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FIRST SUNDAY

OF *Advent*

Watch therefore: you do not know when the lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning.

Mark 13:35



Watching with Hope

Recall the last time you had company come to your home. Maybe it was family visiting from out of town or a friend you hadn't seen in awhile. How did you prepare for them? You likely cleaned the house, planned nice meals, and cleared your schedule to spend time with them—all the while looking forward to their arrival.

If we spend so much time preparing for the coming of friends or family—meticulously cleaning our homes, setting plans for how we can enjoy our time together, and so expectantly awaiting their arrival—how much more ought we to be watching and preparing for the coming of Christ? How do we prepare the home of our heart as we await his coming?

First Reading

Isaiah 63:16b–17, 19b; 64:2–7

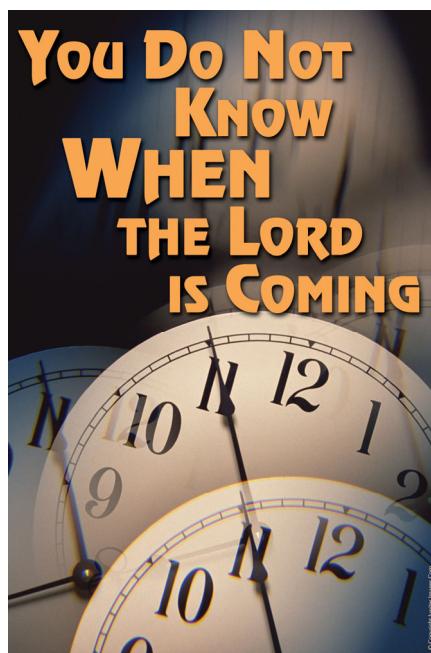
Why do you let us wander, O Lord, from your ways, and harden our hearts so that we fear you not?" Isaiah asks. Just as Pharaoh's heart was softened only by a series of punishments, Israel is also undergoing punishment for her hardheartedness.

"Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, with the mountains quaking before you," Isaiah complains, as if to call for a frightening display from the Lord.

We often recoil against this idea of the hardening of hearts by God. How could a loving God purposely harden someone's heart against himself?

Notice that though God had blessed Egypt through the presence of the people of Israel, these favors were not accepted with due thanks to the God of Israel. God could be said to harden a heart insofar as he gives

graces that the heart refuses to acknowledge as having come from him. And the only gift that can penetrate a hard heart is one that is harder. Only the punishments that God gives Egypt and Israel can shatter their hard hearts. This is why Isaiah uses the term father to refer to Yahweh, for a father must occasionally discipline his children. But God is also the redeemer of his people when their term of punishment is at



an end. We know that Jesus is coming in this Advent season to take upon himself the hard gift that we deserve. We want to be sure that we do not approach this season with half-heartedness or, worse, hard-heartedness. We receive in the Eucharist not only God's protection and favor, as did Israel, but God himself. If we are indifferent to this gift, or reject it, our hearts will be even more hardened than Pharaoh's or Israel's. So if we are to watch for Christ's coming, we must likewise guard against hardheartedness and half-heartedness.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:3–9

St. Paul tells us that he is writing to all those "called to be a holy people." This means that this reading and letter to the Corinthians is meant for all baptized Christians, since we are all called to be "perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Matthew 5:48).

Paul tells us that grace is the cause of his gratitude and the spiritual enrichment of Christians. Grace is what makes us children of God and heirs of Heaven. Grace is a very important term with various meanings. Simply defined, grace is a participation in God's own life. Through it, we become sharers in his nature, true children of God.

This sharing of grace intimately unites us with God, making us part of his family. This is what Paul means when he says that we have fellowship with God's Son, Jesus Christ. This fellowship is of the strongest kind: it is familial.

No wonder Paul gives thanks for the grace that we have in Christ! Once we understand that grace gives us a share in the very life of God, given at the inestimable cost of Christ's Most Precious Blood, we realize that we have been given a gift beyond anything we could ever possibly imagine. Of all the gifts of Christmas, what can compare to this greatest of all gifts—the grace of God?

Gospel Reading

Mark 13:33–37

Jesus begins today's Gospel with a description of the events that will precede the destruction of the Temple, warning, "Be on your

guard. Let no one mislead you." He describes tremendous upheavals as signs of the future. By these signs the disciples are to recognize that the Son of Man is near.

