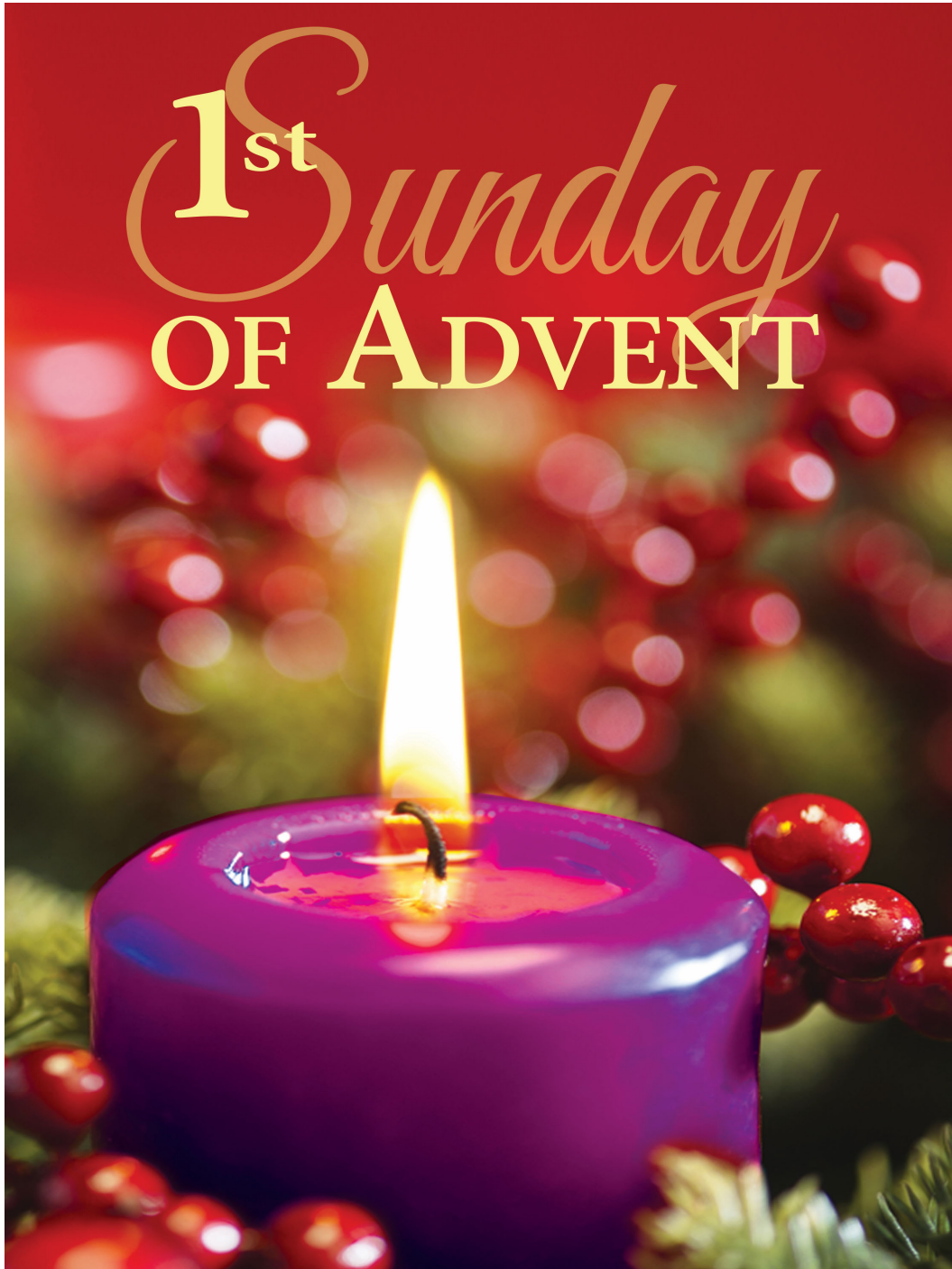




PARISH COMMUNITY
Santa Clara, California

First Sunday of Advent
December 1, 2024
Primer Domingo de
Adviento



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From Monsignor Fran Cilia

Three times in as many sentences, this Sunday's reading from the Prophet Jeremiah (33:14-16) mentions the future. Three times, the prophet offers hope to God's chosen people, who were in exile, far from their homeland and their temple, the center of religious practice.

