

**2nd Sunday of Advent, December 4, 2022**  
**Segundo Domingo de Adviento, 4 de Diciembre de 2022**



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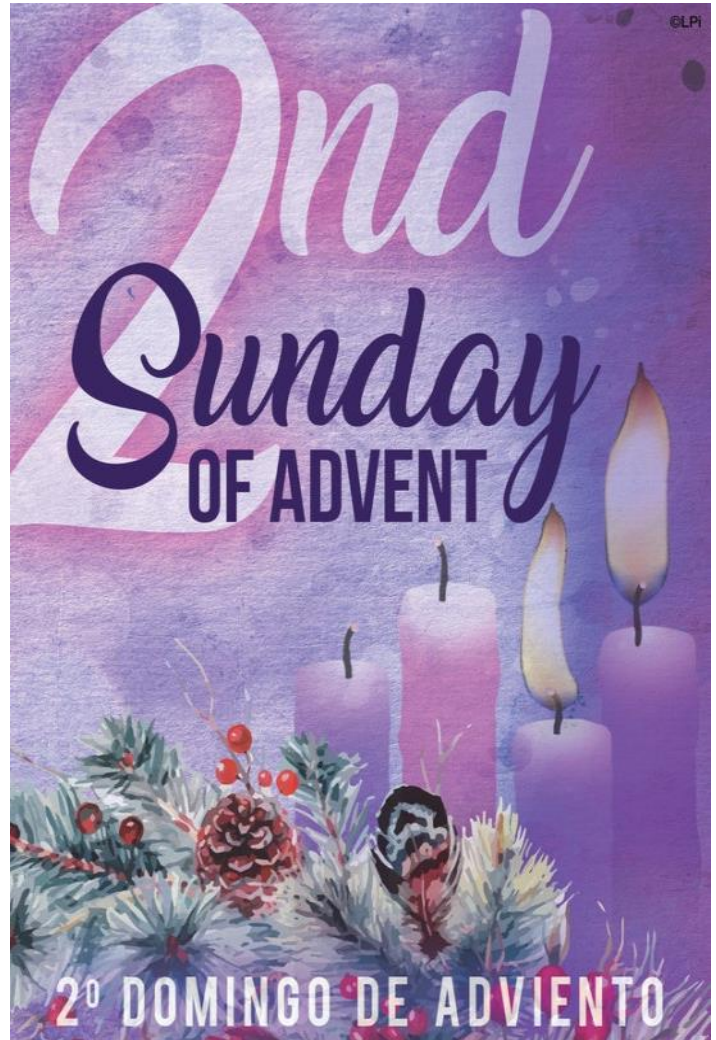
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**LITURGY - THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**  
**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION, 9 AM ENGLISH, 7 PM BILINGUAL-SPANISH & ENGLISH**

**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

**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



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we enter the 2nd week of Advent, our First Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah reminds us of the coming of our Savior and how He is our just Judge.



*“Not by appearance shall he judge, nor by hearsay shall he decide, but he shall judge the poor with justice, and decide aright for the land's afflicted.” (Isaiah 11:3-4)*

I find such encouragement in knowing the mercy and love of Jesus Christ who sees beyond false appearances and judges the heart. Several years ago while singing “How Beautiful” by Twila Paris for a friend’s wedding, I got choked up when I sang the following line:

How beautiful the tender eyes that choose to forgive and never despise.

We live in a world where we are constantly encouraged to make rash judgments about people without giving the benefit of the doubt and gathering all of the facts. The media frequently does this and we can so easily join in which just causes further hatred and division in our world.

During a speech at the Spanish steps in Rome on December 8, 2009, Pope Benedict XVI made a point to call this out and remind us of the desire we all have to be respected as a sacred reality.

