Dear Padre,

To justify or rationalize cutting off family members with whom there is discord, someone recently referenced Jesus telling his disciples that he did not come to bring peace, but to bring division. Are we called to pursue division in family or other relationships when we think someone has done something wrong and has not received the justice we think this person deserves?

The actual quote is, "Do not think that I have come to bring peace upon the earth. I have come to bring not peace but the sword." Jesus continues, "For I have come to set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's enemies will be those of his household" (Matthew 10: 34–36).

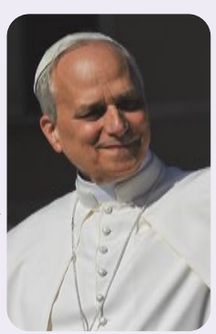


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In this passage, Jesus is talking about the sacrifice involved in becoming his follower. Many Jews who wished to become followers of Jesus in the early days of the Church had to choose between family and their own conscience. Jesus says, "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me" (Matthew 10: 37-38).

To apply this idea to arguments among family members is probably stretching Jesus' intention further than what he had in mind. ●

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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

We journey as if on a bridge that connects Earth to heaven, a bridge that the Lord has built for us. Let us always keep our eyes fixed on both shores, so that we may love God and our brothers and sisters with all our hearts in order to journey together and find ourselves one day united in the house of the Father.

HOMILY, ISTANBUL, NOVEMBER 29, 2025

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Monday
November 30
St. Andrew, Apostle
Rom 10:9–18
Mt 4:18–22

Tuesday
December 1
Advent Weekday
Is 11:1–10
Lk 10:21–24

Wednesday
December 2
Advent Weekday
Is 25:6–10a
Mt 15:29–37

Thursday
December 3
St. Francis Xavier, Priest
Is 26:1–6
Mt 7:21, 24–27

Friday
December 4
Advent Weekday
Is 29:17–24
Mt 9:27–31

Saturday
December 5
Advent Weekday
Is 30:19–21, 23–26
Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6–8

Sunday
December 6
Second Sunday of Advent
Is 40:1–5, 9–11
2 Pt 3:8–14
Mk 1:1–8

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November 29, 2026
First Sunday of Advent (B)
Isaiah 63:16b–17, 19b; 64:2–7 / 1 Corinthians 1:3–9 / Mark 13:33–37

Beginning with the End

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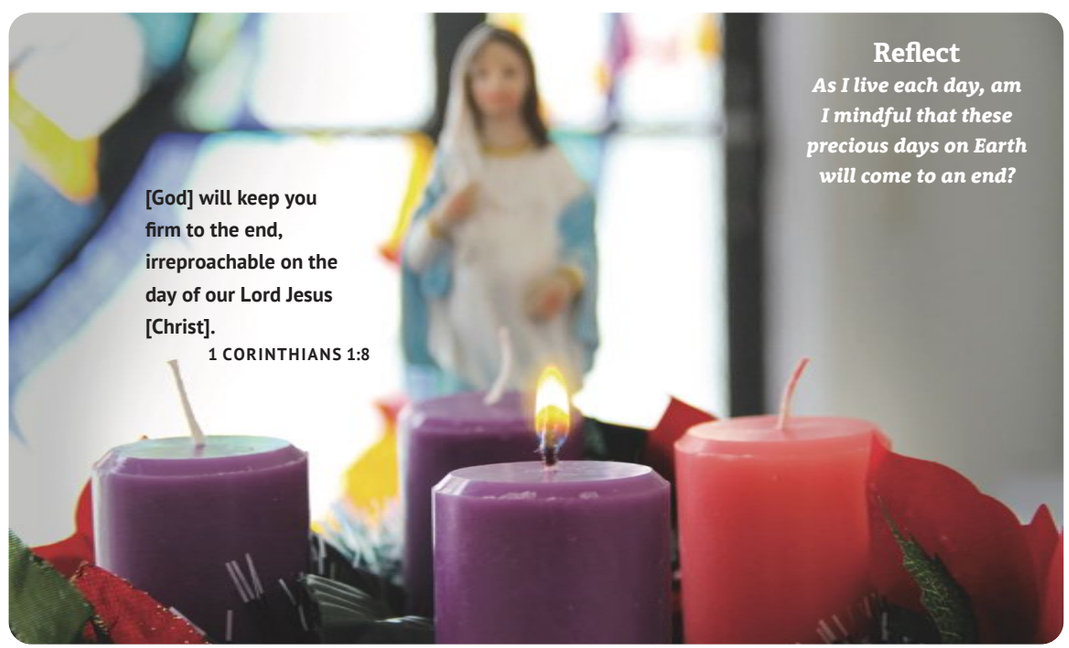
Today marks the beginning of a new liturgical year, but you would not guess it by today's gospel passage, which speaks of the end of time. Time's "end" is an important theme throughout Scripture. Unlike other ancient peoples, the Hebrews intuited that time was not locked in an eternal cycle. Time was "going somewhere." God had a purpose for history; a dream yet to be realized. Commonly in Scripture, this "end" is described as "the Lord's Coming" or, in New Testament Greek, "the *Parousia*." History exists that God might enter and fill time with the divine presence, making Earth God's home.

