

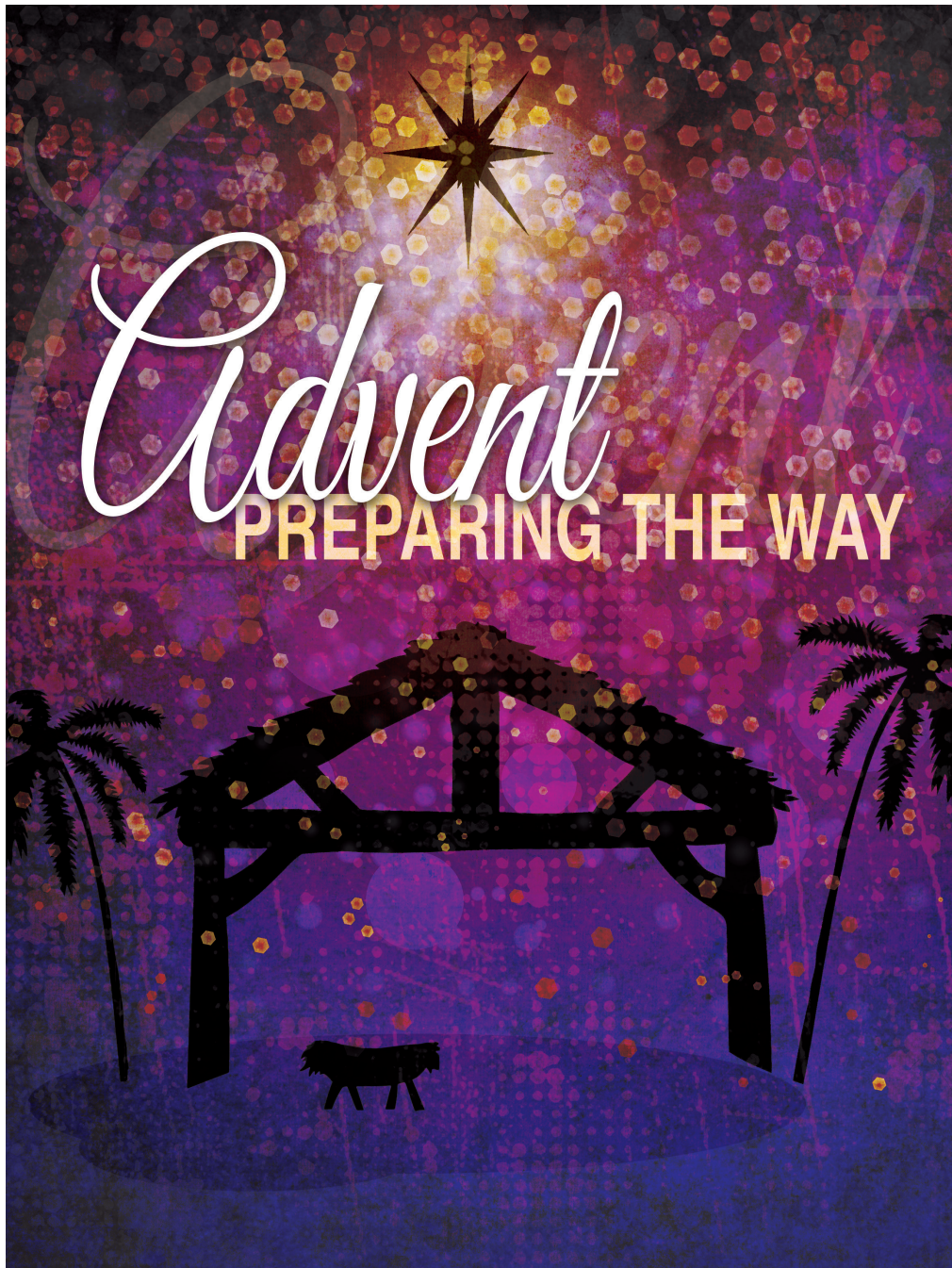


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PRAY & WORSHIP WITH US

Sunday Masses

Vigil Mass (Saturday) | 4:30pm
Sunday | 8:00am, 10:00am
& 12:00pm

Daily Mass

Monday thru Saturday | 8:30am

Confession

Saturday | 3:00pm - 4:00pm
Other | By Appointment

Eucharistic Adoration

Friday | 9:00am - 12:00pm
Saturday | 3:00 pm- 4:00pm

Daily Devotions

9:00am after Mass

Mon - Sat | Holy Rosary
Mon | Holy Spirit
Tues | Saint Joseph
Wed | Mother of Perpetual Help
Thur | St. Therese of Lisieux
Fri | Sacred Heart of Jesus
Sat | Our Lady of Assumption

SACRAMENTS

Call the office for Baptism, Marriage
and Faith Formation Classes

First Sunday of Advent
December 3, 2023

Show us Lord, your love; and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia, alleluia. -Psalm 85:8

SUNDAY GOSPEL Reflection

Gospel for the First Sunday of Advent, Year B

Mark 13:33-37

The gospel for the 1st Sunday of Advent is a passage where Jesus instructs his followers to be watchful and alert, drawing an analogy to a man going on a journey who leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with their own task, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. This reflection will focus on the themes of vigilance and preparedness that are central to the season of Advent.

This scripture invites us to adopt a posture of awareness. As we enter this liturgical season, it's a time to focus on the anticipation of Christ's coming. Just as the servants in the parable are tasked with specific roles, each person has unique responsibilities in their life. The call to be alert reminds us to perform our duties diligently, whether in our family life, work, or community engagement, with the conscious intention that our actions should align with the teachings of Christ.

The doorkeeper's role in the parable underscores the importance of readiness. For Catholics, Advent is not just about preparing for the celebration of Jesus' birth but also for his eventual return. This scripture can prompt a reflection on personal spiritual preparedness. Are we actively engaging in prayer, confession, and acts of charity? The anticipation of Jesus' second coming should inspire a reflection on the state of one's soul and how we live out our faith in daily life.

