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*Rev. Higinio Garcia, Pastor*



*Third Sunday of Advent*

#### Mass Schedule

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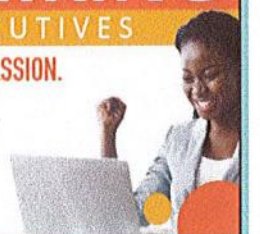
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## Gospel Meditation

ENCOURAGE YOURSELF TO A DEEPER  
UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE



Life can leave us feeling dark and desolate. Sandy was just twenty-eight when her husband, Rob, died, leaving her to raise their two young children. She was without paid employment. Rob went to work one morning and never returned home. Sandy, though, had faith and trusted that somehow

God would help her through, even though most days brought deafening, piercing loneliness. She persevered, and the darkness gave way to light. Remarking one day to a friend hesitant to commit to a relationship, Sandy shared her wisdom. Even if she knew the outcome would be the same, she would marry Rob again. She assured her friend that she would even do this if eight years could only be eight minutes. We are being led by God and God transforms the darkness into light. “Be strong, fear not!” Those are easy words to say. Putting them into practice is the challenge. When our paths are dark and life’s roads become treacherous, we can easily complain about life’s unfinished nature. When will the pain go away? Will the loneliness ever cease? Will I experience happiness again? As the farmer needs to exercise patience with the soil, we need to do the same with our lives. We have to wait for the early and late rains to come, properly tend to our gardens, and ensure that the rich nutrients of God’s merciful and tender presence continue to enrich us. God is not done. God has only just begun his work in us. We cannot allow life to hold us captive. The systems, agendas, protocols, regulations, expectations, and unfinished business can distract us from what it means to be God’s child. Life can leave us feeling cheated, negative, and parched. All times and seasons of our spiritual and liturgical lives lead us to three virtues: faith, hope and love. Stop complaining about what is wrong and look to what God can make right! Joy that flows from the Baptist’s message: in Jesus, the one mightier than he, are found healing, reconciliation, and freedom. Christ will save us from life’s distortions, illusions, and disappointments. Do you believe this? ©LPi

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

The Season That Gives Back

I don’t have anything left to give.

You can’t pour from an empty cup.

All I do is give. Who is giving to me?

Raise your hand if these thoughts have ever run through your head. I’m sure they occur to all of us from time to time. We can become so easily depleted by the fast pace of life and whatever vocation God has called us to, whether that’s parenthood, a demanding professional career or the caretaking of friends and family (or as so often happens, a hybrid of all three). Many of us also undergo certain seasons — seasons of the year, but also seasons of life — that seem to sap us of energy and leave us totally empty.

In these times, it seems impossible to continue in the spirituality of Everyday Stewardship. Graciousness, mindfulness, prayerfulness, gratitude, accountability — maintaining some semblance of these characteristics in our daily life feels not only overly optimistic, but totally impossible.

The Church gives us certain liturgical seasons that are meant to fill us up, almost like spiritual pit stops. Advent is one such season, and the Scriptural passages we reflect on at Mass during these four weeks are filled with images of nature defied. We see the dry steppe blooming. We see the weak made firm. We see the frightened made strong. We see the lame walk. We see the Virgin give birth.

If you think you don’t have anything left to give this Advent, think again. This is the season of miracles when what we thought was depleted brings new life.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

The Year of Grace



## ST. PIUS X JAMUL

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

## MOTHER MARY’S LADIES GUILD

Meets 2nd Thursday  
of the month at 6:00pm

Contact Ana Knudsen:  
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



Photo taken from an open door at  
*St. Pius X Jamul* vestibule



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



## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

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

Contact Olga Mc Invale at  
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WEEKLY STEWARSHIP	
December 4, 2022	
Envelope Giving	\$2,200.00
Plate Giving	\$2,439.00
Online Giving	\$803.54
Total	\$5,442.54
Weekly funds needed for church operations	\$5,000.00
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## RACHEL'S VINEYARD ABORTION HEALING WEEKEND RETREAT

Have you been Emotionally and Spiritually impacted by a past Abortion experience? Do you feel like you are the only person walking through the pain and grief of your past? Do you long for someone to take your hand and say they have been there too? The Rachel's Vineyard Abortion Healing Retreat team for Military, Veterans, and Families would like to invite you to a weekend healing retreat on Feb. 10-12, 2023 near Columbus, Georgia. The retreat is free thanks to generous donors. He is calling you to be whole. God wants to speak truth to those places in your heart that have been broken by abortion. For information or to register: Military, Veterans, and Families contact Jody Duffy at [military@pathatl.com](mailto:military@pathatl.com) or (404)247-9046



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## 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/sdmariageenrichment](http://tinyurl.com/sdmariageenrichment).

