



# CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION

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**November 28, 2021 First Sunday of Advent**

My dear friends, we now begin a new liturgical year as we celebrate the first Sunday of Advent. Advent comes from the Latin word *adventus* (*parousia* in Greek) which means “arrival or coming” and “presence.” It is the manifestation of something long-awaited. It is a time that we reflect on Israel’s promised savior and remember his birth, as well as anticipate his return. It is a time of joyous remembrance and eager anticipation.

Advent is the time that we look back to the birth of Jesus and look forward at the same time. It is a time of devotion and waiting, of repentance and faith in the promised messiah of Israel. Therefore, let us hold fast to God’s promise and look forward to his arrival. God’s final word to Israel before the coming of Christ were to the prophet Malachi: “Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes. And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers” (Mal 4: 5-6). Thus, as we prepare our hearts for the Christmas celebration, we meditate on the miracle that occurred that night at Bethlehem. Let us heed the word of the Lord and turn our hearts to him!

Join me in celebrating the promised word-made-flesh and remain steadfast in his proclamation this Advent season. I ask that you share your prayer intentions with me — prayers for your loved ones and for those in need of special intercession, for our beloved church and school, and for our world. During the Season of Advent, I will keep your intentions with me as I pray and celebrate the holy Mass and pray the Holy Rosary. At this special time of year, we will be joined together in lifting our prayers to God the Most High, and his son Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Please cut the bottom portion and mail them to the Rectory Office or send an email of your intention requests to [frjohn@assumptionsanleandro.org](mailto:frjohn@assumptionsanleandro.org). I also humbly ask that you remember me and our parishioners in your prayers especially during this holy season. May God continue to bless you and your loved ones.

+ Father John

Dear Father John,

Please remember my special intentions in your prayers this Advent Season.

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*If you wish you, you may email your requests to [frjohn@assumptionsanleandro.org](mailto:frjohn@assumptionsanleandro.org). They will be confidentially printed and added to those mailed.*

## Posture after Receiving Communion

Beginning this Sunday, November 28, on the First Sunday of Advent, we will modify our current practice of standing after receiving Communion to a choice of standing, sitting or kneeling. This change will occur under the guidance of the General Instructions on the Roman Missal (GIRM) and the Diocese of Oakland.

Regarding the Communion Rite, Article 43 in the GIRM says, *"The faithful should stand ... before the Prayer over the Offerings until the end of Mass, ... if appropriate, they may sit or kneel during the period of silence after Communion."*

In 2005, the Diocese of Oakland also issued guidelines for the posture during Communion. The guidelines say, *"... the faithful may stand, sit or kneel after receiving Communion."*

We will implement these guidelines here at Assumption starting next Sunday.

## Spread the Light!

Fund a Christmas Tree and all its Trimmings. We are upgrading and refreshing the decorations we use inside and outside the church so that they are fire retardant and energy efficient.

### *Donation levels*

- St. Nick: \$200 or more**
- Wise Men: \$150 or more**
- Shepherds: \$100 or more**
- Angels: \$50 or more**
- Star: \$10 or more**

Donations can be made either online <https://spreadthelight-101568.square.site/> or <http://www.assumptionsanleandro.org/giving.html> or by dropping off a check to the rectory office.

## Giving Tree

### **Saturday, November 27**

Gifts are for Building Futures children. Gift tags will be hung on Christmas trees in the back of the church. Wrapped gifts must be brought in by December 12.

## Christmas Tree Blessing & Lighting Sunday, November 28th at 5:00pm

Featuring Caroling, Hot Cocoa and Santa Claus in front of the church. Bring a special ornament to

hang. Photos with Santa in the small hall starting at 4:00pm. Sign up for your photo slot: [https:// bit.ly/assumptionsanta](https://bit.ly/assumptionsanta). Tree lighting and caroling at 5:00pm, cookies and hot chocolate to follow.

## Dad's Club Cooking with the Dad's

November 30 details to follow <http://www.assumptiondads.com/>

## Assumption's Annual Women's Advent by Candlelight Thursday, December 2nd at 7pm

We are looking forward to ushering in the Advent Season with our prayer service in the Church this year. Come for a solemn and reflective evening of song and prayer hosted by Assumption's Cursillo Community.