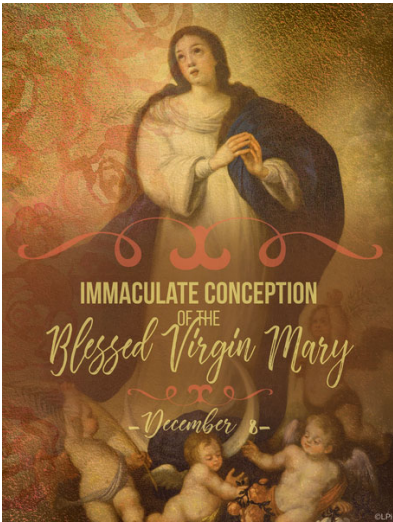
"The days [that] are coming" speak to the people of God's abiding presence, even during the disastrous time of the "Babylonian Captivity." When "the Lord, our justice" appears, the people will again be safe and secure.

On the First Sunday of Advent, we, too, join the prophet in looking toward the future coming of the Lord, even as we prepare to celebrate His birth in Bethlehem more than 2000 years ago. At the very same time, we find hope and consolation that the same Lord is present among us, here and now, wherever we are.

The scripture readings throughout this season call us to this "joyful hope as we await the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." May these weeks help to open to God's own life within us and renew us in the same love that gave us our Savior.

Last Call: Little Blue Books for Advent and Christmas

We still have a good supply of Little Blue Books in both English and Spanish. Please be sure to get yours to help in your observance of Advent. They are free of charge, in the vestibule and the parish office.



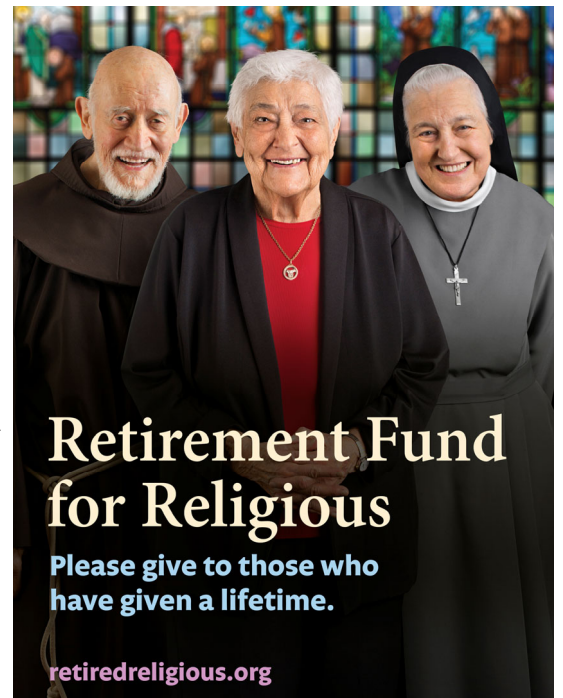
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Monday, December 9

This feast will be transferred to Monday, December 9, because the 8th is the Second Sunday in Advent. Although a Holy Day of Obligation, Bishop Cantú has dispensed us from the obligation this year because of a recent change in the rules governing holy days did not give parishes adequate time to adapt to the change. Masses for the feast will be at 8:00 am and 10:45 am (with the school community).

Retirement Fund for Religious

Next Weekend, we will take up the national collection to benefit the Retirement Fund for Religious (Sisters, Brothers and Priests).

Our aging religious need your help. Like those pictured, more than 24,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have dedicated their lives to serving others through prayer and ministry. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings to care for them. Your support of the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide care, medicine, and other necessities. Please give back to those who have given a lifetime.





Blessing and Lighting of Parish "Christmas Tree"

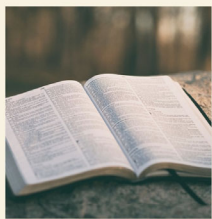
This coming Friday, we will have our annual celebration to bless and light our Christmas Tree, followed by caroling and refreshments. We will begin at 6:00 pm near the Grotto. Caroling and refreshments will be in the Small Hall. All are welcome!

