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Gospel Meditation

ENCOURAGE YOURSELF TO A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE



Staying awake can often be a challenge, especially when we are exhausted. Life's demands have a way of zapping every last bit of energy out of us. When we are tired it affects us not only physically, but psychologically and spiritually as well. All of our senses are dulled and diminished. We can overlook details, become disinterested, lethargic and apathetic, and detached. Getting sufficient physical rest only helps so much. We need to be rejuvenated, refreshed, and reenergized in other ways. If we are psychologically exhausted, we need to understand what is draining our emotions and taxing our relationships. If we are spiritually tired, we need to find the necessary "shot in the arm" to put us back in touch with God. Unfortunately, exhaustion is seldom limited to just one part of who we are. When we lack energy and zeal it is usually the case that everything suffers. We not only are affected physically, but psychologically and spiritually as well. In short, when we run out of gas the engine stops. And yet, our Lord's directive is clear, "Be vigilant at all times." Even Jesus knew what "the anxieties of daily life" can do to us. One day pours into another and time quickly flies by. Any one of us can take a moment and reflect on how many wonderful, creative opportunities we miss because there is always so much "stuff" to do and so little time to do it. Usually these are missed moments of love, and if we are missing love encounters we are also missing God. Sleepwalking through life, we check the boxes next to our list of "must and have to dos" and justify it all by convincing ourselves that tomorrow is another day and there'll be more time. It may surprise us, but tomorrow is here, and time is running out. While we may like to believe that we have an "eternity" of time to do all those things that require the focus, energy, and desire we do not currently have, we don't. We're on a limited ride and time is short. Jesus is also clear on another point. "That day [will] catch you by surprise like a trap." If we are going to be judged on love and so easily justify not having all that much time to do so, then it seems we must shift focus a bit. St. Teresa of Calcutta tells us, "We desire to be able to welcome Jesus at Christmas-time, not in a cold manger of our heart, but in a heart full of love and humility, a heart so pure, so immaculate, so warm with love for one another." Getting to this place doesn't "just happen." It requires vigilance and discipline both with a knowledge of what is really of importance and what really needs to be the focus of our energy and time. Pray, starting now and not tomorrow, that we can stay alert, be strengthened in our faith, and prepared for whatever will come. Don't miss another opportunity to love. ©LPI

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Preparing the Manger

Where do you fall in the "Christmas-songs-in-November" debate — do you like them, tolerate them, or outright hate them? There's no theological problem with Christmas songs in November outside of worship, even if it's not everyone's cup of tea. But there is a problem with getting so caught up in the baggage of the season — the trimmings, the gifts, the celebrations, all of which are marvelous in their own way — that you forget to prepare the manger.






















Every good Catholic knows that Lent is a penitential season. It's hard to miss that point — Lent doesn't even have any fun songs you can groove to on the radio. We are pretty good at recognizing that Lent calls us to examine ourselves. To deny ourselves. To give of ourselves. And most of all, Lent calls us to prepare, as a good steward does, for the return of our master.

It's harder for us to remember that with Advent, but Advent is just as much of an opportunity for penance, preparation, and reconciliation to God — and just as much reason, too. The very name of the season — "advent" — encourages us to focus on what is coming, not what is already here. Be on guard, the readings tell us today, "so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and (the coming of the Lord) catch you unexpectedly, like a trap."

