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WATCH!

You do not know when the Lord of the house is coming...

"No man knows the day or the hour..." Is this statement Jesus made timeless, or does Jesus know the day and the hour? When Jesus says "No one knows the day or the hour" (Matt 24:36, Mark 13:32) to His disciples what was the context? Did Jesus mean He would not know until the day and hour (like the rest of us)? He was given all authority in heaven and on earth by the Father after He had risen from the dead, which would indicate He knows the day and hour by that point? Is it possible for us to know the day or the hour? Are there hints in the scriptures which give more information about the "second coming?" Apparently "No one knows the day or the hour" is a well known Jewish idiom, pointing to "Yom Teruah."

Jesus might be telling the disciples in veiled language they should look to the "day of trumpets" for His return. Jesus certainly knew what He was saying to them, and His disciples certainly knew to watch for the first of Tishrei. Jesus did not tell them which first day of Tishrei, which year. There were many blasts of the trumpet or horn, on Yom Teruah. The "last trump" was known as the "Tekiah Gedolah," and was a long sustained blast of the shofar.



What Does Advent Mean?

The word "Advent" is derived from the Latin word "adventus," which means "coming." It is a translation of the Greek word "**Parousia**". Scholars believe, during the 4th and 5th centuries in Spain and Gaul, Advent was a season of preparation for the baptism of new Christians at the January feast of Epiphany. "*The Epiphany*" is the celebration of God's **Incarnation**, represented by the visit of the Magi to the baby Jesus, his baptism in the Jordan River by John the Baptist, and his first miracle at Cana. During this season of preparation, early Christians would spend 40 days in penance, prayer, and fasting to prepare for this celebration; originally, there was little connection between Advent and Christmas. By the 6th century, however, Roman Christians had tied Advent to the coming of Christ. The "coming" they had in mind, however, was not Christ's first coming in the manger in Bethlehem, but his second coming in the clouds, as the judge of the world. It was not until the Middle Ages Advent was linked to Christ's first coming at Christmas. Anticipation? Consider the many aspects leading up to Christmas – even the aspects which seem to some as getting into Christmas before it is even Christmas. Throughout are images, songs, and emotions which point ahead toward for a something for which we long. There is a sense of anticipation for something we might not even be able to name. Throughout is an anticipation for the fullness yet to come; a fullness for which we long and eagerly await its arrival.



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The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary: December 08

The Immaculate Conception is the belief, the Virgin Mary was free of original sin, from the moment of her conception. It is one of the four Marian dogmas of the Catholic Church. Debated by medieval theologians, it was not defined as a dogma until 1854, by Pope Pius IX in the papal bull "*Ineffabilis Deus*." While the Immaculate Conception asserts Mary's freedom from original sin, the Council of Trent, held between 1545 and 1563, had previously affirmed her freedom from personal sin. The Immaculate Conception became a popular subject in literature, but its abstract nature meant it was late in appearing as a subject in works of art. The iconography of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception shows Mary standing, with arms outstretched or hands clasped in prayer. The feast day of the Immaculate Conception is December 8. Many Protestant churches rejected the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception as unscriptural, though some Anglicans accept it as a pious devotion. Opinions on

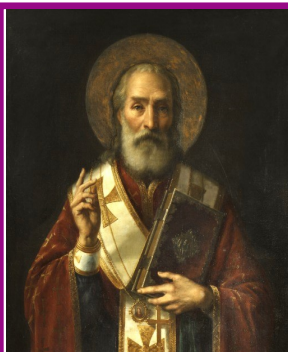
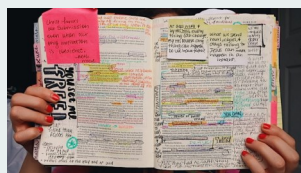
the Immaculate Conception in Oriental Orthodoxy are divided: Shenouda III, Pope of the Coptic Orthodox Church, opposed the teaching; the Eritrean and Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo accept it. It is not accepted by Eastern Orthodoxy due to differences in the understanding of original sin, although they do affirm Mary's purity and preservation from sin. Patriarch Anthimus VII of Constantinople (1827–1913) characterized the dogma of the Immaculate Conception as a "Roman novelty". Anne, the mother of Mary, first appears in the 2nd-century apocryphal Gospel of James, and the author created his story by drawing on Greek tales of the childhood of heroes and on the Old Testament story of Hannah (hence the name Anna/Anne), the mother of the biblical Samuel. Anne and her husband, Joachim, are infertile, but God hears their prayers and Mary is conceived. Within the Gospel of James, the conception occurs without sexual intercourse between Anne and Joachim, which fits well with the Gospel of James' persistent emphasis on Mary's sacred purity, but the story does not advance the idea of an immaculate conception. The author of the Gospel of James may have based this account of Mary's conception on that of John the Baptist as recounted in the Gospel of Luke. The Eastern Orthodox Church holds that "Mary is conceived by her parents as we are all conceived".

