

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, December 1

First Sunday of Advent

Masses at 6:00a/7:30/9:00/10:30/12:00n/6:00pm

Monday, December 2

Monday of the First Week of Advent

Tuesday, December 3

Memorial of St. Francis Xavier, priest

Evening Prayer at 5:40pm

Cathedral Choir Rehearsal at 6:00pm

Wednesday, December 4

Wednesday of the First Week of Advent

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Thursday, December 5

Thursday of the First Week of Advent

Friday, December 6

First Friday

Friday of the First Week of Advent

Adoration/Benediction at 10:00am

Saturday, December 7

Memorial of St. Ambrose, bishop, doctor of the Church

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

Mass and Holy Hour at 12:00pm

Ss. Damien/Marianne Prayer Group at 12:30pm

Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, December 8

Second Sunday of Advent

2nd Collection for Retirement Fund for Religious

Masses at 6:00a/7:30/9:00/10:30/12:00n/6:00pm

Adult Faith Formation Ministry

Adult Faith Formation invites everyone to join Advent reflections and activities on Sunday, December 8 at 11:30am.

Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday Collection	\$ 6,938.83
Weekday Collection	\$ 1,504.07
Coffers	\$ 485.70
Holy Day Collection	\$ 70.00
Total	\$ 8,998.60



Pauline Books & Media Open House

The Daughters of St. Paul invites you to their open house on the weekend of 2nd Sunday of Advent. If you are looking for a word of solace and encouragement, inspiration, books and DVDs to pass the faith on to your children, resources for pastoral ministry, spiritual reading to deepen your faith or help you explore moral issues, you'll want to make Pauline Books and Media one of your favorite places to go, either on-line or on foot. For more information, please call 521-2731.

Committed to Christ, Living in Gratitude

Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted your Commitment Card to the church. As a reminder, all commitments need to be submitted to the church no later than Sunday, December 22 in order to be accounted for in the final Summary Report. Please complete and submit your card to the church even if you are unable to make a change to your current level of giving. For those registered parishioners not currently supporting the church with regular offertory gifts, please consider a monthly gift to support the needs of our parish.

Retirement Fund for Religious

Give in thanksgiving. "The nuns left lasting impressions on me," writes a donor. "I shall always be grateful for my Catholic education." Please join in thanking the thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who worked tirelessly to educate the young and serve those in need. Next week's second collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious, which helps hundreds of religious communities care for aging members. Please give generously.

Respect Life Ministry

Come meet with the Respect Life Ministry as we watch the eye-opening educational DVDs into the world of abortion. Come learn with us from Dr. Theresa Burke, husband Kevin Burke, and Fr. Frank Pavone. We will meet today, from 1:00-3:30 pm in the Kamiano Center. This gathering promises to be one of great interest and information. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Lisa Shorba at (808) 469-5470.



December 1, 2019 – First Sunday of Advent

Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

Isaiah 2:1-5 | Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 | Romans 13:11-14 | Matthew 24:37-44

Wonderful images begin our new liturgical year's journey this First Sunday of Advent! Nations stream to the Lord's house and learn God's ways of justice and peace in order to walk in the light of the Lord. In Isaiah's last words, we can almost hear our invitation to join in the walk. Advent begins and the possibilities of a new year unfold before us. We most certainly want to be awake for this moment!

Isaiah gives us an image of a people who have changed their lives and converted their hearts. When they ignored the Lord's instructions, it led them to exile and pain. Now, they are ready to accept the commands and judgment of the Lord. This acceptance will have far-reaching effects for a new vision of peace. For us to join in this hope means letting go of all that keeps us from one another, such as swords and spears, which we know come in all shapes and sizes. God's vision is that something new will be built from the old ways. We have all of Advent to ponder our part in this conversion and rebuilding.

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Next Sunday's Readings: "Second Sunday of Advent"

Isaiah 11:1-10 | Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 | Romans 15:4-9 | Matthew 3:1-12

From the Desk of Fr. Pascual

Dear Cathedral Ohana,

Greetings of peace, love, and joy!

"So too, you also must be prepared for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

Matthew 24: 44

We begin the new liturgical cycle with the first Sunday of Advent. The Gospel Readings for this year is taken from the Gospel of Matthew.

Advent has a two-fold character. First, it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered. Secondly, a time when, by the remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. For these two reasons, Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight. (***Universal Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar***)

As we ponder on the spirit of the season, it is a time for preparation to celebrate the wonderful occasion of Christ coming into our lives. As commercialism arise, let us not be so much concerned with the material preparations of the Lord's birth. Advent ushers us into a deeper appreciation of the gift of our Heavenly Father for all of humanity, which is the birth of His Son. It is a time to focus more on the Holy Day rather than Holiday. Let us more in-depth understand the meaning of Advent so that we can truly celebrate this joyful season with the gift of our faith and life.

The Gospel leads us to this spirit of preparation when we heed to the words. ***"So too, you also must be prepared for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."*** Let our Advent journey be a moment to realize the love of God for us by sending us his Son. Through his Son, Jesus Christ, may we know the path that leads us to His kingdom, here and now!

A Blessed and Spirit-filled Advent Journey to all of us!

Yours in the Lord,
Fr. Pascual