So let us not forget — our master's advent is upon us. And let us ask ourselves: how can we prepare the manger?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

The Year of Grace

December 2021		Immaculate Conception				
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
ABBREVIATIONS: K of C- Knights of Columbus MMLG - Mother Mary's Ladies Guild						
5  Hispanic Group Breakfast After all Masses	6  Bible Study Join us! 7:00pm	7  Youth Group K of C Meeting 7:00pm	8  Mass 7:30am Grupo de Oración 7:00pm	9  Adoration 8:30am - 5:00pm MMLG General Meeting 6:00pm	10  BINGO Dinner 6:00pm Bingo 7:00pm	11  Christmas Mass 10pm
12  Hispanic Group Breakfast After all Masses	13  Bible Study Join us! 7:00pm	14  6:30p Youth Group	15  Misa de Sanación 7:00pm	16  Adoration 8:30am - 6:00pm Advent Penance Service	17  Hispanic Group Sherphie and's Play FASTORELLA	18  Reconciliation 4:00 pm
19  Youth Group Breakfast After 8:30am Mass	20  Bible Study Join us! 7:00pm	21  Christmas Party Healing Mass 7:00pm	22 NO Grupo de Oración	23  Adoration 8:30am - 6:00pm	24 Mass 5:00pm Christmas Eve Service	25  Merry Christmas Mass times 9am English 11am Spanish
26  THE HOLY FAMILY	27  Bible Study Join us! 7:00pm	28  Youth Group	29 NO Grupo de Oración	30  Adoration 8:30am - 6:00pm	31 Mass 5:00pm New Year's Eve	

WEEKLY STEWARSHIP	
November 21, 2021	
Envelope Giving	\$928.00
Plate Giving	\$2,873.09
Online Giving	\$654.90
Total	\$4,455.99
Weekly funds needed for church operations	\$5,000.00
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Join Us for Advent Reflections
Mondays during Advent
Advent—Waiting for Jesus Christ


Join us for as we prepare for the birth of Christ through a short presentation and reflection on a different spiritual gift for each week of Advent, followed by small group discussions in Spanish and English, and ending with singing a favorite Christmas song.


Dates: November 29, 2021
December 06, 13, and 20, 2021

Time: 7:00-8:00 PM

Place: St. Pius X Jamul in Keenan Hall

Join your parish family for reflections centered on Advent and a deeper openness to the gifts God wants to give us. Learn more about this beautiful first season of the Church year. Meet your fellow parishioners in a prayerful, and interactive setting. If you make time for inner preparation, carrying out all the other demands of the season is bound to be more enjoyable. May you have a blessed Advent.





MEN'S GATHERING

Come and join the men of the parish to make new friends and get to know your brothers in Christ. The topic will be "Why I am a Catholic Christian".

Saturday, December 4, 2021 7:30am




FAMILY NIGHT

Friday, December 10
6:00pm to 9:30pm

Only \$2.00 per game—
Play all 10 games for only \$15.00
(When you purchase the 10 pack)

Dinner 6:00pm
Bingo 7:00pm



SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

Navigating the holidays if you are separated or divorced can be a challenge. Join us on **Saturday, Dec. 18 from 9:30AM - 11:30AM** at the Pastoral Center (3888 Paducah Drive San Diego, CA 92117) for the "Surviving the Holidays" workshop. This will be a morning of prayer, conversation and encouragement as we look ahead to Christmas and to the New Year. To RSVP, please email Janelle at jperego@sdccatholic.org....

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FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

The diocesan observance of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be **Sunday, December 5, 2021**, at 1:00pm at Saint Augustine High School beginning with a procession at 11:00am departing from Bird Park, corner of 28th Street and Redwood. Bishop McElroy will be the main celebrant. For questions, please contact the Confederacion Guadalupana chairperson, Lupita Alvarado at (619) 549-0764.

Tribute to Bishop Gilbert Chavez.

At 2:30 pm, there will be a special tribute to the Bishop Chavez who passed away in March 2020. His work with the Hispanic community laid the foundation for the Diocese's inclusion of cultural communities in ministry, liturgy, leadership, and faith formation.

REPORTING SEXUAL ABUSE

Complaints about Sexual Abuse by a member of the Clergy, a parish Catholic Employee or a Volunteer can be made at <https://www.safeinourdiocese.org/> or call (858) 490-8353 misconduct@sdccatholic.org.

