

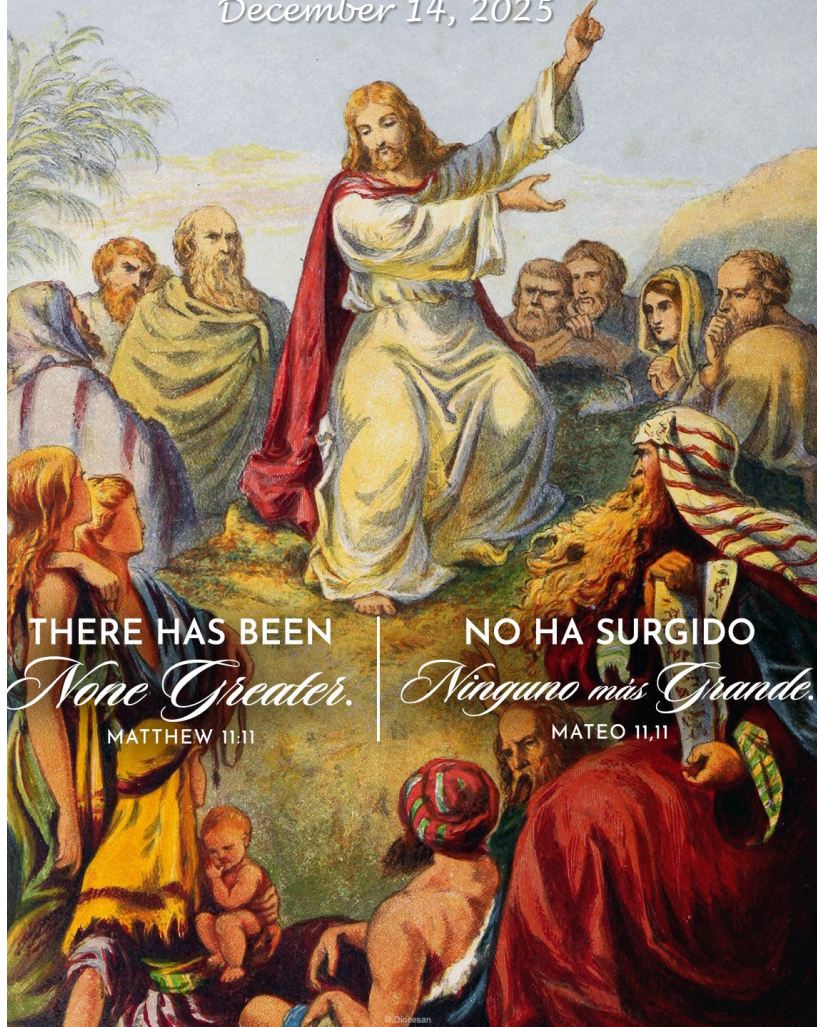
Annunciation Catholic Parish

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT | TERCERO DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

December 14, 2025



THERE HAS BEEN

None Greater.

MATTHEW 11:11

NO HA SURGIDO

Ninguno más Grande.

MATEO 11,11

3rd Sunday of Advent

"Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you."
- Matthew 11:10

III Domingo de Adviento

"He aquí que yo envío a mi mensajero para que vaya delante de ti y te prepare el camino."
- Mateo 11, 10

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Holy Masses:

Daily Mass: Monday to Saturday - 8:15 AM

Saturday - 5:30 PM (Sunday Vigil)

Sunday English Mass - 7:30 & 11:00 AM

Sunday Spanish Mass - 1:00 PM

The Holy Rosary is prayed before every Mass.

Confessions:

Saturday 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM (Anytime upon request)

Baptism: Second Saturday of every month.

Arrangements must be made at least one month in advance and complete Baptismal Class.

Marriage: Arrangements must be six months in advance.

Religious Education (C.C.D.)

Sundays - Sept. to May, 9:30 am to 10:45 am

December 14, 2025

If you read the books of the prophets in the Old Testament, you might notice that they were not very popular. Most were killed or exiled because they challenged people (especially the rulers of the people) to follow the commands of God. John the Baptist (who could be called the last Old Testament prophet and the first prophet of the New Testament) suffered the same way. So what kept the prophets going?

First of all, the prophets had faith in God. They believed that God spoke through them, they believed that God's people must obey his commandments faithfully and love the Lord above all things. They had faith that God would protect them and support them, and that God would always keep His promises.

