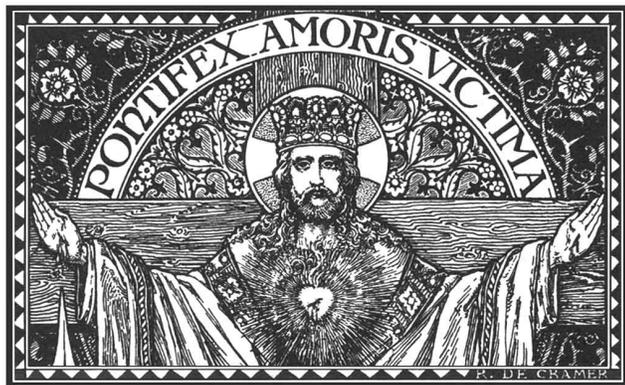


NOVEMBER 25 & 26, 2023 CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



What is Advent?

By USCCB
DECEMBER 3 - 24, 2023

Today's Gospel passage is the conclusion of Jesus' discourse with his disciples. It is about the end of time, the coming of the Son of Man, and the final judgment. We hear this description of the final judgment at the conclusion of our liturgical year, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King. In the context of Matthew's Gospel, this passage might also be read as a conclusion of Matthew's report on Jesus' life and ministry; the remaining chapters report the events of Jesus' Passion and Resurrection.

In today's Gospel, Jesus describes to his disciples the scene of the judgment of the Son of Man. All the nations will be assembled before him, and he will separate them as a shepherd separates sheep and goats upon their return from the pasture. The judgments made by the Son of Man will be based upon the acts of mercy shown to the least ones—the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the ill, and the imprisoned. Indeed, Jesus, who suffered on the Cross, identifies himself with the least ones.

Recall that last week's parable of the talents taught us that the gifts that we have been given are intended to be used for the service of others, especially the least among us. Our judgment before God will be based not only on how we have used these gifts and talents, but also on how we have extended ourselves in service to these least ones. Indeed, Jesus tells us that whenever we have served these least ones, we have served Christ himself.

When we read today's Gospel in the context of the chapters that follow in Matthew's Gospel, we learn the extent to which Jesus identifies with the least ones. In accepting death on the cross, Jesus shows himself to be one of the hungry, the naked, the ill, and the imprisoned. To accept Jesus is to accept him who suffered and died on the Cross as one of the least ones.

Beginning the Church's liturgical year, Advent (from, "*ad-venire*" in Latin or "*to come to*") is the season encompassing the four Sundays (and weekdays) leading up to the celebration of Christmas.

The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and to the anniversary of Our Lord's birth on Christmas. From the earliest days of the Church, people have been fascinated by Jesus' promise to come back. But the scripture readings during Advent tell us not to waste our time with predictions. Advent is not about speculation. Our Advent readings call us to be alert and ready, not weighted down and distracted by the cares of this world (Lk 21:34-36). Like Lent, the liturgical color for Advent is purple since both are seasons that prepare us for great feast days. Advent also includes an element of penance in the sense of preparing, quieting, and disciplining our hearts for the full joy of Christmas.

As we prepare for Christmas, the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* notes some differences to the Mass that should be observed during the season. For instance, the priest wears violet or purple during Advent, except for the Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) when rose may be worn (GIRM, no. 346). Aside from what the priest wears, other aesthetic changes in the Church can include a more modestly decorated altar.

The final days of Advent, from December 17 to December 24, we focus on our preparation for the celebrations of the Nativity of our Lord at Christmas. In particular, the "O" Antiphons are sung during this period and have been by the Church since at least the eighth century. They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming of Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but of present ones as well.

Advent devotions including the Advent wreath, remind us of the meaning of the season. Our Advent calendar can help you fully enter into the season with daily activity and prayer suggestions to prepare you spiritually for the birth of Jesus Christ.

TEMPORARY TUESDAY MASS TIME

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, MASS WILL BE AT 5:30PM.



CHRISTMAS PICTURES

ONE OF OUR PARISHIONERS WILL BE TAKING CHRISTMAS PICTURES ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3RD AND 10TH FROM 1PM – 6PM IN ONE OF THE CLASSROOMS. BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.

A PERCENTAGE FROM EVERY APPOINTMENT WILL COME TO OUR CHURCH. THIS IS A VERY GOOD AND EASY WAY TO HELP OUR CHURCH AT THE SAME TIME THAT YOU GET BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS PICTURES.

TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL OR TEXT ANGIE RENTERIA AT 707-813-0232.

Help Support Our Parish Catholic School This Advent Season

The families of SJS DR Catholic School will be selling Christmas Mystery Packages after the Masses during Advent. Help support our parish school and the students' hard work by buying a gift for someone you love! Prices range from \$1-\$15.

