

December 3, 2017
First Sunday in Advent

From the Desk of Rev. Msgr. Hugh J. Corrigan:

We are now entering the seasons of Advent (December 3-24) followed by the season Christmas (December 25-January 7). We are also celebrating the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8th. These are feast days that should make us joyful. God is revealed to us as a loving Father who cares very much for us. In a time of high anxiety throughout the world, it is important for us to enjoy the beautiful stories of Mary, Joseph and Jesus. This is our religious heritage. It should give us peace, comfort and strength.

1st Sunday in Advent: Daily thoughts and Scriptures Readings to Prepare for Christ's Coming:

Sunday December 3, 2017: Isaiah 64:2-3:Come Down O God! ~ invite God to be with us this Advent

Monday December 4, 2017:Matthew 8:5-7:Come & Cure Us, Jesus! ~ ask Jesus to heal us in mind and body.

Tuesday December 5, 2017:Isaiah11:2-3:Send Your Spirit upon Us ~ ask the Holy Spirit to be with you today.

Wednesday December 6, 2017:Romans10:9-13:Call on God and Be Saved! ~ if we grow in trust, God will give us new life

Thursday December 7, 2017: Isaiah 26:4: Trust in God Always ~ ask God to guard and keep you from harm

Friday December 8, 2017: Luke 1:38:Say "YES" as Mary Did ~let God be born now and live in us.

Saturday December 9, 2017: Isaiah 30:19-20:God Will Answer Me ~ when we cry out to God, we know God will be there for us.

Collection : the collection for last Sunday, November 26, 2017 was \$3,651.

This Sunday the second collection will be Christmas Flower Offering

Christmas Flowers: Today's Christmas Flower Collection helps to defray the cost of decorating our altars for Christmas and the names on the back of your envelopes will be placed on a Christmas plaque in the rear of the church; in memory of your loved ones.

Large Poinsettia Plants \$50.00

Medium Poinsettia Plants \$25.00

Small Poinsettia Plants \$20.00

Friday December 8, 2016: Feast day of the Immaculate Conception : On Friday we celebrate Mary as the patroness of the United States under her title of the Immaculate Conception. We remember her conception in the womb of her mother, Anne, and affirm our belief that God prepared Mary to be the mother of the Son of God by allowing her a share, from the moment of her conception, in the salvation that would be won for all by Christ. Let us be open to the intercession of Mary on our behalf that we may become more and more like her beloved Son. Let us not forget that it is a Holy Day of Obligation and the rectory office will be closed.

Advent 2017: the word Advent means coming; during the four week Advent season that begins the Church year we prepare for the coming of Jesus by remembering his birth in Bethlehem (past), anticipating his coming in glory (future) and by celebrating his coming to us in word and sacrament (present). The church has appointed scripture for Advent that tell of God's coming in Christ. The first Sunday focuses on the coming of Christ at the end of time-the second coming or Parousia. The second and third Sundays focus on the coming of Christ today, to us and to our world. The fourth Sunday focuses on the coming of Christ in history as a child born in Bethlehem.

Reminder if you have not yet paid your child's sacrament fee please do so by no later then December 9, 2017

December 2017:

9th Religious Education Instruction-9:30 to 11:00am

15th Family Catechesis II from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

16th NO Religious Education Instruction today

23rd NO Religious Education Instruction today "Christmas Recess"

30th NO Religious Education Instruction today

Mass Schedule for the week of
December 3, 2017 to December 10, 2017

Mass are daily at 8:15 and 12:05 in English and in Spanish on Thursdays at 7:00pm

Below are the Special Intentions for this week

Sunday, December 3, 2017:

7:30for the Parishioners

9:00 German Talero Jr.

Lilia Talero

11:00 Thomas McCarthy

Jim Rohan

Tuesday, December 5, 2017:

12:05 Edward Raff

John Eshoo

Wednesday, December 6, 2017:

12:05 In Thanksgiving

Claudia & Francisco Dougan

Saturday, December 9, 2017:

12:05 the De Benedette Family

Granddaughter Angela

5:00 Mary & Stella Mustazza

John Prato & Family

7:00 Efren Garcia Aguilar

Wife & Children

Sunday, December 10, 2017:

7:30for the Parishioners

9:00 Francisca Parreño Taveras

Marisol Taveras

11:00 Domingos Manuel Rodrigues

Eduardo & Esther Rodrigues