YOUNG ADULT CHRISTMAS GALA

All young adults ages 18-39 are invited to the annual Young Adult Christmas Gala on **Saturday, December 11** from 6:30-11pm at St. Gabriel parish in Poway. This highly anticipated event includes dinner, dancing, and the 2021 Fiat Award presentation. The cost is \$45 per person, \$80 per married or engaged couple. Tickets will sell quickly and are available on our website <https://www.sdccatholic.org/event/young-adult-christmas-gala/>. Questions? Contact yamsd@sdccatholic.org, or call (858) 490-8263.

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Question: How are the feasts of the baptism of Jesus and the account of the wedding feast of Cana related to the Epiphany celebration?

Answer: The Epiphany season focuses on revealing Jesus to the world. Following the Christmas celebration, the liturgical year lays out a series of manifestation points in which Jesus is made publicly known. From its very beginning, the Christian community highlighted three events in the life of Jesus. These are the Epiphany, the Baptism of the Lord and the wedding feast at Cana. The Epiphany discloses Jesus to the world of the Gentiles, represented by the magi from the East. The accounts of Jesus' baptism reveal his identity and mission, along with exposing him to those to whom he was sent to minister. The miracle of turning water to wine at the wedding feast of Cana, unique to John's Gospel, is the first public sign that Jesus performs, thus manifesting his public identity and his powers. Today in the Roman Church, these are usually celebrated on three successive Sundays: Epiphany, the Baptism of the Lord which is usually the next Sunday, and the wedding feast of Cana, which is proclaimed on the 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time in lectionary year C. These feasts connect around the concept of epiphany, public manifestation of Jesus to the world. They help us get to know more intimately who Jesus is and what he is about. Spend some time delving more deeply into your understanding of who Jesus is. Continue to cultivate these "epiphany" moments in your life. ©LPi



QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading: The prophet Jeremiah speaks of God's promise to fulfill the covenant made with King David, four hundred years earlier in 1000 B.C. As we enter into the season of Advent, how might you show your fidelity to God?



Second Reading: Paul's prayer for the believers in Thessalonica is to abound in love and strength for one another in preparation for the return of Christ. How do you think communities of faith can support each other during the Advent season?

Gospel: In Jesus teaching the disciples about the coming end times and judgement day, he warns them not to be too distracted by the stresses and anxieties of daily life. How do you keep focused on your spiritual life amongst the many daily challenges we face? ©LPi

LIVE THE LITURGY

Any human success requires vigilance. Opportunities and powerful moments of encounter can easily be missed when we are not attentive. It is all too easy today to live distracted and preoccupied lives. There is so much vying for our attention that it can be hard to be selective and really focus. Caught up in this whirlwind of busyness and anxiety, we become tired and almost sleepwalk through life. Advent is a time to selectively focus. These beautiful four short weeks are a time to look backward and forward and be attentive to the human journey and God's revelation. From the beginning of time, God has been seeking our attention. He constantly reminds us of the justice he desires to bring and the promise of his abiding unconditional love. Understanding and growing in these truths requires alertness so that we can be strengthened in our faith and prepared for whatever will come. ©LPi

December Youth Group Events 2021
Eventos del mes de Diciembre del Grupo de Jóvenes

Cookie Baking Service Project
Proyecto de Horneado de Galletas
Friday, Dec. 3rd | Viernes 3 de diciembre
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Sophia Parish Hall, 9800 San Juan, Spring Valley
(Be sure to bring your service hour form, so it can be signed off at the end of the evening)
(No se te olviden tus formas de Servicio Comunitario para que te las validen al finalizar el evento)

Please bring refrigerated sugar or chocolate chip cookie dough. We will donate the cookies to local organizations including Noah's Home and the Jesus Group, ministering to the Homeless in San Diego. We also ask that you bring a donation for the Homeless ministry.

