



Second Sunday of Advent December 7, 2025

G O S P E L M E D I T A T I O N

Matthew 3:1-12

This week we hear that John the Baptist is out in the wilderness eating “**Locusts and wild honey**”(**Mark 1:6**). It’s not just a strange historical detail. It’s a symbolic expression of a healthy spiritual diet. The path to Christ includes both the hard and the beautiful, the gritty and the sweet. We have to learn to gulp the locusts and savor the honey.

I remember working with a young couple preparing for marriage. They were sincere, but raw—barely beginning to discover faith. Part of me wanted to rush them ahead, to fill in all the gaps, to bombard them with scripture and church documents. I swallowed that instinct. It was like eating locusts.

But I also recall them light up as they spoke about each other, about their first child, then their second. And they wanted to be close to God. Something innocent and beautiful was unfolding. That was the honey. I knew God was asking me to savor it.

This Advent, maybe we’re each being invited to accept both locusts and honey. Maybe it’s time to stop avoiding the difficult parts of faith—prayer that feels dry, the call to repentance, the patience with the troublesome. It’s time to eat some locusts.

But we also need to notice the small gifts God gives us : a peaceful moment, a good conversation, the joy of serving someone else, new life, good intentions of our friends. That’s the honey. Savor it!

John didn’t avoid either. He took it all in. And so can we. What are your locusts? Your honey? If we let God feed us with both, we’ll be ready—really ready—for the coming of Christ.

— Father John Muir

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday— Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6,
11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday— Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday— Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday— Is 41:13-20/11:11-15

Friday— Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a,12-1
-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/ Lk 1:26-
38 or Lk 1:39-47

Saturday— Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a,
10-13

Sunday— Is 35:1-6a, 10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt
11:2-11

Observances for the Week

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent

Monday: The Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday: St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

Wednesday: Our Lady of Loreto

Thursday: St. Damasus I, Pope

Friday: Our Lady of Guadalupe

Saturday: St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

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*Thank you for your very generous
and continued support to the parish!*

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 5pm: Lector: *John Kieseewetter*

Minister: *John Williams, Barb Taddeo*
Genevieve Welch

Server: *Max & Maggie*

Sun 7:30am: Lector: *Dee Ketchum*

Minister: *Denise Palmer*

Server: *Dj*

Sun 9am: Lector: *Stacie McGrady*

Minister: *Nancy Tulchinsky, Kim Giles*
Julie Young

Server: *Noah Giles*

Sun 11:15 am: Lector: *Fernanda Godinez*

Minister: *Katerina Hicks, Lillian Casey*
Josie Hernandez

Server: *Mateus Morgan*

Upcoming Events

December 6— Church Pot-Luck

December 12— Our Lady of Guadalupe
9am Mass

December 16— R.E Christmas Concert 7am

December 18— Communal Reconciliation
Mass 6pm

December 24— 4pm Kids Mass/ 5:30 Mass
Midnight Mass

December 25— 10am Christmas Day Mass

Note* The Office will be closed from
December 24th— January 2nd

AA Meetings are offered in our parish hall
each Sunday 7pm and Wednesday 6pm

Prayer Requests



If you or a member of your family would like our faith community of Immaculate Conception Church to join you in prayers for special needs, call the parish office. Names will be removed periodically. If your loved one has been removed and is still in need of prayers please let us know.

Please take some time this week to remember the following in your prayers: Phyllis Cruz, Cindy Pena, Kathleen Connolly, Wes & Betty Brookshire, Patrick Dooling, Kathleen Mitchell, John Mitchell, Linda Vaccarezza, John Garioto, Michael Mitchell, Steve Markowski, Nicole Wong, Lily Klauer, Eric Gibson, Bobby Aceves, Miranda Lee, Isaac Lee, Diane Alves, Nancy Pence, Angelita Aguirre, Fernando De La Torre, Nancy Appenzeller, Matt Acconero, Isaias Perez, Tim Osquiza, Sally Stephenson, Oscar Carrillo, Margie LeGrand, Nicholas Matos, Tanner Ullon, Jeff French, Vince Milazzo, Colleen Aguirre, Martin Vallejo, David Shields, Presley Dias, Anita Pedrazzi, Jude Wong, Octaviano Luna, Joe Postigo, Johnny Bermio, Corylan Stranski, Kay Soares, Doris Stubben, Barry Eisenberg, Gigi Cutillo, Juliana Barrios, Evelyn Scally, Ramiro Acevedo, Loise Callens, Joey Dias, Phillip Cosentino, Donna Howe, Dee Ketchum, Dian Markowski, Rogerio Moitoso, Frank Viera, Sharon Hawkins, Loly Munro, Deana Dyson-Miller, Lisbeth Flores, Emma Herrera, Rohit Sharma, David McGovert Sr., Daniel Lee, Esther E, Altigracia, Drea Cedillo

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased: Leon Sarrinhaus, Art Cruz



Parish News!!!

