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OFFICE HOURS

MONDAYS

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE MOST HOLY EUCARIST

Wednesday &
First Friday 5:00 p.m.

HOLY DAY MASSES

Dates and times vary

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Sunday at 8:30 a.m.
or by appointment

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (KINDERGARTEN - 8TH GRADE)

Sunday Classes 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

Sunday Classes 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. (at St. Patrick's Church)

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION / SACRAMENTO DEL BAUTISMO

Please call the Parish Office for more information. English baptisms normally are held on the 1st or 4th Saturdays of the month at noon or at the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. / Por favor llame a la Parroquia para mas información. Normalmente, los bautismos están celebrando los tercer Sábado cada mes al mediodía.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY MATRIMONY (MARRIAGE) / EL SACRAMENTO DEL MATRIMONIO

Please call the office before setting a date for your wedding. The diocese requires a six month preparation prior to the wedding. / Las parejas pueden llamar a la oficina antes de poner una fecha para su boda o de hacer otros compromisos. La Diócesis de requiera un tiempo de preparación de un mínimo de seis meses entre la boda.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK / (UNCIÓN) DE LOS ENFERMOS

Call the Office if you know of someone in need of the Sacrament. / Contacte la Parroquia si alguien en su familia necesita el Sacramento.

FUNERALS / FUNERALES

Contact the Parish Office before placing any obituary notices.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP / ASOCIACIÓN DE PARROQUIA

Registration Forms are located in the Parish Office or in Church. / Las formas de inscripción pueden ser encontrado en la oficina.

November 29-30, 2025: The First Sunday of Lent

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT NOVEMBER 29-30, 2025

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Readings from this week's Mass can be found in #858 of the Journey songs Book

Sunday (FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT) November 30

9:00 A.M. Tom Elliott; Ted Giannitti
† Pam S. Ellis (George & Gwen Polletta)

Wednesday (St. Francis Xavier) December 3

5:00 P.M. † Richard Allen (Carol Ponton)
Beaupre Family

First Friday December 5

5:00 P.M. The Parishioners of St. Anne's

Sunday (2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT) December 7

9:00 A.M. † Tom Fagan
The Parishioners of St. Anne's

FR. PETE STILL OFFERS ONLINE MASSES AT
www.stpatricksmomence.org!!!

SUNDAY COLLECTION:

November 9, 2025 \$1,319.00

APPEAL GOAL FOR ST. ANNE'S \$10,700.00

**THE WEEKLY BUDGETED GOAL IS \$2,000 TO PAY OUR
BILLS AND KEEP THE PARISH AFLOAT. PLEASE
CONSIDER THIS WHEN MAKING YOUR OFFERING.**

**PLEASE KEEP ST. ANNE'S CHURCH IN MIND WITH
YOUR WILL OR ESTATE PLANNING. OUR FUTURE
HEALTH DEPENDS ON You!!!**

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK: Eva Bell, Paula Bertrand, Lola Billings, Duane Blanchette, Cheryl Boswell, June Burns, Patrick Burns, Cindy Capriotti, Ashley & Jesse Childress, Abraham Daily, Aria Dionne, Carol Fatcher, Raelynn Garrett, Val Lagacy, Bentley Lottinville, Linda Miramontes, Ruth Sparenberg, Cynthia Vickery and John Wojnowski.

ST. ANNE'S CHURCH EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER

If you know of someone who is sick and in need of the sacraments or wishes a visit at the hospital or care facility, please contact the parish office at ☎ (815) 685-1359.





ST. ANNE'S PEW & CHURCH DEDICATION PROGRAM

The concept for our dedication program is simple - we are offering the opportunity to remember a loved one in a memorial dedicated for one of our church or chapel pews (\$2,500).

