



# IMMACULATE HEART OF *M*ARY

— Parish Mission + Mision Parroquial —

*With Mary, we seek to know Christ better and to make him better known through our words and actions.  
Con María, deseamos conocer mejor a Cristo y darlo a conocer por medio de nuestras acciones y palabras.*

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT — DECEMBER 15, 2024

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Dear families of the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Today has traditionally been called "Gaudete Sunday." The Latin tag is derived from Paul's appeal in the second reading to "rejoice always in the Lord," and the Latin Mass text based on that reading. The irony and paradox of this Christian joy is underlined by the fact that Paul wrote those words in prison. But from there he could see the progress of God's work.

Is it obvious to us? We feel that this is not the time for joy when there is so much suffering and moral evil. It is interesting, then, that the first reading is from the prophet Zephaniah, who is almost exclusively concerned with gloomy visions of Judgment Day. Today the Church selects the only optimistic text in Zephaniah, in which the prophet has been touched by the spirit of joy.

This, we are assured on all sides, is "the season of joy." Let us recapture that feeling of joy in our lives and reflect it to those who are joyless.

This week we begin our Simbang Gabi Masses at 6AM from December 16-24 and our Posadas at 7PM December 16, 18, 19, 21, 22, and 23. On December 17 and 20 the Posadas will be at 6PM. Our Advent Penance Service is on Tuesday, December 17 at 7PM and there will be no 6PM Confessions. On Friday, December 20 we will have our Parish Christmas Caroling at 7PM in Church. Please mark your calendars.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us.  
Fr. Quang

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Queridas familias del Imaculado Corazon de Maria,

El día de hoy se le ha llamado tradicionalmente "Domingo *Gaudete*" o de la "Alegría". El nombre latino se deriva de la petición de Pedro en la segunda lectura de "alégrense siempre en el Señor", y del texto de la Misa en latín en el que está basada esta lectura. La ironía y paradoja de esta alegría cristiana se manifiesta en el hecho que Pablo escribió esas palabras en la prisión. Pero desde allí podía ver el progreso de la obra de Dios.

¿Nos parece obvio a nosotros? Sentimos que este no es un tiempo para la alegría cuando hay tanto sufrimiento e inmoralidad. Es interesante, entonces, que la primera lectura sea del profeta Sofonías, que está casi exclusivamente preocupado con sombrías visiones del Día del Juicio. Hoy la Iglesia selecciona la única parte optimista de Sofonías, donde el profeta es tocado por el espíritu del gozo.

Esta es, se nos asegura en todas partes, "la temporada de la alegría". Recuperemos ese espíritu de alegría en nuestra vida y que se refleje en los que no tienen ese gozo.

Esta semana, comenzamos nuestras Misas Simbang Gabi arte 6AM diciembre 16-24 y nuestras Posadas a las 7PM diciembre 16, 18, 19, 21, 22 y 23. El 17 y 20 de diciembre, las Posadas serán a las 6PM. Nuestro Servicio de Penitencia de Adviento es el martes 17 de diciembre a las 7PM y no habrá confesiones a las 6PM. El viernes, 20 de diciembre, tendremos nuestro Villancico Parroquial a las 7PM en la Iglesia. Por favor marquen sus calendarios.

Inmaculado Corazón de Maria, ruega por nosotros.  
Padre Quang

**Regular Mass Schedule. Holiday and Feast Days may be different.**

**Weekday Masses/Misas Diarias**  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:00AM (English) - Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday: 8:00AM (Bilingual)

**Saturday Vigil Mass**  
5:00PM (English)

**Sunday Mass/Domingo Misa**  
7:30AM (English) - 9:00AM (English) - 10:45AM (Español) - 12:30PM (English) - 2:00PM (Español)  
5:00PM - Traditional Roman Rite (Latin)

**Confessions**

## Prayers & Weekly Scriptures/Oraciones y Lecturas de la Semana

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK INTENCIONES PARA MISAS DE LA SEMANA

#### Saturday, December 14th

8:00 am † Hilaria Julia Macha  
5:00 pm IHM Parishioners

#### Sunday, December 15th

7:30 am † Santiago & Justina Trillana  
9:00 am † Kenneth Paull Graunstadt, Jr.  
10:45 am † Lupey Silverio Valencia  
12:30 pm † Gertrudes Mendoza  
2:00 pm † Vicente Diaz  
5:00 pm † Nick Rodriguez

