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Sunday 7:45 a.m.
9:30 a.m.
11:00 a.m. (Spanish)
Daily Masses:
Monday - Communion Service 8:00 a.m.
Tuesday - Friday 8:00 a.m.
First Saturday 8:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS
Saturday 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., or by appointment

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT (Chapel)
Mon., Tue., Wed. & Fri. 9:00 a.m. - Noon
Thurs. 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

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First Sunday of Advent
November 29, 2026

PARISH ACTIVITIES

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Carmelite Discalced Secular - 3rd Sunday 1:00 p.m. McGovern Hall, Carole Souza, (559) 936-5432, thelittleway73@gmail.com

Ladies Guild - 2nd Thursday (monthly) 6:00 p.m., McGovern Hall, Peggy Hubble, President (661) 747-5942, phubble523@gmail.com

Knights of Columbus - 1st Thursday (monthly) 7:00 p.m., McGovern Hall, Justin Fleeman, Grand Knight (661) 343-7282, FLEE_SR@sbcglobal.net

Right to Life Rosary - 4th Thursday (monthly) 6:30 p.m. Norm Reimers, ncreimers@att.net

Bible Study - Tuesday 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., Room A

Spanish Prayer Group - Tuesday 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. McGovern Hall, Oscar Coreas, (661) 477-2252

Prayer Blanket Ministry - 1st and 3rd Wednesdays (monthly) 9:00 a.m. - Noon, Room B, Karen Flores, (661) 345-5217 Prayer Blankets are available in the parish office.

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-Pastor's Page – November 29, 2026-



"The virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." **Is. 7:14**

WHERE'S THE BABY?

My Dear Family,

This question will answer what we are looking for in this Christmas. We are in the first week of Advent and it's good to ask where we are headed in this Advent season.

Two women dressed in their finest, were having lunch together in an exclusive restaurant in Manhattan, New York. A friend of theirs saw them and came over to their table to greet them. "What's the special occasion?" she asked. One of the women said, "We're having s birthday party for the baby in our family. He just turned two years old today." The friend curiously asked, "But, where is the baby?" The child's mother answered, "Oh, I dropped him off at my mother's house. She's taking care of him until the party's over. It wouldn't have been any fun with him along." How ridiculous - a birthday celebration for a child who wasn't welcomed at his own party! Yet, when we stop to think about it, that's no more foolish than going through the Christmas season, with all of its festivities, endless shopping, colorful decorations, lavish food, so many parties, without remembering the One whose birth we are supposed to be honoring.

And that's the way many people celebrate Christmas. In all busyness-the party going, gift-shopping, and family gathering- the One whose birthday they are commemorating is almost completely forgotten. So much so in this country we don't call it Christmas season, we call it Holiday season. A story that is never told is never known. What is never known is forgotten.

During this Advent Season, in all our good times with family and friends, make sure you don't leave out the Lord Jesus. Talk about him, go to Mass daily during this Advent season. Together with your children, and as a family get into the spirit of Christmas.

Give Jesus the honor He deserves. Put him at the center of all you this Advent.

Beware of keeping Christmas but losing Christ.



God Bless You

~Father Joseph~

-Pagina Del Pastor – 29 de Noviembre de 2026-

"«La virgen concebirá y dará a luz un hijo, y le pondrá por nombre Emanuel»
Is 7:14



DONDE ESTA EL BEBE?

Mi Querida Familia,

Esta pregunta nos dará la respuesta a lo que buscamos en esta Navidad. Nos encontramos en la primera semana de Adviento, y es bueno preguntarnos hacia dónde nos dirigimos en este tiempo de Adviento.

Dos mujeres, vestidas con sus mejores galas, almorzaban juntas en un restaurante exclusivo de Manhattan, Nueva York. Una conocida suya las vio y se acercó a su mesa para saludarlas. "«¿Cuál es la ocasión especial?», preguntó ella. Una de las mujeres respondió: «Estamos celebrando la fiesta de cumpleaños del bebé de la familia. Hoy acaba de cumplir dos años». La amiga curiosamente preguntó "Pero, ¿dónde está la bebé? La madre del niño respondió: «Ah, lo dejé en casa de mi madre. Ella lo está cuidando hasta que termine la fiesta. No habría sido nada divertido si él hubiera venido».

¡Qué absurdo: una celebración de cumpleaños para un niño que ni siquiera fue bienvenido en su propia fiesta! Sin embargo, si nos detenemos a reflexionar, esto no es más insensato que pasar la temporada navideña —con todas sus festividades, compras interminables, decoraciones coloridas, banquetes suntuosos y tantas fiestas— sin recordar a Aquel cuyo nacimiento, en teoría, estamos conmemorando.

Y así es como muchas personas celebran la Navidad. Entre tanto ajetreo, fiestas, compras de regalos y reuniones familiares, Aquel cuyo cumpleaños conmemoran queda casi completamente olvidado.

Hasta tal punto que, en este país, no la llamamos «temporada navideña», sino «temporada festiva». Una historia que nunca se cuenta, nunca se conoce. Y lo que nunca se conoce, se olvida.

Durante este tiempo de Adviento, en todos los buenos momentos que compartas con tu familia y tus amigos, asegúrate de no dejar fuera al Señor Jesús. Hablen de Él; asistan a misa a diario durante este tiempo de Adviento. Junto con sus hijos y en familia, adéntrense en el espíritu de la Navidad. Rindan a Jesús el honor que merece. Pónganlo en el centro de todo lo que hagan en este Adviento.