In the verses immediately preceding today's gospel reading, the disciples have been asking Jesus what this Coming will look like and when it will occur. Are there clues they should look for so they might be ready when it happens? Today, we hear Jesus emphasize that there is no way to know. Rather, they should *always* be prepared for God to come home. They should live each day with the "end" in mind.

Advent is a time of preparation for the feast of Christmas—recalling how God came to make a home with us in the person of Jesus Christ two thousand years ago. But even more so, it is a time of preparation for the *Parousia*, when what took place in the person of Jesus will take place within all of creation. When, as Paul says, God will be "all in all" (1 Corinthians 15:28).

As the liturgical year begins anew, may we, too, enter this season with the "end" in mind. God is still at work in history, seeking a home within us and within our time. ●

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[God] will keep you firm to the end, irreproachable on the day of our Lord Jesus [Christ].

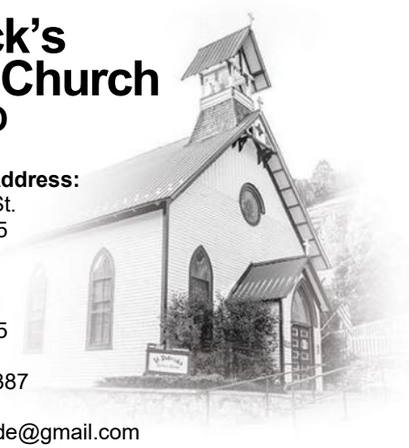
1 CORINTHIANS 1:8

Reflect

As I live each day, am I mindful that these precious days on Earth will come to an end?

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Holy Mass & Confession Schedule:

Saturday: 5:30 PM
Sunday: 9:00 AM
Tuesday - 7:00 PM; Wednesday – Friday: 8:00 AM
Holy Day of Obligation - Vigil - 5:30 PM and 8:00 AM

Confessions: 30min. prior to each Holy Mass (or by appointment)



Holy Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Nucla.

Sunday: 12:00 Noon.
Holy Days of Obligation - 6:00 PM

November 29th, 2026 - First Sunday of Advent

Holy Mass Intentions:

Saturday, November 28th
5:30 PM - Forgotten Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, November 29th
9:00 AM - Missa Pro Populo

Tuesday, December 1st
7:00 PM - +Andrew & Jean Prazenica

Wednesday, December 2nd
8:00 AM - +Jeanean Loftis

Thursday, December 3rd
8:00 AM - +Jonathan Renner

Friday, December 4th
8:00 AM - +Ronald Hetes

Saturday, December 5th
5:30 PM - NO HOLY MASS

Sunday, December 6th
9:00 AM - Missa Pro Populo

If you would like to have a Holy Mass intention for your loved ones, living or deceased, please contact the Parish Office by calling: 970-728-3387 or place your request in the collection basket near the entrance of the church.
- Suggested donation for each mass is $10.

Healing Prayers - Rezos Por Tus Curaciones

Let us pray for those who have asked for our prayers...

