



A welcoming parish community
St. John the Evangelist

Dear Friends,

Advent is a time of Hope.

Imagine the number of people who live within our parish boundaries who have lost hope.
Imagine that many of them are baptized Christians and – of those – many are Catholic.
Imagine what we could do to welcome back those who feel abandoned by God, the Church, and even our parish community.
Imagine!

Advent is a time to beg the Lord: “Come Lord Jesus!”

Imagine the number of parishioners within our boundaries who have asked Christ to come to them.
Imagine the people who have turned away from Christ because they feel unwanted by the Church – the Body of Christ.
Imagine yourself as Christ coming to them in their time of darkness
Imagine!

Advent is a time of preparation for Christmas.

Imagine Mary and Joseph who longed to find a place for their Christ child.
Imagine Christ wanting to enter our Church but feeling unwelcomed.
Imagine opening the doors to All members of the Body of Christ.
Imagine!

What if we don't have to imagine anymore?
Christ is among us!
He is standing at our parish door and knocking!
Let him enter - the poor, the marginalized, the forgotten and abandoned!
He is the King of Glory! The long awaited Messiah!

Have a blessed week!

Father John Dolan

Pastor

First Sunday of Advent
Nov. 27th, 2016

Parish Information

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Office Hours:

Monday -Friday 8:30 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.,
and 1:00 p.m.- 4:30 p.m.
Saturday by appointment

Mass Schedule

Weekday 5:45 p.m.
Saturday morning 8:00 a.m.
Saturday Vigil 5:30 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 a.m.,
10:30 a.m. (ASL) and 6:00pm Young Adult

Liturgy of the Hours

Evening Prayer
Monday - Friday 6:45 p.m.

Penance/Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
(Other times by appointment)

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday 6:15- 8:30 p.m.

R.C.I.A.

Tuesdays 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Legion of Mary

Thursday 1:00 p.m. in Rose room

Parish Staff:

Pastor: Very Rev. John Dolan
 Associate Pastor: Rev. Ron Kelso
 Deacon: Dcn. Robert Booth
 Pastoral Associate: Mr. Aaron Bianco
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**Sacramental Preparation for
Baptisms and Marriages**

Arrangements can be made by contacting the parish office well in advance. A meeting with the priest or deacon begins the process. Infant baptisms are scheduled at the parish office.

Marriage preparation is a nine month process.

Please Pray for.....

Helen Aguilung, Julio A. Arroyo, Jane Boyes, Lucille Bub, Marie Diaz, Leonora Diaz, Michael-James Dominguez, Joan Gildea, Michael Ebipane, Kenneth Hunter, V.V. Marco, Victoria Ochoa, Jose Olmos, Maria Menchaca, Kristen Murrell, Michele Reioux, Mary Secor, Melva Tuggey, Amparo Vallin. Betty Curriden.
 *If you would like to add or remove your loved one from our sick list, please contact the parish office at 619-291-1660.

Advent Bible Study

We invite you to participate in our Advent Bible Study beginning Tuesday, November 29th and every other Tuesday for four weeks. We will meet in the Rose Room at 10:00 a.m. Please take this opportunity to deepen your Advent prayer.

Christ in our Neighborhood

Are you looking for a way to re-awaken your faith?
 Are you interested in learning more about Jesus?
 Do you desire to study the Sacred Scriptures?
 Do you want to meet friends in your parish or rekindle old friendships?
 Well, Christ in Our Neighborhood is just for you!!!

We invite you this Advent to participate with other parishioners in a four week Scripture based study. We will meet Wednesday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Rose Room. Our first meeting will be Wednesday, November 30th.

Please take this opportunity to deepen your faith this Advent.

Young Adults Mark Your Calendars

Sunday December 18th after the 6:00 p.m. Mass join us for wine and cheese and a Christmas Concert.
 Everyone is invited !!!

**Advent Penance Service**

Our annual Advent Reconciliation Service will be Saturday, December 10th at 11:00 a.m.