Second, they had patience. They kept going when people rejected their preaching. They patiently waited for God to keep those promises, sometimes for the rest of their lives. Some prophets had to be patient with their own weaknesses or their failure to change the behavior of the people of Israel. The third gift of the prophets was hope: That by keeping God's commands, God's people would be renewed, along with all of creation. Our first reading is an example of such hope, with its descriptions of deserts becoming gardens and the sick and disabled being healed and strengthened.

So what do we learn from those prophets? First, we need to keep our faith in God strong. If you go to church once a week, the bare minimum, it would be like exercising only once a week and thinking that will keep you in shape. Prayer, for our spiritual health, is an exercise just as important as aerobics for physical health.

Second, we need patience and not just with our kids. We need to be patient with ourselves and with God. Some people stop going to church because they don't see any spiritual growth in themselves. So be patient; don't expect to become a saint right away. Sometimes even saints could not see their own spiritual growth.

Finally, the gift of hope helps us be patient because we trust that God will keep his promises and give us whatever we need. The reading from Isaiah gives us hope that God will open our eyes of faith, clear our ears to hear His word, (Is 35:5) and "meet him with joy and gladness" (Is 35:10).

Tom Schmidt

14 de diciembre de 2025

Si lees los libros de los profetas del Antiguo Testamento, notarás que no fueron muy populares. La mayoría fueron asesinados o exiliados porque desafiaron a la gente (especialmente a los gobernantes) a seguir los mandatos de Dios. Juan el Bautista (quien podría considerarse el último profeta del Antiguo Testamento y el primero del Nuevo Testamento) sufrió de la misma forma. Entonces, ¿qué impulsó a los profetas a seguir adelante?

En primer lugar, los profetas tenían fe en Dios. Creían que Dios hablaba a través de ellos, creían que el pueblo de Dios debía obedecer sus mandamientos fielmente y amar al Señor sobre todas las cosas. Tenían fe en que Dios los protegería y apoyaría, y que Dios siempre cumpliría sus promesas.

En segundo lugar, tuvieron paciencia. Perseveraron cuando la gente rechazó su predicación. Esperaron pacientemente a que Dios cumpliera esas promesas, a veces por el resto de sus vidas. Algunos profetas tuvieron que ser pacientes con sus propias debilidades o con su incapacidad para cambiar el comportamiento del pueblo de Israel.

El tercer don de los profetas fue la esperanza: que al cumplir los mandamientos de Dios, su pueblo se renovaría, junto con toda la creación. La primera lectura es un ejemplo de esa esperanza, con sus descripciones de desiertos convertidos en jardines y de enfermos y discapacitados sanados y fortalecidos.

Entonces, ¿qué aprendemos de estos profetas? Primero, tenemos que mantener firme nuestra fe en Dios. Si vas a la iglesia una vez a la semana, lo mínimo requerido, sería como hacer ejercicio solo una vez a la semana y pensar que eso te mantendrá en buena forma. La oración, para nuestra salud espiritual, es un ejercicio tan importante como los aeróbicos para la salud física.

Segundo, necesitamos paciencia, y no solo con nuestros hijos. Tenemos que ser pacientes con nosotros mismos y con Dios. Algunas personas dejan de ir a la iglesia porque no ven ningún crecimiento espiritual en sí mismas. Así que sé paciente; no esperes convertirte en un santo de inmediato. A veces, incluso los santos no pudieron ver su propio crecimiento espiritual.

Finalmente, el don de la esperanza nos ayuda a ser pacientes porque confiamos en que Dios cumplirá sus promesas y nos dará todo lo necesario. La lectura de Isaías nos da la esperanza de que Dios abrirá nuestros ojos de fe, limpiará nuestros oídos para escuchar su palabra (Is 35,5) y nos recibirá con gozo y dicha (Is 35,10).

Annunciation Christmas Raffle

Get your tickets for a chance to win amazing prizes this Christmas season!