If you are interested in learning more about the dedication program, contact the parish office at phone ☎ (815) 427-8265 or email us at the address pjankowski@yahoo.com.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES



Sunday (9:00 A.M.) November 30

Eucharistic Minister: J. Bruhn

Lector: E. Steppan

Ushers: R. Bell, G. Polletta

Altar Servers: L. Bell, F. Villafuerte,

C. Foltz

Counters: Judy & Carol

Sunday (9:00 A.M.) December 7

Eucharistic Minister: E. Steppan

Lector: D. O'Connell

Ushers: S. Langellier, A. Childress

Altar Servers: I. Tristan, M. Tristan,

B. Miramontes

Counters: Skip & Cindy



At St. Patrick's Church on December 12, Fr. Pete Jankowski will celebrate the 6:00 Mass for Las Mañanitas and Fr. Juan José Hernández will celebrate the 6:00 p.m. Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass at St. Patrick's Church with Giovanni Garcia and his "Mariachi Estrellas de Chicago."



NEWS & NOTES

FROM FR. PETE JANKOWSKI

Join Fr. Pete's mailing list at
pjankowski@yahoo.com.

The feast of St. Francis Xavier (the patron saint of the Joliet Diocese – December 3) also happens to be the thirtieth anniversary of my ordination as a priest. This anniversary is a melancholy one for me – serving as an ordained minister in the Catholic Church is not an easy one in today's age. One can live a much more comfortable life outside the priesthood – the two individuals ordained with me that day have both since left the priesthood (one got married in Hinsdale and served as the School Board president for his kids and the other also got married, served as pastor of St. Edward & Christ Episcopal Church in Joliet and retired just a short time ago).



St. Nicholas at the Bordertown
With the RA Brass Quintet
and After Mass Reception
Sunday - December 7, 2025

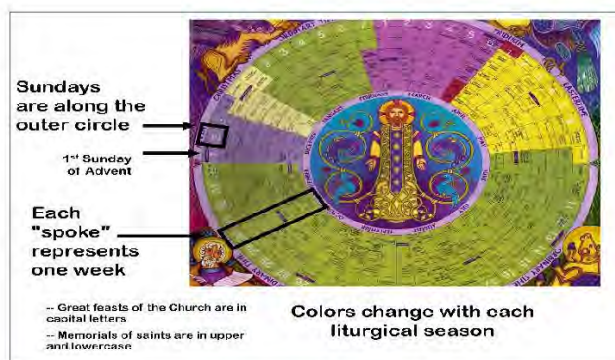
St. Anne's Church at 9:00 a.m.
Mass (with mini-posadas)
St. Patrick's Church at 10:30 a.m.
(English) and 12:00 noon (Spanish)

I keep reminding myself about the perils of St. Francis Xavier, whose life similarly was fraught with danger but did not falter as a priest.

One of the original founders of the Jesuit Order, St. Francis Xavier embarked on a journey to the far east to evangelize those specifically in Japan and around the area. This task was exceedingly difficult, but this good Jesuit saint did not falter. Perhaps this is why I continue in the world of today where some do not treat their clergy much better as during St. Francis Xavier's time. His life reminds me of the bible passage from Matthew's gospel: *For it will not be you who speak but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will hand over brother to death, and the father his child; children will rise up against parents and have them put to death. You will be hated by all because of my name, but whoever endures to the end* will be saved.* – Mt 10: 20-22

Please keep praying for those in the priesthood and religious life. Please keep praying for vocations – without our ordained clergy, many will be deprived of the sacraments, which are God's most intimate way to “meet” and communicate with us.

Towards that cause, we welcome another “saint” to our community on December 7, one who dedicated his life to serving the poor and children of his local community, namely St. Nicholas. Following Masses next Sunday at St. Anne's (9:00 a.m.) and St. Patrick's (10:30 a.m.), “St. Nicholas” will pay us a visit, along with a mini concert by the RA Brass Quintet and coffee and donuts following the Masses. The Religious Ed students will also offer a nice Advent reflection. I invited some of my friends around the country to join us as well.



ABOUT THE NEW LITURGICAL YEAR...

Each liturgical year begins on the Sunday closest two, or falling on, the Feast of St. Andrew (November 30). Since November 30 falls on a Sunday this year, we celebrate the New Year with the **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT** on this day.

