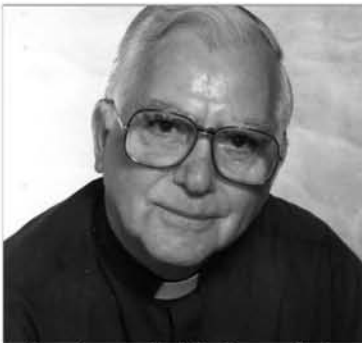


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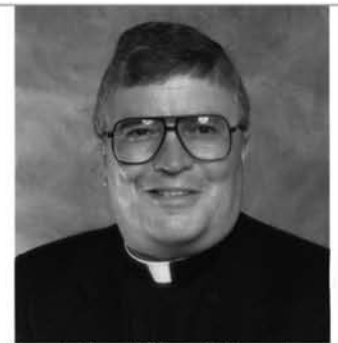
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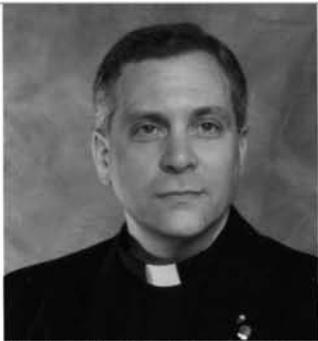
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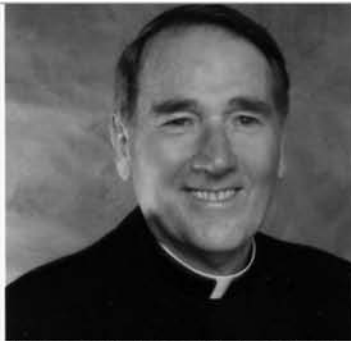
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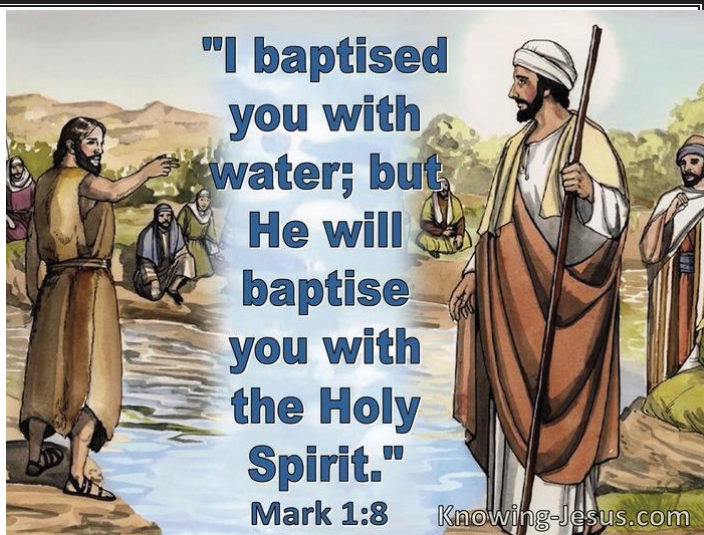
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 July 1, 1994



Fr. Frederick Joseph Foley
 Associate Pastor Nov. 25, 1997
 Pastor July 1, 1998



Fr. Fernando Serrano
 Pastor
 June 26, 2019



First Reading: ISAIAH 40:1-5,9-11

Isaiah tells the people to prepare a way for the Lord.

Second Reading: 2 PETER 3:8-14

Peter teaches that we must always be holy because the return of the Lord cannot be predicted.

Gospel: MARK 1:1-8

John the Baptist preached repentance and Baptized the people, in preparation for the one who would Baptize with the Holy Spirit.

FAMILY CONNECTION:

The season of Advent invites us to renew our lives in preparation for the coming of Jesus. The people who heard the message of John the Baptist repented for their sins and were Baptized as a sign of God's forgiveness. In Baptism, our sins are forgiven, and we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, who helps us in our life of discipleship. Led by the Holy Spirit, we use this Advent season to renew our lives so that we, like John the Baptist, might prepare the way for Jesus.

