

# First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2019



## DAILY GOSPEL READINGS

December 2-6, 2019

Mon: Matt 8:5-11

Tues: Luke 10:21-24

Wed: Matthew 15:29-37

Thurs: Matt 7:21, 24-27

Fri: Matt 9:27-31

**First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9a;  
Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14; Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44**

**“Let us walk in the light of the Lord!”—Isaiah 2:5**

We are gifted with this sacred season of Advent to prepare spiritually for our celebration of the Lord’s coming at Christmas. Paul tells us, “It is the hour now for you to awake from sleep.” Spiritual readiness occurs as we live more deeply our discipleship and prayerfully await the hope of God’s promises. The prophet Isaiah beautifully proclaims a new day when everything will change. All darkness, violence and evil will end! The Prince of Peace brings us the hope of new beginnings. Our work for peace and justice will experience new heights! “Come, let us climb the Lord’s mountain...They shall beat their swords into plowshares...,” Isaiah promises.

These holy days of Advent are filled with new possibilities to experience peace as we journey in faith. Everything changes when we open our hearts to God’s promises. “The Son of Man will come,” Jesus tells us. All war and violence will end. “The day is at hand...put on the armor of light,” says St. Paul. God’s reign of peace is upon us! We wait with hope!

## Project Update: Maintaining God’s House

With the financial support of the Capital Campaign our architect has achieved approval for our planned remodel through a design review application to the County of Monterey. Our architect is currently working with engineering consultants to establish a structural design and other details necessary to submit an application for a building permit from the County by mid-December. The next step in first quarter 2020 will be construction documents with the detailed finishes and material specifications that will enable contractor bidding.

Please continue to remember our parish and the building renovation project in your prayers. We are very grateful for all of you who have made a donation or pledge. Special envelopes continue to be available at the entrance of the Church.

## The Carmel Valley Angel Project

If you live in Carmel Valley and your family needs extra help for the holidays, please call for an appt:



**Angel Store “Free” Shopping for your children’s gifts by Appointment only. Call Alicia at 831-298-7425 by December 8th.**

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

This Thursday, December 5, will be a special day of quiet Advent prayer to await with our Lord’s coming. You are invited to stop by the church share some graced moments with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Adoration will begin following the 7:00 am Mass until 5:00 pm. We would like to have someone in the church with our Lord throughout the day. If you are able to offer an hour with our Lord, a sign up sheet is available at the entrance of the Church.

*“One nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again.”* Isaiah 2:5

## Donations for the Carmel Valley Angel Project



We will be supporting the Carmel Valley Angel Project again this year. Our Parish Hall will serve as the Angel Store. A special barrel will be at the entrance of our Church on the first two Sundays of

December. We are invited to donate new toys, games, sports items, and gift cards for teens. A special Angel Project Barrel will be at the entrance of the Church beginning next Sunday. Thank you in advance for your support of families in need here in our local community.

## Civilize It: Dignity Beyond the Debate

As Catholics, we have a long tradition of engagement in the political process as a means of putting our faith into action. You are invited to join the Civilize It campaign by taking the pledge at [civilizeit.org](http://civilizeit.org). This is a way to promote civility, love our neighbors, and build community as people of God.



## Shower of Love

Join the **Christ Child Society of Monterey Bay** in giving local babies a loving start this Christmas. We will hold a Shower of Love on **Saturday, Dec. 7, 10 a.m.- noon**, at the Carmel Mission's Crespi Hall, 3080 Rio Road, Carmel. Bring newborn diapers, swaddles or infant board books to be delivered in 75 bundles of essentials for under-resourced babies born at Natividad and into recovery and foster care. For more information call Anne at 206-949-2944 or email at [christchildmontereybay@outlook.com](mailto:christchildmontereybay@outlook.com), go to Facebook@christchildmonterey.

## Book Launch Party for our Parishioner Tom Lukes

You are invited this Friday, December 6, from Noon to 2:00 pm for lunch and a special opportunity to celebrate with Tom his second book ***God Incidents II – More True Stories of God Working in the Lives of Catholics***.

The special event will take place in the Parish Hall of St. Joseph's Church in Spreckels. We congratulate Tom for his new book—a meaningful Christmas gift.

## Extension Magazine

You are invited to pick up a free copy of the Catholic *Extension* magazine. Its inspiring stories will move us and strengthen the gift of our faith as we share in the hope of our Advent Season.