The two days on which the Liturgical Year is determined are December 25 (Christmas Day – a *fixed* day each year) and Easter Sunday (a *rotating* day which takes place on the Sunday following the first full moon following the first day of Spring, March 21). Once those two dates are established each year, then the Seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter and Ordinary Time revolve around those two dates.

The Season of Advent consists of four Sundays and one Solemnity (the Immaculate Conception, which takes place on December 8 and is a holy day of obligation; if the date falls on a Sunday, the Solemnity is moved to December 9 and the Holy Day still applies, since the Immaculate Conception is the patroness of the United States.



Waiting, but Quick!

MIGUEL DULICK

This is the first Sunday of Advent, and the excitement is palpable. Writing 800 years before Christ, the prophet Isaiah sounds like breaking news: “They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks.” The psalmist announces we are already there: “And now we have set foot within your gates, O Jerusalem.” Saint Paul tickles our fancy with another whole round of “revelation” yet to come “on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.” Only Jesus himself seems a little cautious: “Be watchful! Be alert!” The Lord “is coming,” but he’s not here yet. Leave it to Jesus to force the paradox for which Advent seems to have been created: Jesus is present, but we dare not “sleep,” lest we miss him!

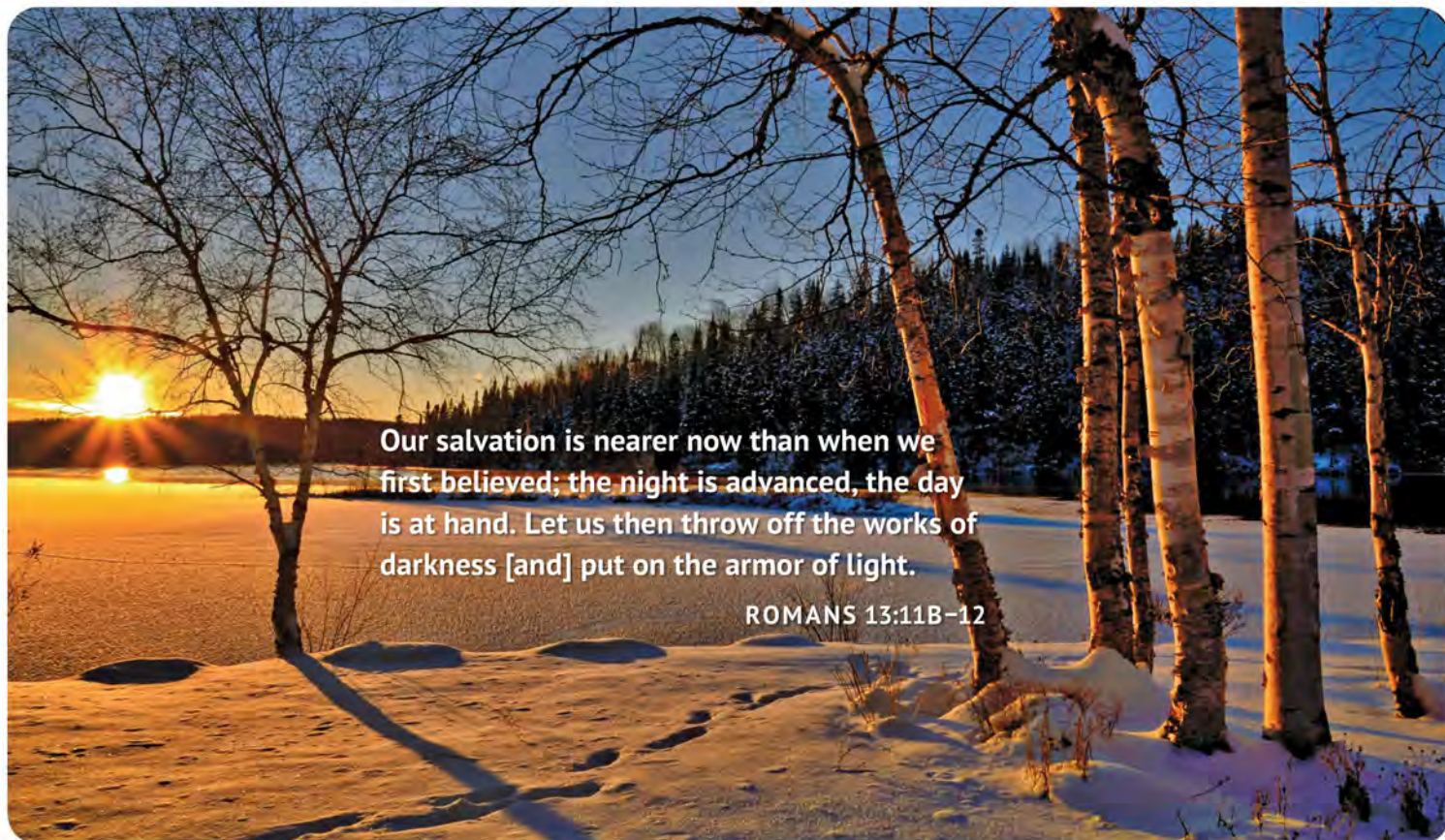
How do we wait for Christmas? After Halloween, the Christmas lights go up, the carols start, the “Merry Christmas!” / “Happy Holidays!” debate begins. Lent is a time for repentance, alms, and fasting. But there’s no fasting in Advent: we fill bags with gifts and stockings with goodies. The Church tries to slow us down and encourage a little reflecting to prepare the way, led by John the Baptist. So let’s keep waiting; let’s hold on to our peace. Christmas Eve will be here soon enough. But let’s not be too austere. A full menu of holiday parties and concerts and family feasts can legitimately “anticipate” Christmas. Let’s cheer each other: Merry Advent! ●



