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Parish Office Hours: Monday thru Friday - 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (closed 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.)

Mass Schedule

Horario de Misas

Saturday Vigil ~ Vigilia del Sabado

5:00 p.m.

Sunday ~ Domingo

English - 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m.,

*11:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

Spanish - *1:00 p.m.

Daily Mass ~ Misa Diaria

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday -
8:00 a.m.

Wednesday -

*9:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Friday -

*8:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. in Spanish
1st Saturday of the month - 8:00 a.m.

* = Livestream Masses via YouTube

Eucharistic Adoration

Adoración Eucarística

After Friday 8:00 a.m. Mass and

After first Friday 6:30 p.m. Mass

Reconciliation ~ Reconciliación

Saturday ~ 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Also by appointment if NEEDED

Anointing of the Sick

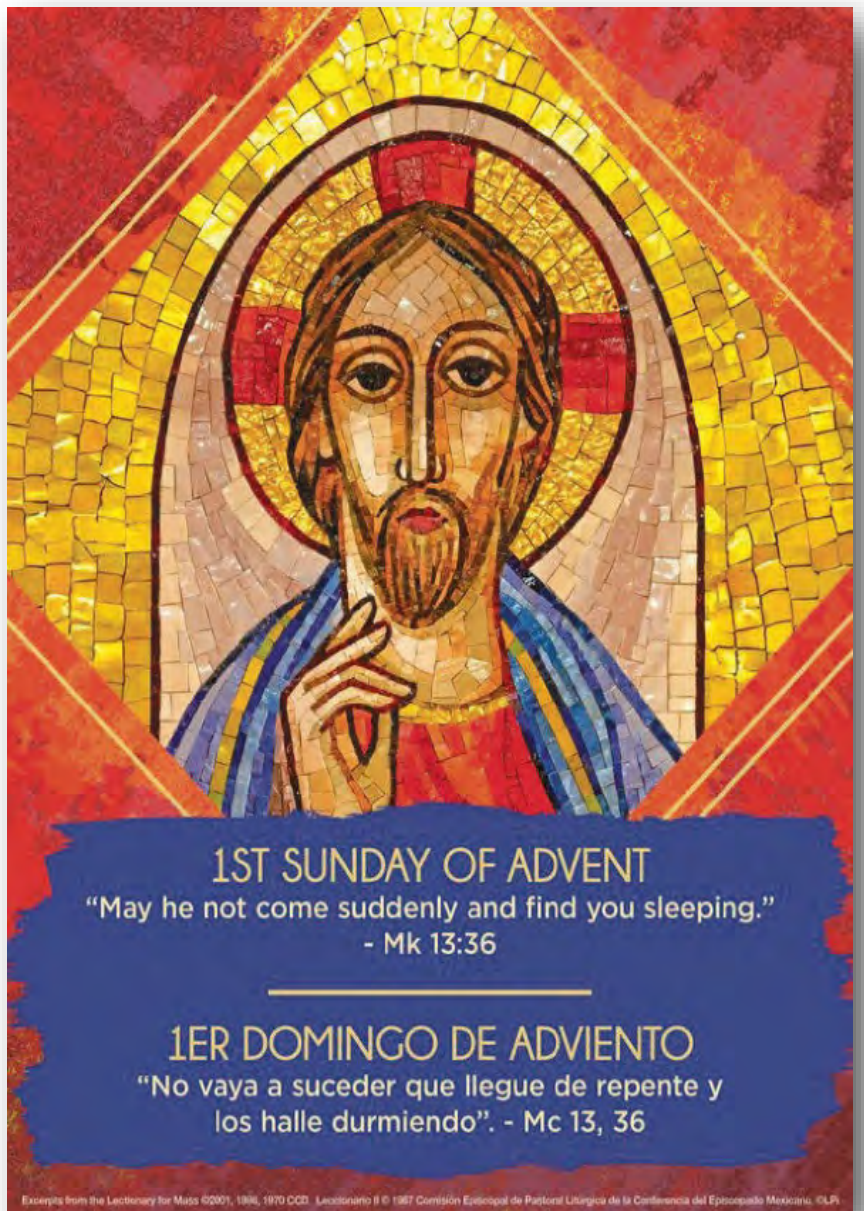
Unción de los Enfermos

First Monday of the month after the
8:00 a.m. Mass.

