



PARISH COMMUNITY

Santa Clara, California

***Second Sunday
of Advent***
December 10, 2023
***Segundo Domingo
de Adviento***

Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses

Saturday Evening Vigil
5:00 p.m. *(English)*
Livestreamed

Sunday

7:30 a.m. *(English)*
9:00 a.m. *(Portuguesa)*
10:30 a.m. *(English)*
12:00 p.m. *(Español)*
Livestreamed

*Liturgy of the Word
for Children during*
10:30 a.m. Mass *(English)*

*Liturgia de la Palabra
para Niños durante Misa de*
12:00 p.m. *(Español)*

Weekday Masses

Monday-Saturday 8:00 a.m.
Holidays - 9:00 am

Confessions

Saturdays 3:00 p.m.– 3:30 p.m.
(In the church)



“PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD.” — MK 1:3

“PREPAREN EL CAMINO DEL SEÑOR,
ENDERECEN SUS SENDEROS”. — MC 1, 3

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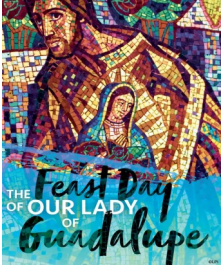
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From Monsignor Fran Cilia

In the biblical television series, *The Chosen*, the Apostles refer to John the Baptist as “creepy John.” I do not think this is done to disrespect John, but to illustrate for the viewers how truly radical was John – in his lifestyle and in his mission. He proclaimed repentance and pointed to Jesus, the Lamb of God. He called his hearers to change their lives. He knew that his was the “voice that cries in the wilderness.”

As I mentioned in my homily last weekend, Advent (and, in fact, the whole of Christian faith) is counter-cultural. We are not called to dance to the drummers of society, but to hear the words of Saint John the Baptist and the prophet Isaiah. Both called their hearers to repentance, to “ready the way of the Lord.” We cannot do this without taking an honest look at our lives. While it is easy to get wrapped up in all the ways we prepare our homes for Christmas, do we take the time to prepare ourselves for the many times that the Lord breaks into our lives each and every day?

Advent is a graced time because it offer us just such an opportunity. Let us make the most of this short season!



Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Join us on Tuesday, December 12, to celebrate “Las Mañanitas” in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The festivity starts at 5:30 am in the church, with a rosary and music featured by all our Spanish choirs. Light refreshments to follow will be in the hall. The Saint Clare Hispanic Community welcomes you all.

Annual Caroling around the Christmas Tree

Join us this coming Friday, December 15, at 6:30 pm, for Christmas Carols, followed by hot chocolate, apple cider and cookies. All are welcome to this pre-Christmas event.

Advent Reconciliation Liturgies

We will have two Communal Celebrations of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, including confessions with priests who understand English, Spanish and Portuguese, on Tuesday evening, December 19, at 7:00 pm, and on Saturday afternoon, December 23, at 3:00 pm. This is a great way to prepare for Christmas.

Our Christmas Mailing is . . .in the Mail

All registered parishioners should have received the mailing that includes our Christmas greeting and schedule. Extra copies are in the vestibule. If you are not on our mailing list, please consider signing up so that you can receive important communications from the parish, including an email update each Friday.

Annual Appeal for Retired Religious

Thank you for your generosity in this weekend’s annual collection to benefit Retired religious sisters, brothers and priests. Many religious do not have adequate support in retirement because of the very small salary they were given in past decades. This collection helps to supplement their pension and Social Security income, if they have are fortunate enough to have it.



Creation Care Tips



As you buy gifts and prepare to wrap presents for Christmas this year, think about the impact of wrapping paper on the environment. Not only are trees cut down to make it, but it usually can't be recycled and ends up in the trash instead. Landfills in the United States are filling up at almost two a day! Choose an alternative this year: old newspapers or magazines, other re-used paper, cloth napkins, etc.

REGISTER NOW!

GO TO stclareparish.org/ymc

HOW TO GET STARTED!