- Nov 27 **Hospitality:** After Morning Masses
- Nov 28 **Divine Office:** 6:45 p.m.
- Nov 29 **Divine Office:** 6:45 p.m.
Advent Bible Study: 10:00 a.m.
OLPH Devotion: After Mass
- Nov 30 **Divine Office:** 6:45 p.m.
Christ in our Neighborhood: 6:30 p.m.
- Dec 1 **Legion of Mary:** 1:00 p.m.
Adoration: 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- Dec 2 **Divine Office:** 6:45 p.m.
- Dec 3 **Reconciliation:** 4:00-5:00 p.m.



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| SUN | 11/27 | 8:30 AM | Richael Christine |
| | | 10:30 AM | Pro populo |
| | | 6:00 PM | Young Adults |
| MON | 11/28 | 5:45 PM | Teresa Yang's Sister+ |
| TUE | 11/29 | 5:45 PM | Teresa Yang's Sister+ |
| WED | 11/30 | 5:45 PM | Stanley Smith+ |
| THU | 12/01 | 5:45 PM | Kenneth Hunter |
| FRI | 12/02 | 5:45 PM | Teresa Yang's Brother+ |
| SAT | 12/03 | 8:00 AM | Francisca Gamara+ |
| | | 5:30 PM | Donald Burn+ |
| SUN | 12/04 | 8:30 AM | Dominic Piccni |
| | | 10:30 AM | Pro Populo |
| | | 6:00 PM | Keith Worrell+ |

Lessons and Carols

The University of San Diego cordially invites you to "Lessons and Carols, a festival of word and song to prepare for Christmas". All celebrations will take place at Founders Chapel, Friday, December 9, at 7:30 p.m. And Sunday, December 11, at 2:00 p.m. Admission is free.

Pope Francis Quote

"If we want it to have real meaning and fulfilment, as you want and as you deserve, I say to each one of you, 'Put on faith', and your life will take on a new flavour, it will have a compass to show you the way; 'put on hope' and every one of your days will be enlightened and your horizon will no longer be dark, but luminous; 'put on love', and your life will be like a house built on rock, your journey will be joyful, because you will find many friends to journey with you"

The First Week of Advent

The **First Sunday of Advent** begins a new liturgical year and the beginning of a season filled with the riches of our scripture readings. For the next few weeks, as we focus on **Isaiah**, we read of the promise of peace offered to the people of God: "They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks." **Matthew's gospel** is the story of Noah and a caution from Jesus to prepare "for an hour you do not expect."

Wednesday is the **Feast of Saint Andrew, Apostle**, with its own special readings. Saturday is the Memorial of the great Jesuit missionary, **Saint Francis Xavier, S.J.**

Unlike most of the liturgical year, the focus during the first part of Advent is on the first readings, this week from **the Prophet Isaiah**. These readings are about promises. Isaiah is consoling, building up and preparing his people to have hope. "One nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again." He promises "luster and glory" for the people: "and the fruit of the earth will be honor and splendor for the survivors of Israel." Even though the family lines of King David and his father, Jesse, are almost wiped out, Isaiah proclaims hope: "On that day, a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom." The prophet tells of feasting and security: "On this mountain the LORD of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines, juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines" and "A strong city have we; he sets up walls and ramparts to protect us." Even Jesus' own statement about his mission is seen in the powerful images Isaiah uses to give us courage and hope: "On that day the deaf shall hear ... the eyes of the blind shall see ... the lowly will ever find joy in the LORD ... " "On the day the LORD binds up the wounds of his people."

The gospels for these weeks are chosen from several gospels. They are meant to match the first readings and to show the promises are fulfilled in Jesus. Jesus brings healing. He raises up the childlike. And Jesus calls and sends the twelve apostles to continue his ministry.

In the **Second Sunday of Advent** we hear **Isaiah** write of peace and prosperity that will come when the "root of Jesse" blossoms. "Then the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them." **Matthew's Gospel** brings us the famous Advent reading of John the Baptist serving as a voice of one crying out in the desert, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."