Please take a card & share your blessings with a family! Thank you for your unwavering support for such an invaluable program.

Donations will be sorted and distributed the week of Dec 23rd.

Service

We serve & we share.
We are a Kingly people.

WELCOME HOME

Hospitality

Thanks to the **SLR Basketball League who** hosted hospitality—**Dec 1**

Special thanks to the Mempin, Realica, Cajulis & Ramos families who hosted & sponsored our Sunday Hospitality—November 24

SUNDAY HOSPITALITY

What better way is there to get to know your fellow parishioners than by hosting Sunday Hospitality? We are currently accepting families and groups to host one of our upcoming Hospitality Sundays. For more information regarding hosting, please contact Jeri at jeripolicarpio@saintlorenzo.org or Bong Anonas at bonganonas@saintlorenzo.org

"Christians should offer their brethren simple and unpretentious hospitality. "

- St. Basil

Mass Intentions for the Week

Week of December 7-14

Date	Mass	Rest In Peace	Intentions
Sat 7Dec	5:00pm	Vincent Henry LeBlanc Paz Silva Avelino Silva Leoncio Sibal (HB)	Santo Niño (PG) Amy Milo (HB)(TG)
Sun 8Dec	7:30am	Marcial & Isabel Cruz Norma Mabini Rosalina Atienza	Sarmiento Family (TG) Ben Halili (HB)
	9:00am	Amador Perez Esther C. Trujillo Antonio & Lolita Policarpio Lourdes Frabaldos(HB) Leticia L. Medina	
	10:30am	Judith Gementiza Valles Jesus Merritt (death Anniv.) Emerson Reodica Castro Austin Pao-Kwei Chang Juan Mora	
	12:00pm	Arsenio De Guzman James Quan Livi Aytona Zara Dan Banta	Milo Family (TG)(PG)
	1:30pm	Belia Grijalva Manuel Arellano	Esperanza Sanchez (HB) Melissa Hernandez & Family
	6:30pm	Angela Aguinaga Dolores Aceves Jesus Aceves Juana Aceves Priscilla Tuazon	
Mon 9Dec	7:00am		Kamille Rose Soller (HB) Michael Denning & Family Augusto Gloria Amor Viloria Ryenne de los Santos
	7:00pm	Arthur Larrobis Ramon Espinoza Arsenio De Guzman Angela Aguinaga	
Tue 10Dec	7:00am	Antonio Ang Maria Hoang Ric de la Cruz	Ron & Milo (25th Wedd. Anniv)
	7:00pm	Antonio Ang Arsenio De Guzman David Awa	Ron & Milo (25th Wedd. Anniv) Augusto Gloria
Wed 11Dec	7:00am 7:00pm	Maria Hoang Arsenio De Guzman Fred Lising	Augusto Gloria Virginia Zuniga The Huerta Family The Theiss Family

PG=Presenting Gifts TG=Thanksgiving HB= Birthday

Please continue praying and caring for our sick family members, friends, neighbors & parishioners.

*Please contact **Marilyn Estona** at the parish office or email **mestona@hotmail.com** if you know of any parishioner who is sick, hospitalized, or homebound so that we may include them in our prayers / arrange for Ministers of the Sick to bring the Holy Eucharist to them at home.*

Mass Intentions for the Week

Thurs 12 Dec	7am	Fr. Dennis Vellucci Martin Danao Maria Hoang Luzminda Cecilio	Maria Guadalupe Recio 94thBirthday
	7pm	Priscila Orbigoso Arsenio De Guzman Maria & Agustin Jimenez Roberto P. Jimenez Patrocinio Murrillo Luisa San Andres Jesus Esquivel	
Fri 13 Dec	7am	Paul & Michael Quintos Maria Hoang	Isabel Yu August Gloria
	7pm	Jimmy Ong Arsenio De Guzman Maria Hoang Fred Lising	Jacob Alviar
Sat 14	8am	Arsenio De Guzman Aniceta D. Perena	Isabel Yu Nicole Carino
Dec		Maria Hoang	Sean Dillard (HB)

Temporalities

WE BECOME ECONOMICALLY STABLE
AND SELF-RELIANT...

Thank you to our December Liturgical Sponsors

Sponsors of Light
Norma Jean & Jimmy Peguero

In memory of Elena & Angel G. Perez
Ralph & Ofelia Peguero
Enrique & Lecha Perez
May they rest in peace

Sponsors of Altar Bread
Salumbides Family

In loving memory of Anicia Salumbides, RIP & all souls in Purgatory. Please pray for them.

