

1st December, 2024 † 1st Sunday of Advent



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THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

DAY	DATE	TIME	OCCASION	INTENTION
TUESDAY	12/3	8:15 AM	St. Francis Xavier, Priest	
WEDNESDAY	12/4	8:15 AM	St. John Damascene, Priest	
THURSDAY	12/5	8:15 AM	Week of 1 st Sunday in Advent	
FRIDAY	12/6	8:15 AM	St. Nicholas, Bishop	
SATURDAY	12/7	5:00 PM	2 nd Sunday of Advent (Vigil)	Pro Populo
SUNDAY	12/8	10:30 AM	2 nd Sunday of Advent	Pro Populo

CONFESSIONS before daily Mass at 8:00 AM, *and by appointment.*

Saturday, Santa Ysabel at 2:30 PM; and Julian at 4:30 PM

To report sexual misconduct by clergy or Church personnel, including abuse, please call Mary Acosta, Victim Assistance Coordinator, (858) 490-8353, email misconduct@sdccatholic.org or visit www.safeinourdiocese.org.



NOTE: If you see someone in a wheelchair, please offer to assist the person up or down the wheelchair ramp. If you are with someone in a wheelchair, or are in a wheelchair yourself, please feel free to ask for assistance.

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1530 Main Street / Suite 6 / Ramona, CA 92065

Announcements

- ◆ **ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE** Prepare your heart and soul for making a prayerful Advent journey with Mary & Joseph this year, and be ready to receive the coming of the Infant King. Father Dan will be hosting an Advent Penance Service on Monday, December 2nd, from 6pm - 7pm. There will be two additional priests available to hear confessions.
- ◆ **CANNED FOOD DRIVE** hosted by the Outreach Ministry is going on NOW! We are currently accepting NON PERISHABLE items to help our neighbors. Please bring canned items (tuna, chicken, fruits or vegetables, etc.) and drop them off in the wooden box provided for donations in the back of the church. We thank you for your generosity!
- ◆ **ANNUAL COMMUNITY TREE LIGHTING EVENT** Start the Advent Season with fun & fellowship! Join us at the St. Elizabeth's booth, hosted by the 50+ Club, to enjoy the town's tree lighting on Friday, November 29th @ 5pm, in the Town Square with hot chocolate & fellowship. Even Santa will be there!
- ◆ **OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE FEAST DAY** Please join us in celebrating Our Blessed Mother's Feast Day on Thursday, December 12th. Mass will be celebrated at 5pm, followed by a potluck dinner in Lobell Hall. Please bring a dish to share after Mass.
- ◆ **PARKING PASSES** for the church parking lot are now available for parishioners to pick-up. If you are a parishioner and would like to pick up a parking pass, please visit the office during office hours (M-W, 8am-3pm). Rachel will write you a pass for your specific vehicle that you can use for 2024 & 2025. Please note, these passes will not be transferrable to another vehicle and are for registered parishioners only. Please see Rachel for more details.

Last Week's Collection:



Prayer Corner

Please Pray For:

- Fr. Dan Nunez
- Pope & Bishops
- Willard Lepley
- Alex Simmons
- Teri Morgan
- Ward Family
- Kim Smith
- Phil DeMarco +
- Sally Thomas
- Merleen O'Conner
- Lynda Lis
- Sr. Mary Paulynne Tubick
- Butch Paddock +

Please call or email the office for prayer requests.

Saturday's Mass (Nov 23rd)	\$ 726.00
Sunday's Mass (Nov 24th)	\$ 391.37
Funerals & Mass Intentions	\$ 0.00
Outreach Ministry (Coffee & Donuts)	\$ 38.00
Candles	\$ 17.45
Poor Box	\$ 5.00
Other Income	\$ 0.00
Sound System	\$ 50.00
Mail In Donation	\$ 1215.00
Total	\$ 2,498.59

Sunday Connection

1st Sunday of Advent, Year C (Luke 21:25-28,34-36)

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of the new liturgical year. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of The Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of The Lord in glory and the incarnation of The Lord in the birth of Jesus. The key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice.

In this new liturgical year, the Gospel of Luke will be the primary Gospel proclaimed (lectionary cycle c). Today's Gospel is taken from the last chapter before the Passion Narrative in which Jesus is teaching in the temple. We hear Jesus speak to his disciples about the need for vigilance and prayer as they wait for the coming of the Son of Man in glory. This passage marks the conclusion of a lengthy dialogue in which Jesus predicts the destruction of the temple in Jerusalem, warns about the persecution and tribulations to follow, and identifies the signs that will signal the coming of the Son of Man in glory.

The community for whom Luke wrote his Gospel may have believed that they were already experiencing some of the events Jesus described. Most scholars believe that Luke's Gospel was written after the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in 70 a.d. at the same time, many Christians interpreted this event as an indication that Jesus' second coming was near.

Though Jesus predicts a time of destruction and fear, Jesus indicates that others will be frightened; Jesus' disciples are not to fear, but are to stand tall. Yet Jesus does not promise deliverance from anxiety or tribulations. He encourages his disciples to pray for strength. The early Christians communities did not find consolation in the promise of a utopia, nor should we. Instead, we find in our Christian faith the means by which we witness to God's unfailing love for us in all circumstances.

Jesus' predictions about the end times may sound dire, but in the next paragraph Luke tells us that people woke up early to listen to Jesus' teaching in the temple area. In his person and in his message, those who heard Jesus found strength and consolation. Like the first Christians. We may encounter events and circumstances that could lead us to despair. Through prayer, however, we find strength and consolation in Jesus' words and in his continuing presence with us to endure all things and to witness to the action of God in our world.

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