As you gather together as a family, talk about ways in which the example of others has called you to be a follower of Jesus. Name the people who have been examples to you of Christian discipleship and describe their characteristics that you have tried to emulate. Read together today's Gospel, Mark 1:1-8.

As John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus, Baptism commissions us to prepare the way of

the Lord. The gift of the Holy Spirit leads us to continually renew our lives so that we might lead others to Jesus. As a family, identify at least one action that you will take this week to try to be more faithful followers of Jesus. Conclude in prayer together that God will receive this action and use it to lead others to Jesus. Pray the Prayer to the Holy Spirit.

A PRAYER FOR THE
Second Sunday of Advent

Jesus, you came among us with the irresistible power of a baby, requiring both our hands and captivating our whole hearts. Help us to cast aside the sin and brokenness that we cling to, so we might be ready to hold you when you come again.
Amen.

ST LUCY

PRAY FOR US

Saint Lucy, whose beautiful name means light, by the light of faith which God bestowed upon you, increase and preserve His light in my soul so that I may avoid evil, be zealous for good works, and abhor the blindness and the darkness of evil and sin. Obtain for me, by your intercession with God, perfect vision for my bodily eyes and the grace to use them for God's greater honour and glory. St Lucy, martyr and saint, bear my prayers.
Amen

The road is narrow. He who wishes to travel it more easily, must cast off all things and use the cross as his cane. In other words, he must be truly resolved, to suffer willingly, for the love of God in all things.

St John of the Cross (1542-1591)
Doctor of the Church

EAST DAY - 1st DECEMBER

Mass INTENTIONS

Saturday	DECEMBER 9, 2023
9:00 AM	LOURDES MERCADO (†)
5:00 PM	OFELIA LIM (†)
Sunday	DECEMBER 10, 2023
9:30 AM	FOR ALL THE INTENTIONS OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISHIONERS
11:15 AM	BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS FOR ALBERT ALO
Monday	DECEMBER 11, 2023
WHOLE DAY	PASTOR'S REST DAY
Tuesday	DECEMBER 12, 2023
8:30AM	ANGEL SEVILLA (†)
Wednesday	DECEMBER 13, 2023
8:30AM	SPECIAL INTENTIONS OF A. DINOVA
Thursday	DECEMBER 14, 2023
8:30AM	THANKSGIVING MASS FROM CHUNG FAMILY
Friday	DECEMBER 15, 2023
8:30AM	FIDEL MERCADO (†)

If there are errors or mistakes in the bulletin we are humans too. Nobody is perfect. FZS



1. 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.



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.



Final Call!

This is the last weekend to register if you wish to join the **Knights of Columbus Annual Children's Christmas Party on Sunday December 17th (2pm-4pm)**. There will be fun and surprises for all children. All are welcome. Make sure to register now before it's too late.

From the Pastor's Desk



Thank you to all who came and supported our Parish Gala Dinner last Saturday; December 2, 2023. It is my prayerful hope that everyone enjoyed the night of dancing & singing. I would also like to congratulate all the winners to our raffle and silent auction.

As we are about close the Jubilee of our Parish Consecration with His Grace Archbishop Francis Leo in December 10, 2023 may we continue to build the Body of Christ with fervent faith, unwavering hope and generous love as we proclaim the Gospel with our lives.

I was truly impressed by the colours of national dresses worn by many of you. Indeed there is unity in diversity. Thank you for sharing joyfully your heritage and culture to the parish community.

It is through your generous support that made all our events in the parish a success.

May God bless you and your family.

Fr. Fernan Serrano



December 15, 2023 @ 7pm

Come and join us for an evening of worship and Christmas Carols led by the 11:15am choir and Confirmation candidates. All are welcome.



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