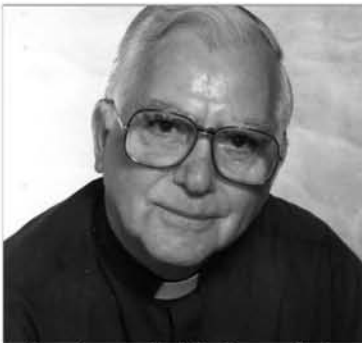


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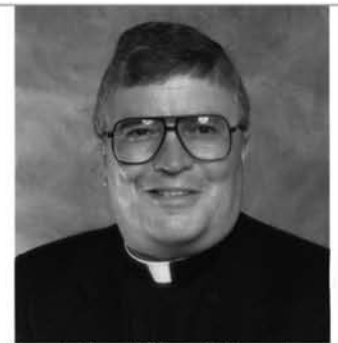
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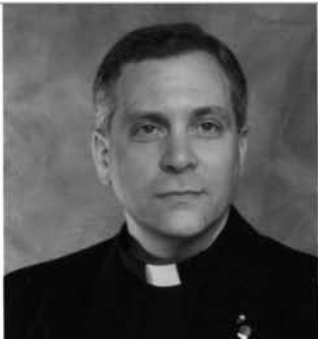
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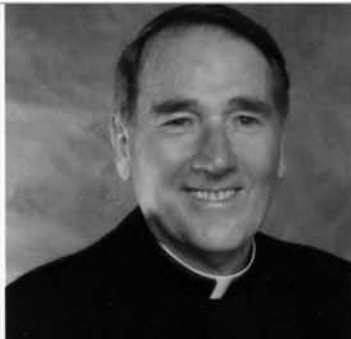
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 Pastor July 1, 1998



Fr. Fernando Serrano
 Pastor
 June 26, 2019



First Reading: ISAIAH 63:16B-17,19B;64:2-7

Isaiah prays for the Lord's forgiveness of the people.

Second Reading: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:3-9

Paul gives thanks to God for the faith of the Corinthians.

Gospel: MARK 13:33-37

Jesus warns His disciples to be watchful so that they will be ready when the Son of Man comes.

FAMILY CONNECTION:

In family life, we try to prepare ourselves for many future things: our next vacation, our children's education, our retirement. We are careful not to allow ourselves to be caught by surprise so that we can handle any challenges our family may face. Today's Gospel reminds us that we are called to be just as attentive and alert to the coming of the Son of Man so that it will not catch us unprepared. This means attending to our family's spiritual life as carefully as we attend to other important family matters.

As you gather as a family, talk about a time when you received surprise visitors at your house, perhaps a neighbor who stopped by or a relative who arrived unannounced. Was your household prepared to receive this unannounced guest? What might your family have done differently if you knew ahead of time that this visitor was going to arrive? Jesus told His disciples that no one knows when the Son of Man will return, except the Father. Read with your family what Jesus told his disciples in today's Gospel, Mark 13:33-37.

During Advent, we not only prepare ourselves to celebrate the birth of Jesus, we also check to see if we are doing all the things that will keep us ready to receive Jesus when He comes again. Talk about how your family can recommit to daily prayer, reading Scripture, and staying faithful to God's commandments. Pray together that through this Advent season your family will be more prepared to receive Jesus when he comes again. Read as a concluding prayer Paul's words to the Corinthians found in today's second reading, 1 Corinthians 1:3-9, or pray the Lord's Prayer.



"Advent is the season that asks us to ponder 'all these things' in our heart. The season of Mary's 'yes,' Joseph's dreams; John's cries in the wilderness. The season we ponder what it means that Christ came into this world as an obscure child and will return to judge all things,"

Advent is a time to renew my relationship with Jesus by looking at the meaning of Advent when we reflect on the 'coming' of Jesus 2,000 years ago in Bethlehem and the 'coming' of him in our daily lives. It is important to remember Advent is a penitential season, which means, like Lent, we make sacrifices to prepare ourselves for the celebration of Christmas. So, we remember the three things we focus on in Lent, prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Through these disciplines we open our hearts to encounters with Jesus, which, in turn, moves us to live our discipleship more profoundly. It is a time of transformation. Advent season is a time to renew our relationship with Jesus and live the life of disciple.





Saturday DECEMBER 2, 2023
 9:00 AM - GRACE, GOOD HEALTH & HAPPINESS OF FU PO CHU'S FAMILY
 - SEAN SNELGROVE (†)
 - ALOY & ANNE CANAGASURIAM (†)
 - ROSALIND GOMEZ (†)
 - STEFAN CASAR (†)

5:00 PM THANKSGIVING OF D'SOUZA FAMILY

Sunday DECEMBER 3, 2023
 9:30 AM BERT KRAMER (†)
 11:15 AM FOR ALL THE INTENTIONS OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS

Monday DECEMBER 4, 2023
WHOLE DAY – PASTOR'S REST DAY

Tuesday DECEMBER 5, 2023
 8:30AM GERONCIO (RON) CADAWAS (†)

Wednesday DECEMBER 6, 2023
 8:30AM GEORGE HART (†)

Thursday DECEMBER 7, 2023
 8:30AM HEALING OF JOFFRE ALAJAR

Friday DECEMBER 8, 2023
 8:30AM ISABEL ANCHETA JOCSON (†)

BURNING THIS WEEK:
SANTUARY LAMP: 28th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF VICTOR & MARICHA ECHAVEZ



CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR SCHEDULE 2023-2024

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

December 12-15, 2023 (Tuesday until Friday)
9am-12pm & 1:30pm-3:30pm

(At times the pastor would have to anoint and have funerals hence it is advisable to call the office to make sure that the pastor is around to hear your Confession)

No Confession will be heard on Dec 23, 24, 25, 26, 30, 31st & January 1, 2024

DECEMBER 23, 2023 (SATURDAY)

9am &

5pm (With Children's Christmas Pageant)

DECEMBER 24, 2023 (SUNDAY) CHRISTMAS EVE

9:30am, 11:15am, 5pm & 10pm

DECEMBER 25, 2023 (MONDAY) CHRISTMAS DAY

9:30am & 11:15am

DECEMBER 26, 2023 (TUESDAY) BOXING DAY

10am

DECEMBER 30, 2023 (SATURDAY)

9am & 5pm

DECEMBER 31, 2023 (SUNDAY) NEW YEAR'S EVE

9:30am, 11:15am & 5pm

JANUARY 1, 2024 (MONDAY) NEW YEAR'S DAY

10am

OFFICE SCHEDULE:

Closed on: Dec 22, 25, 26, 29 & January 1, 2024.



1. To close our Parish Jubilee Consecration, HIS GRACE ARCHBISHOP FRANCIS LEO will be celebrating the Mass with us in **December 10, 2023 (Sunday) at 9:30am**, Due to his busy and hectic schedule we are not having any reception of any sort.

2. Before the year ends kindly write your name, address, phone number and email on your donation envelopes to update your information *(should there be any changes)*. Our new system now allows us to send the tax receipts by email. **Please don't use your 2024 donation envelopes yet.**

3. To ensure that your donation will be included for 2023 all donations must be in by **December 17, 2023**. Donations after this date will be in your 2024 tax receipts **regardless of the date on the envelope and/or cheque.**



PRAYER TO THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

O God, who by the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, did prepare a worthy dwelling place for your Son, we beseech you that, as by the foreseen death of this, Your Son, You did preserve Her from all stain, so too You would permit us, purified through Her intercession, to come unto You. Through the same Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, world without end. Amen.

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