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FIRST SUNDAY OF

*Advent*



NOVEMBER 27, 2022

“You also must be prepared,  
for at an hour you do not expect,  
the Son of Man will come.”

MATTHEW 24:44

## First Sunday of Advent 2022

*"Come, let us climb the LORD's mountain, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may instruct us in his ways, and we may walk in his paths," Is. 2:3*

Advent is the beginning of a new liturgical year. For this reason, we can think of the First Sunday of Advent as the Church's New Year. There is an interesting history behind this. In the early Christian centuries, Christmas Day marked the beginning of the new year in many countries. By the ninth century, parts of southern Europe began observing the first day of the new year on March 25 to coincide with the Annunciation of the Lord nine months prior to Christmas. In fact, in Latin, September means seventh month, October means eighth month, November means ninth month, and December means tenth month. When Pope Gregory XIII promulgated an updated calendar in 1582 (the former Julian calendar was out of sync with the sun), January 1 was established as the first day of the new year. But the fact that Advent begins a new year of worship reminds us of the Christian idea that the birth of Christ is a new beginning. That is also why March 25 was once the Christian New Year since Our Lord was conceived in the womb of Mary. "The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us," Jn.1:14. This was the beginning of the new creation in Christ. "Behold, I make all things new," Rev.21:5. The birth of Our Savior Jesus Christ is our greatest reason for hope, to begin anew.

Each Sunday gospel of Advent has a specific theme; the Lord's coming in glory at the end of time (first Sunday), John the Baptist (second and third Sunday), and the events which immediately prepared for the Lord's birth (fourth Sunday). The Old Testament readings of Advent are prophecies about the Messiah and messianic times, especially those from the Book of Isaiah. The selections from the writings of the apostles present exhortations and instructions on different themes of Advent.

During Advent we also contemplate the role of the Blessed Virgin Mary in God's plan for the salvation of humanity. Mary is the New Eve without whom there is no Savior. It is wonderful that we celebrate the Immaculate Conception during Advent. The people of Nicaragua have their Gritería: "¿Quién causa tanta alegría?" "La Concepción de María". "Who causes so much joy?" "The Conception of Mary." The people of Mexico have given us La Morena, Our Lady of Guadalupe whose feast we also celebrate in Advent. Mary is the star of Advent, the mother of divine hope, and the cause of our joy. Ven con nosotros, Maria. Come with us, Virgin Mary.

In conclusion, I want to share part of a famous sermon of St. Bernard that is read in the Church during Advent.

*You have heard, O Virgin, that you will conceive and bear a son; you have heard that it will not be by man but by the Holy Spirit. The angel awaits an answer; it is time for him to return to God who sent him. We too are waiting, O Lady, for your word of compassion; the sentence of condemnation weighs heavily upon us.*

*Tearful Adam with his sorrowing family begs this of you, O loving Virgin, in their exile from Paradise. Abraham begs it, David begs it. All the other holy patriarchs, your ancestors, ask it of you, as they dwell in the country of the shadow of death. This is what the whole earth waits for, prostrate at your feet. It is right in doing so, for on your word depends comfort for the wretched, ransom for the captive, freedom for the condemned, indeed, salvation for all the sons of Adam, the whole of your race.*

*Answer quickly, O Virgin. Reply in haste to the angel, or rather through the angel to the Lord. Answer with a word, receive the Word of God. Speak your own word, conceive the divine Word. Breathe a passing word, embrace the eternal Word.*

~ **Blessed Advent, Fr. Stephen F. Watson, O.C.D.**

## Grupo Guadalupeo— Bilingüe

Meets every **MONDAY** at 6pm at Capilla de Guadalupe. Come pray the Rosary, Spiritual Talks and Spiritual Growth. Every First Friday of the Month: Holy Mass & Benediction.



Also, the Grupo Guadalupeo is asking for help in raising funds for the Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration by buying raffle tickets. They are raffling off:

(1) Our Lady of Guadalupe Banner

(1) Horseshoe Cross

(1) Gift Basket

Tickets are being sold after the Sunday Masses and at the 8:00am Capilla Sunday Mass. The drawing will be held Sunday, December 11th, winner need not to be present.

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**Be sure to check next week's  
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Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day.  
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from Dec. 20-23 at 6:30pm;  
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The Annual Catholic Appeal – Our parish goal is \$40,340, currently we have collected \$22,556 that is (56% of our goal). We only have a little over 4 weeks to try and reach our goal. The **Deadline is December 31<sup>st</sup>**. Please prayerfully consider making your pledge to help us meet our parish goal. **To give use your smart phone and Text ACA to 41444 ~ OR ~ visit [www.cathfnd.org/donate](http://www.cathfnd.org/donate)** Thank you and God bless you Fr. Stephen.

Campaña Católica Anual – Nuestra meta parroquial es \$40,340, actual hemos colectado \$22,556 esto es el (56% de nuestra meta). Solo tenemos 4 semanas para tratar de alcanzar nuestra meta **antes del 31 de diciembre**. Por favor oren y consideren hacer su compromiso para ayudarnos alcanzar nuestra meta. Gracias y que Dios los bendiga.

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## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, November 26th

8:00am Special Int./Chris & Sabrina Garay  
5:30pm In Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus/  
Int. Carlos & Lily Contreras/R.I.P.

### Sunday, November 27th

6:30am Santa Cruz Parishioners  
8:00am Modesto Lapidez/R.I.P.  
10:00am Jose & Beatrice Bustamante/R.I.P.  
12:00pm Amelia Mena/R.I.P.  
6:00pm Charles Kelly/R.I.P.

### Monday, November 28th

In Honor of All Souls in Purgatory/R.I.P.  
8:00am Frank Eckert/Improved Health

### Tuesday, November 29th

In Honor of All Souls in Purgatory/R.I.P.  
8:00am Nay Jr. Garcia/Improved Health

### Wednesday, November 30th

In Honor of All Souls in Purgatory/R.I.P.  
8:00am Mike Rucker/Improved Health

### Thursday, December 1st

Mother Maria, O.C.D./Improved Health  
8:00am Special Int./Laura Nicole Kraus

### Friday, December 2nd

Mother Maria, O.C.D./Improved Health  
8:00am Peter Espree/R.I.P.

## Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

**Friday, December 2nd &  
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month in the church from  
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**Business Hours Monday - Friday 8:30am - 3:00pm**

Pastor: Rev. Stephen Watson, O.C.D.  
In Residence: Rev. David Costello, O.C.D.

### New Parishioners: Always welcome!

Please register by using our forms available in the church.

**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 / Llame a la oficina parroquial**

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

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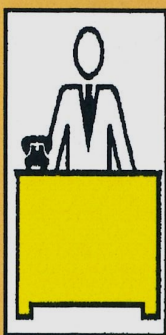
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