**Join us for
Bible Study**
1st and 3rd Thursday
1:00 & 7:00 PM
Via ZOOM
1:00 pm Meeting
ID: 87233018319
Passcode: 689472

Contact:
Carolyn James
(323) 394-5441

7:00 pm Meeting
ID 811 5705 8134
Passcode: 6FuFf7

Contact:
Elsie Dixon
(310) 410-2962



The Feast of St Nicholas: December 06

In parts of northern Europe, particularly the Low Countries and some German-speaking areas, St. Nicholas Day has remained a time when children are given special cookies, candies, and gifts. In many places, children leave letters for St. Nicholas and carrots or grass for his donkey or horse. In the morning, they find small presents under their pillows or in the shoes, stockings, or plates they have set out for him. Oranges and chocolate coins are common treats that represent St. Nicholas's legendary rescue of

three impoverished girls by paying their marriage dowries with gold. Candy canes, which have the shape of a bishop's crosier, are also given. It is thought, over the centuries, the legendary St. Nicholas was merged with similar cultural and religious figures. Significant among these were the pagan Knecht Ruprecht and the Roman figure of Befana, as well as the Christ Child (Christkind, or Kris Kringle). A number of countries have traditions in which a malevolent character accompanies St. Nicholas. In France, Père Fouettard, who legend holds tried to cook three boys in a barrel of brine, is said to whip naughty children or give them coal. In Germany, Knecht Ruprecht serves as St. Nicholas's servant and gives children who do not know their prayers sticks, stones, or coal. The terrifying devil-like Krampus is common in many central European counties and carries chains, bells, and sometimes a large basket with which to threaten naughty children.

Children's Christmas Eve Choir

Calling all children ! We need your angelic voices for our Children's Christmas Choir. Children's choir rehearsal will take place after the 10:00 am Mass in the sanctuary choir area. The Children's Choir Performs every year at the 7:00 pm Christmas Eve mass. For more information contact the Parish Office (323) 293-4877





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Call Out for New Altar Servers: Anyone interested in becoming an Altar Server,
Please see Deacon Jim after Mass or call the Parish Office at (323)293-4877. If
you have already completed training, please contact the Parish Office at the
Phone# above to schedule your alb fitting!



At 1:30 am, on the morning of
28 November 2023, our friend and
colleague, Sister Rita Callanan went
to her new home in heaven. Sr Rita,
as she was affectionately known, was
a familiar figure, lecturing at Masses
and attending parish functions. She
occupied the St Bernadette Convent,
until, only recently, when she was
confined to a care facility.
Remarkably, Sister Rita actively
continued her ministry, counselling
young women, considering abortions,
by phone up until her death.

Nearly two-hundred
years after the poinset-
tia's association with
Christmas began in Mex-
ico, Joel Roberts Poin-
sett took its festive story
to the United States. He
 was also a passionate bota-
 nist. Late in 1828, Poinsett
 was on a diplomatic trip to
 Mexico when he came across
 the plant known locally as
 "Cuetlaxochitl." He was cap-
 tivated by the red leaves and
 began shipping the unfamil-
 iar blooms back to his home
 in South Carolina where he
 had a greenhouse.
 Poinsett began cultivating
 the plants and gave them to
 colleagues & friends around
 Christmas time.

Christmas Poinsettias



Please purchase your red Christmas poinsettias now as a tribute in
 memory of a loved one or adorn your home or office in celebration of
 the birth of Christ. Tribute poinsettias will be used to decorate the
 church during the Christmas Season. You may purchase now until
December 17, 2023. Write your check to St. Bernadette Church and
put in the memo section "Christmas Poinsettias". This is a very short
 time to purchase so we ask that you make your decision within the time
 frame mentioned above. For more information contact the
 Rectory Office @ 323-293-4877.