SCAN TO
LEARN ABOUT
AUTHOR
MIGUEL
DULICK

Reflect

What can I do to prepare for Christmas mindfully, peacefully, and joyfully?



Our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed; the night is advanced, the day is at hand. Let us then throw off the works of darkness [and] put on the armor of light.

ROMANS 13:11B-12

Dear Padre,

Is Advent a penitential season?

Strictly speaking, the penitential times in the Church are “every Friday of the whole year and the season of Lent” (*Code of Canon Law*, 1250). Advent is a time to prepare for Christmas when Christ’s First Coming is remembered, and this remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ’s Second Coming at the end of time. (See *Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the General Roman Calendar*, 39.) While Advent is more

anticipatory than penitential, the US Conference of Catholic Bishops states, “Advent also includes an element of penance in the sense of preparing, quieting, and disciplining our hearts for the full joy of Christmas.” Although, historically, Advent was similar to Lent as a forty-day period of prayer and fasting, it was less severe than the season preceding Easter, and it lacked uniformity in the Western Church. The Eastern Church still begins the Nativity Fast on November 15, while in the Western Church, Advent begins four Sundays before Christmas.

Regardless, the significant focus of Advent is our Lord’s coming (*adventus* in Latin). The Church reflects this anticipation of Advent through such practices as limiting floral arrangements in the sanctuary, simpler liturgical music, and omitting the Gloria at Mass until Christmas. We can also reflect the anticipation of Advent through such spiritual practices as participation in works of charity, moderation in shopping, celebration of the sacrament of penance, fasting on Fridays, and prayerful contemplation on our Savior’s Incarnation. ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
December 1	December 2	December 3	December 4	December 5	December 6	December 7
Advent	Advent	St. Francis	Advent	Advent	Advent	Second Sunday
Weekday	Weekday	Xavier, Priest	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	of Advent
Is 4:2–6	Is 11:1–10	Is 25:6–10a	Is 26:1–6	Is 29:17–24	Is 30:19–21,	Is 11:1–10
Mt 8:5–11	Lk 10:21–24	Mt 15:29–37	Mt 7:21, 24–27	Mt 9:27–31	23–26	Rom 15:4–9
					Mt 9:35–10:1,	Mt 3:1–12
					5a, 6–8	



A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

We are called to offer God’s love to everyone, in order to achieve that unity which does not cancel out differences but values the personal history of each person and the social and religious culture of every people. Brothers and sisters, this is the hour for love! The heart of the gospel is the love of God that makes us brothers and sisters.