Although the context makes it clear that Jesus is describing events that were to occur prior to the destruction of the Temple in the year 70 A.D., the Church has always seen this passage as a prophecy of the end times as well.

Today's reading, however, highlights not what we can expect at the end of the world, but rather our incapacity to know the time of the Lord's second coming. If we knew when he was coming, we could arrange a convenient conversion and spare ourselves the difficult task of living the Gospel in the meantime. But God teaches us that Gospel living is good in itself—not simply a means with which to buy Heaven.

Watchfulness is, in fact, precisely Gospel living. We watch for occasions of God's grace. We watch for occasions of sin. We watch in prayer as Christ asked us to do. We watch for occasions to love Christ in the least of our brothers and sisters. We watch the Paschal Mystery unfold for us in

the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. We are a people on the watch for the return of our beloved Lord at every moment.

Far from being fatiguing, this is the cause of our constant joy. If we are on the watch, it is not in fear of his Second Coming, but because we fear missing the one we miss. "Would that you might meet us doing right, that we were mindful of you in our ways" (Isaiah 64:4).

Discussion

Let us reflect on Christ's command to be watchful and alert as we hear the words of the Gospel of Mark. He shows us the importance of vigilance in our spiritual lives as he tells us a parable of the servants and the watchman. Consider how we can more consciously await Christ's coming as we watch the video from Dr. Gray on FORMED.org.

It can be easy to neglect something that seems so distant as Christ coming again. Because we have no idea when or how he will come again, it can be difficult to remember to be sober and alert, let alone dedicate our lives to keeping vigilant watch for his coming.

We do not know when Christ will come. How do you delay seeking Christ today? What distracts you from watching for him faithfully?

DIGGING DEEPER: Our Last Day

The Gospel passage today focuses on watchfulness. Jesus's exhortation to be alert includes his second coming as well as his coming into our hearts as we celebrate Christmas, but this is not all. We are to be watchful for the end of our time here on earth as well. We, of course, do not know when this will be. Though we don't often think of it, it is an incredibly sobering reflection. Make a commitment to be alert for the day you will meet Christ. If it were today, would you be able to stand before Christ with a pure and hopeful heart? What areas of your life would you wish you had more time to change? Start making those changes now. Use this time of Advent to be who Christ is calling you to be.

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Prepare the Way of the King

by Dr. Scott Hahn

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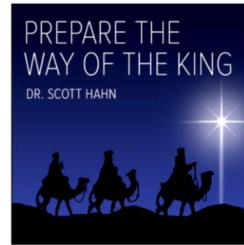
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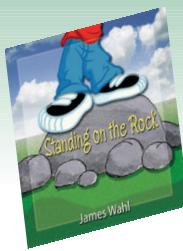
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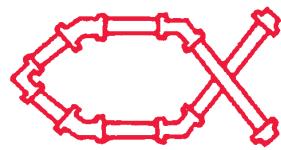
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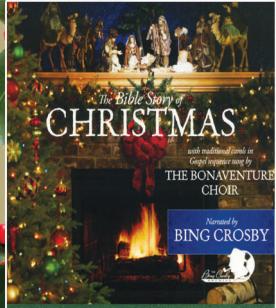
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Saturday 12/2

8:30am Felicity Oxendine †
Linda Wyeta †
5:00pm Pete Nunes †
Gregory Ure †
7:00pm Mr & Mrs Urrutra †
Merdes & Edra †

Sunday 12/3

6:45am Thomas Heise †
8:00am Melanie Maher †
9:30am Harry & Steven Kraft †
11:00am Candido Echon †
12:30pm James Carlisle Barringer †
6:00pm Richard J. Gandolfo, Jr †
Faustino, Guadalupe & Hope †

Monday 12/4

8:30am Gus & Lucile Beach †
Hezlyn & Gertrude Stocking †

Tuesday 12/5

8:30am Felicity Oxendine †
Linda Wyeta †

Wednesday 12/6

8:30am Manuel Perez †
Donald G. Gardner †
7:00pm The Souls in Purgatory †

Thursday 12/7

8:30am Rosaleen McEnnerney †
Ramiro Rezendiz †
Sofia & Hector Hernandez †
6:00pm Anne Kissane †
7:30 pm Sofia Ore †
Helen & Mike †

Friday 12/8

8:30am Elizabeth Ezekwem
Clement C. Ezekwem
6:00pm Manual Mendoza †
7:30pm Patricia Bellavia †
Steven Hary



Prayer

Reflect on the word watch. Jesus uses it three times in today's Gospel. Are you watching for anything in your life? What do you find yourself expectantly waiting for? How do you watch for Christ in your day-to-day life?

