

NOVEMBER 26 & 27, 2022 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



PEOPLE OF THE LIGHT

We are called to reflect the light of God's love through the ways in which we live our lives. Imagine the impact if each of us took this call to heart, every day, at home, work, or school, in our parish, in the world. *"All nations shall stream toward it,"* toward the love that only comes from God. Yet, we must admit that much of the time we fail to be beacons of God's light. We fall asleep, complacent, preferring to go the easy route, which often leads to darkness rather than the radiance of Christ's light. As we begin the season of Advent, Saint Paul admonishes us to throw off the works of darkness, to awaken to the call of light and love. In today's Gospel, Jesus too tells us to stay awake, to be prepared to greet the Lord of light as people of the light.



THE SEASON OF ADVENT

What are we really waiting for during Advent? The longstanding tradition of the Church is that the Advent season really marks not one but three comings of Christ: his coming into history two thousand years ago, his coming in glory at the end of time, and his coming into our hearts here and now. Advent starts with a focus on the future coming of Christ so that we might see the big picture. If Christmas is to make any sense at all, we have to ask the question, "What are you doing to get ready for the (final) coming of Christ?" This perspective opens us up to the sense of anticipation experienced by the Jewish people on the eve of the first coming of Christ. This Advent, we will hear John the Baptist tell them (and us) how best to prepare. He urges repentance and an examination and reform of our way of life. Then on the Fourth Sunday, we are drawn in to the history of Jesus' arrival as the child of Joseph and Mary. Our work of spiritual preparation brings us to the point of the whole season. What good is it that Christ comes into my heart if I don't then carry that presence out into the world, just as Mary did?

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY MEMBERS IN THE MILITARY

Jovany Baez, Justin Mertle, 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

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.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear parishioners,

This past week, I was asked by a couple of individuals about the maintenance work occurring at the school. I thought I would take the opportunity to provide information on that project and a couple other maintenance matters to the community as a whole. Recently we discovered a termite infestation in one of the classroom walls. Happily, after inspection, it was determined to be limited to that particular wall. Some of our school dads volunteered their time to remove and replace the sheetrock and repair the damage, and the building perimeter has been treated to prevent another infestation in the near future. Like so many maintenance costs, it was an unforeseen but necessary expense for the upkeep of our parish property.

On a separate note, the heating system in the church is not functioning properly yet again. Last December we arranged for the system to be repaired, but new problems have since developed and only one side seems to be working at this point. While another repair may be in order to see us through this winter, I would like to address the problem in a more permanent manner, and will discuss the matter with the finance council at our upcoming meeting.

Last but not least, the work in the sacristy is coming along very nicely. So far, two of our parishioners have generously donated many hours to extend the tiling on the floor and to repair the sheetrock on the wall where a large, and very dilapidated, bookshelf previously stood. Thank you to these gentlemen for making this possible! Hopefully, a fresh coat of paint and improved lighting will come next.

Much progress has been made over the past year to address important projects and I am confident that the community can come together to help make the remaining work possible.

Blessings,

Fr. Pacheco



Dear Parishioners,

Cross Catholic Outreach thanks you for the welcome you extended to Fr. Jerome Abella Magat, PSS during his recent visit to your parish. On behalf of the poorest of the poor, we thank you for having transformed their lives. May our Lord continue to bless all of you for your love and support.

Yours in Christ,
Jim Cavnar
President

Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord and will be repaid in full.
Proverbs 19: 17



EVERY THURSDAY @ 11:30AM WE HAVE THE EXPOSITION AND
BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT FOLLOWED BY
MASS AT 12:05PM.



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 6AM, AFTER THAT WE WILL PRAY THE ROSARY. WE WILL ALSO HAVE A SPECIAL 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.



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2ND IS FIRST FRIDAY AND WE WOULD LIKE TO REMIND YOU THAT WE HAVE 2 MASSES.

