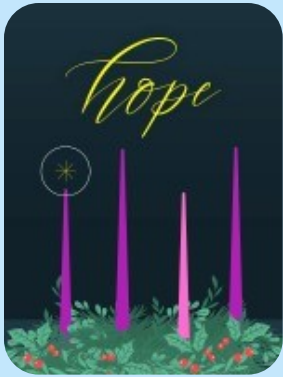


November 30,
2025



**First Sunday of
Advent**



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Saturday: 12:15 p.m. and 5:30 p.m (Vigil).

Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. (Spanish),
12:30 pm

Weekdays: 7:00 a.m., 12:15 p.m., 5:30 p.m.

O.L.P.H. Novena: 7:00 p.m. (Shrine) Filipino Sponsored

CONFESSIONS

Mon - Sat: 11:45 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 10:30 a.m. (Spanish)

RECTORY OFFICE

Monday - Friday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

GIFT SHOP SCHEDULE

Monday - Sunday: 10 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS: You are asked to arrange an appointment in advance by telephone with the Priest you wish to see.

SICK CALLS: Emergencies & Hospital Visitation: Please contact the Rectory office.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: The Sacrament of Baptism is administered monthly. Arrangements are made in advance at the Rectory. Sponsors must provide proof of eligibility by a letter from their respective pastors, and must have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Communion, and Confirmation. Parents attend a Pre-Jordan meeting prior to Baptism, which is arranged at a mutually convenient time.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Arrangements must be made with the pastor at least six months before the date of the wedding. Pre-Cana instructions are required. Couples rather than parents or wedding coordinators should contact the church. If either party was previously married, an annulment must be granted prior to the selection of a future wedding date.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29

5:30 PM † Marta Williams - rb: Maria Goldston

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

7:30 AM Purgatorian Society

9:30 AM † John Devlin - rb: Michelle & Brendan Devlin

11:00 AM † Raymunda Villa – rb: Otilia Mejia

12:30 PM Parish Family and † Roxana Graulau - rb:
Graulau/Davila Family

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society

12:15 PM † Maria Magdalena Asencio – rb: Maria Elena

5:30 PM † Mary Sukany - rb: Mary Giampietro

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society

12:15 PM Angela Malinowski Birthday - rb: Mom

5:30 PM † Dominic & Maria Nguyen - rb: Le Nguyen

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society

12:15 PM OLPH MASS LEAGUE

5:30 PM † Stuart Metzinger - rb: Karl Buchert

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society

12:15 PM † Mary & Joseph DeRitis - rb: Lucille DeRitis

5:30 PM † Julia De los Reyes - rb: Tarcelo & Marcy De
los Reyes

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society

12:15 PM † Mary & Joseph DeRitis - rb: Lucille DeRitis

5:30 PM † Patricia Ann Kost - rb: Michael Kost

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

12:15 PM OLPH MASS LEAGUE

REMEMBER THE SICK OF THE PARISH

In your prayers, please keep in mind our sick, homebound, and those in healthcare facilities including: Fr. Gerard Brinkmann CSsR, Jennifer Woods, Clara Torres, Ada Olivo, Wayne Shaak, Michaela Breslin, Marcelino Casiano, Luz Martinez, Juana Ortiz, Charles Ambrose, Ann Pham, Danielle Sorrichillo, Jack Michael Little, Reinalee Colon, Donna Marie Simpson, Tanya Rapone, Jane Kernan, Alicia Ann Chomo, Gayle Munford, Betty Santos, Mary Zajac, Kathy Griffin, Michael Micciola, Jeanette Troutman, Linda Butter, Ann Russo, Brian Devers, Terri Campione, and Richard Simpson. *Please call the rectory office to add a name.*

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

Navigating the Arrival: Advent 2025

The season of Advent 2025 nears as the days grow shorter and a hint of crispness fills the air. Our thoughts naturally turn towards the upcoming Christmas season. But before the merriment of gift-giving and festive gatherings commences, the Church calls us to a period of preparation known as Advent.

When Is Advent?

A four-week season, Advent, begins on the Sunday closest to November 30th and concludes on Christmas Eve, December 24th. It marks the beginning of the new liturgical year in the Catholic Church. So for the 2026 Liturgical Year, Advent begins on Sunday, November 30, 2025.

What Is the Meaning of Advent?

Within the Catholic faith, the season of Advent holds profound meaning. It serves a twofold purpose:

- **Preparation for the Birth of Christ:** Advent is a time to prepare our hearts and minds to celebrate the arrival of Jesus. We reflect on the Messianic prophecies of the Old Testament, their fulfillment in Jesus our hope (1 Tim. 1:1), and thus the mission of salvation he's given to us as members of the one Church he founded.
- **A Call to Conversion:** It's also a season of introspection and renewal. The liturgical color purple reminds us of our imperfections and the need for repentance. By acknowledging our shortcomings, we open ourselves to God's grace and prepare ourselves to receive the gift of Christ. Also, penance—such as through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving—helps us quiet and discipline our hearts for the joy of Christmas (see Catechism 1434). In that light, without an Advent fast it's harder to prepare for a Christmas.