Favor de traer masa refrigerada de galletas de azúcar o de chocolate. Las galletas se donarán a organizaciones locales como la Casa de Noé y el Grupo de Jesús que asiste a los indigentes en el área de San Diego. Se les pide alguna donación para el Ministerio que apoya aquellos sin hogar.

Suggestions: Athletic Socks, men or women's Rain Ponchos, beanies, scarves, hoodies, or gloves

Sugerencias: Calzete de mujer y/o hombre impermeables, gorros, bufandas, sudaderas y/o guantes

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Permission slip required for each event  
(available on the church website – under Ministries tab- Youth Ministry)

Autorización de Padre es requisito para cada evento  
(Encontraras la forma en la página web de la parroquia- bajo Youth Ministry)

Please RSVP to St. Pius X Youth Ministry -Steve or Al or at [youthministry@stpiousxjamul.com](mailto:youthministry@stpiousxjamul.com)

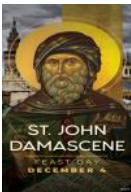
Favor de hacer tu reservacion con el Grupo de Jovenes de San Pio X- o Comunicate con Steve Browne o Al Peterson o por correo electronico [youthministry@stpiousxjamul.com](mailto:youthministry@stpiousxjamul.com)

## NOVEMBER 28, 2021 | SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Monday                                                                                                                     | Tuesday                                                                                                                                       | Wednesday                                                                                                  | Thursday                                                                                                                                                      | Friday                                                                                       | Saturday                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Sunday Masses<br>8:30am<br>11:00am<br>12:30pm (Spanish)<br>Faith Formation<br>10:00a-10:55a<br><b>Pray for:</b><br>Rev. Alberto Villafan, OFM<br>Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12-4:2/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36 | Bible Study<br>7:00pm<br><b>Pray for:</b><br>Rev. Manuel Villareal<br>Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11 | Daily Mass<br>7:30am<br>Youth Group<br>6:30pm<br><b>Pray for:</b><br>Rev. Maxime Villeneuve, OSA<br>Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22 | Daily Mass<br>7:30am<br><b>Pray for:</b><br>Pope Francis<br>Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37 | Daily Mass<br>7:30am<br>Adoration<br>8:30am - 5:00pm<br><b>Pray For:</b><br>Bishop Robert McElroy<br>Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27 | No Mass<br><b>Pray for:</b><br>Bishop John Dolan<br>Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31 | Men's Gathering<br>7:30am<br>First Friday<br>9:00am<br>Sunday Vigil<br>5:00pm<br><b>Pray for:</b><br>Bishop Ramon Bejarano<br>Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8 |

## MASS Intentions

|        |             |         |                                 |
|--------|-------------|---------|---------------------------------|
| Nov 28 | <b>Sun</b>  | 8:30am  | (SI) Annabelle Miranda          |
| Nov 28 | <b>Sun</b>  | 11:00am | +Alfredo Juarez                 |
| Nov 28 | <b>Sun</b>  | 12:30pm | +Alicia & Antonio Andrade       |
| Nov 29 | <b>Mon</b>  |         | <b>NO MASS</b>                  |
| Nov 30 | <b>Tues</b> | 7:30am  | +Andrea & +Cristina Fricano     |
|        |             |         | +Christopher & +Giovanna Bucaro |
| Dec 01 | <b>Wed</b>  | 7:30am  | (SI) Rodrigo Richard Ridon      |
| Dec 02 | <b>Thur</b> | 7:30am  | <b>NO MASS</b>                  |
| Dec 03 | <b>Fri</b>  |         |                                 |
| Dec 04 | <b>Sat</b>  | 9:00am  | +Joseph Briese                  |
| Dec 04 | <b>Sat</b>  | 5:00pm  | +Luis Valderrama                |



**St. John Damascene**  
**Feast Day December 4**

St. John Damascene (676 -749) was the son of the chief of the revenue department in the city of Damascus. Through his father, he received a classical and theological education and attempted to follow in his footsteps by serving in a government position. However, the Lord was calling him to a different life, and a few years later he resigned from his position and went to the Monastery of St. Sabas, where he wrote books and composed hymns along with his adopted brother, Cosmas. St. John Damascene is best known for his writings against the iconoclasts, who opposed the veneration of images; his treatise, *Exposition of the Orthodox Faith*, a summary of the Greek Fathers; and his work as a poet, one of the two greatest of the Eastern Church. His devotion to the Blessed Mother and his sermons on her feasts are well known.