Sponsors of Altar Wine
Aggabao Family

In loving memory of Antonio Aggabao

Weekly Offering

Week ending Nov 24

Plate	$ 5,206
Envelopes	5,514
Faith Direct	3,612
Total	**$ 14,332**

Catholic Campaign for Human Development
$2,019

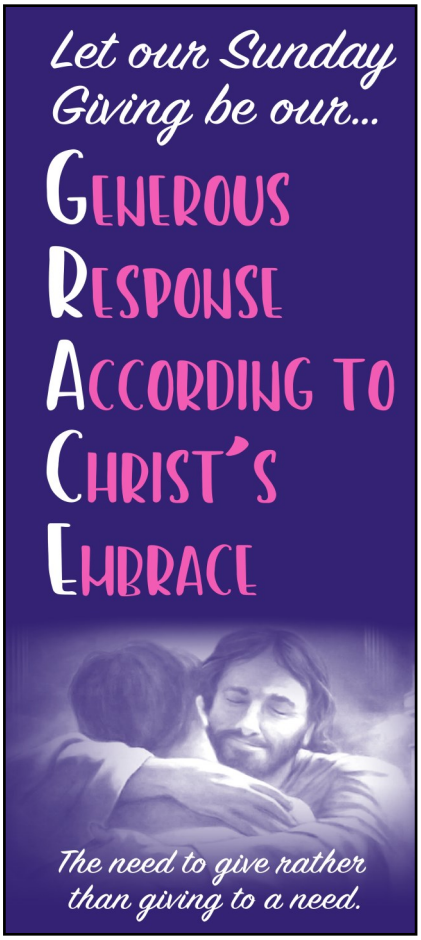
Week Ending Dec 1

Plate	**$ 5,151**
Envelopes	**8,262**
Faith Direct	**3,612**
Total	**$ 17,025**

Thanksgiving Collection

$2,999

Thank you!



VOLUNTEER WITH US!

Welcome Home!

Grace is what God gives to us. It includes our life, our family, our health, our relationship with Him and with others. Grace is God's life with us. God is 'graceful'. In a deeper sense, who we are and what we have are God's blessings to us. Let us be a GRACE to each one.

St. Lorenzo Ruiz Catholic Parish Community is revisiting our campaign to **make us aware of our Sunday giving which is an expression of gratitude for everything God has graced us with.**

After reflecting on the graciousness of God towards us, we are being called to establish a covenant commitment to the weekly Sunday collection. Respond as the widow in Mark 12:43-45, who gave not just because there was a need, but because she felt **a need to give back to God for all He had given to her.**

'GRACE *Ambassadors'* will get in touch with you!

2019 CHRISTMAS EVE LIVING GOSPEL MASS

CHILDREN OF ST. LORENZO RUIZ CHURCH

The Children's Choir will be singing at the 5:00 PM Christmas Eve Vigil Mass. As has been our tradition in the past, the children of our Parish will present the Living Gospel – the story of Mary and Joseph as they make their way to the stable in Bethlehem where our Savior Jesus Christ was born. The Choir and Living Gospel procession and performance will begin at 4:10 pm sharp!

YOUR CHILD MUST BE AT THE CHURCH, DRESSED IN COSTUME AND READY TO BEGIN NO LATER THAN 4:00 PM ON CHRISTMAS EVE!
PLEASE BE ON TIME - THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT!

Please let us know if your child would like to join in the presentation of this beautiful and holy evening. In addition to participating with the Children's Choir, participants will have the opportunity to play the part of an angel, a shepherd, a narrator, Mary or Joseph or they may choose to just sing as a member of the choir. We will also need parents to help the children with costumes, assist with all practices and before and during the Mass.

Please let me, Karen Alorro, your child's Religious Ed teacher or the church office know if your child is interested in participating and in what capacity.

Sunday, December 8, 2019 – Parents information meetings at 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM in the Pavilion

Monday, December 16, 2019 – 3:30 PM – 6:00 PM – Church – CHOIR AND LIVING GOSPEL PLAYERS

Tuesday, December 17, 2019 – 3:30 PM – 6:00 PM – Church – CHOIR AND LIVING GOSPEL PLAYERS

Wednesday, December 18, 2019 – 3:30 PM – 6:00 PM – Church – CHOIR AND LIVING GOSPEL PLAYERS

Monday, December 23, 2019 – 3:30 PM – 6:00 PM – Church – EVERYONE – **FINAL DRESS REHEARSAL**

Please call or email if you can help or if you have any questions. I look forward to sharing a wonderful Christmas Eve with the children. For more information, please join us on December 8th at 10:00 AM or 12:00 PM in the Pavilion.