- READ THE CONFIRMATION PACKET
- CHOOSE A PREFERENCE FOR A SMALL GROUP DAY
- CHOOSE A POTENTIAL SPONSOR
- REGISTER USING THE QR CODE
- PAY THE REGISTRATION FEE OF \$350.00
- SUBMIT BAPTISM AND 1ST COMMUNION CERTIFICATE
- HEAD TO THE ORIENTATION JAN 8

WHAT IS FORMATION?

- **RETREATS** - OVERNIGHT MARCH 8-10 AND DAY SEPT 8
- **SESSIONS** - SUNDAYS AT 1:30PM
- **SMALL GROUPS** - CHOSEN WEEKDAY AT 7PM ONCE A MONTH
- **CONFIRMATION** - SEPT 28



CONFIRMATION!

JAN-SEPT 2024



HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

\$350

- RETREAT LODGING, MEALS, SITE, T-SHIRT, TRANSPORTATION
- SESSION MATERIALS AND FOOD



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Youth Ministry

One month left to register for Confirmation!

Our Confirmation program is for 8th-12th graders and lasts from January to September. It includes an overnight retreat, monthly sessions, and other activities. To learn more about the program and to register go to stclareparish.org/ymc or use the QR code. For more information, contact Ryan.Bao@dsj.org.

Deadline to register is December 31st, 2023.

This week, the youth center will be open on **Thursday (12/14)** from 6pm-8:30pm. All youth are welcome!

Interested in receiving some service hours (all ages) this Christmas? Help us set up Christmas decorations on **December 23rd at 10am and on December 24th at 1:15 pm in the church.** We will be putting lights on trees and putting out the poinsettias for our Christmas celebrations!

Journeying with Jesus through the Gospel

- For all youth 8th-12th grade
- In Youth Center (Church Basement)



Tuesdays at 7:30pm

- ~~October 17~~
- ~~October 24~~
- ~~November 7~~
- ~~November 21~~
- ~~December 5~~
- December 19

Las Posadas at Saint Clare Parish

Join us to commemorate the Virgin Mary and St. Joseph's search for a place to stay in Bethlehem by praying the Rosary & singing traditional Spanish carols.

We will be in the Main Hall at 7:00pm on each of the following dates (unless otherwise noted)

- Saturday, Dec. 16th (Church basement)**
- Sunday, Dec. 17th**
- Monday, Dec. 18th (Church Basement)**
- Tuesday, Dec. 19th**
- Wednesday, Dec. 20th**
- Thursday, Dec. 21st**
- Friday, Dec. 22nd**
- Saturday, Dec. 23rd**

Refreshments & small bites will be served.
There will be treats for the kids!



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Saint Clare School

COME SEE WHAT WE ARE ALL ABOUT



FAMILY MASS AT 10:30 AM
BREAKFAST @ CLARE'S
8 AM TO NOON

SAINT CLARE SCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE
JANUARY 28, 2024
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

FORMING STUDENTS WITH HABITS
OF THE MIND, HEART, AND SPIRIT

CONTACT US:
408-248-6797
WWW.STCLARE.SCHOOL

Don't despair if you didn't make our November Parent Observation Days, we will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week, again in January. Bring the family and join us for a day of celebrating our faith at the 10:30 Family Mass, then off to Breakfast @ Clare's for some pancakes, sausage, and more. Once your 'cup runneth over' we invite you to stop by our Open House to learn more about why St. Clare School is the best choice for your four to thirteen year old.

Ask our parents why they chose St. Clare. They will tell you about the community of care and welcome that they experience here daily. Forming the minds, hearts and spirits of children in the Silicon Valley, we graduate students who work to innovate and commit themselves to social justice.

We have been forming community and church leaders since 1856.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING YOU!