In the gospel Jesus warns his disciples to be vigilant, to stay awake. This is not just a call for the disciples of Jesus' time but for us today. Life is full of unpredictable events, both tragic and joyful. It is not for us to know the time or the place when we will face these trials or when we will encounter Christ in our daily lives. Therefore, we must live in a state of readiness, serving Christ through our actions, words, and thoughts, at every moment.

Advent is a time to renew our commitment to God's plan, to embrace the waiting and the uncertainty with faith and hope. It's a period to prepare, to watch, and to be attentive to the ways in which we can serve and encounter God every day. Let this first week of Advent be a reminder to us to slow down, to reflect, and to align ourselves with God's will, ready to act with love and compassion at every opportunity presented to us.

(Source: <https://young-catholics.com/3014/>)

THANK YOU

Sunday Collection, November 26, 2023	\$4,538.00
Thanksgiving	\$2,652.00
EFT from Vanco for October	\$5,916.84
EFT from Diocese for October	\$680.00

Sign up for **ON-LINE GIVING** through **VANCO**.



MASS Intentions

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

8:30am Forgotten Souls in Purgatory
4:30pm Forgotten Souls in Purgatory

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

8:30am Shirley Cooper+
Ignacia Morales+
10:00am People of Assumption Parish
12:00pm Jean Hewitt+

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

8:30am George Brandt+

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

8:30am Forgotten Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

8:30am Forgotten Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

8:30am Evelia Ramos+

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

8:30am Deacon Albert Nirri (Healing)
Evelia Ramos+
6:30PM Forgotten Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

8:30am Evelia Ramos+
4:30pm Simon & Teresa Nisperos+

Please Pray for Healing

**Julie Richardson, Dennis Kuzmicky,
Baby Shiovonne Mullins, Juan Garcia**

In Loving Memory George Brandt

MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS REQUESTS

Let your Assumption Community offer prayers for your special intentions for a family member, a friend, a deceased love one or a special occasion.