## Second Collection - Next Sunday - December 8

The Retirement Fund for Religious

## Weekly Offertory Report

**11/24/2019 - Offertory \$2,554**; 2nd Collection (Campaign for Human Develop.) \$535; Social Outreach \$1,030; Building Fund \$85; Other \$135.81; Total \$4,339.81.

## Mass Intentions Nov. 30-Dec. 6, 2019

Sat	4:30 pm	+Rose Toscano - In Memory
Sun	9:00 am	Irma Mederos - Health
	11:15 am	+John Shea
	5:00 pm	+Nereo Guillen
Wed	7:00 am	Sick and Homebound of the Parish
Thu	7:00 am	Children and Youth of the Parish
Fri	7:00 am	+Teresa Schruben
	12:00 pm	+Victims of gun violence



First Friday of December Masses in honor of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus 7:00 am and 12 Noon.

## ANUNCIOS ESPECIALES DE LA SEMANA

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

**Bautismos, Bodas, Presentaciones y Quinceañeras:** Favor de hablar con Padre Dennis (831-659-2224)

**Confesiones:** Los sábados a las 3:30 pm y por cita.

**Coro:** Todos están invitados a participar. El ensayo es cada domingo antes de la Misa de 5 pm a las 4:15 pm



## PRIMER DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

**Isaías 2:1-5; Salmo 121; Romanos 13:11-14  
Evangelio de San Mateo 24:37-44**

El evangelio es una invitación a la vigilia por la llegada del Señor. Las palabras de Jesús están dirigidas a aquellos que son indiferentes a la manifestación final de Dios.



**TIENDA A ANGEL DE COMPRAS "GRATIS" para regalos por sus niños. Debe vivir en Carmel Valley. Con cita previa solamente.**

Si su familia necesita ayuda adicional para Navidad, llame a Alicia 831-298-7425 antes del 8 de diciembre.

## Adoración del Santísimo Sacramento

El jueves que viene, el 5 de diciembre, 7:30 am a 5 pm  
*Por favor, acompáñenos para esperar en oración el Adviento del Señor.*

## Youth Corner (Luke 24:37-44)

*"They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks,"* the prophet Isaiah promises. In a time of gun violence impacting the lives of the youth of our nation we hear God's voice. We place our hope in the end to all gun violence.

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# Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

Catholic Church

*Our Lady of Mount Carmel is a warm and welcoming Catholic Community that serves the Gospel with deep faith, hope and love as a living and Spirit-filled witness to the Heart of Jesus present and alive in Carmel Valley.*

*Nuestra Señora del Monte Carmelo es una cálida y acogedora comunidad Católica que sirve el Evangelio con profunda fe, esperanza y amor como testigo vivo y lleno del Espíritu del Corazón de Jesús presente y vivo en el Valle del Carmel.*

**Pastor: Father Dennis Gallo**

## Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:30 pm

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

Weekday Masses: Wednesday through Friday, 7 am;  
First Friday of each month, 12 noon

## Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30 pm and by appointment

## Office Hours

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

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## Parish Ministries

**Pastoral Council:** Adele Margolis, *Chair*,  
Dede Woodhead, *Vice Chair*, Jeff Hawkins, *Secretary*,  
Tess Arthur, Lori Jakubowski, Concepción Jara,  
Alondra Klemek, Patricia Merrifield, Tom Rowland

### Faith Formation:

First Communion:

Patricia Merrifield, Kim Hlasny

First Communion:

Clara Rivera

Confirmation: Sam Klemek, David Warner

RCIA / Adult Faith Formation: John Condon, Brian Kelly

**Hope's Pantry:** Lydia Newton • Wed 10 am–12 pm

**Hope's Boutique:** Janice Hawkins • Wed 10 am–12 pm

**Manna Ministry:** Joni Zabala

**Homeless Hot Meal:** Lori Jakubowski

**Stop Human Trafficking/Social Justice:** Lonni Trykowski

**Why Catholic? Ministry:** Tess Arthur, Alondra Klemek

**Bereavement Ministry:** Trudy Dowd • (831) 915-4619

**Coffee Hospitality Ministry:** Rosemary Ellis

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### Music Ministry:

Kayleen Turner (4:30 pm Sat., 5:00 pm Sunday Mass)

Robin McKee Williams, *Director*, George Peterson,  
*Piano* (9:00 am and 11:15 am Masses)

**Lectors:** Dede Woodhead

**Ministers of the Eucharist:** Lorraine Ring

**Liturgical Environment:** Gail Quinnan