Cuidado con celebrar la Navidad pero perder a Cristo.



Que Dios te bendiga
~Padre Joseph~

First Sunday of Advent

This marks the start of the liturgical year and the four-week Advent season in Western Christianity. The first Sunday of Advent is about hope, and more specifically about hope that stays awake. Advent takes its name from the Latin adventus, "arrival". Christians spend these weeks remembering one arrival and expecting another: the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem, and his return in glory at the end of history.

The Gospel on this day speaks of the Son of Man coming suddenly, of servants who must not be caught sleeping, and of a doorkeeper told to keep watch through the night. The Church first asks us: if Christ came today, would we be ready?

That is where hope comes in. Biblical hope is not wishful thinking. It is trust that God will finish what he has started, the same trust that carried Israel through long centuries of waiting for the Messiah. On the first Sunday of Advent, one purple candle is lit on the Advent Wreath. This is the candle of hope, traditionally known as the Prophecy Candle. It recalls the prophets, Isaiah above all, who promised that a Saviour would come. The wreath itself is full of meaning. Its circular shape has no beginning or has no end, a picture of God's eternal love. What does the first Advent candle symbolize? Think of one flame in a dark room. It does not light everything, but it is enough to see by, and it promises more light to come. Each week the wreath grows a little brighter, until the Christ Candle shines in the center on Christmas. Whether you are lighting a wreath at home, planning a homily, look up and get ready to welcome Christ.

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Primer Domingo de Adviento

*Esto marca el inicio del año litúrgico y del tiempo de Adviento, de cuatro semanas de duración, en el cristianismo occidental. El primer Domingo de Adviento trata sobre la esperanza, y más concretamente sobre una esperanza que se mantiene despierta. El Adviento toma su nombre del término latino *adventus*, «llegada». Los cristianos pasan estas semanas recordando una llegada y esperando otra: el nacimiento de Jesús en Belén y su retorno en gloria al final de la historia. El primer domingo de Adviento, se enciende una vela morada en la corona de Adviento. Es la vela de la esperanza, conocida tradicionalmente como la vela de la Profecía. Ya sea que estés encendiendo una corona en casa o preparando una reflexión, disponte y prepárate para recibir a Cristo.*

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat Nov. 28	4 pm	+Genovevo Medina
Sun Nov. 29	7:45am	+Christopher Johnson and +John Graeff
	9:30 am	+James Hulsy
	11 am	+Salvador and +Andres Sanabria Sanchez
Mon Nov. 30	8 am	**COMMUNION SERVICE**
Tue Dec. 1	8 am	+Zenón Quintana
Wed Dec. 2	8 am	**Available/Disponible**
Thu Dec. 3	8 am	**Available/Disponible**
Fri Dec. 4	8 am	**Available/Disponible**
Sat Dec. 5	8 am	Int. of Joshua Rodriguez - 23rd birthday & for his conversion
	4 pm	+Caroline Glass and +Billy Edwards
Sun Dec. 6	7:45 am	+Maria Tiburcio Villaruz
	9:30 am	+Bob Buechler
	11 am	+Isidro Romero

Please keep them all in prayer!

Msgr. Stephen Frost,
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Adonis Ross and family, Marbella and family,
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CTK Parish Office

Rest in God's Glory

Carolina Berkshire, Bernadette Trimmer

CHRIST THE KING LADIES GUILD'S

Christmas Party

Monday December 14

5:30 PM in the Hall

Cost: $30 ($10 dinner/entertainment & $20 wrapped gift for the left-right game!)

RSVP by December 7 to Peggy 661 747-5942



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Under the protection of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, in the biblical tradition of the prophet Elijah and inspired by the teachings of the Carmelite Saints, especially Teresa of Avila, Therese of Lisieux and John of the Cross, they seek to deepen their Christian commitment received in baptism while living their vocations "in the world" rather than in a monastery.

Our Carmelite Community will be providing a presentation for all of you to come and see at Christ the King Church at 6:30 pm on December 7, 2026 at the Queen of Heaven Room.

Join us on our Ascent of Mount Carmel!

PRAYER: Lord Jesus, fill our hearts with patient hope as we wait for your triumphant return. Keep us faithful to you and fix our eyes on the promises of your Word so that when you return in glory, we may joyfully receive the salvation that you won for us at your first advent. Amen.

READING: Titus 2:11-14

HYMN: *Christian Worship* 324:1,5







NOVENA DE LA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE
3 - 11 DE DICIEMBRE

N O V E N A

ROSARIO 6:20 P.M.

MISA - ENSEGUIDA

1 2 D E D I C I E M B R E

ROSARIO 4:00 A.M.

MAÑANITAS 5:00 A.M.

MISA 6:00 A.M.

DESAYUNO
7:00 - 9:00 A.M.

NOVENA A LA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE

3 - 11 DE DICIEMBRE
2026

Jueves 3
Familias (3 - 5)

Viernes 4
Ministerio de Adoración

Sábado 5
Ministerio Sagrado Corazón de Jesús
Ministerio de Maria Auxiliadora

Domingo 6
Ministerio De Bienvenida
& Colecta

Lunes 7
Ministerios de Lectores
& Eucaristía

Marte 8
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Miércoles 9
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