

Church of the Good Shepherd

THIRD SUNDAY OF

Advent



DECEMBER 11, 2022

“Go and tell John what you hear and see:
the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed,
the deaf hear, the dead are raised,
and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them.”

MATTHEW 11:4-5

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The Giving Tree

Helping Those
in Need



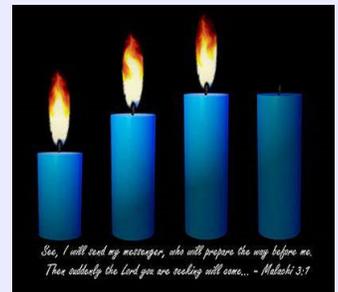
Thank you for an ornament off the tree.
All gifts must be **returned to the Parish Office by Sunday, December 18th.**

Please, **wrap your gift and tape on the package** the identity who it is for, the age, etc...etc...

All your beautiful gifts of love will go to St. Thomas the Apostle Parish to help those families in need

ADVENT IS HERE!

Take time to pray
just a bit more!
Remember 5 minutes
a day, pick up your
Bible and read some
of Matthew, Mark,
Luke, and John.



At the end of each day,
look over your day with God.

CALLING YOU, OUR PARISH FAMILY

Look around to see who is missing?
Are there homebound parishioners that we are not reaching?

Please, we need your help.
Also, there are other dear ones who cannot get to Mass. They look forward to your visit.



If you can help in anyway, please call the Parish Office this week and leave us your contact information.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE MARIACHI MASS

Join us at the **7 p.m. Mariachi Mass** this **Monday, December 12** as we celebrate the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

The *15th Annual Mariachi Mass* with Aztec Dancers
in Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe,
“The Mother of the True God and Patroness of the Americas.”
Followed by a Reception and Mariachi Music in the Parish Hall.

The Drawing for the Raffle Tickets will be done at the Reception in the Parish Hall. You can still purchase tickets in the Hall before the drawing.

Grand Prize is 10% of the total sale of Raffle Tickets.

Special 2023 Guadalupe Calendars will be available at the reception for \$15.

ALL ARE WELCOME! Bring your family, friends and neighbors.



WORDS OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE TO JUAN DIEGO

“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.”

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE



The Parish Reconciliation Service
is
Wednesday, December 14th,
7:30 p.m.

There will be several priests available to
hear Confessions.

Come, bring your family,
a friend or a neighbor.

All are welcome!

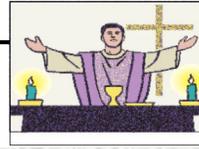


ADVENT ENVIRONMENT

The next time you are in the church, take a moment to notice the ivy wreaths hanging above the columns in our worship space. There is a great deal of Christian symbolism hiding in them. Holly and ivy, both evergreen plants, have traditional Christian symbolism: the holly because it has sharp leaves that represent the crown of thorns the Savior wore during his Passion. The normally red berries of the holly represent the drops of blood Christ shed. There is a medieval myth that the berries were white until Christ's Passion. However, the English variety of holly does have white blossoms before the red berries mature. The white blossoms are said to represent Virgin Mary. The holly bough is also one of St. John the Baptist's symbols; the saint who heralded our Lord's coming as Isaiah did in the Old Testament.

The woody vine of ivy has to cling to something to support itself as it grows. This reminds us that we need to cling to God for support in our lives, and because it stays green all year, it also symbolizes eternal life.

At Christmas, the choir will be singing the famous old English carol "The Holly and the Ivy" which enumerates the imagery mentioned above. Also, the Christmas wreaths will pick up more on the red berries of the holly as Advent transforms into the season celebrating Christ's birth.



Mass Intentions for the Week

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Monday, December 12
Eva Serrano - (D)

Tuesday, December 13
Edward Lisciandro - (D)

Wednesday, December 14
Anthony Valentino - (D)

Thursday, December 15
Patricia Roth - (D)

Friday, December 16
Corazon Barles - (D)



May God bless and grant Peace to all the families mourning the loss of their loved ones.

CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

Saint Teresa's Bookmark.

Let nothing disturb you,
Let nothing frighten you,
All things are passing;
God only is changeless.
Patience gains all things.
Who has God wants nothing.
God alone suffices.

