

Fourth Sunday of Advent



O Lord of hosts, look down from heaven and see; take care of this vine, and protect what your right hand has planted.

— Psalm 80:15-16

PRAYER OF THE WEEK Fourth Sunday of Advent

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord,
your grace into our hearts,
that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son
was made known by the message of an Angel,
may by his Passion and Cross
be brought to the glory of his Resurrection.
Who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

AUDACITY. There is a spirit of audacity in our readings today. During a time of injustice and threat of invasion, the prophet Micah boldly announces that the God of insignificant Israel will raise up a leader from backwater Bethlehem, and this leader will bring justice and peace to the whole world. In the Gospel, Elizabeth and Mary, marginalized women, brazenly celebrate that their sons will be world-changing instruments of God. We further learn that this audacity is rooted in trust in God. The author of Hebrews describes the faithful obedience of Jesus. Mary is shown as the exemplar of faithful trust in God. This is the way God often seems to work, in the ordinary and marginalized in our world. Those who seem weak have learned to trust in God's strength. These have the audacity to become instruments of God's peace and justice. —Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — From Bethlehem-Ephrathah shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel (Micah 5:1-4a).

Psalm — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

Second Reading — We have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Christ once for all (Hebrews 10:5-10).

Gospel — Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken by the Lord would be fulfilled (Luke 1:39-45).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Wednesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
Thursday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
Friday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
Saturday: **Vigil:** Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

Reflection question:

How can I make known to others the Incarnation of Christ?

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AN ADVENT PRAYER

May the God of peace make us completely holy.
May God keep us blameless in spirit, soul and body
for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Forever faithful is the One who calls us—God our Father!
Expectant, let us live in joyful hope
for the revelation of the glory
of our God and Savior, Christ Jesus!
To him be glory forever!
Come, Lord Jesus! Your grace be with us all.

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Merry Christmas



"O sublime humility!
That the Lord of
the whole universe,
God and the Son of
God, should humble
himself like this
for our salvation."

—St. Francis of Assisi



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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent
Tuesday: St. Peter Canisius; Winter begins
Thursday: St. John of Kanty
Friday: The Vigil of Christmas
Saturday: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

NATURE RESTORED

Christ is born, that by his birth he might restore your nature. —St. Peter Chrysologus

LIGHT

All the darkness of the world cannot put out the light of one small candle. —Anonymous

Cuarto Domingo de Adviento

Dios de los ejércitos, vuélvete, mira desde el cielo, fíjate, ven a visitar tu viña, la cepa que tu diestra plantó y que tú hiciste vigorosa.

Salmo 80 (79):15-16



VALOR. Hay un espíritu de valor en nuestras lecturas de hoy. En una época de injusticia y amenaza de invasión, el profeta Miqueas valientemente anuncia que el Dios del insignificante Israel hará surgir a un líder de un lugar tan remoto como Belén, y este líder traerá justicia y paz a todo el mundo. En el Evangelio, Isabel y María, mujeres marginadas, celebran osadamente que sus hijos serán instrumentos de Dios y que cambiarán al mundo. Sabremos que este valor está enraizado en la confianza de Dios. El autor de la carta a los hebreos describe la obediencia fiel de Jesús. A María se le muestra como el ejemplo de la confianza fiel en Dios. Esta es la forma en que a menudo Dios parece obrar, en las personas ordinarias y marginadas de nuestro mundo. Aquellos que parecen débiles han aprendido a confiar en la fuerza de Dios. Ellos tienen el valor de conver tirse en instrumentos de la paz y justicia de Dios. —Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — De ti, Belén, saldrá el que será el jefe de Israel (Miqueas 5:1-4a).

Salmo — Oh Dios, restauranos, que brille tu rostro y nos salve (Salmo 80 [79]).

Segunda lectura — Al hacer Cristo la voluntad del Padre, es decir, al ofrecerse él mismo, hemos sido consagrados (Hebreos 10:5-10).

Evangelio — Bendita eres entre las mujeres, y bendito es el fruto de tu vientre (Lucas 1:39-45).