Youth Ministry News



Join our next youth ministry session this week on **Thursday, December 5th, from 7pm-8:30pm** in the youth center.

Confirmation Registrations are OPEN for 2025! If you are a current 8th-12th grade and are ready to take the next step in faith, consider joining our program from January to September 2025. Use the QR code in the flier or visit our website for more information: stclareparish.org/ymc Cost to register is \$350 and our last day to register is January 5th.



Tuesdays at 8:00pm

~~November 12~~

~~November 19~~

December 3

December 10

December 17

Bible study is every week on Tuesday at 8:00pm in the youth center basement. Check the image for dates.

Journeying with Jesus through the Gospel

- For all youth 8th-12th grade
- In Youth Center (Church Basement)



PARISH COMMUNITY

Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses
Saturday Evening Vigil
5:00 p.m. (English)
Livestreamed

Sunday
7:30 a.m. (English)
9:00 a.m. (Portuguesa)
10:30 a.m. (English)
12:00 p.m. (Español)
Livestreamed

Liturgy of the Word for Children during
10:30 a.m. Mass (English)

Liturgia de la Palabra para Niños durante Misa de
12:00 p.m. (Español)

Weekday Masses
Monday-Saturday
8:00 a.m.
Holidays - 9:00 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays
3:00 p.m.– 3:30 p.m.
(In the church)

Contribute to this year's **Christmas Giving Tree!** Choose an ornament at the tree in the church and place a wrapped gift for a child in need back at the tree. Last day to bring back presents is December 20th.



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then press 9

Boletim Paroquial Português 1 de Dezembro de 2024; Domingo I do Advento -C Reflexão Por: João Pereira Arruda

Este é o primeiro Domingo do novo ano litúrgico da ciclo C. S. Lucas nos oferecerá evangelhos com lições de vida recta e sábia para levar-mos as nossas vidas saudavelmente em espírito e verdade. Uma vez mais a nossa Igreja prepara-nos um tempo de quatro semanas para preparar-mos os nossos corações para receber um Menino Deus, o Emanuel, Príncipe da paz, esperança da salvação da Humanidade. O Salmo (24-25) Responsorial deste Domingo oferece-nos tudo o que a Humanidade esperava com a vindo de Messias. “ **O Senhor é bom e recto, ensina o caminho aos pecadores. Orienta os humildes na justiça e dá-lhes a conhecer os seus caminhos.**” Mais tarde João Baptista vira neste Tempo do Advento preparar esses caminhos do Senhor e endireitar essas veredas e ser guia de nossos caminhar por atalhos. Tanto Jeremias na Primeira Leitura nos fala do fim dos tempos e dos sinais que nos alertam da sua proximidade e desde muito tempo que esses mesmos sinais que vemos hoje via-se nas guerras que iam acontecendo por toda a parte, dos sinais do aquecimento global, dos furacões e de dilúvios. Esses sinais estão aqui e agora no meio de nós: guerras iniciadas pelo maligno nos corações dos poderosos chefes de nações que subjagam os mais fracos, os pobres, precisamente os mesmos que também neste Advento gostariam que o Menino Deus viesse lhes visitar em vez de ser bomrdeamento de bombas que destroiem as famílias com os seus parcos haveres. Este ano para mais descalabro toda essa chacina está a acontecer na Terra Santa, nas proximidades em que o Menino Deus se fez homem pelo sim poderoso de Maria. Imaginam a Nossa Mãe e Mãe de Deus em Jesus Cristo observando seus filhos morrerem, vidas destruídas pela insensibilidade de uns poucos que vêm no ser humano em desigualdade de vida ser e estar a serem um peso, um estorvo, para os planos, de riqueza, interesses de poderio planos do diabo e não de Deus. Neste Advento, tempo de preparação e de penitência para receber o Salvados, peçamos ao Senhor que nos alimente as nossas mentes, os nossos espíritos em não pactuarmos com este movimento de exterminação de capital humano. Mesmo que posicionalmente estejamos numa maioria esta é a que está do lado de Deus. Como se pode saber que as minrias vem de Deus lembremo-nos que quando nos encontrarmos co final das nossas vidas seremos julgados desse modo: Eu tive fome e fizeste bem em contribuir para as caridades com os pobre pela Congregação de S Vicente de Paulo. Eu estive sem lar e abandona-do visto como lixo humano e doas-te artigos usados para doar ás Organizações que suprem esses pobres parcos de tudo incluindo a própria esperança. Ser caridoso, é ter um espírito de amar, é parte integrante da penitência que se deve viver neste Tempo de Advento e entrada para o Novo Ano Litúrgico. Façamos, como Comunidade Paroquial Portuguesa, esforços de estar atento ao Plano de Deus para a Salvação da Humanidade.