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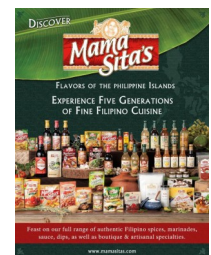
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Parish Mission Statement

Founded in 1777, Saint Clare Parish is an ethnically diverse Catholic community of faith, united in worship, discipleship and service. In welcoming immigrants, newcomers and strangers, we strive to live the virtues of justice and love, so as to be the face of Christ in the world, becoming in Him a sign of unity and an instrument of God's peace.

Mass Intentions

December 9th - 16th, 2023

Sat	5:00 pm	Edna Pantaleon †
Sun	7:30 am	Saint Clare Parishioners
	9:00 am	Ernesto Gonsalves † Manuel & Cristina Jeronimo † Rosalinda Da Silva † Jose Mendonça † Constantina Silva † Arlete Vieira Neto † Vidalia Gaspar Rocha † Zulmira Goulart Lourenco † Andre Sardinha † Maria Lucia Cardoso † Maria de Lourdes Valerio † Abel Brasil † Rosa Arminda & Antonio Nunes † Dora de Oliveira † Manuel & Maria Matos † Isilda Azevedo † David Sousa, Jr. † Julio Matos - Health
	10:30 am	Julia Silveira †
	12:00 pm	Alfredo Garcia Rodriguez † Monica Yadir Garcia † Jose Luis Gonzalez † Felipe Hernandez Solorio † Alicia Suárez - Health Ida López - Health Virginia Victoria Rivera - Health
Mon	8:00 am	SCU Jesuit Community
Tues	8:00 am	The Gutierrez Family
Wed	8:00 am	Constantina Silva †
Thu	8:00 am	Elson Lourenco †
Fri	8:00 am	San Jose Diocesan Priest
Sat	8:00 am	Graciela de Diez †

Stewardship Report

**Sunday Collection:
December 2nd & 3rd**

**Goal: \$9,000.00
Actual: \$ 13,358.50**

Thank you!!

Daily Readings

2nd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
Psalms 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)
2 Peter 3:8-14
Mark 1:1-8

Monday

Isiah 35:1-10
Psalms 85:9ab & 10, 11-12, 13-14
Luke 5:17-26

Tuesday

Zechariah 2:14-17 or Revelation 11:19a;
12:1-6a, 10ab
Judith 13:18bcde, 19
Luke 1:26-38 or Luke 1:39-47

Wednesday

Isaiah 40:25-31
Psalms 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 & 10
Matthew 11:28-30

Thursday

Isaiah 41:13-20
Psalms 145:1 & 9, 10-11, 12-13ab
Matthew 11:11-15

Friday

Isaiah 48:17-19
Psalms 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6
Matthew 11:16-19

Saturday

Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11
Psalms 80:2ac & 3b, 15-16, 18-19
Matthew 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday

Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11
Luke 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54
(Isaiah 61:10b)
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
John 1:6-8, 19-28
Mark 1:1-8

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Open Our Hearts

God of boundless love,
you are the source of all blessings.
Be our companion through these Advent days.
Bless our nativity scene.
Draw us into the circle of love
that surrounds the newborn Christ child.

Help us prepare our hearts
to welcome him home
with a deep abiding love
and with gratitude for his friendship.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Sunday, December 10, 2023 Prepare a Home for the Lord



Today's readings: Isaiah 40:1–5, 9–11; Psalm 85: 9–10, 11–12, 13–14; 2 Peter 3:8–14; Mark 1:1–8. The Lord is always coming toward us, seeking a home in our lives. Advent mindfully prepares our hearts as a permanent dwelling place for the Lord. The letter of St. Peter urges us to “conduct ourselves with holiness and devotion, waiting for and hastening the day of God” (2 Peter 3:11–12). Time is precious during this year’s short Advent as it competes with the secular frenzy of the season. Stay attuned to the spirit of Advent as you prepare for the coming of our Lord.