HOMILY, ROME, MAY 18, 2025



Obispos de EE. UU. emiten un «mensaje especial» sobre inmigración

BALTIMORE, 12 DE NOVIEMBRE DE 2025 — Al reunirse la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos (USCCB) durante su Asamblea Plenaria de Otoño en Baltimore, los obispos emitieron un mensaje especial en el que expresaron su preocupación por la situación cambiante que afecta a los inmigrantes en los Estados Unidos. Fue la primera vez en doce años que la USCCB recurrió a esta forma particularmente urgente de expresarse como cuerpo episcopal. La última vez que lo hizo fue en 2013, en respuesta al mandato federal sobre anticonceptivos.

De conformidad con las normas relativas a las declaraciones y publicaciones de la Conferencia, solo se pueden emitir «mensajes especiales» en las asambleas plenarias y se trata de declaraciones que el presidente de la Conferencia, el Comité Administrativo o el conjunto de los miembros considera apropiadas en vista de las circunstancias del momento. Para demostrar el consenso del organismo, un «mensaje especial» debe recibir dos tercios de los votos de los miembros de la Conferencia presentes y votantes en la sesión plenaria para ser aprobado. **Con 216 votos a favor, 5 en contra y 3 abstenciones**, los obispos aprobaron por abrumadora mayoría el mensaje especial, lo que fue seguido de un prolongado aplauso del organismo tras la votación. El texto completo del mensaje especial de los obispos a continuación:

Como pastores, los obispos de los Estados Unidos, estamos unidos a nuestro pueblo en nuestro Señor Jesucristo, por lazos de comunión y compasión. Nos inquieta ver en nuestras comunidades un clima de temor y ansiedad ante las prácticas de perfilamiento y la aplicación de las leyes migratorias. Nos entristece profundamente el tono que ha adoptado el debate contemporáneo y la creciente denigración de los inmigrantes.

Nos preocupan las condiciones en los centros de detención y la falta de acceso a una atención pastoral adecuada. Lamentamos que algunos inmigrantes que viven en los Estados Unidos han perdido su estatus migratorio de manera arbitraria. Nos preocupan las amenazas contra la santidad de los lugares de culto, y el carácter especial de los hospitales y las escuelas. Nos entristece profundamente cuando nos encontramos con padres que temen ser detenidos al llevar a sus hijos a la escuela o cuando intentamos consolar a familiares que ya han sido separados de sus seres queridos.

A pesar de los obstáculos y prejuicios, por generaciones, los inmigrantes han contribuido inmensamente al bienestar de nuestra nación. Como obispos católicos, profesamos nuestro amor por nuestro país y oramos por su paz y prosperidad. Por este preciso motivo nos sentimos obligados en este entorno a elevar nuestras voces en defensa de la dignidad humana otorgada por Dios.

La enseñanza católica exhorta a las naciones a reconocer la dignidad fundamental de todas las personas, incluidos los inmigrantes. Como obispos, abogamos por una reforma significativa de las leyes y los procedimientos migratorios de nuestra nación. La dignidad humana y la seguridad nacional no son valores en conflicto. Ambas pueden alcanzarse con buena voluntad y uniéndose esfuerzos.

Reconocemos que las naciones tienen la responsabilidad de controlar sus fronteras y establecer un sistema de inmigración justo y ordenado por el bien común. Sin dichos procedimientos, los inmigrantes corren el riesgo de caer en la trata de personas y en otras formas de explotación. Las vías legales y seguras sin ren como antídoto frente a esos riesgos.