Email info@assumptionsanleandro.org or visit the Rectory Office. Forms are available at the back of the Church.

UPCOMING FAMILY EVENTS

Faith Formation:

Elementary-Fifth Grade Dec. 3

Ministry Center 11:15am-12:15pm

Parent Session December 3

Small Hall 11:15am - 12:30pm

RCIA December 3 Small Hall 11:15am

Confirmation Class Dec 10

-will begin with 10:00am mass

Annual Christmas Tree Lighting and Caroling - December 3 at 5:00pm

You are invited for a prayerful and festive evening as we bless and light our Christmas tree. Our children have been busy making ornaments that will adorn our tree. We will sing Christmas Carols and sip hot chocolate. *With this tree, decorated and adorned, may we welcome Christ among us; may its lights guide us to the perfect light. This is a wonderful way to begin Advent with your community.*

Our Lady of Guadalupe Ministry Taco Sunday/Bake Sale - December 3 9am-1:30pm

Tacos, Rice & Beans \$10 per plate

Takeout is available

Homemade treats including cookies, cakes, muffins, and more! Enjoy a cup of coffee or tea with your purchase. See you there!

Bake Sale only after 8:00 mass.

Christmas Eve Pageant

Calling all kids in our Assumption community to participate in our traditional Christmas Eve pageant. We need Shepards, angels, the Holy Family and more!!

Mass will be at 4:30 on Christmas Eve and all participants will need to attend 2 practices in the time leading up to the 24th (dates and times of practices to be announced next week)

Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe December 3 - 11

You are invited to pray the rosary each evening at 6:30pm except Thursday the 7th & Friday the 8th when we will meet at 6:00pm. Each evening a different host family/group will share about their devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe and will lead the rosary. After we pray, please join us in the Parish Rectory for refreshments and fellowship every evening.

We pray the novenarios to Our Lady of Guadalupe in preparation for her feast which we will celebrate on December 10th at 10:00am Sunday Mass. Monsignor Tony Valdivia will be presiding and Music in Spanish by Trio Serenata.

Assumption's Annual Women's Advent by Candlelight - December 7

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 and refreshments hosted by PTG No need to RSVP. Please come and bring along your daughters, mothers, sisters, aunts, and friends. Women of other parishes and denominations are always welcome!

Annual Giving Tree- Gifts due December 10

Let us continue our giving tree tradition

Gift Tags with suggested gifts for children of Building Futures are available in the back of the church. Building Futures here in San Leandro has many services, including their newly expanded domestic violence and housing programs. Unwrapped gifts need to be returned by the second Sunday of Advent (12/10).

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ASSUMPTION COUNCIL 8217

Support our Knights of Columbus "O Come, Let Us Adore Him" fundraising raffle. The drawing will be held on the Feast of the Epiphany. Tickets are available for ten dollars apiece. **Raffle Tickets make a wonderful Stocking stuffer** for those on your shopping list.

Breakfast with Santa - December 17

8am-12pm in the gym. Come and have photos with Santa Claus, eat a delicious pancake breakfast, hot chocolate bar, crafts for children and mimosas for adults. Volunteers needed to set up Saturday evening and assistance Sunday morning.

Blessing of an Advent Wreath

Don't let the Advent wreath become just another tradition without any meaning behind it! Use this time as a family to deepen your understanding and appreciation of the Advent season. Make lighting the Advent Wreath a time for meaningful connections and discussions with your loved ones. These prayers add a touch of spirituality and help you all reflect on the season in a more profound way. It's not just about going through the motions — it's about actively engaging and growing together.

When the family is gathered on the First Sunday of Advent, the following may be used to bless the Advent Wreath.

Dear Jesus, as we light the candle(s) on this Advent wreath, may the light of your presence bring joy to our hearts. Bless our family and our friends, and be with all those who are in need this holiday season. Amen.

