

# 1<sup>ST</sup> Sunday OF ADVENT

St. Kilian Catholic Church  
December 3, 2023



*"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come."*

Mark 13:33

Rev. Angelos Sebastian, Pastor  
Rev. Brandon Lopez, Parochial Vicar  
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Rev. Jim Dunning, Pastor Emeritus  
Rev. Miguel Batres, O. Praem.  
Rev. Jack Sewell

Deacon Bob Kelleher  
Deacon Mark Martin  
Deacon John Silberstein

## WEEKDAY MASS

Monday-Friday: 6:30 am & 9:00 am  
Saturday: 8:00 am

## WEEKEND MASS

4:30 pm Saturday Vigil  
7:00 am 8:30 am 10:30am  
12:00 pm 1:30 pm *Spanish* 5:00 pm  
Melkite Liturgy: December 17, 6:30pm

## RECONCILIATION

8:45 am Saturday following Mass  
6:30 pm Wednesday

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## WORSHIP AID

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### GLORIA:

*Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.*

### **FIRST READING: Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7**

You, Lord, are our father, our redeemer you are named forever. Why do you let us wander, O Lord, from your ways, and harden our hearts so that we fear you not? Return for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your heritage. Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, with the mountains quaking before you, while you wrought awesome deeds we could not hope for, such as they had not heard of from of old. No ear has ever heard, no eye ever seen, any God but you doing such deeds for those who wait for him. Would that you might meet us doing right, that we were mindful of you in our ways! Behold, you are angry, and we are sinful; all of us have become like unclean people, all our good deeds are like polluted rags; we have all withered like leaves, and our guilt carries us away like the wind. There is none who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to cling to you; for you have hidden your face from us and have delivered us up to our guilt. Yet, O Lord, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter: we are all the work of your hands.

*Lector: The Word of the Lord. ALL: Thanks be to God.*

### **REPONSORIAL: PSALM 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19**

**"Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved."**

- O shepherd of Israel, hearken, from your throne upon the cherubim, shine forth. Rouse your power, and come to save us.
- Once again, O Lord of hosts, look down from heaven, and see; take care of this vine, and protect what your right hand has planted the son of man whom you yourself made strong.
- May your help be with the man of your right hand, with the son of man whom you yourself made strong. Then we will no more withdraw from you; give us new life, and we will call upon your name.

### **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

Brothers and sisters:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always on your account for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus, that in him you were enriched in every way, with all discourse and all knowledge, as the testimony to Christ was confirmed among you, so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will keep you firm to the end, irreproachable on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Lector: The Word of the Lord. ALL: Thanks be to God.*

### **GOSPEL: Mark 13:33-37**

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own work, and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch. 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. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'"

*Priest/Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord. ALL: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.*

**PROFESSION OF FAITH**

***I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (bow your head through "and became man") and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.***

**LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

***ALL: May the Lord accept this sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.***

**HOLY**

***Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.***

**MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION**

***We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again. (OR)***

***Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free. (OR)***

***When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.***

**LAMB OF GOD**

***Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us.***

***Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us.***

***Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Grant us peace.***

**HOLY COMMUNION**

***Celebrant: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.***

***Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.***

***ALL: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.***

**PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL**

***Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray: and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into Hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.***

***Celebrant: The Mass has ended. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!***

***ALL: Thanks be to God.***



*Welcome  
to our  
newly  
baptized!*

Luka Daniel Andrijevich  
Grayson Lane Michinock  
London Grace Nguyen



## Confirmation Retreat Success!



Our teens were able to step away from the busyness of life and experience Christ's love at an unhurried pace. Their retreat theme was from Isaiah 44:22, "Return to me, for I have redeemed you" and they could feel the redemption! Continue your prayers for our youth - the 2nd half will go on retreat in January.

# It's our 4th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting!

SATURDAY  
DECEMBER 9  
6pm (new time)  
ST. KILIAN COURTYARD



Specialty ice cream treats  
by Atomio Creamery

Hot chocolate  
and coffees  
by Moonwood Coffee



Guess who'll be here?!



Christmas Music

Photo ops

Snow sledding  
(This can be you!)



## Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Mass Times for the  
Holy Day of Obligation:

**THURSDAY**  
**DECEMBER 7**  
6:30 pm Vigil

**FRIDAY**  
**DECEMBER 8**  
6:30 am  
9:00 am  
12:00 pm  
6:30 pm  
8:00 pm Spanish

## Advent Penance Services

4 December at 7pm  
*Santiago de Compostela, Lake Forest*

6 December at 7pm  
**ST. KILIAN CHURCH**  
*Mission Viejo*

18 December at 7pm  
*St. Thomas More, Irvine*

20 December at 7pm  
*St. Nicholas, Laguna Woods*

22 December at 7pm  
*Our Lady Queen of Angels, Newport Beach*



## Prayer Requests

Requests should be made by email to [office@stkilianchurch.org](mailto:office@stkilianchurch.org) by Monday to appear in the upcoming bulletin, and have permission for publication. Names will appear for four consecutive bulletins.

If you are interested in a Mass intention, please contact the office to schedule a Mass.

### Those who are sick

Barbara Thompson  
 Judith Heck  
 Karen Kline-Mina  
 Maria Elena De Artola  
 Alejandro De Artola  
 Thomas Daly,  
 Vincent Esguerra  
 Roxzane Doran  
 Shirley Richardson  
 Agnes Minton  
 Charles De Capite  
 Kim Adams  
 Colleen McKernan  
 Vicki Phelps  
 John Bolger  
 Russ Quinn  
 Steve Tebben  
 Russ Finnegan  
 Victoria Walsh  
 John Whittaker  
 Juan Vargas  
 Joseph Paredes  
 Nicole Bilambila  
 Kevin Lin

### Those who have recently died

Virginia Dalena  
 Blanca Ledesma  
 Diane Aiello  
 Edgar Etienne Escobari  
 Maria Mendez  
 Mark Coplan  
 Pamela Mack  
 Terry Mack  
 Robert Kennedy  
 Mariela Morales  
 Michelle Montez  
 Eva Sandez  
 Gloria Franco  
 Adrian Lopez  
 Norma Bautista  
 Alan Stewart  
 Charlie Muñoz  
 Enid Harriet Sirimanne  
 Earl Santy  
 Pauline Hurley

Bailey Damico  
 Carol O'Connell

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE MEN AND WOMEN SERVING OUR COUNTRY

**Afghanistan:** Zach Moreland, Stephen Bohanan, Renee Barrett, Clayton Lamb, Jordan Franco, Robert Charles Holmes Jr, Christopher Pampichail  
**Bahrain:** Christine Cawayan, Richard Erk III  
**Colorado:** William Alarcon, William Radecki  
**Djibouti, East Africa:** Andrew Hill  
**East Africa:** Daniel "Justin" Fowler  
**Florida:** Charles Madden IV, James Pham  
**Georgia:** Reece Ludwig, John Richmond, Joseph Browne  
**Germany:** Brian Lewerts, Liz Rewerts  
**Hawaii:** Robert Ortiz, Renelyn Macapinlac  
**Idaho:** Lauren Elliott  
**Iraq:** Brett Conover  
**Japan:** Vince Ramos, Tyler Newton, Brad Cope, Jordan Tanap, Diego Walker  
**Libya:** Logan Currie  
**Los Angeles AFB:** Charles Salerno  
**Mediterranean Fleet:** Dylan Connor  
**Middle East:** Nikko Tanap  
**Mississippi:** Brendan Bohem  
**Montana:** Daniel Forrest  
**Okinawa:** Alfredo Samson Jr., Sean & Elizabeth Pham  
**Pacific:** Theodore Bucierka, Scott Burbach  
**Romania:** Zachary Ensign  
**San Diego/Camp Pendelton:** Chris Diaz Rivera, David Rehnberg, Jacob Brandon, Mariel Bongolan  
**South Carolina:** Evan Colclough  
**South Korea:** Christopher Mathis, John Regan, Pascal Hernandez, Dylan Zanki  
**Texas:** Chase Alarcon, Miranda McElvogue  
**United Arab Emirates:** Shannon Zintgraff  
**Utah:** Jason Hunt  
**Virginia:** Rey Tanap, Ryan Bohem, Vincent R. Pahlia  
**Washington:** Sara Hunt  
**Washington D.C.:** Victor G. Ray

To include a family member's name serving our country, email [office@stkilianchurch.org](mailto:office@stkilianchurch.org)

