

# St. Mary's Mission

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## ***Time of Preparation***

*This life is the time of our preparation for our future state. Our souls will continue for ever what we make them in this world.*

*—John Tillotson, Archbishop of Canterbury*

## **Mass Schedule**

*Sunday 9:30 AM*

## **Mission Staff**

Sister Susana Renteria, PCI

**PASTOR:** Msgr. Michael Heras

**PRIESTS:** Msgr. Seamus McGowan

Fr. Patrick Higgins

Fr. Joseph Olikkara

**DEACONS:** Allen Cicora

Eluterio Farias

Richard Lewinski

**December 1, 2013**

**First Sunday of Advent**

## **GETTING READY**

Today marks the beginning of another liturgical year. The tone of today's readings casts us in the role of students learning solemn lessons. The reading from Isaiah sets the stage, calling us up a mountain to receive the Lord's instruction. In this passage we study peace.

Then Paul steps forth with sober admonitions. We have to wake up; the day is almost here. Live honorably in the light. Paul reminds us that we really do know the time in which we are living.

Finally, Matthew presents Jesus the storyteller. Just imagine, Jesus tells us, what it was like in Noah's time. He paints a vivid picture of ordinary people living ordinary lives and ignoring the warnings that Noah heeded. Totally unconcerned, they were destroyed. How will it be any different for us? No one knows when the Lord will come. But we have been warned.

Perhaps we find such sobering scriptures unappealing and threatening. But within them there is promise. We are to live in the light with nothing to hide. We are to be ready.

## ***Living God's Word***

***What will it mean for you to "walk in the light of the Lord" this Advent? Will it mean changing an aspect of your life that is darkened by sin, or noticing and alleviating some of the suffering in our world?***

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Dec. 2-8, 2013**



**Monday**

8:00 am †Rosa Rodriguez -

**Tuesday**

8:00 am †Daniel Rodriguez - Elma & Ricardo Rodriguez

**Wednesday**

6:30 pm †Frank Roznovsky - Paul Hickey & Gracie Garcia

**Thursday**

8:00 am †Sisto Ortiz - Grace Chapa

**Friday**

8:00 am †Joyce Brand - Steve & Judy Jaksik

**Saturday**

6:00 pm †Leo Gonzalez - Granddaughters

**COLLECTIVE MASSES**

**Sunday**

8:00 am †Aurora P. Cantu - M/M David Cantu  
 9:30 am †Ramiro & Mauro Lopez - Lupe Castillo  
 10:00 am †Romeo Cano - Gerald & Nancy Mooney  
 12:00 pm People of the Parish  
 Virgin De Guadalupe - Agustine Trevino  
 †Maria Morin - Family  
 †Genaro Ocanas - Family  
 †Eustolio Ocanas - Family  
 †Jose Guajardo, Jr. - Grace Chapa  
 †Gladia Garza - George & Belinda Rubalcaba  
 6:00 pm †Levinia & Gilberto Cantu - Noemi & Joe Reynolds & Fam



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**ADVENT - A time of preparation.**

In the Catholic Church, Advent is a period of preparation, extending over four Sundays, before Christmas. *Advent* comes from the Latin *advenio*, "to come to," and refers to the coming of Christ. This refers, first of all, to our celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas; but second, to the coming of Christ in our lives through grace and the Sacrament of Holy Communion; and finally, to His Second Coming at the end of time

Advent has traditionally been known as a "little Lent." As in Lent, Advent should be marked by increased prayer, fasting, and good works. While the Western Church no longer has a set requirement for fasting during Advent, the Eastern Church, both Catholic and Orthodox, continues to observe what is known as Philip's Fast, from November 15 until Christmas.

Traditionally, all great feasts have been preceded by a time of fasting, which makes the feast itself more joyful. Sadly, Advent today has supplanted by "the Christmas shopping season," so that by Christmas Day, many people no longer enjoy the feast.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11  
**Tuesday:** Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24  
**Wednesday:** Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37  
**Thursday:** Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27  
**Friday:** Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31  
**Saturday:** Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1  
**Sunday:** Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

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## RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Support elderly religious. A parishioner writes, "As a Catholic school student from grades K-12, I was formed to be the person I am by many religious brothers and sisters, and I am forever grateful." Show your appreciation for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who made a positive difference in so many lives. Please give generously to next week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

**ADVENT WREATH PRAYER FOR THE COMING WEEK.** Leader: May this light (one candle) remind us of Jesus who is the true Light of the world. Let us call upon Him whose coming we await, for He is: God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God. Amen. You may add readings from the Bible or one decade of the Rosary and conclude with the Blessing for the meal.



### A VOCATION VIEW

Let us go rejoicing to the House of the Lord! In God's House is found true joy, blessed are those called to Minister in His Temple. (Psalm 122)



The Son of Man will come at an hour you do not expect. Good stewards know that they are accountable to God for all they have and are, and they strive to live in readiness for His coming.