Mes de Dezembro; Mês do Advento e do Natal: Neste Domingo entramos no início do Advento, pelo qual celebramos o Natal de Jesus Cristo. Enquanto que o mundo do comércio ofereça tudo quanto esteja em saldos como Igreja e como paróquia prepara-se a chegada essa festa de se fazer limpeza ao que está mal em nós e preparar-mos o nosso interior para receber o Deus Menino. Damos a entrada num novo ano litúrgico em que iremos acompanhar o Evangelho de Lucas primariamente e S. João nas solenidade e em quase todo o Tempo Pascal. A nossa paróquia oferecerá celebrações de penitência (confissões) o qual anunciaremos no tempo devido; bem assim as missas serão anunciadas devidamente em futuros boletins. Não se esqueçam de celebrar o Natal na noite de convívio do Sábado dia 21 de Dezembro próximo. Neste Sábado iremos nos reunir como uma família paroquial no qual partilharemos as nossas comidas uns com os outros, viveremos a nossa cultura dos natais que celebrava-mos nos nossos lugares de origem e daremos apoio as crianças que estão a ser preparadas pela Madalena Dias. Venham todos e tragam os seus familiares e amigão. Por favor cooperem com com o programa que o Conselho Paroquial nos oferece na preparação deste convívio de Natal.

Um Santo e alegre Domingo do Advento!!!

Stewardship Report

Collection:
November 23rd and 24th

Goal: \$10,100.00
Actual: \$ 7,945.91

Thank you



Parish Mission Statement

Founded in 1777, Saint Clare Parish is an ethnically diverse Catholic community of faith, united in worship, discipleship and service. In welcoming immigrants, newcomers and strangers, we strive to live the virtues of justice and love, so as to be the face of Christ in the world, becoming in Him a sign of unity and an instrument of God's peace.

SUPPORT OUR PARISH

Scan one of the QR codes for direct and safe way to donate.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!



Sunday:

Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3:12—4:2;
Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Monday:

Isaiah 2:1-5; Matthew 8:5-11

Tuesday:

Isaiah 11:1-10; Luke 10:21-24

Wednesday:

Isaiah 25:6-10a; Matthew 15:29-37

Thursday:

Isaiah 26:1-6; Matthew 7:21, 24-27

Friday:

Isaiah 29:17-24; Matthew 9:27-31

Saturday:

Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Matthew 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

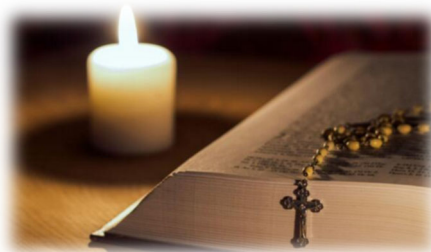
Next Sunday:

Baruch 5:1-9; Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11; Luke 3:1-6

Mass Intentions

November 30– December 7, 2024

Sat	5:00 pm	George Andrada Alabanza †
Sun	7:30 am	Saint Clare Parishioners
	9:00 am	Andre Sardinha † Maria Lucia Cardoso † Manuel and Cristina Jeronimo † Margarida Arias † Manuel Santos † Dora M. De Oliveira † Jose and Vidalia Gaspar Rocha † Jose Ignacio Mendonca † John Silva † Julio Matos † Manuel Sardinha † Maria Rose Coelho † In Honor of Saint Joseph
	10:30 am	Joe Sebastian †
	12:00 pm	Ida López– Salud Miguel Ochoa † Urbano Amaya †
Mon	8:00 am	The Palermo Family
Tues	8:00 am	Elinore Peters †
Wed	8:00 am	Connie Torres– Birthday
Thu	8:00 am	The Vrana Family
Fri	8:00 am	Souls in Purgatory
Sat	8:00 am	Santa Clara Carmelite Nuns



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Patient Anticipation



God our Father,
fulfiller of promises,
you illuminate our way to justice.
Guide us to humbly and kindly
increase and abound in love for one other.
May our hearts be strengthened
as we look past the distractions of this season.