Emergency phone number for After Hours

Anointing **Only** (951) 396-1247

December 3, 2023



OPTIONAL





**MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO –
ALENTAR UN ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS
PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA**
3 de diciembre de 2023
1er Domingo de Adviento

El Adviento es la espera alegre y activa de la preparación a la Navidad; donde celebramos el nacimiento del Salvador. Nos preparamos para recibir al Señor en gozo y acción. El Señor que viene nos invita a salir a abrir la puerta para ver más allá de nuestra propia realidad. “Cada cristiano y cada comunidad discernirá cuál es el camino que Dios le pide, pero todos somos invitados a aceptar este llamado: salir de la propia comodidad y atreverse a llegar a todas las periferias que necesitan la luz del Evangelio. La alegría del Evangelio que llena la vida de la comunidad de discípulos es la alegría misionera” (Papa Francisco). Estas palabras del Papa Francisco no están pasadas de moda, son activas para todos nosotros especialmente en este primer Domingo de Adviento.

En medio de todo lo que vivimos en la sociedad en este tiempo, la invitación continua a seguir acogiendo y consolando, en lo que se puede, al inmigrante y al que sufre toda clase de violencia. Crear nuevas posibilidades para despertar alegría en los corazones dormidos. El Evangelio nos advierte: “Estén preparados y vigilando, porque no saben cuándo llegará ese momento... estén despiertos” (Marcos 13,33-37). Hay que abrir bien los ojos para descubrir dónde está el Señor, porque no es fácil verlo. ¿Cuáles actitudes debemos poner en práctica en este Adviento? La confianza, la vigilancia, la hospitalidad y la esperanza. ¿Y tú, cuál otra actitud agregarías?

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**Readings for the week of
December 3, 2023**

Sunday:

Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

Monday:

Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/
Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday:

Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday:

Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/
Mt 15:29-37

Thursday:

Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/
Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday:

Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Saturday:

Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/
Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE
DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF
SCRIPTURE**

Lately I’ve been listening to a science-based podcast on healthy daily living. The host frequently discusses the wide range of health benefits of sleep. So, each night I’m trying to get more, and better, slumber, and it’s helping me feel energized. So, why in the world should we follow Christ’s advice this week? “Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house will come ... lest he find you asleep.” Isn’t sleep, especially at midnight and cock-crow, a good thing?

Of course, it is. But the wakefulness the Lord calls us to is a deep, personal orientation to Him. A nightly vigil is therefore a metaphor for this, but it’s not just that. We should give up real sleep in order to pray, too. This difficult practice is a time-tested way to foster wakefulness of heart. When we give up sleep to pray, it focuses us. We learn that life is not an endless series of days. You and I belong to the Lord — awake or asleep, in life and in death. Sooner or later, even our need for our physical sleep will pass away. And our attentiveness to God — that is, whether we are awaiting Him to meet us — will be all that matters.

May I challenge us this week and this Advent to intentionally give up at least one hour of sleep each week for prayer? Stay up later, wake up in the middle of the night, or an hour earlier, and pray. Will we be a bit more tired the next day? Yes. But we’ll be amazed at the spiritual wakefulness that results, too.