#### Monday, December 16th

6:00 am † Lily Rodrigo Canlas  
8:00 am Laya Binu - Birthday

#### Tuesday, December 17th

6:00 am † Virginia and Jesse Nubla  
8:00 am † Jose Luis Delgado

#### Wednesday, December 18th

6:00 am † Leo O'Hanesian  
8:00 am † Ramona del Real

#### Thursday, December 19th

6:00 am † Lucita Palma  
8:00 am † Paul F. Kirka

#### Friday, December 20th

6:00 am † Virginia and Jesse Nubla  
8:00 am Christopher A. Ellenberger - Birthday

#### Saturday, December 21st

6:00 am Legion de Maria - Special Intention  
8:00 am † Manuel Caldeira Noia

**We will not have confessions at 6PM  
on Tuesday, December 17, 24 or 31.**

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**No tendremos confesiones a las 6PM  
el martes 17, 24 o 31 de diciembre.**

### Sick Relatives & Friends Parientes y Amigos Enfermos

Lyndsey Burrow, Ryan McLeod, Ramon Antonio Toledo, Giselle Honore, Dawn Lanphere, Nicole Patiño-Patroni, Sue Menez, Solange Patiño-Patroni, Perry Brown, Bill Alden, Janet and Juan Esquivel, Bobby Aguilar, Norelle Factor, \*\*\* Juanito Igasan, Rita Nahm, Jack McLean, Eric Fresquez, Anna LaFollette, Larry North, Billie Cole, Jill Vance, Jodi Waters, Barbara Gluck, Christian Paul Pahilanga, Vincent Heitzmann, Sally Ann Thomas, Chaz Decoteau, Theresa Martin, Naiee Ellis, Aurora Bean, Linda, Carmen Rogers, Armando Sosa, Nancy Cristian Berry, Armando Aguirre, Aaron Salazar, \*\* Terrie Lastimoza, John and Margaret Plate, Claire Murray, Noreen Pitta, Wha Soon Ju, Maya Lowen, Gloria Almeida, Baby Amelio, Julian Assange, Jesus Flores, Alberto Matias, Esperanza Alarcon, \*\* Ramon Hernandez, Norelle Factor, Bobby Rios, Rosa Chavez, Robert Ramos, Shannon Morton, \*\* Diana Cristal Ramirez, Ely Jingco, Editha Leon, Maria de la Luz Vargas, John Ah Lan, Paulette Smith, Leon Dominguez, Sylvia and Jesus Farias, Jacqueline Esquivel, Arlena Araujo, \*\* Joseph Patrick Mahoney, Carol Yates, Sandy Atilano, Amante Asuncion, Norma Castro, Maria Mercado, Princess Roberts, Fred Saavedra, Lisa Gonzales, Manuel Gonzales, Georgia Thompson, Elsie Smith, \*\* Steve Silver, Silvia Sotelo, Nicole Dupree, Pierre Aflatue, \*\* Jeffery and Melanie Anadon, Jim Huckstein, Freddy Pereira, Irma Padilla, Rosa Gonzalez, Jerry Rogers, Linda Garcia, Gracia Heitzmann, Virginia Santos, Marissa Magno, John Till, Antonio Igasan, George Zanarini, Linda Elston, Lilia Tirado \*\*Amaya Inciong, Fil Abad, Paul Calhoun, Carolyn Daddona, Marla Astudillo, \*\* Nancy Anaicama, Joaquin Chavez, Benjamin Castro, Jr., Chris Heuer, Mary Pelayo, Linda Garcia, Noel Jennings, Connie Vasquez, Steve Cragle.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Monday:	187: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a 6, 7bc, 8-9	Ps 24:4-5ab, Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday:	193: Gn 49:2, 8-10 Mt 1:1-17	Ps 72:1-4b, 7-8, 17
Wednesday:	194: Jer 23:5-8 18-19	Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, Mt 1:18-25
Thursday:	195: Jgs 13:2-7, 14-25a 5-6b, 16-17	Ps 71:3-4a, Lk 1:5-25
Friday:	196: Is 7:10-14 Lk 1:26-38	Ps 24:1-6
Saturday:	197: Sg 2:8-14 20-21	Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, Lk 1:39-45
Sunday:	12: Mi 5:1-4a 18-19 Lk 1:39-45	Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, Heb10:5-10

## Entrance Hymn

Ready the Way  
Bob Hurd

1. "Ready the way of the Lord!  
Ready the way of the Lord!"  
A voice cries out in the wilderness:  
"Ready the way of the Lord!"  
"Let every valley be filled.  
Let every valley be filled.  
Let every mountain be humbled;  
let every valley be filled."
2. Desert and wasteland will bloom.  
Desert and wasteland will bloom.  
Glory and splendor will fill the land.  
Desert and wasteland will bloom.  
Those who are blind will then see.  
Those who are deaf will then hear.  
Those who are lame will then leap for joy.  
Those who are mute will then sing.
3. Desert and wasteland will bloom.  
Desert and wasteland will bloom.  
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Those who are deaf will then hear.  
Those who are lame will then leap for joy.  
Those who are mute will then sing.

