



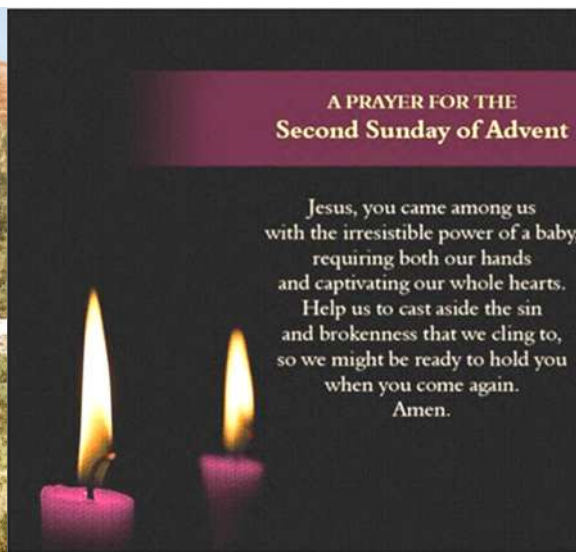
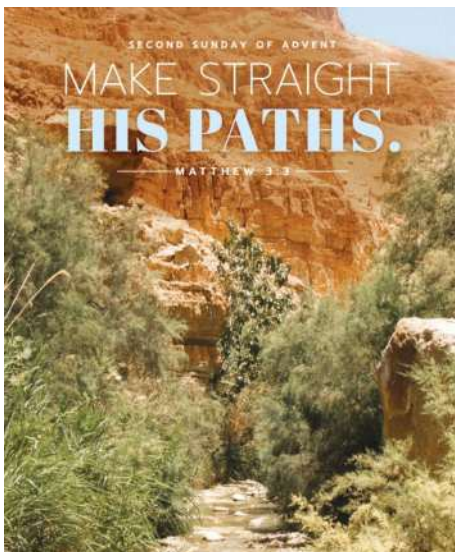
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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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**SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

Monday, December 8 - Holy Day of Obligation
Masses at 8:30am & 7:00pm

PARISH ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE
Wednesday, December 10 - 7:00pm in Church

FULL ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE - SEE PAGE 3

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Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am, 11:00am
& 5:00pm

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Mon - Sat: 8:30am
Rosary: 8:00am
Live-Stream & in church

RECONCILIATION
Saturday 3:30pm - 4:30pm
(in church)

ADORATION

Mondays - 9:00-10:00am
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REFLECT & RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

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First Reading:

Isaiah foresaw God's future when the world will be ruled by a new and ideal 'King David' ("a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse") and the earth will be filled with knowledge of the Lord. *What do you hope for in your future?*

Second Reading:

Paul encouraged the community of believers in Rome to be in harmony with each other in thought and mind. *Are there relationships in your life you consider to be harmonious?*

Gospel:

John the Baptist taught the people to prepare for the kingdom of heaven by repenting of sins and producing "good fruit." *What could you do this second week of Advent to make a positive impact?*

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TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 11:1-10;
Psalm 72;
Romans 15:4-9;
Matthew 3:1-12

As we begin the second week of Advent, let us recall our motto for this season: we are climbing God's holy mountain. Our readings inspire us and help us focus for this journey toward holiness.

Our first reading from the prophet Isaiah continues the theme of a journey towards the holy mountain, the Kingdom of God. The prophet gives us a beautiful glimpse of this mountain, where Christ will reign forever. It will be a place of peace, justice, and harmony among all God's creatures. "There shall be no harm or ruin in all my holy mountain... [This] dwelling shall be glorious."

Our second reading, from St. Paul's letter to the Romans, encourages us to focus our preparation in this way: "Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God."

How has Christ welcomed us? By becoming one of us through His incarnation, one with us through the Eucharist, and freeing us from our sins through His death and resurrection, so that we can finally live with him for all eternity in Heaven.

The idea of welcoming others as Christ welcomes us is the essence of Christian hospitality. This kind of hospitality involves seeing people as God sees them and being ready to invite others into our lives whenever and however God asks; it is an attitude we take with us wherever we go, whether at home, at the parish, or out and about at work, school, or in the community.

This kind of hospitality is a vital aspect of stewardship living. Fully embraced, it has the power to transform our lives and the lives of those who experience it through us.

The practice of Christian hospitality is also a way for us stewards to answer the call of John the Baptist in our Gospel passage from Matthew. John has the honor of preparing the people for the arrival of the Savior and the coming of the Kingdom of God. His words apply just as much to us in our own Advent preparations today. John says, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" And he recalls the words of the prophet Isaiah, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."

