

# First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2022

Marana tha! Come Lord Jesus!



## Masses For The Week

**Sun 27 First Sunday of Advent**  
08:00 am +Juan Castillo, Sr. (Maria Castillo)  
+Sara Alicia Hernandez (Maria Castillo)  
+Gilbert & June Leyendecker (Sandy Leyendecker)

**Thr 01 Advent Weekday**  
12:05 pm +Gilbert & June Leyendecker (Sandy Leyendecker)  
+Emma Gonzalez

**First Sunday of Advent**  
*As the first word of Advent, Christ tells us, "Stay awake! You must be prepared." The unprepared people "in the days of Noah" were distracted by their "eating and drinking," oblivious to the imminent flood. In what does Advent preparation consist? Putting on the Lord Jesus Christ through faith. "Encountering Christ, letting [ourselves] be caught up in and guided by his love, enlarges the horizons of existence, gives it a firm hope which will not disappoint. Faith is no refuge for the fainthearted, but something which enhances our lives. It makes us aware of a magnificent calling, the vocation of love.... Faith is a lamp that guides our steps in the night and suffices for the journey" (Lumen Fidei, 53). "Let us walk in the light of the Lord!"*

## The Sanctuary Candle



**This Week will be Burning for the Donors of the Catholic Church Extension Society**

# Good News!

November 27, 2022  
*First Sunday of Advent (A)*  
Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:37-44

If Advent is a time of waiting, then our entire lives must be an Advent, for we spend so much of our lives waiting—at one point for Santa to come with his sack of surprises, at other times for the dizzying lure of summertime. Later we eagerly wait to get our driver's license and then to move out on our own for our first real job and then the independence it promises. We wait for love to find us and, for some, for love to return. Some wait for children, others for the empty nest, and others for retirement.

Our mothers told us not to wish our lives away, and yet we did, and still we do, waiting for life to be more than what it seems to be. Then one day we look back and wish we could have again all that once was. So maybe Advent is not about waiting for God to make a splash in our lives. Maybe Advent is about God waiting for us to come around and recognize God is with us here and now.

The question for each of us, then, is what are we waiting for at this point in our lives? There is no right answer, only the one each of us has for ourselves. Whatever it is, there is no doubt that there is love or joy or peace or meaning at the heart of it, all camouflaged by whatever we say we are waiting for. Beneath it all is the hunger for God-with-us.

*Fr. Joseph Juknialis*

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## PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR GRAND POSADA

This year all the parish's organizations will be sponsoring a "Grand Posada." All are cordially invited to participate in our celebration. The Grand Posada will take place on December 22, Thursday at the Parish Hall at 6:30p.

## LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Olga Gonzalez, Cristina Zarate, Mina Aldaco, Mario Garcia, Ramona Alaniz, Diana Reese, Edna Flores, Ana Maria Finley, Margarita Inocencio, Lucia Rodriguez, and Maria Teresa Cassiano.



## BAPTISMS IN JANUARY 2023

The next celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism will be on January 14, 2023. Pre-baptismal classes will be held at 7:00p on Thursday, January 12th in the parish office. Families wishing to baptize are asked to call the Parish Office.


## SCHEDULED SECOND COLLECTIONS FOR DECEMBER

*Retirement Fund for Religious*--December 11;  
*Christmas Charities*--December 18;  
*Christmas Collection*--December 24.

**Charities that benefit from Christmas Charities and Christmas Collection:**

1. St. Jude's Research Hospital
2. Wounded Warrior Project
3. Bethany House


Thank you for your generosity. Fr. Nolasco.



## Mass Intentions

### MASS INTENTION BOOK FOR THE YEAR 2023

Mass Intention Book for 2023 has opened. You may choose as many dates that are available. If you have intentions you would like to offer during a Mass, please bring them to the Parish Office. **NO intentions will be accepted by phone. All intentions must be made in person (Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: 9a-12p & 1:30p-3:30p).** Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Thank you. Fr. Nolasco.



## SANCTUARY CANDLE FOR THE YEAR 2023

Anyone interested in making a \$10.00 donation to have the Sanctuary Candle burning weekly in memory of a loved one or for a special intention may do so in person in the Parish Office during regular hours on or after November.

*we prepare for the LORD'S coming*



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*Come, Lord Jesus*

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*Last Sunday's Collection*

*Envelopes: \$1,434.00*  
*Loose: \$25.87*  
*Children's Envelopes: \$1.00*  
*Total Sunday Collection: \$1,460.87*

***Total Expenses Last Week: \$816.30***

# Dear Padre

November 27, 2022

## Should adopted children know who their biological parents are?

Arguments can be made in favor of and against adopted children knowing their biological origins. It appears more and more that adoption agencies encourage knowledge of biological parents over closed adoptions, where this information is not known by the child or the adopting parents. There are many issues here that are packed emotionally, such as why a person was placed for adoption, fear by adopting parents that this new information could compromise their relationship with their child, perhaps fear on the part of biological parents that they will be asked to be involved in a relationship against their wishes.

An argument to be made in favor of disclosure about one's biological parents has to do with one's health. Today we realize that challenges to our health come not just from bacteria and viruses that invade our system from outside ourselves, but also from within, that is, from genetic predispositions to heart disease, diabetes, and other disorders that could compromise our well-being. This information becomes more critical when persons are of an age to marry and to bear their own children. They might want to know as much information as possible to act responsibly in bearing and raising children.

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# Advent



◆ We await the coming of the Lord ◆

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