Refrain



Here is your God, com-ing with your vin-di-ca-tion.  
Look and be-hold the sav-ing pow-er of God.

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## Responsorial Psalm

Isaiah 12 • Michel Guimont



Cry out with joy and glad-ness: for a-  
mong you is the great and Ho-ly One of Is-ra-el.

God indeed is my savior; I am confident and unafraid. My strength and my courage is the LORD, and he has been my savior. With joy you will draw water at the fountain of salvation. R.	deeds, proclaim how exalted is his name. R. Sing praise to the LORD for his glorious achievement; let this be known throughout all the earth. Shout with exultation, O city of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel! R.
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## Gospel Acclamation

Mass of Wisdom



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia,  
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me /  
because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. R.*



## Preparation of the Gifts

Come To Us, Emmanuel  
Deanna Light



Come to us, Em-man-u-el, come and set us  
free! Come to us, Em-man-u-el,  
come and set us free!

1. You are God from God, you are Light from Light.  
You are Rising Sun, you are Radiant Dawn.  
You are lord of our longing, you are Spirit of Fire.  
Come and set us free!
2. You are Lord of Lords, you are Prince of Peace.  
You are Spotless Lamb, you are Saving Love.  
You are source of redemption, you are Fountain of Grace.  
Come and set us free!
3. You are lord of Heaven and lord of earth.  
You are Lord of Life, you are Lord of Love.  
You are Alpha, Omega, our beginning and end.  
Come and set us free!



## Holy, Holy, Holy

Mass of Wisdom

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of Hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

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## Memorial Acclamation

Mass of Wisdom

We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection  
until you come again.

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## Great Amen

Mass of Wisdom

Amen, Amen, Amen.  
Amen, Amen, Amen.

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## Lamb of God

Mass of Wisdom

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
grant us peace.

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## Communion Hymn

Bread of Angels

Curtis Stephen

1. Bread of angels, we receive you;  
with us now abide.  
Precious Jesus, manna of ages,  
with us now reside.  
*Panis angélicus fit panis hóminum,  
Dat panis cáelicus figúris términum.*

2. Cup of Mercy overflowing,  
fill us with your grace;  
wine of passion, O Son begotten,  
we flee to your embrace.  
*O res mirábilis mandúcat Dóminum,  
Pauper, Pauper, servus, et húmilis.*

3. Word incarnate, dwell within us;  
pierce our hardened hearts.  
Tender Jesus, Love so gentle,  
never let us part.  
*Te, trina Déitas únaque, póscimus,  
Sic nos tu visita, sicut te cólimus.*

4. Though unworthy, we receive you,  
sacrament divine.  
Bread of angels, accept our praises,  
let your glory shine!  
*Per tuas sémitas duc nos quo téndimus,  
lucem, Ad lucem quam inhábitas.*

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## Jesus, Hope of the World

Paul Tate

Je - sus, hope of the world, — Je - sus,  
light in our dark - ness, — here we a - wait you, O  
Mas - ter Di - vine. Here we re - ceive you in bread and in  
wine: — Je - sus, hope of the world. —

1. Come to us, O Son of God! *Come, Lord Jesus!*  
Come to us, O Son of Man! *Come, Lord Jesus!*  
Come, Son of God! Come, Son of Man!  
*Shepherd your people in love!*
2. Come to us, O Promised King! *Come, Lord Jesus!*  
Come to us, O Promised Peace! *Come, Lord Jesus!*  
Come, Promised King! Come, Promised Peace!  
*Come and be Lord of our hearts!*
3. Come to us, O Rising Sun! *Come, Lord Jesus!*  
Come to us, O Endless Light! *Come, Lord Jesus!*  
Come, Rising Sun! Come, Endless Light!  
*Shatter the darkness of death!*

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## Recessional Hymn

Every Valley

Bob Dufford, SJ

Refrain  
Ev-'ry val-ley shall be ex - alt-ed and ev-'ry hill made low. And  
all God's peo-ple shall see to-geth-er the glo-ry of the Lord.  
Verses 1, 3  
1. A voice cries out in the wil - der - ness, "Pre - pare the way  
3. 7 Stand up - on the — moun - tain - top. O lift your voice  
1. of the Lord. Make straight in the des - ert a  
3. to the world. Sing joy - ful - ly, Je -  
to Refrain  
1. high - way, a high - way — for our God." 5  
3. ru - sa - lem: "Be - hold, — be - hold your God."