— Father John Muir

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INTENCIONES DE MISAS

Saturday - Sabado, December 2

5:00 p.m. † Eusebio Carrera

Sunday - Domingo, December 3

7:00 a.m. † Lucia Mejia

9:00 a.m. **Ints. Epi Lemons** ~
Happy Birthday

11:00 a.m. † Fr. Joseph Felker

1:00 p.m. **Ints. Soledad Santos**

5:00 p.m. † Felipe Alcala

Monday - Lunes, December 4

8:00 a.m. † Barney Alexander

Tuesday - Martes, December 5

8:00 a.m. † Susie Sanchez

Wednesday - Miercoles, December 6

9:00 a.m. † Mark Steinshouer

6:30 p.m. † James Kirk

Thursday - Jueves, December 7

8:00 a.m. **Ints. Peter Leon-Guerrero**

7:00 p.m.

Friday - Viernes, December 8

8:00 a.m. Souls in Purgatory

7:00 p.m. **Ints. Peter Leon-Guerrero**

Sanctuary Candle

Mother Mary's Side

† Susie Sanchez

† Seth Edward Cesena

Joseph's Side



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Roger Merino, Gloria DeLeon, Kevin Ramirez,
Estele Vaca, Marcia Evans, Seth Cesena and
Steve Fedenuik

*May the souls of our faithful departed
rest in peace.*

*Descansen en paz las almas de todos
los fieles difuntos.*



Prayer request for the sick Oremos por nuestros enfermos

Jeannette Quesada, Chelsea Wandro,
Rosemary Ojeda, Joanne DeGeorge,
Walt Perne, Michelle Perine, Carol Cowles,
Sarah Davenport, Cruz Ballesteros, Margie Alvarez,
Deacon Paul & ElsieAnn Myers, Basil & Sally Binckley,
Orest Stetkevich, Mary Schaffler, Santiago Guillen,
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Joanne Carter and Patricia Garcia.

*May they feel the healing power of God.
Que sientan el poder sanador de Dios.*



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* For your Security, Side Church doors will be locked just after the procession of the Mass. Please make way to the Vestibule doors if you arrive after the start of Mass .

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answered, please call the Parish office and leave your contact information.

A Stephen leader **will** get in touch with you.

Continuing the Journey



This is a Grief Support Group for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. It can be a new loss or for those who have loss for some time and still experience a heavy grief. We continue to gather to help you in this grief by talking and supporting you and your journey. We will meet **EVERY 1ST MONDAY OF THE MONTH.** Monday, December 4th at 10:00 a.m. in the KDC is next meeting. Please come & join us.

FAITH FORMATION

Youth Confirmation

Classes have begun. Contact Information

Dana Robles, *Catechetical Coordinator*
drobles@sbdiocese.org

Eileen Gamboa, *Faith Formation Assistant*
egamboa@sbdiocese.org

Faith Formation

Registration Forms and steps for enrollment are located in the vestibule of the church and the parish office.

Dana Robles, Coordinator of Catechetical Ministry and Eileen Gamboa, Faith Formation Assistant

Adult Confirmation

Please check our website for important Adult Sacrament information or contact the RCIA Coordinator, Grace Fernandez in the church office or email her at gfernandez@sbdiocese.org



Youth Ministry Mass and Gathering every

1st Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

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YAM

Young Adult Ministry



We are also on Instagram: @stthomas_yam!

Home Schooling Ministry

Interested in Homeschooling?

Looking for a Homeschool community?

The Homeschool Ministry invites you to our

Homeschool Masses at 11:00 a.m. **on the following**

Contact Lori-Ann Mauricio for more information

juanandloriann@yahoo.com or 858-337-6397



BE ENRICHED! EXPERIENCE THE BEAUTIFUL TRADITION OF THE SIMBANG GABI!

Please join the St. Thomas Filipino Ministry in celebrating the Simbang Gabi on Friday, December 15. It will start with a cultural Advent Mass at 7:00 p.m., followed by a reception and program in the Parish Hall!.

All are welcome!



Nuestro Horario de Servicios

Bienvenidos!

Misa de la Vigilia

Sabado 5:00 p.m. (Ingles)



Misas Dominicales

Misa en Español *1:00 p.m.

