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# Gospel Meditation

ENCOURAGE YOURSELF TO A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE



"From silly devotions and sour-faced saints, good Lord, deliver us!" St. Teresa of Avila. We've all heard the adage, "Laughter is the best medicine." In many ways, it really is. When was the last time you really laughed? The gift of imagination allows us to see possible things that are yet to be. Imagine a world

filled with laughter. We take life too seriously sometimes. Fear, uncertainty, pressure, negativity, disappointment, and myriad other human experiences can rob us of the joy needed for laughter. God never promised us an easy road, and we do have to take the course of our lives seriously. However, there is a balance to be sought and a possible joy that can be brought even to the darkest and most challenging of encounters. St. Therese of Lisieux reminds us that, "Joy is not found in the material objects surrounding us but in the inner recesses of the soul. One can possess joy in a prison cell as well as in a palace." Falling in love with God, who is present in all of creation, allows us to bring a depth of understanding to everything we do and experience. We can more easily see above and beyond things while pursuing the only One who can truly satisfy our hearts. When we realize that God, the king of Israel, is in our midst and with us, there is no further misfortune to fear. We can celebrate the wonder and beauty of God's gift of joy. It is no wonder that many saints radiate joy and have no reservations expressing laughter. They are happy because they have found a pearl of great price. We celebrate with joy today with hearts filled with expectation, wonder, awe, and beauty as we ready ourselves, even more excitedly, for the coming of our Savior. Do not fear and do not be discouraged. If you haven't laughed in a while, why? Something is preventing you from expressing the magnificence of your soul and the presence of God who dwells within. God's power and presence within us assures us that we are loved and kept in that presence. What more is really needed? Rejoice and laugh in the presence of God! It really is the best medicine and a most perfect way to convince others that God is really with us. "Go ahead, laugh! Live your life with joy and serve the Lord with laughter! Joy, with peace, is the sister of charity. Serve the Lord with laughter." (St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina) ©LPI

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*Prayer Request*

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

*The Well That Never Dries Up*

Depending on how your mood is today, the words of Paul will hit you differently. "Rejoice always," he tells us. Well, if your football team is poised to win this weekend or next, maybe you're really feeling this vibe. But if you've got a long slog at work ahead of you this week and a to-do list that only seems to grow and never shrink, it may make you grumble. "Rejoice always? Always?"

When I'm tired? Cranky? When I'm sick of doing and giving? Thanks, Paul. I'll be sure to scribble that phrase on a Post-It and stick it to my dashboard for when some entitled punk inevitably cuts me off on tomorrow's morning commute."

When we feel this way, we know it's time to head back to the well. Think of all the places in Scripture where God compares His love, His mercy, His salvation to water. And not just any water — living water, water that moves. God's strength is not a stagnant puddle sure to evaporate and disappear. It's water you can keep coming back to. It's water that never dries up.

Which is good news for us, because we never stop failing to do what we should, never stop failing to feel the joy and the compassion and the selflessness we are called to. We need a source of living water if we are going to 'rejoice always.' To be everyday stewards, we need a well that never empties.

The fountain of salvation never dries up. There is always more there for us to draw from. It's a sign of His commitment — so let us, in turn, be committed to Him.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## The Year of Grace

December 2021		Immaculate Conception	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<b>ABBREVIATIONS:</b> K of C - Knights of Columbus MMLG - Mother Mary's Ladies Guild	<b>6</b> Bible Study Join us! 7:00pm	<b>7</b> Join the Youth Group K of C Meeting 7:00pm	<b>8</b> Mass 7:30am Grupo de Oración 7:00pm
<b>5</b> Hispanic Group Breakfast After all Masses	<b>13</b> Bible Study Join us! 7:00pm	<b>14</b> 6:30p Join the Youth Group	<b>15</b> Misa de Sanación 7:00pm NO Grupo de Oración
<b>12</b> Hispanic Group Breakfast After all Masses	<b>20</b> Bible Study Join us! 7:00pm	<b>21</b> Christmas Party Healing Mass 7:00pm	<b>22</b> NO Grupo de Oración
<b>19</b> Youth Group Breakfast After 8:30am Mass	<b>27</b> Bible Study Join us! 7:00pm THE HOLY FAMILY	<b>28</b> Join the Youth Group	<b>29</b> NO Grupo de Oración
<b>11</b> Mass 10pm	<b>18</b> Reconciliation 4:00pm	<b>16</b> Adoration 8:30am - 6:00pm Advent Penitence Service	<b>17</b> Hispanic Group Shepherd's Play FARELELLA
<b>4</b> Men's Gathering 7:30am First Saturday Mass 9:00am Reconciliation 4:00pm	<b>9</b> Adoration 8:30am - 5:00pm MMLG General Meeting 6:00pm	<b>10</b> BINGO Night Dinner 6:00pm Bingo 7:00pm	<b>23</b> Adoration 8:30am - 6:00pm
<b>3</b> Youth Group Cookie Baking Service at Santa Sophia	<b>2</b> Adoration 8:30am - 6:00pm	<b>24</b> Mass 5:00pm Christmas Eve	<b>25</b> Mass times 9am English 11am Spanish Merry Christmas



