

# First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2021

Jeremiah 33:14-16  
Psalm 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14  
1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2  
Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

**“To you, O Lord,  
I lift my soul.”**



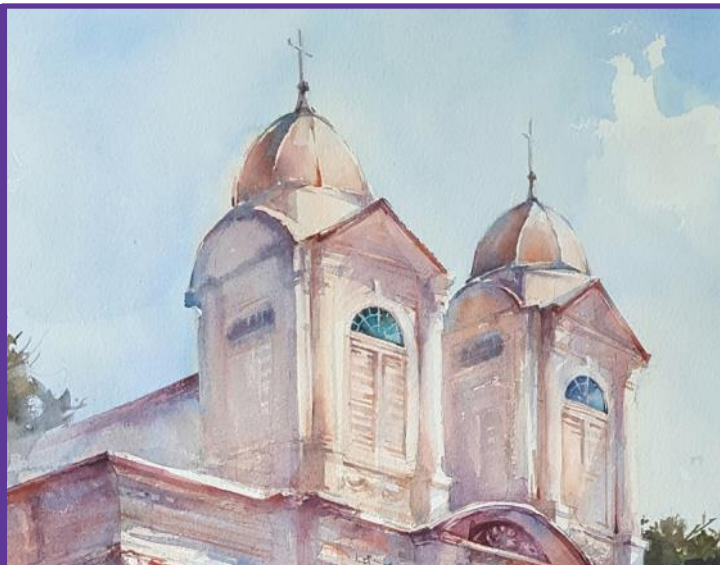
**St. Dominic's is a Catholic  
Parish Inspired by  
Dominican Spirituality  
Igniting the Faith for the  
Salvation of Souls**

## Altar Flowers for Repose of the Soul of Arceli dela Cruz

Sun	11/28	7:00 a.m.	(B) Edrick Mathieu Oteyza
		9:00 a.m.	(R) Regina Sevilla
		11:00 a.m.	(R) Celedonio Hernandez
		1:00 p.m.	(T) Paul Cruel
		5:00 p.m.	(T) People of the Parish
Mon	11/29	6:45 a.m.	(T) Cheng Family
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Dorothea Plant
Tues	11/30	6:45 a.m.	(R) Pilar Garcia
		8:15 a.m.	(B) Edison Avery Oteyza
Wed	12/01	6:45 a.m.	(R) Maria Kielian
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Engelberto Villanueva
Thurs	12/02	6:45 a.m.	(T) Dcn Shawn Carter
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Richard Montgomery, Jr.
Fri	12/03	6:45 a.m.	(B) Nicole Zorilla
		8:15 a.m.	(R) Unborn children of Rowaldo & Antonina Saulog
Sat	12/04	8:15 a.m.	(B) Harris Ingle
		5:00 p.m.	(R) Carol Wharton
Sun	12/05	7:00 a.m.	(H) Alice Bennett – Moran
		9:00 a.m.	(T) Maria Lau
		11:00 a.m.	(R) Florentino Ibabao
		1:00 p.m.	(T) People of the Parish

Legend: (R) Rest in Peace (H) Health  
(A) Anniversary (B) Birthday (T) Thanksgiving

**Mass & Flower Intentions - 2021 Sold OUT  
Starting December 1st - January Intentions  
ONE Mass Intention per family, visit office.**



## JOURNEYS TO BETHLEHEM

A PARISH MISSION FOR ADVENT

Presented by

FR. BART HUTCHERSON, OP

Western Dominican Preaching

From the Old Testament Book of Ruth to the creche in your own home, Bethlehem has played an important role in our religious story for more than 3000 years. Reflecting on 6 different Journeys to this Judean village (4 Biblical and 2 historical), Fr. Bart will take us on a virtual pilgrimage to discover the gifts offered by this village at the center of the Christmas Story.