In this patient anticipation,
help us to be vigilant
so that we may be ready to respond
to the call you have placed in our hearts.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, December 1, 2024

Vigilance Requires Intentional Action

Today's readings: Jeremiah 33:14–16; Psalm 25:4–5, 8–9, 10, 14 (1b); 1 Thessalonians 3:12–4:2; Luke 21:25–28, 34–36. In the first reading, Jeremiah recalls the promise the Lord made to the Israelites regarding safety and security. Through his prophecy of restoration, Jeremiah calls the Israelites back to the Lord. Hearing this prophecy reminds us that comfort in the Lord is near!

At the beginning of the liturgical year, Advent encourages Christians to focus on keeping the Lord's "covenant and his decrees," as the psalm states. Much like the Israelites, we need to pray for prudence to recognize distractions in our daily lives. During this hectic season, we may feel pulled in many directions, often away from God, as it is a time filled with much busyness and movement—or "the anxieties of daily life." Amid these distractions, we are to remember that vigilance requires intentional action. In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus tells his disciples, "Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy." If attention is not paid, a person could be caught by surprise on the day of redemption. Keeping the Lord's covenant and his decrees requires spiritual discipline.

As this season of anticipation begins, the Advent wreath is blessed and lighted. Let us dedicate ourselves to lifting our souls to the Lord as we light a new candle each week.

Faith and Racial Justice: Changing Systems and Structures

JustFaith Ministries offers an eight-session program in which we will learn about key obstacles to racial justice that are embedded within our institutions, systems, and structures. Racist systems and structures are inextricably bound with the problem of hunger and malnutrition. This program begins with a Racial Wealth Gap Simulation created by *Bread for the World* and NETWORK, a lobby for Catholic Social Justice, to help communities get to the heart of the problem. As we participate in this simulation, we not only acquaint ourselves with the big ideas, but are introduced to a tool we can bring to our own churches and communities.

Hosted by St. Clare Parish

725 Washington St, Santa Clara 95050
Sessions are every other week on a Monday,
September 9th until December 16th,
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Requested tax deductible donation of
\$35, \$55, \$75 per person.

Approximate cost for books is \$38,
available through JustFaith Ministries,
and may be found at book stores, libraries or
on-line. Scholarships available on request.



Michelle
Alexander

Three books are used
during this program.



If you have questions, or to reserve a space, contact:

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THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, December 2 Healing Words

The centurion who approaches Jesus as he enters Capernaum expresses faith in the restorative power of Jesus' word: "Only say the word and my servant will be healed." Recognizing our unworthiness, we pray similar words during the Liturgy of the Eucharist. This week, consider how you might be like the centurion and faithfully ask for healing. Allow the Lord's words to provide comfort and flow over you so that you can go rejoicing. *Today's readings: Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Matthew 8:5-11.*

Tuesday, December 3 St. Francis Xavier

St. Francis Xavier was a cofounder of the Society of Jesus, also known as the Jesuit order. As the first Jesuit missionary, he spent much time traveling and living in foreign places to evangelize. His ministry required his learning new languages, being flexible with movement, and living in different cultures. Ask for St. Francis Xavier's intercession as you consider how you might challenge yourself to leave your comfort zone to preach the Good News. *Today's readings: Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Luke 10:21-24.*

Wednesday, December 4 Abundance

Today's Scriptures portray God's bountiful love for his people. First, the reading from Isaiah proclaims that the Lord "will provide for all peoples." Then Matthew's Gospel recounts how Jesus fed the crowd who had been with him for days with "nothing to eat." After Jesus gave thanks and broke the bread, thousands were offered food—and still there were leftovers! Reflect on the blessings in your life. Say a prayer in gratitude for the abundance—whatever that may be—with which the Lord has blessed you. *Today's readings: Isaiah 25:6-10a; Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Matthew 15:29-37.*

