

# Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church

Third Sunday of Advent Dec. 11-12, 2021

1st Reading: Zep 3: 14-18a Psalm Is 12; 2nd Reading: Phil 4: 4-7; Gospel Lk 3:10-18

## “Shout for Joy, O daughter Zion”



### GOSPEL READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Mon.** Mt. 21:23-27  
**Tues.** Mt. 21: 28-32  
**Wed.** Lk. 7: 18b-23  
**Thurs.** Lk. 7:24-30  
**Fri.** Mt. 1: 1-17  
**Sat.** Mt. 1: 18-25

“Now the people were filled with expectation...” Although today’s reading takes place years after Jesus’ birth, it still has that air of expectancy associated with Advent. The trouble is, while most people look forward with anticipation to Christmas, many expect things the season never promises: gobs of gifts, an overabundance of parties, bonuses from bosses. It’s almost commonplace to see Christmas decorations adorning store shelves right next to Halloween costumes. Store owners anticipate great sales. What Advent teaches us to anticipate is Jesus, the Christ, the anointed one. If it seems difficult to await the arrival of someone who has already come, it might be time to examine the many ways Jesus still comes and will continue to come to us. The word Advent really means coming. And yes, Jesus has already come in the sense of his birth in Bethlehem two millennia ago. But Jesus promised he would never leave us. “And behold, I am with you always until the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:20b) While we wait to observe once again the Incarnation of God, we might spend some time dwelling on how Jesus comes to us in those around us, in the events of daily life, in the beauty of creation, and most powerfully, in the Eucharist. He will come again at the end of human history as some Advent readings emphasize. So what are our expectations as Christmas draws nearer? The same as they are at any other time of year: to deepen our relationship with the One who came for us and never left.

By Virginia Smith 2009, OCP.

### Lighting the Rose Candle

Traditionally, Advent wreaths are constructed of a circle of evergreen branches into which four candles are inserted, representing the four weeks of Advent. Ideally, three candles are purple, and one is rose it symbolizes hope, but white candles can also be used. The purple candles symbolize the hope, love, and peace and goods works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, when the priest also wears rose vestments at Mass; Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over, and they are close to Christmas. The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord’s coming into the world and the anticipation of his second coming to judge the living and the dead. © 2021, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington. All rights reserved



### Our Lady of Guadalupe

Today’s feast celebrates the appearance of the Virgin Mary to Cuauhtlatoatzin (Juan Diego), a Native American peasant in Spanish-occupied Mexico, in the 1531. It is kept as a solemnity in Mexico, and parishes with large Mexican American populations may want to observe it with greater festivity. The Guadalupe story itself highlights Mary’s identification with the oppressed Native Americans: she appeared as an Aztec princess with a sash around her abdomen indicating pregnancy. Guadalupe is, then, a powerful Advent sign of the justice Mary’s son brings. © 2003, OCP. All rights reserved.

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**Saint of the week: December 14th**  
**St. John of the Cross**



A Doctor of the Church, John is also one of its great mystics and poets. Born Juan de Yepes de Alvarez in Spain, he was raised by his mother and entered a Carmelite monastery in 1563. He was ordained in 1567. Finding the Carmelites very lax, he joined with St. Teresa of Avila to reform the order. In 1568, he entered the first reformed house for men, taking the name John of the Cross. He encountered severe opposition and was even imprisoned for nine months in a monastery cell, where he began writing poems. The Dark Night of the Soul is his most famous work. Only after his death was John recognized as co-founder of the Discalced Carmelites. He is the patron saint of mystics and poets.

*"We must dig deeply in Christ. He is like a rich mine with many pockets containing treasures: however deep we dig we will never find their end or their limit. Indeed, in every pocket new seams of fresh riches are discovered on all sides". — St. John of the Cross"*

**Santo de la semana: Diciembre 14**  
**San Juan de la Cruz**

Un Doctor de la Iglesia, es también uno de sus más grandes místicos y poetas. Él nació en España y se llamó Juan de Yepes de Álvarez, fue criado por su madre y, en 1563, ingresó a un monasterio carmelita y fue ordenado en 1567. Al darse cuenta que los carmelitas eran muy relajados, Juan se unió a Santa Teresa de Ávila para reformar la orden. En 1568, estableció la primera casa reformada para los varones, tomando el nombre de Juan de la Cruz. Él encontró mucha oposición e, incluso, estuvo preso por nueve meses en la celda de un monasterio en donde empezó a escribir sus poemas. Una de sus obras más famosas es La noche oscura del alma. Solo después de su fallecimiento, Juan fue reconocido como el cofundador de los Carmelitas Descalzos. Él es el santo patrón de los místicos y de los poetas.