Take some time to reflect on a word or phrase that stands out to you from today's Gospel. Reflect on it and apply it to your own life. For example, "You do not know when the time will come" (Mark 13:33). You could ask yourself, "What am I doing each day to seek out Christ? Have I put off prayer and pursuing a relationship with him, thinking that I can start tomorrow?"

Resolution

St. Paul tells the people of Corinth, "God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord" (1 Corinthians 1:9).

How will you answer the call to fellowship with Christ this Advent? What is one practical way you will prepare the home of your heart for the coming of the Christ Child?

Parish Prayer Requests

- For Cherie Bates, Greg Morris, Maria Lopez, Anna Marie Soldo Peralo and Carlotta Schauer's grandson, who are battling cancer.
- For Veldon who is recovering from an injury.
- For Alexander Martinez Castro, a little boy who has had major brain/cranial surgery.
- For Fr. Van's mother, who is suffering from a back injury.
- For Paula Ramirez, mother of Jesus Hernandez, who will have a surgery to remove a tumor between her heart and lungs on December 7.
- For Cheryl Ruth who remains in a coma, and for her family in this difficult situation.

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Support is Needed for Christmas Food and Gift Basket Program

On Dec 16, our Knights of Columbus annual Christmas Basket program will bring food and gifts to 70 families, and gifts to 55 additional families in Livermore.

\$7000 is needed now to buy a ten-day supply of food for each of 70 families. Our Knights will purchase and organize the food, prepare the gifts, and make personal deliveries. Despite the coordinated gift drives, several gift requests remain unfilled. Our Knights will purchase as many of these remaining gifts as possible with donated funds that exceed what is needed for the food.

Knights will collect donations at all masses on Dec 2, 3, 9, and 10. Donations will also be accepted at the Pancake Breakfast on Dec 10.

If you want to help wrap gifts, organize packages, and make deliveries on Dec 16, please contact Dennis Lundbom to volunteer at dlundbom@gmail.com or 775-772-6369.

Collection Reports

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11/26/17 Collection	\$20,631.31
Month-to-Date	\$90,110.27
Month Goal	\$86,274.51
Percentage Reached	104%
Faith Direct for Nov.	\$13,659.00
Maintenance for Nov.	\$11,958.50
Campaign for Human Development	\$2,950.75
Religious Retirement	\$2,207.75

St Vincent de Paul's Successful Thanksgiving

The Oct 29th 5th Sunday collection was around \$6,000. Thank you for your generosity and support of our Thanksgiving program. The Boy Scouts conducted a canned food drive, and they inspected for expiration dates, sorted them into groups, and placed them on shelves. Vincentians and Girl Scouts put around 200 bags together on Nov 18th and on Nov 20th turkeys and all the trimmings were distributed.

Many thanks to those who donated turkeys and to the California Water Company for their wonderful donation of \$2,500 to purchase the remainder. Thanks to the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts and all the great SVdP volunteers who work from their heart to give everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving.

The final 5th Sunday of the year will be December 31st. Again, thank you so much for your continued generosity.



Come Lord Maranatha

During the season of Advent, we introduce a new hymn at all Masses called "Come Lord Maranatha" (Maranatha consists of two Aramean words, Maran'athah, meaning, "our Lord comes," or is "coming."). This hymn was written by Fr. Ricky Manalo of Old St. Mary's Church in San Francisco.

Each week we will sing prescribed verses that correlate to the gospel of the day. It is our hope that this new hymn will add to your Advent worship experience as we wait the coming of our Lord to humanity on Christmas Day.

Christmas Ushers and Crossing Guards

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This Week

MONDAY, DEC 4

St. John Damascene

Readings: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

Suggestion:

Schedule time for Confession in Advent: either this Wednesday at 2:30 pm in the Convent, one of the regular Saturday times or at the Advent Reconciliation Service on December 14

THURSDAY, DEC 7

St. Ambrose

Readings: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Events:

Vigil Mass for Immaculate Conception at 6:00 pm in English and 7:30 pm Spanish.

