

SAINT JAMES' CATHOLIC CHURCH

Bulletin
for the week of
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Daily Masses

*Monday thru Friday
7:30 a.m.
Saturday
8:00 a.m.*

*All daily Masses are in
the Church*

Schedule of Masses

*Sunday Obligation
Saturday: 4:00 p.m.
5:45 p.m. Catechism
Mass*

*Sunday: 9:30 a.m.
11:30 a.m. (Español)
6:00 p.m. (Español)*

**Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament
7:00 p.m.
Monday - Friday
In the Rectory Chapel
Benediction
8:00 p.m.**

**Acompañe a Jesús
Sacramentado en
oración,
de lunes a viernes de
7:00 a 8:00 de la noche
en la Capilla de la
Rectoría.**

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Federal Holidays*

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***Wednesday Noon
Pre-approved by
the Pastor***



Gospel

Matthew 13:33-37

Jesus said to his disciples: “Be watchful! Be alert!

You do not know when the time will come.

It is like a man traveling abroad.

He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own work, and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch.

Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping.

What I say to you, I say to all: ‘Watch!’”

The First Sunday of Advent



The Advent season begins today!

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Blessing of the Advent Wreath

It's time to bring out and bless the Advent wreath! The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of his second coming to judge the living and the dead.

Use this prayer to bless your family wreath:

When the blessing of the Advent Wreath is celebrated in the home, it is appropriate that it be blessed by a parent or another member of the family.

All make the sign of the cross as the leader says:

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Response (R/.) Who made heaven and earth.

Then the Scripture, *Isaiah 9*: (lines 1-2 and 5-6) or *Isaiah 63* (lines 16-17 & 19) or *Isaiah 64* (lines 2-7) is read:

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

R/. Thanks be to God.

With hands joined, the leader says:

Lord our God,

we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ:

he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples,

he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us,

he is the Savior of every nation.

Lord God,

let your blessing come upon us

as we light the candles of this wreath.

May the wreath and its light

be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation.

May he come quickly and not delay.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R/. Amen.

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A Letter from Fr. Pablo Bonello

Dear Parishioners,

The Mystery of the Eucharist should be our constant meditation and study. This is the reason of our letters. And the goal: to appreciate and to grow in devotion to the Sacrament of the Altar; let us then, go on with the reading of *Ecclesia De Eucharistia*.

The Sacrament is connected with future life, and this is another essential element: that's why at Mass we are placed in movement towards the future. In heaven we shall see Jesus, not hidden anymore, but face to face. In the meantime, we see Him in the Sacrament. And we enter in touch with eternity.

St. John Paul II: *Those who feed on Christ in the Eucharist need not wait until the hereafter to receive eternal life: they already possess it on earth, as the first-fruits of a future fullness which will embrace man in his totality.* (paragraph 18). That's why the Church calls the Eucharist *pledge of future glory* (Liturgy of Corpus Christi). And St. Ignatius called this sacrament "a medicine of immortality, an antidote to death" (quoted in the same paragraph 18).

Why is the Eucharist pledge and foretaste of future glory? The Encyclical responds: *This pledge of the future resurrection comes from the fact that the flesh of the Son of Man, given as food, is his body in its glorious state after the resurrection* (paragraph 18).

The Eucharist is in complete reference to Jesus as He exists at the present moment when it is made. At the Last Supper, the Eucharistic Body contained Jesus as mortal, actually, He was going to die in some hours. St. Thomas Aquinas presents a hypothetical case: if some of the Apostles would have consecrated the Eucharist on Holy Saturday, the Eucharistic would have contained the Body of Jesus, but a dead Body, because in its natural state it was dead in laced in the Sepulcher; still united to the Divinity, but not to the Soul. Now, after the Resurrection, the Body of Jesus is glorious. Therefore, whenever we consecrate the Eucharist, the Body, contained truly, really, and substantially, is the Risen Body of Jesus, precisely because in its natural state is a Risen and Glorious Body. Thus, whenever we receive Jesus in communion, we are consuming sacramentally the gloriously immortal Body of Jesus Christ. That is why the Eucharist connects us with the future glory. And connects us with the Church in heaven: with the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Angels, and all the saints, who take part in that eternal glory.

Whenever we receive communion, we receive heaven. Indeed the Eucharist is "a medicine of Immortality"!

Have a great Sunday!

Fr Pablo Bonello IVE



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