

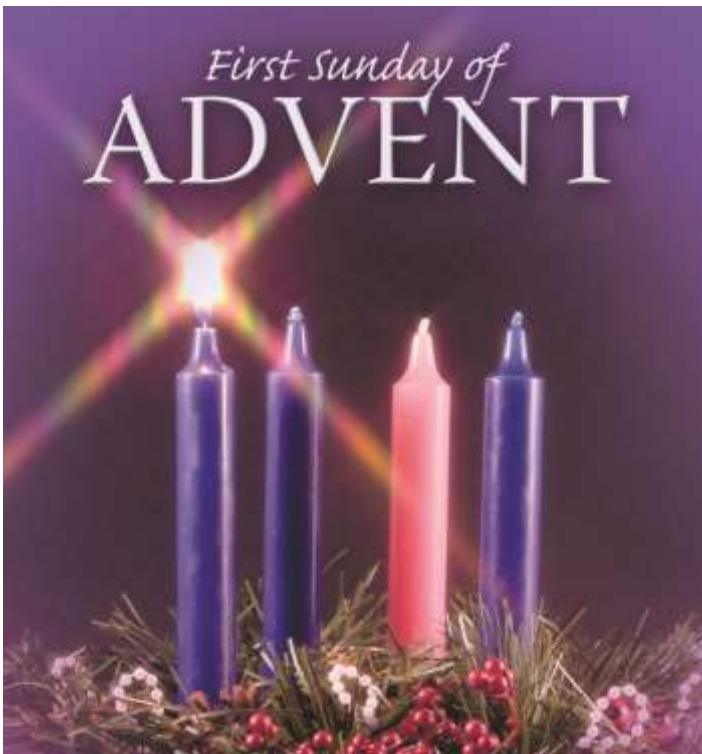
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First Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2025



Parish Office Hours

Monday: 9:00 am—4:00 pm
Tuesday: 9:00 am—1:00 pm
Wednesday: 9:00 am — 4:00 pm
Thursday: 9:00 am—4:00 pm
Friday—Sunday: CLOSED

Masses in Church

Monday - Friday 8:15 am
Saturday 8:15 am & 5:00 pm (Vigil)
Sunday 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Sacrament of Confession

Tuesday 9:00 am—9:30 am
Saturday 3:30 pm—4:00 pm

Library Hours

Wednesday 9:00 am—12:00 pm

Sunday's Readings/Music:

1. Readings begin on page 31.
 2. Hymns on page 338 (after the grey tabbed pages.)
 3. Psalms follow the readings or may be noted with a Psalm # that can be looked up in the missal past the hymns.
- Gathering: #39 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
 - 1st Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5
 - Responsorial Psalm: 25 #744
R: To you, O Lord, to you, O Lord, I lift up, I lift up my soul.
 - 2nd Reading: Romans 13:11-14
 - Gospel Acclamation
 - Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44
 - Presentation of the Gifts: #43 People, Look East
 - Sanctus: #842
 - Communion: #68 Maranatha
 - Sending: #39 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

"Advent invites us to a commitment to vigilance, looking beyond ourselves, expanding our mind and heart in order to open ourselves up to the needs of people, of brothers and sisters, and to the desire for a new world." — Pope Francis

Advent is a special season in the Catholic Church, marking the four weeks leading up to Christmas. Derived from the Latin "adventus," meaning "coming," Advent is a time for preparing our hearts for Christ's birth.

While the world often jumps straight into Christmas festivities come December 1st, Advent invites us to live more spiritually by waiting and preparing with purpose. It's an opportunity to embrace the reflective nature of this season and let our hearts anticipate the true meaning of Christmas: the birth of Jesus.

Advent has been celebrated since the 4th or 5th century as a time for fasting and preparation, much like Lent. Over time, it has evolved into a season for getting our hearts ready for Christmas.

Advent is divided into two parts: From the start of Advent until December 14th, we focus on preparing for Christ's second coming, reminding us to remain vigilant and hopeful. Then, from December 15th through Christmas Eve, we shift to joyfully anticipating Christ's birth.

A beloved tradition during Advent is the Advent wreath, made of evergreen branches symbolizing God's eternal love. The wreath holds four candles—three purple and one pink—each representing a week of Advent.

As we light a candle each week, we reflect on different themes:

Hope: The first candle, or the Prophecy Candle, symbolizes the hope found in Christ's coming, reminding us to keep our hope alive.

Peace: The second candle, known as the Bethlehem Candle, represents the peace Christ brings, encouraging us to seek peace in our hearts and the world.

Joy: The pink candle, lit on the third Sunday, signifies joy, marking our approach to celebrating Christ's birth.

Love: The fourth candle, the Angel's Candle, stands for the love God showed by sending His Son, reminding us to love others as Christ loves us.

Sometimes, a fifth candle is added in the center of the wreath. It is lit on Christmas Day to celebrate Jesus, the Light of the World.

Preparing for Advent goes beyond decorating; it's about making space in our hearts for Jesus. As Catholics, we're invited to use this time for spiritual renewal through prayer, confession, or reflecting on Christ's meaning in our lives. Just as Mary and Joseph prepared for Jesus, we, too, are called to welcome Him into our lives. In our fast-paced world, waiting is often unwelcome, but Advent teaches us that waiting is a spiritual practice. Like the Israelites who awaited the Messiah, we are called to wait with patience and hope.

