

3rd Sunday of Advent, December 11, 2022
Tercer Domingo de Adviento, 11 de Diciembre de 2022



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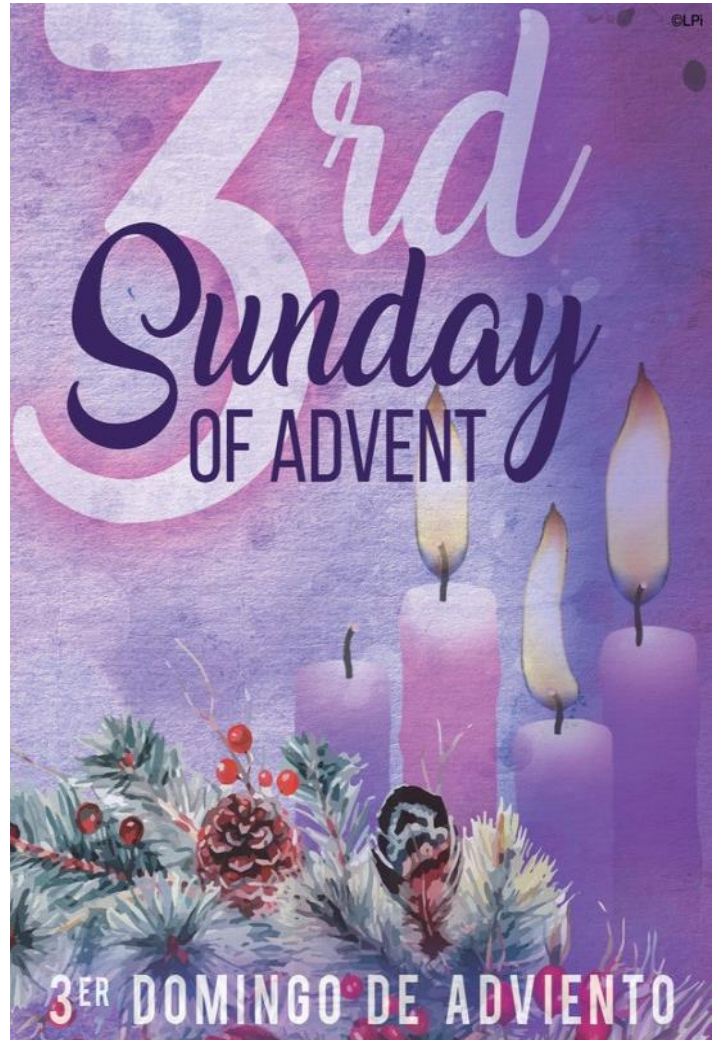
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LITURGY

Public Weekend Masses—In Church

Saturday: 5 PM English—Livestreamed

Sunday: 8:30 AM Spanish

10:30 AM English—Livestreamed

Public Weekday Masses—In Church

Tuesday: 7 PM Spanish

Wednesday: 9 AM English

Thursday: 9 AM English

Friday: 9 AM English

1st Friday & Adoration: 8 AM-Adoration

8:30 AM-Rosary

9 AM-Mass

Adoration ends at 11 AM

All weekday Masses are also livestreamed

Adoration

Tuesday: 5 PM—6:45 PM

Friday: 9:30 AM—11 AM

Anointing of the Sick

First Friday of the month, or by appointment.

Confessions

Tuesday: 6 PM—6:45 PM

Friday: 9:30 AM—10:15 AM

Saturday: 4 PM—4:50 PM

Sunday: 7:30 AM—8:20 AM

Parish Office Hours

Monday—Thursday: 9 AM—2 PM

Friday: 9 AM—Noon

Saturday & Sunday: Closed

All major holidays: Closed



GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Life can leave us feeling dark and desolate. Sandy was just twenty-eight when her husband, Rob, died, leaving her to raise their two young children. She was without paid employment. Rob went to work one morning and never returned home. Sandy, though, had faith and trusted that somehow God would help her through, even though most days brought deafening, piercing loneliness. She persevered, and the darkness gave way to light. Remarking one day to a friend hesitant to commit to a relationship, Sandy shared her wisdom. Even if she knew the outcome would be the same, she would marry Rob again. She assured her friend that she would even do this if eight years could only be eight minutes. We are being led by God and God transforms the darkness into light.