**ST. DOMINIC'S CHURCH, BENICIA, CA  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 6—WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 8, 2021  
EACH MISSION TALK WILL BE PRESENTED TWICE EACH DAY:  
9:00 AM (after the 8:15 am Mass) & 6:30 PM**

### Please pray for the recovery of the sick listed in our Book of Intentions and the following:

Eric Gramlow, Marsha Morse, Albert Tan Co, Russell Ho,  
Ron Pearman, Merlynne Lucero,  
Patricia Weber, Bernice Cure, Margaret Haddad,  
Mary McCurry, Michele and Binns Melander, Tom Gavin,  
Donna W., Gladys Haddad, Julia Haddad, Sadie Shama,  
Pete & Dorothy Szabo, Carol Bacher, Lisa Santini,  
Bessie Sharp, Jane Gasper

### Please remember the following recently deceased (and their families) in your prayers:

Jeri Lange, Michael Hayes, Michael Lopretta,  
Ed Borkowski, Aguisella Cartagena, Eric Turner,  
Dale Demaray, Martha Anderson, Jesus Ramos,  
Ricky Rojas, Dr. Robert Madsen, Benny Lira, Josie Apilado  
Banez, Carol Wharton, Peter Cech, Penny Basso, Rob  
Perez, John Henry, Francisco Sison, Quartney Lassalle,  
Georgette Zeidan, Don Larkin

~names will be listed approximately 3 months as space allows



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## Pastor's Corner

### A New Beginning

Happy Liturgical New Year! To celebrate, we are having an Advent Mission given by a familiar friar, Fr. Bartholomew Hutcherson, OP. Fr. Bart will be preaching at the Masses this weekend, as well as on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. A mainstay of Fr. Bart's ministry is leading two pilgrimages a year to the Holy Land. Obviously with the pandemic, those haven't happened. In order to support some of the people he works with in Bethlehem, religious articles made in the Holy Land will be available this weekend and after the Masses through Wednesday, or until supplies run out. Please see the rest of the bulletin for further details.

This time of year is always reflective for me, and this year especially so. I have a mixed relationship, shall we say, with Thanksgiving. And this December 4 marks the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of my mother's death.

I did not enjoy Thanksgiving growing up. After my parents separated when I was about 7, I spent Thanksgiving with my dad. Apart from the two years he and his second wife were together, my father and I never celebrated Turkey Day with the same group of people two years in a row. This was a trial for me as a shy, reserved child; as a result, it became my least favorite holiday. That is particularly sad, because Thanksgiving dinner itself has always been one of my favorites. (Needless to say, Thanksgiving since I entered the Dominicans has been a much different, much more pleasant experience.)

My mother's last significant meal was Thanksgiving dinner. It was prepared by her best friend who is an excellent cook (and at her insistence, since she was expecting a houseful, "so three more is no problem!"). Since I had no cooking to do that day, my uncle and I pulled out all the stops in setting the table. We got out Mom's best china, linen tablecloths, crystal wine glasses and goblets, actual silver silverware, and all the rest for our little dinner party. I remember her really enjoying watching the preparations, even though she couldn't help. We all knew that she was very sick because she didn't give either my uncle or me any directions or "suggestions" as we were setting things up. "Dressing for dinner" that night was putting on a button-down shirt. And, of course, we ate at the dining room table, rather than the kitchen table where we usually ate. (This was a bonus because it was closer to Mom's bed.) It was one of the most beautiful and significant family meals I can remember. It is one of my most treasured memories of my mom's final days in this life.

These experiences give me great sympathy for those who find the "holiday season" stressful because of painful or traumatic memories and experiences from the past. Be around people who love you and be OK with not always being OK.

**Fr. Carl Schlichte, O.P.**  
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## Help St. Vincent de Paul during the Holiday Season!

### SVDP's Holiday Giving Tree

The tree will be up this weekend, Saturday, November 27th inside the church. Please consider taking an ornament and buying the requested gift. Then return the ornament with the wrapped gift to the church on the weekend of December 11th - 12th. We will be delivering the gifts and holiday food boxes on Saturday, December 18th in the Parish Hall. Please join us! If you have any questions, please email us at [svdp@stdombenicia.org](mailto:svdp@stdombenicia.org).



If you know anyone who could use St. Vincent de Paul's help, please have them call **707-746-1773**.

**Become a Vincentian - [svdp@stdombenicia.org](mailto:svdp@stdombenicia.org)**







## YOUTH MINISTRY

### Epiphany Kit Service Project

Wednesday, December 1, 2021 - 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

### Youth Group Scavenger Hunt

Sunday, December 12, 2021 - 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

## YR II CONFIRMATION

### Sunday, December 5th

Teen Small Group Meeting from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.  
(Fr. Gregory & Symantha's group meets from 3:30-5:00 p.m.)

**Blessed Are We** Unit 4 (parts B, C, & D) due.  
Does not apply to Catholic School teens.

### Wednesday, December 8th

Parent/Teen Circle of Grace Presentation - 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
(Does not apply to Catholic School teens/parents).

