

# Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church

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"You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

**MATTHEW 24:44** 

#### **Mass Times**

Weekdays 8:00AM - English

Saturday 5:30PM - English (Vigil)

Sunday 8:00AM - Polish

9:30AM - English 11:00AM - English 12:30PM - Spanish

#### Adoration

Wednesday 4PM - 7PM

First Friday 5PM - 6PM

#### **Confession Times**

Thursday 6:00PM - 6:50PM Saturday 4:30PM - 5:20PM

#### **Our Parish Staff**

Pastor: Rev. Fr Jose R Perez Martinez

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# Mass Intentions

Nov 26	5:30PM	+Amparo Gonzalez		
Nov 27	8:00AM	Polish Mass		
	9:30AM	+Teresa Martinez		
	11:00AM	+Armand Sanchez		
	12:30PM	+Roberto Espino Felix +Deacon Jesse Fraga		
Nov 28	8:00AM	In Honor of Virgen de San Juan +Teresa Martinez		
Nov 29	8:00AM	+Troy Joseph Scoggins +Heriberto & +Nina Campos		
Nov 30	8: <b>00AM</b>	+William Thomas +Teresa Martinez		
Dec 1	9:00AM	Martha Sotello +Teresa Martinez		
Dec 2	8:00AM	Angel Gutierrez		

# Ministry Personnel

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#### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday:Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday:Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday:Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
Thursday:Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday:Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday:Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 -10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday:Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-

8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

# Up coming Parish Activities

<u>Nov 27th</u> - Blessings of Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries after all Masses

# Nov 30th - WEDNESDAY - 4:00am-7:00pm

**Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament** 

**5:30pm** - Devotion to Seven Sorrows of Mary **6:00pm** - **7pm** - Music and Reflexion

#### Nov. 30 - Course Formation - 7:00pm

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in the Chavez Center

Collections First Collection	Nov 12th & 13th \$ 1,992.86		
Second Collection	\$ 536.46		
Candle	\$ 130.63		
Mass Intentions	\$ 75.00		
Donations General	\$ 4,196.00		
Altar Society	\$ 755.00		
Xmas Flowers	\$ 10.00		
Festival Silent Auction	\$ 180.00		
Second Collection:			
Nov 27th	Church Building Fund		
Dec 4th	Church Maintenance Fund		

# Reflection on the Liturgy of the Word

#### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

#### **LECTIO (Mt 24, 37-44)**

We are entering a new time. It invites us to prepare the way, to smooth it, to make it more passable so that we can meet the one who is coming: Jesus. The Gospel of this first Sunday is an invitation to vigilance. For this, Matthew uses several comparisons: the days before the flood, two women grinding together and the hour when the thief arrives. Important things happen that can go unnoticed. This happens to us because we are focused on the secondary and peripheral.

#### **MEDITATION**

Today the world has so many invitations that it is difficult to decide and choose. They are made in the sense of well-being, satisfaction and individual enjoyment. We can find them at any level or social stratum. Happiness is to have these offers resolved. However, we find ourselves with many existential voids, meaninglessness and lack of horizon. Advent should be a reason to live, love and hope in spite of the hard road, because God wants to meet us.

#### **PRAYER**

Lord, grant us the permanent attitude of Advent. May we wait actively and may this be the style of our life. May we always be in the process of discernment and liberation for the encounter that you want to have with us. May we leave the activities of darkness to conduct ourselves, as in the fullness of day, with dignity. Let us prepare the ways.

#### Rev. Jose R Perez-Martinez JCD



# Saint of the Day for December 2

Blessed Rafal Chylinski (January 8, 1694 – December 2, 1741) Born near Buk in the Poznan region of Poland, Melchior Chylinski showed early signs of religious devotion; family members nicknamed him "the little monk." After completing his studies at the Jesuit college in Poznan, Melchior joined the cavalry and was promoted to officer rank within three years. In 1715, against the urgings of his military comrades, Melchior joined the Conventual

Franciscans in Krakow. Receiving the name Rafal, he was ordained two years later. After pastoral assignments in nine cities, he came to Lagiewniki, where he spent the last 13 years of his life, except for 20 months ministering to flood and epidemic victims in Warsaw. In all these places, Rafal was known for his simple and candid sermons, for his generosity, as well as for his ministry in the confessional. People of all levels of society were drawn to the self-sacrificing way he lived out his religious profession and priestly ministry. Rafal played the harp, lute, and mandolin to accompany liturgical hymns. In Lagiewniki he distributed food, supplies, and clothing to the poor. After his death, the Conventual church in that city became a place of pilgrimage for people throughout Poland. He was beatified in Warsaw in 1991.

#### Reflection

The sermons preached by Rafal were powerfully reinforced by the living sermon of his life. The Sacrament of Reconciliation can help us bring our daily choices into harmony with our words about Jesus' influence in our lives.