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Is 7:10-14; Sal 24 (23):1-6; Lc 1:26-38
 Martes: Cant 2:8-14 o Sof 3:14-18a; Sal 33 (32):2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lc 1:39-45
 Miércoles: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lc 1:46-56
 Jueves: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Sal 25 (24):4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lc 1:57-66
 Viernes: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Sal 89 (88):2-5, 27, 29; Lc 1:67-79
 Sábado: **Vigilia:** Is 62:1-5; Sal 89 (88):4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Hch 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
Noche Is 9:1-6; Sal 96 (95):1-3, 11-13; Tit 2:11-14; Lc 2:1-14
Aurora: Is 62:11-12; Sal 97 (96):1, 6, 11-12; Tit 3:4-7; Lc 2:15-20
Día: Is 52:7-10; Sal 98 (97):1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
 Domingo: Eclo 3:2-6, 12-14 o 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Sal 128 (127):1-5 o Sal 84 (83):2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] o 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lc 2:41-52

ORACIÓN DE LA SEMANA Cuarto Domingo de Adviento

Te pedimos, Señor, que infundas tu gracia en nuestros corazones, para que, habiendo conocido, por el anuncio del ángel, la encarnación de tu Hijo, lleguemos, por medio de su pasión y de su cruz, a la gloria de la resurrección.
 Por nuestro Señor Jesucristo, tu Hijo, que vive y reina contigo en la unidad del Espíritu Santo y es Dios por los siglos de los siglos.

Pregunta de reflexión:

¿Qué puedo hacer para que otras personas conozcan la Encarnación de Cristo?

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ORACIÓN PARA EL ADVIENTO

Que el Dios de paz nos haga totalmente santos.
 Que conserve nuestro espíritu sin mancha, cuerpo y alma, hasta la llegada de nuestro Señor, Jesucristo.
 El que nos invita es siempre fiel —Dios nuestro Padre.
 Vivamos en esperanza gozosa de la revelación de la gloria de nuestro Dios y Salvador, Jesucristo.
 Que sea glorificado por siempre.
 Ven Señor Jesús. Que tu gracia esté en todos nosotros.

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Feliz Navidad



“¡Oh humildad sublime!, que el Señor Dios del universo e Hijo de Dios se humille de ese modo, hasta esconderse en un pequeño trozo de pan, ¡por nuestra salvación!”

—San Francisco de Asís



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LOS SANTOS Y OTRAS CELEBRACIONES

Domingo: Cuarto Domingo de Adviento
 Martes: San Pedro Canisio; Comienza el Invierno
 Jueves: San Juan de Kanty
 Viernes: La Vigilia de Navidad
 Sábado: La Natividad del Señor

NATURALEZA RESTAURADA

Cristo nació para que por su nacimiento nuestra naturaleza sea restaurada. —San Pedro Crisólogo

LUZ

Toda la oscuridad del mundo no puede apagar la luz de una pequeña vela. —Anónimo

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Formerly RE & CCD, Faith Formation Office is open from Mondays to Wednesdays from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. You may come by the office or call and leave a message at (562) 567-7242, You can also send an email to ramador@pius.re.archla.org and we will email you an instruction and registration sheet. You can also email this address if you are interested in volunteering.

Rita Amador
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(formerly titled Director of Religious Educ.)
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**ATTENTION: Great News!**

Our school will be returning for in-person mass at our parish starting on December 3rd. Each Friday 8:00 AM mass from December 3rd and on will be an English school mass. All of the children at St. Pius X Parish School will be in attendance.

Please do your best to save the front of the church for our school children. The school is following COVID-19 guidelines directly from the LA County Department of Public Health, and the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, and will be socially distanced while sitting in the church.

Friday 8:00 AM Mass will be specifically for St. Pius X School, however, all are welcome to join in celebrating the blessed sacrament at our parish.

ATENCION: ¡Buenas Noticias!

Nuestra escuela va regresar a misas presenciales en nuestra parroquia empezando el 3 de diciembre. Cada viernes la misa de las 8:00 AM desde 3 de diciembre en adelante va ser misa en inglés para la escuela. Todos los niños de las Escuela de San Pio X van a estar presentes.

Por favor hagan lo posible de guardar el frente de la iglesia para los niños de la escuela. La escuela va a seguir las guías de COVID-19 directamente del Departamento de Salud Pública del Condado de Los Ángeles, y la Arquidiócesis de Los Ángeles, y habrá distanciamiento social mientras estén en la iglesia.

La misa de las 8:00 AM va a ser específicamente para la Escuela de San Pio X, sin embargo, todos son bienvenidos a unirse a celebrar el Santo Sacramento en nuestra iglesia.



