



December 8, 2024

2ND SUNDAY
OF ADVENT

*“Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths.”*
- Lk 3:4

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Mass Times/Horarios de la misa

Monday—Friday~ Lunes—Viernes
9:00AM

Saturday—Sábado
8:00AM

Saturday Evening
English 5:00PM

Sábado Por la Noche
Español 6:30PM

Sunday Mass
English 7:30AM & 9:30AM

Misa Del Domingo
Español 11:30AM

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Monday - Friday ~ Lunes - Viernes
9:30AM—1:30PM or by appointment

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION ~
SACRAMENTO DE LA RECONCILIACIÓN**
Saturdays 3:30PM - 4:30PM

**EXPOSITION AND ADORATION
EXPOSICIÓN Y ADORACIÓN**
of the Blessed Sacrament ~
del Santísimo Sacramento



Thursday/Jueves 9:30AM-through
Saturday/Sabado morning Benediction 7:45AM

PRAYER LINE ~ LÍNEA DE ORACIÓN
Contact Parish Office

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BAPTISMS ~ BAUTISMOS
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PRIVATE PRAYER ~ ORACIÓN PRIVADA
Chapel open Mon-Sat ~ Capilla abierta
de lunes a sábado:
10AM-4PM

Rosario en Español

*Lunes y Martes
A las seis de la tarde*

Rosary in English

*To the Immaculate Heart of Mary
Fridays after the 9am mass*



INTENTIONS/INTENCIONES

Monday: 12/9/24	9:00AM	Betsy Michaels † By: Les & Mary Baker
Tuesday: 12/10/24	9:00AM	Betsy Michaels † By: John McNeil
Wednesday: 12/11/24	9:00AM	Fr. Pat Keane, OSA † By: Chong Crisp
Thursday: 12/12/24	9:00AM	Angela Budreika (L) By: St. Thomas Aquinas Church
Friday: 12/13/24	9:00AM	Joyce Overbaugh † By: Bereavement
Saturday: 12/14/24	8:00AM	Virginia Rodarte † By: Les & Mary Baker
	5:00PM	Betty Vargas By: The Vargas Family
Sunday: 12/15/24	7:30AM	People of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish
	9:30AM	David Mark † By: Bereavement

Bake Sale



To benefit

Life Choices



This Sunday, December 8

proceeds will go to

Life Choices

Providing services to women

Supporting them through pregnancy and beyond

For more information

Call Maria Doran—(805) 649-3491

(Bakers Always Welcomed)

For more information for Life Choices Pregnancy Center

ojailifechoices.org

(805) 646-6830

2nd Sunday of Advent / December 8, 2024

REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading: The prophet Baruch offers the Israelites in Babylonian exile a vision of hope in which their broken relationship with God will be fully restored. Is there a broken relationship you could help heal this Advent season?

Second Reading: Paul prays with joy over the partnership he experiences with the believers in Phillipi. What relationships in your life bring you joy?

Gospel: Luke is careful to place the activities of John the Baptist in their proper historical and political context, showing how God acts in human history. Can you think of a time in your personal history when you felt God present?

Readings for the week of December 8, 2024

- Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/ Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6
- Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/ Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
- Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/ Mt 18:12-14
- Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 & 10/Mt 11:28-30
- Thursday: 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
- Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19
- Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
- Next Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (6)/Phil 4:4-7/ Lk 3:10-18

2^o Domingo de Adviento / 8 de diciembre de 2024

A REFLEXIONAR Y RESPONDER

Primera Lectura: El profeta Baruc ofrece a los israelitas en el exilio babilónico una visión de esperanza en la que su relación rota con Dios será completamente restaurada. ¿Hay alguna relación rota que puedas ayudar a sanar en esta temporada de Adviento?

Segunda Lectura: Pablo ora con gozo por la colaboración que experimenta con los creyentes en Filipo. ¿Qué relaciones en tu vida te traen alegría?

Evangelio: Lucas tiene cuidado de situar las actividades de Juan el Bautista en su contexto histórico y político adecuado, mostrando cómo actúa Dios en la historia humana. ¿Puedes pensar en un momento de tu historia personal en el que hayas sentido a Dios presente?

