

## *First Sunday of Advent*



### Mass Intentions for the Week

#### **Saturday, November 28**

4:00 PM †Jack Conway – In Memory by Paula Payne

#### **Sunday, November 29**

8:00 AM Pro Populo

10:30 AM †Marion Connolly by Dennis & Susie Connolly

12:15 PM †Luis & †Israel Navarrete Int. de Rebeca Navarrete

#### **Tuesday, December 1**

8:30 AM Poor Souls by Dulce Robles

#### **Wednesday, December 2**

8:30 AM †Lady Frances Garcia by Cherry Martinez

#### **Thursday, December 3**

8:30 AM †Georganna Castañeda by Family

#### **Friday, December 4**

8:30 AM In Honor of the Sacred Heart

#### **Saturday, December 5**

4:00 PM †Helen Conway – In Memory by Paula Payne

#### **Sunday, December 6**

8:00 AM †Burl & †Billie Repka by Linda Towns

10:30 AM †Sylvia Lozano by Mom & Family

12:15 PM Pro Populo

### **Advent Prayer**

In this season of Advent, inspire us to be a people of hope.

Encourage us not to be greedy for material possessions, but for justice and truth.

Enflame us with a love for others, which crosses boundaries of race, religion and nationality.

Stir within us an appreciation of the immense beauty of the earth.

Be with us, Lord, at this time, that we may be a people of hope.

Amen.

### **First Friday in Honor of the Sacred Heart**

We will have a Mass followed by Holy Hour on *Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>* at 8:30am.



### **Blessing for Expectant Mothers**

Next weekend we will have our monthly blessing for expectant mothers of our parish after all the Masses.

### **Finance Meeting**



The Finance Council will meet *Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup>* at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall.



## Prayer Requests

Joe Wages	Nick Morales, Sr.
Rosann Kinkaid	Barbara Meshell
Maria Landaverde	Wayne Meshell
Becca Elliott	Judy Aloï
Mike Gonzales	Nancy Bardsley
Richard Lyon	Kenneth Elliott
Warren Terry	George Lawshe
Frances LaPoint	Sheila Acciaro
Juan Ramirez	Susie Connolly
Michael Gutierrez	Cyndy Vargas
Clarence Gattenby	Ernestina Bueno
Nancy Diaz	Alice Diaz
Whitney Willis	Michelle Hass
Teresa Valenzuela	Bob Rowland
Sheila Wilson	Ma Candelaria
Jovita De la Garza	Stephen LaPoint
Anthony Henderson	Bobbie Goelden
Felipe Caballero	Blanche Rizkal
Joseph Ellis	Dulce Robles
Esther Luna	Eliberto Meza
Treva Vogl	Debbie Hager
Laura K.	Ellen S.
Kris & Leah Stone	Alix Hager
Cynthia Reyes Villarreal	Sergio Roman
Maria Carmona	

### Reporting Abuse:

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### Weekend Collection of November 15, 2020

Regular Collection: 3,695.00

### Lectors Schedule for December 5/6

#### Saturday:

4:00 PM Cathy Burton

#### Sunday:

8:00 AM Kevin Berthelette  
10:30 AM Bill Bedrick

### Advent Word Search Puzzle



See if you can find the Advent words in the puzzle below!

s	b	c	v	c	a	d	v	e	n	t	g
h	n	a	c	a	r	o	l	s	z	z	u
o	n	r	b	a	x	g	i	f	t	s	r
p	i	d	u	e	l	s	q	v	b	c	d
p	s	s	d	d	l	e	a	u	m	v	e
i	c	t	k	l	u	l	n	n	y	e	c
n	c	o	o	k	i	e	s	d	t	h	o
g	c	o	o	k	i	n	g	m	a	a	r
x	y	l	i	g	h	t	s	m	v	r	a
f	r	i	e	n	d	s	y	q	l	x	t
s	n	o	w	m	a	n	t	r	e	e	e
h	i	c	h	r	i	s	t	m	a	s	h

advent	christmas	gifts	calendar
decorate	cards	shopping	cooking
cookies	friends	snowman	santa
tree	lights	bells	carols



## First Week of Advent

Sunday is the beginning of a new liturgical year with the **First Sunday of Advent**. The first reading from the **Prophet Isaiah** as the people repent before God: "Would that you might meet us doing right, that we were mindful of you in our ways!" **Mark's gospel** offers the image of the master who leaves his servants in charge while he is away. Be watchful! Be alert!



Monday is the **Feast of St. Andrew, Apostle**. Thursday is the **Memorial of St. Francis Xavier**.

During the first part of Advent - until December 17 - we focus on the first reading. This week it is from the **Prophet Isaiah**. These readings are about promises. Isaiah is consoling, building up and preparing his people to have hope. "In the days to come," he says over and over. When the day of promise comes, "They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; One nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again." Even though King David's line, and that of his father, Jesse, are almost wiped out, Isaiah proclaims hope: "On that day, a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom." Who would believe even a peace in nature - lion lying down with the lamb? "There shall be no harm or ruin on all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be filled with knowledge of the LORD, as water covers the sea." God's unique ways of favoring the poor, which Mary comes to know and proclaims in her *Magnificat*, are seen when Isaiah says, "He humbles those in high places, and the lofty city he brings down; He tumbles it to the ground, levels it with the dust." Even Jesus' own statement about his mission is seen in the powerful images Isaiah uses to give us courage and hope: "On that day the deaf shall hear ... the eyes of the blind shall see ... the lowly will ever find joy in the LORD ... " "On the day the LORD binds up the wounds of his people."

The gospels for this first part of Advent are chosen from several gospels. They are meant to match the first readings and to show that the promises are fulfilled in Jesus. Jesus brings healing. He raises up the childlike. And Jesus calls and sends the twelve apostles to continue his ministry.

