

December 3, 2023

A Note from Fr. José Arroyo

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

Advent has arrived! This year Advent is short since the fourth Sunday of Advent falls on December 24th. As I mentioned before, this means that we will have the opportunity and the responsibility to attend Mass on the 4th Sunday of Advent and *also* Christmas, since it is a Holy Day of Obligation. For everyone's benefit, I would like to share the following schedule to help you organize your personal schedules and still fulfill both liturgical "obligations."

Our Parish Advent Penance Service

Wednesday, December 6th
6 p.m.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Thursday, December 7th

7 p.m. Vigil Mass

Friday, December 8th

8 a.m. Mass

12 noon Mass

7 p.m. Mass

Celebration for Our Lady of Guadalupe

Saturday, December 9th

6:00 p.m. Representation play

St. Paul's Healing Service

Monday, December 11th,

6:30 p.m.

4th Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 23rd

5 p.m. Mass

7 p.m. Mass (Spanish)

Sunday, December 24th

9 a.m. Mass

Christmas Masses

Sunday, December 24th

5:00 p.m. Mass

12 a.m. Midnight Mass

Monday, December 25th

9:00 a.m. Mass

12 Noon Mass (Spanish)

As we enter the Advent Season, I would like to propose that we have a more intentional desire to pray in silence, whether in the early hours of the morning, during the day, or late at night. While the world sings Christmas carols, the Church provides these days of prayerful waiting for the coming of the Lord.

As a reminder, I would like to invite you all to a Penance Service on Wednesday, December 6th at 6 p.m. We will have 5 priests available for Confessions. On Friday, December 8th, we will celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Patroness of the U.S., and our beloved Diocese. This day is very important because it is a Holy Day of Obligation. We will have 4 Masses available for you to choose from in our parish. Thursday 7 p.m. (Vigil Mass) and Friday 8 a.m.; 12 noon; 7 p.m. Please make sure you make time in your very busy schedule to attend Mass either here or elsewhere. It has the same weight as a Sunday obligation and failure to go to Mass without a justifiable reason requires sacramental absolution in Confession.

Lastly, on Saturday, December 9th at 6 p.m. we will have the privilege of having a play based on the historic Marian Apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe. This will be held at the Community Center and a translated script will be available for your convenience. Likewise, we will have free food and fellowship. Please plan to attend and invite others.

I hope that this Advent Season is a time of grace and spiritual renewal for all of you and your loved ones. God bless you all!

Our Parish Advent Penance Service

Will be on Wednesday, December 6th at 6:00pm. We will have 5 priests available to hear confessions that night as well as adoration with music provided.

We encourage all our parishioners to take advantage of this sacrament and such a beautiful service.

Collections for November 26, 2023

Adult Offering Envelopes	\$ 1735.00
Loose	\$ 569.00
Candles	\$ 17.00
Repair	\$ 75.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 20.00
Human Development	\$ 120.00
Flowers	\$ 30.00
CCD	\$ 30.00
Total in pews:	\$ 2,596.00
<u>Online Collections</u>	
Reg. Envelopes	\$ 7,040.00
Repair Fund	\$ 55.00
Second Collection	\$ 111.00
Total Online	\$ 7,206.00

First Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions

Dec. 2nd Weekday (Saturday)
 9:00 a.m. † Albert Andreas
 5:00 p.m. † Kathleen Fry

Dec. 3rd First Sunday of Advent (Sun.)
 8:00 a.m. † Mark Chrzanowski
 10:30 a.m. Parishioners
 2:00 p.m. † Eterno Descanso Marina Raquel Rivera familia Casiano Santiago

(Eucharistic Adoration one hour before each Mass) (Holy Rosary 30 minutes before each Mass)

December 4th Advent Weekday (Mon.)
 8:00 a.m. † Larry Reynolds

December 5th Advent Weekday (Tues.)
 8:00 a.m. † Harry Anthony Julien

December 6th Advent Weekday (Wed.)
 5:00 p.m. † Andy Lowe

December 7th St. Ambrose (Thursday)
 8:00 a.m. † Ted Alles
 7:00 p.m. † Kay Sovine

Dec. 8th Immaculate Conception of Mary
 8:00 a.m. † Bud Meyer & Trent Mowrey
 Noon For all the souls in purgatory
 7 p.m. † Cody Nichols

Dec. 9th Advent Weekday (Saturday)
 9:00 a.m. † Carol Puls
 5:00 p.m. † Mark Chrzanowski

Dec. 10th Second Sunday of Advent
 8:00 a.m. † Trent Mowrey & Bud Meyer
 10:30 a.m. † Justin Hinen
 2:00 p.m. Parroquianos

St. Vincent DePaul Corner

Clients served on November 27, 2023
 Families **31** People **113** New **2**

Thank you for your donations at Thanksgiving! They were greatly appreciated!

NEEDS

Toilet paper, tooth paste and more toilet paper

If you would like to help with St. Vincent DePaul, please contact the office and leave a message for Barb Bockelman or Sara St. Clair.

Thank you so very much for your ongoing support! Please keep in mind that St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry is open EVERY Monday from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. If Monday falls directly on a holiday, the pantry will not be open. Evening hours are the third Monday of the month from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

HEALING SERVICE

Please join us for a Healing Service on Monday, December 11th at 6:30 p.m. There will be prayer, music and healing. Fr Drew Curry will be present to pray over people as well as Father José.

Ministry Schedule for Christmas Masses

Please keep an eye out for emails with requests for volunteers during the holiday Masses. We count on you to help fill these positions that are needed during Mass. These positions are lectors, extraordinary eucharistic ministers, ushers, and servers. Thank you for giving your time to our church.

The Giving Tree is HERE!

The "Giving Tree" is now lit and decorated with lots of ornament tags. Each tag has a gift idea, along with the age and sex of the person needing some extra joy this Christmas. Please consider taking a tag. Please enter the following information in the roster book. Find the tag number in the roster book and enter your name, phone number, and email by the tag number.

There are information papers in the front of the roster book for you to take home, that will explain when the gifts are to be returned.

Gifts need to be wrapped, with the ornament tag attached and visible. Please have all wrapped gifts back to the church by December 18th.

For questions, please contact Sue Jansen, 812-746-7346, sjansen53@yahoo.com
Thanks for your generosity!

LITTLE BLUE BOOK

You may have noticed on the tables in the Narthex are little blue books. If you are not aware of what these are, they are Advent books that the church buys to hand out to our parishioners. During our journey through this Advent season, we are asked to be prayerful, even more than we normally may be. Use this book and see if you find that it helps you. Feel free to grab one for a family member or friend.