Adorn your surroundings with reminders to keep your focus on spiritual preparation. Religious imagery forms us in powerful ways. The practice of setting up a nativity scene

at home begins in Advent and continues through the celebration of the Epiphany. St. Francis of Assisi began this custom in 1223 when he celebrated Christmas with his brothers at Greccio with a staging of the stable in Bethlehem that included live animals. This tradition quickly spread, and people began to construct nativity scenes in their homes, churches, and public spaces. You might set up your entire scene all at once, leaving the crib empty for the Christ child to arrive on Christmas Eve. Or set up the scene slowly, placing the figures far from the scene and moving them closer day by day with the Magi arriving on Epiphany with gifts for the child Jesus.



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, December 11

Christ Will Come Again

Today's readings paint a hope-filled picture of the way Christ comes to us at the end of time, often referred to as the parousia. At this time, illness, disability, drought, hunger, sin, conflict, and every source of discord will be wiped away and the full glory of the Lord will be revealed. Prayerfully, reflect on today's readings, resplendent with the promise that our God comes to save us. *Today's readings: Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 85: 9-10, 11-12, 13-14; Luke 5:17-26.*

Tuesday, December 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Today we continue to celebrate Mary's radiant appearance to Juan Diego on Tepeyac Hill, Mexico, in 1531. Mary, whose features were those of a Mesoamerican Indian, offered hope to the oppressed native peoples, who in turn, named her Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe is widely celebrated around the world. Venerate our patron saint of the Americas in a special way today: place her image near the Advent wreath, prepare a special meal, pray the Rosary, recall the miraculous story of her apparition and all that followed. *Today's readings: Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Luke 10:21-24. Zechariah 2:14-17 or Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Judith 13:18bcde, 19; Luke 1:26-38 or Luke 1:39-47.*

Wednesday, December 13

St. Lucy

The Church remembers St. Lucy, a fourth-century martyr whose name means "light," as the patron saint for those with eye disease. Many cultures celebrate St. Lucy with festive customs. In Sweden, this day is called Luciadagen. The eldest daughter of the family dresses up as St. Lucy and greets the family with special breads. Legends tell of St. Lucy's handing out bread in the time of famine. Make or purchase two loaves of braided bread and adorn them with candles.

Enjoy one and surprise a neighbor with the other. *Today's readings: Isaiah 40:25-31; Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10; Matthew 11:28-30.*

Thursday, December 14

St. John of the Cross

Today the Church commemorates this saint from sixteenth-century Spain: St. John of the Cross, whose spiritual writings continue to offer inspiration. Severe persecution and suffering in prison unlocked his poetic gifts. His memorial is placed in Advent because his writings so often highlight Christ as light penetrating the darkness. Light a candle to remember John of the Cross as a reminder that Christ, our light, illuminates our hearts especially in times of suffering. *Today's readings: Isaiah 41:13-20; Psalm 145:1, 9, 10-11, 12, 13ab; Matthew 11:11-15.*

Friday, December 15

Follow the Lord

The response of today's responsorial psalm proclaims, "Those who follow the Lord will have the light of life." Catholics often celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation each Advent as an essential element of their spiritual preparation for the celebration of Christmas. We need help to resist the temptation to sin and to grow in holiness. Do not delay. Seek reconciliation this Advent and make room in your heart to welcome Jesus. *Today's readings: Isaiah 48:17-19; Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6; Matthew 11:16-19.*

Saturday, December 16

Las Posadas

Las Posadas (from Spanish meaning "the inns") is a widely observed Advent tradition celebrating Christian hospitality beginning December 16 and continuing for nine days until December 24. The posadas symbolize Mary and Joseph's difficult search for a place to stay. There are many creative ways to observe Las Posadas. Through the celebration we are reminded that by welcoming the poor and needy, we also welcome Jesus. *Today's readings: Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Psalm 80: 2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Matthew 17:9a, 10-13.*





