



THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT — DECEMBER 13, 2020

JOY



“I rejoice heartily in the LORD, in
my God is the joy of my soul....”

Isaiah 61

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Mass Intentions

Sat., Dec. 12 - Third Sunday of Advent - Vigil

4:00 - †Pacita & Crispulo Colmenar, Sr.

Sun., Dec. 13 - Third Sunday of Advent

8:30 - Derrick Whitman, SI

10:00 - People of Immaculate Conception

Mon., Dec. 14 -St. John of the Cross

†Antonio Gonsalves

Tues., Dec.15 - Advent Weekday

†Remedios & Crispulo Colmenar, Jr.

Wed., Dec. 16 - Advent Weekday

The Ebbitt Family, SI

Thurs., Dec. 17 - Late Advent Weekday

Fr. Vincent Mesi, OFM, SI

Fri., Dec. 18 - Late Advent Weekday

†Joe & Carmen Toigo

Sat., Dec 19 - Late Advent Weekday

Sean McSherry, SI

Daily Readings

Monday:NM 24:2-7, 15-17a, MT 21:23-27

Tuesday: ZEP 3:1-2, 9-13, MT 21:28-32

Wednesday: IS 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25; LK 7:18b-23

Thursday: GN 49:2, 8-10; MT 1:1-17

Friday: JER 23:5-8, MT 1:18-25

Saturday: JGS 13:2-7, 24-25a, LK 1:5-25

Sunday: 2 SM 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; ROM 16:25-27,
LK 1:26-38

Pray for Our Sick

Joane Anderson, Rev. James Boyd, Cosmo & Joan Busalacchi, Dominic Castagnola, Reginald Custodio, Joanne Daleo, Michael Denny, Dawn Desimone, Adela Diaz, Adele Dunne, Arline Fisch, Julie Fish, Ardell Haskins, Ditas Ibarra, Shirley Ilog, Donna Cruz Jones, Ricardo Hernandez, Olivia Ingram, Grace Mulvanity, Stephanie Ng, Ann Orwig, Peter Salmon, Anyssa Sanchez, Tom Sapien, Crystal Spera, Nancy Stodgell, Marie Whitman, Barbara Wingler.

The 9th annual San Diego Walk for Life (SDWL) will be a weeklong hybrid event, from January 11-16, 2021. The theme is "Never Alone: Meeting their Needs at Every Turn."

More information to follow ... stay tuned.

RECONCILIATION

Confessions may be heard on Sundays between 9:15 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. See one of the ushers who will escort you to the priest. One can also ask the priest for confession after the weekday morning Mass.

Mass Schedule

Weekdays: Monday thru Saturday, 8:00 AM

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM (outdoors)

Sunday: 8:30 AM*, 10:00 AM (outdoors)

*live-streamed

Holy Day Masses: To be announced.

Reconciliation: After weekday morning Mass and by appointment.

Baptisms: By appointment only. Please contact Deacon Robert Fitzmorris to make arrangements.

Weddings: By appointment only. Arrangements must be made at least one year in advance. Please contact the parish office.

Funerals: For arrangements, please call the parish.
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**Dec. 6, 2020
COLLECTION
\$2,874.44**

EXPENSES: Nov. 30 - Dec. 4

Diocesan Tax	\$2997.80
Flowers	\$92.07
Health Ins.	\$8.72
Landscaping	\$450.00
Ministry Supplies	\$53.93
Music Ministry	\$800.00
Office Supplies	\$139.44
Payroll (incl. taxes)	\$3,680.14
Payroll Service	\$41.50
Pension	\$196.64
Services Corp.	\$749.45
Software Subscription	\$85.00
Waste Disposal	\$ 553.91
Workers Comp	\$125.64

TOTAL: \$9,974.21

In good times and bad, Sr. Theresa and the senior religious shown here have dedicated themselves to God's work. Together with nearly 30,000 elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests in the United States, they educated the young, tended the sick, and ministered to the needy. Today, they pray for a world that is hurting. Yet many religious communities do not have enough retirement savings and struggle to provide for aging members. Your tax-deductible donation helps furnish medications, nursing care, and more. **Please place your donation in the collection box this weekend.**



**Christmas Mass
Schedule
for 2020**

**Thursday, December 24
2:30 p.m.
4:00 p.m.**

**Friday, December 25
10:00 a.m.**

New Bulletin Publisher

LPI is our new bulletin publisher and has offered to email our bulletin to parishioners at no cost. If you are interested in receiving the bulletin via email, please email your request to parish@immaculate-conception-sandiego.org and we will add you to our list of recipients.



