



CIRCLE OF SAINTS CIRCULO DE SANTOS

ST. PATRICK, TAMA • ST. JOSEPH, CHELSEA • ST. MICHAEL, BELLE PLAINE

Office

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Monday - Thursday

8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Friday

8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

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Wednesday & Thursday

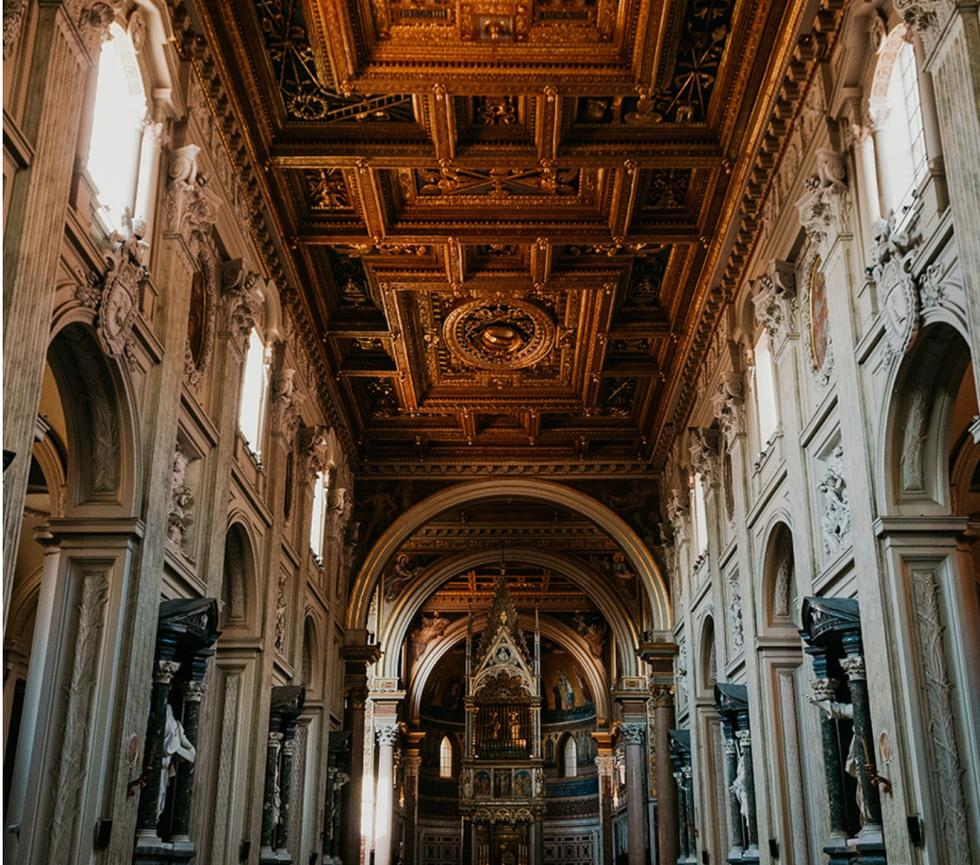
8 AM - 3 PM

Our Mission

We are here to form spirit - filled missionary disciples of Jesus Christ for the Glory of God.

Nuestra Misión

Estamos aquí para formar discípulos misioneros de Jesucristo llenos del espíritu para la gloria de Dios.



*Feast of the Dedication
of the Lateran Basilica
in Rome*

"Take these out of here!"

- Jn 2:16

November 9, 2025

*Fiesta de la Dedicación
de la Basílica de Letrán*

"Saquenlas de aquí!"

- Jn 2,16

El 9 de noviembre del 2025

ADVOCATE FOR YOUR PARISH

Attend Your Parish Feedback Meetings

St. Patrick - Tama

Meeting 3 - Sunday, November 9 at 3 PM

Latin, Spanish & English Rosary
at 2:15 PM

St. Joseph - Chelsea & St. Michael - Belle Plaine

All meetings have taken place



What is the Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica?

This feast day celebrates the anniversary of the Dedication of Rome's Lateran Basilica in 324 A.D. In that year, Pope Sylvester established his cathedral and residence on property given to the Church by the Emperor Constantine. As the Cathedral of the Bishop of Rome and the Pope, it is the highest-ranking church in the world.

