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*Rev. Higinio Garcia, Pastor*



## Second Sunday of Advent

### Mass Schedule

First Friday 7:00pm & First Saturday 9:00am  
Saturday 5:00pm-Sunday 8:30am, 11:00am, & 12:30pm (Spanish)  
Weekdays 7:30am Tuesday through Friday (except First Friday)  
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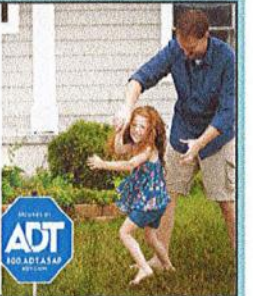
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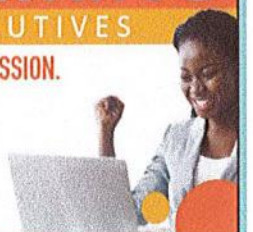
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## Gospel Meditation

ENCOURAGE YOURSELF TO A DEEPER  
UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE



At sixty years of age, Maria and Paul had a beautiful life. High school sweethearts, they had four children, five grandchildren, a successful business, good friends and a fabulous beach house. They felt very blessed. Their strong faith in God saw them through some difficult challenges. Without warning, Paul died suddenly. Maria was devastated. Why did

God do this? Why did God allow this to happen? An indescribable depth of sadness weighed heavily upon her heart. She felt betrayed by the God she thought was looking out for her. She was overwhelmed by despair. Have you ever experienced such incredible and deafening sadness? Where is God in all of the pain? We often want God to fix things or intervene and change nature's course. When He doesn't act as we desire, it shakes our faith. We do not always understand or appreciate why things happen as they do. There is much that is beyond our control. John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus and Jesus is the way to God. There is something more going on in life than what we can see with human eyes. We are on a sacred path, and God is with us. God is with us in our confusion, suffering, doubts, and intense sadness. Jesus announced God's vision for humanity and taught people to see God and themselves for who they are. There is a way through and beyond all hardship and suffering. God does not abandon us. God has a clear vision for the future, both for us individually and for our world. It is a vision of harmony and gentleness where all will live as one and the "wolf shall be a guest of the lamb." God is not indifferent. He is the God of "endurance and encouragement." In God, we see what we may be, what may come and who we can become. When Maria opened herself to God's creative presence, she learned to trust. She began to realize that she could endure more than she had imagined. She also discovered a spark of encouragement, bringing her through the sadness to where she could be. In retrospect, Maria knew that God's reassuring presence was with her. ©LPi



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## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

### How Much Is Enough?

I've got some great news for some of you: Jesus Christ doesn't care what name you bear. He doesn't care where you were born, and he doesn't care what your family tree looks like. He doesn't care where you grew up or where you went to school.

I've also got some bad news for some of you: See above.

It's so easy to take our salvation for granted. The mercy of God makes it so. Look at John the Baptist — he was pouring water on everybody who wanted it. Everybody but one group: those who expected it. Those who thought it was a given because of who they were, because of what they were. Those who had no intention of doing the work of repentance.

Sometimes, because God is so faithful, we make the mistake of forgetting that He is also just.

I am baptized, we think. I made my First Communion, and I was Confirmed. That's enough.

I went to Catholic school. I know all the Ten Commandments and I can tell you anything you want to know about the Popes. That's enough.

I'm on parish council. I put money in the basket, and I volunteer. That's enough.

None of it is enough. It would never be enough. And before we look upon the Pharisees and Sadducees with too much judgment, we need to remember: the work of repentance is ongoing. It is a process that we must commit to within ourselves, continuously.

God is the missing element to this equation. He is the one who raises children to Abraham from the stones. If we rely only on our own abilities, our own merits, our own offerings, it will never be enough.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

The Year of Grace



## ST. PIUS X JAMUL

Meets every Tuesday at 6:30pm  
(Fun, Religion and Snacks)



Meets 2nd Thursday  
of the month at 6:00pm  
Contact Ana Knudsen (President) at  
ana.knudsen@cox.net