*"Así, hay mucho que ahondar en Cristo, porque es como una abundante mina con muchos senos de tesoros, que, por más que ahonden, nunca les hallan fin ni término, antes van en cada seno hallando nuevas venas de nuevas riquezas acá y allá". — San Juan de la Cruz.*

**Tercer Domingo de Adviento**

**1era. Lectura:** Sof 3, 14-18; **Salmo:** Is 12; **2da. Lectura:** Flp 1, 4-7.  
**Evangelio:** Lc 3, 10-18

**"Canta, hija de Sion"**

temporada nunca promete: montones de regalos, una sobreabundancia de fiestas, bonificaciones de los jefes. Es casi común ver adornos navideños en los estantes de las tiendas junto a los disfraces de Halloween. Los dueños de las tiendas anticipan grandes ventas. Lo que el Adviento nos enseña a anticipar a Jesús, el Cristo, el Ungido. Si parece difícil esperar la llegada de alguien que ya ha venido, podría ser el momento de examinar las muchas formas en que Jesús todavía viene y seguirá viniendo a nosotros. La palabra Adviento realmente significa venir. Y sí, Jesús ya ha venido en el sentido de su nacimiento en Belén hace dos años. Pero Jesús prometió que nunca nos dejaría. "Y he aquí, estaré con ustedes siempre hasta el fin de los tiempos". (Mateo 28: 20b) Mientras esperamos para observar una vez más la Encarnación de Dios, podríamos dedicar un tiempo a pensar en cómo Jesús viene a nosotros en quienes nos rodean, en los eventos de la vida diaria, en la belleza de la creación y en la mayoría de las personas; poderosamente, en la Eucaristía. Vendrá de nuevo al final de la historia humana, como enfatizan algunas lecturas de Adviento. Entonces, ¿cuáles son nuestras expectativas a medida que se acerca la Navidad? Igual que en cualquier otra época del año: para profundizar nuestra relación con Aquel que vino por nosotros y nunca se fue. By Virginia Smith 2009, OCP.

"El pueblo estaba en expectación..." Aunque la lectura de hoy tiene lugar años después del nacimiento de Jesús, todavía tiene ese aire de expectativa asociado con el Adviento. El problema es que, si bien la mayoría de la gente espera con anticipación la Navidad, muchos esperan cosas que la

**Posadas**  
**DICIEMBRE 15-22**  
**7:00PM EN CACHAGUA**

**JUEVES DIC. 23 (ÚLTIMO DÍA)**  
**6:30PM EN EL SALÓN**  
**PARROQUIAL**

**Mass Intentions – Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> – Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>**  
 Sat. Dec. 11th: 4:30pm -**People of the Parish**  
 Sun. Dec. 12th: 9:00am + **Lou Allaire**  
 11:15am: + **Leo Berta**  
 5:00pm: + **Bernabe Cardenas**  
 Wed. Dec. 15th<sup>th</sup>: 12pm + **Justin Marshall**  
 Thurs. Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>: 12pm + **Teresa Schruben**  
 Fri. Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>: 12pm + **Dan Dobberpuhl**

**Weekly Offering Report– Dec. 4-5/21**  
 General Fund + EFT **\$2,533.87**  
 Maintenance **\$2,005.05**  
**Total: \$ 4,538.87**  
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**Christmas**  
**Open House**  
**Fr. Jhonnatan's**  
**Rectory House**  
**Fri. Dec. 17th**  
**2-5pm.**

# Our Lady of Mt. Carmel



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The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



The crowds asked John the Baptist, "What should we do?" He said to them in reply, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise." Lk 3:10-11

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## Mass Schedule

### Week Days:

**Wed-Fri:** 12 noon.

### Weekend

**Saturday Vigil:** 4:30 pm

**Sunday:** 9:00 am & 11:15 am  
5:00 pm Spanish

## Reconciliation Schedule

Saturday: 3:30 pm and by Appointment

## Office Hours

Wednesday-Friday

10 am – 12 pm; 2 – 4 pm

## Parish Ministries

**Pastoral Council:** Dede Woodhead, *Vice Chair*, Jeff Hawkins, *Secretary*, Tess Arthur, Concepción Jara, Alondra Klemek, Tom Rowland

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#### First Communion:

Marilyn Margadinho. Supply Teacher: Pat Gray

#### Confirmation:

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**Coffee Hospitality Ministry:** Rosemary Ellis

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At the heart of silence is prayer. At the heart of prayer is faith. At the heart of faith is life. At the heart of life is service. St. Teresa of Avila



Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church



Dec. 17th @ 2-6 pm

Christmas Open House Fr. Jhonnatan's Rectory House

Thu. Dec. 23rd @ 6:30pm

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Fri. Dec. 24th @ 4:30pm

Christmas Eve Bilingual Mass.

Sat. Dec. 25th @ 9 & 11:15

Christmas Day Masses

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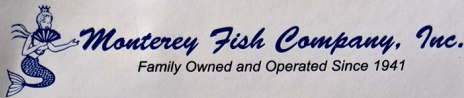
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