Kevin Kiernan, Bob Kammer, Cody Couture, Dakota Couture, Eric Block, Judy Donnelly, Mike Napolitano, Mary E. Lynch, Liz Bradley, Care Bear, Carl Carson, Joshua Nault, Phil Couture, Jose Cuaron, Kim Lynch, Allison Myer, Marianne Edward, CarolAnn O'Dea, Juan Esparza, Martha Gagliano, Stanislaw Kowalczyk, Susan Martin Smith, Wallis Hewson, Elizabeth Griffin

Upcoming Events: *All Are Welcome!*

First Fridays of the month *- Devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus* - Holy Mass and Adoration - 8:00 AM.

Tuesdays: ***6:00 PM***- Holy Adoration. ***7:00 PM*** – Holy Mass

Second Tuesdays of month: 7:30 PM – Men's Group

Wednesdays: 7:30 AM
Women's Group Faith Fun Fellowship – Church

Thursdays: 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM
Holy Mass & Eucharistic Adoration- Church

First Sunday of the month - *Holy Adoration 30 minutes before each Holy Mass.*

Each Sunday during Summer- Coffee and donuts after 9:00 AM Holy Mass.

Last Saturday of the month - Bilingual Holy Mass

"So also we, being many, are one body in Christ, and each one is a part, the one of the other."
Romans 12:5

Parish Announcements:

We would like to welcome all Visitors who are with us celebrating the Holy Mass this weekend.

Please check our ***Parish Website /Calendar*** for updated schedule of events.

Please join us for ***praying the Holy Rosary*** on Sundays before 9:00 AM Holy Mass. It starts at 8:30 AM.

Tuesday evenings – Candlelight Holy Adoration at 6:00PM and Holy Mass at 7:00 PM.

Novena and Consecration of St. Patrick Parish to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus: Novena starts on November 27th and Consecration will take place during Sunday Holy Mass on December 6th. ***No Vigil Holy Mass*** on Saturday, December 5th! Holy Confessions at 5:00 PM.

Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe starts on December 3rd. We will pray in the Church at 6:30 PM.

First Friday Devotion – December 4th at 8:00 AM.

Last Week's Collection: $ 399.00
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to offer your financial support.

"For where your treasure is, there also is your heart."
Mathew 6:21

Pastor's Corner

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

I hope you had truly blessed and happy Thanksgiving Day. We have plenty of reasons to be thankful for to our God. By the grace of God, today, on first Sunday of Advent, we begin new Church Liturgical Year, Anno Domini 2027. The word "Advent" comes from the Latin term adventus meaning "arrival" or "coming,". Advent is a period of spiritual preparation in which many Christians make themselves ready for the coming, or birth of the Lord, Jesus Christ. In our Catholic Church, celebrating Advent typically involves a season of prayer, fasting and repentance, followed by anticipation, hope and joy. We celebrate Advent not only by thanking God for Christ's first coming to Earth as a baby, but also for His presence among us today through the Holy Spirit, and in preparation and anticipation of his final coming at the end of the time. Our preparations, therefore, should have all three comings in mind. We need to prepare our souls to receive Christ worthily. So, let us use this special, holy time as best as we can.

Queridos feligreses, Espero que hayan pasado un verdaderamente bendecido Día de Acción de Aracias. Tenemos muchas razones para estar agradecidos con nuestro Dios. Por la gracia de Dios, hoy, en el primer domingo de Adviento, empezamos un nuevo Año Litúrgico Eclesiástico, Anno Domini 2027. La palabra "Adviento" proviene del término latino, adventus, lo cual significa "venida," o "en camino." Adviento es un período de preparación espiritual en lo cual muchos cristianos se preparan para la venida, o nacimiento del Señor, Jesucristo. En nuestra Iglesia Católica, el celebrar el Adviento típicamente involucra una temporada de oración, ayuno, y arrepentimiento, seguido por anticipación, esperanza, y gozo. Celebramos el Adviento no solo agradeciendo a Dios por la primera venida de Cristo a la tierra como un bebé, sino también por Su presencia entre nosotros hoy en día a través del Espíritu Santo, y al prepararnos y anticipar Su llegada final al final de los tiempos. Por lo tanto, nuestros preparativos, deben tener en cuenta las tres llegadas, o venidas, del Señor. Necesitamos preparar nuestras almas para recibir a Cristo dignamente. Entonces, aprovechemos esta temporada santa y especial lo mejor que podamos.

Viva Cristo Rey!