**Entrada**

**Ven, Señor, No Tardés Más**  
Cesáreo Gabaráin

*Estribillo*

Ven, Se-ñor, no tar-des más. Ven, Se-ñor Je - sús.

Ven, Se-ñor, no tar-des más. Ven, Se-ñor Je - sús.

Ven, Se-ñor, no tar-des más. Ven, Se-ñor Je - sús.

*Estrofas*

1. Des-de el fon - do de los si - glos va e - le -  
2. Des-de el fon - do de los si - glos bus - ca el  
3. Las pró - me - sas se han cum - pli - do. Va a na -

1. ván - do-se un cla - mor co - mo gri - to de es - pe -  
2. hom - bre un sal - va - dor; mi - ra al cie - lo ya la  
3. cer - el Ni - ño Dios. Cie - lo y tie - rra ya se a -

1. ran - za an - si - an - do un Re - den - tor. Co - mo tor.  
2. tie - rra, va bus - can - do al Dios A - mor. Mi - ra al mor.  
3. bra - zan, la es - pe - ran - za flo - re - ció. Cie - lo y ció.

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**Salmo Responsorial**

Isaías 12 • Ronald Krisman

Gri - ten ju - bi - lo - sos: "Qué gran - de es en

me - dio de ti el San - to de Js - ra - el."

El Señor es mi Dios y Salvador:  
confiaré y no temeré,  
porque mi fuerza y mi poder es el  
Señor,  
él fue mi salvación.  
Y ustedes sacaran aguas con gozo  
de las fuentes de la salvación. *R.*

cuenten a los pueblos sus hazañas,  
proclamen que su nombre es  
excelso. *R.*

Tañan para el Señor, que hizo proezas,  
anúncienlas a toda la tierra;  
griten jubilosos, habitantes de Sión:  
"Qué grande es en medio de ti el  
Santo de Israel." *R.*

Den gracias al Señor,  
invoquen su nombre,

**Aclamación del Evangelio**

*Misa Reunidos en Su Nombre*

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya.

*El Espíritu del Señor está sobre mí /  
Me ha enviado para anunciar la buena nueva a los pobres. R.*



**Preparación de las Ofrendas**

**Tiempo de Esperanza**  
Emilio Matéu

*Estribillo*

Tiem - po de es - pe - ra, tiem - po de es - pe - ran - za.

Es el Se-ñor el que lle - ga. ¡Ven a sal-var-nos, Se-ñor!

*Estrofas*

1. Tú que sue-ñas o - tros dí - as, o - tros cie - los, o - tra tie - rra.  
2. Tú que mar-chas en las som-bras, tú que bus-cas cla - ri - da - des.  
3. Tú que lu - chas por un mun - do de jus - ti - cia ver - da - de - ra.  
4. Tú que su - fres en la es - pe - ra, tú que ten - sas la es - pe - ran - za.

*al Estribillo*

1. ¡Se han cum - pli - do ya los tiem - pos, es la ho - ra del Se - ñor!  
2. Tú que, en me - dio de las co - sas, vas bus - can - do la ver - dad.  
3. Tú que bus - cas o - tras sen - das de u - ni - dad y li - ber - tad.  
4. El Se - ñor es el que lle - ga. ¡Él nos da la sal - va - ción!

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**Santo***Misa Reunidos en Su Nombre*

Santo, Santo, Santo  
 Santo es el Señor, Dios del universo.  
 Llenos están el cielo y la tierra de tu gloria.  
 Hosanna en el cielo.  
 Bendito el que viene en nombre del Señor,  
 Hosanna en el cielo.

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Anunciamos tu muerte, proclamamos tu resurrección.  
 Ven, Señor Jesús.

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Amén, Amén, Amén.