## YR I CONFIRMATION

### November 29th

Teen Small Group - 6:30-8:00 p.m.

### Monday, December 6th

Parent/Teen Meeting via Zoom - 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
**Blessed Are We** Unit 1 (parts A, C, & D) due.  
Does not apply to Catholic School teens.

### Wednesday, December 8th

Parent/Teen Circle of Grace Presentation - 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
(Does not apply to Catholic School teens/parents).



## Parish Office

### Current Office Hours

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**Teen Ministry**

**Children's Sacraments**

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## Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m. – In Church

Sunday: 7:00 a.m. – In Church & Live-streamed\*

9:00 a.m. – Outside (Small Lot)

11:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. – In Church

First Sunday of month Vietnamese Mass – 3:00 p.m.

### Daily Mass

Monday – Saturday: 8:15 a.m.

In Church & Live-streamed\*

[www.watchstdom.com](http://www.watchstdom.com)



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Their contributions each week underwrite our Parish Bulletin. Thank you!**

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<b>SPECIAL COLLECTIONS DECEMBER</b>	Dec 5: Building Improvement Dec 8: Immaculate Conception Dec 12: Retired Religious	Dec 12: St. Dominic School Tuition Dec 19: Building Improvement Dec 25: Christmas

**Parish Office Hours Tuesday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

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SDS 31ST ANNUAL

# Christmas Tree & Wreath Sale

This year we are happy to announce the **SDS Christmas Tree** sale with trees from our local Raley's in Benicia. Please order early since trees are **limited** this year and all trees/ wreaths will be pre-sold. **Deliveries are within Benicia & Vallejo ONLY** and occur on Saturday, December 4, 2021. **Please complete the order form below and return with payment to the school office by November 30, 2021.**

Any questions contact: Lenissa Dumlao @ (510)322-0270 / [lenissaadumlao@gmail.com](mailto:lenissaadumlao@gmail.com)



TYPE:	Quantity:	Price:
3'-4' Tree	_____	\$35.00
6'-7' Tree	_____	\$65.00
Wreath	_____	\$20.00
Total		\$_____

Cash payments or checks payable to SDS accepted

#### YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Delivery:

\_\_\_ Yes, Deliver my tree(s) to my home Saturday, 12/4/2021

In Benicia & Vallejo ONLY.

OFFICE USE ONLY: PAID BY: CASH \_\_\_\_\_ CHECK \_\_\_\_\_ CHECK # \_\_\_\_\_ INITIALS \_\_\_\_\_

# November 28, 2021 - 1st Sunday of Advent

## **Jeremiah 33:14-16**

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah:

The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and Judah. In those days, in that time, I will raise up for David a just shoot; he shall do what is right and just in the land.

In those days Judah shall be safe and Jerusalem shall dwell secure; this is what they shall call her: "The LORD our justice." The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

## **Psalms 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14**

**To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.**

Your ways, O Lord, make known to me; teach me your paths, guide me in your truth, and teach me, for you are God my savior and for you I wait all the day.

Good & upright is the Lord; thus he shows sinners the way. He guides the humble to justice, and teachers the humble his way.

All the paths of the Lord are kindness and constancy toward those who keep his covenant and his decrees. The friendship of the Lord is with those who fear him, and his covenant, for their instruction.

## **1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2**

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians:

Brothers and sisters: May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we have for you, so as to strengthen your hearts, to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones. Amen. Finally, brothers and sisters, we earnestly ask and exhort you in the Lord Jesus that, as you received from us how you should conduct yourselves to please God -and as you are conducting yourselves- you do so even more. For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Luke 21:25-28, 34-36**

+ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke:

Jesus said to his disciples: "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand. "Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap. For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth. Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

## **Profession of Faith**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for

the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **Prayer for the Sick during the Pandemic**

O God, our refuge in trials, our strength in sickness, our comfort in sorrow, spare your people, we pray, and hear our prayers for all who are sick: Grant them, we implore you, your merciful help, so that, with their health restored, they may give you thanks in the midst of the Church.

Your Only-Begotten Son took on our human nature and bore our infirmities; protect and strengthen also we pray, nurses, doctors, first responders, and all others on the front line of this pandemic, who put themselves in harm's way to serve the needs of others.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

Our Lady of Guadalupe	Pray for us!
St. Joseph	Pray for us!
St. Patrick	Pray for us!
Holy Father St. Dominic	Pray for us!