Why is it called the Lateran Basilica?

The Lateranus family (the Laterini) had owned the property until it was confiscated by the Emperor Nero, who accused the family of conspiracy. From this origin, the place acquired the name the *Lateran*. It remained in imperial hands for 250 years until Constantine donated it to Pope Sylvester following the Edict of Milan in 313 A.D.

What is Advent?

The word "Advent" is from the Latin *adventus* for "coming" and is associated with the four weeks of preparation for Christmas. Advent always contains four Sundays, beginning on the Sunday nearest the feast of St. Andrew the Apostle (November 30) and continuing until December 24.

In 2025, **Advent begins on November 30 and ends on December 24 (Christmas Eve)**, as the Mass of the Lord's Nativity begins. Christmas Day is December 25.

During Advent, Catholics celebrate the season with an Advent wreath. The wreaths are made with a circle of evergreen branches (symbolizing life) and hold four candles representing the four weeks of Advent.

Why is purple used in Advent?

The liturgical year has different colors for the different seasons. Redemptionis Sacramentum (No. 121) says, "The purpose of using different colors is to express the specific character of the various mysteries. The use of the diverse colors is both pedagogical and symbolic of the various liturgical feasts and seasons."

Violet or purple, a symbol of suffering and penitence, is, therefore, the liturgical color used in Advent and Lent.

How do you prepare yourself during Advent?

First, it is a good idea to pray more, possibly including the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary, the Franciscan Crown, and the Christmas Novena (see below), all of which call to mind the mysteries associated with the Lord coming into the world.

It is also important to read Sacred Scripture, especially the Infancy Narratives of Matthew and Luke. The Catechism of the Catholic Church, chapters 2 and 3 of the Second Part of the Creed, expresses the Church's Faith in the Incarnation and Nativity of the Lord.

Finally, to truly prepare, it is important to go to Confession at least once during the season, and maybe go to daily Mass and do Eucharistic Adoration when you are able.

How do you observe Advent?

Advent is considered the Little Lent, as it begins by recalling that Christ will come at the end of the world as Judge, a reminder of the holiness with which we should be prepared to greet the Lord. Thus, although not strictly a penitential season, the faithful should turn their hearts toward Jesus in prayer, almsgiving, and sacrifice.

In the last part of Advent, we look forward with anticipation and joy to His First Coming, in Bethlehem. One way to do this is to meditate on the O Antiphons used in the Mass, each of which represents a messianic title of Christ from the Old Testament.

Parish News & Events

Confirmation Class will be (today) Sunday, November 9 at 5 - 8 PM at St. Patrick Library.

SJ/SM Knights will be meeting Monday, November 10 at 7:30 PM at St. Michael parish hall.

SJ/SM Knights Pancake Breakfast will be on Sunday, November 16 from 8 AM - 12 PM at St. Michael parish hall. Everyone is invited. Free-will donation.

St. Patrick Knights meal will be on Sunday, November 16 after 10:30 AM Mass & 12 PM Mass.

St. Patrick Date Night will be on Sunday, November 16 at 5:30 PM in the cafeteria. Please RSVP for daycare at [641] 484-3646.

St. Patrick Knights will be meeting Tuesday, November 25 at 7 PM in the parish cafeteria.

26-Oct-25 Collections				
	St. Patrick	St. Michael	St. Joseph	
Envelopes	3,853.00	1,485.00	515.00	
Cash	766.61	256.00	61.00	
Electronic	340.00	235.20		
Total	\$4,959.61	\$1,976.20	\$ 576.00	
Budgeted	5,269.00	2,600.00	1,460.00	

St. Michael Fall Dinner

"Thank you to all of our volunteers, donors, and attendees for making the annual fall dinner a success."