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Boletim Paroquial Português

10 de Dezembro de 2023; Domingo II do Advento – B

Reflexão por: João Pereira Arruda

“Preparai os caminhos do Senhor que vem!” É o tema principal para este Segundo Domingo do Advento. Enquadrado que, no último Domingo, a sugestão foi para estarmos vigilantes a Liturgia de hoje sugere-nos para estar-mos preparados. João Baptista dizia aos seus discípulos que se preparassem para receberem Aquele que seria mais do que ele: o Cordeiro de Deus! João Baptista apareceu no deserto a proclamar a vinda do Senhor e a oferecer um baptismo de penitência no rio Jordão. S. Pedro na Segunda Leitura diz-nos que o Senhor virá, mas nem a hora nem o dia o saberemos e porque o Senhor não quer perder nenhum de nós ele pede que nos arrependamos do nossos pecados. Para isso a Igreja oferece-nos o Sacramento da reconciliação. Pensemos no que se diz na imposição das cinzas: “Arrependei-vos e acreditai no Evangelho”. Não podemos distrair-nos na vida sem estar atentos e preparados para o dia que nos apresentaremos em frente do Senhor. Nestes dias o mundo oferece-nos milhares de opções, todas elas comercializada para excessos de consumismo. Tudo que é excesso não faz parte da preparação que devemos fazer para estarmos com o Senhor, que não “é Deus de excessos. Ao acendermos a segunda vela da Grinalda do Advento, (roxa) esta significa FÉ! É pela fé que acreditamos que o Senhor vem até nós e não o barbudo vestido de vermelho que traz presentes para os meninos que são bonzinhos. Devemos estar atentos e preparados porque o presente que o Senhor nos dá é o seu próprio Filho Unigénito para nos remir do pecado e dar-nos a salvação. Para isso não é necessário gastar dinheiro indo às lojas ou comprando pela internet, basta estarmos preparados com o coração limpo de agruras, de lama, que nos impedem de estarmos em paz com o Senhor. Esta segunda vela é também conhecida pela vela de Belém, e é, neste lugar que as escrituras nos apontam que foi o local que Deus escolheu para nascer o Emanuel. O mundo nem o local escolhido para Jesus nascer estavam preparados para o nascimento de Jesus. As pousadas não aceitaram José nem Maria, foi numa gruta e entre animais que Maria deu à luz a Luz do mundo. Os anjos nos ares cantaram “Glórias a Deus nas alturas e na terra paz aos homens de boa vontade” e só pastores puderam pela FÉ acreditar e ir adorar o Emanuel. Não houve recepção de honra pelo presidente da Câmara ou o governador, mas os pastores acreditaram que este Menino era mesmo o Deus que eles esperavam e estavam PREPARADOS para ir ver-Lo e levar-Lhe algo dos seus haveres. Tal como os pastores estamos preparados para ouvir a mensagem dos anjos?

Convívio Natalício da Comunidade Portuguesa: É já no próximo Sábado dia 16 de Dezembro, que em comunidade, celebraremos o convívio do Natal no Salão Paroquial pelas 5 horas da tarde. Adentro do possível o Conselho tudo fez para que este convívio tenha continuidade, porque esta Comunidade Paroquial Portuguesa merece ter este convívio em tempo útil. Desde 1975 que a nossa comunidade se junta para celebrar o Natal do modo que foi projectado e ao longo desses 48 anos tem acontecido. O Jantar tipo pot-luck será com os pratos que as pessoas trouxerem e mais tarde depois do espectáculo será partilhado entre todos. São todos bemvidos não é preciso serem membros desta comunidade ou pagarem as quotas anuais, venham e tragam os amigos. Iremos cantar canções tradicionais de Natal e mais do que tudo as nossas crianças procurarão dar o seu melhor embora com poucos ensaios elas merecem o nosso apoio. Mais do que tudo está o esforço de uma mão cheia de boas vontades que se oferecem e com os seus talentos conseguem promover este convívio para o bem comum da nossa comunidade celebrar memórias vividas neste tipo de convívios

Um Santo e Alegre Domingo para todos!

