

First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2017



Advent is a beautiful time to prayerfully reflect and meditate upon the daily Gospel.

Mon: Matt. 8:5-11

Tues: Luke 10:21-24

Wed: Matt. 15:29-37

Thurs: Matt. 7:21, 24-27

Fri: Luke 1:26-38

Sat: Matt. 9:35-10:1,
5a, 6-8)

First Reading: Isaiah 63:16-17, 19b, 64:2-7; **Resp.** Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19;
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; **Gospel:** Mark 13:33-37

“Be watchful! Be alert!”

Jesus urges us this First Sunday of Advent: “Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come.” Our Lord asks that we be attentive in every moment. We are to be alert and attuned to all that surrounds us—anything that could signal his arrival.

Isaiah reminds us that when we aren’t watchful we wander far from God. Our hearts get hardened. Yet, even when we fail, the prophet calls us to return to God and embrace his love: “Yes, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay and you the potter: we are all the work of your hands.” As we allow God the Father, a potter, to mold us into his very image we become more and more eager to welcome the Son of Justice into our lives and world. And we embrace with joy this new moment, this new year of faith, with hope and anticipation! Let us stand with confidence, wide-awake, on guard and fervently welcome Emmanuel—God with us!



Blessing Prayer for the First Week of Advent

This blessing could pound on your door in the middle of the night.

This blessing could bang on your window, could tap dance in your hall, could set a dog loose in your room. It could hire a brass band to play outside your house.

But what this blessing really wants is not merely your waking but your company. This blessing wants to sit alongside you and keep vigil with you. This blessing wishes to wait with you.

And so, though it is capable of causing a cacophony that could raise the dead, this blessing will simply lean toward you and sing quietly in your ear a song to lull you no into sleep but into waking. It will tell you stories that hold you breathless till the end. It will ask you questions you never considered and have you tell it what you saw in your dreaming.

This blessing will do all within its power to entice you into awareness because it wants to be there, to bear witness, to see the look in your eyes on the day when your vigil is complete and all your waiting has come to its joyous end.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Friday, December 8, 2017

Advent Holy Day of Obligation

Special Masses:

7:00 am - English

6:00 pm - Bilingual

The Carmel Valley Angel Project

If your family needs extra help for Christmas, please call for an appointment!

**Angel Store “Free” Shopping for Children’s Gifts
By Appointment Only**

Call Susan at 601-7590

Call by December 6

(Families must live or work in Carmel Valley)

Christmas Masses

Sunday, December 24, Christmas Eve

4:30 pm

7 pm - Bilingual

Monday, December 25, Christmas Day

9 am

11:15 am



Parish Epiphany of the Lord Potluck

Please mark your calendars now and plan ahead to join us for a special potluck to celebrate the Christmas Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord on Sunday, January 7 at 12:30 pm, following the 11:15 am Mass.



Your Donations

As we begin a new church year, I'd like to thank you once more for your support of your parish. Here are a couple of ideas that make the processing of your donations easier:

If you donate by check, please write your donation number on it. If you don't know it, just contact the office and we'll get it to you.

Or as an alternative, Electronic Fund Transfers (EFTs) are possible. Follow the "Donate" tab on the church website. You can set up recurring contributions, and even use a credit card.

Altar Servers Needed

Children, youth, and young adults are invited to serve as Altar Servers for our Saturday and Sunday Masses. We have a special need at our Saturday, 4:30 pm Mass and 11:15 am on Sunday.

Communion for the Sick and Homebound

Please contact the Parish Office if you have a homebound family member who would like to receive weekly the Holy Eucharist.

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Next Sunday, December 10:
Retirement Fund for Religious

Offertory Report 11/26/17

Plate \$2,095; Building Fund \$10; Hope's Pantry \$5; Other \$139; Total: \$2,249.

Mass Intentions Dec. 2-8, 2017



Sat	4:30 pm	Sick and Homebound
Sun	9:00 am	First Communion Children
Sun	11:15 am	+Dan Saunders
Sun	5:00 pm	Niños de la Primera Comunion
Wed	7:00 am	Victims of Violence
Thu	7:00 am	Sick and Homebound of the Parish
Fri	7:00 am	Families of the Parish
Fri	6:00 pm	Families of the Parish

NOTICIAS ESPECIALES

Misa en Español - Cada domingo a las 5:00 pm.

Bautismos, Bodas, Quinceañeras -
Favor de hablar con P. Dennis.

Confesiones - Cada sábado, 3:30 pm y por cita.

El Proyecto Ángel del Carmel Valley

¡Si su familia necesita ayuda adicional para la Navidad, llame para hacer una cita!

Tienda Ángel de Compras "Gratis"
Para Regalos para sus niños
Llame a Susan al 601-7590
Llame antes del 7 de dic.

(Familias deben vivir o trabajar en Carmel Valley)

Celebraciones Especiales del Mes de Diciembre

Viernes, 8 de diciembre

Inmaculada Concepción de la Virgen María
6 pm - Misa Bilingüe

Martes, 12 de diciembre

Fiesta de la Virgen de Guadalupe
6 am - Las Mañanitas
6 pm - Misa Especial

Domingo, 17 de diciembre

Las Posadas de la Parroquia
6 pm (Después de la Misa de 5 pm)

Domingo, 24 de diciembre

Misa de la Navidad del Señor
7 pm - Misa Bilingüe
(No habrá Misa de 5 pm de la Noche Buena)

Lunes, 25 de diciembre

9 am y 11:15 am - Misas de la Navidad

Youth Corner (Mark 13:33-37)

Jesus is on a rescue mission! He tells us to WATCH and BE ALERT! Let's take advantage of each day!

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parishioner

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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 9 am, 11:15 am, 5 pm (Spanish)

Weekday Masses:
Wednesday through Friday 7 am

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30 pm and by appointment

Office Hours

Wednesday through Friday
9 am – 12 pm; 2 – 4 pm

Pastoral Council:

Jeff Hawkins, *Chair*, Patrick Dowd, *Vice Chair*, Lori Jakubowski, *Secretary*, Tess Arthur, Concepción Jara, Alondra Klemek, Adele Margolis, Dede Woodhead

Faith Formation:

First Communion Year 1:
Lorena Cabrera, Esther Valdez
First Communion Year 2:
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RCIA / Adult Faith Formation: John Condon

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Larry Carolan (4:30 pm & 9 am Mass)
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