Misas en ingles: 7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.
*11:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.



Misas durante la Semana (Ingles)

Lunes, Martes, Jueves, *Viernes 8:00 a.m.
Miercoles *9:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.



Misa en Español Viernes 6:30 p.m.

Adoracion

Los viernes al terminar la misa de las 8:00 a.m.* y el primer viernes del mes al terminar la misa de las 6:30 p.m. en español



Confesiones

Sabados 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.



Uncion de los Enfermos

Se celebra despues de la misa de las 8:00 a.m. el primer lunes de cada mes.



Si se tratara de una "uncion de emergencia" por favor llame al **(951) 776-7382**

* Servicios que se transmiten en vivo via YouTube



Para informacion sobre **servicios de Reconciliacion (confesiones)** en parroquias cercanas, por favor vea la pagina #12 de este boletin.

Programa de Formación para los Ministros Parroquiales **INSCRIPCIÓN DISPONIBLE**

¿Tiene alguna pregunta sobre su fe? ¿Se siente llamado a servir en algún ministerio? El PMFP provee formación espiritual y teológica para que adquieran las herramientas necesarias para crecer en su fe, compartirla, y servir a los demás. Las clases se ofrecen en línea (a través de Zoom) y comienzan el jueves,

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El programa termina el 20 de junio de 2024.

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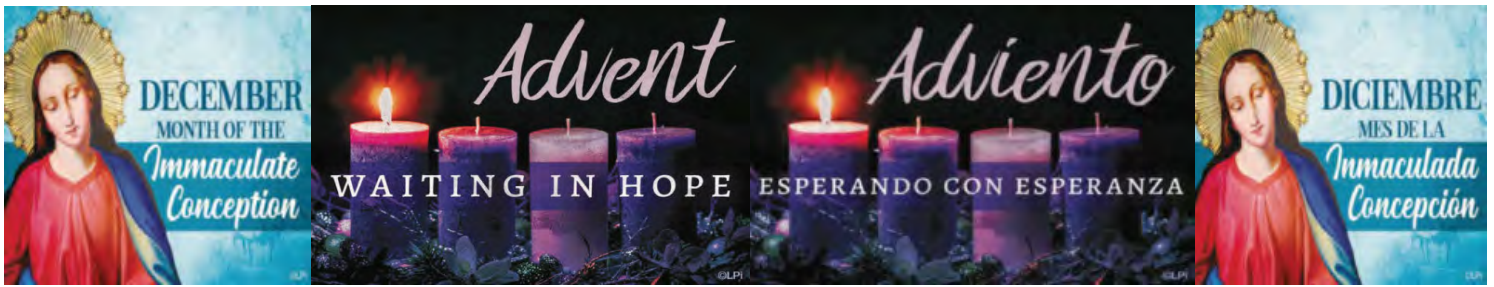
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Ya estamos recibiendo tarjetas de regalo de Navidad para los más necesitados de la parroquia.

Por favor traiga su generosa donación de tarjetas de regalo a la oficina parroquial, colóquela en la canasta de colecta del fin de semana o envíela por correo a Santo Tomás Apóstol "Atención Arcelia".



¡Gracias! Y que Dios bendiga su generosidad.



"Immaculate Mary, your praises we sing!"

December 8th is one of our feasts celebrating Mary - the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. From the beginnings of the Church, spiritual writers and theologians have acknowledged the innocence and holiness of Mary. St. Irenaeus called her the "new Eve." Both faced with the pure freedom to accept or reject God, Mary began with work of redemption with her yes to Christ! The Church began to celebrate the feast of Mary's conception in the early Middle Ages. In 1854, Pope Pius IX infallibly declared that Mary was free of original sin from the first moment of her conception. On this feast day, we celebrate the beauty and goodness of Our Lady!

"¡María Inmaculada, tus alabanzas cantamos!"