**Observances for the week of November 28, 2021**  
 Tuesday: St. Andrew, Apostle  
 Friday: St. Francis Xavier, Priest  
 Saturday: St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church



“Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.”

— Lk 21:27-28



**ADORATION**  
**THURSDAYS**  
8:30am - 5:00pm

THE YEAR OF GRACE

## NOVEMBER 28, 2021 | SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Come and join us at our  
Annual Adult  
Christmas Party  
Hosted By MMLG & KOC  
Saturday, December 11, 2021  
6:00pm – 10:00pm  
Dinner & Festivities  
Catering by the Hispanic Group

Join us for lots of  
fun, 50/50 raffle and Drawings

\$20 per person  
\$35 per couple  
\$15 for 65 and older

| ADVENT 2021 (28 Nov - 24 Dec 2021)     |           |         |
|----------------------------------------|-----------|---------|
|                                        | Date      | Time    |
| St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Lakeside/Barona | 06-Dec-21 | 7:00 PM |
| Queen of Angels, Alpine                | 09-Dec-21 | 7:00 PM |
| St. Luke, El Cajon                     | 09-Dec-21 | 7:00 PM |
| St. Martin of Tours, La Mesa           | 13-Dec-21 | 7:00 PM |
| Guardian Angels, Santee                | 14-Dec-21 | 7:00 PM |
| Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Lakeside   | 14-Dec-21 | 9:00 AM |
| Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Lakeside   | 14-Dec-21 | 7:00 PM |
| Santa Sophia, Spring Valley            | 15-Dec-21 | 7:00 PM |
| Holy Trinity, El Cajon                 | 16-Dec-21 | 7:00 PM |
| St. Pius X, Jamul                      | 16-Dec-21 | 7:00 PM |
| St. John of the Cross, Lemon Grove     | 17-Dec-21 | 7:00 PM |
| Our Lady of Grace, El Cajon            | 21-Dec-21 | 7:00 PM |

Save the date for an adult  
**Confirmation Class**

January 9, 2021 and concluding on February 27, 2022  
12:10 until 1:10 p.m.



MOTHER MARY'S LADIES GUILD  
Christmas Cookie Exchange

Thursday, December 9, 2021  
Keenan Hall  
6:00pm Rosary

A potluck dinner will be provided  
and a short meeting will follow  
prior to the cookie exchange

PLEASE BRING:

- Three to five dozen (or one batch) of your favorite homemade cookies, bars, fudge, candies, sweets
- A platter/container(s) to take cookies home on

This is a really fun evening and we look forward to seeing some new ladies from our parish community



**ST PIUS X JAMUL YOUTH MINISTRY**

**NOVEMBER**  
30: Tue 6:30pm-8:00pm Bowling

**DECEMBER**  
03: Fri 6:30pm-8:30pm  
Cookie Baking Service Project at Santa Sophia  
07: Tue 6:30pm-8:00pm Gathering in Youth Room (Fun, Religion and Snacks)  
14: Tue 6:30pm-8:00pm Gathering in Youth Room (Fun, Religion and Snacks)  
19: Sun 7:30-10:00am Breakfast, After 8:30 Mass.  
21: Tue 6:30pm-8:00pm Christmas Party

**NOVEMBER**  
28: SUN -NO CLASSES  
First Sunday of Advent.

**DECEMBER**  
12: SUN Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe  
25: SAT The Nativity of the Lord-Christmas Mass  
26: SUN Christmas Break—NO CLASSES



Faith Formation