—Saint Teresa of Ávila

BIBLE STUDY

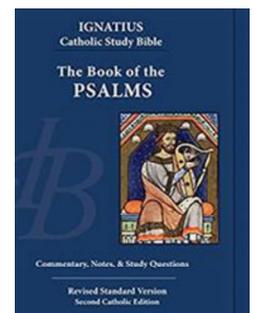
The Adult Bible Study Schedule for 2023 is as follows:

<p>SATURDAYS 10 - 11:30 a.m. in Person</p>	<p>Week 8: January 7, Psalm 21-24 Week 9: January 21, Psalm 25-28 Week 10: February 4, Psalm 29-32 Week 11: February 18, Psalm 33-36 Week 12: March 4, Psalm 37-40 Week 13: March 18, Psalm 41-44</p> <p>Easter Break, Easter: April 9, 2023</p>
<p>MONDAYS 7 - 8:30 p.m. on Zoom</p>	<p>Week 7: December 5, Psalm 17-20 Week 8: January 9, Psalm 21-24 Week 9: January 23, Psalm 25-28 Week 10: February 6, Psalm 29-32 Week 11: February 20, Psalm 33-36 Week 12: March 6, Psalm 37-40 Week 13: March 20, Psalm 41-44</p>

Christmas and New Year's Break

Book of Psalms Study Guide are available at the Parish Center Office for \$13.

For more information please call the Parish Office at 310-285 5425 or (213) 308-9481.



THE ONE FOR WHOM OUR HEARTS LONG

Put yourself in the scene of today's Gospel passage. John the Baptist is in prison. He has heard stories of what Jesus is doing, and wants reassurance that Jesus is the long-awaited Messiah. John's disciples and those who surrounded Jesus were faithful Jews who would have known Isaiah's prophecies by heart. God would send One who would bring sight to the blind, healing to those who were ill, salvation to all who longed to know God's mercy and peace. Jesus' response to the disciples' question rings as powerfully in our ears today as it surely did for the people who were with him that day. His actions are precisely those that the people had been told to expect. Jesus is the One for whom the people have been patiently yet anxiously waiting, like the farmer who waits for the fruits of his labor. Jesus is the One for whom our hearts long.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712.
- Tuesday:** Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32
- Wednesday:** Is 45: 6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 7:18b-23
- Thursday:** Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b; Lk 7:24-30
- Friday:** Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Jn 5:33-36
- Saturday:** Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
- Sunday:** Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

OUR FASCINATING FAITH

Our Lady of Guadalupe December 12th

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, first appeared to Cuauhtlatzin (Juan Diego) on December 9, 1531 while he was on his way to a Eucharistic celebration in Tlatelolco, Mexico. The Virgin addressed him by his indigenous name, asking him to go to the palace of Archbishop Zumárraga to request that a shrine be erected there at the site of the apparition, in Tepeyac, so as to share her love and compassion for all believers. Juan Diego did so, but the archbishop did not believe him, demanding proof of his story and of the Lady's identity. He returned to Our Lady daily, and on December 12, he conveyed to her the archbishop's request for proof. She showed him Castilian roses blooming there through the stony ground despite the winter's cold. He picked the flowers and carried them in his *tilma* (mantle) to the archbishop. When he unfolded his *tilma* to present the roses, Mary's image was imprinted on the mantle! Her blue sash and the flower over her womb were traditional Aztec symbols of pregnancy and new life. But her features were those of a *mestiza*, indicating mixed Aztec-European heritage. Thus Our Lady of Guadalupe remains the enduring icon of unity-in-diversity, the fruit of our one baptism into Jesus, her Son.

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CHRISTMAS EVE

MASSES



4:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

10:00 p.m.



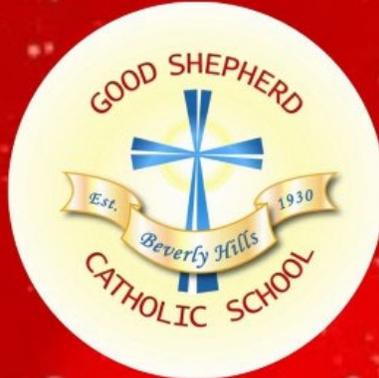
CHRISTMAS DAY

MASSES

10:00 a.m.

12:00 Noon

Celebrating the Christmas Season



**“CHILDREN ARE A GIFT FROM THE LORD,
THE FRUIT OF THE WOMB A REWARD.”
-PSALMS 127:3**

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Monday - Friday at 12:05 p.m.
 Wednesday Evening Mass at 6:30 p.m.
 followed by Adoration from 7 - 8 p.m.

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Vigil Mass at 5 p.m.
 Sunday Masses at 10 a.m., 12 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Confessions available on Wednesdays 7 - 8 p.m. & Saturdays
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