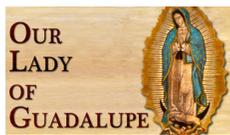
You can also come support the students at their booth in Town Hall at the Fort Bragg Winter Wonderland celebrations on December 2, from 12:00pm to 6:00pm. We will be selling a variety of holiday surprises, from Christmas Mystery Packages to yummy nachos and more! Have a blessed Advent!



JUST A FRIENDLY REMINDER THAT FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1ST IS FIRST FRIDAY AND WE HAVE EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AT 11AM, FOLLOWED BY ENGLISH MASS AT 12:05PM. WE ALSO HAVE EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AT 5:30PM, FOLLOWED

BY SPANISH MASS AT 6PM.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2ND, WE HAVE FIRST SATURDAY MASS AT 9AM.



FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

DECEMBER 12TH IS COMING UP AND WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE FEAST OF OUR PATRONESS OF THE AMERICAS, OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE.

THERE WILL BE A NOVENA (SPECIAL ROSARY) FROM DECEMBER 4TH AT 6PM IN THE CHURCH.

OUR LADY'S FEAST WILL START WITH THE MAÑANITAS AT 5AM, FOLLOWED BY THE ROSARY. AFTER, WE WILL MEET AT THE PARISH HALL TO ENJOY SOME HOT CHOCOLATE AND PASTRIES.

AND, THERE WILL BE A SPANISH MASS AT 6PM.

ALL ARE INVITED!

MAY OUR MOTHER'S MANTLE OF LOVE BRING BLESSINGS OF PEACE AND HARMONY TO FAMILIES IN OUR FAITH COMMUNITY.

MASS INTENTIONS NOVEMBER 25 – DECEMBER 1, 2023

Saturday (25)	5:00pm	Fred & Clara White † Thomas Galemba †
	6:30pm	Juan Bermudez † Felipe Chi † Mauricio Escobedo † Victor Martín & Raquel Dzul † Gerardo Escobedo (healing)
Sunday (26)	8:00am	Rosa Martínez Jara (healing)
	10:00am	Missa pro populo
Monday (27)	—	NO MASS
Tuesday (28)	5:30pm	Private Intention
Wednesday (29)	12:05pm	Souls in Purgatory
Thursday (30)	12:05pm	Jorge Sánchez †
Friday (01)	12:05pm	Souls in Purgatory
	6:00pm	Ramiro Soto †

WEEKLY COLLECTION

NOVEMBER 18 & 19, 2023...\$2,102.00
COMMUNICATION & CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY...\$753.00

**THIS WEEKEND OUR SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR
MAINTENANCE FUND - CHURCH
NEXT WEEKEND OUR SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR
LIABILITY INSURANCE**

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT & CHRISTIAN GENEROSITY!!

LET'S PRAY FOR ALL OUR FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

Jovany Baez, Justin Merfle, María de la Luz Ramírez, Rebeca Sánchez, José Araiza, Jr., Marina González, Alondra Jara, Sonia Jara, Matt Mills & Jared Schroeder.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Bertha Valenzuela, Carole Shoptaw, Gina Pivrotto, Antonia Rentería, Angie Gómez, Judy Halren, Rose Cortez, Fidela Jara, Felix Santillán, Martha Sánchez, Gerardo Escobedo, Angie Freitas, Russel Bryant, Derrick Heater, Ann Gallagher, Brianna Lopez, Margaret Milliken, Gina Pivrotto, Nick Quin, Mary Servis, Matty Walker, Ofelia Ybarra.



EVERY THURSDAY @ 11:00AM,

**WE HAVE THE EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION OF
THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, FOLLOWED BY MASS AT 12:05PM.**



**WE WOULD LIKE TO REMIND YOU THAT:
Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish now provides
“ParishSOFT Giving,” an online giving software!**

To get started, you can go to olgcinfb.org.

From this link you will be allowed to manage your own account online, set up gifts on a schedule that you choose or a one-time donation, and can be set up with a credit card, debit card, checking or savings account!

If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office at 964-0229.



IN THE VESTIBULE OF THE CHURCH, ON THE SOUTHERN WALL IS A BEAUTIFUL MEMORIAL TREE.

ITS BRIGHT LEAVES REPRESENT PERMANENT MEMORIALS TO THE DEPARTED OF OUR PARISH. FOR THE SUM OF \$200.00, YOU CAN GIVE TO THE PARISH SECRETARY, THE CORRECT SPELLING AND DATES OF THE DEPARTED AND IN DUE TIME THE LEAF IS PRINTED AND ATTACHED TO THE TREE, AS A PERMANENT REMINDER OF A LOVED ONE WHO IS GONE.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE AT 707-964-0229.



ANOINTING OF THE SICK

When a parishioner is homebound or hospitalized and would like Father Pacheco to pay them a visit to receive Holy Communion and/or Anointing of the Sick, please call the Parish Office at 707-964-0229 and after office hours, please call 707-813-4188.