In essence, this season is a bridge between the past, present, and future. It allows us to look back on the hope for the Savior of the World, experience anew the joy of his arrival and also his reign in the present through his Church, and to prepare ourselves for his glorious return at his Second Coming.

Sundays of Advent

~ Parish News ~

Each Sunday of Advent holds a special significance, as symbolized by the respective four candles of the Advent wreath:

- **First Sunday of Advent:** This Sunday marks the beginning of the season and traditionally focuses on the theme of hope, symbolized by the Prophet's Candle which points to the long-expected Savior (see Tit. 2:13; John 3:16–17).
- **Second Sunday of Advent:** The focus shifts to faith with the Bethlehem Candle, reminding us of Mary and Joseph's journey to the city where Jesus would be born (see Mic. 5:2; Luke 2:1–7).
- **Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday):** In a departure from the usual purple vestments, priests wear a rose-colored one at this Sunday's Mass, and rose is also the color of the Shepherd's Candle. Both symbolize the world's joy for the long-expected Savior's birth (see Isa. 9:1–3; Luke 2:8–12).
- **Fourth Sunday of Advent:** The final Sunday before Christmas emphasizes the incomparable peace that our Divine Savior brings (see Isa. 9:6; John 14:27), and which the Angel's Candle heralds (see Luke 2:13–14).

Liturgical Calendar and Advent

The Church's Liturgical Calendar serves as a guide throughout the year, marking important feasts and seasons. Advent occupies a unique position, bridging the gap between Ordinary Time and the Christmas season. It's a time of introspection and preparation, enabling us to enter the joyous celebration of Christmas with a renewed heart and mind.

Excerpt taken from <https://www.catholic.com/tract/catholic-answers-guide-to-advent>

Blessings,
Fr Mike

THE ROSARY

We invite you to join us each day at 11:55 a.m. in the Shrine as we pray the Rosary for peace. Please come and pray with us.



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WEEKEND COLLECTION - 11/23/2025

Due to early printing, the collections of last weekend will be in the next bulletin

SANCTUARY CANDLES

This week, the candles in the sanctuaries will burn for the following intentions:

Blessed Sacrament Altar (Lower Church)
Nguyen Family - rb: Le Nguyen

OLPH Shrine (Upper Church)
Little Family - rb: Nora Little

St. John Neumann Altar
Nguyen Family - rb: Le Nguyen

Blessed Sacrament Altar (Upper Church)
All the faithful departed - rb: Patricia and Raymond Villanueva

Redemptorist Chapel
† Lorraine Kingsbury Miner



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LA MISA DE HOY

11:00 AM † Raymunda Villa – sp: Otilia Mejia

CONFESIONES EN ESPAÑOL

10:30 AM

DONACIONES DE UNITED WAY

Si usted contribuye a United Way a través de su trabajo, favor considere designar a la **Escuela San Pedro, United Way #52989**, para que su donación ayude a nuestra escuela.

VELA DEL SANTUARIO

Esta semana, las velas de los santuarios se encenderán por las siguientes intenciones:

Altar del Santísimo Sacramento (Iglesia de Abajo)

Familia Nguyen

- sp: Le Nguyen

Santuario de Nuestra Señora del Perpetuo Socorro (Iglesia de Arriba)

Familia Little

- sp: Nora Little

Altar de San Juan Neumann

Familia Nguyen

- sp: Le Nguyen

Altar del Santísimo Sacramento (Iglesia de Arriba)

Fieles almas fallecidas - sp: Patricia y Raymond

Villanueva

Capilla de los Redentoristas

Lorraine Kingsbury Miner

RECORDEMOS A LOS ENFERMOS DE LA PARROQUIA

En sus oraciones, por favor, tenga en cuenta a nuestros enfermos, confinados en casa, y aquellos en los centros de salud, incluyendo: Fr. Gerard Brinkmann CSsR, Jennifer Woods, Clara Torres, Ada Olivo, Wayne Shaak, Michaela Breslin, Marcelino Casiano, Luz Martinez, Juana Ortiz, Charles Ambrose, Ann Pham, Danielle Sorrichillo, Jack Michael Little, Reinallee Colon, Donna Marie Simpson, Tanya Rapone, Jane Kernan, Alicia Ann Chomo, Gayle Munford, Betty Santos, Mary Zajac, Kathy Griffin, Michael Micciola, Jeanette Troutman, Linda Butter, Ann Russo, Brian Devers, Terri Campione, y Richard Simpson. . Favor de llamar a la rectoría para incluir un nombre en la lista.

