

Dear Padre,

Is Advent a penitential season?

Strictly speaking, the penitential times in the Church are “every Friday of the whole year and the season of Lent” (*Code of Canon Law*, 1250). Advent is a time to prepare for Christmas when Christ’s First Coming is remembered, and this remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ’s Second Coming at the end of time. (See *Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the General Roman Calendar*, 39.) While Advent is more anticipatory than penitential, the US Conference of Catholic Bishops states, “Advent also includes an element of penance in the sense of preparing, quieting, and disciplining our hearts for the full joy of Christmas.” Although, historically, Advent was similar to Lent as a forty-day period of prayer and fasting, it was less severe than the season preceding Easter, and it lacked uniformity in the Western Church. The Eastern Church still begins the Nativity Fast on November 15, while in the Western Church, Advent begins four Sundays before Christmas.

Regardless, the significant focus of Advent is our Lord’s coming (*adventus* in Latin). The Church reflects this anticipation of Advent through such practices as limiting floral arrangements in the sanctuary, simpler liturgical music, and omitting the Gloria at Mass until Christmas. We can also reflect the anticipation of Advent through such spiritual practices as participation in works of charity, moderation in shopping, celebration of the sacrament of penance, fasting on Fridays, and prayerful contemplation on our Savior’s Incarnation. ●

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
December 1	December 2	December 3	December 4	December 5	December 6	December 7
Advent	Advent	St. Francis	Advent	Advent	Advent	Second Sunday
Weekday	Weekday	Xavier, Priest	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	of Advent
Is 4:2-6	Is 11:1-10	Is 25:6-10a	Is 26:1-6	Is 29:17-24	Is 30:19-21, 23-26	Is 11:1-10
Mt 8:5-11	Lk 10:21-24	Mt 15:29-37	Mt 7:21, 24-27	Mt 9:27-31	Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8	Rom 15:4-9 Mt 3:1-12



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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

We are called to offer God’s love to everyone, in order to achieve that unity which does not cancel out differences but values the personal history of each person and the social and religious culture of every people. Brothers and sisters, this is the hour for love! The heart of the gospel is the love of God that makes us brothers and sisters.

HOMILY, ROME, MAY 18, 2025



Waiting, but Quick!

MIGUEL DULICK

This is the first Sunday of Advent, and the excitement is palpable. Writing 800 years before Christ, the prophet Isaiah sounds like breaking news: “They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks.” The psalmist announces we are already there: “And now we have set foot within your gates, O Jerusalem.” Saint Paul tickles our fancy with another whole round of “revelation” yet to come “on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.” Only Jesus himself seems a little cautious: “Be watchful! Be alert!” The Lord “is coming,” but he’s not here yet. Leave it to Jesus to force the paradox for which Advent seems to have been created: Jesus is present, but we dare not “sleep,” lest we miss him!

