



ST. PHILOMENE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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December 1, 2019

First Sunday of Advent

OFFICE HOURS

Tues – Fri - 1:00pm — 5:00pm

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday:	5:30 PM - English
Sunday:	7:30 AM - English 9:00 AM - English 12:00 PM - Español
Tuesday:	8:15 AM - English
Wednesday:	8:15 AM - English
Thursday:	8:15 AM - English
Friday:	8:15 AM - English

CONFESSION / CONFESIONES

Saturday: 4:00pm - 5:00pm, or by appt.

BAPTISMS

Call the Parish Office (even before the birth of the baby) for preparation times

Classes: 10:00am (English); 11:00am (Español)
(First Saturday of each Month)

Baptisms: 10:00am (English); 11:00am (Español)
(Second Saturday of each Month)

WEDDINGS AND QUINCEAÑERAS

At least six months notice required.

PARISH STAFF

Fr. Francisco Velazquez, *Parochial Administrator*

Father Gerald Ryle, *Pastor Emeritus*

Charles Cheever, *Deacon*

Alfredo Anguiano, *Deacon*

Kerri Bray-Smith, *School Principal*

Diana Jimenez, *Bookkeeper*

Eban Preciado, *Receptionist/Secretary*

Ofelia Balmes, *Music Coordinator*

Jordan Vela, *Maintenance*

Sylvia Miller, *Janitor*

Lucy Silvas-Thomas, *Volunteer Rel. Ed. Director*



1ST SUNDAY OF Advent

MATTHEW 24:37-44

Gospel

Matthew's Jesus said that the Son of Man will come at an hour no one can expect. Therefore, all people must stay awake, keep a watchful eye, and be prepared.

St. Philomene Parish Mission Statement

We, the parishioners of St. Philomene Parish, are a communion of brothers and sisters united by our communion with Jesus Christ who gathers us and empowers us with His Holy Spirit to worship God in faith through the celebration of the Sacraments, prayers, evangelization and loving communion and service. We rejoice and embrace the diversity of all our members as a gift from God.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat, Nov 30 – 5:30pm Church
Sun, Dec 1 – 7:30am Church
– 9:00am Church
– 12:00pm Church

Jorge Luis Perez
Ofelia Silva(†)
Manuel Gutierrez(†)

Tue, Dec 3 – 8:15am Chapel
Wed, Dec 4 – 8:15am Church
Thu, Dec 5 – 8:15am Chapel
Fri, Dec 6 – 8:15am Chapel

**Please stop by the Parish
Office to offer Mass Intentions!**

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — On that day, “they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks” prophesied Isaiah. “One nation shall not raise the sword against another.” He went on: “Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

[Isaiah 2:1-5 (1A)]

Psalm — Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

(Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9)

Second Reading — Paul urged the Romans: “It is the hour now for you to awake from sleep. For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.” Let us put on the “armor of light. Put on the Lord Jesus Christ.”

(Romans 13:11-14)

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EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Mon, Dec 2 -	7:00 PM	Grupo de Oracion
Tue, Dec 3 -	6:00 PM	Bounty Dinner
	7:00 PM	Advent Workshop
Wed, Dec 4 -	7:00 PM	Advent Workshop
Thu, Dec 5 -	8:45 AM	Rosary to Our Lady
	7:00 PM	Advent Workshop
Fri, Dec 6 -	7:00 PM	Penance Service
Sat, Dec 7 -	4:00 PM	Confessions

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Joe & Sue Simon, Jennifer Burke, Isnardo Rodriguez Serrano, Guadalupe Olvera, Jamie Zuñiga, Cedric Ross, Julie Renteria, Perla Maulino, Peggy Smith, Jesus Elisea, Ester M. Sanchez, Fran Young, Sue Wendall, Armendina Guerrero, Gary Soldano, Amalia Martinez, Christopher Lopes, Elisa Maldonado Martinez, Micaela Martinez, Carla Moore, Charles A. Scholz, Fred Coyle, Martin Coyle, Jim Coyle, Javier Martinez, Jim Vogts, Viliame Dovu, Ines McMartin, Eva Anchors, Ron Baroni, Zelda Ridenour, Rose Ortiz, Margie Langdon, Denise Marziarz, Donald Dalton, Jacquelyn Gapp, Pacita Resuello, Marty Buckles, Jacquelyn

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of a new liturgical year for the Church. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. It is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. Key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice.

In this new liturgical year, the Gospel of Matthew will be the primary Gospel proclaimed (Lectionary Cycle A). In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus speak about the need for wakefulness, for watchful waiting, for the coming of the Son of Man.