Thursday, December 5 Sturdy Ground

The Gospel reading portrays the importance of both listening intently and intentionally responding to the Lord. Consider ways to listen and respond to God throughout the rest of this season. How can you "be like a wise man who built his house on rock"? What are some tangible ways in which you are being encouraged to act so that your faith stands on sturdy ground? *Today's readings: Isaiah 26:1-6; Psalm 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Matthew 7:21, 24-27.*

Friday, December 6 St. Nicholas

It is easy to become consumed with shopping for gifts and preparing for many holiday parties as Christmas approaches, ultimately pushing aside our dedication to God. When losing focus on what matters, allow to echo within you today's psalm refrain: "The Lord is my light and my salvation." Recognizing this transformational prayer, celebrate the optional Memorial of St. Nicholas today with the gift of an act of service for someone. *Today's readings: Isaiah 29:17-24; Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14; Matthew 9:27-31.*

Saturday, December 7 An Abundant Harvest

That Jesus' heart was moved with pity for the troubled and abandoned can comfort us today. Matthew's Gospel portrays Jesus' ministering to those who seemed like "sheep without a shepherd" and delegating his disciples to do the same. The reading from Isaiah shows that the Lord gives what is needed, answering his people "as soon as he hears" their cries. Let us find peace knowing that God is with us as we receive and, in turn, as we give. *Today's readings: Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Psalm 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8.*



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KEEPING THE SEASONS
ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS 2024-2025

December 1, 2024

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

First Sunday of Advent

Jer 33:14-16 | 1 Thes 3:12-4:2 | Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Are you one of those people who flips to the end of the book to find out what happens or maybe you roam the internet for spoilers of your favorite show? We have all been tempted to know what is going to happen before whatever it is unfolds, especially in tension-filled situations. Knowing the ending changes the way we experience the angst of the present moment, especially if it's a great ending! Like today: even as we anticipate and know the comfort and joy of the Advent season, we certainly do not begin there with our Gospel reading from Luke. In it, Jesus describes the coming of the Son of Man: this time will include moments of dismay, tribulation, assault, fright, and death. Contemplating this time of justice can be fearsome, but it is also a source of joy, because Christ is coming! We know that through Christ we have been redeemed – and that, if we remain faithful to him, we have the hope of eternal life. As Luke tells us, we can stand with our heads held high because redemption is at hand. Our Advent does not start with comfort and joy, but it sure ends there. Knowing this ending helps us have confidence and hope in God.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

We are encouraged and challenged by the Word and our Advent traditions this first week to *remember how it ends!* In our first reading, the prophet Jeremiah relays consolation to the nation in crisis when God tells them the days are coming when the Lord will “fulfill the promise.” This will bring them much-hoped-for safety and security. In Luke’s Gospel, Christ’s coming will be with “power and great glory” and although it sounds somewhat frightening, it will usher in redemption. Those are some spoilers providing great confidence and hope. In addition to our readings, the lighting of our first candle this Advent season is a visual reminder of the culmination of our salvation story! The Light who has come into the world has and will dispel the darkness. We can stand erect and raise our heads together to glimpse this light of Advent and fill our hearts again with hope that God surely is the one who keeps his promises. That is the best spoiler of all.

SING

*O come, divine Messiah!
The world in silence waits the day
When hope shall sing its triumph
And sadness flee away*

“
*The Light
who has come
into the world
will dispel the
darkness.*
”

De Monseñor Fran Cilia

Tres veces en otras tantas frases, la lectura de este domingo del profeta Jeremías (33:14-16) menciona el futuro. Tres veces, el profeta ofrece esperanza al pueblo elegido de Dios, que estaba en el exilio, lejos de su patria y de su templo, el centro de la práctica religiosa.

“Los días que están por venir” hablan al pueblo de la presencia permanente de Dios, incluso durante el tiempo desastroso del “cautiverio babilónico”. Cuando aparezca “el Señor, nuestra justicia”, el pueblo volverá a estar a salvo y seguro.

