



1st Sunday of Advent
November 30, 2025

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

Matthew 24:37-44

A few years ago, my house was broken into on Super Bowl Sunday. Turns out, it's a great day for burglars. If the TV isn't on, people are probably watching the game somewhere else, so... easy pickins'. I'll never forget walking into my bedroom and realizing someone had been there. My stuff was thrown all over the floor. The closet was torn apart. It was disorienting and disturbing—someone had invaded the space I thought was secure. After that, I bought an alarm system. And every Super Bowl Sunday since, I'm extra careful to lock the doors and keep the lights on. That experience made me more alert. Not scared. Just attentive.

That's much like the spiritual place Jesus wants us to be on this first Sunday of Advent. He doesn't start the season with soft candlelight and cozy manger scenes. He starts with two brutal images: a flood and a thief. In other words, chaos and violation. Why? Because life will flood us. Chaos *will* come. And in the midst of it, Christ will come like a thief—not to steal us back. He is the intruder we should want. The one who breaks in, not to ransack, but to rescue. Christ presents himself as the thief but also the new Noah. He builds the ark of the Church to carry us through the flood. And he invites us to join him. How? By participating fully in our parishes. By making our homes places of prayer. By guarding our hearts with truth. By refusing to let spiritual complacency leave us exposed. By repentance.

This Advent, don't just stay vaguely "awake." Prepare. Build. Watch. The flood will come. But so will he.

— Father John Muir

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday— Is 4:2-6/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday— Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday— Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday— Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21,24-27

Friday— Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday— Is 30:19-21,23-26/Mt
9:35—10:1,5a,6-8

Sunday— Is 11:1-10/Rom 15:4-9/Mt
3:1-12

Observances for the Week

Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent

Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday: St. Francis Xavier,
Priest

Thursday: St. John Damascene, Priest
and Doctor of the Church

Friday:

Saturday: St. Nicholas, Bishop

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

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 5pm: Lector: Brenda Zanger

Minister: John Williams, Barb Taddeo
John Garioto

Server: Mary Perez

Sun 7:30am: Lector: Dee Ketchum

Minister: Denise Palmer

Server: Dj

Sun 9am: Lector: Stacie McGrady

Minister: Joan Sarrinhaus, Kim Giles
Julie Young

Server: Noah Giles

Sun 11:15 am: Lector: John Anderson

Minister: Mary Macias, Lillian Casey
Lorri Zamzow

Server: Elias De la Rosa

Upcoming Events

November 30— 1st Sunday of Advent

December 1— Baptism Prep-Class

December 4— Altar Society Mtg 4:30

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

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, Art Cruz

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased: Leon Sarrinhaus



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.
- **Altar Society would like to invite you to attend their next meeting. They will meet in the Hall at 4:30pm on December 4th, 2025.**

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

The Christmas Giving Tree is out this weekend. This year the Altar Society is working with the local Hollister office of Catholic Charities. All needy recipients reside in San Benito County.

There are **2 ways** you can help:

#1 ~TAKE A GIFT TAG: Please use the dove tag you took from the Giving Tree as a gift tag by attaching it to your wrapped present. Please do not leave presents under the Giving Tree. Return your wrapped and tagged gifts to the church office during office hours or to the usher at your Sunday mass by December 10th

#2 ~ TAKE A GROCERY CARD TAG: We prefer you purchase a Hollister Super grocery gift card. Be sure to have them mark your card at purchase so that it can only be redeemed for groceries. That is why we like their gift cards. Please return the gift card in an envelope and place it in the collection basket at Mass or return it to the church office during office hours. Gift cards are also due by December 10th.

On behalf of those in need, the ICC Altar Society thanks you for your generosity this Christmas.



Church Potluck

You're warmly invited to join us for a church potluck— a special time of fellowship, good food, and community! Bring your favorite dish to share. It's a wonderful opportunity to meet new friends, reconnect with familiar faces, and the joy of gathering together. This event will be in the Hall on December 6th the 1st Saturday of Advent after the 5pm Mass. Please contact Barb Taddeo at 630-1984. To sign up to bring a dish or if you have any questions.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 29

5:00pm

†Joe Collison *req. by: Arlene Collison*

Sunday, November 30

7:30am

†Felipe Velazquez *req. by: Bible Group*

9:00am

†Steven Escobar *req. by: Phyllis Lanini*

†Anthony Todd Norwoid

11:15am

Health of Rohit Sharma

req. by: Dr Sharma

Monday, December 1

8:30am

†Meg Groeling *req. by: Robert Groeling*

Tuesday, December 2

No Services

Wednesday, December 3

No Services

Thursday, December 4

8:30am

† Robert Reed *req. by: Robert*

Friday, December 5

8:30am

All Souls *req. by: Tau*

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 3

December 10th, 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.

Registration forms are still available.

Next session: November 24th

