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Masses

Saturday

9:00 a.m.
5:00 p.m. (Vigil)

Sunday

7:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
5:00 p.m.

Weekday

M—F 8:00 a.m.

Holy Days

Mass times as announced

Reconciliation

Saturday
4:00 pm—4:45 pm

NOVEMBER 27, 2022 — FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — All the peoples shall stream toward the LORD'S house
(Isaiah 2:1-5).

Psalm — We will rejoice as we go up to the Lord's house (Psalm 122).

Second Reading — It is the hour to cast off the dark and clothe ourselves in the
light (Romans 13:11-14).

Gospel — Stay awake! Be prepared! The Son of Man will come when you least
expect (Matthew 24:37-44).

WALK IN THE LIGHT

The first Sundays of Advent often have an ominous quality to them. Jesus reminds his listeners today about how many people who lived at the same time as Noah were caught off guard when the deluge came. Of course, we can end up being complete nervous wrecks if we spend each day in paranoia, looking for signs of impending doom. A healthy readiness is called for, one that keeps us alert so we can find signs of God's reign—soon to be made manifest in Jesus—around us.

When we encounter the daily news, it can seem as though Isaiah's prophecy of swords turned into plowshares is running in reverse, making despair seem wiser than hopefulness. Advent's days offer a chance to look for opportunities to make the world a bit more hopeful for others. This way, we can turn our backs on gloom, and accept Isaiah's invitation to walk in the light of the Lord: Jesus Christ, the

Word-made-Flesh!

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Church of the Ascension: Youth Faith Formation Program

See's Candies Yum-Raising



The holidays are around the corner! Time to order treats and gifts for your loved ones, friends, and family. You can order via the online store, hosted by the Youth Faith Formation Program (also known as the Religious Ed Program / Sunday School) at Church of the Ascension

Shop [online](#) or onsite for your HOLIDAY TREATS!

[Online: www.tinyurl.com/34rm4dk9](http://www.tinyurl.com/34rm4dk9)

We will be taking orders after Masses, this weekend, Nov. 27
Candy will be ready for pick-up on Dec. 11 and 18.

Thank you for supporting our parish's Youth Faith Formation Program.

We'll receive all profits from any items you purchase below.

Order more to help us reach our fundraising goal!

Questions? Contact Theresa Ito or Loy Oppus-Moe via the church office
(408) 725-3939 or email: loy.oppusmoe@dsj.org

The Season of Advent

What are we really waiting for during Advent? The longstanding tradition of the Church is that the Advent season really marks not one but three comings of Christ:

- His coming into history two thousand years ago
- His coming in glory at the end of time
- His coming into our hearts here and now.

Advent starts with a focus on the future coming of Christ so that we might see the big picture. If Christmas is to make any sense at all, we have to ask the question, "What are you doing to get ready for the (final) coming of Christ?" This perspective opens us up to the sense of anticipation experienced by the Jewish people on the eve of the first coming of Christ. This Advent, we will hear John the Baptist tell them (and us) how best to prepare. He urges repentance and an examination and reform of our way of life.



Then on the Fourth Sunday, we are drawn in to the history of Jesus' arrival as the child of Joseph and Mary. Our work of spiritual preparation brings us to the point of the whole season. What good is it that Christ comes into my heart if I don't then carry that presence out into the world, just as Mary did?

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday	First Sunday of Advent (Ordinary Time is put aside for the four weeks of Advent. It begins today)
Wednesday	St. Andrew (1st cent. Apostle, brother to Simon Peter; patron of Scotland)
Friday	First Friday
Saturday	St. Francis Xavier (16th cent. Spanish priest, missionary, one of first Jesuits; patron of foreign missions)
	First Saturday

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Nov 26	Sat	9 a.m.	Joan Vanderhorst & Family
		5 p.m.	Jan Ko +
Nov 27	Sun	7 a.m.	All Parishioners
		9 a.m.	All Parishioners
		11 a.m.	Edmond Ko +
		5 p.m.	Gwen Mancuso +
Nov 28	Mon	8 a.m.	Y. K. Chang +
Nov 29	Tue	8 a.m.	Annie Adriano +
Nov 30	Wed	8 a.m.	Chris Borromeo (L)
Dec 01	Thu	9 a.m.	George Chrisman (L)
Dec 02	Fri	8 a.m.	Amadeo Belmonte +
Dec 03	Sat	9 a.m.	Joan Vanderhorst & Family
		5 p.m.	Francisco Moreno +
Dec 04	Sun	7 a.m.	Marty Burgoon (L)
		9 a.m.	Elvira Cordova +
		11 a.m.	Miranda Wong +
		5 p.m.	Helen Sheahan +

ROSARY & FAITH TALK



Guadalupe Hope Society invites you to their monthly Rosary and Faith Talk Luncheon on **Friday, December 9th, 2022 11:30 am - 1:00 pm**

Fr. Noel Sanvicente will lead a Rosary for the unborn and their parents and share a faith talk.

Register to attend either in person at the Santa Maria Hall or virtually at <https://rosarydecember0922.eventbrite.com>

Call or email to reserve your seat at the Hall. 408-447-5433; admin@ghswomenscenter.com

This life is the time of our preparation for our future state. Our souls will continue for ever what we make them in this world.

—John Tillotson, Archbishop of Canterbury



DIOCESAN LAYETTE PROGRAM

Due to Covid, the Diocese will not be holding its annual layette luncheon; however, the program to collect layette items continues.

I know that many of you have been making your beautiful hand-crafted items. In order to keep everyone safe and still serve our needy babies and moms, I will be collecting your items and donations **now until December 3rd**. Look for the layette basket near the church entrance. Items should be sized preemie to six months.

If you prefer a check...make it out to "Diocese of San Jose, layette ministry." If you cannot drop off items, I will be happy to pick them up.

Marguerite (408-252-8733)

THANK YOU

Nov. 20, 2022	Our Weekly Offering
NEEDED	\$5,400
COLLECTED	\$5,121
WESHARE	\$1,307
Campaign for Human Developmt.	\$1,431

WOMEN'S CLUB

Autumn is here—lovely days to BYOB (bring your own bag lunch) and gather with other ladies

Friday, December 2 @ 11:30 am Around the "Mary Grotto"

For questions, please call Marguerite at (408) 252-8733