La enseñanza de la Iglesia se basa en la preocupación fundamental por la persona humana, creada a imagen y semejanza de Dios. (Génesis

1:27). Como pastores, recurrimos a las Sagradas Escrituras y al ejemplo de Dios mismo, donde encontramos la sabiduría de la compasión de Dios. La prioridad del Señor, como nos recuerdan los profetas, es para los más vulnerables: las viudas, los huérfanos, los pobres y los migrantes (Zacarías 7:10). En el Señor Jesús, vemos a Aquel que se hizo pobre por nosotros (2 Corintios 8:9), vemos al buen samaritano que nos levanta del polvo (Lucas 10:30-37) y vemos a Aquel que se encuentra en los más pequeños (Mateo 25). La preocupación de la Iglesia por el prójimo y nuestra preocupación aquí por los inmigrantes son una respuesta al mandato del Señor de amar como Él nos ha amado (Juan 13:34).

A nuestros hermanos y hermanas inmigrantes, estamos con ustedes en su sufrimiento, pues si un miembro sufre, todos sufren (1 Corintios 12:26). ¡No están solos!

Observamos con gratitud que tantos de nuestros sacerdotes, religiosos consagrados, y fieles laicos ya están acompañando y asistiendo a inmigrantes en sus necesidades humanas básicas. Exhortamos a todas las personas de buena voluntad a continuar y ampliar esos esfuerzos.

Nos oponemos a las deportaciones masivas e indiscriminadas. Oramos por el fin de la retórica inhumana y de la violencia, ya sea dirigida contra inmigrantes o contra los organismos de seguridad. Oramos para que el Señor guíe a los líderes de nuestra nación y estamos agradecidos por las oportunidades pasadas y presentes de dialogar con funcionarios públicos y electos. En este diálogo, continuaremos abogando por una reforma migratoria significativa.

Como discípulos del Señor, seguimos siendo hombres y mujeres de esperanza, y la esperanza no defrauda (Romanos 5: 5).

Que el manto de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe nos envuelva a todos en su



U.S. Bishops Issue a "Special Message" on Immigration

BALTIMORE, NOVEMBER 12, 2025—As the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) gathered for their Fall Plenary Assembly in Baltimore, the bishops issued a Special Message addressing their concern for the evolving situation impacting immigrants in the United States. It marked the first time in twelve years the USCCB invoked this particularly urgent way of speaking as a body of bishops. The last one issued in 2013 was in response to the federal government's contraceptive mandate.

Under the regulations pertaining to statements and publication of the Conference, a "Special Message" may only be issued at plenary assemblies, and they are statements which the President of the Conference, the Administrative Committee, or the general membership consider to be appropriate in view of the circumstances at the time. To show the consensus of the body, a Special Message must receive two-thirds of the Conference members present and voting at the plenary in order to pass. In a vote of **216 votes in favor, 5 votes against, and 3 abstentions**, the bishops overwhelmingly approved the Special Message, with sustained applause of the body following the vote. The full text of the bishops' Special Pastoral Message follows:

As pastors, we the bishops of the United States are bound to our people by ties of communion and compassion in Our Lord Jesus Christ. We are disturbed when we see among our people a climate of fear and anxiety around questions of profiling and immigration enforcement. We are saddened by the state of contemporary debate and the vilification of immigrants. We are concerned about the conditions in detention centers and the lack of access to pastoral care,

We lament that some immigrants in the United States have arbitrarily lost their legal status. We are troubled by threats against the sanctity of houses of worship and the special nature of hospitals and schools. We are grieved when we meet parents who fear being detained when taking their children to school and when we try to console family members who have already been separated from their loved ones.

Despite obstacles and prejudices, generations of immigrants have made enormous contributions to the well-being of our nation. We as Catholic bishops love our country and pray for its peace and prosperity. For this very reason, we feel compelled now in this environment to raise our voices in defense of God-given human dignity.

Catholic teaching exhorts nations to recognize the fundamental dignity of all persons, including immigrants. We bishops advocate for a meaningful reform of our nation's immigration laws and procedures. Human dignity and national security are not in conflict. Both are possible if people of good will work together.

We recognize that nations have a responsibility to regulate their borders and establish a just and orderly immigration system for the sake of the common good. Without such processes, immigrants face the risk of trafficking and other forms of exploitation. Safe and legal pathways serve as an antidote to such risks.