AT 11:30AM WE HAVE EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT FOLLOWED BY ENGLISH MASS AND 5:30PM EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT FOLLOWED BY SPANISH MASS.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3RD, WE HAVE A 9AM MASS FOR OUR BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.



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.



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IN YEARS PAST, WE HAVE ASKED FOR DONATIONS OF POINSETTIAS TO DECORATE OUR CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS. THIS YEAR, WE ASK THAT YOU DONATE A POINSETTIA IN MEMORY OF LOVED ONES WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY. PLEASE DELIVER THEM AFTER DECEMBER 12TH TO THE PARISH OFFICE OR THE CHURCH. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE AT 707-964-0229.

MASS INTENTIONS NOVEMBER 26 – DECEMBER 2, 2022

Saturday (26)	5:00pm	Fred & Clara White † Thomas Galemba † Evelyn Costa †
	6:30pm	Mauricio Escobedo † Juana Romero Domínguez † Rafaela Terán Salgado † Mardonio Barrera Ayala † Socorro Cortéz Esquivel † Eliodoro Rodríguez † Gerardo Escobedo (healing)
Sunday (27)	8:00am	Charlotte Marie
	10:00am	Missa Pro-populo
Monday (28)	---	NO MASS
Tuesday (29)	12:05pm	All Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday (30)	12:05pm	Theresa Hamilton †
Thursday (01)	10:00am	César Salazar †
Friday (02)	12:05pm	Jim & Rita Young †
	6:00pm	Mauricio Escobedo † Gerardo Escobedo (healing)

WEEKLY COLLECTION

NOVEMBER 19 & 20, 2022...\$2,012.00
ARCHDIOCESE FOR MILITARY SERVICES...\$670.00

THIS WEEKEND OUR SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR COMMUNICATIONS & CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY
NEXT WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR LIABILITY INSURANCE

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT & CHRISTIAN GENEROSITY!!

ADVENT PRAYER

Come, Lord Jesus.

O God, you are great indeed.

Look upon us and reveal your glory,
promised to Abraham and sent to us
through David and his lineage.

Send us the warmth of your love, the light of your Word,
the vision of your wisdom, and the comfort of your people.
Open our hearts in welcome and grant us your salvation.

Fill our minds with watchful hope
and let us see your kindness.

Give us new life, the promise and joy of salvation.
May the glory of your Son dwell in our land forever.

We pray: Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

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



ANOINTING OF THE SICK

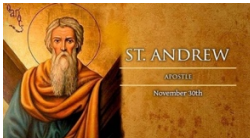
When a parishioner is homebound or hospitalized and would like Father Pacheco to pay them a visit to receive Holy Communion and/or Anointing of the Sick, please call the Parish Office at 707-964-0229 and after office hours, please call 707-813-4188.



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



Andrew was Saint Peter's brother, and was called with him. "As [Jesus] was walking by the sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is now called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, 'Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.' At once they left their nets and followed him" **(Matthew 4:18-20).**

John the Evangelist presents Andrew as a disciple of John the Baptist. When Jesus walked by one day, John said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." Andrew and another disciple followed Jesus. "Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi (which translated means Teacher), where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come, and you will see.' So they went and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day" **(John 1:38-39a).**

Little else is said about Andrew in the Gospels. Before the multiplication of the loaves, it was Andrew, who spoke up about the boy who had the barley loaves and fishes. When the Gentiles went to see Jesus, they came to Philip, but Philip then had recourse to Andrew.

Legend has it that Andrew preached the Good News in what is now modern Greece and Turkey and was crucified at Patras on an X-shaped cross.

Reflection

As in the case of all the apostles except Peter and John, the Gospels give us little about the holiness of Andrew. He was an apostle. That is enough. He was called personally by Jesus to proclaim the Good News, to heal with Jesus' power and to share his life and death. Holiness today is no different. It is a gift that includes a call to be concerned about the Kingdom, an outgoing attitude that wants nothing more than to share the riches of Christ with all people.