- St. Michael Committee Team

Raffle Winners

Quilt	Sue Greider
\$50 per person	Dave Coover, Rick Vokoun, Deanne Grieder, Greg Johnson
\$25 per person	Lila Shaull, Nate Hoover, Kathy Fredericks, Mae Madison, Cody Walton, Mari Grieder, Julie Martin, John Rassler

TAMA & TOLEDO
Communities Blood Drive

Tama Civic Center

Wednesday, November 26
2 PM - 6 PM

Staff

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Betty Hayek

This Week

Saturday, November 8

St. Joseph - Chelsea

3:45 PM - 4:15 PM Confessions

4:30 PM Mass - † Bob Kriener

Sunday, November 9

St. Michael - Belle Plaine

8:30 AM Mass - † Paul Hinschberger

St. Patrick - Tama

10:30 AM Mass [English] - † Tony Hayek

12 PM Mass [Spanish] - † Pro Populo

2:15 PM Rosary before JIF Meeting #3

3 PM JIF Meeting #3

5 PM - 8 PM Confirmation Class

Monday, November 10

Bulletin submissions are due at 12 PM

Tuesday, November 11

St. Patrick - Tama

3PM CCW Meeting

5:30 PM Mass [Bilingual] - † Don Polka

6 PM - 8 PM Confessions, Adoration & Healing Prayer

Wednesday, November 12

St. Joseph - Chelsea

8:30 AM Mass - † Margaret Lyon

9 AM - 12 PM Adoration

Faith Formation [Preschool - 12th Grade]

6:45 PM - 8 PM St. Michael - Belle Plaine

6:45 PM - 8 PM St. Patrick - Tama

Thursday, November 13

St. Michael - Belle Plaine

8:30 AM Mass - † Roy Silhanek

9AM Confessions

9 AM - 4 PM Adoration

2:30 PM Bible Study [The Chosen - Season 1]

6:30 PM Bible Study [The Chosen - Season 1]

Friday, November 14

St. Patrick - Tama

8 AM Mass - † Martha Dolezal

8:30 AM - 11:30 AM Adoration

November Special Anniversaries

Harry & Paulette Hala (55)

Bob & Kathy Hendricks (50)

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 Circle of Saints

 Rev. Michael McAndrew

TEXT FOR UPDATES

 Text COFSAINTS to 84576

 Texto SANTOS al [202] 765-3441

November 80+ Birthdays

November 1 - Barbara Rychnovsky

November 3 - Danne Grieder

November 5 - Maxine Boles

November 5 - Nona Paulsen

November 11 - Marian Janss

November 16 - Joel Hanzelka

November 17 - George Oetker

November 20 - Marion Cornelis

November 21 - Marilyn Coover

November 30 - Catherine Wilkinson

NOVEMBER 11

THANK YOU
VETERANS!

Pray for..

Kenny Bacon, John Novak, Nancy Carlson, Gary & Dora Zmolek, Mary Tomas, Roger Eberhart, Danny Chyma, Jim Duncalf, Sharon Husak, Betty Hayek, Patricia Velky, Gael Valdez, Paula Eberhart, Dana Martin Kurovski, Rich Hookway, Shirley Delfs, Jack Cooper, Jerry Dvorak, Jeff Dvorak, Scott Posusta, Onnaha Dvorak, Anthony Dvorak, John Gessner, Shelbi Breja, Oliver Dvorak, Carol Walton, Matt Walton, Ted Sharer, Kathy Bacino

And anyone else suffering for any illness or injury including Veterans and the currently deployed military and their families.

Names will remain listed for three months. To add or renew a name, please contact the Parish Office at [641] 484-3039.

Minister Schedule

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Joseph - Chelsea

Saturday, November 15 at 4:30 PM

† *Wilbert & Dorothy Becker*

Lector: Janet Balvin

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Joe Behounek, Jamie Kupka, Ron Kratoska, Sid Jedlicka

Hospitality Ministers: Jay Dvorak, Shane Behounek

Altar Servers: Paul Dvorak, Ava Balvin

Money Counters: Jamie Kupka, Jill Shull

St. Michael - Belle Plaine

Sunday, November 16 at 8:30 AM

† *Dorothea Collum*

Lector: Janet Wauters

Eucharistic Ministers: Doug Dvorak, Carol Wonrau, Carolyn Silhanek, Alan Tichy

Hospitality Ministers: Mike Fredericks, John Grieder

Altar Servers: Maria Argo, Harper Mitchell, Livy McLeod

Money Counters: Judy Parizek, Mari Grieder

St. Patrick - Tama [English]