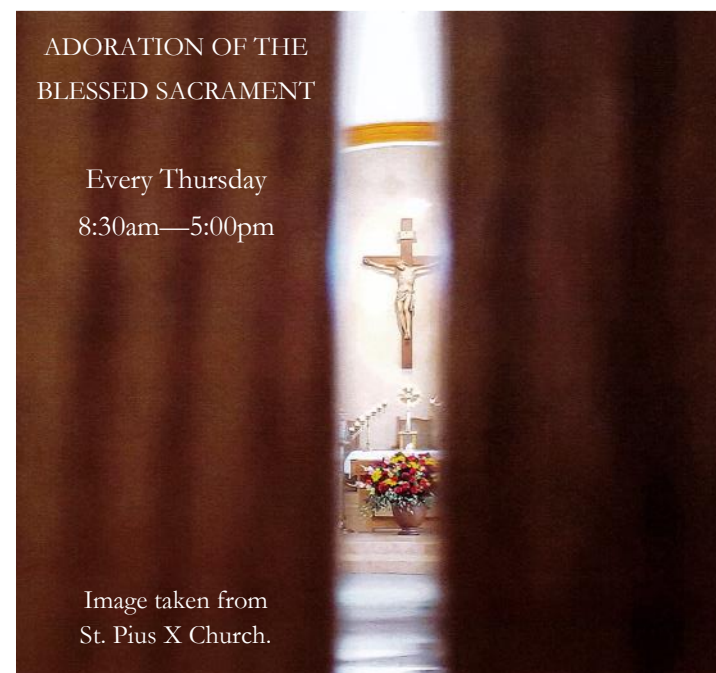


CHILDREN'S CRY  
ROOM  
ST PIUS X JAMUL

This room is designated for infants and toddlers accompanied by their parents or guardians. Thank you for reserving this room for their exclusive use!



All are invited to join us for coffee, donuts and fellowship every Sunday after 8:30 mass.



ADORATION OF THE  
BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every Thursday  
8:30am—5:00pm

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Meets every Monday at 7:00pm  
(except on Holiday's)

Contact David Block:  
p620d124@gmail.com



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP  
GATHERING

Come and join the men of the parish to make new friends and get to know your brothers in Christ.

Meets First Saturday of the Month  
At 7:30am



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Meets 2nd Tuesday of the  
month at 6:30pm

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WEEKLY STEWARSHIP	
November 27, 2022	
Envelope Giving	\$1,537.00
Plate Giving	\$2,433.42
Online Giving	\$955.80
Total	\$4,926.22
Weekly funds needed for church operations	\$5,000.00
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## Cookie exchange

Mother Mary's Ladies Guild

**Thursday, December 8, 2022**  
Keenan Hall-5:00pm Rosary

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

**Please bring:**

- 3 to 5 dozen (or 1 batch) of your favorite homemade Cookies, Bars, Fudge, Candies, Sweets
- A Platter/Container to take cookies home.

This is a really fun evening and we look forward to seeing new ladies from our Parish Community.

### Our Lady of Guadalupe

**VIGIL MASS**  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11,  
10:00PM

**MAÑANITAS**  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 12,  
5:00AM

**MASS**  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 12,  
6:00AM

(No 7:30AM MASS)

Join us in  
Praying the  
Rosary

Tuesday through Friday at  
7:10 am inside the parish before  
7:30 am mass at St Pius X

### REPORTING SEXUAL ABUSE

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

### BUILDING A BETTER MARRIAGE

Diocesan Marriage Enrichment Series: The Office for Family Life and Spirituality is inviting all couples of the diocese to attend one or more of their upcoming six-part series on an assortment of topics including healthy communication and conflict resolution, love languages, managing differences, cultivating the virtues, and learning to forgive. This series is open to ALL couples including those preparing for marriage, newlyweds, and more seasoned couples. Join us on Wednesday nights at 7 pm between **January 11 and February 15** at the Pastoral Center (3888 Paducah Dr, San Diego 92117). What a great way to prepare for Valentine's Day! To register, please call 858-490-8256 or visit [tinyurl.com/sdmarrriageenrichment](http://tinyurl.com/sdmarrriageenrichment).

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### I1TH SAN DIEGO WALK FOR LIFE

Changing Hearts, Saving Lives: Join Cardinal McElroy and 2,000 faithful's to stand up for the lives of the unborn on **Saturday, January 14, 8:30 a.m.** at Waterfront Park, Downtown San Diego. Bring your loved ones with life-affirming posters and enjoy inspirational speakers, live music, exhibitors, and raffles. Go to [www.sandiegowalkforlife.org](http://www.sandiegowalkforlife.org).