Though it may not seem obvious at first, there is a definite connection between repentance and effective hospitality. By recognizing and repenting of our sins, we become aware of our need for a Savior and his great mercy towards us. With this awareness and the gratitude to God that comes with it, we are freed to see the good in others and welcome them into our lives just as Christ has welcomed us.

How can we put all of this into action? How can we make repentance a regular part of our everyday lives? We can make an "examination of conscience" a daily part of our prayers, thanking God for the times we said "yes" to Him, and asking forgiveness for the times we chose our own will. We can (and should!) go to Confession this Advent and then make it a regular part of our "Ordinary Time" too. We can reach out to a family member or friend where there is distance or discord and make peace.

As we "straighten the paths" of our own hearts and minds, we become more hospitable people, better stewards of God's grace and mercy, and far more open and ready to invite others into our lives, homes, and parish. We climb farther up God's holy mountain and attract others to join us on the path toward holiness. This is preparation fitting for our merciful Savior.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun	12/7	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12
Mon	12/8	THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (<i>Holy day of Obligation</i>) Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Tues	12/9	St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14
Wed	12/10	Our Lady of Loreto Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
Thu	12/11	St. Damasus I, Pope Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
Fri	12/12	OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; (Ps) Jdt 13:18bc, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Sat	12/13	St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sun	12/14	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	12/8	8:30 am	Alfredo Sr. & Radigunda Lourdes Mabutas †
		7:00 pm	Mary Arleen Mouton Sellers (<i>birthday</i>)
Tues	12/9	8:30 am	Dominic Montagna (<i>birthday</i>)
Wed	12/10	8:30 am	Pierina Ottoboni †
Thu	12/11	8:30 am	Maura De Castro Chuapoco †
Fri	12/12	8:30 am	Patricia Walberg & Andy Nagorski (<i>anniversary</i>)
Sat	12/13	8:30 am	Andy Nagorski †
		5:00 pm	Antonio Bettencourt †
Sun	12/14	9:00 am	Grace Angus (<i>healing</i>) & Madeleine NgocAnh Nguyen †
		11:00 am	Diane Piziali †
		5:00 pm	Victor Chua & Family †

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
(*Holy Day of Obligation*) Monday, Dec. 8 - 8:30am and 7:00pm

PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE: Wednesday, Dec. 10, 7:00pm

ADVENT CONCERT: Tuesday, Dec. 16, 7:00pm

RECONCILIATION (*Individual Confession*) Saturdays at 3:30-4:00pm.

CHRISTMAS EVE - Wednesday, Dec. 24: 4:00pm (*Church & Howley Hall Gym*),
6:00pm (*Church*) and 10:00pm (*Church*) (**No Mass at 8:30am**)

CHRISTMAS DAY - Thursday, Dec. 25: 9:00am and 11:00am.
(**No Mass at 8:30am and 5:00pm**)

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD (*Holy Day of Obligation*)
Thursday, Jan. 1, 2026 8:30am and 7:00pm



ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*My Jesus, I believe you
are really here in
the Blessed Sacrament.
I love you more than anything
in the world, and I hunger
to receive you.
But since I cannot receive
Communion at this time,
Feed my soul spiritually.
I unite myself to you now,
as I do when I actually receive
You in Holy Communion. Amen.*

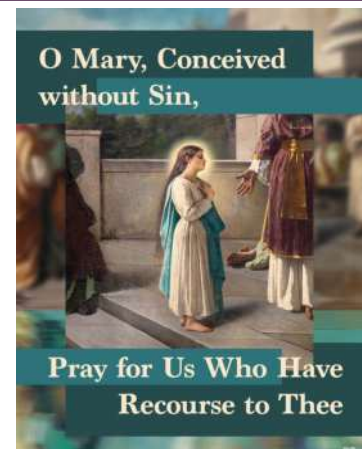
LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The story of Advent is a story of repentance. John the Baptist held up a mirror to the chosen people. He urged them to look at what they saw there. This Advent, will we look in the mirror? Will we choose repentance?

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POPE LEO XIV'S UNIVERSAL PRAYER INTENTION: DECEMBER

For Christians in areas of conflict
Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.



FAITH IN ACTION

Stewardship of PRAYER

Please pray with us for our parishioners, family and friends.

For those who are sick and who have asked for our prayers:
Arlene Rocchio; Schuyler Garfield; Armon LaMotte; Brenda Lis; Mary Elen Fox; Magdolma O'Brien; Marietta Riney; Honora Hannan

For those who have recently died:

Stella Sabatelle; Cynthia Pearl; Janette Saich; Robert Jette, Jr.; John Melehan; Colette Lackovic; Wesley Hogan; Bill Norquist; Madeline Anh Nguyen; Isabel Heil

Members of our parish family who are in the military, hospitals, nursing homes, shut-ins and all who have no one to pray for them.