Afterwards we will have fellowship of hot spiced cider, mulled wine and cookies hosted by Assumption School outside the Small Hall.

No need to RSVP, please come, and bring along your daughters, mothers, sisters, aunts and women friends as well.

## First Friday Devotions and Mass

Be a part of our next First Friday Devotions, **Friday December 3rd at 6:00pm**. Eucharistic Adoration, Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by Mass at 7:00pm. Eucharistic Adoration is also following 8:15am Mass until 12:00pm on every Friday morning. *Check out our First Friday Devotions Booklet for the novena and pray with us*

## Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe

Evening Novenas December 3-11  
Feast Day Noon Mass & Celebration  
December 12

## St. Nick's Boutique Friday, December 3rd

For over 25 years, the Assumption community has celebrated the spirit of giving by raising funds for Davis Street's Hot Breakfast Program.

## **NOVEMBER 27—DECEMBER 4, 2021**

*\*We Remember at the Eucharist\**

### **Saturday 27**

8:15a.m. Dee Dee Soltes (Living)

4:30pm Francis Mendoza+

### **Sunday 28**

8:00am People of Assumption Parish

10:00 am Dominga A Marzan+

12:00 noon. Lee & Diana Wardle+

### **Monday 29**

8:15a.m. Maria Martinez (Birthday)

### **Tuesday 30**

8:15a.m. Dee Dee Soltes (Living)

### **Wednesday 1**

8:15a.m. John & Lizette Rocha (Living)

(25th Anniversary)

### **Thursday 2**

10:00am Respect for the Dignity of Life

### **Friday 3**

8:15am Anita Melendez+

### **Saturday 4**

8:15am Leticia Grajeda+

4:30pm Clare Fernandez+

<https://www.32auctions.com/StNicks2021>

## **Anointing of the Sick**

Join us this **Saturday, December 4th after 8:15am mass.**

## **Parish Advent Retreat for ALL**

**Friday, December 10 at 7pm**

**Saturday, December 11 at 9am**

Fr Luke Joseph Leighton and the Brothers of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal will lead us for an Advent Parish Mission for the Church of Assumption December 10th – 11th.

Friday nights program will be a Family Worship and Praise with Fr Luke and two other friars. Saturday's program will have four sessions beginning at 9am. Lunch will be served in the small hall. The talks will be given in the context of Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, with ample opportunity for Confession on Saturday afternoon. The fathers will also be with us for Mass at the Saturday Vigil.

It is a great privilege to have the friars with us – please plan on attending and inviting friends to come along as well! <http://www.assumptionsanleandro.org/calendar-of-events.html>

## **Simbang Gabi**

**December 15-23**

A devotional nine-day series of Masses with a touch of Filipino customs. Join us on **December 15 at 6:30am** and **December 16-23 at 6:30pm.** Simbang Gabi is a perfect preparation for the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Food and Fellowship following every mass

## **VANCO - There is a new button on our Website Giving Page**

Introducing Our New Online Giving We are pleased to announce our new and improved online giving page! Vanco, our eGiving provider, has updated their online giving platform to make it easier than ever to make one-time gifts or set up recurring donations to our church. You can adjust existing donations, set up new gifts and update personal information from the new safe and secure Vanco Online. Here you can make your contribution by credit card. To support us, please go to our website <http://www.assumptionsanleandro.org/giving.html>

*To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.*

*Your ways, O Lord, make known to me: teach me your paths, Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and for you I wait all the day.*

**Please pray for all those who are ill especially:** Sharon Casey, Geraldine Montoya, Bishop John Cummins, Dee Dee Soltes, William Guzman, Mary Theresa Aguiar Melton, Don Rezente and Elisa Quinto-Smith

**THANK YOU for your generosity!**

**SUNDAY COLLECTION**

**Week of November 21, 2021**

**will be available next Sunday**

**EFT for the month of October**

**\$4,763.48**

**Please think about remembering Church of the Assumption in your will.**

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Message:

Please send 250 bulletins