The First Week of Advent: December 3

*light the first purple candle and pause for reflection

Scripture Reflection: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined." Isaiah 9:2

Advent Wreath Prayer: Dear Jesus, you are the hope in our messy world. This Advent, help us slow down, listen to your voice, and focus on what's really important. We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth on Christmas. Amen

(source: <https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/>)

THE FIRST PURPLE CANDLE IS THE
"Candle of Hope."
IT SYMBOLIZES THE HOPE WE HAVE
IN CHRIST AND OUR DESIRE TO
SPEND ETERNITY WITH HIM. DURING
THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT,
WE WAIT FOR JESUS WITH HOPE.

On the Meaning and Importance of the Nativity Scene by Pope Francis



The enchanting image of the Christmas crèche, so dear to the Christian people, never ceases to arouse amazement and wonder. The depiction of Jesus' birth is itself a simple and joyful proclamation of the mystery of the Incarnation of the Son of God. The nativity scene is like a living Gospel rising up from the pages of sacred Scripture. As we contemplate the Christmas story, we are invited to set out on a spiritual journey, drawn by the humility of the God who became man in order to encounter every man and woman. We come to realize that so great is his love for us that he became one of us, so that we in turn might become one with him.

With this Letter, I wish to encourage the beautiful family tradition of preparing the nativity scene in the days before Christmas, but also the custom of setting it up in the workplace, in schools, hospitals, prisons and town squares. Great imagination and creativity is always shown in employing the most diverse materials to create small masterpieces of beauty. As children, we learn from our parents and grandparents to carry on this joyful tradition, which encapsulates a wealth of popular piety. It is my hope that this custom will never be lost and that, wherever it has fallen into disuse, it can be rediscovered and revived.

Dear brothers and sisters, the Christmas crèche is part of the precious yet demanding process of passing on the faith. Beginning in childhood, and at every stage of our lives, it teaches us to contemplate Jesus, to experience God's love for us, to feel and believe that God is with us and that we are with him, his children, brothers and sisters all, thanks to that Child who is the Son of God and the Son of the Virgin Mary. And to realize that in that knowledge we find true happiness. Like Saint Francis, may we open our hearts to this simple grace, so that from our wonderment a humble prayer may arise: a prayer of thanksgiving to God, who wished to share with us his all, and thus never to leave us alone.

(source: <https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/library/view.cfm?recnum=122665>)

ADVENT SEASON 2023

Sunday, December 3 - First Sunday of Advent

Blessings of Advent Wreaths and Candle - Masses at 8:00am, 10:00am, and 12:00pm

Blessing and Lighting of the Tree & Christmas Caroling 5:00pm

Sunday, December 3-11 Novena for Our Lady of Guadalupe

6:30pm every evening except 12/7 & 12/8 at 6:00pm

Thursday, December 7 - Women's Advent by Candlelight 7:00pm

Friday, December 8 - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed

Virgin Mary (HDO) Masses at 8:30am and 6:30pm

Saturday, December 9

Gingerbread Social for All Families 1:00pm Small Hall

Sunday, December 10 - Second Sunday of Advent

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe & Celebration 10:00am Mass - Reception at 11am

Blessing of Creche at all masses

Wednesday, December 13 - School Christmas Concert at 6:30

December 15-23 - Simbáng Gabi 6:30pm Mass

Reception following every evening

Sunday, December 17 - Third Sunday of Advent

Pancake Breakfast with Santa Claus 8:00am-12:00pm Gym

Wednesday, December 20 - Eighth Grade Victorian Tea

Thursday, December 21 - School Christmas Pageant 10:00am

Sunday, December 24 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

Masses at 8:00am, 10:00am, and 12:00pm

Christmas Eve

Children's Mass 4:30 & Evening Mass 8pm

Monday, December 25 - The Birth of Our Lord

Christmas Day Masses at 8:00am, 10:00am, and 12:00pm

