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Under St. Thomas' patronage, our parish aspires to evangelize our world through the beauty of our Liturgical worship; the goodness of our lives empowered by the Holy Spirit and ordered towards holiness in community; and conforming our minds to the Truths of Scriptures and Tradition.

First Sunday of Advent, November 28, 2021
Primer Domingo de Adviento, 28 de Noviembre del 2021

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"THE DAYS ARE COMING, SAYS THE LORD,
WHEN I WILL FULFILL THE PROMISE
I MADE TO THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL AND JUDAH."

—JEREMIAH 33:14

Liturgy Schedule

Public Weekend Masses—In Church

Saturday: 5 PM English—Livestreamed
Sunday: 8:30 AM Spanish —Livestreamed
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



Being Prepared Means Doing God's Work In All Circumstances

The Gospel reading for our First Sunday of Advent reminds us that we need to be constantly in a spirit of discerning what the will of God is and not allow ourselves to be lured away from a passionate love for the Lord and one another.

The first two readings remind us that no matter what kind of distress and difficult times we go through, God is working things out for our advantage. The second reading reminds us that we are to be most interested in our conduct. Basically, are we being good witnesses to the Lord by loving God and loving the people around us. No matter how turbulent and difficult things get around us, this is always the focal point for a follower of Jesus Christ.

It is precisely in the midst of challenges and difficulties that we can (with the help of the Holy Spirit) be incredible witnesses for the Lord. When people see us responding differently to difficulties, it is a powerful witness to the power of God's love and triumph over sin and evil.

One man who has inspired me for many years is a Vietnamese Cardinal, Francis Xavier Nguyen Van Thuan. On the solemnity of the Assumption (August 15, 1975), he was detained and escorted to Nha Trang where he was held in house arrest at Cay Vong. Without ever being tried or sentenced, he was taken to North Vietnam where he was imprisoned for more than 13 years, nine of which were spent in solitary confinement at Vinh Quang (Vinh Phu) prison, then in the prison run by the Hanoi Police. Later, he was again held under house arrest at Giang-Xa. During his years of imprisonment he wrote 'The Road of Hope', the Spiritual Testimony (Will) to all the Catholic Vietnamese in Vietnam and abroad.

Cardinal Van Thuan showed us how to truly overcome evil with good (cf. Romans 12:21). The Lord showed him how to witness to the prison guards who (because of his loving conduct) would eventually would smuggle in tiny pieces of bread and little drops of wine so that he could celebrate Mass on the palm of his hand while living in a small cell that only had a dangling light that seldom worked properly.

Cardinal Van Thuan is a true witness to the power of God's grace to help us love our enemies and win them to Christ by our conduct.

May this Advent season help us to be more dependent on God's grace, better able to discern God's will, and more joyful in our service to the Lord and one another. God is very much at work in our world today — especially amidst suffering. Just because we go through difficult experiences doesn't at all mean that God has abandoned us. We can always choose the Road of Hope as Cardinal Van Thuan did.

In Christ,

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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 mona@saintthomastukwila.org