# Our Lady of Sorrows Lectors Schedule November 2022 & December 2022

# IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS SCHEDULE PLEASE CONTACT MARY ESTHER GROSS AT 936-537-1841 | one144@me.com

11/26/22 & 11/27/22	5:30pm	9:30am	11:00am	12:30pm
Lector 1	Rebecca Mendoza	Maggie Villarreal	Vincent Valdespino	Sofia Garcia
Lector 2		David Rodriguez	Gregory Potter (Deaf Awareness)	
12/3/2022 & 12/4/22	5:30pm	9:30am	11:00am	12:30pm
Lector 1		David Rodriguez	Vincent Valdespino	Sofia Garcia
Lector 2	Amy Mendez	Maggie Villarreal	Otto Talamantez	

#### Lector 1: Announcements and Prayer of Faithful — Lector 2: First and Second Readings

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

Lectors. The Lector proclaims the Word of God through the reading of Scripture at Mass. This ministry is open to parishioners who have the gift of a good speaking voice and are at least 16 years of age. Lectors generally serve at a particular Mass on a rotating schedule. All lectors will also receive the separate Lector Workbook that includes all readings for the

liturgical year. The workbook gives a background for understanding each reading. Knowing what a reading is about helps each lector 'proclaim' a reading, rather than simply 'reading' the passage. If you feel called to this ministry, please contact the parish office. We need at least 2 more volunteers each for the 9:30am and 11:00am Masses. Please contact Mary Esther Gross at 936-537-1841 or email her at one144@me.com.

## \*\*\*Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion\*\*\*

We need Extraordinary Ministers of Holy communion. Course of Formation will be held on Nov. 30, 2022 at 7:00pm in the Chavez Center. Deacon Rudy Mendez will be doing the course. Please call the parish office to register. Thank You.



#### ADVENT WREATH

The Advent wreath lighting and prayers is a way we can focus on the real meaning of both Advent and Christmas. It is full of symbolism: Evergreens represent immortality of our soul and the new, everlasting life promised to us through Christ. Four candles are purple, and one is pink. Some include a white candle in the middle. The purple candles symbolize prayer, penance, sacrifices and good works done in preparation for the coming of Christ. The pink candle is lit on the third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) represents the joy of being at the midpoint of Advent in preparation for Christmas. 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. Finally, the white candle in the middle signifies the Light of the world, Christ. This candle is lit on Christmas Eve.

Do you have your Advent wreath ready?

# Reflexion sobre la Liturgia de la Palabra

#### LECTIO (Mt 24, 37-44)

Estrenamos un tiempo nuevo. Este nos invita a preparar el camino, allanarlo, hacerlo más transitable para encontrarnos con el que llega: Jesús. El evangelio de este primer domingo es una invitación a la vigilancia. Para eso Mateo utiliza varias comparaciones: los días anteriores al diluvio, dos mujeres que muelen juntas y la hora en que llega el ladrón. Ocurren cosas importantes que pueden pasarnos desapercibidas. Eso nos sucede porque estamos volcados en lo secundario y periférico.

#### MEDITATIO

Hoy el mundo tiene tantas invitaciones que es dificil decidirse y elegir. Se hacen en el sentido de bienestar, satisfacción y disfrute individual. Las podemos encontrar en cualquier nivel o estrato social. La felicidad se cifra en tener resueltas estas ofertas. Sin embargo, nos encontramos con muchos vacíos existenciales, sinsentidos y falta de horizonte. El Adviento debe ser razón para vivir, amar y esperar a pesar de lo duro del camino, porque Dios quiere encontrarse con nosotros.

#### **ORATIO**

Señor, concédenos la actitud permanente del Adviento. Que esperemos de manera activa y ese sea el estilo de nuestra vida. Que estemos siempre en proceso de discernimiento y liberación para el encuentro que quieres tener con nosotros. Que dejemos las actividades de las tinieblas para conducirnos, como en pleno día, con dignidad. Preparemos los caminos.

#### Rev. Jose R Perez-Martinez JCD



#### <u>ALTAR SOCIETY COUNTRY</u> <u>BREAKFAST</u>

When: Dec. 4, 2022

Where: Chavez Center

For: Country Breakfast

Sponsored by the Altar Society after all

Masses. Please join us!

# **COMMUNITY NEWS**

The Archdiocese Mass with the Deaf is November 27, 2022 at 11:00AM Fr Brandon Berg, OFM Cap Join us for Sunday Mass Ms Angela Bauer would like to invite the community after Mass to a Potluck at the Chavez Center.





Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, is on WEDNESDAY, 4:00pm to 7:00pm. Please contact the parish office or sign up page in the back of the Church for an hour of Adoration. Come and pray with us in the most Holy presence of our Lord. Devotion

to Seven Sorrows of Mary on Wednesdays, 5:30pm. 6:00pm-7:00pm Music and Reflexion.



# Reinstatement of the Distribution of the Precious Blood of the Faithful

Effective on November 27, 2022, on the First Sunday of Advent, all parishes will once again offer Holy Communion under both species. The Precious Blood of Christ is to be administered to the faithful at Sunday Masses (and the Vigil) if that has been the practice in the past. I pray that this time of the Eucharistic Renewal will bring each one of you to a deeper encounter with our Eucharistic Lord.

Most Reverend Gustavo Garcia-Siller, M.Sp.S Archbishop of San Antonio