*In the city invisible people live or survive who every now and then hit the front page headlines or television news and are exploited to the very last, as long as the news and images are newsworthy. This is a perverse mechanism which unfortunately few are able to resist. The city first hides them and then exposes them to public scrutiny, pitilessly or with false pity. Instead, there is in every person the desire to be accepted as a person and considered a sacred reality, for every human history is a sacred history and demands the utmost respect.*

Advent is a time for us to make sure our attitude towards others isn’t tainted, unjust, and uncharitable.

Here is a wonderful resolution from my favorite saint, St. Francis de Sales, that I have found helpful in the struggle to conduct myself as a Christian in the way I interact with people. I hope you will find it helpful as well.

*I will never disdain meeting any person, no matter who they may be nor will I show any sign of wishing to avoid them for this earns one the reputation of being proud, haughty, unseeing, arrogant, snobbish, ambitious, and manipulative. . . Above all, I will be careful neither to criticize, nor to mock, nor to make fun of those who have no reason to put up with such treatment. I will show great respect for all, and I will not be pretentious. I will speak little but well, so rather than boring my friends I will whet their appetite for further conversation at a later time.*

*With either friends or acquaintances, I will be especially careful to observe this rule: Be friendly with all but familiar with few. . . Therefore in my relationships I will be courteous and not overbearing, friendly and outgoing and not cool and reserved, gentle but not affected, compliant and not contradictory (unless reason requires it), sincere and not deceitful, because people want to have a true knowledge of those with whom they are dealing. (Spiritual Exercises, pp.36-37)*

Praying for you to have a most blessed 2nd week of Advent!

In Christ,

Fr. James Northrop

### WHY DO CATHOLICS MAKE THE SIGN OF THE CROSS?

The sign of the cross is a devotional practice that dates back to the first Apostles. When making the sign of the cross, we remember Jesus Christ who died for us and also bear witness to the fact that we belong to him and are called to share the Good News to all the world. At our Baptism, we were signed with a cross and marked for Christ. That mark remains on us throughout the entirety of our lives. We remind ourselves of that mark every time we make the same gesture over our bodies. We also remind ourselves that to be a Christian means we are to “put on Christ” and be Christ for a world that needs to know him. In a way, this devotional gesture covers us with Christ so that others may see him in us.

Catholics are not the only ones who make the sign of the cross. Orthodox, Lutheran, and Anglicans are examples of other Christians who maintain this same ancient tradition.

**THE GIVER OF EVERY GOOD AND PERFECT GIFT HAS CALLED UPON US TO MIMIC GODS GIVING.**

*St. Nicholas of Myra*



### JUST A REMINDER...

for Year end giving, donations received by December 31st will be recorded on your 2022 parish giving report. Please consider donating to St. Thomas or one of the many Catholic Charities.



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

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



**Hosted by Knights of Columbus**

**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 4, 10:30 AM

Monday, December 5  
No Mass

Tuesday, December 6, 7 PM

Wednesday, December 7, 9 AM  
Esteban Guevara (by Elena Guevara)

Thursday, December 8, 9 AM  
† Makalina Tausinga (by Tina Tausinga)

Friday, December 9, 9 AM

Saturday, December 10, 5 PM  
† Prisco Vacca (by Elena De Simone)

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. May the Lord receive him unto Himself giving strength, comfort, and peace to their families and our parish community. Amen.

**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.....\$1,606.65  
Weekly Online Stewardship.....\$829.30  
Maintenance Fund /  
Fondo de Mantenimiento.....\$462.00  
**Total Donation /**  
**Donación Total.....\$5,712.72**

**Thank you for your generosity!**

**SEGUNDA DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO**

**VELEN, PUES Y ESTEN PREPARADOS, PORQUE NO SABEN QUE DIA VA A VENIR SU SENOR**



**ANUNCIOS**



**03-11 DE DICIEMBRE: NOVENA DE ROSARIOS A LA VIRGEN MARIA DE GUADALUPE 7:00pm**

**08 DE DICIEMBRE: SOLEMNIDAD INMACULADA CONCEPCION DE LA SANTISIMA VIRGEN MARIA MISA 7:00pm (MISA DE PRECEPTO)**

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

**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