Las lecturas de la semana del 8 de diciembre de 2024

- Domingo: Bar 5, 1-9/Sal 125, 1-2. 2-3. 4-5. 6 (3)/ Flp 1, 4-6. 8-11/Lc 3, 1-6
- Lunes: Gn 3, 9-15. 20/Sal 97, 1. 2-3. 3-4/Ef 1, 3-6. 11-12/Lc 1, 26-38
- Martes: Is 40, 1-11/Sal 95, 1-2. 3 y 10. 11-12. 13/ Mt 18, 12-14
- Miércoles: Is 40, 25-31/Sal 102, 1-2. 3-4. 8 y 10/Mt 11, 28-30
- Jueves: Zac 2, 14-17 o Ap 11, 19; 12, 1-6. 10/ Jdt 13, 18. 19/Lc 1, 26-38 o Lc 1, 39-47
- Viernes: Is 48, 17-19/Sal 1, 1-2. 3. 4 y 6/Mt 11, 16-19
- Sábado: Eclo 48, 1-4. 9-11/Sal 79, 2 y 3. 15-16. 18-19/ Mt 17, 9. 10-13
- Domingo siguiente: Sof 3, 14-18/Is 12, 2-3. 4. 5-6 (6)/Flp 4, -7/ Lc 3, 10-18

Christmas Choir

We are forming a Youth Choir to sing at the Christmas Eve Mass at 5:00pm.

Students 2nd grade and up through high school.

There will be three rehearsals:

- December 15 from 1-2pm
- December 22 from 1-2pm
- December 23 from 3-4:30pm

All rehearsals will be held in the choir area of the church. If you have any questions, contact Lisa Boyd by leaving a message at the church office (805) 646-4338 ext. 101, or speak with her after any 9:30am Sunday Mass.

Coro de Navidad

Estamos formando un Coro Juvenil para cantar en la Misa de Nochebuena a las 5:00pm.

Niños desde 2do grado hasta la secundaria.

Habrà tres ensayos:

- 15 de Diciembre de 1pm a 2pm.
- 22 de Diciembre de 1pm a 2pm.
- 23 de Diciembre de 3pm a 4:30pm.

Todos los ensayos se llevaràn a cabo en el àrea del coro de la Iglesia. Para mas informacion deje un mensaje en la oficina de la Iglesia, o hable con Lisa Boyd despues de Misa Dominical de 9:30am.



Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day, December 12



Prayer of the Nine-Month Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe

O Virgin Mother of God, we fly to your protection and beg your intercession against the darkness and sin which ever more envelop the world and menace the Church. Your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, gave you to us as our mother as He died on the Cross for our salvation. So too, in 1531, when darkness and sin beset us, He sent you, as Our Lady of Guadalupe, on Tepeyac to lead us to Him Who alone is our light and our salvation.

Through your apparitions on Tepeyac and your abiding presence with us on the miraculous mantle of your messenger, Saint Juan Diego, millions of souls converted to faith in your Divine Son. Through this novena and our consecration to you, we humbly implore your intercession for our daily conversion of life to Him and the conversion of millions more who do not yet believe in Him. In our homes and in our nation, lead us to Him Who alone wins the victory over sin and darkness in us and in the world.

Unite our hearts to your Immaculate Heart so that they may find their true and lasting home in the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Ever guide us along the pilgrimage of life to our eternal home with Him. So may our hearts, one with yours, always trust in God's promise of salvation, in His never-failing mercy toward all who turn to Him with a humble and contrite heart. Through this novena and our consecration to you, O Virgin of Guadalupe, lead all souls in America and throughout the world to your Divine Son in Whose name we pray. Amen.

What is The Immaculate Conception of Our Blessed Mother

From the beginnings of the Church, spiritual writers and theologians have acknowledged the innocence and holiness of Mary. St. Irenaeus called her the "new Eve." Both faced with the pure freedom to accept or reject God, Mary began with work of redemption with her yes to Christ! The Church began to celebrate the feast of Mary's conception in the early Middle Ages. In 1854, Pope Pius IX infallibly declared that Mary was free of original sin from the first-moment of her conception. On this feast day, we celebrate the beauty and goodness of Our Lady!

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

**OH MARY,
CONCEIVED
WITHOUT SIN,
PRAY FOR US
WHO HAVE
RECOURSE
TO THEE.**



Our **Blessed Mother** is recognized and celebrated in a special way on **Dec. 8, 2024**, the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**. Since Dec. 8 falls on a Sunday, and because all Sundays take precedence, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception this year will be celebrated on Monday, Dec. 9, 2024, a **Holy Day of Obligation**.

Adult Faith Formation

Interested in learning more about the Catholic faith?
¿Interesado en ser católica o le gustaría aprender más sobre el catolicismo?

Ofrecemos reuniones mensuales a la 1pm los domingos.

This Sunday, December 8, 2024

In English
11 am

The Spirituality of Our Life's Journey

Presented by
Father Peter



En Español
1 pm

Los Sacramentos

Presentado por
Raul Vasquez

Hope to see you there!

It is a great way to prepare for Christ's coming!