Música: *Misa Reunidos en Su Nombre*, Francisco Palazón © 1991. OCP Publications, Inc.**Cordero de Dios***Misa Reunidos en Su Nombre*

Cordero de Dios, que quitas el pecado del mundo,  
 ten piedad de nosotros.

Cordero de Dios, que quitas el pecado del mundo,  
 ten piedad de nosotros.

Cordero de Dios, que quitas el pecado del mundo,  
 danos la paz, danos la paz.

Música: *Misa Reunidos en Su Nombre*, Francisco Palazón © 1991. OCP Publications, Inc.**Comunión****Arriba los Corazones**  
Tradicional de Panamá

A - rri - ba los co - ra - zo - nes, va - ya - mos to - dos al  
 pan de vi - da que es fue - nte de glo - ria e -  
 ter - na, de for - ta - le - za y de a - le - grí - a.

**Estrofas**

1. A tja - cu - di - mos se - dien - tos: Ven, Se - ñor.  
 Que - re - mos dar - te la vi - da: Ven, Se - ñor;
2. Que - re - mos ser más her - ma - nos: Ven, Se - ñor.  
 En tja - lla - re - mos la fuer - za: Ven, Se - ñor,
3. Que no ha - ya lu - chas fra - ter - nas: Ven, Se - ñor,  
 A - par - ta el o - dio del mun - do: Ven, Se - ñor,

**al Estribillo**

1. Te - ne - mos fe en tu mis - te - rio: Ven, Se - ñor.  
 con sus do - lo - res y di - chas: Ven, Se - ñor.
2. Que nun - ca nos ol - vi - da - mos: Ven, Se - ñor.  
 pa - ra ol - vi - dar las o - fen - sas: Ven, Se - ñor.
3. ni es - cla - vi - tud, ni mi - se - rias: Ven, Se - ñor.  
 que ex - is - ta un or - den más jus - to: Ven, Se - ñor.

**Maranatha**

Juan Riera

**Estribillo**

*Maranatha*, ven, Señor Jesús,  
*Maranatha*, ven, Señor Jesús,  
*Maranatha*, ven, Señor Jesús,  
*Maranatha*, ven, Señor Jesús.

1. Haz que abandone la alforja que hasta ahora he llevado,  
 haz que rechace el vestido que traje hasta aquí.  
 Haz que me quede desnudo ante tu presencia,  
 haz que abandone mi vieja razón de vivir.
2. Dame valor en la lucha que tengo conmigo  
 y haz que comprenda, que solo un rival tengo yo,  
 ese rival es el mal que yo llevo en mi adentro  
 cuando me vengza a mí mismo, seré ya de Dios.
3. Abre mi alma y prepara un ricón en mi casa,  
 limpia los oscuro y lo viejo de mi corazón,  
 llena de luz y de vida este mundo vacío,  
 ven y transforma a tu pueblo, ven pronto, Señor.

**Salida****Preparen el Camino**  
Fernando Rodriguez

**Estribillo**  
 Pre - pa - ren el ca - mi - no del Se - ñor.  
 Pre - pa - ren el ca - mi - no del Se - ñor.

**Estrofas**

1. Juan pro - cla - ma en el de - sier - to; ya se
2. Voz de Juan que cla - ma fuer - te, "Ven - gan
3. Re - nun - cie - mos las en - vi - días, o - dios,
4. Hay que cons - tru - ir, el rei - no de jus -

1. o - ye su pre - gón, "Cam - bien to - dos hoy sus
2. a pe - dir per - dón, de - jen to - dos sus pe -
3. ce - los y ren - cor. Per - do - ne - mos al her -
4. ti - cia, paz ya - mor, cons - tru - yen - do un mun - do

**al Estribillo**

1. vi - das que ya vie - ne el Sal - va - dor".
2. ca - dos y re - ci - ban al Se - ñor".
3. ma - no co - mo Dios nos da el per - dón.
4. nue - vo mien - tras vuel - va el Re - den - tor.





December 15, 2024

## Third Sunday of Advent

Zep 3:14-18a | Phil 4:4-7 | Lk 3:10-18

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DISCIPLE

### **GROW AS A DISCIPLE** | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

"I want to be a sanctuary lamp," Samantha, my childhood friend, once remarked. "To be the little flame that reminds everyone, 'God is here.'" In those short phrases, Samantha summarized not only her personal vocation, but also the all-important mission of St. John the Baptist. Like the candle burning before the tabernacle, St. John was not the long-awaited Messiah; his God-given task was to point others to Jesus. We hear this theme of St. John's message expressed repeatedly in today's readings: "The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst"; "Great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel!"; "one mightier than I is coming." God himself would soon be among them – indeed, he was already there. Although 2,000 years separate us from St. John the Baptist's ministry, the little flame still burns in the sanctuary to remind us that God has not only come, but he remains *in our midst*. This is cause for rejoicing: the same Jesus to whom John pointed is present among us in the Blessed Sacrament.