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POSADAS NAVIDEÑAS

Del 16 al 23 de Diciembre de 7 p.m. a 9p.m. aquí en nuestra Parroquia, estaremos celebrando nuestras posadas navideñas, invitamos a todos a celebrar en familia esta hermosa tradicion.

El jueves 16 y el jueves 23, tendremos la exposicion del santisimo sacramento para dar gracias a Dios en familia por todas las bendiciones.

LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary of St. Pius X Church, a lay based organization has a plan of action to pray the Rosary and share the Gospel and the truths of our Catholic faith.

Join us by ZOOM for now and in-person soon!

Every Monday at 5:30 PM
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Feliz Navidad

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Chúc mừng Giáng Sinh

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SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN

DID YOU KNOW? Fire safety: Close before you doze.

If there is a fire in your home, there is a 900-degree difference between a closed door and an open one. Firefighters recommend that you always close doors before you and your children go to sleep. Remembering the simple phrase "Close before you doze" can help prevent toxic gasses and flames from getting in your room, giving firefighters more time to rescue you. Closing your children's doors before bed is a quick, easy step to keep them safe — and provides an extra layer of security when coupled with working smoke alarms and a family safety plan.

For more information, visit
<https://momsoncall.com/knowledge-center/close-before-you-doze/>

¿SABIA USTED? Seguridad contra incendios: cierre las puertas antes de irse a dormir.

Si hay un incendio en su casa, hay una diferencia de 900 grados entre una puerta cerrada y una abierta. Los bomberos recomiendan que siempre cierre las puertas antes de que usted y sus hijos se vayan a dormir. Recordar la simple frase "Cierre antes de irse a dormir" puede ayudar a evitar que los gases tóxicos y las llamas entren en su habitación, lo que le da a los bomberos más tiempo para rescatarlo. Cerrar las puertas de sus hijos antes de acostarse es un paso rápido y fácil para mantenerlos seguros, y proporciona una capa adicional de seguridad cuando se combina con alarmas de humo que funcionan y un plan de seguridad familiar.

Para obtener más información en inglés, visite <https://www.nsc.org/home-safety/safety-topics/child-safety/button-batteries>

Letters from Heaven

Start with the letter in the shaded square. Draw a path from letter to letter to complete the Biblical statement. Move one square at a time, up, down, right, left and diagonally until all letters are used once. Ignore any black squares.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant ...

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Answer: *leaped in her womb*

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PARISH PROJECTS UPDATE

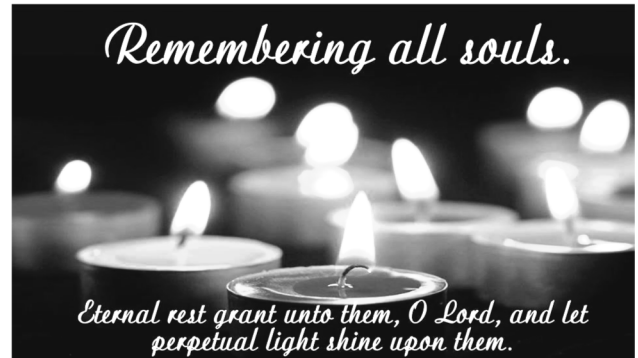
Special thanks to the donors who support the Parish Repair Fund, and all the volunteers who work in the projects, organize the parish, and clean up the Church and its premises. Your continued support is greatly appreciated!

Ongoing Projects:

- Immediate repairs of parish grounds as required per Safety Rules.

Completed Projects:

- New flooring and painting of Parish Center completed in July 2020.
- Completed the Parish Hall kitchen plumbing repair/installed new sink and faucet, tankless water heater with separate valves, June 2020
- Completed the installation of new phone system in the rectory office on November 22, 2019.
- Repadding of the church's kneelers end caps completed.
- Pest control treatment done in July 2019.
- Removed and installed new Parish Census database.
- Installed 4 new water heater in the Parish Center in June 2019
- Plumbing in Parish Center completed in June, 2019.
- Repaired/Re-roofed the Rectory Office.
- Installation of glass windows in the confessional doors for priest and penitent, completed in June 2019
- Church choir loft pest control treatment completed in March 2019.
- Re-sealing/water-proofing of exterior walls of the Parish Center Patio completed in March 2019.
- Baptismal Font repair completed in March 2019.
- Brand-new website officially launched on February 2019.
- Sound system replacement completed in November 2018.
- Replacement of T-stat cable on 5 A/C units in the Rectory.
- Repainting of Loading/Unloading Zone in front of church
- Purchase of priest's car.
- Removal of overgrown palm trees in the rectory courtyard for safety in August 2018.
- Rectory major plumbing repair completed in July 2018.
- The parking lot lights installed.
- The cleaning chemical dilution systems have been installed in the Parish Center in February 2018.
- Stripping of the Parish Parking Lot completed in Jan. 2018.
- The electrical panels and lighting fixtures in the Parish Center completed in 2017.
- Exterior painting of the Church; re-upholstery of the church's front/back chairs; repair of the crying room; remodel of the Church restrooms; major termite repair/treatment completed in 2017.
- Sunday Bulletin turned bi-lingual in 2017 to support Spanish community.
- Repair/remodel of rectory office and reception area for safety measures/compliance was completed in 2017.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Intenciones de Misa de la Semana

Mass intentions are scheduled by calling the office: leave your name/phone number and name of the person for whom the masses are being offered on specific dates. Your phone call will be returned to confirm the schedule & the processing fee is to be mailed to St. Pius X Church's address or drop off in the Office Mail Slot.

Vietnamese Saturday Vigil Mass, December 18

6:30 pm †

Sunday/Domingo, December / diciembre 19

8:00 am **B** M. Guadalupe Barajas

10:00 am

11:30 am

1:00 pm † Marlene Marques

Monday/Lunes, December / diciembre 20

7:00 am **S** Francis' Intentions

8:00 am **S** Maria Elena's Intentions

Tuesday/Martes, December / diciembre 21

7:00 am

8:00 am

Christmas Eve / Noche Buena, December 24

6:30 pm

10:00 pm

Christmas Day / Dia de Navidad, December 25

8:00 am

10:00 am

11:30 am

1:00 pm † Francisco Donlucas

†-RIP, **S**-Special Intention, **B**-Birthday

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Update to Covid-19. With the current increase of COVID-19 cases in Los Angeles County, the Archdiocese has decided to follow the L.A. County Health Department in requiring everyone to wear a mask indoors at our L.A. County parishes, offices and schools effective July 16, 2021.

We are to update our safety plans accordingly and remind our faith community that we all have a responsibility to care for one another.

Actualización al Covid-19. Con el presente aumento de casos de COVID-19 en El Condado de Los Ángeles, la Arquidiócesis ha decidido seguir el Departamento de Salud del Condado de Los Ángeles en requerir que todos usemos mascarillas en el interior de parroquias, oficinas y escuelas del Condado de Los Ángeles efectivo 16 de julio de 2021.

Debemos actualizar nuestros planes de seguridad respectivamente y recordarle a nuestra comunidad de fe que todos tenemos una responsabilidad de cuidarnos los unos a los otros.



Pope Pius X encouraged the frequent reception of Holy Communion, and he lowered the age for First Communion, which became a lasting innovation of his papacy. Like his predecessors, he promoted Thomism as the principal philosophical method to be taught in Catholic institutions. As pope, he vehemently opposed various nineteenth-century philosophies, which he viewed as an intrusion of secular errors incompatible with Catholic dogma, especially modernism, which he critiqued as the synthesis of every heresy. [6] He also undertook a reform of the Roman Curia with the Apostolic Constitution *Sapienti consilio* in 1908.

Pius X was known for his firm demeanor and sense of personal poverty, reflected by his membership of the Third Order of Saint Francis. He regularly gave sermons from the pulpit, a rare practice at the time. After the 1908 Messina earthquake he filled the Apostolic Palace with refugees, long before the Italian government acted. He rejected any kind of favours for his family; his close relatives chose to remain in poverty, living near Rome.



MASS SCHEDULE
HORARIO DE MISA

DECEMBER 24
Christmas Eve (Noche Buena)

6:30 PM - Vietnamese
10:00 PM - Bilingual / Bilingüe
(English/Spanish)

DECEMBER 25
Christmas Day (Día de Navidad)

8:00 AM - Spanish (Español)
10:00 AM - English (Ingles)
11:30 AM - English (Ingles)
1:00 PM - Spanish (Español)