De Monseñor Fran Cilia

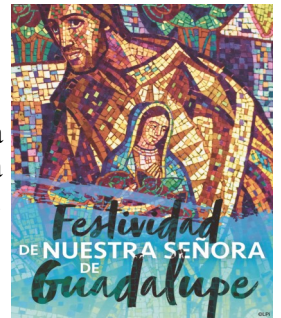
En la serie de televisión bíblica, *The Chosen (Los Elegidos)*, los Apóstoles se refieren a Juan el Bautista como “Juan espeluznante”. No creo que esto se haga para faltarle el respeto a Juan, sino para ilustrar a los espectadores lo verdaderamente radical que era Juan, en su estilo de vida y en su misión. Proclamó arrepentimiento y señaló a Jesús, el Cordero de Dios. Llamó a sus audiencias a cambiar sus vidas. Sabía que la suya era la “voz que clama en el desierto”.

Como mencioné en mi homilía el fin de semana pasado, el Adviento (y, de hecho, toda la fe cristiana) es contracultural. No estamos llamados a bailar al son de los tambores de la sociedad, sino a escuchar las palabras de San Juan Bautista y del profeta Isaías. Ambos llamaron a sus oyentes al arrepentimiento, a "preparar el camino del Señor". No podemos hacer esto sin mirar honestamente nuestras vidas. Si bien es fácil quedar atrapado en todas las maneras en que preparamos nuestros hogares para la Navidad, ¿nos tomamos el tiempo para prepararnos para las muchas veces que el Señor irrumpe en nuestras vidas todos los días?

El Adviento es un tiempo de gracia porque nos ofrece precisamente esa oportunidad. ¡Aprovechemos al máximo esta corta temporada!

Festividad de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

Acompáñanos el martes 12 de diciembre para celebrar “Las Mañanitas” en honor a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. La festividad comienza a las 5:30 am en la iglesia, con un rosario y música a cargo de todos nuestros coros en español. A continuación habrá refrigerios ligeros en el salón. La comunidad hispana de Saint Clare les da la bienvenida a todos.



Villancicos anual alrededor del árbol de Navidad

Vengan a acompañarnos el próximo viernes, 15 de diciembre, a las 6:30 pm para escuchar villancicos, a seguir tendremos chocolate caliente, sidra de manzana y galletas. Todos son bienvenidos a este evento prenavideño.

Liturgias de Reconciliación de Adviento

Tendremos dos Celebraciones Comunitarias del Sacramento de la Reconciliación, incluyendo confesiones con sacerdotes que entienden inglés, español y portugués, el martes, 19 de diciembre, por la tarde a las 7:00 pm y el sábado, 23 de diciembre, por la tarde a las 3:00 pm. Esta es una excelente manera de prepararse para la Navidad.

Nuestro correo navideño es... en el correo

Todos los feligreses registrados deberían haber recibido el correo que incluye nuestro saludo navideño y nuestro horario. Hay copias adicionales en el vestíbulo. Si no está en nuestra lista de correo, considere registrarse para poder recibir comunicaciones importantes de la parroquia, incluida las últimas noticias por correo electrónico cada viernes.

Campaña Anual para Religiosos Jubilados



Gracias por su generosidad en la colecta anual de este fin de semana en beneficio de hermanas, hermanos y sacerdotes religiosos jubilados. Muchos religiosos no cuentan con el apoyo adecuado durante su jubilación debido al escaso salario que recibieron en las últimas décadas. Esta recaudación ayuda a complementar su pensión y sus ingresos de la Seguridad Social, si tienen la suerte de tenerlos.



Las Posadas en la Parroquia de Santa Clara

Acompáñenos a rezar el Rosario y a cantar villancicos para conmemorar la búsqueda de San José y la Virgen María de un lugar donde hospedarse en Belén.

Estaremos en el Salón Principal a las 7:00pm en cada una de las siguientes fechas (a menos que se indique lo contrario)

Sábado, 16 de diciembre (sótano de la iglesia)

Domingo, 17 de diciembre

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Se servirán bebidas y bocadillos.

!Habrá aguinaldos para los niños!