WEEKLY STEWARSHIP	
December 5, 2021	
Envelope Giving	\$2,681.00
Plate Giving	\$960.40
Online Giving	\$636.92
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,278.32</b>
Weekly funds needed for church operations	\$5,000.00
<b>Overage/Deficit</b>	<b>-\$721.68</b>

# FOODLAND

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We the people of God of St Pius X Catholic Church on 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, supporting community in Jamul. In order to achieve this mission and build this community we have much support. Foodland Mercado on Cardif St, is a perfect example of this. Their kindness and generosity through many years towards our different events have made them possible and successful. This year their donation made our Fundraiser for Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration not just a reality but profitable for our Tiny Church. God Bless them and their families during this Christmas Season. Please show your support and gratitude by Patronizing the store. 920 Cardif Street San Diego, CA 92114



## 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](mailto:jperegoy@sdccatholic.org)....

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## SPRING FORWARD 2022 CONFERENCE:

"United in the Breaking of the Bread": Everyone involved in parish catechesis and other parish ministries as well as others who may be interested are invited to our annual Spring Forward Conference as we partake in song and prayer with nationally renowned presenter, ValLimar Jensen, and reflect on the Gift of the Eucharist. The event will be held on Saturday, January 22, at Holy Trinity Parish, El Cajon, 9:30 am – 3:00 pm. Registration cost is \$25. For more information and to register, visit [www.sdccatholicdisciples.net/events/san-sf22](http://www.sdccatholicdisciples.net/events/san-sf22)



## WHY DO WE DO THAT?

**Question:** What is holy water and how do I explain the reason that it is placed at the entrances of churches to my non-Catholic friends?

**Answer:** Holy water is a sacramental, a reminder of the life of the Church expressed and celebrated through the sacraments. God's grace is mediated through word and gesture (the outward signs). This comes to us through Jesus (instituted by Christ) as he entrusts to the Church his saving mission (to give grace). In turn the Church, through the sacraments, shares that grace and mission with us. On Ash Wednesday, we receive ashes on our foreheads to remind us of our origins, humbly created from the dust. But by blessing ourselves with holy water, we are reminded of our destiny! We are baptized sons and daughters of God. This is also a call to conversion, to live more fully our baptismal call to live as disciples of Jesus. We see holy water whenever we renew our baptismal promises. This will occur during the Easter liturgy as well, reminding us that we are indeed on a journey of faith and renewed in Christ. Blessing ourselves with holy water reminds us that we are baptized into a community faith, and always in need of turning from sin and toward God. Holy water is a visible sign of our baptism! ©LPi

## QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

**First Reading:** The words of the prophet Zephaniah focus on hope for a new beginning of the Lord's presence in their midst. How has the season of Advent thus far brought you spiritual renewal?

**Second Reading:** As his letter draws to a close, Paul encourages the Philippians to be a community that rejoices in the Lord. How would you rate your own spiritual happiness?

**Gospel:** John the Baptist exhorted the crowds, tax collectors, and soldiers to live a moral and other-centered life within the parameters of their day-to-day work. What would this look like for you in your current station in life? ©LPi

## LIVE THE LITURGY

Shout for joy! When was the last time you ever felt like doing that? Fear, uncertainty, pressure, negativity, disappointment, and myriad other human experiences can rob us of joy. We can never predict what life will bring. As unsettling as that can often seem, life's unpredictability is also the very thing that allows it to be exciting and adventuresome! We know that life can be difficult, and it is unrealistic to expect it to be otherwise. God never promised an easy road. But, when a person truly falls in love with God and discovers the peacefulness and assurance of God's presence, then a depth of understanding will be brought to everything they do and experience. Nothing will be able to rob them of joy! When we realize that God, the King of Israel, is in our midst and with us, there is no further misfortune to fear. We celebrate the beauty and wonder of God's gift of joy today as we ready ourselves, even more excitedly, for the coming of our Savior. Do not fear and do not be discouraged. There is a power and presence within us, our God, who has made us, who loves us and who will keep us. What more do we need? Rejoice! ©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 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.