Thanks and Merry Christmas!
Gayle Pacheco
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OFFICE HOURS
M - F 8:30am to 7:00pm
Sat 9:00am-2:00pm

MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday Masses
8:00am
5:00pm (vigil)
Sunday Masses
7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am,
12:00pm, 1:30pm (Esp), 6:30pm
Weekday Masses
7:00am and 7:00pm
Holy Days of Obligation
7:00pm

CONFESSION SCHEDULE
Weekdays
15 min before daily mass
Friday
7:30pm to 8:30pm
Saturday
3:30pm to 4:30pm

All Are Welcome

To fill out a volunteer form, please visit the Parish Office or the SLR website: **saintlorenzo.org**

2019 SLRC: Let us go "Home"....

"becoming and being Church"... 'remembering & reimagining our being Catholics'

- be **Nourished & Sustained** by the **Word**: read/reflect/pray on the Word daily and ***liturgically***
- be a **Eucharist:** *"Welcome Home"...*greeting/smiling at every one particularly at Church/belong to a small group
- be a **Missionary Disciple**: "telling the story of Jesus", *'each one, teach one...each one, take two'*

ST. LORENZO RUIZ THE FAMILY MAN,
PRAY FOR US!

GRACE

Our ***G***enerous ***R***esponse ***A***ccording to ***C***hrist's ***E***mbrace

To give thanks for the bountiful blessings, we have received we are called to share our generous blessing with those who are less fortunate than us. There are many in our parish, surrounding area and community who need help. We have partnered with St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Rowland Heights which have a strong Food Bank & Outreach Program to the local community. They assist over 200 hundred individuals weekly.
They need the following items:

Food:
Canned Meats, Canned Chili
Canned Fruit Cocktail, Canned Ravioli

Toiletries:
Shampoo, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste,
Men's Deodorant, Women's Deodorant, Bar Soap

Clothing:
New and in the package Only:

- White Tee Shirts: large and extra large
- Men's underwear large and extra large
- Women's underwear all sizes
- Men's white socks large

(Contact person: ***Brian Miller*** *909-595-9545)*

GRACE

◊ ***Is our Sunday Giving a Generous Response to Christ's Embrace?***

◊ ***Does it change my way of life if I give a bit more?***

Come join us!

Tues –Wed, Dec 3-11
Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena *(see schedule on page 2)*

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"Justice shall flourish in His time and fullness of peace for ever" *PS 72*

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5:00PM Blessing/Lighting of Christmas Tree and Community Christmas Celebration

All are welcome!
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5:00pm Mass

Blessing/Lighting of Christmas Tree & Community Christmas Celebration

Sun, December 15, **Third Sunday of Advent**
"***Lord, come and save us "*** PS 146

Adopt a Family FOR CHRISTMAS

This year, SLR has 'reimagined' our annual ***Giving Tree.*** *We are going to "adopt a family" by preparing a food basket and basic necessities according to the person/family's needs.*

Please visit the tree in our church vestibule and take one card. The card will specify the possible needs of a particular family. Please contact the Parish Office 909-595-9545 if you know someone who my benefit from this program.

Mon, Wed & Fri December 16, 18, 20
Mon Dec 16, 7:00pm Penance Svc—St Elizabeth Church
Wed Dec 18, 7:30PM Penance Service—St. Lorenzo
Fri Dec 20, 7:30PM Penance Svc—St Denis Church

Sat, December 21
5:00AM Simbang Gabi (Dawn Mass)
10:00AM Parish Baptisms

Sun December 22
5:00AM Simbang Gabi (Dawn Mass)
Sun, December 22, Fourth Sunday of Advent
"Let the Lord enter, he is king of Glory" PS 24

Tue, December 24: Christmas Eve
7:00AM Mass
5:00PM Children's Liturgy
12:00AM Midnight Mass

Wed, December 25 Christmas Day

Regular Sunday Mass Schedule
7:30AM, 9:00AM, 10:30AM, 12:00PM, 1:30PM Spanish, 6:30PM