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SECOND SUNDAY OF Advent

December 4, 2022

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2nd Sunday of Advent

FROM THE PASTOR

"Repent, the kingdom of God is at hand."

"A voice crying out in the desert, prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."

Thank you, thank you to all our parishioners, servant leaders, volunteers, and staff…and 'alive martyrs' in our ministries. Let us prepare the way of the Lord…make straight his paths".

We are an Advent people waiting for the coming of the Lord. We continue our community sojourn: "**Come down Zacchaeus**" to prepare the way of the Lord and discover His presence in our midst for "the kingdom is at hand". We join Zacchaeus' heed--- the Lord's call "to come down for I must stay in your house today". Let us embrace our Lord's call to be watchful and awake for his desire to stay in our house today. It is a call to bring the Faith home!

As a community, let us welcome the Lord to stay with us for He is already in our midst. Let us be part of our SLRC Word Made Flesh program --- to ***read, reflect*** and ***pray*** on the Word of God daily especially this season of Advent. Let us make a conscious effort to participate in the ***'breaking of the bread'***--- our table fellowship --- at the celebration of the Eucharist. Let us go home by 'another route' ***bringing*** Jesus home, ***sharing*** and ***being*** Jesus to others along the way.

Let us bring about His kingdom this Advent – a kingdom where "*the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb, and leopard shall lie down with the kid"… "the cow and bear shall be neighbors, …the baby shall play at the cobra's den, and the child shall lay his hand at the adder's lair".*

O come, o come Emmanuel, God with us!

Fr. Tony

Fr. Jose, Fr. Tony & Armando—Thanksgiving Day

Lord God and Father, You have called these individuals to continue their journey toward full initiation in the Catholic Church. Bless them as they await not only their being joined to the Church, but as they also await the Coming of the Lord Jesus more fully into their lives, and His Coming at the end of time.

Fr. Jose, you are indeed a great blessing, gift and grace to us here at St. Lorenzo Ruiz Faith Community. Your stay with us speaks so much of God's love, care as Emmanuel. We are most grateful for 'unwrapping' yourself to us particularly with our spiritual journey. As you go back home, we keep you tight in your prayers. Please carry with us our hearts and be a missionary of our community to your own community at home. Dios te bendigo siempre!

With much love, SLRC *(Fr. Jose flies back home to Spain Dec. 7)*

The Immaculate Conception Of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday- December 8, 2022

Renewal consecration

7:00AM 12:00PM 7:00PM

Novena begins Tuesday, Nov 29 after the 7:00AM mass

Saturday, after the 8:30AM mass &
Sunday after the 1:30PM mass

Last day of novena - Wednesday, Dec 7 after the 7:00AM mass

2022 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 4:20 PM sharp in the church.

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, Angel Gabriel, drummer boy, or they may choose to just sing along as a member of the choir. We will also need parents to help the children with costumes (which will be provided) and assist with all practices and before and during the Mass.

Please save the following date: ***Sunday, December 11, 2022 – Parent information meeting at 10:00 AM before the 10:30 AM Mass*** in the Pavilion and again immediately after each 10:30 AM Mass inside the church by the choir area. Practice and dress rehearsal schedules and further information will be available at the meetings.

Please call or email below if your child is interested in participating in the presentation or if you have any questions. You may also leave a message for me at the church office if you are unable to reach me directly.

I look forward to sharing a wonderful Christmas Eve with the children.

Thanks and Merry Christmas!

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We thank our December Liturgical Sponsors

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In loving memory of Antonio Aggabao

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Mario & Pearl Pajota

In thanksgiving celebrating 49th wedding anniversary

Sponsors of Altar Wine

Ed & Maribel Paz

In loving memory of Nicolas Lucena, Josefina & Adolfo Villegas, Roman, Clara & Gilberto Paz...may they rest in peace, and in thanksgiving

Sponsors of the Word

Ed & Evelyn Galicia and family

In thanksgiving & birthday

Sponsors of Environment

Dr. Pete & Linda Balacuit

in thanksgiving

Mass Schedule*

In Person, inside church

Mon to Fri: 7:00am and 7:00pm

Sat: 8:00am

5:00pm– *livestreamed*

Sunday: 7:30am , 9:00am, 10:30am- *livestreamed,* **12:00pm —***livestreamed,* **1:30pm** *(Spanish) - livestreamed,* **6:30 pm**

Mass in Filipino: Every 1st Sunday, 3:00pm

Chinese Mass: Every 2nd Sunday, 3:30pm

Confession: Monday-Friday: **6:45am & 6:45pm, First Friday: 7:30-8:30pm**; Saturday: **3:30pm–4:30pm**

Parish Office 909-595-9545

**subject to change—call for special masses*

Stewardship

Due to our publisher's early deadline, we are posting the weekly collection in the next bulletin issue.

Thank you for your understanding.

Together in Mission

Help us reach our goal!

As of Nov 21, 2022

Goal: $ 71,983

We need:

$ 26,320

We have raised: $ 45,663.52

Can you please help?

Second Collection next weekend

Dec 10 & 11

Hospitality at SLR with families & ministries…

Come and sign up to host one Sunday! Contact Sheila at 909-595-9545
sheilasobretodo@gmail.com

UPCOMING CHRISTMAS CONCERT

HOSTED BY YOUTH MINISTRY

Dear Parents and Families,

Thank you for your tremendous support on our, " Trunk-or -Treat" Family Event! It was so much fun, fruitful and a huge success!

