

**DECEMBER 3 & 4, 2022
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



HARMONY

Have you ever known a moment when, just for a brief instant, you felt that all was right with the world? It is just such a moment, stretched into eternity, that the writer of Isaiah describes in today's First Reading: the perfection of everything, centered in God's spirit, where knowledge, justice, and awe in God's presence reign. In such a paradise, everyone sees eye to eye and thinks in harmony with each other, as Saint Paul describes in his Letter to the Romans. Even animals with a natural animosity toward one another coexist peacefully. John the Baptist understood that such harmonious relationships do not simply happen. They are the fruit of living in right relationship with God and others.

EMBRACING CHANGE

Words like John's might cause fear in us, or may hold us back, hesitant. Words like these can also invite us to change our lives. When we do so, we open ourselves to a core virtue of the Advent season: Hope. Changing our lives can also open us up to a more vigorous presence of the gifts of the Holy Spirit—wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, and fear of the Lord—names in Isaiah today. Recall that it was in that very Spirit we were named for Christ at Baptism. Open your ears and heart to the voice of God, who knows the name given to you on that day. Respond not out to fear, but in love, to the ways that God is calling to you today; calling you to change what needs to be changed, and to welcome Christ today, as you will once again on Christmas day.

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.



THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8TH, FOR THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.



**The Immaculate Conception
(December 8)**

December 8th, we celebrate the Patronal Solemnity of the United States and the Greatest of Mary's Advent festivals. On that day, we remember Mary's conception in the womb of her mother (*and nine months later, on September 8, we celebrate Mary's birth*). In this Liturgy, we affirm our belief that God prepared Mary to be the Mother of the Son of God by allowing her a share, from the moment of her conception, in the salvation that would be won for all by Christ.

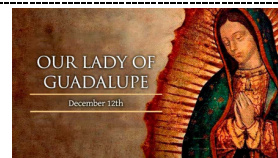
Five mothers make their presence felt on December 8th. The first is Eve, the mother of all the living. The second is Mary's mother, who conceived, brought to birth, and nurtured an "Immaculate" daughter, who would become the Mother of the Word made Flesh. The third is Elizabeth, who conceived her son John "in her old age." The fourth, of course, is Mary herself. Finally, the Letter to the Ephesians and the texts of the Mass for this feast remind us that the Church has been "chosen" to be a spiritual mother. We pray: "The image of the Virgin is found in your Church . . . Trace in our actions the lines of her love, in our hearts her readiness of faith."

In this Advent time, we are called, as Mary was, to make room for Christ in our hearts. What will it take, what will be the cost for us to become, as Mary became, real "bearers of the Word?" Let us be open to the intercession of Mary on our behalf, that we may become more and more like her beloved Son.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8TH, IS THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION:

THE FEAST BEGINS WITH THE EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AT 11:30AM FOLLOWED BY ENGLISH MASS AND EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AT 5:30PM FOLLOWED BY SPANISH MASS AT 6PM.



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!

"Let not your heart be disturbed. Do not fear that sickness, nor any other sickness or anguish. Am I not here, who is your Mother? Are you not under my protection? Am I not your health? Are you not happily within my fold? What else do you wish? Do not grieve nor be disturbed by anything."

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



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.



EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL RETREAT

JESUS, LIGHT OF THE WORLD

St. Anthony's Mendocino
Dec. 27, 2022 – Jan. 1, 2023

Come help us welcome the Lord in our New Year! Conferences will be lead by Dr. Anthony Lilles, Professor at St. Patrick's Seminary, Menlo Park and Fr. Robert Torczynski former Carthusian Monk. Come learn more about the great love of Jesus for you expressed in the Eucharistic!

For registration & more information text or call 936-203-0573



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.



OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL HAS AMAZON SMILE. WHEN PURCHASING ONLINE, MAKE SURE YOU "TYPE" AMAZON SMILE.COM AND "SELECT" OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CATHOLIC CHURCH A CORPORATION SOLE. YOU WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE A DONATION TO OUR CHURCH IN EVERY PURCHASE. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE AT 964-0229.



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MASS INTENTIONS **DECEMBER 3 – 9, 2022**

Saturday (03)	9:00am	Refugio Yáñez †
	5:00pm	Fred & Clara White † Thomas Galemba †
	6:30pm	Mauricio Escobedo † Eduardo Preciado García † Gerardo Escobedo (healing)
Sunday (04)	8:00am	Harold & Pearl Johnson †
	10:00am	Missa pro populo
Monday (05)	---	NO MASS
Tuesday (06)	12:05pm	Rev. Bruce David Lamb, OFM Conv †
Wednesday (07)	12:05pm	Rev. Bruce David Lamb, OFM Conv †
Thursday (08)	12:05pm	Edward & Barbara Graves †
	6:00pm	Roger Alberto Ek Góngora †
Friday (09)	12:05pm	Rev. Bruce David Lamb, OFM Conv †

WEEKLY COLLECTION

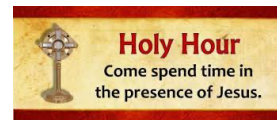
NOVEMBER 26 & 27, 2022...\$1,682.00
COMMUNICATIONS & CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY...\$651.00

THIS WEEKEND OUR SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR
LIABILITY INSURANCE
NEXT WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR
MAINTENANCE FUND

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT & CHRISTIAN GENEROSITY!!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12;
Lk 1:26-38
Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19;
Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11



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



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.