El 8 de diciembre es una de nuestras fiestas que celebran a María, la Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción. Desde los inicios de la Iglesia, los escritores espirituales y teólogos han reconocido la inocencia y santidad de María. San Ireneo la llamó la "nueva Eva". Ante la pura libertad de aceptar o rechazar a Dios, María comenzó la obra de redención con su ¡sí a Cristo! La Iglesia comenzó a celebrar la fiesta de la concepción de María en la Alta Edad Media. En 1854, el Papa Pío IX declaró infaliblemente que María estaba libre de pecado original desde el primer momento de su concepción. ¡En este día festivo celebramos la belleza y la bondad de Nuestra Señora!



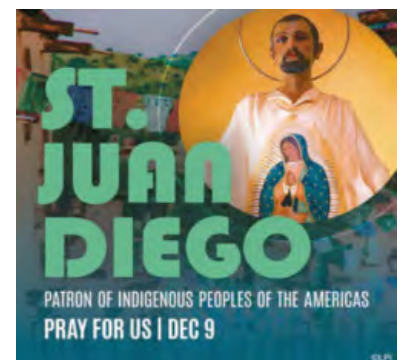
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7:00 p.m.

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Los esperamos!





Youth Ministry Mass

Join us Monday, December 4th and every First Sunday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the church.

Confessions at 5:00 p.m.

Gathering after Mass in Parish Patio.

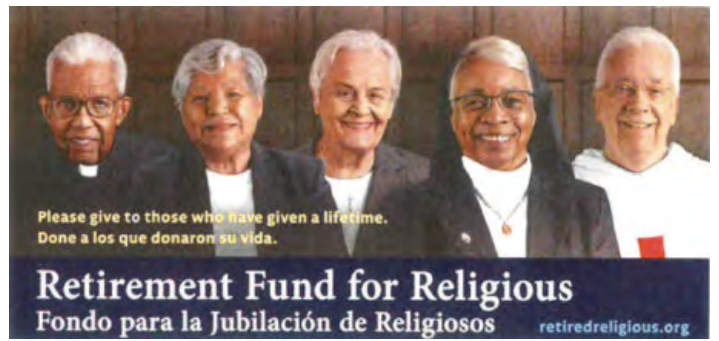


Christmas Gift Card collection for the needy of the parish is open.

Please bring your generous donation of gift cards to the parish office, drop in the weekend collection basket or mail in to St. Thomas the Apostle "Attention Arcelia".



Thank you!
God bless your generous heart.



Sunday, December the 3rd

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*We invite you to our informational meeting on **Tuesday, January 9th, at 7PM** in the **KDC**. Embrace this opportunity to connect and grow together. Come and join us!*

For more information contact Sandra Burroughs at scburroughs@msn.com



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St. Thomas the Apostle Church is a blessed giving community. We have met our DDF goal for this year. All DDF gifts received until December 31st will now come back to St. Thomas parish 100%. It is not to late to be included in the 2023 Appeal. Thank you



Mass Times

Tuesday, 12/12 - 8:00a.m. & 7:00p.m.
With Mañanitas at 5:00 a.m.



Mass times

Thursday, the 7th Vigil - 7:00 p.m.

Friday, the 8th - 8:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m., Bilingual

Schedule of surrounding Parish Reconciliations

Calendario de Reconciliaciones Parroquiales aledañas

St. John the Evangelist	Monday,	December 4
Queen of Angels	Tuesday,	December 5
St. Mel	Wednesday,	December 6
St. Matthew	Thursday,	December 7
St. Catherine of Alexandria	Monday,	December 11
St. Edward	Thursday,	December 14
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Monday,	December 18
Corpus Christi	Tuesday,	December 19
St. Mary Magdalene	Wednesday,	December 20
St. Andrew Newman Center	Thursday,	December 21



Services at 7:00 p.m. at all parishes