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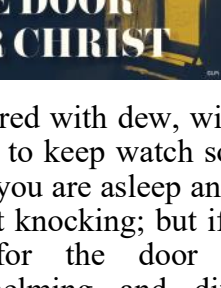
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Gospel Meditation

ENCOURAGE YOURSELF TO A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE





**OPEN
THE DOOR
FOR CHRIST**

St. Ambrose shares some wisdom on our need to prepare the way and open the door for Christ. “You see that when the Word of God knocks hardest on your door, it is when his hair is wet with the dew of the night. In fact, he chooses to visit those who are in tribulation and trial, lest one of them be overwhelmed by distress. So, his head is covered with dew, with drops, when his body is laboring hard. It is important to keep watch so that when the Bridegroom comes, he is not shut out. If you are asleep and your heart is not keeping watch, he will go away without knocking; but if your heart is alert for his coming, he knocks and asks for the door to be opened to him.” When life gets overwhelming and difficult and we find ourselves feeling a bit downhearted and miserable, these words can bring great comfort. We sometimes choose to remain stuck in our uncomfortable darkness and being stuck becomes our norm. In this time of self-focus our hearts are closed to the graces and life God desires to give us. Wrapped in the robe of mourning and misery, we fail to see the mercy, justice, and love the Bridegroom wants to bring. If we take seriously the need to prepare the way for Christ and open our hearts in preparation for his visit, we can hear God’s gentle voice calling us deep within. It beckons us to seek out its source and discover the inner calm and peace that can prevail over the darkness of despair. Sometimes our darkness is so dark that it may seem unsurmountable. Trusting in the spiritual friends who journey with us, and God’s promise may bring a glimmer of light even when it is most difficult to keep our hearts’ doors open. Sometimes, the only light in the darkness is found in trusting the faith of others both past and present. We have to trust that God has already begun the accomplishment of good work in us and that humanity is on an incredible journey to something wonderful and awesome. God is not done. When we open the doors of our hearts, straighten the paths of our lives, and prepare the way, Jesus can come with God’s simple gifts of peace, grace, and joy. Life throws a great deal at us. It is easy to get tired and confused. We have to train our hearts to keep watch, discern what is of value, and forge ahead. Not allowing ourselves to become so weighed down by things and brought out of focus is a tremendous goal to achieve this Advent season. God is knocking. Answer the door. You will see and understand life in ways you never thought possible before. ©LPi

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP
















God's Personal Assistants

If you have ever planned a large-scale event, whether it's a musical performance or a religious conference, you may have dealt with someone's personal assistant. Possibly this person would be a representative of the keynote speaker or the master of ceremonies for the local bishop; perhaps it's even the staffer of a local politician or the lackey of a well-known musical act. Personal assistants are masters of stewardship — overseeing things in their boss' absence.


They prepare the way. This person's job is to get everything ready for the person in charge, so that when he or she shows up — whoever he or she is — it's smooth sailing for them to do whatever it is they need to do: sing, speak, pray, mingle, what-have-you. It's usually a big job full of little things, a gig where attention to detail is key. God is the guest of honor in our life, the keynote speaker, the main event. And what He wants — what He needs — to do is to change our hearts. Constantly, over, and over, and over again. We are all His personal assistants in this endeavor. We need to prepare the way of the Lord, to make straight His paths. We need to make everything ready so that when He shows up — however He shows up, whether it's in the form of a neighbor in need or a burning bush right in front of us — everything is ready for Him to do His job.

— *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  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  Dinner 6:00pm Bingo 7:00pm	11  Mass 10pm
12  Hispanic Group Breakfast After all Masses	13  Bible Study Join us! 7:00pm	14  6:30p Join the Youth Group	15  Misa de Sanación 7:00pm	16  Adoration 8:30am - 6:00pm Advent Penitence Service	17  Hispanic Group Shepherd's Play PASTORELLA	18  Reconciliation 4:00 pm
19  Youth Group Breakfast After 8:30am Mass	20  Bible Study Join us! 7:00pm	21  Youth Group Christmas Party Healing Mass 7:00pm	22 NO Grupo de Oración	23  Adoration 8:30am - 6:00pm	24 Mass 5:00pm 	25  Merry Christmas Mass times 9am English 11am Spanish
26  THE HOLY FAMILY	27  Bible Study Join us! 7:00pm	28  Join the Youth Group	29 NO Grupo de Oración	30  Adoration 8:30am - 6:00pm	31 Mass 5:00pm 	

WEEKLY STEWARSHIP	
November 28, 2021	
Envelope Giving	\$1,410.00
Plate Giving	\$1,749.00
Online Giving	\$825.90
Total	\$3,986.90
Weekly funds needed for church operations	\$5,000.00
Overage/Deficit	-\$1,013.10



**INFORMATION NIGHT AND Q&A:
LAUDATO SI' AND THE VATICAN'S ACTION PLATFORM**

Have you heard of Pope Francis' global letter *Laudato Si'* on caring for creation and the Vatican's new 7-year Laudato Si' Action Platform (visit <https://laudatosiactionplatform.org/>) aiming to respond to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor? The Creation Care Ministry of the Office for Life, Peace and Justice will hold a one-hour INFORMATION NIGHT on Thursday, December 9 at 7 PM at the Diocesan Pastoral Center. Registration is required by Tuesday, December 7 for either in person or online attendance. To register, go to <https://www.sdcatholic.org/event/information-night-and-ga-laudato-si-and-the-vaticans-action-platform/>. Light refreshments will be provided.




FAMILY NIGHT

BINGO

**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 jperegoy@sdccatholic.org....

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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.sdcatholic.org/event/young-adult-christmas-gala/>. Questions? Contact yamsd@sdccatholic.org, or call (858) 490-8263.