The Church's teaching rests on the foundational concern for the human person, as created in the image and likeness of God (Genesis 1:27). As pastors, we look to Sacred Scripture and the example of the Lord Himself, where we find the wisdom of God's compassion. The priority of the Lord, as the Prophets remind us, is for those

who are most vulnerable: the widow, the orphan, the poor, and the stranger (Zechariah 7:10). In the Lord Jesus, we see the One who became poor for our sake (2 Corinthians 8:9), we see the Good Samaritan who lifts us from the dust (Luke 10:30-37), and we see the One who is found in the least of these (Matthew 25). The Church's concern for neighbor and our concern here for immigrants is a response to the Lord's command to love as He has loved us (John 13:34).

To our immigrant brothers and sisters, we stand with you in your suffering, since, when one member suffers, all suffer (cf. 1 Corinthians 12:26). You are not alone!

We note with gratitude that so many of our clergy, consecrated religious, and lay faithful already accompany and assist immigrants in meeting their basic human needs. We urge all people of good will to continue and expand such efforts.

We oppose the indiscriminate mass deportation of people. We pray for an end to dehumanizing rhetoric and violence, whether directed at immigrants or at law enforcement. We pray that the Lord may guide the leaders of our nation, and we are grateful for past and present opportunities to dialogue with public and elected officials. In this dialogue, we will continue to advocate for meaningful immigration reform.

As disciples of the Lord, we remain men and women of hope, and hope does not disappoint! (cf. Romans 5:5)

May the mantle of Our Lady of Guadalupe enfold us all in her maternal and loving care and draw us ever closer to the heart of Christ.

The ADVENT Season:

Advent is the liturgical season that precedes and prepares for Christmas. It is a season of hope and of longing, of joyful expectation and of peaceful preparation. Many symbols and traditions are associated with Advent, especially the Advent Wreath with its four colored candles (three purple and one pink), but also Advent calendars, special Advent music, food, processions, and other traditions that may vary from one culture or region to the next. Here are a few interesting things to know about Advent:

WHEN AND HOW LONG IS ADVENT?

- For most Christians, the Advent Season always begins *four Sundays before Christmas*; so it is rarely four full weeks long, but only between three and four weeks, depending on what weekday Dec. 25 happens to be in a certain year.
- The First Sunday of Advent, which marks the beginning of the new liturgical year for the Church, could be as *early* as Nov. 27 or as *late* as Dec. 3.
- The Third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called "*Gaudete* Sunday" (from Latin, meaning "Rejoice!"), because the "Entrance Antiphon" of this Sunday's Mass is taken from Paul's letter to the Philippians: "*Rejoice* in the Lord always; again I say, *rejoice*! The Lord is near." (Phil 4:4+5b)
- The Fourth Sunday of Advent could be as *early* as Dec. 18, a full week before Christmas (as in 2016 and 2022), or as *late* as Dec. 24, making it the same day as "Christmas Eve" (as in 2017 or 2023).
- Advent technically ends of the afternoon of Dec. 24, since that evening, Christmas Eve, begins the Christmas Season.
- Most Eastern Orthodox and other Eastern Christian Churches have a "Nativity Fast" (now often called "Advent Fast"), which usually lasts *forty days* before Christmas; it may begin on Nov. 15 (for those Churches that celebrate Christmas on Dec. 25), or in late November (for those Churches that celebrate Christmas on Jan. 7 or 8).

WHAT DOES THE WORD "ADVENT" MEAN?

- When capitalized, "Advent" usually refers to "the coming of Christ into the world" or to "the liturgical period preceding Christmas"; it may also refer to the "Second Coming" of Christ (the "Advent of our Lord").
- In secular English, "advent" (not capitalized) may refer to any "coming" or "arrival," especially of something so important that it radically changed a whole culture (e.g., "The advent of electricity" or "The advent of the computer age").
- The word is derived from the Latin *adventus* ("arrival, approach"), made up of the preposition *ad-* ("to, towards"), the verbal root *ven-* (from *venire*, "to come"), and the suffix *-tus* (indicating verbal action).
- the birth of Jesus, including the dreams of Joseph (Year A), the Annunciation (Year B), and the Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth (Year C).