“Be strong, fear not!” Those are easy words to say. Putting them into practice is the challenge. When our paths are dark and life’s roads become treacherous, we can easily complain about life’s unfinished nature. When will the pain go away? Will the loneliness ever cease? Will I experience happiness again? As the farmer needs to exercise patience with the soil, we need to do the same with our lives. We have to wait for the early and late rains to come, properly tend to our gardens, and ensure that the rich nutrients of God’s merciful and tender presence continue to enrich us. God is not done. God has only just begun his work in us.

We cannot allow life to hold us captive. The systems, agendas, protocols, regulations, expectations, and unfinished business can distract us from what it means to be God’s child. Life can leave us feeling cheated, negative, and parched. All times and seasons of our spiritual and liturgical lives lead us to three virtues: faith, hope and love. Stop complaining about what is wrong and look to what God can make right! Joy that flows from the Baptist’s message: in Jesus, the one mightier than he, are found healing, reconciliation, and freedom. Christ will save us from life’s distortions, illusions, and disappointments. Do you believe this?

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

The Season That Gives Back

*I don't have anything left to give.
You can't pour from an empty cup.
All I do is give. Who is giving to me?*

Raise your hand if these thoughts have ever run through your head. I'm sure they occur to all of us from time to time. We can become so easily depleted by the fast pace of life and whatever vocation God has called us to, whether that's parenthood, a demanding professional career or the caretaking of friends and family (or as so often happens, a hybrid of all three). Many of us also undergo certain seasons — seasons of the year, but also seasons of life — that seem to sap us of energy and leave us totally empty.

In these times, it seems impossible to continue in the spirituality of Everyday Stewardship. Graciousness, mindfulness, prayerfulness, gratitude, accountability — maintaining some semblance of these characteristics in our daily life feels not only overly optimistic, but totally impossible.

The Church gives us certain liturgical seasons that are meant to fill us up, almost like spiritual pit stops. Advent is one such season, and the Scriptural passages we reflect on at Mass during these four weeks are filled with images of nature defied. We see the dry steppe blooming. We see the weak made firm. We see the frightened made strong. We see the lame walk. We see the Virgin give birth.

If you think you don't have anything left to give this Advent, think again. This is the season of miracles when what we thought was depleted brings new life.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



“This is the one about whom it is written:

Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you.

Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

- Mt 11:10-11

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2022 | 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



**THURSDAY,
DECEMBER 15th at
7:00 pm**

**Pray the Rosary at St.
Thomas in the Daily Chapel**

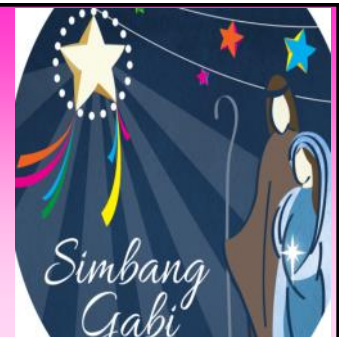
**Hosted by
Knights of
Columbus**



**Simbang Gabi
St. Thomas**

**DECEMBER 17, 2022
MASS AT 5:00 PM**

**Reception to follow
in the Social Hall**



WELCOME TO ST. THOMAS PARISH!

Thank you for celebrating with us today. We invite you to come and worship with us again. If you would like to be a member of our faith community, please take a moment to register. We would love to have you as our spiritual companion.

BIENVENIDOS A LA PARROQUIA DE SANTO TOMÁS!