**Celtic Christmas**  
*Outlander & Titanic*  
**piper Eric Rigler**  
 with Dirk Freymuth

**Sun, Dec. 10 | 3PM**

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## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Monday, December 4, 2023

6:30 am Michael Filamor †  
 9:00 am Helen Mathewson †

### Tuesday, December 5, 2023

6:30 am Marie Hanson †  
 9:00 am Mario Martin Del Campo †

### Wednesday, December 6, 2023

6:30 am Cecilia Sabile †  
 9:00 am Henry Zakrzewski †

### Thursday, December 7, 2023

6:30 am Nancy November †  
 9:00 am Patrick Roche †

### Friday, December 8, 2023

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

### Saturday, December 9, 2023

8:00 am James Trong Nguyen and  
 Therese Bay Huynh †  
 4:30 pm Dino & Amalia Cataro, Pauline Hurley,  
 John Lester, Raymond & Mary Fernandez,  
 Mark Bindenagel, Dan Horgan,  
 Reyna Rivero, Karen Siapho Chavez and  
 Mark Coplan † and for the intentions of  
 Thomas & Mari Bownen

### Sunday, December 10, 2023

7:00 am Intentions of the Volmer Family  
 8:30 am Gary Tebben, John Eppich, Toni Abbod,  
 Florentino Dayrit, Dayrit Family,  
 Tewfick Bittar & Odette El Kateb,  
 Anna M. Hernandez, John W. Marshall,  
 Taren Franco † and for the intentions of  
 Bert Susanka  
 10:30 am Cindy Stoker †  
 12:00 pm For the Parishioners of St. Kilian  
 1:30 pm Consuelo Bustos †  
 5:00 pm Earl Santy †

## Weekly Offering

November 25/26, 2023

Cash/Checks \$ 20,584

EFT 10,495

Weekly Total \$ 31,079

\*Online offertory donations from  
 11/21 through 11/27/2023

Scan the QR code and set up  
 online giving – it's easy!  
 Or call the Parish Office  
 to set it up 949-586-4440.  
 Thank you for your donations!



## Weekly Readings

### Week of December 4

Monday	1 John 3:22—4:6 Psalm 2:7bc-8, 10-12a Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday	1 John 4:7-10 Psalm 72:1-4, 7-8 Mark 6:34-44
Wednesday	1 John 4:11-18 Psalm 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 Mark 6:45-52
Thursday	1 John 4:19—5:4 Psalm 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17 Luke 4:14-22a
Friday	1 John 5:5-13 Psalm 147:12-15, 19-20 Luke 5:12-16
Saturday	1 John 5:14-21 Psalm 149:1-6a, 9b John 3:22-30
Sunday	Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 Psalm 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30 Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7 Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

## Recent Fundraisers and Collections

- \$47, 844 to Mission Cooperative helping support seminarians in India and more
- \$6,760 to Walking with Women collection to support pregnancy centers in Orange County
- \$9,700 collected on Thanksgiving to support St. Anne's School in Santa Ana
- \$73,400 raised at our golf tournament with about \$20,000 of it raised through "Fund-A-Need" for new rectory expenses.

**AMAZING!**





# See's CANDIES



Save a trip to the mall and buy your See's Candies at St. Kilian Church! Each purchase will help support a great organization, our St Kilian MOPS & MomsNext group.

WEEKENDS of December 2/3 and 9/10  
(While supplies last!)



## ST. KILIAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

Inviting all women to come enjoy a festive time!

### Christmas Luncheon

Friday, December 15 at 11am  
Mission Viejo Country Club

25200 Country Club Dr. Mission Viejo  
Salad, Entrée, Dessert & Beverage  
(No Host Bar)

Performance by El Toro High School  
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Please make \$40 check to St.K CCW  
with your meal selection of  
Salmon, Baked Chicken or Sirloin Steak  
Mail to Mary Curtis at

27932 Windsor, Mission Viejo, CA 92692  
Questions? Call Mary 949-400-1968

**Reservations and payments must  
be received by December 10!**

SK MUSIC MINISTRY PRESENTS



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15  
7:00 PM  
ST. KILIAN CHURCH

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

A CHRISTMAS CONCERT

*featuring the SK Choirs, Children Choir,  
Soloists & Chamber Orchestra as we prepare  
for Christ's birth under the direction of  
Jeremiah Lussier & Samantha Dominguez*

FOLLOWED BY A  
LIGHT RECEPTION  
"IN THE SNOW"



# EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION

*On Christ the King Sunday, hundreds of St. Kilian parishioners processed on Marguerite Parkway, showing witness to our Catholic faith!*



## Diocese Collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious




Please join in thanking the thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who worked tirelessly to educate the young and serve those in need. Next weekend we will have a collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious, which helps hundreds of religious communities care for aging members. Envelopes are in the pews.

