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Concluding the Year of St. Joseph on the Feast  
of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed  
Virgin Mary, Wednesday, December 8th

## Reflection for the Second Sunday of Advent

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

St. Bernard preached about three comings of Our Lord saying, "We know that there are three comings of the Lord. The third lies between the other two. It is invisible, while the other two are visible. In the first coming he was seen on earth, dwelling among men; he himself testifies that they saw him and hated him. In the final coming all flesh will see the salvation of our God, and they will look on him whom they pierced. The intermediate coming is a hidden one; in it only the elect see the Lord within their own selves. In his first coming our Lord came in our flesh and in our weakness; in this middle coming he comes in spirit and in power; in the final coming he will be seen in glory and majesty."

We often fail to recognize this "intermediate coming" precisely because it is a hidden one. But it is also a daily one. Jesus does not fail to come to us every day. When St. Jude, the apostle, asked Jesus, "Lord, why do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?" Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will keep my word. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them." Where is this word to be kept? "Obviously in the heart," says St. Bernard. Therefore, he speaks of Our Lord's daily coming as hidden and invisible.

Jesus is the Word. We must let this Word enter our very being and let it take possession of our desires and our whole way of life. Jesus says, "If you love me, keep my commandments." And what is Jesus' commandment? "This is my commandment, that you love one another, as I have loved you." He also says, "I will not leave you orphans, I will come to you."

This "intermediate coming" as St. Bernard calls it, is a daily grace. To know and experience this hidden and invisible coming of Our Lord we must enter the interior dwelling places of our soul where Our Lord makes his home through grace. Frankly, we live much of our lives on the surface of our true selves. All the distractions and temptations are on the surface. This makes it difficult to recognize the Lord's coming in the hidden, interior way that He does. We must have the courage to go below the surface of our lives, to a place in our interior where we can encounter Jesus in a quiet, hidden way. This is what St. Teresa of Jesus learned. She shared what she learned about the interior life in her writings. St. John of the Cross, who collaborated with St. Teresa, was also an excellent teacher regarding the interior life of prayer and the encounter with Our Lord who dwells in our souls as in His very own temple. These two saints are excellent patrons for Advent. Let us strive to be open to the advent of the Lord in our souls. He comes to us today in grace. Devoutly receiving Him in Holy Communion is an excellent way to experience the invisible, hidden (under the appearance of bread) coming of the Lord. You'll want to make a good confession before Christmas to remove any obstacles to the grace of our Lord's sacramental coming.

*He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! Rev. 22:20.*

~ Fr. Stephen F. Watson, O.C.D.



### **The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe** **Procession & Celebration**

Saturday, December 11th we will have a procession beginning at Santa Cruz Parish, at 6 pm. We will process to Capilla de Guadalupe 401 E. 31st Street. Mass will begin upon arrival. Join us for a Reception-Convivio after Mass.

*The midnight Mass will be at 11 pm.*

### **Festividad y Procesión de** **Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe**

Sábado, 11 de diciembre tendremos una procesión que comenzará en la Iglesia Santa Cruz a las 6 pm. De ahí nos dirigiremos hacia la Capilla de Guadalupe, 401 E. Calle 31 donde se celebrará la Misa. Acompáñenos para un Convivio después de misa.

*La misa de media noche será a las 11pm.*

## FOR THOSE WHO ARE VULNERABLE

The formal dispensation from participation in Sunday Mass in person remains in place for all persons still at serious risk of the Covid-19 virus.

## Homebound Eucharist

If you have a family member or know of a parishioner in the Santa Cruz area in need of having the Eucharist brought to them regularly, please contact the parish office at 520-623-3833.

The Year of St. Joseph concludes on December 8th. Join us for a Holy Hour from 5-6 followed by the Mass in honor of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary at 6:30 pm. "Each of us can discover in Joseph – the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence – an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble. Saint Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation."  
~Pope Francis



## Posadas Navideñas 2021

Please join us for our  
Santa Cruz Parish Posadas!  
At 6:30 p.m. at the following places:

### **Monday, December 20th**

Begin at: Capilla Guadalupe – 409 E. 31st St.  
Rejection at: Garcia Family – 325 E. 33rd St.  
Accept: Galindo Family – 207 E. 35th St.

### **Tuesday, December 21st**

Begin at: Galindo Family – 207 E. 35th St.  
Rejection at: Teresa Family – 2206 E. 5th Ave.  
Accept: Aguilar Family – 331 E. 31st St.

### **Wednesday, December 22nd**

Begin at: Aguilar Family – 331 E. 31st St.  
Rejection at: Casa Maria – 352 E. 25th St.  
Accept: Limon Family – 316 E. 23rd St.

### **Thursday, December 23rd**

Begin at: Limon Family – 316 E. 23rd St.  
Rejection at: Carrillo Family – 140 E. 24th St.  
Accept & Mass: Santa Cruz Church –  
1220 S. 6th Avenue

## *Mass Intentions*

### Saturday, December 4th

8:00am Juliette McCullough & Liam Cuellar/  
Happy Birthday  
5:30pm Jesus Alfredo Franco/R.I.P.

### Sunday, December 5th

6:30am Santa Cruz Parishioners  
8:00am Cathy Rucker Shemberger/R.I.P.  
10:00am Peter Martinez, Juan Amaro, Suzanna  
& Isaiah Leon/Happy Birthday  
12:00pm Grace Lohr/R.I.P.  
6:00pm Evan Zarape & Joseph R. Valencia/R.I.P.

Marcella & Gabriel Zepp/R.I.P.

8:00am Berry Sims/R.I.P.

Jacob Vega/R.I.P.

8:00am Margaret Ortega/R.I.P.

Maria Teresa Gonzalez/R.I.P.

8:00am Oscar Romero/R.I.P.

Florence Schroeder/R.I.P.

8:00am Jacob Vega/R.I.P.

Mary Magdalene/R.I.P.

8:00am Special Int./Hannah Rose

### **Parish Collection November 21st, 2021**

Collection: \$ 3,384.78

Catholic Campaign: \$ 742.41

Total: \$ 4,127.19

### **Parish Collection November 28th, 2021**

Collection: \$ 4,005.81

St. Vincent De Paul: \$ 742.00

Total: \$ 4,747.81

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Business Hours Monday - Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm

Closed for lunch 12:45pm - 1:45pm

Pastor:  
In Residence:

Rev. Stephen Watson, O.C.D.  
Rev. David Costello, O.C.D.

### **New Parishioners: Always welcome!**

Please register by using our forms available in the church.

\*Please note that the 12 noon Mass is following full COVID protocols:  
social distancing, masks required and distancing in pews

**Masses: Sun. 6:30 am, 10 am, \*12 noon & 6 pm**

**8 am Spanish at Capilla de Guadalupe (409 E. 31st Street)**

Mon. - Fri. 8:00 am, Sat. 8 am & 5:30 pm (Vigil)

**Confessions:** Sat. 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

**Baptisms:** Call the parish office for more information / Llame a la oficina parroquial

**Matrimony:** Please call at least six months in advance.

Por favor de llamar con seis meses de anticipación.

Parish Administrative Assistant: Hada Reyes (520) 623-3833

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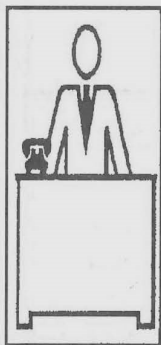
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