Las Posadas

SEGUNDO DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO



Abre nuestros corazones

Dios de amor infinito,
fuente de toda bendición.
Sé nuestra compañía durante estos
días de Adviento.
Bendice nuestro pesebre.
Acércanos al círculo amoroso
que rodea al Niño recién nacido, Jesús.

Ayúdanos a preparar el corazón
y recibirlo en casa
con amor profundo y constante,
agradecidos de su amistad.
Por Cristo nuestro Señor.
Amén.

Domingo, 10 de diciembre de 2023

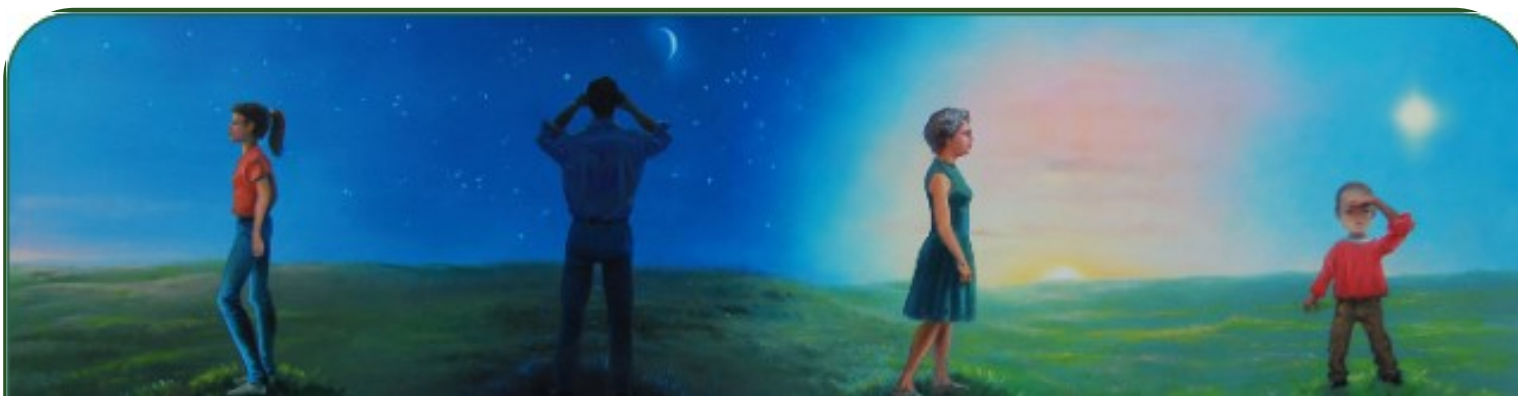
Preparar un hogar al Señor



Lecturas del día: Isaías 40:1-5, 9-11; Salmo 85: 9-10, 11-12, 13-14; 2 Pedro 3:8-14; Marcos 1:1-8. En Adviento preparamos el corazón cual morada del Señor. La Segunda carta de san Pedro nos apremia: “¡Con cuánta santidad y devoción deben vivir [ustedes]!, esperando y apresurando la venida del día del Señor” (3:11-12). El Adviento es muy breve. Usted mantenga el espíritu de Adviento hasta la venida del Señor.

Decore su entorno con avisos de concentrarse en los preparativos espirituales. Las imágenes religiosas nos moldean. El nacimiento se monta en casa desde Adviento hasta

celebrar la Epifanía, aunque hay hogares que lo prolongan hasta el día de la Presentación. La costumbre la empezó san Francisco de Asís en 1223, en Greccio y representó el establo de Belén con animales vivos. Tal representación se propagó pronto y se empezaron a construir nacimientos en casas, iglesias y lugares públicos. Hay quienes montan el nacimiento completo y dejan vacía la cuna en espera del Niño Jesús en Nochebuena. Otros lo instalan de a poco: colocan las figuras lejos del nacimiento y las van acercando día a día con los Reyes Magos que llegan en la Epifanía con regalos para el Niño Jesús.