**IT TOOK MANY HANDS, BUT WE DID IT!**



**THANKS FOR HELPING TO "RAISE" OUR TREE!**

Guest speaker  
**SR. ROSE MARIE TULACZ**



**FAMILY FAITH FORMATION**

*Surrendering to Jesus this Advent*

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**3** December 2023 | Parents & Children  
 Check-in the Main Hall

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GROUP A: 11:45 AM - 1:00 PM  
 GROUP B: 1:15 - 2:30 PM

\*Talk is open to all parishioners

**ADVENT REFLECTION**

The Families of Nazareth group of St. Kilian invites you to join us for a special Advent Reflection series

**“Awaiting Pure Love”**

We meet Wednesday mornings from 10-11 am in an upstairs classroom for reflections and faith sharing.

For information contact  
 karen\_nagy@yahoo.com

- Nov 29: To Perceive the Loving Presence
- Dec 6: The Jealous Love of God
- Dec 13: Spiritual Poverty as a Childlike Attitude
- Dec 20: Looking for the Redeeming Action of Christ to Come in the Eucharist

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**



*Simbang Gabi*


Saturday, December 16  
 4:30 pm Mass  
 Nativity begins at 4pm  
 Courtyard Reception following



*Las Posadas*

A FIESTA COMMEMORATING MARY AND JOSEPH'S JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM TO FIND SHELTER

Sunday, December 17  
 2:30 pm



Food | Piñata | Music  
 Everyone is invited!



Iglesia Católica  
de San Kilian

3 de Diciembre 2023

### MISAS

Sagrada Misa Dominical  
en español a la 1:30 pm

*Lunes - Viernes*  
6:30am y 9:00am en  
ingles, tendremos  
exposición al Santísimo  
de 7am a 8:55am

*Sábado*  
8:00am en ingles

### CONFESIONES

En español e inglés  
los sábados por la  
mañana después de la  
Misa de las 8:00am  
y los miércoles a la  
6:30pm

### BAUTISMOS

Bautismos en Español,  
si está interesado en  
bautizar a su hijo por  
favor llame a la  
oficina.

### ADOLECENTES

EDGE (Grados 6 a 8)  
es todos los Martes de  
6:30pm a 8:00pm

SKY (High School)  
es todos los miércoles  
de 7:00pm a 8:30pm

# Noticias EN EL HORARIO....



## Celebración de la Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción de la Santísima Virgen María

Tendremos varias misas para la celebración de la Concepción de la Santísima Virgen María, empezando con la vigilia el Jueves 7 de Diciembre a la 6:30 PM, el Viernes 8 de Diciembre 6:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 12:00 PM, 6:30 PM y la misa en Español será a las 8:00 PM. Recuerde este es un día de obligación, agenda su calendario la misa que mejor trabaje para ustedes y sus familias.

## Servicio de Penitencia

6 de Diciembre tendremos varios Sacerdotes escuchando confesiones en español a las 7:00 pm.



## Misa de las Mañanitas a nuestra Patrona la Virgen de Guadalupe

Será el 12 de Diciembre, iniciaremos con el Santo Rosario en el estacionamiento a las 4:30 am y la Misa a las 5:00 am, tendremos una pequeña recepción en el salón de eventos después de la Misa.

## Iluminación del Árbol de Navidad

Agende sus calendarios, la celebración de la Iluminación del Árbol de Navidad será Diciembre 9 a las 6 pm.









## La Posada

Tendremos nuestra posada anual el 17 de Diciembre después de la Misa en Español, agende su Calendario.