En el primer domingo de Adviento, también nosotros nos unimos al profeta en la mirada hacia la futura venida del Señor, incluso mientras nos preparamos para celebrar su nacimiento en Belén hace más de 2000 años. Al mismo tiempo, encontramos esperanza y consuelo en que el mismo Señor está presente entre nosotros, aquí y ahora, dondequiera que estemos.

Las lecturas de las Sagradas Escrituras durante esta temporada nos llaman a esta “gozosa esperanza mientras aguardamos la venida de nuestro Señor Jesucristo”. Que estas semanas nos ayuden a abrirnos a la vida de Dios en nosotros y a renovarnos en el mismo amor que nos dio nuestro Salvador.

Última llamada: Libritos Azules para Adviento y Navidad

Todavía tenemos un buen suministro de Libritos Azules tanto en inglés como en español. Asegúrese de obtener el suyo para ayudarlo en su práctica del Adviento. Son gratuitos, en el vestíbulo y en la oficina parroquial.

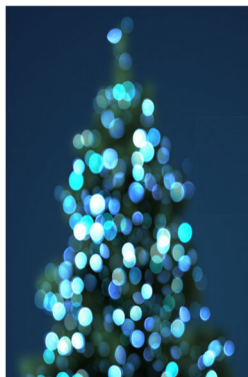


Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción de la Santísima Virgen María Lunes 9 de diciembre

Esta fiesta se trasladará al lunes 9 de diciembre, porque el 8 es el segundo domingo de Adviento. Aunque es un día santo de precepto, el Obispo Cantú nos ha dispensado de la obligación este año debido a un cambio reciente en las reglas que rigen los días santos que no les dio a las parroquias el tiempo adecuado para adaptarse al cambio. Las misas de la fiesta serán a las 8:00 am y 10:45 am (con la comunidad escolar).

Bendición e iluminación del “Árbol de Navidad” de la parroquia

El próximo viernes tendremos nuestra celebración anual para bendecir y encender nuestro árbol de Navidad, seguida de villancicos y refrigerios. Comenzaremos a las 6:00 p. m. cerca de la Gruta. Los villancicos y los refrigerios se realizarán en el Salón Pequeño. ¡Todos son bienvenidos!



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Fondo de Retiro de Religiosos

El próximo fin de semana realizaremos la colecta nacional a beneficio del Fondo de Retiro de Religiosos (Hermanas, Hermanos y Sacerdotes).

Nuestros religiosos mayores necesitan su ayuda. Como los que aparecen en la foto, más de 24.000 hermanas, hermanos y sacerdotes de órdenes religiosas mayores han dedicado su vida a servir a los demás mediante la oración y el ministerio. Hoy, sus comunidades religiosas no tienen suficientes ahorros de jubilación para cuidar de ellos. Su apoyo al Fondo de Jubilación para Religiosos ayuda a proporcionar atención, medicamentos y otras necesidades. Por favor, done algo a quienes han donado su vida.

¡Contribuye al árbol de donaciones de Navidad de este año! Escoge un adorno del árbol de la iglesia y coloca un regalo envuelto para un niño necesitado en el árbol. El último día para devolver los regalos es el 20 de diciembre.



Noticias del Ministerio de Jóvenes



Únase a nuestra **próxima sesión del Ministerio Juvenil** esta semana el **jueves 5 de diciembre, de 7:00 p. m. a 8:30 p. m.** en el centro juvenil.

¡Las inscripciones para la confirmación están ABIERTAS para 2025! Si actualmente está en el octavo al duodécimo grado y está listo para dar el siguiente paso en la fe, considere unirse a nuestro programa de enero a septiembre de 2025. Use el código QR en el volante o visite nuestro sitio web para obtener más información: stclareparish.org/ymc. El costo de inscripción es de \$350 y nuestro último día para registrarse es el 5 de enero.

El **estudio bíblico se realiza todos los martes a las 8:00 p. m.** en el sótano del centro juvenil. Consulta la imagen en la página 3 para ver las fechas.



Las Posadas en la Parroquia de Santa Clara

Acompañenos a rezar el Rosario y a cantar villancicos para conmemorar la búsqueda de San José y la Virgen María de un lugar donde hospedarse en Belén.