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DEL ESCRITORIO DEL PASTOR

Queridos Feligreses,

Afrontando la llegada: Adviento 2025

Se acerca el Adviento de 2025 a medida que los días se acortan y un frescor invernal llena el aire. Nuestros pensamientos se dirigen naturalmente hacia la Navidad. Pero antes de que comiencen la alegría de los regalos y las fiestas, la Iglesia nos invita a un periodo de preparación conocido como Adviento.

¿Cuándo es el Adviento?

El Adviento, un tiempo de cuatro semanas, comienza el domingo más cercano al 30 de noviembre y termina en Nochebuena, 24 de diciembre. Marca el inicio del nuevo año litúrgico en la Iglesia Católica. Así, para el Año Litúrgico 2026, el Adviento comienza el domingo 30 de noviembre de 2025.

¿Qué significa el Adviento?

En la fe católica, el Adviento tiene un profundo significado. Cumple un doble propósito:

- **Preparación para el Nacimiento de Cristo:** El Adviento es un tiempo para preparar nuestros corazones y mentes para celebrar la llegada de Jesús. Reflexionamos sobre las profecías mesiánicas del Antiguo Testamento, su cumplimiento en Jesús, nuestra esperanza (1 Tim. 1:1), y, por ende, sobre la misión de salvación que nos ha encomendado como miembros de la única Iglesia que él fundó.
- **Una llamada a la conversión:** Es también un tiempo de introspección y renovación. El color lila litúrgico nos recuerda nuestras imperfecciones y la necesidad de arrepentimiento. Al reconocer nuestras faltas, nos abrimos a la gracia de Dios y nos preparamos para recibir el don de Cristo. Asimismo, la penitencia —a través de la oración, el ayuno y la limosna— nos ayuda a aquietar y disciplinar nuestros corazones para la alegría de la Navidad (véase Catecismo 1434). En este sentido, sin el ayuno de Adviento es más difícil prepararse para la Navidad.

En esencia, este tiempo litúrgico es un puente entre el pasado, el presente y el futuro. Nos permite recordar la esperanza en el Salvador del mundo, revivir la alegría de su llegada y su reinado en el presente a través de su Iglesia, y preparamos para su glorioso regreso en su Segunda Venida.

Domingos de Adviento

Cada domingo de Adviento tiene un significado especial, simbolizado por las cuatro velas de la corona de Adviento:

- **Primer domingo de Adviento:** Este domingo marca el inicio del tiempo litúrgico y tradicionalmente se centra en el tema de la esperanza, simbolizada por la Vela del Profeta, que señala al Salvador tan esperado (véase Tito 2:13; Juan 3:16-17).

- **Segundo domingo de Adviento:** El enfoque se traslada a la fe con la Vela de Belén, que nos recuerda el viaje de María y José a la ciudad donde nacería Jesús (véase Miqueas 5:2; Lucas 2:1-7).
- **Tercer Domingo de Adviento (Domingo de Gaudete):** En esta misa dominical, los sacerdotes, en lugar de las habituales vestiduras moradas, visten de color rosa, color también presente en la Vela del Pastor. Ambos simbolizan la alegría del mundo por el tan esperado nacimiento del Salvador (véase Isaías 9:1-3; Lucas 2:8-12).
- **Cuarto Domingo de Adviento:** El último domingo antes de Navidad resalta la paz incomparable que trae nuestro Divino Salvador (véase Isaías 9:6; Juan 14:27), anunciada por la Vela del Ángel (véase Lucas 2:13-14).

Calendario Litúrgico y Adviento

El Calendario Litúrgico de la Iglesia sirve de guía durante todo el año, señalando las fiestas y tiempos litúrgicos más importantes. El Adviento ocupa un lugar especial, uniendo el Tiempo Ordinario con la Navidad. Es un tiempo de introspección y preparación, que nos permite entrar en la gozosa celebración de la Navidad con el corazón y la mente renovados.

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Bendiciones,
Padre Mike

EL ROSARIO

Les invitamos a unirse a nosotros todos los días a las 11:55AM en el Santuario a rezar el Rosario por la paz. Venga y únase a nosotros con el arma espiritual.



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DE 11/23/2025

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Make the holidays special for residents transitioning out of homelessness at St. Joseph's House, St. Raymond's House, Depaul House, and Old First.

What: Donate gift cards of \$10 and above to Wawa, Dunkin, Target, Shop Rite, etc.

Where: Donations may be dropped off at the church office

When: Donations accepted through December 13

If you have questions, please contact Rachel Barber at rachel.barber@depaulusa.org

Candlelight St. Peter the Apostle

January 3, 2026

6:30 pm Vivaldi's Four Seasons

8:45 pm Bach to Beatles

Experience the magic of live music surrounded by hundreds of candles in a breathtaking setting.

Scan the QR code to visit Fever's website for easy access to purchasing tickets.