Gracias por celebrar con nosotros. Les damos una cordial invitación para celebrar la santa misa cada domingo con nosotros. Si usted desea ser un miembro de nuestra comunidad de fe, por favor llene el formulario de registro. Nos encantaría contar con usted como miembro de nuestra familia.

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

INTENCIONES DE LA MISA DE ESTA SEMANA

Sunday, December 11, 10:30 AM

**Monday, December 12
No Mass**

Tuesday, December 13, 7 PM

Wednesday, December 14, 9 AM
Esteban Guevara (by Elena Guevara)

Thursday, December 15, 9 AM

Friday, December 16, 9 AM

Saturday, December 17, 5 PM
Elwell & Maryanne Baradi (by Mona Fonseca)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK, ALL THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR OUR PRAYERS:

FOR THE SICK: We remember especially: Esteban Guevara, Judy Lund, Joan King, Martha Hickman

FOR THE DEAD: Please pray for our beloved deceased Ron Guy, John Legitt and Joan Meryhew. May the Lord receive him unto Himself giving strength, comfort, and peace to their families and our parish community.

2022 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL GOAL \$31,669
One Time gifts & Pledges \$37,410.80 *
*** Includes Pledges not yet received as of 11.01.22**

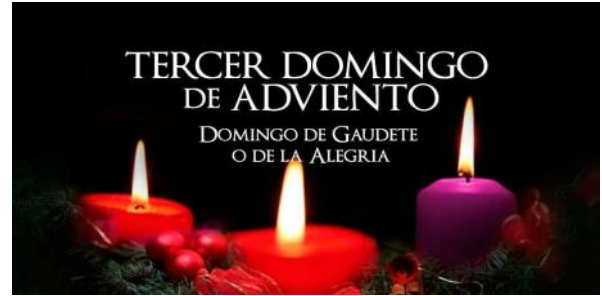
OUR FINANCIAL GIFTS

November 26th and November 27th, 2022
Saturday & Sunday English Masses.....\$2,814.77
Sunday & Tuesday Spanish Masses.....\$1,606.55
Weekly Online Stewardship.....\$829.30
Maintenance Fund /
Fondo de Mantenimiento.....\$462.00
**Total Donation /
Donación Total.....\$5,712.72**

Thank you for your generosity!

TERCER DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

*HE AQUI QUE YO ENVIO A MI MENSAJERO
PARA QUE VAYA DELANTE DE TI Y TE PREPARE
EL CAMINO MATEO 11, 2-11*



ANUNCIOS



12 DE DICIEMBRE: CELEBRACION DE LA VIRGEN MARIA DE GUADALUPE
MANANITAS 5:00am
MISA 6:00am
DESAYUNO 7:00am
CELEBRACION POR LA TARDE
ROSARIO 5:00pm
MISA 7:00pm

POSASADA DE LA PARROQUIA

TENDREMOS UNA POSADA EL VIERNES 23 DE DICIEMBRE A LAS 6:00PM.
HABRA EL ROSARIO, SE PEDIRA POSADA CON LOS PEREGRINOS, CENA, JUEGOS Y MAS! NO PERDAMOS NUESTRA TRADICION, LOS ESPERAMOS INF. LUIS

BAUTISMOS: Cada PRIMER DOMINGO del mes.
Para mas información favor de llamar a la oficina.

PRESENTACIONES: Cada ULTIMO DOMINGO del mes. Favor de llamar a la oficina primero

CONFESIONES: Todos los Domingos de 7:30 am a 8:20 AM
Todos los Martes de 6:00 a 6:45 PM

CLASES PREMATRIMONIALES

Mas información, favor de llamar a Gabriel y Átala Olivas al numero. (206) 909—4944

Bulletin Notices: *The article deadline is 12 PM (Noon) on the Friday* a week before the weekend you wish it to appear (8 days in advance). Notices about parish events or items of interest to the parish are welcome, however posting cannot be guaranteed. Email bulletin articles/notices to : michellem@saintthomastukwila.org