Sunday, November 16 at 10:30 AM

† *Butch Rutledge*

Lector: Bev Stanley

Eucharistic Ministers: John Kalinay, Matt Popelka, Diane Novak, Micki Ferris, Tom Doyle, Pat Roan

Hospitality Ministers: Tom Clancy, Stuart Lyon, Joe Stanley

Altar Servers: Wyatt Feisel, Arianna Slagle

Money Counters: Leonard Albright, Tom Doyle, Micki Ferris

San Patricio - Tama [Español]

Domingo de noviembre 16 a las 12 PM

† *Pro Populo*

Lector: Fatima Cervantes, Rocael Garcia

Ministros Eucarísticos: Maria Galvez, Luis M. Ordaz, Yaneli Gomez

Ministros de Hospedaje: Leslie Martinez, Eric Guadiana, Sindy Guadiana, Juan Martinez

Monaguillos: Fernando Cervantes, Alina Carrillo

Notice - Early Bulletin Deadline

Due to the upcoming holidays bulletin submissions will be due earlier than usual. Please plan accordingly and submit all announcements before the dead line.

Sundays' Bulletin	Deadline to add to the bulletin
11/23/2025	11/13/2025 - By 12 PM
11/30/2025	11/19/ 2025 - By 12 PM
12/07/2025	11/25/ 2025 - By 12 PM

¿Qué es el Adviento?

La palabra "Adviento" proviene del latín *adventus* para "venir" y se asocia con las cuatro semanas de preparación para la Navidad. El Adviento siempre contiene cuatro domingos, comenzando el domingo más cercano a la fiesta de San Andrés Apóstol (30 de noviembre) y continuando hasta el 24 de diciembre.

En 2025, **el Adviento comienza el 30 de noviembre y termina el 24 de diciembre (Nochebuena)**, cuando comienza la Misa de la Natividad del Señor. El día de Navidad es el 25 de diciembre.

Durante el Adviento, los católicos celebran la temporada con una corona de Adviento. Las coronas están hechas con un círculo de ramas de hoja perenne (que simbolizan la vida) y sostienen cuatro velas que representan las cuatro semanas de Adviento.

¿Por qué se usa el púrpura en Adviento?

El año litúrgico tiene diferentes colores para las diferentes estaciones. Redemptionis Sacramentum (No. 121) dice: "El propósito de usar diferentes colores es expresar el carácter específico de los diversos misterios. El uso de los diversos colores es tanto pedagógico como simbólico de las diversas fiestas y estaciones litúrgicas".

El violeta o púrpura, símbolo de sufrimiento y penitencia, es, por tanto, el color litúrgico utilizado en Adviento y Cuaresma.

¿Cómo te preparas durante el Adviento?

Primero, es una buena idea orar más, posiblemente incluyendo los Misterios Gozosos del Rosario, la Corona Franciscana y la Novena de Navidad (ver más abajo), todos los cuales recuerdan los misterios asociados con la venida del Señor al mundo.

También es importante leer la Sagrada Escritura, especialmente las Narraciones de la infancia de Mateo y Lucas. El Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica, capítulos 2 y 3 de la Segunda Parte del Credo, expresa la fe de la Iglesia en la Encarnación y Natividad del Señor.

Finalmente, para prepararse verdaderamente, es importante ir a la Confesión al menos una vez durante la temporada, y tal vez ir a Misa diaria y hacer la Adoración Eucarística cuando pueda.

¿Cómo observas el Adviento?

El Adviento se considera la Pequeña Cuaresma, ya que comienza recordando que Cristo vendrá al final del mundo como Juez, un recordatorio de la santidad con la que debemos estar preparados para saludar al Señor. Por lo tanto, aunque no sea estrictamente un tiempo penitencial, los fieles deben volver sus corazones hacia Jesús en oración, limosna y sacrificio.

En la última parte del Adviento, esperamos con anticipación y alegría Su Primera Venida, en Belén. Una forma de hacerlo es meditar en las antifonas O utilizadas en la Misa, cada una de las cuales representa un título mesiánico de Cristo del Antiguo Testamento.