DECEMBER 13 & 14

SCHEDULE NOT AVAILABLE AT PRESS TIME.

St. Vincent de Paul has a very active conference at St Mary! We meet every 2nd Sunday of the month after the 9am Mass in the Junior High Library.



Visit us at stmaryslg.org/st-vincent-de-paul

Anyone interested in our work helping the unhoused and working poor in our community please contact conference president Tim O'Rorke at tj@timororke.com.

ST. MARY BIBLE STUDY - Did you know we have a bible study group that meets every other Thursday 9:30am - 11am? We are currently studying Dr. Luke Timothy Johnson's program on the bible. Feel free to drop in whenever you have time. Please check the parish calendar for the schedule.

ST. MARY MARIAN PRAYER GROUP - Tuesday mornings at 10:15am in Hoffman Center. We pray the chaplet of Divine Mercy and the Rosary and meditate on a reading from daily Mass. We pray for the intentions of the school and parish. All are welcome!

ST. MARY SENIORS - If you are free the 3rd Monday of the month, please join us in Hofmann Center at 12 noon for a meeting of social activity and service to our parish. Bring a sack lunch.

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Week Ending November 23, 2025

Sunday Collection

\$ 6,932.00

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CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERING



Contributions toward the purchase of flowers for the celebration of our Lord's birth are greatly appreciated. If you would like to make a donation in memory of or in honor of a loved one, Christmas Flower Offering envelopes are available at the doors of the church and can be placed in the offertory baskets at Mass or dropped off at the Parish Office.

Contributions can also be made online at our website -

bit.ly/3MLP0o2.

The names of all those to be remembered will be published in the Christmas bulletin. **Please return the envelopes by December 8.** Thank you for your help in making our sanctuary even more beautiful this Christmas!

Christmas Flower Offering



OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

WHAT DO WE REMEMBER EACH WEEK OF ADVENT?

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: **HOPE**



It is sometimes called the "Prophecy Candle" in remembrance of the prophets. Especially Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. It represents the expectation felt in anticipation of the coming Messiah.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT: **PEACE**



The second candle, also purple, represents peace. It is called the "Bethlehem Candle" as a reminder of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT: **JOY**



It is called the "Shepherd's Candle", and is pink because rose is the liturgical color for joy. The third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday and is meant to remind us of the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus, as well as the joy that the faithful have reached the midpoint of Advent.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT: **LOVE**



On the fourth week of Advent, we light the final purple candle to mark the final week of prayer and penance as we wait for the birth of our Savior. The final candle, the "Angel's Candle" symbolizes love. It reminds us that God is love.

DECEMBER 8



Patronal Feast Day of the United States of America, Spain, Tanzania, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo

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FAITH IN ACTION

2025 CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

St. Mary Parish will be collecting \$25 gift cards on behalf of the following organizations:

Amigos de Guadalupe Center for Justice & Empowerment: Provides educational programs, college scholarships, immigration legal services, housing and rental assistance for families and individuals in San Jose.

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Center for Farmworker Families: Supports the financial and nutritional well-being and independence of binational farmworkers and their families. **\$25 gift cards from Safeway**

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Heritage Home: Helps pregnant women and new mothers overcome homelessness and other hardships by providing a safe place to live, meals and counseling. **\$25 gift cards from Safeway or Target**

THE CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE COLLECTION WILL CONTINUE UNTIL DECEMBER 7

Gift cards can be placed in the Giving Tree Donation drop boxes in the vestibule, the collection baskets or brought to the parish office. Make an online gift at bit.ly/48SySv3 or scan the QR Code above

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE





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AROUND THE DIOCESE



Thursday, December 18, 2025

- Where: Cathedral Basilica of St. Joseph,
80 South Market St., San Jose
- Time: 7pm

Presided by
Most Reverend Andres C. Ligot, JCD DD
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BISHOP'S OFFICE

U.S. Bishops Issue a "Special Message" on Immigration. As the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) gathered for their Fall Plenary Assembly in Baltimore, the bishops issued a Special Message addressing their concern for the evolving situation impacting immigrants in the United States. It marked the first time in twelve years the USCCB invoked this particularly urgent way of speaking as a body of bishops. The last one issued in 2013 was in response to the federal government's contraceptive mandate. To read the statement, please follow this link <https://bit.ly/4pC8oF5>

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES MONTHLY MEMORIAL MASS

Calvary Cemetery - Saturday, December 13,
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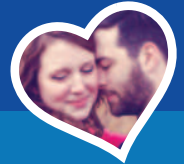
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