# SCHEDULE *at a glance*

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

<p><b>DEC 3</b></p>  <p><b>Family FAITH FORMATION SUNDAY</b> Session A: 10:30a-1pm Session B: 12-2:30pm</p> <p>MOPS See's Candy Sales</p> <p>Monthly Food Drive for Food Pantry</p> <p>Confirmation 1 Class following 5pm Mass</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>7 - 9am Adoration</p> <p>7pm Penance Service at Santiago de Compostela</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>7 - 9am Adoration</p>  <p>9:30am Sisterhood of Ruth</p> <p>10am-12pm Food Pantry </p> <p>6:30pm Jr High EDGE</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>7 - 9am Adoration</p> <p>9:30am Families of Nazareth</p> <p>9:45am SoulCore </p> <p>7pm St. Kilian Advent Penance Service</p> <p>7pm RCIA</p> <p>7pm SKY</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>7 - 9am Adoration</p> <p>9:30am Prayer Shawl</p> <p>1:30pm Bethany</p> <p>6:30pm Vigil Mass Feast of the Immaculate Conception</p> <p>7pm Knights General Meeting</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>7 - 9am Adoration</p> <p>9am-12:30pm Food Pantry </p> <p>Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass times: 6:30am 9am 12noon 6:30pm 8pm Spanish</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>8:45am Confessions</p> <p>6pm Annual Christmas Tree Lighting</p> 
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<p><b>10</b></p> <p>10:30 Mass Children's Liturgy of the Word</p> <p>10:30 Mass RCIA for Children &amp; Class</p> <p>MOPS See's Candy Sales</p> <p>Religious articles for sale</p> <p>Confirmation 2 Class following 5pm Mass</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>7 - 9am Adoration</p> <p>6:30pm Lector Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>Las Mañanitas 4:30am</p>  <p>Rosary 5am</p> <p>Mass Reception following</p> <p>7 - 9am Adoration</p> <p>10am-12pm Food Pantry </p> <p>6:30pm Jr High EDGE</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>7 - 9am Adoration</p> <p>9:30am Families of Nazareth</p> <p><b>FAITH FORMATION</b> Session A: 3:30-4:45pm Session B: 5pm-6:15pm</p> <p>6pm NAMI family support</p> <p>6:20pm Shepherds of Christ</p> <p><b>6:30pm Confessions</b></p> <p>7pm RCIA</p> <p>7pm SKY</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>7 - 9am Adoration</p> <p>9:30am Prayer Shawl</p> <p>1:30pm Bethany</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>7 - 9am Adoration</p> <p>9am-12:30pm Food Pantry </p>  <p>9am MOPS</p>  <p>7pm Christmas Concert &amp; Reception</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>8:45am Confessions</p>  <p>Knights Recycling 7am to 12noon</p>  <p>9:45am SoulCore</p> <p>4:30pm Simbang Gabi Mass and Celebration</p>
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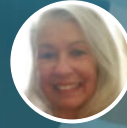
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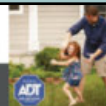
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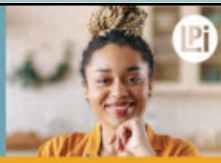
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# Children's Liturgy of the Word

First Sunday of Advent ~ December 3, 2023

Liturgical Color: **PURPLE**

**Parents:** We invite you to spend some time discussing this weekend's readings with your children. By helping them understand God's word, you will help build a strong foundation of faith!

*Theme: We prepare for Jesus' birth. Advent is a time of preparation. We prepare for Christmas by making peace with God and one another. Jesus says, "Be Ready!"*

## Reading (Isaiah 63:16-17, 19, 64:2-7)

In today's first reading, we hear how people have turned away from God. During Advent, we want to grow closer to God and prepare our hearts for Jesus.

## Gospel (Mark 13:33-37)

In today's Gospel, Jesus' disciples wanted to know when Jesus would return to them. Let's listen to what Jesus told them.

## Discussion

- How do we prepare for something important coming up in our lives?
- Jesus tells us in the Gospel to be ready. What does he mean?
- What would you want to be doing when Jesus comes?
- How can we create more peace in our daily lives?

## Advent Wreath Prayer – Week 1: Hope (light 1 purple candle)

Jesus, we are full of hope because we know that you came to Earth on the first Christmas to become our Savior. Help us to learn and know you better during this Advent season. Amen.



## PUZZLE

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel.

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READY  
TIME

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MASTER  
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MORNING

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