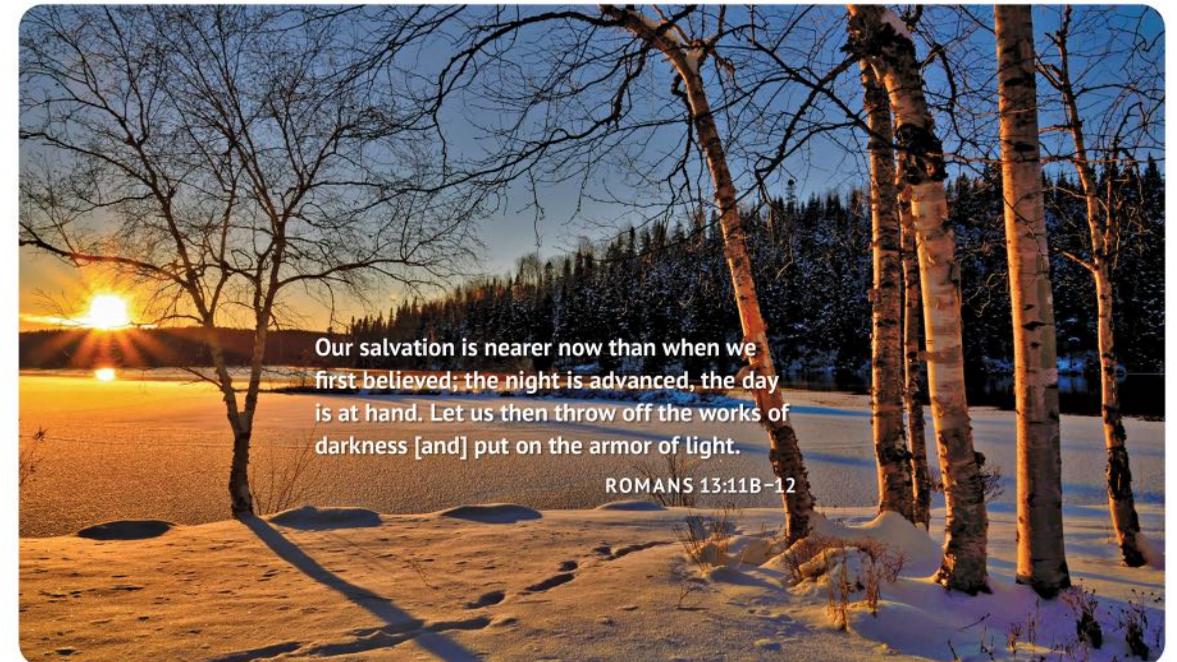
How do we wait for Christmas? After Halloween, the Christmas lights go up, the carols start, the “Merry Christmas!” / “Happy Holidays!” debate begins. Lent is a time for repentance, alms, and fasting. But there’s no fasting in Advent: we fill bags with gifts and stockings with goodies. The Church tries to slow us down and encourage a little reflecting to prepare the way, led by John the Baptist. So let’s keep waiting; let’s hold on to our peace. Christmas Eve will be here soon enough. But let’s not be too austere. A full menu of holiday parties and concerts and family feasts can legitimately “anticipate” Christmas. Let’s cheer each other: Merry Advent! ●



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Reflect

What can I do to prepare for Christmas mindfully, peacefully, and joyfully?



Our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed; the night is advanced, the day is at hand. Let us then throw off the works of darkness [and] put on the armor of light.

ROMANS 13:11B-12

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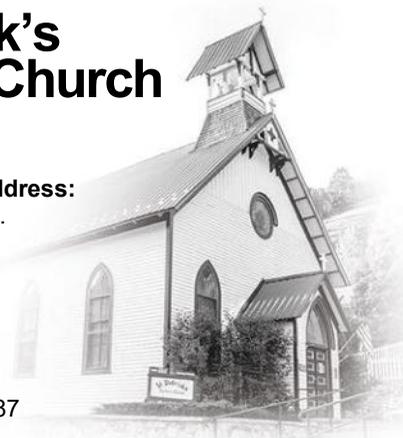
Holy Mass & Confession Schedule:

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 Mission, Nucla.

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



November 30th, 2025 - First Sunday of Advent

Holy Mass Intentions:

Saturday, November 29th
5:30 PM - Grace Aumiller

Sunday, November 30th
9:00 AM - Missa Pro Populo

Tuesday, December 2nd
7:00 PM - Jean Nardozi

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

Thursday, December 4th
8:00 AM - Jolene Hidalgo

Friday, December 5th
8:00 AM - Poor Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, December 6th
5:30 PM - Audrey & Mike Woodard

Sunday, December 7th
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 - Rezoz 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

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: 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM
Eucharistic Adoration & Holy Mass - 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.

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

December 5th – **First Friday of the Month** Devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus – 8:00 AM.

Last Week's Collection: \$ 1,184.00

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“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 2026. 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 Gracias. 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 2026. 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!*