Mark Your Calendar for Future Presentations

Date	Presentation in English 11 AM	Presenter	Presentation en español 1 PM	Presenter
Jan. 5	AI and Catholic Morality A Reprise	John Clark Levin	La Oracion	Mayerling Villaroel
Feb. 2	Breaking Open the Liturgical Calendar	Phil & Mary Nelson	Ministerios de la Iglesia	Flora Ponce
Mar. 2	The Eucharist	Fr. Manny	Vivir en Cristo	Luis Hernandez y Jose Martinez
Apr 6	The Brain's Relationship With God	Allan Doane	Bienaventuranzas	Odalisca Villaroel

Follow Advent the Catholic Way



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St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church →
Sign-in → put "advent" in the search bar and YOU'RE DONE!

*Welcome Home for
Advent/Christmas 2024*

Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena
December 4 – 12, 2024
6:00pm in the Church

**Immaculate Conception of
The Blessed Virgin Mary**
Monday, December 9, 2024
Mass in English 9am
Bilingual Mass 6:00pm

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Thursday, December 12, 2024
Mañanitas & Misa 5am
Mass in English 9am
Mass in Spanish 6pm

Advent Reconciliation Afternoon
Saturday, December 21, 2024
2pm to 4:30pm

*Bienvenido a casa
para Adviento/Navidad 2024*

Novena de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe
Diciembre 4 – 12, 2024
6:00pm en la Iglesia

**Inmaculada Concepción de
la Santísima Virgen María**
Lunes, Diciembre 9, 2024
Misa en Inglés 9am
Misa bilingüe 6:00pm

Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe
Jueves, 12 de Diciembre 2024
5am Mañanitas y Misa
Misa en Inglés 9am
Misa en Español 6pm

Tarde de reconciliación
Sábado, Diciembre 21, 2024
2pm to 4:30pm

*Christmas Schedule
2024*

Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord
Christmas Eve
Tuesday, December 24, 2024
Family Mass 5pm
Mass in Spanish 6:30pm
Mass in English 10pm

The Nativity of the Lord, Christmas Day
Wednesday, December 25, 2024
Mass in English 9:30am
Mass in Spanish 11:30pm

**Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary and Joseph**
Saturday Dec 28, 2024 & Sunday Dec 29, 2024
Regular Schedules

Solemnity of the Holy Mother of God
Holy Day of Obligation
Wednesday, January 1, 2025
Mass in English 9:00am
Mass in Spanish 11:30pm

Epiphany of the Lord
Sunday, January 5, 2025
Regular Schedules

*Horarios de Navidad
2024*

Vigilia de la Natividad del Señor,
Nochebuena
Martes 24 de Diciembre de 2024
Misa familiar 5pm
Misa en español 6:30pm
Misa en inglés 10pm

La Natividad del Señor, día de Navidad
Miércoles 25 de Diciembre de 2024
Misa en Inglés 9:30am
Misa en Español 11:30pm

**Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia de Jesús,
María y José**
Sábado 28 de Diciembre de 2024 y
Domingo 29 de Diciembre de 2024
Horarios regulares

Solemnidad de la Santa Madre de Dios
Día de precepto
Miércoles 1 de Enero de 2025
Misa en Inglés 9:00am
Misa en Español 11:30pm

Epifanía del Señor
Domingo 5 de Enero de 2025
Horarios regulares

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DID YOU KNOW?

Teaching your children boundaries

Communities thrive with appropriate boundaries in place. Without them, everyone is left vulnerable, especially children, in an "anything goes" culture. As safe adults, we can empower children by defining and strengthening our own boundaries. Children learn by watching the adults around them. Seeing us make and hold boundaries will teach them this incredibly important skill. To learn more about setting and upholding boundaries, read the VIRTUS® article "When Boundaries Abound, Our Lives Can Flourish" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/. Read the VIRTUS® article "When Boundaries Abound, Our Lives Can Flourish" here.

¿SABÍAS?

Enseñe límites personales a sus hijos

Las comunidades prosperan con unos límites adecuados. Sin ellos, todos somos vulnerables, especialmente los niños, en una cultura de "todo vale". Como adultos de confianza, Podemos empoderar a los niños definiendo y reforzando nuestros propios límites. Los niños aprenden observando a los adultos que les rodean. Ver nos poner y mantener límites personales les enseñará esta habilidad increíblemente importante. Para saber más sobre cómo establecer y mantener límites, lea el artículo en VIRTUS® "Cuando abundan los límites, nuestras vidas pueden florecer" en lacatholics.org/did-you-know/. Lea el artículo en VIRTUS® "Cuando abundan los límites, nuestras vidas pueden florecer" aquí.