Serra Gifts...

STORE HOURS

Thursday & Friday 1:30-4:30 pm
Saturday 11 am - 5:00 pm
Sunday 11 am - 5:00 pm

New Items

Magnificat Advent Companion
St. Joseph Sunday Missal 2021
Christmas Cards (boxed & individual)

The gift shop would like to be open 5-6 days a week, but we need volunteers to do so. Income from the gift shop helps to support our parish which has experienced a loss of income during the pandemic. If you are able to volunteer once a week (or more), please contact Linda at 619-295-4141, ext. 104.

LIVE STREAM MASS

The Church of the Immaculate Conception is providing live stream and recordings of the live streams in two ways.



1) On the Franciscan School of Theology on the You Tube Channel called **FST EDU1**. During this Covid-19 Shelter in Place period please visit the You Tube Channel to see all opportunities for viewing.

2) On the parish website www.immaculate-conception-sandiego.org. Simply click on the photo (shown above).

Updated equipment has been installed and the live stream has high quality picture and sound.

Other Franciscan lectures are available on the You Tube Channel called **FST EDU1**.



OFFICE FOR EVANGELIZATION AND CATECHETICAL MINISTRY

The Advent and Christmas seasons are upon us and Bishop John Dolan has prepared this wonderful resource of **Christ in Our Neighborhood** small group series in preparation for the upcoming seasons. Registrations are now open and are filling quickly! Make sure to secure your spot by registering at web address provided below. These are available in English, Spanish and Vietnamese.

<https://www.sdcatholic.org/bishops/auxiliary-bishop-dolan/christ-in-our-neighborhood/>

Saint Virginia Centurione Bracelli

DATES: 1587-1651

FEAST DAY: DECEMBER 15

Unable to persuade her parents that she had a religious vocation, Virginia was married at age 15 to the son of another notable Italian family. But he gambled, lived dissolutely and died after only five years. Virginia, despite her unhappiness in the marriage, nursed him at the end. She vowed to live celibately thereafter, bringing up her two daughters and caring for abandoned children, especially girls. She founded several schools and the Sisters of Our Lady of the Refuge on Mount Calvary. She was canonized in her hometown, Genoa, in 2003.



CNS Photo

Vatican launches website dedicated to "Fratelli tutti" encyclical

By Vatican News staff writer

Beginning Tuesday, Pope Francis' recent Encyclical *Fratelli tutti*, on Fraternity and Social Friendship, will be more readily accessible by the faithful.

The Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development announces a special website dedicated to the Encyclical which can be accessed either from the homepage of the Dicastery www.humandevlopment.va or directly from the URL www.fratellitutti.va.

The site, created in collaboration with the Dicastery for Communication, aims to "spread the message about the fraternity and social friendship of the Encyclical in a capillary way, deepening and making known all the aspects proper to the text and the magisterium of the Holy Father in this sense," the Dicastery said in a statement on Monday.

'Easy to consult' features

The intuitive and easily consultable page is currently developed in three languages: English, Spanish and Italian. It contains numerous resources in other languages, including French, Portuguese, Arabic and Chinese.

The constantly updated menu on the homepage is divided into sections and is in orange, resembling the paper edition of the Encyclical.

The first, "Fratelli tutti," contains a general introduction. The second, "The Encyclical," gives people the possibility of downloading the text of the Encyclical in the available languages, and to review the 4 October video conference held in the New Hall of the Synod in the Vatican. The third section, "Reflections," includes comments and analyses from the Superiors of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, representatives of local Churches, international organizations and other networks, experts and actors. The fourth - "News", contains articles, videos, and interviews related to *Fratelli tutti*. "Resources" gathers infographics and other materials for in-depth study and reflection such as the "Prayer to the Creator" composed for the Encyclical.

The page also contains a link to the Twitter social media platform for direct sharing of the sections of interest.

What's more, the website has a "window" in its "News" section that serves as a direct link to the latest "Vatican News" articles on the Encyclical.

Looking ahead

Work is still ongoing in earnest to expand the languages in which content will be available.

There are also plans for a section that collects the Encyclical's infographics and presentation videos, already visible on the Dicastery's YouTube Channel on the "Fratelli tutti" playlist.