RETIREMENT FUND COLLECTION FOR RELIGIOUS

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TO MAKE YOUR DONATION, go to <https://giving.diocese-sdiego.org/pages/general-donation-form-retirement-religious> or use the envelope provided at your parish.



WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Question: With Christmas fast approaching, can you give me some practical tips to prepare myself and my family that will help us stay grounded in what this holiday is really about?

With all the commercialism, it's easy to stray.

Answer: Happy times and events bring fond memories and a renewed sense of love and kinship with others. The anticipation is half the joy of the event itself. The coming of the Lord is that kind of event that people have been looking forward to for generations with fervent hope and desire. It gave them strength and courage as they waited for the coming of the Lord. We know that Christmas is rushed. Sales begin in August and carols blare long before the season begins. Everyone laments the commercial aspects of the season, but as Advent begins, do something to help you be more mindful of the Lord's coming. Use an Advent wreath, or enthrone the Bible prominently, or read the readings from the Bible assigned to each day. Postpone the tree and decorations until closer to Christmas. Establish new family rituals, customs and prayers that help remind everyone that we are preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Fasting, daily Mass, a special celebration of reconciliation, reaching out to those alienated from family or society, and visiting the homebound manifest the love of the Christ Child and the Holy Family. Resist the temptation to rush the season. In his own time and in his own way, God will come. Our task is simply to be watchful and ready. ©LPi

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK


First Reading: Baruch offers the captive Israelites in Babylon a vision of hope in which their broken relationship with God will be fully restored. What aspects of your relationship with God are in need of restoration?

Second Reading: Paul offers an opening prayer of joy for the believers in the city of Philippi. As the season of Advent continues, what brings joy to your life?


Gospel: With Luke placing the preaching and activities of John the Baptist in its historical and political context, he communicates the idea that God is acting in real, human history. What do you see as the power of this assertion? ©LPi

LIVE THE LITURGY

Sometimes, especially when life gets overwhelming and difficult, we can find ourselves feeling a bit downhearted and miserable. Wallowing in this uncomfortable darkness seems to be our norm and it's difficult to see a way out of, or through, this experience. If we listen carefully enough, we will hear God's voice calling out deep within, beckoning us to seek out its source and discover the inner calm and peace that can prevail over the darkness of despair. Faith tells us that God has already begun the creation of a good work in us and is with us, bringing it to completion, until Christ Jesus comes again. It is this light of God's glory for which we are asked to pave the way and straighten the paths of our lives so that it can shine. With all that life can ask of us and bring to us, it is our task to constantly discern what is of value. So that we do not get so weighed down by things that we no longer see, or feel, God's salvation. ©LPi



**Join Us for Advent Reflections
Mondays during 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: December 06, 13, and 20, 2021
Time: 7:00-8:00 PM
Place: St. Pius X Jamul - 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.

DECEMBER 05, 2021 11 SUNDAY OF ADVENT

05	06	07	08	09	10	11
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday Masses 8:30am 11:00am 12:30pm (Spanish) Faith Formation 10:00a-10:55a Pray for: Bishop Robert Brom Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6	Bible Study 7:00pm Pray for: Rev. Cavana Wallace Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10:11-12, 13-14/Lk 5:17-26	Daily Mass 7:30am Youth Group 6:30pm Knights of Columbus 7:00pm Pray for: Rev. Raymondus Wea, SVD Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14	Daily Mass 7:30am Adoration 8:30am - 5:00pm MMLG 6:00pm Pray for: Rev. Robert White Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38	Daily Mass 7:30am Adoration 8:30am - 5:00pm MMLG 6:00pm Pray For: Rev. Michael White, CSSP Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/Mt 11:11-15	Daily Mass 7:30am Bingo Night Dinner 6:00pm Bingo 7:00pm Pray for: Rev. Allan White, OP Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19	Sunday Vigil 5:00pm Christmas Party 6:00p-10p Our Lady of Guadalupe 10:00pm Pray for: Rev. Neal Wilkinson, SJ Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

MASS Intentions

Dec 05	Sun	8:30am	+Art Bennett
Dec 05	Sun	11:00am	+Faustina Palacios
Dec 05	Sun	12:30pm	For the Parishioners
Dec 06	Mon		NO MASS
Dec 07	Tues	7:30am	(SI) Kenneth Paulino
Dec 08	Wed	7:30am	Holy Day of Obligation
Dec 08	Wed	7:00pm	Holy Day of Obligation
Dec 09	Thur	7:30am	For the Parishioners
Dec 10	Fri	7:30am	+Branden Dallo
Dec 11	Sat	5:00pm	+Joseph Briese
Dec 11	Sat	10:00pm	Our Lady of Guadalupe



St. Nicholas | Feast Day December 6

St. Nicholas of Bari (March 15, 270 – December 6, 343), the bishop of Myra in the fourth century, is the saint that Santa Claus is modeled after. Known for his kindness and generosity to the poor, the story has it that St. Nicholas once tossed bags of gold through the open window of a poor man's house to help his daughters avoid a life of prostitution. According to legend, the gold landed in stockings dangling on the corners of the beds, which is why many of us celebrate St. Nicholas Day by hanging stockings and filling them with candy, fruit, and small toys. Not much else is known about this beloved saint, but regardless, his reputation as a generous man continues today.

Observances for the week of December 05, 2021

Mon:	St. Nicholas, Bishop
Tues:	St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Wed:	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thur:	St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin
Fri:	Our Lady of Loreto
Sat:	St. Damasus I, Pope

“Every valley shall be filled
and every mountain and hill shall be made low.
The winding roads shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

— Lk 3:5-6





ADORATION
THURSDAYS
8:30am - 5:00pm

THE YEAR OF GRACE

DECEMBER 05, 2021 11 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**

DECEMBER

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



Faith Formation

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