ESTA SEMANA EN CASA

Lunes, 11 de diciembre

La segunda venida de Cristo

Las lecturas de hoy pintan un cuadro rebotante de esperanza en el que Cristo vuelve al fin de los tiempos, es decir, su parusía. En ese momento la enfermedad, las discapacidades, la sequía, el hambre, el pecado, el conflicto y cualquier fuente de discordia serán erradicados y se revelará la gloria plena del Señor. Reflexione las lecturas de hoy que refulgen con la promesa de que Dios vendrá a salvarnos. *Lecturas del día: Isaías 35:1-10; Salmo 85: 9-10, 11-12, 13-14; Lucas 5:17-26.*

Martes, 12 de diciembre

Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

Hoy celebramos las apariciones de la Virgen María a Juan Diego en el Tepeyac, en la actual Ciudad de México, el año 1531. De rasgos de indígena mesoamericana, María trajo esperanza a los pueblos nativos oprimidos que a su vez la nombraron Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. La fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe se celebra por el mundo entero. Hoy venera a nuestra Patrona de las Américas así: coloque su imagen cerca de la corona de Adviento, prepare una comida especial, rece el Rosario, recuerde la historia milagrosa de su aparición y lo ocurrido después. *Lecturas del día: Isaías 11:1-10; Salmo 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lucas 10:21-24. Zacarías 2:14-17 o Apocalipsis 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Judit 13:18bcde, 19; Lucas 1:26-38 o Lucas 1:39-47.*

Miércoles, 13 de diciembre

Santa Lucía

La Iglesia recuerda a santa Lucía, mártir del siglo IV cuyo nombre significa “luz” y es santa patrona de quienes padecen enfermedades de la vista. Muchas culturas celebran a santa Lucía. En Suecia, por ejemplo, a este día se le denomina Luciadagen. La hija mayor se viste de santa Lucía y saluda a la familia con un pan especial. Según la leyenda, santa Lucía repartía pan cuando había hambruna. Haga o compre dos barras de

pan y decórelas con velas. Coma una y regale la otra a su vecino. *Lecturas del día: Isaías 40:25-31; Salmo 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10; Mateo 11:28-30.*

Jueves, 14 de diciembre

San Juan de la Cruz

La Iglesia conmemora hoy a este gran santo de la España del siglo XVI: San Juan de la Cruz, cuyos escritos espirituales siguen inspirando. La persecución y la prisión desataron su don poético. Su día se ubica en Adviento ya que sus escritos enfatizan a Cristo cual luz que penetra las tinieblas (“Noche oscura del alma”). Encienda una vela para tener presente que Cristo, nuestra luz, ilumina nuestros corazones especialmente en el sufrimiento. *Lecturas del día: Isaías 41:13-20; Salmo 145:1, 9, 10-11, 12-13ab; Mateo 11:11-15.*

Viernes, 15 de diciembre

Seguir al Señor

La respuesta al salmo responsorial de hoy proclama, “Dichoso el que sigue al Señor” Cada Adviento, es común que los católicos celebren el sacramento de la reconciliación a manera de prepararse espiritualmente para la Navidad. Se requiere ayuda para no caer en la tentación del pecado y poder caminar en santidad. No demore. Busque la reconciliación este Adviento y siga con renovado entusiasmo a Jesús. *Lecturas del día: Isaías 48:17-19; Salmo 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6; Mateo 11:16-19.*

Sábado, 16 de diciembre

Las Posadas

Las tradicionales Posadas son nueve días de Adviento que celebran la hospitalidad cristiana a partir del 16 de diciembre hasta el 24 de diciembre. Las Posadas simbolizan lo difícil que fue para María y José hallar dónde alojarse. Si bien hay cualquier cantidad de formas creativas de festejar las Posadas, el punto de estas es recordar que al recibir al pobre y al necesitado recibimos también a Jesús. *Lecturas del día: Sirácide 48:1-4, 9-11; Salmo 80: 2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mateo 17:9a, 10-13.*



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and Pray for Peace*



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