Empezaremos a las 7:00pm en cada una de las siguientes fechas

- Lunes, 16 de diciembre (salón principal)
- Martes, 17 de diciembre (iglesia)
- Miércoles, 18 de diciembre (iglesia)
- Jueves, 19 de diciembre (salón pequeño)
- Viernes, 20 de diciembre (sótano de la iglesia)
- Sábado, 21 de diciembre (sótano de la iglesia)
- Domingo, 22 de diciembre (iglesia)
- Lunes, 23 de diciembre (salón principal)

Se servirán bebidas y bocadillos.
¡Habrá aguinaldos para los niños!





ESTA SEMANA EN CASA

Lunes, 2 de diciembre

Palabras que curan

El centurión que se acerca a Jesús cuando entra en Cafarnaúm expresa fe en el poder restaurador de la palabra de Jesús: “Basta que digas una palabra y mi muchacho quedará sano”. Rezamos palabras similares durante el Rito de Comunión en la misa. Esta semana, considere usted cómo parecerse al centurión y pedir fielmente sanación. Permita que las palabras del Señor le consuelen y le llenen de regocijo. *Lecturas del día: Isaías 2:1-5; Salmo 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mateo 8:5-11.*

Martes, 3 de diciembre

San Francisco Javier

San Francisco Javier fue cofundador de la Compañía de Jesús, conocida como la orden de los jesuitas. De primer misionero pasó mucho tiempo viajando y viviendo en tierras lejanas para evangelizarlas. Su ministerio le exigió aprender nuevos idiomas, ser flexible y adaptarse a las diferentes culturas locales. Pida la intercesión de san Francisco Javier para dilucidar cómo desafiarse a usted mismo, saliendo de su zona de confort para predicar la Buena Nueva. *Lecturas del día: Isaías 11:1-10; Salmo 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lucas 10:21-24.*

Miércoles, 4 de diciembre

Abundancia

Las lecturas bíblicas de hoy hablan del amor generoso de Dios por su pueblo. Primero, Isaías proclama que el Señor “proveerá para todos los pueblos”. Luego, san Mateo relata cómo Jesús alimentó a la multitud que había estado con él sin comer durante días. Después de que Jesús dio gracias y partió el pan, a miles se les dio de comer, ¡y sobró! Reflexione en las bendiciones de su vida. Ore agradeciendo la abundancia, cualquiera que sea, con la que el Señor lo ha bendecido. *Lecturas del día: Isaías 25:6-10a; Salmo 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mateo 15:29-37.*

Jueves, 5 de diciembre

Suelo firme

El evangelio de hoy enfoca la importancia de escuchar atentamente y responder intencionalmente al Señor. Piense en formas de escuchar y responder a Dios durante el resto del Adviento. ¿Cómo puede usted ser como “un hombre prudente que construyó su casa sobre roca”? ¿De qué manera puede usted fortificar su fe? *Lecturas del día: Isaías 26:1-6; Salmo 118:1 y 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mateo 7:21, 24-27.*

Viernes, 6 de diciembre

San Nicolás

Es fácil centrarse en las compras de los regalos y en la preparación de tantas fiestas en torno a la Navidad, lo que finalmente nos desenfoca de Dios. Cuando pierda usted el núcleo de lo que importa, permita que resuene dentro de usted el estribillo de Salmo de hoy: “El Señor es mi luz y mi salvación”. Fíjese en esta oración transformadora, y celebre hoy a san Nicolás con brindando un servicio a alguien. *Lecturas del día: Isaías 29:17-24; Salmo 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mateo 9:27-31.*

Sábado, 7 de diciembre

Cosecha abundante

Ver el corazón de Jesús conmovido por los atribulados y abandonados nos consuela hoy. San Mateo describe cómo Jesús atiende a la gente que parecía “ovejas sin pastor” y delegaba a sus discípulos a hacer lo mismo. La lectura de Isaías muestra que el Señor da lo necesario a su pueblo y responde “en cuanto escucha” sus clamores. Sintámonos en paz sabiendo que Dios está con nosotros cuando recibimos y, también, cuando damos. *Lecturas del día: Isaías 30:19-21, 23-26; Salmo 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mateo 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8.*



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