## 11TH 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.

Various Liturgical Minister Formation Workshops for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, and Sacristans will be presented in English and Spanish by the Diocesan Office for Liturgy & Spirituality in 2023, and online registration is now open. There is also a new workshop for the Ministry of Hospitality on January 7. Go to [www.sdccatholic.org/workshops](http://www.sdccatholic.org/workshops) for further information and to register, or contact Noreen McInnes at the Office for Liturgy and Spirituality at [nmcinnes@sdccatholic.org](mailto:nmcinnes@sdccatholic.org), (858) 490-8291.

## WHY DO WE DO THAT? Strengthening Faith

**Question:** Our prayer group is discussing ways we can change and strengthen our faith. What one thing could we change that would have the greatest impact on our faith?

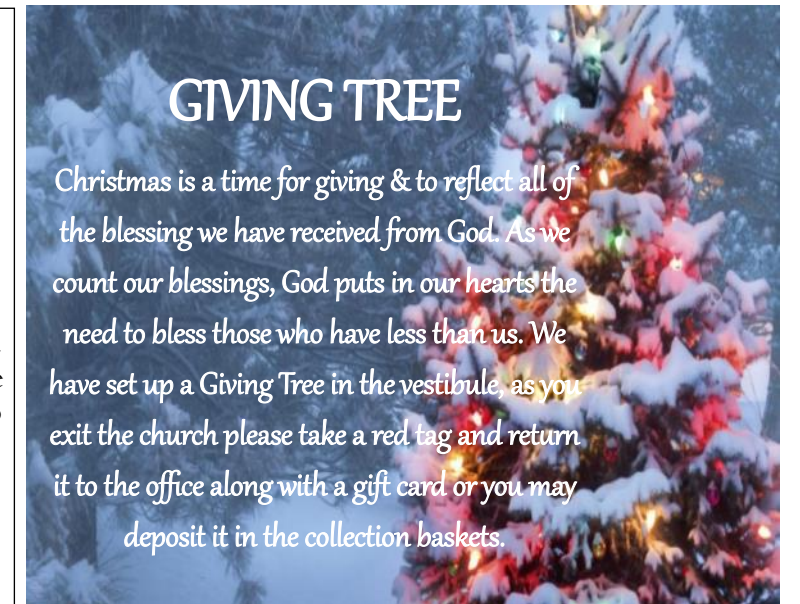
**Answer:** A famous coach once said that when the team is in trouble and things aren't going well, go back to the basics; when the team is winning and things are going well, go back to the basics! Any renewal program, faith development, or spiritual growth effort has to start with the basic core of what it means to believe. If the foundation is not strong, the house will not stand. So if you work on one thing, begin with the idea that God is love, who loves us and calls us to love one another. If we really take that belief to heart, it changes how we see God, ourselves, and one another. It would change how we pray, how we treat others, and how we understand and live our own life. Our sense of mission and purpose will be more focused on God's plan and our role in it. Love is the core of faith, the goal of life, and the hope of heaven. Whatever we do to strengthen and deepen our faith will begin and end with love. ©LPi

## LIVE THE LITURGY ©LPi

We can often feel parched, desolate, lifeless, and dark. Even though we still engage in the business and demands of life, we find ourselves somewhat detached, disengaged, and removed. We lack joy, wonder, awe, and zest. Rather than being an experience of freedom and excitement, life holds us captive. We are tethered to systems, agendas, protocols, regulations, and expectations that go against the grain of what it means to be God's child. We find ourselves in a desert. Jesus came to release us from all of this negativity and desolation. John the Baptist announced the arrival of the One who embodies healing, reconciliation, freedom, and life. Stop complaining about what you don't have. Prepare for the arrival of the remedy to life's despair. Be strong, fear not! Christ will save us from life's distortions, illusions, and disappointments. Be patient. With proper time and care, all will be well. ©LPi

## 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 ©LPi

**First Reading:** Isaiah encouraged his community to "be strong, do not fear!" since God has planned a future restoration of both the land and the people. Who in your life needs to hear words of encouragement and support right now?

**Second Reading:** James urges his community to be patient and non-judgmental with each other as we wait for the coming of the Lord. In what ways is this a challenge for you this Advent season?

**Gospel:** In today's reading, Matthew offers a glimpse into the personal relationship between Jesus and John the Baptist. Jesus has great respect for John yet counts him "least" in the kingdom of heaven. What do you think this tells us about those in the kingdom of heaven?

## 2022 RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

**Help aging religious.** Senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have devoted their lives to prayer, service, and works of mercy. Most ministered for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your gift to today's Retirement Fund for Religious collection helps to furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please give generously.