### **GO EVANGELIZE**

#### **PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT**

Becoming more attuned and attentive to Jesus in the Holy Eucharist – that is, to God in our midst – entails embracing another part of St. John the Baptist's message. In today's Gospel, St. John counsels people from all walks of life to prepare for the coming Messiah by changing their lives. Only by turning away from sin and committing themselves to God will they be able to recognize and follow Christ when he comes. If we desire deeper faith in the Eucharist, our preparation must be similar: we ask God to show us the dusty corners of our souls which we have concealed from his merciful love. Then, confident in his willingness to forgive, we approach him in the sacrament of confession. This is his ardent desire: that, having come among us, he might forgive and heal us. Such is the meaning behind the consoling words of the Prophet Zephaniah in today's first reading: "He will rejoice over you with gladness, and renew you in his love."

### **SING**

*O Christ, whom nations sigh for  
Whom priest and prophet long foretold  
Come break the captive fetters  
Redeem the long-lost fold*



## REJOICE!

This weekend, the liturgical color changes from violet to rose. The color rose signifies the sense of joy and anticipation within a season of preparation. The third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is Latin for rejoice. The first word for the Entrance Antiphon for Mass is rejoice. We pause briefly from the penitential aspect of Advent this Sunday to rejoice in the joy of the promised redemption. This is similar to Laetare Sunday, the fourth Sunday of Lent.

What is joy? St. Thomas Aquinas differentiates between emotional joy and spiritual joy. Emotional joy arises in the presence of a present good. This joy is fleeting as all present goods fall short and are not permanent. Spiritual joy, Aquinas says, is not a virtue but a gift of the Holy Spirit and an effect of charity (love). Spiritual joy results from loving God. When we love God, we possess him and possessing the highest Good brings joy to our lives.

Jesus gives us this 'formula' in the Gospel of John, "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. (John 15:9-11)

The readings for today reflect this. The first words in the First Reading from the prophet Zephaniah are, "Shout for joy, O daughter Zion! Sing joyfully, O Israel!" The Responsorial Psalm starts with "Cry out with joy and gladness." The Second Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians begins, "Rejoice in the Lord always. I Aquino shall say it again: rejoice." The Gospel reflects John the Baptist's mission of preparing the way for Jesus.

Last week, we mentioned the Litany of Loreto of our Blessed Mother Mary. One of Mary's titles in the Litany is Cause of Our Joy. Her entire life was based on bringing Jesus, our Joy, to others.

**Mary, Cause of Our Joy, pray for us!**

## ¡ALÉGRATE!

Este fin de semana, el color litúrgico cambia del violeta al rosa. El color rosa significa el sentido de alegría y anticipación dentro de una temporada de preparación. El tercer domingo de Adviento se llama Domingo Gaudete. Gaudete significa alegría en latín. La primera palabra de la antífona de entrada de la misa es «regocijaos». Este domingo hacemos una breve pausa en el aspecto penitencial del Adviento para regocijarnos en la alegría de la redención prometida. Esto es similar al Domingo Laetare, el cuarto domingo de Cuaresma.

¿Qué es la alegría? Santo Tomás de Aquino distingue entre alegría emocional y alegría espiritual. La alegría emocional surge en presencia de un bien presente. Esta alegría es efímera, ya que todos los bienes presentes se quedan cortos y no son permanentes. La alegría espiritual, dice Aquino, no es una virtud, sino un don del Espíritu Santo y un efecto de la caridad (amor). La alegría espiritual resulta de amar a Dios. Cuando amamos a Dios, lo poseemos y poseer el Bien supremo trae alegría a nuestras vidas.

Jesús nos da esta «fórmula» en el Evangelio de Juan: «Como el Padre me ha amado, así os he amado yo; permaneced en mi amor. Si guardáis mis mandamientos, permaneceréis en mi amor, como yo he guardado los mandamientos de mi Padre y permanezco en su amor. Os he dicho esto para que mi gozo esté en vosotros y vuestro gozo sea completo. (Juan 15, 9-11).