TUESDAY, DEC 5

Readings: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

Events:

Deliver Santa's Secret Service gifts and sing carols! See the parish website calendar for locations and times:
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WEDNESDAY, DEC 6

St. Nicholas

Readings: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

Events:

Confession in the Convent at 2:30 pm

FRIDAY, DEC 8

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Readings: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Events:

Immaculate Conception Mass at 8:30 am, 12:15 pm, 6:00 pm in English and 7:30 pm in Spanish.

SATURDAY, DEC 9

St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

Readings: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 -- 10:1, 5a, 6-8

Events:

Confession at 9:15 am and 3:45 pm in English and 6:15 pm in Spanish

SUNDAY, DEC 10

Second Sunday in Advent

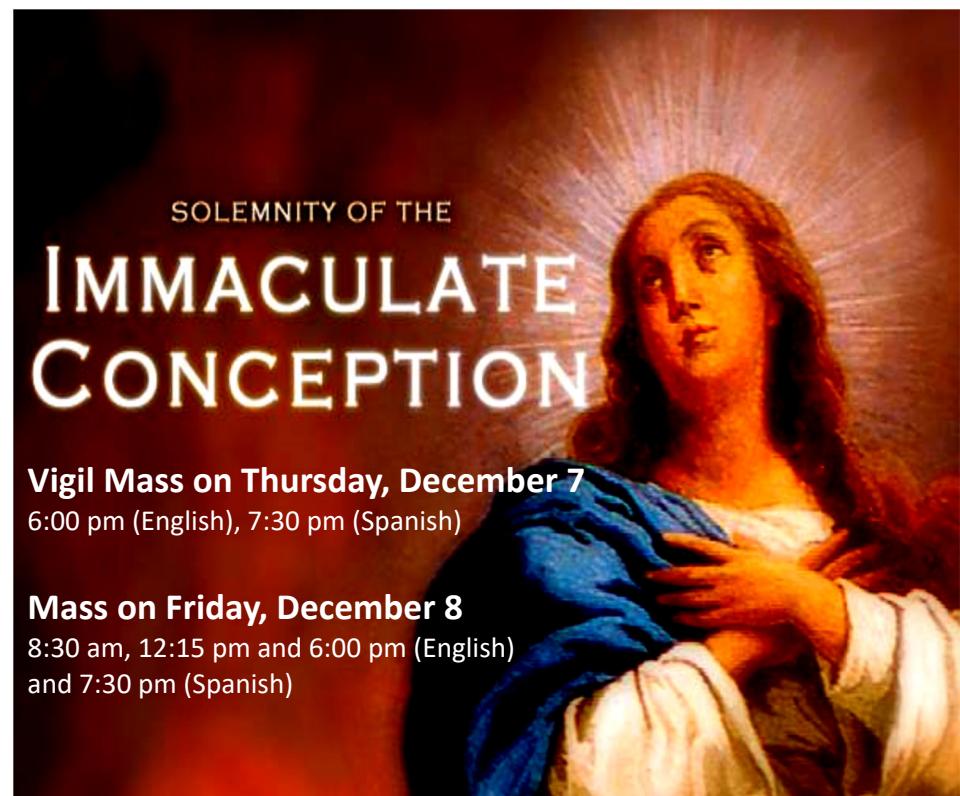
Readings: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

Events:

Pancake Breakfast for Christmas Food and Gift Basket Program Sponsored by our Knights of Columbus 7:30 am to 1:00 am in the new Hall. All proceeds support the annual Christmas Basket program that brings food and gifts to Livermore families. Please attend and make a generous donation. Your breakfast is free!

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Christmas Night: 6 pm—10 pm

Dec 26 to Jan 1: 6 pm to 9 pm

Advent Reconciliation Service

Thurs, Dec 14 at 7:00 pm

Prepare your heart and soul to receive Jesus at Christmas by receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation (also called “Confession” or “Penance”)

Caroling in the Square

Sat, Dec 15

Carol in Downtown Livermore!
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Celebrate Mass on BOTH 4th Sunday in Advent AND Christmas!

ATTEND ONE OF THESE Masses

For the 4th Sunday in Advent

Saturday, December 23

4th Sunday in Advent Vigil: 5:00 pm English, 7:00 pm Spanish

Sunday, December 24

4th Sunday in Advent: 6:45 am, 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am, 12:30 pm (Spanish)

ALSO ONE OF THESE Masses

For Christmas

Saturday, December 24

Christmas Vigil: 3:00 pm, 5:00 pm (Children), 7:00 pm (Youth), 9:00 pm (Spanish), Midnight

Sunday, December 25

Christmas Day: 6:45 am, 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am, 12:30 pm (Spanish)

Adoration Chapel Hours

December 23: Reposed after the 5 pm Mass

December 24: Closed

December 25: Closed

December 26: Exposition after the 8:30 am Mass, and 24/7 resumes.