### THE DIOCESAN COMMISSION FOR FILIPINO CATHOLICS

The Diocesan Commission for Filipino Catholics is sponsoring the Annual Diocesan Simbang Gabi Vigil Mass on Wednesday, December 14, 6:30 p.m. at St. Gregory the Great Church in Scripps Ranch. Cardinal McElroy will be the main celebrant. The event begins with a rosary, immediately followed by the parol procession and Mass. All parishes are invited to carry a parol in the procession. Clergy wishing to concelebrate, please bring an alb and white stole and contact Alejandra Diaz at [adiaz@sdccatholic.org](mailto:adiaz@sdccatholic.org) to confirm your attendance. Please share the attached flyer for the Vigil Event and the schedule of Parish Simbang Gabi Masses with your parish.

### WHY DO WE DO THAT? Sign of the Cross

**Question:** Why do Catholics make the sign of the cross?

**Answer:** The sign of the cross is a devotional practice that dates back to the first Apostles. When making the sign of the cross, we remember Jesus Christ who died for us and also bear witness to the fact that we belong to him and are called to share the Good News to all the world. At our Baptism, we were signed with a cross and marked for Christ. That mark remains on us throughout the entirety of our lives. We remind ourselves of that mark every time we make the same gesture over our bodies. We also remind ourselves that to be a Christian means we are to “put on Christ” and be Christ for a world that needs to know him. In a way, this devotional gesture covers us with Christ so that others may see him in us. Catholics are not the only ones who make the sign of the cross. Orthodox, Lutheran, and Anglicans are examples of other Christians who maintain this same ancient tradition. ©LPi

### LIVE THE LITURGY

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The God in whom we believe is “the God of endurance and encouragement.” Have you ever thought about God in those terms? Our sight can become limited by the concerns of the world and our individual lives. We can look to the past and see what is happening in the present, but the future is primarily left to our imaginations. God has a clear vision for the future. It is one where the “wolf shall be a guest of the lamb and the leopard shall lie down with the kid.” It is a vision of harmony and gentleness where all will live as one. We can see the complete picture of life in God. We see what we may be, what may come, and who we can become. Preparing the way for the Lord means moving beyond the limitations of ideology, time, space, preference, and self-focused concern so that we can see as God sees. God will give us what we need to endure whatever comes, and the encouragement we need to get where we can be.

### GIVING TREE

Christmas is a time for giving & to reflect all of the blessing we have received from God. As we count our blessings, God puts in our hearts the need to bless those who have less than us. We have set up a Giving Tree in the vestibule, as you exit the church please take a red tag and return it to the office along with a gift card or you may deposit it in the collection baskets.

### QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

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**First Reading:** About two hundred years after the death of King David, the prophet Isaiah in around 760 BC prophesied the arrival of a new and ideal ‘King David’ (“a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse”) that would bring about peace among people and animals. How can any of us today help make this promised future a reality?

**Second Reading:** Paul taught the Roman Christians that being a welcoming and unified community of Jewish and Gentile believers was one way to glorify God. Do you think your group of friends are welcoming to others?

**Gospel:** John the Baptist taught the people that repenting of sins and producing “good fruit” was essential for preparing for the kingdom of heaven. What good works are you doing for your family and friends as we continue through the season of Advent?

### 2022 RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Lighten the load. An abbot writes, “Your gift helps ease our worldly burdens and allows us to continue living out our mission of seeking God and serving the Church.” donations to next week’s Retirement fund for Religious collection help hundreds of US religious communities to provide for their aging members. Electronic giving is also an option. Please give generously. PLEASE MAKE YOUR DONATION AT: <https://giving.diocese-sdiego.org/pages/general-donation-form-retirement-religious> or use the envelope provided at your parish.

### ADVENT REFLECTIONS: THE JOY OF CHRIST

Christmas is not just a day of happiness but of joy. Though we tend to use the two words “happiness” and “joy” interchangeably there is a significant difference. Happiness is an outward expression. Whereas **joy** connects with meaning and purpose ... **as in the birth of Jesus.** Join members of our parish for a one hour joyful opportunity to focus on the “Joy of Christ” in the Christmas season. The meeting will be held in Keenan Hall **Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**, beginning at 7:00 p.m.



## DECEMBER 4, 2022 || SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Sun:	Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12
Mon:	Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 5:17-26
Tue:	Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14
Wed:	Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30
Thur:	Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Fri:	Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19
Sat:	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

## MASS Intentions

Dec 04	Sun	8:30am	+Sandra Altomare
Dec 04	Sun	11:00am	+Nazhat Naemi
Dec 04	Sun	12:30pm	For the Parishioners
Dec 05	Mon		<b>No Mass</b>
Dec 06	Tues	7:30am	(SI) Pat Ray
Dec 07	Wed	7:30am	+Sohela & Andrew Bazzi
Dec 08	Thur	7:30am	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
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Dec 09	Fri	7:30am	For the Parishioners
Dec 10	Sat	5:00pm	Wetzel-Hillman Family



John the Baptist appeared...saying,  
*"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"* It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said:  
 A voice of one crying out in the desert,  
 Prepare the way of the Lord.

