

# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

27 November 2016

*Dear Parishioners,*

STAY AWAKE! . . .  
BE PREPARED.

*(Matthew 24:42, 44)*



Today marks the beginning of the Advent season. History tells us that Advent has been observed since around the fourth century AD. Initially, Advent was seen as a time of preparation, both for new believers to be baptized and for all believers to look forward to Jesus' return in glory. As time went on, the emphasis on the Second Coming and baptism remained, and a new emphasis on Jesus' first coming as a baby grew along with it.

Today, it seems that Advent is much more about celebrating Jesus' first coming rather than anticipating his Second Coming. Still, the Church reminds us to use this time to prepare for Christmas and to let it "renew [our] ardent desire for [Jesus'] second coming" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 524).

So with this double goal of celebration and anticipation in mind, Advent has become a season of hope—hope that the baby born in Bethlehem will return one day and usher in the kingdom of God.

Hope is what helps us step out and believe in what we cannot see. Hope is God's grace to accept that there is a certain amount of mystery to our faith and to still be confident that God can work in our lives.

This is not a blind hope, and it's not all an impossible mystery that we will never understand. In the midst of all the mysteries of our faith, we can still believe because of what we do understand: that God's Son came to us on Christmas in order to save us from our sins and fill us with his Holy Spirit.

So for the next four weeks, let's set our hearts on preparing—first, for Christmas and, second, for Jesus' return in glory. And let's do it filled with confidence and hope. Let's tell Jesus, "This world is not my permanent home. I long for a heavenly home. I long to be with you forever. Come, Lord Jesus."

"*☩* come, *☩* come, Emmanuel!"

*Deacon Mark Race, Administrator*

## SAVE THE DATES

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2016**

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
(*Holy Day of obligation*)

Masses at 8AM, and 9:30AM School Mass

### Mass of Anointing

Our church community will celebrate the Sacrament of Anointing of Sick on **Friday, December 9, 2016 at 11AM** here at Transfiguration. A light luncheon will follow.

### Advent-Christmas Penance Service

**Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at 7:30 PM**

at Transfiguration Church.

### Stewardship Thought

*"For you do not know on which day your Lord will come."*

MATTHEW 24:42

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and grow in gratitude for all that we have been given.

### RCIA

*Come, learn or renew your Catholic faith...*

Tuesday, December 6 "History of the Catholic Church", by Fr. Kenneth Keke at Holy Name of Jesus (*Acacia Center*), 1955 W. Jefferson in Los Angeles from 7:00 PM to 8:45 PM.

### PRAY FOR THE SICK

Virgie Aguilar, LaVern Agnew, Brian Argusta, Joyce Barnett, Rose Ball, Percenia Beasley, Veronica Bearce, Fr. Emile Belletty, Sister Juliet Berber, Glenda Brown, Andrei Briggs, Vivian Burgess, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Sister Cecilia Calva, Mary Captain, Alberto Casanova, Jeannie Chapron, Katherine Clark, Sister Ann Paul Clare, Agnes Cooper, Rita Cormire, Edward Cousin, Juanita Davis, Benjie Delille, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Jayden Dunn, Nigel Dunn, Betty Eason, Ferdinand Foye, Betty Flowers, Teresa Franklin, Stacy Franklin, Marian Fussey, Judy Felton-Gardner, Mavis Gibbs, Refugio Godinez, Nancy Goosby, Barbara Harris, Jacqueline Holman, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Mary Jené, Aaron Jittu, Robert Jordan, Aaron Katz, Briana Katz, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Vylfred Manor, Sister Marianna, Dorothy Okoye, Martina Peters, Daisy Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Andrea Raggette, Michelle Raines, Basil Raymond, Dottie Rodriguez, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, George Simon, Sr., Jeremiah Skyes, Darnell Stang, Michele Starks, Annie Starks, Alice Tenette, Leila Thomas, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, Iris Turner, Frank Vidrio, and Peggy Wright.

## DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

<b>Sunday</b>	Is 2:1-5, Ps 122:1-9, Mt 24:37-44
<b>Monday</b>	Is 4:2-6, Mt 8:5-11
<b>Tuesday</b>	Is 11:1-10, Lk 10:21-24
<b>Wednesday</b>	Rom 10:9-18, Mt 4:18-22
<b>Thursday</b>	Is 26:1-6, Mt 7:21-27
<b>Friday</b>	Is 29:17-24, Mt 9:27-31
<b>Saturday</b>	Is 30:19-26, Mt 9:35-10:8
<b>Sunday</b>	Is 11:1-10, Ps 72:1-17, Mt 3:1-12

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Saturday</b> 5:15 PM	<b>November 26</b> Intention of all Parishioners
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:15 PM	<b>November 27</b> Souls of Learie & Larry Apparicio Souls of the Faithful Departed Soul of Angula Bates
<b>Monday</b> 8:00 AM	<b>November 28</b> Souls of the Faithful Departed
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:00 AM	<b>November 29</b> Souls of the Faithful Departed
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:00 AM	<b>November 30</b> Souls of the Faithful Departed
<b>Thursday</b> 8:00 AM	<b>December 1</b> Souls of the Faithful Departed
<b>Friday</b> 8:00 AM	<b>December 2</b> Souls of the Faithful Departed
<b>Saturday</b> 5:15 PM	<b>December 3</b> Soul of Milton Keyes
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:15 PM	<b>December 4</b> Intention of all Parishioners Soul of Connie Farlice Soul of Angela Dupré

## WEEKLY OFFERING for NOVEMBER 20, 2016

\$3,577.56 Tithes and Offering  
428.00 Building Fund  
49.00 We Care"



*Please join us for our*  
**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE**  
**Sunday, November 27, 2016**

*Transfiguration Parish Hall After all Masses.*

### New and Exciting Vendors

Jewelry, Accessories,  
Christmas Ornaments,  
Baked Goods, Yummy Food,  
Children and Adult Books  
and More...

*Enjoy great music and*  
**FREE** picture taken with Santa

**Something for Everyone!**

COME CHECK IT OUT!

For more information, call Vickie Race 310.259.6430  
or Evelyn Payne 323.291.8325.



Please remember your  
**"Together in Mission" 2016**  
**PLEDGE COMMITMENT**

Thanks to all!

**2017 Calendars** are available in the church sacristy for a donation of \$2. Thank you for your support.

*Hope Peace Love Joy*

**ADVENT**