U.S. Bishops' Migration Chairman on Supreme Court's Census Apportionment Case

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WASHINGTON—Bishop Mario E. Dorsonville, auxiliary bishop of Washington and chairman of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Migration, commented today on *Trump v. New York*, a case argued before the Supreme Court of the United States. The case focuses on President Trump's July 21, 2020 memorandum instructing the U.S. Secretary of Commerce to exclude undocumented immigrants from the apportionment of congressional representatives, a process inherent in the decennial census.

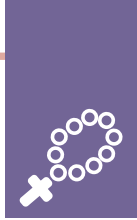
On November 16, 2020 the USCCB, together with other Catholic organizations, filed an amicus curiae brief in this case. The brief argues that excluding undocumented persons from the apportionment base of the census sends a message that undocumented persons are not equal members of the human family. This message contradicts with the inherent dignity of all people and violates the United States Constitution and the Census Act.

Bishop Dorsonville offered the following statement: "Denying the undocumented and the states in which they reside their rightful representation in Congress is counter to the Constitution and makes people feel invisible and not valued as human beings. The Church's teaching is clear: human dignity is most sacred, regardless of legal status. For that reason, we once again affirm the need to count all persons in the census, as well as in the apportionment of congressional representatives."

Previous statements about the 2020 census from the USCCB can be found at: <https://www.usccb.org/news/2019/bishops-urge-all-people-count-and-must-be-included-census-efforts> and <https://www.usccb.org/news/2020/us-bishops-urge-president-rescind-divisive-memorandum-excluding-undocumented-inclusion>.

USCCB's amicus curiae brief on this case is available on the USCCB website.





Blessing of a Christmas Tree

The use of the Christmas tree is relatively modern. Its origins are found in the medieval mystery plays that depicted the tree of paradise and the Christmas light or candle that symbolized Christ, the Light of the world.

According to custom, the Christmas tree is set up just before Christmas and may remain in place until the Solemnity of Epiphany.

The lights of the tree are illuminated after the prayer of blessing.

When all have gathered, a suitable song may be sung.
The leader makes the sign of the cross, and all reply "Amen."

The leader may greet those present in the following words:

Let us glorify Christ our light, who brings salvation and peace into our midst, now and forever.
R/. Amen.

In the following or similar words, the leader prepares those present for the blessing:

My brothers and sisters, amidst signs and wonders Christ Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea: his birth brings joy to our hearts and enlightenment to our minds. With this tree, decorated and adorned, may we welcome Christ among us; may its lights guide us to the perfect light.

One of those present or the leader reads a text of sacred Scripture, for example:

Listen to the words of the Letter of St. Paul to Titus: **3:4-7**

But when the kindness and generous love
of God our savior appeared,
not because of any righteous deeds we had done
but because of his mercy,
he saved us through the bath of rebirth
and renewal by the holy Spirit,
whom he richly poured out on us
through Jesus Christ our savior,
so that we might be justified by his grace
and become heirs in hope of eternal life.

Or Ezekiel 17:22-24—I will plant a tender shoot on the mountain heights of Israel.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
R/. Thanks be to God.

The intercessions are then said. The leader says:

Let us ask God to send his blessing upon us and upon this
sign of our faith in the Lord.

R/. Lord, give light to our hearts.

The Third Sunday of Advent



CNS photo/Michael Alexander, Georgia Bulletin

What is special about the Third Sunday of Advent?

For much of the Church's history, this Sunday had a special name: "Gaudete" Sunday. The traditions surrounding this Sunday go back as far as the fourth or fifth century, as does the season of Advent itself. Advent, our preparation for Christmas, was originally a forty-day penitential season like Lent. In fact, since it used to begin on November 12 (just after the Memorial of St. Martin of Tours), it was called "St. Martin's Lent." "Gaudete Sunday" was the Advent counterpart to "Laetare Sunday," which marks the midpoint in Lent.

On Gaudete Sunday, the season of Advent shifts its focus. For the first two weeks of Advent, the focus can be summed up in the phrase, "The Lord is coming." But beginning with Gaudete Sunday, the summary might be, "The Lord is near." This shift is marked by a lighter mood and a heightened sense of joyous anticipation. Liturgically, the colors lighten as well. The priest usually wears rose-colored vestments, a hue seen only on Gaudete Sunday and Laetare Sunday. On this day, we light the third candle of the Advent wreath, which is also rose-colored, or if you prefer, pink.

The word "Gaudete" is Latin for "Rejoice." In times when the focus of our anticipation is often on the negative and fearful, this celebration is a reminder that God who loves us is still in charge and that we await his coming not with fear, but with tremendous joy.

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