



November 28, 2021

First Sunday of Advent

Let us be on guard as we await the coming of Christ, loving one another and observing his covenant and

decrees.

Readings for December 5, 2021

1st Baruch 5:1-9
2nd Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11
Gospel Luke 3:1-6



MASS INTENTIONS November 28 – December 4, 2021

Sunday 11-28-2021	8:30 AM – + Robert Hanania
Sunday	10:00 AM – + Rogelio Agagon
Sunday	12:00 PM – + Abraham Acosta & In Thanksgiving – Victoria & Reginaldo Aragon – 25 th wedding anniversary
Sunday	4:00 PM – + Maria & Gregorio Alicaba
Monday 11-29-2021	6:45 AM - Thanksgiving answered prayers 8:30 AM – + Gino Macchiardi
Tuesday 11-30-2021	6:45 AM - + Nerio Tolentino & Francisco Abaga & Crisanta 8:30 AM - + Anacleto Lirio
Wednesday 12-1-2021	6:45 AM - Rael Family 8:30 AM – + Maria del Carmen Cabellero
Thursday 12-2-2021	6:30 AM – + Adele George 8:45 AM – + Jim Schneider
Friday 12-3-2021	6:45 AM – + Aurora Bautista & Fr. Tom Alkire 8:30 AM + Mendrado & Remedios Quidolit
Saturday 12-4-2021	8:30 AM – Thanksgiving - Nguyen Family 4:00 PM – + Deacon Joe Artesi & deceased family members

PLATE COLLECTIONS



November 21, 2021 \$ 7,241.⁰⁰
Catholic Campaign \$ 1,726.⁰⁰
for Human Development

SECOND COLLECTIONS

November 28 2021 – Bishop's Ministry Appeal

St. Luke's BMA assessment for 2021 is \$88,549. Whatever we don't raise through BMA pledges and collections has to come out of our general fund. Remember, anything we raise OVER the assessed amount is returned to our parish.

December 5 2021 – Diocesan Assessment

The fee each parish must pay to the Diocese for managerial support.

WHOOOOOA, NELLIE!!

We have received numerous complaints from our neighbors about St. Luke's parishioners and school and pre-school parents. Please, we want to be good neighbors and make a good impression on the people who live near our parish, not turn them off completely! When driving, slow down and obey all traffic laws. Don't block driveways. Be considerate and friendly. Don't throw trash or gum out of the windows of your car. Let's help keep our neighborhood clean, safe, and happy.

2022 CALENDARS

The 2022 Catholic Calendars are in the office NOW! They are a great resource as they have all the Catholic holidays and holy days as well as the secular ones. Catholic calendars make great stocking stuffers for students who may be away from home or just for hanging up on the fridge. St. Luke is asking for a donation of just \$3 per calendar to cover the cost of printing. Stop by the office and get yours today!

ANNIVERSARY SPONSOR

Thanks to Silver Sponsors, David and Veronica Semillo, and thanks to all who helped to underwrite our Anniversary celebrations!



POINSETTIA SALE

Help support St. Luke's 8th grade class raise money for their Washington D.C. trip. Purchase a beautiful poinsettia for the Advent and Christmas season with the following options:

- Give as a gift or decorate for yourself (personal use)
- Donate to the church as a decoration for Christmas in memory of a loved one. (church donation)

For personal use, purchase no later than December 6, for take home December 10. For a church donation purchase no later than December 19, for use in the church beginning December 24. Six-inch pots are \$14 each; ten-inch pots are \$28 each. For more information or to order, please contact Andrea Bear at 209-609-6973 or Suzi Rosson at 760-412-2607. Thank you for your support!

Poinsettias will be sold after all Masses on the weekends of November 27 & 28 and December 4 & 5.

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Check the website for the reflection for this weekend!

GIVING TREES WILL BE UP THIS WEEKEND

We will have two Giving Trees up on each side of the sanctuary. Please feel free to pick one or more ornaments from the trees and a gift bag from under the tree for every ornament you take. Each ornament is a pledge to purchase items for individual **men** at the Stockton Shelter for the Homeless. The gift bag should contain the following: **PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGES!**

- a pair of warm socks for a man
- 4 or 5 men's toiletry items (**travel sizes are best**) you pick the items... they might any of the following, *tooth brush, tooth paste, soap, travel pack of Kleenex, disp. razors, shaving cream, box of band-aids, small deodorant or aftershave, travel size shampoo, etc.*



Here's an idea: If you have kids allow them to help pick out what items to purchase. A great way to teach them about giving!

Return gift bag w/ socks & toiletries inside & place under the Giving Trees NO LATER THAN DEC. 19.