Las lecturas de hoy lo reflejan. Las primeras palabras de la primera lectura del profeta Sofonías son: «¡Grita de alegría, hija Sión! Canta con alegría, Israel!». El Salmo responsorial comienza con «Grita de gozo y alegría». La Segunda Lectura de la Carta de San Pablo a los Filipenses comienza así: «Alegraos siempre en el Señor». Lo repetirá Aquino: alegraos». El Evangelio refleja la misión de Juan Bautista de preparar el camino a Jesús.

La semana pasada, mencionamos las Letanías de Loreto de nuestra Santísima Madre María. Uno de los títulos de María en las Letanías es Causa de nuestra alegría. Toda su vida se basó en llevar a Jesús, nuestra Alegría, a los demás.

**María, causa de nuestra alegría, ruega por nosotros.**

## Information/Información

### St. Vincent de Paul for Friday's Food Pantry

For the weekend of December 22, please bring mac and cheese. THANK YOU!

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Para el fin de semana del 22 de diciembre, por favor traigan macarron y queso. GRACIAS!

**Hours of Adoration** are on Thursdays from 8:30AM to 6:00PM. On Fridays, Adoration begins at 8:30am and continues until 7:30am on Saturday. Please pray for increased vocations.



**Horas de Adoración** son los jueves de 8:30AM a 6:00PM. Adoración los viernes empieza a las 8:30AM y continúa hasta el sábado a las 7:30AM. Por favor recen para que aumenten las vocaciones.

This time of year our lives get busy. So much to do, so little time. Let's slow down and remember what Advent is all about. With this, Masses get fuller, parking lot gets busier. Please do not park in **RED ZONES** and in front of **NO PARKING SIGNS**. There is always room in the back parking lot. If you come late, walking from the back to the Church only takes a few extra minutes, so do not illegally park in the front parking lot. It also helps to park straight and make room for more cars.

En esta época del año nuestras vidas se vuelven ocupadas. Hay tanto que hacer y tan poco tiempo. Bajemos el ritmo y recordemos de qué se trata el Adviento. Con esto, las misas se llenan más, el estacionamiento se llena más. Por favor no estacionen en las **ZONAS ROJAS** y en frente de las **SEÑALES DE NO ESTACIONAR**. Siempre hay lugar en el estacionamiento trasero. Si llega tarde, caminar desde la parte de atrás hasta la Iglesia sólo le tomará unos minutos extra, así que no estacione ilegalmente en el estacionamiento delantero. También ayuda estacionar derecho y hacer espacio para más carros.

### SCHEDULE OF SECOND COLLECTIONS

December 25 - Christmas

December 29 - St. Vincent de Paul

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### FECHAS DE SEGUNDAS COLECTAS

25 de diciembre - Para la Navidad

29 de diciembre - San Vicente de Paul

### Deanery 10

### Advent 2024 Reconciliation Service

#### Our Lady Queen of the World

December 10 @ 7pm

#### Church of the Good Shepherd

December 16 @ 7pm

#### Immaculate Heart of Mary

December 17 @ 7pm

#### St. Peter Martyr

December 18 @ 7pm

#### St. Anthony

December 19 @ 7pm

#### Most Holy Rosary

December 20 @ 7pm



Greetings to all from Share-a-Mass Ministry. This is to remind everyone that we are still available to drive those in need of a ride to Mass. Unfortunately, since Covid, it is just Rita and I to drive. We usually attend the 12:30 pm Mass on Sunday; although, at times, we attend Saturday, 5:00 pm Mass.

Share-a-Mass only picks up those who live within the City of Brentwood. If you need a ride, and are ambulatory, please contact the Parish Office at 925-634-4154.

If you would like to join us in our ministry, we would welcome your assistance. It is a warming way to not only bring someone to Our Lord's Supper, but make new friends and parishioners. You need a certain level of car insurance, complete the Safe Environment Course and be fingerprinted.