- Our Livestream Sunday 9am Mass can be found on our YouTube page.
- Each Friday morning prior to the 8:30am morning Mass you are welcome at 8:00am for prayer of the Holy Rosary.
- AED's are located at the entrance to the church to the right of the stairs under the choir loft and also in the hall near the front door.
- We are looking for ministers, lectors and servers for our Sunday 7:30am, 9am, 11:15 am and our Saturday 5pm Masses. If you would like to help serve during Mass, please contact the office for more information.
- **December 14th Pancake Breakfast with Santa after Sunday 9am Mass. Bring your camera's to take pictures with Santa. Everyone is Welcome!**
- **Church Pot-Luck after the 5pm mass on December 6th. Contact Barb Taddeo at 630-1984 if you would like to join and bring a dish.**
- ***Please join us on Monday December the 8th, Holy day of obligation, for our 8:30am or 6pm Mass to celebrate the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.***

Christmas Concert



Tickets are on sale NOW for the Sounds of the Season **December 16th**. Purchase tickets in the office or keep a look out for the table set up out front after Mass. Adult tickets are \$15 and \$10 for kids. Get ready to sing along with traditional Christmas music. Meet the Grinch, Hippopotamus Santa Claus and other Christmas time friends. We will honor the Nativity, light a candle and sing Silent Night at the Grotto. Wear your ugliest Christmas sweater and join our Ugly Christmas sweater contest! Free refreshments and everyone will receive a special gift. Concert starts at 7pm. You can also pre-order Dee's Cowboy Cookies for a limited time only! They will go fast. You can purchase a dozen made or frozen for \$15 Please see Dee or Denise after Mass or call the office. 831-628-3216 We will be supporting our troops overseas by collecting toiletries that can be dropped off the night of the concert. Thank you for your continued support!

Christmas Giving Tree



Last week ALL Dove Gift tags were "adopted." Thank you! The need was so great that we have 26 adopted families. Our tree is still full of Dove Grocery gift card requests. These gift cards are greatly needed. Specific directions are on each dove. Both the gifts and grocery gift cards can be dropped off at the church office during business hours or with the ushers at Sunday Masses. All items are due before or on December 10th. Thank you for your generosity toward San Benito County locals in need.

ICC Altar Society

We are collecting coats, new socks, sleeping bags and pet coats to support members of our community in need this season. Your generous donations will help keep individuals and their beloved pets warm and safe during the colder months. If you would like to help, please drop off items in the marked containers at the entrance of the church. We will be collecting until January 1st. Thank you for helping us share warmth and compassion with others.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 6
5:00pm

†Elias Casas *req. by: Sally Stephenson*
Judith Wong *req. by: Family*

Sunday, December 7
7:30am

†Felipe Velazquez *req. by: Family*

9:00am

†Kenneth & †Marilyn Vaccarezza
req. by: Family
Health of Rohit Sharma
req. by: Dr Sharma

11:15am

†Sally Valdivia *req. by: Family*
Health of Nicole Wong *req. by: Family*

Monday, December 8
8:30am

Health of Frank & Theresa Vieira
req. by: Mary Perez

†Mark Kirk *req. by: Glenyce Lee Heiner*
†Alice & †George Wong
req. by: Family

*** 6:00pm**

†Leon Sarringhaus
req. by: Larry & Diane Barr
†Mark Kirk *req. by: Family*

Tuesday, December 9
No Services

Wednesday, December 10
No Services

Thursday, December 11
8:30am

† Gary Ware *req. by: Kathie Ware*
Matt Peters *req. by: Family*

Friday, December 12
*** 9:00am**

† Marie Luong *req. by: The Umfleets*
† Sharon Corini *req. by: Nick Corini*

Donuts & Coffee



Join us this weekend
after the Sunday 9am Mass for
Donuts and coffee.

Religious Education Update: Director : Dee Ketchum

1st Communion Session— Dec 10th
December 17th

Nativity Service in the Hall on the
24th (practice for 2nd yr. prior 2:30)

Confirmation Session - Dec 14
Session : Dec 14 serve 12:15 Mass
Jan 4th, 18th

O.C.I.A class for adults (18+) who want
to complete their Sacraments of Initiation
in the Catholic Faith. Sacraments include
Baptism, and /or First Communion and/or
Confirmation. **Session: Dec 7**