Matthew's Gospel is dated by most scholars after 70 A.D. Most believe that Matthew wrote for a primarily Jewish community, but one that was no longer centered on the Temple in Jerusalem. These were Jewish Christians trying to come to terms with their relationship to Judaism in a new situation: Judaism after the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem. There may have been Christians who believed that the events of the world around them gave evidence of the imminent return of the Lord in glory.

The passage from Matthew we read today is rather straightforward. No one knows the precise time of the coming of the Lord in glory, so watchful waiting and vigilance are required. The passage speaks to the uselessness of looking for signs; there will be none. As a thief sneaks in during the night, so will the Lord's coming in glory be.

The question for us as members of the Christian community, then, is how do we prepare for this? Today's passage speaks more about the manner of waiting, rather than the details of the preparation. Jesus compares the vigilance required of Christians to the vigilance of a homeowner who knows the plans of the thief. If one knows that the thief's action is imminent, one remains watchful. As Christians, we know *that* our Lord is coming even if we cannot know the precise timing. Jesus calls us to be watchful and vigilant, like the homeowner. If we become lax in our Christian living, we may be caught unprepared.

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NEWS

2019 ADVENT SCHEDULE

Penance Service

Friday December 6, 2019 7:00 pm Bilingual

Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration

Sunday, December 8, 2019

- Reception in Gym after 12:00pm Mass

Thursday, December 12, 2019

- Mañanitas 5:30am

- Rosary 6:30am

- Spanish Mass 6:30pm

Parish Posada

December 15, 2019 2:00pm Gym



CALENDARIO DE ADVIENTO 2019

Servicio de Penitencia

Viernes, 6 de Diciembre de 2019 - 7:00 pm Bilingüe

Celebración de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

Domingo, 8 de Diciembre de 2019

- Recepción en el Gimnasio después de Misa de las 12

Jueves, 12 de Diciembre de 2019

- Mañanitas 5:30am

- Rosario 6:30am

- Misa en Español 6:30pm

Posada

15 de Diciembre de 2019 - 2:00 pm en el Gimnasio



STEWARDSHIP CORNER Weekend Collections

November 17, 2019

5:30 pm = \$	534.49	5:30 pm = \$	447.00
7:30 am = \$	538.07	7:30 am = \$	486.00
9:00 am = \$	886.25	9:00 am = \$	1,350.16
12:00 pm = \$	1,227.31	12:00 pm = \$	1,109.68
Total = \$	3,168.12	Total = \$	3,392.84

November 24, 2019

No Second Collection

I would like to thank you all for your generous donations for the upkeep (physical and pastoral) of our beloved Parish! Let us together continue the mission of Jesus! May our God abundantly bless you and your families!

Rev. Fr. Francisco Velazquez

St. Philomene Food Closet

916.481.7113

St. Philomene's Food Closet would like to thank you for your donations! Last Saturday, Father Frank blessed our Thanksgiving meal distribution. 75 Turkeys and bags full of dinner items were distributed to those in need and they were very thankful. We appreciate your support!

This week we are requesting pasta sauce, small bags of rice and cold cereal.

SHARING GOD'S BOUNTY FREE DINNER EVERY TUESDAY At 6:00pm in the School Gym

Sharing God's Bounty has been serving love, kindness, dignity and a hearty meal for 36 years. Our guests are from all walks of life and come to Bounty for many different reasons. Please invite those you meet to a meal on Tuesday evenings from 6-7pm at the school gym. We provide an entree, a mixed green salad, fruit, sliced breads, desserts, milk, coffee, juice and ice tea every week. We also serve up smiles, laughter, conversation and music. We are in need of additional help in the areas of cooking and shopping. If you are interested in volunteering, please come over on a Tuesday night and we will gladly welcome your help. Please keep us in your prayers.

WALK FOR LIFE WEST COAST

Join fellow Catholics and Pro-Lifers from all over California and beyond as we stand up for the littlest among us at the 16th Annual Walk for Life West Coast in *San Francisco on January 25, 2020*. St. Philomene has reserved two buses for those interested in partaking in this wonderful event with other parishioners. The cost per seat is \$25 and will be on a first come first serve basis. Tickets can be purchased after mass or stop by if you would like additional information on the event. If you are unable to participate in the Walk, please consider sponsoring someone to go on one of the St. Philomene buses.



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St. Philomene welcomes advertising to promote individual business on the back of our bulletin.

For more information please contact

Secretary: at **916.481.6757 ext. 200** or at **secretary@stphilomene.com**

(Advertisements will offset our printing cost and benefits our Parish)

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Welcome!

Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate with us, whether longtime residents or newly arrived in our Parish. We thank God for you. If you are not registered with St. Philomene, please fill out this form and place it in the Collection basket or mail it in to the Parish Office. Thank you and God bless you!

Request for Registration Form or Change of Address Update

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____