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The story of the birth of Jesus is often misunderstood. But this fast-paced, thought-provoking look at the true story of the Nativity clears away widespread misunderstandings of Jesus’ origin. Join top scholars, inspirational speakers, and popular authors as they explain the story behind the story of the birth of Jesus. The Story of the Nativity also includes stunning works of art depicting the biblical story, from Fra Angelico to Rembrandt, and footage

from the Holy Land showing the places where the Christmas story actually took place. Explore the true story of Mary and Joseph, Jesus’s miraculous conception, the birth of John the Baptist, the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem, the Star of Bethlehem, and the birth of Jesus. This is an invaluable tool for believer and unbeliever alike to learn more about Jesus of Nazareth and about the truth of Christmas.



Watch FREE on FORMED.org under “Watch” then “Documentary” then “Life & Witness of Mary”

Training for New Readers

Mon, Jan 8

Do you hear the call to proclaim Sacred Scripture at Mass? Come and attend 5 training and practice sessions to be held on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm starting on January 8, 2018. These sessions will be held in the Sacristy and altar area of the church. Please register in advance. Call 925-667-4095 or email: Liturgy@StMichaelLivermore.com.

Puzzles

A New Ministry to Help Put the Pieces Together after a Loss
Wed, Jan 10

Join us in a gentle, safe environment to share your feelings of any kind of loss: health and aging, friendships and family, relocations and career, addictions and special needs... any kind of loss. Puzzles is a place to help put the pieces together and feel whole again in Christ.

Join us Wednesday, January 10 in the new upstairs Conference Room in the Ed Center at 6:00 pm. Contact Tommie Hogan at 925-292-1653 or tommie1943@gmail.com

Latin Mass Returns

Sun, Jan 14 at 8:00 am

As part of our Centennial celebration, we will offer the traditional Latin Mass every second Sunday at 8:00 am, from January through June. This is an opportunity to experience the same Mass that parishioners at St Michael's celebrated in this same building from 1918 through about 1970. Come and worship in the ancient and unchanging Catholic tradition! More information found at:

StMichaelLivermore.com/Latin

Who Would You Invite

to a free dinner to talk about life's biggest questions and faith?

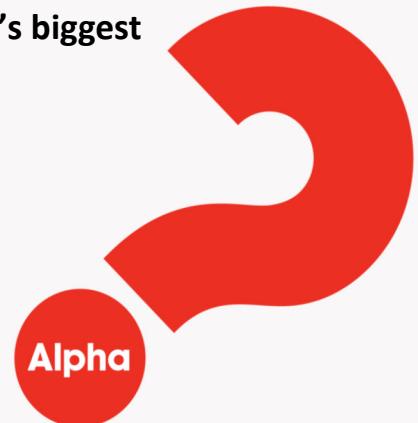
Tuesday, January 9, at 6:30 pm

St Michael's "Small Hall"
326 Maple Street, Livermore

Please RSVP so we know how much food to prepare!

Alpha@StMichaelLivermore.com or
925-352-8447

More info at StMichaelLivermore.com/Alpha



New Bible Study Class on the Mass

Thurs, Jan 11

A Biblical Walk Through the Mass takes a unique tour of the Liturgy, exploring the biblical roots of the words and gestures we experience in the Mass. This intriguing look at the Mass is sure to renew your faith and deepen your devotion to the Eucharist.

This 5-session series will meet on Thursdays from January 11-February 8 at 6:30 pm in the Convent. Please order your materials in advance from AscensionPress.com or 1-800-376-0520 for \$19.95.

Questions? Email Ken at steamboatwillie1928@comcast.net

Knights of Columbus 45th Annual Crab Feed

Sat, Feb 10



Join us for the best crab and pasta in town, live entertainment, dancing, raffles and auctions!