29-30 Noviembre 2025: Primer Domingo del Adviento

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

El calendario cristiano comienza con el tiempo de Adviento durante el mes de diciembre. Viene del latín y quiere decir "Allí viene" o "Ya está llegando." Pero, ¿de quién hablamos cuando proclamamos "Adviento"? ¿Del Rey de gloria?, ¿el Príncipe de la paz?, ¿el Hija de Dios Altísimo?, ¿el salvador de Israel? Si, si, si y si, pero más todavía del Hija del Hombre, del niño de Maria, el niño Jesús de Nazaret. Allí viene y ya está llegando. Tenemos que estar preparados. Pero, ¿Cómo prepararnos para la llegada de un rey que es pobre?, ¿de un príncipe que nació entre una mula y un buey?, ¿de un niño que ya es todo un hombre y además es Dios?, ¿de un pobre bebito que también es juez y señor? He allí el dilema del Adviento cristiano. Es un Hamada a vivir la paradoja (contradicción) de un tiempo que está a medias, donde el Reino de los Cielos ya está, pero todavía no completamente, pues existe, pero no en su plenitud. Es un Hamada a buscar en el templo, en el mall, en el barrio, en el hogar, en el trabajo y en el propio corazón, para ver si "allí viene" el dueño de la casa. Es un Hamada a estar atentos y vigilantes porque no sabemos ni cuándo ni coma Jesús regresara por nosotros. Pero cuando regrese nos pedirá cuentas y nos abrazara a la misma vez. Porque viene coma juez y hermano nuestro, coma rey y compañero; coma Dios y ser humano. Así es coma los cristianos iniciamos el año litúrgico, y a la misma vez, terminamos el año seglar con la paradoja de nuestra fe.

LAS MISAS EN ESPAÑOL

12:00 p.m. los Domingos

7:00 p.m. los Viernes



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ESTAR PREPARADO

Debes estar preparado. Es así de simple. Al comenzar este tiempo de Adviento, el Señor Jesús nos llama a estar preparados para SU venida. En esta época del año, gran parte de nuestra atención se centra en estar preparados para los detalles que acompañan las fiestas. Compramos regalos; decoramos nuestro hogar por fuera y por dentro; preparamos comidas especiales para esta época; escribimos y enviamos tarjetas de Navidad; asistimos a conciertos navideños; nos preparamos para recibir a los familiares y amigos en nuestro hogar o para visitarlos en sus hogares. No podemos ignorar los detalles que forman parte de este tiempo. Quizás este Adviento sea un tiempo para prestar atención a todos esos detalles con un enfoque diferente. Mientras nos preparamos para celebrar la fiesta de Navidad, ¿qué tal si reconocemos plenamente la presencia del Señor mientras realizamos estas tareas? El Señor muchas veces viene a nosotros de formas maravillosamente sorprendentes. Estemos preparados. Copyright© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

COMO UN NINO—Alguien que aspira a recibir la gracia de Dios tiene que ser puro, con un corazón tan inocente como el de un niño. - San Nicolás

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera Lectura - Todas las naciones confluirán hacia el monte del Señor (Isaías 2: 1-5).

Salmo - Que alegría cuando me dijeron: "Vamos a la casa del Señor" (Salmo 122 [121]).

Segunda Lectura - Ya es el momento de que se despierten del sueño (Romanos 13: 11-14).

Evangelio - Velen, pues, y estén preparados para la venida del Hija del hombre (Mateo 24: 37-44).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Is 4: 2-6; Sal 122 (121): 1-9; Mt 8: 5-11

Martes: Is 11: 1-10; Sal 72 (71); Lc 10: 21-24

Miércoles: Is 25: 6-10a; Sal 23; Mt 15: 29-37

Jueves: Is 26: 1-6; Sal 118 (117): 1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7: 21, 24-27

Viernes: Is 29: 17-24; Sal 27 (26): 1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9: 27-31

Sábado: Is 30: 19-21, 23-26; Sal 147 (146): 1-6; Mt 9: 35 - 10: 1, Sa, 6-8

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