## 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 11, 2022 III SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Sun:	Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11
Mon:	Zec 2:14-17/ Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38
Tue:	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23/Mt 21:28-32
Wed:	Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 7:18b-23
Thur:	Is 54:1-10/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Lk 7:24-30
Fri:	Is 56:1-3a, 6-8/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Jn 5:33-36
Sat:	Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17

## MASS Intentions

Dec 11	<b>Sun</b>	8:30am	For the Parishioners
Dec 11	<b>Sun</b>	11:00am	For the Parishioners
Dec 11	<b>Sun</b>	12:30pm	For the Parishioners
Dec 11	<b>Sun</b>	10:00pm	Our Lady of Guadalupe—Vigil
Dec 12	<b>Mon</b>	5:00am	Mañanitas Mass (Spanish)
Dec 12	<b>Mon</b>	6:00am	Our Lady of Guadalupe
Dec 13	<b>Tues</b>	7:30am	For the Parishioners
Dec 14	<b>Wed</b>	7:30am	For the Parishioners
Dec 15	<b>Thur</b>	7:30am	For the Parishioners
Dec 16	<b>Fri</b>	7:30am	For the Parishioners
Dec 17	<b>Sat</b>	5:00pm	For the Parishioners



Jesus said to them in reply, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them." — Mt 11:4-5



*Keep them, I pray Thee dearest Lord. Keep them for they are Thine. Thy priests whose lives burn out before Thy consecrated shrine. Keep them, for they are in the world, yet from the world apart; When earthly pleasures tempt, allure—shelter them in Thy heart. Keep them, and comfort them in hours of loneliness and pain, When all their life of sacrifice for souls seems but in vain. Keep them, and O remember Lord, they have no one but Thee. Yet they only have human hearts, with human frailty. Keep them as spotless as the Host, that daily they caress; Their every thought word and deed, deign, dearest Lord, to bless.*

**Mary, Queen of the clergy, Pray for them.**

Sunday: Most Rev. Neal Buckon

Monday: Rev. Sebastian Bukenya

Tuesday: Rev. Scott Burnia

Wednesday: Rev. George Byrne

Thursday: Rev. Msgr. Steven Callaghan

Friday: Rev. Msgr. Mark Campbell

Saturday: Rev. Miguel Campos

### Observances for the week of December 11, 2022

Sunday:	St. Damasus I, Pope
Monday:	Our Lady of Guadalupe
Tuesday:	St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
Wednesday:	St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

### Saint Damasus | December 11

Saint Damasus served as bishop of Rome for 18 years as Pope Damasus I (366-384). He had to endure significant controversy early in his pontifical reign when a factional group of bishops insisted that their chosen claimant, Ursinus, was the true pope. Both sides resorted to violence before the issue was decided in favor of Damasus. He went on to make the unification of the Church a central focus of his papacy and fervently fought to counter any division caused by the many heretical teachings of his time. While he was pope, Christianity was declared the official religion of the Roman Empire and Rome's authority in the Church was decided by a synod that Damasus called in 382. This synod established Rome as the direct descendant of the Church founded by the apostle Saint Peter, the apostolic see, and put an end to confusion stemming from Constantinople, which some were already calling "The New Rome". To further unify the Church, Damasus introduced Latin as the principle liturgical language and commissioned his secretary, Saint Jerome, to compile and revise the various translations of the Bible into one official translation to be used by the entire Church: The Latin Vulgate. This successfully preserved the original Scriptures by making them more accessible to the average Christian. A writer and poet himself, Saint Damasus lives on in history through his many epigrams and verse inscriptions that can be found on the Roman catacombs that he restored during his papacy. Saint Jerome described his friend, Pope Damasus, as being "an incomparable person, learned in the Scriptures, a virgin doctor of the virgin Church, who loved chastity and heard its praises with pleasure." ©LPi

THE YEAR OF GRACE

## DECEMBER 11, 2022 III SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES 2022

(27 Nov-24 Dec 2022)

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



### Christmas Day & New Years Day Schedule

Saturday, December 24th 5:00pm (Bilingual)

Sunday, December 25th 8:30am & 11:00am  
12:30pm (Spanish)

Saturday, December 31st 5:00pm (Bilingual)

Sunday, January 1st 8:30am & 11:00am  
12:30pm (Spanish)

Parish Office will be closed on the following days:

Monday, December 26, 2022  
Monday, January 2, 2023  
No Bible Study on these days.

### Mission Statement

"A Tiny Church with a Big Heart"

We, the people of God at St. Pius X Church in Jamul, Seek to live the Christian life by celebrating God's Word, Living the Eucharist, and reaching out in peace and justice to all of God's People. We are to build a loving supportive community in Jamul, By listening and sharing with each other. We believe, with God's grace, the power of Jesus' example, and the gifts of the Spirit, we will fulfill Christ's Mission to love one another and establish the Kingdom of God on earth.



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