1st Prize: 65" LG Smart TV

2nd Prize: Yamaha Surround Sound Speaker

3rd Prize: K Elite 10.5 Quart Air Fryer

Tickets: \$20 each

Drawing Date: Tuesday, December 23, 2025

Winners will be announced after the Novena to the Child Jesus.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Vigil Mass

12/24 | 5:30 PM English

Midnight Mass / Misa de Gallo

11:30 PM Christmas Carols

12:00 AM Bilingual Mass (English/Spanish)

Christmas Day

7:30 AM English

11:00 AM English

1:00 PM Español

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 15 - 8:15 AM

- + Martha Valtierra Padilla - Family
- + Chris Johansen - Family
- Blessings for Judith Charles

Tuesday, December 16 - 8:15 AM

- + Martha Valtierra Padilla - Family

Wednesday, December 17 - 8:15 AM

- + Martha Valtierra Padilla - Family
- + For the Soul of Jordan Paul Joseph
- + Mikhail Cuba - Family

Thursday, December 18 - 8:15 AM

- Birthday Blessings for Maniela Jean

Friday, December 19 - 8:15 AM

- Birthday Blessing for Marnie Costa

Saturday, December 20 - 8:15 AM

- + Kurt Knapp - Friends
- + Dayneri Perez

Saturday, December 20 - 5:30 PM

- Marie Paulonne Saint Louis

Sunday, December 21

7:30 AM

- + In Loving Memory for Tommy James - Maguire Family

11:00 AM

- + Val Pais - Family
- + Deacon Mitch - Margareth & David Patino
- Blessings for Cheryl Knapp
- Blessings for Kate & Jon Henz

1:00 PM

- Blessings for Antonio & Jacqueline Santiago
- Blessings for the Benefactors & Beneficiaries of SVDP
- Acción de Gracias a San José de Luis Mata y Mercedes Baquero



*****WEEKLY SCHEDULE*****

Monday:

- *Spanish Legion of Mary at 7:00 pm, Chapel.

Wednesday:

- *English Legion of Mary at 5:00 pm, Chapel
- *Spanish Bible Study at 7:30 pm, Chapel.

Thursday:

- *Living Water Charismatic Prayer Group 7:00 pm, Music Room
- *Cenáculo a la Virgen Maria 7:00 pm delante de la Iglesia
- *Cursillos de Cristiandad 8:00 pm, Capilla
- *English Bible Study (zoom only) at 7:30 pm.

Saturday: (Third Saturday only)

- *Novena to our Lady of Peñafrancia 9:30 am.

Please Pray For The Sick

Tom Mosley	Fr. Quilligan	Gina Whelan
Ann Sullivan	Beckie Walsh Almondovar	Lester Pais
Larry Sweeney	Chris Romanik	Nikki Williams
Socra Antenor	Carmel Edourd	Annette Fanning
John Fernandez	Mary Ann Torelli	Martha Montalvan
Alexander Godinez	Mary De Crane	Janemarie Moore
Kayode Aremu	Henry Gochenbach	Cira Debenedetti
Antonia Rodriguez	Gladys Venturi	Carlos Puentes
Juan Carlos Frias Lizama	Adolfo Ayala	Martha Fanning-O'Connor
Nuria Finch	Patty Velasco	Ligia Sciarrillo
Alejandro Balma	Mimi Garcia Prieto	Carmen Mejia
Roger Cino	Debbie Starnes	Nick Tisi
Liana Cortada	Frida & Ken Ellis	Claudette Morison
Maria Yazmin Rodriguez	Chantal Virgille	Fernando Zavaleta
Dorothy Velasco		

SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS (c. 1542-1591) December 14

How beautiful the experience of love for God and neighbor, a fire deep within! How disheartening when love suddenly cools; and our souls grow dark, our prayer arid. How painful when misunderstanding, even rejection, comes our way, sometimes from those we least expect. For all such "seasons of the soul," an inspiring fellow-pilgrim is the poet and mystic, John of the Cross. As a young Carmelite, he was recruited by Teresa of Avila for her Discalced ("barefoot," evangelical poverty) Carmelite reform, striving to renew the Church from within after the Protestant Reformation had led countless religious away. John suffered unspeakably harsh abuse, even imprisonment, from friars who rejected this reform. Yet during these times of deepest suffering, John composed spiritual masterpieces that still guide souls to God, their titles reflecting his own painful yet ultimately victorious journey: from The Dark Night of the Soul, through The Ascent of Mount Carmel, to his Spiritual Canticle and The Living Flame of Love. John summarized his spirituality simply: "Put love where there is no love, and you will find love."



DAY OF REFLECTION

JANUARY 10, 2026

9:00 AM—4:00PM

PARISH HALL

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

BRING A BROWN-BAG LUNCH

GUEST SPEAKER

DEACON MICHEL DuCHAUSSEE

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