Robert Livermore Community Center
4 pm - 11 pm
\$55 per person

Tickets sold after Mass or by calling Mark & Claire at 925-443-5873

GUADALUPE

Y EL MISTERIO DEL VERBO ENCARNADO

XAVIER FERNANDEZ



Guadalupe y el Misterio del Verbo Encarnado

Xavier Fernandez

La aparicion en el Tepeyac trajo el Hijo de Dios al Nuevo Mundo como lo trajo a la cueva de Belen hace dos mil anos. Los sacrificios de las piramides aztecas han sido remplazados por el sacrificio eterno del Cordero en los altares catolicos. Cada senal milagrosa tiene un significado y el de Guadalupe es recordar que en la eucarista el verbo encarnado que entro en el cuerpo de Maria entra de nueva en cada uno de nosostros. En esta presentacion el codice de Guadalupe es revelado desde una perspectiva asombrosa, la relacion entre Maria, el Aposcalipsis, y la sagrada eucarista.

FORMED.org. Obtenga su cuenta gratis usando código parroquial P4XNPZ

Inmaculada Concepción: Día de obligación

Viernes, 8 de diciembre

Celebramos la concepción de la Santísima Virgen María, quien fue concebida por medios biológicos normales en el vientre de su madre, Santa Ana, pero Dios actuó sobre su alma, manteniéndola "inmaculada" y libre del pecado original.

Los católicos honran su compromiso y obediencia a Jesús y a su iglesia al asistir a la Misa en los Días Santos. Las Misas en San Miguel serán las siguientes:

Misa de Vigilia el jueves, 7 de diciembre a las 6:00 p.m. y 7:30 p.m. (español)
Viernes, 8 de diciembre a las 8:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 7:30 p.m. Español

Si va estara fuera del área, visite MassTimes.org para encontrar una parroquia cerca suyo.

La Misa en latin regresa a San Miguel en enero

La Misa tradicional en latin volverá a San Miguel, en el segundo domingo de cada mes, a las 8:00 AM., desde enero a junio. Esto es parte de los festejos del 100 aniversario de nuestra iglesia, y una oportunidad para celebrar la misa de la misma manera que las personas lo hicieron en esta Iglesia de San Miguel durante años. Es también una oportunidad, para que nuestras diversas culturas étnicas se unan en adoración. Tendremos misales disponibles con traducción del latin al español, para que podamos seguir las oraciones en latin.

Registration de Flocknote

Regístrese para recibir anuncios especiales de San Miguel en español a través de texto o correo electrónico. Sólo mandar texto MIGUEL al 202-765-3441.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura -- Isaías ruega por el retorno del Señor (Isaías 63:16-17, 19; 64:2-7).

Salmo -- Señor, Dios nuestro, restauranos que brille tu rostro y nos salve (Salmo 80 [79]).

Segunda lectura -- Pablo está agradecido por las bendiciones que los corintios han recibido debido a su fe en Jesús (1 Corintios 1:3-9).

Evangelio -- Jesús dice a los discípulos que estén siempre alertas a la llegada del tiempo designado (Marcos 13:33-37).

Information | Información

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Mass | Misa

Mon-Sat | Lu-Sa 8:30 am

Wed | Mi 7:00 pm (español)

Sat Vigil | Vigilia del Sábado

5:00 pm (English), 7:00 pm (español)

Sunday | Domingo

6:45 am, 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am, 12:30 pm (español), 6:00 pm

Sign Language | Lenguaje por Señas

1st Sun, 11:00 am

Primer domingo a las 11:00 am

Vietnamese | Vietnamita

4th Sun, 3:30 pm

Cuarto domingo a las 3:30 pm

Confession | Confesión

Saturday, in the church |

Sábado en la iglesia

9:00 am & 3:45 pm in English

6:15 pm en español

1st & 3rd Wed in the Convent Chapel,
at 2:30 pm in English

Anointing of the Sick | Unción de los Enfermos

1st Saturday after 8:30 am Mass or by
appointment: 925-447-1585 |

1er sábado después de las 8:30 am Misa
o con cita previa: 925-447-1585

Eucharistic Adoration | Adoración Eucarística

24/7 in the Chapel. For after hours access
code, call 925-980-4826 |

24/7 en la Capilla. Para el código de acceso
después de las horas, llame al 925-980-4826

Office Hours | horas de oficina

M-F 8:30 am—5:00 pm (closed dur-
ing lunch)

Sun 8:30 am—12:30 pm

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Rev. Alfonso Borgen, Parochial Vicar
Rev. David Staal, Associate
Rev. Alfred Amos, In Residence
Rev. Stanislaus Poon, Retired
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