— Mt 3:1a, 2-3b



*Pray for Priests and Vocations "Now we ask you to respect those who work hard among you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work."*

Sunday: Bishop Ramon Bejarano  
 Monday: Rev. Burt Boudoin  
 Tuesday: Rev. James Boyd  
 Wednesday: Rev. Rafael Britanico  
 Thursday: Rev. Msgr. Edward Brockhaus  
 Friday: Rev. Leo Brogan  
 Saturday: Rev. Ronald Buchmiller

## Observances for the week of December 4, 2022

Sunday: St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church  
 Tuesday: St. Nicholas, Bishop  
 Wednesday: St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
 Thursday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin  
 Friday: St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin  
 Saturday: Our Lady of Loreto



**Saint Ambrose | December 7**  
 Saint Ambrose was born to an aristocratic Roman Christian family in 339 in what is now Trier, Germany. One popular legend tells of a swarm of bees alighting on the infant Ambrose's face and leaving behind a drop of honey which his father took as a sign that Ambrose would be an eloquent speaker with a 'honeyed tongue.' Ambrose was educated in law and rhetoric in Rome. Like his father, he went into public service and was made governor of Liguria and Emilia about 373. In the second year of his governorship, he went to moderate the election of the bishop of Milan because the heretical Arians were challenging the succession. Unbaptized and untrained in theology, Ambrose was called by popular acclamation to be bishop. Though he attempted to flee, he was found and within a week he was baptized, ordained, and consecrated bishop on December 7, 374. As bishop Ambrose studied scripture and the writings of Church fathers, he gave his property and wealth to the poor, and became an impactful orator, hymn writer, and renowned teacher. He highly praised consecrated virginity, likely influenced by his sister who took the veil. A contemporary with St. Martin of Tours, he also defended the faith against the Arian heresy (which questioned Christ's divinity), and against the state. Ambrose required Emperor Theodosius do public penance after the massacre of Thessalonica. His classic education contributed to his writing and sermons which attracted and converted Saint Augustine of Hippo who Saint Ambrose baptized. Saint Ambrose is one of four original doctors of the Church. He died in 397 in Milan, Italy. His remains can be seen today at the Basilica di Sant'Ambrogio, where he lays with Saint Gervasius and Saint Protasius.

THE YEAR OF GRACE

## DECEMBER 4, 2022 || SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES 2022 (27 Nov-24 Dec 2022)		
Holy Trinity, El Cajon	5-Dec-22	7:00pm
Queen of Angels, Alpine	5-Dec-22	7:00pm
Santa Sophia, Spring Valley	6-Dec-22	7:00pm
St. John of the Cross, Lemon Grove	9-Dec-22	7:00pm
St. Martin of Tours, La Mesa	12-Dec-22	7:00pm
St. Therese, San Diego	13-Dec-22	7:00pm
Guardian Angels, Santee	14-Dec-22	7:00pm
St. Luke, El Cajon	15-Dec-22	7:00pm
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Lakeside	19-Dec-22	10:00am
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Lakeside	19-Dec-22	7:00pm
Our Lady of Grace, El Cajon	20-Dec-22	7:00pm

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Opportunities, the L.A. RE Congress Youth Day and Retreats.*

Thank you for helping these young people achieve their goals.

### FAMILY BINGO NIGHT

Friday— December 9, 2022  
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

### The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday, December 8

Mass Schedule:  
7:30am & 7:00pm Bilingual

### HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

### Christmas 2022

The Youth Group of St Pius X presents the  
debut production of  
"Christmas Begins in Heaven"

This is the Very First Christmas when the  
Angels are Helping to Prepare for the Birth of  
Christ. This play is written and  
performed by our Youth! Please come and  
enjoy an evening with the Youth and watch how  
"Christmas Begins in Heaven"

Saturday, December 10th at 7:00 pm  
(Reception in the Hall after the show)

Sunday, December 11th at 3:00 pm

Adults \$15.00  
Seniors & Children \$10.00

St Pius X Jamul Youth Group looks  
forward to performing for you!