NEW MASS SCHEDULE FOR ST. LUKE

Beginning the weekend of **January 8 & 9, 2022**, St. Luke Parish's new post-COVID weekend Mass schedule will be:

Saturday (Vigil): 5:00 pm
Sunday: 7:00 am – 8:45 am – 10:15 am – 5:00 pm
12:00 pm SPANISH

DIVAS WOMEN'S MINISTRY ROSARY FOR PEACE

How can you combat evil, anxiety and fear? As St. Padre Pio has said the "Rosary is the most powerful weapon of our time." Therefore, the DIVAS Women's ministry is participating in an ongoing Rosary for peace in our country and will end on December 24. The first 27 days will be for petition and the second 27 days will be for thanksgiving. Join us each day (men, women, families) on our St. Luke's DIVAS Facebook page at 7:00pm every night where several volunteers will lead the Rosary via livestream. This is a national movement and is supported by <http://www.queenofpeacemedia.com>. If you would like more information or would like to participate visit our DIVAS Facebook page.

MEN'S COFFEE CONNECTION



All men (18 and older) are invited to our 2nd Saturday early morning men's gathering, Saturday, Dec. 4, 7:15 AM in the Meeting Room (next to the Social Hall). Coffee and donuts are on us. Enjoy pt. 2 of **INTO THE BREACH**, a short video on the value of brotherhood among men. Bring a friend, adult son, dad or granddad...Something for everyone!

PICKING UP PHOTOS

If you brought photos of deceased loved ones for the memorial altar, you may pick them up in the church vestibule after Mass this weekend (Nov. 27 & 28). On the 29th of November, we will bring the remaining photos to the Parish Office for pick-up during office hours. Pick yours up before Dec. 2.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

This year at each Advent Mass on Saturday evenings and Sunday Masses (beginning this weekend!) we invite families to come forward and together light the Advent candles. Make this a new and most special tradition for your family as you make preparations for the coming of Christmas. Call the Parish Office, (209) 948-3450 during business hours Mondays – Thursdays and sign up.

THE 3 C'S ARE BACK!

Christmas Church Cleaning is Saturday, **December 4th from 9am-1pm**. This is a deep cleaning of the Church in preparation for Our Lord's Birth. All are welcome to help and earn community service hours or PPP hours for parents/grandparents. Coffee and pastries available for volunteers. We have the cleaning supplies, you bring the elbow grease! Questions call/text: Janelle Villalpando 209-518-2565.



ST LUKE ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, December 21 for an Advent Celebration of Reconciliation Service. Priests from around the Diocese will be here to facilitate the service which begins at 6:30 pm. A great way to prepare your heart for the Christmas season!

November 23, 2021 Advent Reflection –

Jesus' Second Coming

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, ADVENT: Ready or not - Jesus shall come to judge the living and the dead. That is what we believe and profess! He comes in order to restore all things in Himself, in His all-consuming love. So, the question is: Are you and your loved ones ready for his coming? My friends, we are talking about is - "the end game" - our "exit interview." Our destiny, our eternity, will be of our choosing. It's up to us! We must decide; for there are only two choices: heaven or hell. So the question is: "Have you been reconciled with God, the Church and yourself?" Have you taken to heart Jesus' command: "Repent and believe in the good news? Let's not forfeit this graced time of Christ's visitation - his mercy. Now is the time of salvation and conversion! In this Season of Advent, let us proclaim, with open hearts: "Come Lord, Jesus!" "Come soon!" Brothers and sisters, believers and non-believers, those who have fallen away from the Truth, take note: He, Who is God, the Lord of Life, is coming back for you and for me. He has given his life to save us from sin and eternal death though his passion, death and resurrection. He has truly set us free! As we anticipate the promise of his Second Coming, may God grant us many graces during this special Season of Promise and Hope - Advent.

In the Peace of Christ,
Bishop Cotta

Mis queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

ADVIENTO: Listo o no- Jesús vendrá a juzgar a los vivos y a los Muertos. ¡Eso es lo que creemos y profesamos! Él viene para restaurar todas las cosas, en Su amor que lo consume todo. Entonces la pregunta es: ¿Está usted y sus seres queridos listos para la venida del Señor Jesús? Mis amigos, estamos hablando de- "el fin" – nuestra "ultima entrevista." Nuestro destino, nuestra eternidad, será lo que escojamos. ¡Es nuestra decisión! Tenemos que decidir; porque sólo hay dos opciones: el cielo o el infierno. La pregunta es: "está usted reconciliado con Dios, la Iglesia y con usted mismo?" Ha tomado en serio el mandamiento de Jesús: "Arrepiéntanse y crean en las buenas nuevas" No perdamos este tiempo de gracia de la venida de Cristo: su misericordia. ¡Ahora es el momento de la salvación y la conversión! En este tiempo de Adviento, proclamemos con el Corazón abierto: "Ven, Señor, ¡Jesús!" "Ven pronto!" Hermanos y hermanas, creyentes y no creyentes, los que se han apartado de la Verdad, tomen nota: Él, que es Dios, el Señor de la vida, vuelve por ustedes y por mi. Él ha dado su vida para salvarnos del pecado y la muerte eterna a través de su pasión, muerte, y resurrección. ¡Él realmente nos ha liberado! Mientras anticipamos la promesa de su Segunda Venida, que Dios nos concede muchas bendiciones durante esta temporada especial de Promesa y Esperanza: el Adviento.

En la Paz de Cristo,
Obispo Cotta