# ADVENT 2024 PARISH EVENTS

Dec. 16-24 — Simbang Gabi  
*6am Daily Novena Masses*

Dec. 17 — Penance Service  
*7pm in the Church, no 6pm confessions*

Dec. 16-23 — Posadas  
*Evening Advent Celebration*

Dec. 20 — Christmas Caroling  
*7pm in the Church*



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## CHRISTMAS 2024 MASS SCHEDULE

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

Tuesday of the 4th Week of Advent:	6:00am Mass	(Simbang Gabi)
	8:00am Mass	(English)
Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord:	5:00pm Family Mass	(English)
	7:00pm Mass	(English)
	9:00pm Mass	(Spanish)
	12:00am Midnight Mass	(Bilingual)

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

The Nativity of the Lord:	7:30am Mass	(English)
	9:00am Mass	(English)
	10:45am Mass	(Spanish)
	12:30pm Mass	(English)
	2:00pm Mass	(Spanish)
	5:00pm Mass	(Latin)



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# Atrium Holy Hour

*O Saving Victim opening wide  
The gate of heaven to all below.  
Our foes press on from every side;  
Thine aid supply, Thy strength bestow*



*Salutaris Hostia Quae caeli pandis ostium. Bella premunt hostilia; Da robur, fer auxilium.*



Our children are learning about the Benediction and Adoration of our Lord. Benediction is a short invocation for divine help, blessing and guidance. You are invited to participate in both after most Thursday and Friday morning masses. Benediction is spending 15 minutes getting closer to our Lord and his graces.



## Ministry Meetings/Reuniones de Ministerios

### + Confessions / Confesiones

Tuesday/Martes: 6:00 - 7:00PM  
Saturday/Sabado: 3:30 - 4:30PM

### Devotions/Devociones

Monday to Friday/Lunes a Viernes  
7:30AM

### **Holy Rosary/Santo Rosario**

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Wednesday/Miércoles  
8:00AM Mass then 8:30AM

### **Mother of Perpetual Help Novena Novena Madre del Perpetuo Socorro**

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Thursday/Jueves and Friday/Viernes  
8:00AM Mass then 8:30AM

### **Divine Mercy Chaplet Novena Coronilla a la Divina Misericordia**

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### Weekly Calendar/Calendario Semanal

#### Mon. Dec. 16th

8:45am	Men's Fellowship Group	Library
5:00pm	Legion of Mary/Eng.	Library
6:00pm	Into the Breach Series/Sp	Mark
7:00pm	Escuela de la Cruz Mtg	John
7:00pm	Daughters of Mary	Matthew
7:00pm	Men of St. Joseph	Library

#### Tues. Dec. 17th

10:00am	IHM Crafters	Library
3:00pm	CCD/Eng Hall A/B/C/Library/All	Classrooms
4:00pm	RCIC	Library
6:00pm	Legion de Maria/Sp	Chapel
7:00pm	SPRED	Library/Matt
7:00pm	Penance Service	Church

#### Wed. Dec. 18th

3:30pm	IHM Good Shepherd	Hall A/B/C/Jn
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#### Thurs. Dec. 19th

1:00pm	IHM Good Shepherd/Sp	Hall B/C/Jn
3:30pm	IHM Good Shepherd	Hall A/B/C/Jn
5:00pm	Widow/Widower	Library
7:00pm	RCIA	Mark
7:00pm	Discovering Christ	Library
7:00pm	Adult Confirmation	Luke
7:00pm	Emmaus Men/Sp Retreat Formation	Matt

#### Fri. Dec. 20th

9:00am	SVDP	Hall A/B/C
3:30pm	Bible Study/Eng	Library
5:30pm	Catholic Daughters of America	Mark
7:00pm	Divine Mercy/Sp	Mark
7:00pm	Christmas Caroling	Church

#### Sat. Dec. 21st

6:00pm	Confessions	Church
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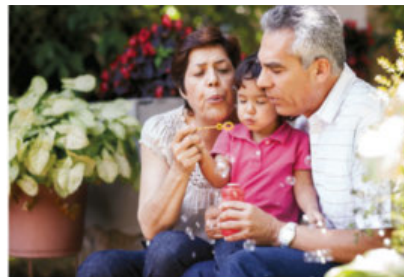
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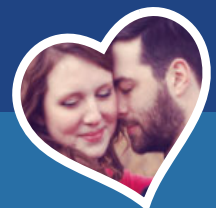
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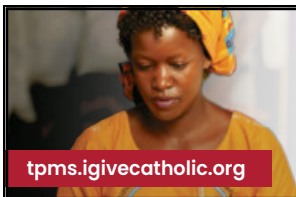


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<p><b>Becoming a Priest</b></p>		



Fr. Candelario led a group of our young parishioners on a tour of St. Patrick's Seminary to shed light on the path to the Priesthood and Religious Life. It included a mass, information about Seminary life, a tour, food, and fun!