So, while the world rushes into holiday festivities, let this season guide you toward a deeper spiritual life. Take this time to slow down, reconnect with God, and prepare to receive the greatest gift of all—Jesus Christ, the Light of the World. — Focus Ministries 2025

Fr. Leonard L. Marrujo



**NO BIBLE STUDY, Wednesday
11/26 and 12/3**
Bible Study returns on 12/10

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| <p>Tuesday, December 2nd 1st Tuesday of every month after 8:15 am mass Anointing of the Sick</p> |
| <p>St. Anne's Annual Christmas Bazaar Set-up: Wednesday, Dec 3rd—Friday, Dec 6 Bazaar: Saturday, Dec 6th & Sunday, Dec 7th Breakdown: Monday, Dec 8th</p> |
| <p>Thursday, December 4th 1st Thursday of every month at 9:00 Holy Hour with Benediction</p> |
| <p>Monday, December 8th HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Our Blessed Virgin Mary 9:00 am</p> |
| <p>Tuesdays, December 9th & 23rd 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month 10:00 am Men's Ministry</p> |
| <p>Wednesday, December 10th ***Last Bible Study of 2025*** ***Resumes 1/14/2026*** Every Wednesday Bible Study 10:30 am—11:30 am Parish Hall</p> |
| <p>Friday, December 12th *NOT A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe</p> |

| MASS INTENTIONS | | |
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| Saturday 11/29 | 5:00 PM | † Mr. & Mrs. Jean B. Laborde |
| Sunday 11/30 | 9:00 AM 11:00 AM | † Sr. Rosario Jacinto, SFIC Parishioners and Benefactors |
| Monday 12/1 | 8:15 AM | † Ambrose Ho |
| Tuesday 12/2 | 8:15 AM | † Peter & Rachel Chan |
| Wednesday 12/3 | 8:15 AM | † Teresa Hui |
| Thursday 12/4 | 8:15 AM | Special Intention: Hammy & Theodore |
| Friday 12/5 | 8:15 AM | Special Intention: Living and Deceased Members of the Da Roza and Rodrigues Families † Cynthia Tayao |
| Saturday 12/6 | 8:15 AM | † Lucina Supleo |

*Let us pray for all
those who have
recently passed*

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| † Josephine Cardaci | † Raymond Gorski |
| † Edward Emil Rinne | † Irene Gorski |
| † Elizabeth Jane Wydner | † Donna Tucker |
| † Bunk Sicotte | † Ida Castillo |
| † Francis Carion | † Dick McLean |
| † Barbara Schurhoff | † Jim Stevens |

GROCERY CARDS STILL NEEDED

Grocery store gift cards for the St. Vincent De Paul food bank at St. Mary's in Walnut Creek are still needed. Gift cards can be dropped in the rectory mail slot near the front office. **PLEASE INCLUDE the dollar amounts** on the gift cards. Thank you for your generosity!



Get the bulletin every week in your email before mass! Send a request to: rharmon@stanneswc.org




Please note that set-up, drop-off /receiving of items has been pushed out a day later to **begin on 12/3, Wednesday**. Due to schedule conflicts and the availability of some key volunteers, we are hoping this is not too much of an inconvenience. You still have 3 days with which to drop off items.

VOLUNTEER AT THIS YEAR'S CHRISTMAS BAZAAR!

- Set-up: December 3rd-5th (Wednesday—Friday)
- Bazaar Days: December 6th & 7th (Saturday & Sunday)
- Clean-up: December 8th (Monday)



Please call Gale Lydecker at 925-937-7748 or visit the rectory office to sign up!

 Missing anything? Check our Lost & Found Monday—Thursday during office hours.



Week One | Adore: Advent with Fr. John Burns

Join Fr. John Burns as he journeys deeper into the theme for week one: watchfulness.

Our parish has a free Formed subscription for you! Simply scan the QR code or visit formed.org/signup to create your account and select our parish to get free access to this content and much more!



PRAY FOR THE SICK

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| Andrea Puccini | Jeanette Egan |
| Sheila Wilkins | Robert Fiore |
| Risha Armstrong | Joann Holbrook |
| Shawn Ilardi | Karen Goldman |
| Cathy Bridges | Christina Dwyer |
| Annette Burns | Michelle Sinchak |
| William Egan | |

Names are on the list for 4 weeks. If you wish to be included, removed or continued for another 4 weeks, please contact Fran Long at 925-939-5151.



Do you plan on traveling this weekend, next week, next month, next Summer, during the holidays?

With masstimes.org, you can always find the nearest Roman Catholic church and their local mass times at masstimes.org.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The following non-perishable items are needed at St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry on a regular basis and are usually in short supply. Please place these items in the St. Anne's collection bin located outside the courtyard entrance.



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| Cleaning Supplies: | Hygiene/Toiletries: |
| Toilet Paper | Hand Soap |
| Paper Towels | Toothpaste |
| Kleenex | Toothbrushes |
| Laundry Detergent | Dental Floss |
| Liquid Dishwashing Detergent | Body Wash |
| Dishwasher Detergent | Deodorant |
| | Shampoo/Conditioner |
| Food Items: | Hand/Body Lotion |
| Cup of Noodles/Ramen | Cleansing Wipes |
| Small bottles of Mustard/ Ketchup/Mayo | Combs |
| Coffee / Tea | Small brushes |
| Bottled Water | New Socks |