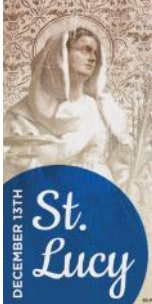


DECEMBER 12, 2021 III SUNDAY OF ADVENT

12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday Masses 8:30am 11:00am 12:30pm (Spanish) Faith Formation 10:00a-10:55a  Pray for: Right Rev. Charles Wright, OSB  Zep 3:14-18a/ Is12:2-3, 4, 5-6/ Phil 4:4-7/ Lk 3:10-18	Bible Study 7:00pm  Pray for: Rev. Guangfeng Yang, SVD  Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/ Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/ Mt 21:23-27	Daily Mass 7:30am  Youth Group 6:30pm  St Vincent de Paul 6:30pm,  Pray for: Very Rev. Edmundo ZarateSuarez  Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/ Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23/ Mt 21:28-32	Daily Mass 7:30am  Adoration 8:30am - 5:00pm  Advent Penance Service 7:00pm  Pray for: Rev. William Zondler  Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/ Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/ Lk 7:18b-23	Daily Mass 7:30am  Adoration 8:30am - 5:00pm  Advent Penance Service 7:00pm  Pray For: Rev. Gabriel Afeti, AJ  Is 54:1-10/ Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a, and 13b/ Lk 7:24-30	Daily Mass 7:30am  Shepard's Play 7:00pm  Pray for: Rev. James Allen, OMI  Gn 49:2, 8-10/ Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/ Mt 1:1-17	Sunday Vigil 5:00pm  Reconciliation 4:00pm  Pray for: Rev. John Amsberry  Jer 23:5-8/ Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/ Mt 1:18-25

MASS Intentions

Dec 12	Sun	8:30am	(SI) Brittany Groom
Dec 12	Sun	11:00am	+Luis Valderrama
Dec 12	Sun	12:30pm	For the Parishioners
Dec 13	Mon		NO MASS
Dec 14	Tues	7:30am	+Filomena Reynolds
Dec 15	Wed	7:30am	For the Parishioners
Dec 16	Thur	7:30am	For the Parishioners
Dec 17	Fri	7:30am	For the Parishioners
Dec 18	Sat	5:00pm	+Peter H. Garcia




**St. Lucy | Feast Day December 13**  
 A name that means "light," St. Lucy (283 – 304) is the patron saint of those blind or suffering with eye trouble. Not much is known about her life, except that she was determined to remain a virgin and thus refused marriage. History tells the story of a frustrated suitor who eventually accused St. Lucy of being a Christian (at crime at the time), and she was executed in Syracuse, Sicily, in the year 304. Today, we celebrate a number of traditions that incorporate symbolic meaning of St. Lucy as the "bearer" of light in the darkness of winter. This is particularly seen in Scandinavian countries, with their long dark winters. There, a young girl dressed in a white dress and a red sash (as the symbol of martyrdom) carries palms and wears a crown or wreath of candles on her head. In Denmark, Norway and Sweden, girls dressed as Lucy carry rolls and cookies in procession as songs are sung.

**Observances for the week of December 12, 2021**  
 Mon: St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr  
 Tues: St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church



*John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." — Lk 3:16*

**Reconciliation**  
 4:00pm



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



DECEMBER 12, 2021 III SUNDAY OF ADVENT




**St Pius X Hispanic Group invites you to the TRADICIONAL SHEPHERDS PLAY**  
 Friday, December 17, at 7:00pm  
 Please bring a dessert to share


THE YEAR OF GRACE

**ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES 2021**  
 (28 Nov - 24 Dec 2021)

	Date	Time
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



**ST PIUS X JAMUL YOUTH MINISTRY**  
 DECEMBER  
 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  
 JANUARY  
 02: SUN Christmas Break—No Faith Formation  
 09: SUN Faith Formation Resumes

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



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