Purchaser's Name (please print clearly) _____
 Phone Number: Home _____ Cell _____
 In memory Of _____
 Would you like to take your flower after Mass on Christmas Day? Yes _____ No _____
6 1/2" w/pot cover -- \$20.00 each
 Number Purchasing _____
 Total Amount Of Purchase _____



LITURGY SCHEDULE
MONDAY,
DECEMBER 04, 2023
TO SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 10, 2023

Monday, Dec. 04, 2023

Feast of St John Damascene
8:00 Communion Service
Live-Streamed and In-Person

Tuesday, Dec. 05, 2023

8:00 Communion Service
Live-Streamed and In-Person

Wednesday, Dec. 06, 2023

Feast of St Nicholas
8:00 am Mass
Live-Streamed and In-Person

***Thursday, Dec. 07, 2023**

Feast of St Ambrose
8:00 am Mass
Live-Streamed and In-Person

Friday, December 08, 2023

The Immaculate Conception
of Mary
8:00 am Mass
Live-Streamed and In-Person

Saturday, December 09, 2023

Feast of St Juan Diego
3:00 pm Reconciliation
4:00 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, December 10, 2023

Second Sunday of Advent
10:00 am Mass
Coffee & Donuts
Parish Hall
Following Mass

Other Sacraments
(as Scheduled)

Mass Intentions
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***LOTW: Liturgy of the Word**

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(OFFICE VOLUNTEERS)
TERESA CARPER

1 Corinthians 15:58

*Oh Lord, help every worker to
work wholeheartedly for the
church. Help them to remember
the work they do in the church is
not in vain as Your Word
declares Your work is never
wasted.*



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Mass Intentions: December 02 to 08, 2023

Saturday, December 02, 2023 at 4:00 pm

Deacon Emile and Anona Adams

Sunday, December 03, 2023 at 10:00 am

John Jolivet (RIP)

Cecilia Colantonio (RIP)

Erma Stewart (RIP)

Requesting a Mass Intention?

Contact the Parish Office (323) 293-4877

December 2-3 || Garden of healing for victim-survivors of sexual abuse

With the continuing support of Archbishop José H. Gomez, the third garden of healing in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles dedicated to victim-survivors of sexual abuse was recently dedicated at Saint Francis de Sales Parish in Sherman Oaks. These gardens are a manifestation of our ongoing care for and support of those impacted by sexual abuse in all its forms.

The other two gardens are located at [St. Camillus Center for Spiritual Care in Los Angeles](#). (San Gabriel Pastoral Region) and [Our Lady of the Assumption Parish in Ventura](#) (Santa Barbara Pastoral Region). The Archdiocese encourages anyone with information regarding sexual abuse to please make a report to law enforcement and/or the Office of Victims Assistance Ministry at (800) 355-2545 or protect@la-archdiocese.org. For more information on the abuse prevention and protection efforts of the Archdiocese, please visit <https://lacatholics.org/protect/>. For more information about the Gardens of Healing, please visit lacatholics.org/healing-gardens.



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Where: Los Angeles - St Bernadette Catholic Church

Sponsored By: St. Vincent Medical Center

When: Monday, December 11, 2023

To register for your appointment and to receive the special discount, please call 1-800-640-6307 or visit LLSA.SOCIAL/HC

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Christmas Season Schedule of Masses & Services 2023/2024

Sundays in Advent

03 Dec/10 Dec./17 Dec./24 Dec.

[Regular Weekend Mass Schedule](#)

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday 08 December 2023 @ 8:00 am

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Tuesday 12 December 2023 @ 8:00 am

Christmas Vigil Mass (10:00 am Sunday Mass)

24 December 2023 Sunday @ 4:00 and 7:00 pm

Mass at Night

24 December 2023 Sunday @ 11:59 pm

Christmas Day

25 December 2023 Monday @ 10:00 am

26, 27 December 2023 (Tuesday, Wednesday)

Daily Mass 8:00 am

Feast of the Holy Family

31 December 2023 Friday @ 10:00 am

New Year's Eve and New Year's Day
4:00 pm Sunday and 10:00 am Monday

The Epiphany of the Lord
Saturday, 06 January 2023 @ 4:00 pm