Now that we are entering the Season of Advent, it's time to prepare our hearts for Jesus' coming!

On **Saturday, December 10th at 7:00PM** (after the lighting of the Christmas Tree), our Youth Ministry will be presenting a Musical Concert, "Light of the World", Bringing Jesus Home at Christmas!

All Religious Education including 1st Communion, Confirmation Students and Youth are invited to join this Musical Concert! We will feature various Adult Choir groups from our Music Ministry, our Youth and Religious Ed coming together as one family singing Christmas Carols of Joy, Praise and Thanksgiving!

Enjoy some hot chocolate and Pan Dulce after the Lighting of the Christmas Tree, then come inside the church and be ready to celebrate a festive Christmas Show hosted by our Youth!

We are looking for happy helping hands, from both Students and Parents to volunteer with Arts & Crafts, Food/Snack Service, Goody Bag Prep, Decor Set-Up/Clean -Up, etc., and of course, Soloists, Choir and Instrumentalist Participants!

Feel free to contact Mary Anne Garcia, Youth Ministry Coordinator for more details.

Thank you for your support and looking forward to celebrating with you and your families this Advent Season!

Sincerely in Christ,

Mary Anne Garcia

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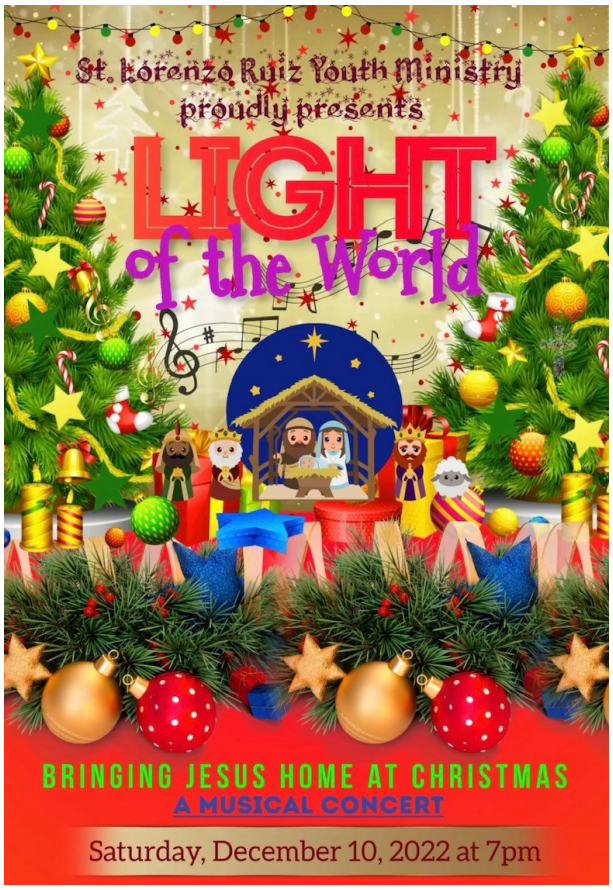
Advent symbols reminds us of this precious liturgical season, for example: The circular shape of the crown means that it has no beginning and no end, like the love of God that is eternal.

As a community of faith, let us make **"*The Giving Tree*"** be a symbol of joy and fraternity to all of us!

For more details, please contact the Religious Education Office at (909) 757-1520.

May God multiply your generosity!



Advent time is more than a time of celebration; it is an anticipation of Christ's birth. The sense of Advent is to awaken in believers the expectation of the Lord with joy and gratitude. Do you have any reason to be grateful?

For many people the holidays are extremely difficult…

As a community of faith, we are offered the opportunity to share our blessings with other brothers and sisters who are less fortunate. Through "*The Giving Tree*", we can celebrate Advent Time in a beautiful and special way by manifesting the love of God to these families.

Therefore, we invite you to participate as follows:

- Choose an ornament from the Christmas Tree that is placed at the Church vestibule. Each ornament has information of a family. There are also ornaments specially labeled with baby items needed.
- Make a monetary or check donation. The funds will be used to buy a care package for families in need.

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All are welcome!

Saturday ,December 10

5:00pm Mass

followed by Blessing & Lighting of our Community Tree

DECEMBER SCHEDULE

Sat-Sun Dec 3-11

Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena

Wednesday – Dec. 7th

7:00pm Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass

Thursday – Dec. 8th

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

7:00am Mass

12:00nn Mass

7:00pm Mass

Holy Day of Obligation

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Sunday, Dec 11

Trilingual Mass @ 12:30pm (with procession)

Monday– Dec 12 OLG Feast Day

5:00am Mañanitas followed by bilingual Mass

7:00am Mass

7:00pm OLG Bilingual Mass

Wed – Dec 14

7:30pm Penance Service

Sat– Dec 17

5:00pm Simbang Gabi

Sun– Dec 18

5:00am Simbang Gabi

Sat-Dec 24 CHRISTMAS EVE

8:00am Mass

5:00pm Children's Liturgy

12:00am Midnight Mass

SUNDAY-Dec 25 CHRISTMAS DAY

Regular Sunday Schedule

7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00pm,

1:30pm (Spanish) & 6:30pm Masses