## Daily Prayer This Week

Despite all of the distractions at this time of year, we really can focus on Advent during these weeks. We seem to get very busy, and at times have to go to a number of social events or wrestle with budgets and shopping, but the heart of this season is all about expectant hope. So, we begin our Advent journey by giving ourselves some time - just a few minutes each day - to reflect on how much God promises us.

Each morning this week, while we are first coming to consciousness, we can name a desire, name an emptiness or feeling of anxiety or worry which we can feel. It is into the raw places in our lives such as these, that our Lord came to be with us. So, this week, we can begin to invite our Lord to be Incarnate in our lives, in the places we need him the most.

Our goal this week is to let ourselves feel like those to whom the promises of our God are made. We want to get in touch with ourselves, especially those parts of ourselves that are in need of a Savior. We do this by keeping our focus on the places that feel like a desert, the places that feel like we've been through a war, the places that feel like a lifeless stump. When we have a hard time seeing, we ask for the grace to be able to believe the promise that we shall see. When we seem deaf, we place our trust in the One who assures us that we will hear. And when we feel beaten down and awfully lowly, we turn to the One who promises that we will "find joy in the Lord." And, who among us doesn't have days on which we are aware of various kinds of wounds? On the day of promise, "the Lord binds up the wounds of his people."

As we let these deep realities of our daily, busy lives come into focus and interact with the readings, something wonderful happens. We become more and more aware of our need for God. Very naturally and quite spontaneously, a prayer comes forth from deep within us, which we can say in the smallest moments of our busiest days. "Come, Lord." "Come and save me." "Come and be with me in all of these messy, empty, dry and disordered places in my life." "Come, Lord. I feel my longing for you grow. I feel my hope grow. And, as I place my hope in your promises, Advent begins to come alive in me."

All of this preparation can happen in the simplest way, before the first Christmas decoration goes up. And, for each moment of each day that we encounter a place that we desire, that we long for our Lord's coming, we can express our thanksgiving. Each night we might pray:

*The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear?*

*The LORD is my life's refuge; of whom should I be afraid?"*  
(Ps. 27)

## Primer Domingo de Adviento



Encendemos, Señor, esta luz, como aquel que enciende su lámpara para salir en la noche al encuentro del amigo que viene.

En esta primera semana de adviento queremos estar despiertos y vigilantes porque tú nos traes la luz más clara.

La paz más profunda  
y la alegría más verdadera.  
¡Ven, Señor Jesús!  
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## ¡VEN PRONTO, SEÑOR JESÚS!

Iniciamos el Adviento, y el Espíritu Santo mueve a su Iglesia a pedir que nuestro Señor Jesucristo venga, “con gran poder y majestad”, a regir a su Iglesia y al mundo entero. Por eso decimos en la Eucaristía: “Ven, Señor Jesús”.

- ❖ No debemos tener miedo, porque aquel que dio su vida por nosotros en la cruz vendrá de nuevo para traernos la paz y la felicidad verdaderas.
- ❖ A nosotros nos toca velar y estar preparados “mediante la práctica de las buenas obras”.

Como Iglesia  
nos preparamos para recibir  
al “dueño de la casa”.

## Reportar abuso:

Primero, notifique a la policía local. Segundo notificar al Departamento de servicios familiares y de protección de Texas a través de la línea directa de abuso de Texas (1-800-252-5400 o [www.texasabusehotline.org](http://www.texasabusehotline.org)) finalmente, si la acusación involucra a un miembro del clero o a un empleado de una parroquia o de la diócesis, por favor notifique la Coordinadora de asistencia a víctimas de la diócesis de Dallas, Barbara Landregan al 214-379-2812.

## Primer Viernes en Honor del Sagrado Corazón

Vamos a tener Misa y enseguida la Hora Santa el **viernes, 4 de diciembre** a las 8:30am. Todos están invitados.



## Bendición Especial

El próximo fin de semana después de la Misa vamos a tener una bendición especial para las madres de nuestra parroquia que están embarazada.

## Clases Pre-Bautismales



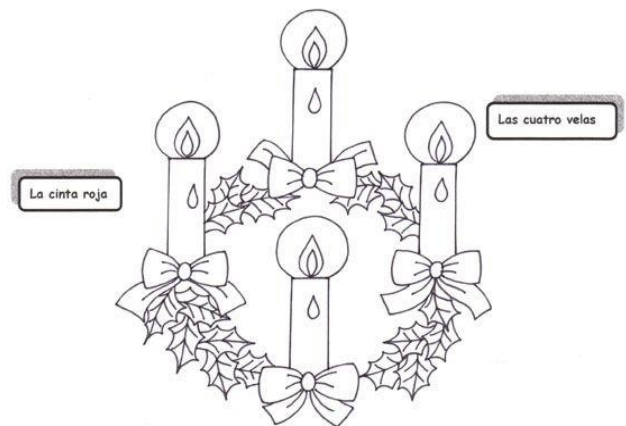
**ANOTEN:** Tendremos clases Pre-Bautismales en el mes de febrero 2021.

### Los símbolos de la corona de adviento

La corona está formada por una gran variedad de símbolos. Recortamos los recuadros y los pegamos bajo el símbolo que corresponda.

Las ramas verdes

La forma circular



Representa nuestro amor a Dios y el amor de Dios que nos envuelve.

Representa el color de esperanza y vida.

Es señal del amor de Dios que es eterno, sin principio y sin fin, y también de nuestro amor a Dios y al prójimo que nunca debe de terminar.

Representan la luz de Cristo que ilumina la oscuridad provocada por el pecado que nos aleja de Dios.