

Church of the Good Shepherd

SECOND SUNDAY OF

Advent



DECEMBER 4, 2022

John the Baptist appeared,
preaching in the desert of Judea and saying,
“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!”

MATTHEW 3:1

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Inviting ALL persons
Young At Heart
to our
Christmas Luncheon
on Saturday,
December 10th at
12:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Please R.S.V.P. by calling the Parish Center Office
at **310-285-5425** to let us know you are coming.

The Giving Tree

**Helping Those
in Need**



At each door of the Church you will find a "Giving Tree". On the tree will be ornaments to choose with a gift to bring for a boy, girl or adult. As you know, these gifts go to our sister Parish, St. Thomas the Apostle and to families who may not be able to have a blessed Christmas.

Please be sure you attach the ornament to the gift to identify who it is for, the age, etc. Once you have your gift(s) you can drop them at the Parish Office **Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.** We need to have all gifts by **December 19th**.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Sr. Virginia

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.

SAVE THE DATES

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

For the feast day of The Immaculate Conception on

Thursday, December 8th

Masses will be at 12:05 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.



OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE MARIACHI MASS

The **15th Annual Mariachi Mass with the Aztec Dancers in Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe is Monday, December 12th, 7 p.m.** followed by a Reception in the Parish Hall.

FUNDRAISING: OLG is having a fundraiser now through December 4 after all the Masses to help pay for the **Mariachi Musicians, Aztec Dancers, Printing of the Worship Aid Souvenir Booklet, the Reception and other expenses.**

OLG will be selling: **Special Guadalupe Calendars, Raffle Tickets and Names to go in the Worship Aid Souvenir Booklet.** Donations will be accepted to have the names of your loved ones mentioned in the Souvenir Booklet.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

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

There will be several priests available to hear Confessions.



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**

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Christian Meditation is at the **Good Shepherd Parish Center Sacred Heart Chapel** every ***Tuesday 7 - 8 p.m. and Thursday 11 a.m. - 12 Noon.** Come and experience an hour of Christian Meditation. You need not be familiar with the practice to begin.

Visit WCCM-USA.org for more information or contact Penny Duffy at **310-285-5425 ext.1001**

ADVENT IS HERE!



Take time to pray just a bit more! Remember 165 minutes a day, pick up your Bible and read some of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

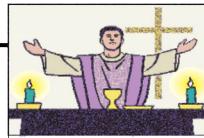
At the end of each day look over your day with God.

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 5

Mary Angela and Joe Gormn

Tuesday,

December 6

Carol Kirdahy - (D)

Wednesday,

December 7

Kevin Kirdahy - (D)

Thursday,

December 8

Mora Family - *Holy Trinity*

Friday,

December 9

James Shide - (D)



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



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BIBLE STUDY

The Adult Bible Study Schedule for **2023** is as follows:

**SATURDAYS
10 - 11:30 a.m.
in Person**

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**

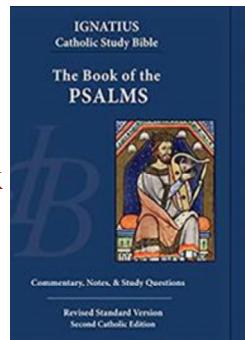
Easter Break, Easter: April 9, 2023

**MONDAYS
7 - 8:30 p.m.
on Zoom**

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**

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**.

OUR FASCINATING FAITH

The Immaculate Conception (December 8)

December 8 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 8. 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.

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Commitment Weekend

Our community is partnering with every parish, mission, and Catholic center in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles to strengthen parishes, families, and communities.

Each parish has a goal and a share that will directly benefit our community:

Our Goal

\$1,130,000

Amount Raised

\$1,377,075

Average Gift

\$17,884

Percent of Goal Raised

122%

"It's not how much you give, but how much love we put into giving"
St. Teresa of Calcutta

A little bit given over time will make a big difference.

\$200 per month over 60 months totals \$12,000

\$150 per month over 60 months totals \$9,000

\$100 per month over 60 months totals \$6,000

\$60 per month over 60 months totals \$3,600

\$30 per month over 60 months totals \$1,800

(That is only \$1 per day!)

Fifty-percent of all funds raised up to goal will remain with our parish. And if we go over goal, 100% of funds collect above goal will go to our parish. This really is a win-win situation for our parish, but we need your help. Here is what we plan to do with the money:

- Church Pews
- Air conditioning and Heating
- Flooring, painting lighting, and plumbing
- Roofing
- School asphalt renovation, roof, and new computers



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."



“The Angel of the Lord declared to Mary,
and she conceived of the Holy Spirit.”

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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.**



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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Vigil Mass at 5 p.m.

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

Confessions available on Wednesdays 7 - 8 p.m. & Saturdays from 3 - 4 p.m.
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