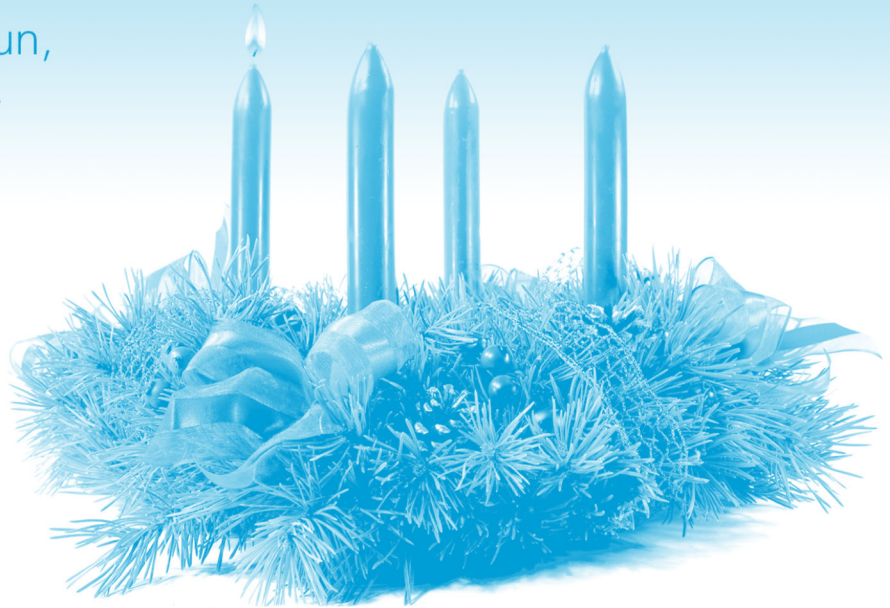


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There will be signs in the sun,  
the moon, and the stars.

When these signs  
begin to happen,  
stand erect and  
raise your heads  
because your  
redemption is at hand.

Luke 21:25, 28



**FIRST**  
**Sunday**  
**OF** *Advent*

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## Sunday Mass Schedule

**Saturday: (Vigil) 5:00 p.m.**

**Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10 a.m. & 12 Noon**

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday –Saturday: 8:30 a.m. **Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena:** Wednesdays 8:15a.m

### HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION MASSES

8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. ; Vigil: 5:00 p.m.

### RECONCILIATION

Saturdays and eves of Holy Days: 4:00 to 4:45 p.m.

First Fridays: 9:15 a.m.

# First Sunday of Advent



## Baby Blankets for Pro-Life

Holy Family is undertaking an Advent project to benefit the Santa Ana Life Center. Sewers are needed to make simple baby blankets for moms to be (there is a sample in the rectory office). Sewing skill is not required! We will be meeting in the rectory on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10am. Bring a sewing machine if possible. If not, one will be provided. Call Becky Maffucci at 562-631-4718 for more information.

## Music Ministry News

After more than 25 years leading the music ministry at Holy Family, our very dear music director Eleanor Petraca is retiring. We will miss her beautiful voice, but we wish her well in all her endeavors. We are in great debt to her tireless dedication to Holy Family all these years. After the 8am, 10am, and 12noon Masses this Sunday, please stop by the Church' front entrance to offer her your support and well wishes.

## Laudato Si Action Platform

Following our *Laudato Si* Action Platform kick off in our diocese, we will continue to maintain a recycling effort in our parish. **A recycling bin for plastic and aluminum are placed at the men's room side door (next to the bicycle rack) for you to donate your recyclables. Plastic bottles and aluminum cans are preferred.**

The Laudato Si' Action Platform (LSAP), is a list of seven goals that the Holy Father has outlined to help spur a worldwide effort to take action on the environment over a period of seven years.

## Special Prayer Intention of Pope Francis – November 2021

Overwork and work-related stress cause many people to experience extreme exhaustion —mental, emotional, affective, and physical exhaustion. Sadness, apathy, and spiritual tiredness end up dominating people's lives, who are overloaded due to the rhythm of life today. Our Holy Father asks us to accompany and to pray especially for people struggling with mental health and their caregivers.

## Note on your Calendar... Two important Marian feasts are coming up



1-**The Immaculate Conception**, Patroness of the United States, on Wednesday December 8th. This feast day is a Holy Day of obligation. We will hold our usual Holy Day Schedule of Masses.

2-**Our Lady of Guadalupe**, Patroness of the Americas and of our Diocese of Orange, on Sunday Dec 12<sup>th</sup>. Since this is a Sunday, we will hold the normal Sunday Mass schedule. At the 8am Mass, we will have Mariachi music and refreshments afterwards.

## Synod Discernment

Our Bishop is asking for each parish to select 6 representatives to begin the Diocesan consultation phase of the world wide Synod. Representatives should include married couples (not to exclude those who have experienced divorce and/or annulment); members of ethnic groups; members of youths and elderly groups; and members of communities with special needs (for instance, the handicapped and/or infirm). The consultations will begin in early 2022. **Please contact Fr. Joseph, our Pastor, if you would like to volunteer for this task.**

## Prayer for Discernment for the Church Synod

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,  
as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,  
make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go  
and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful;  
do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path  
nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity  
so that we may journey together to eternal life  
and not stray from the way of truth  
and what is right. All this we ask of You,  
who are at work in every place and time,  
in the communion of the Father and the Son,  
forever and ever. Amen.

# First Sunday of Advent

## Servants of God and the US Liturgical Calendar

The U.S. bishops, meeting in Baltimore for their annual fall assembly, voted Nov. 17 on 2 important items:

1) To advance the causes of beatification and canonization for three Servants of God: Charlene Marie Richard, a 12-year old girl diagnosed with cancer who offered up her suffering; Auguste Robert Pelafigue, a man with a special devotion to the Sacred Heart; and Joseph Ira Dutton, a Civil War veteran who joined St. Damian of Molokai in his ministry to lepers. Of note to Holy Family Church members is Charlene Marie Richard, who had a special devotion to St. Thérèse and who carry the cross of illness with tremendous dignity. Born and raised in a small town of Louisiana, “the Little Cajun Saint” she has been called. We pray that Holy Mother Church will soon recognize their profound contribution to the sanctity of the Church in the United States.

2) To inscribe St. Teresa of Kolkata (or **Mother Teresa**), in the Liturgical Calendar of the United States, with her feast day on the anniversary of her death Sept. 5th. The vote still needs the approval of the Vatican's Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments before it takes effect.

## Advent Retreat

Our parish will hold a half-day Advent retreat on **Saturday December 4<sup>th</sup>**. The Theme will be “**Christ’s Self Emptying: A Biblical Meditation for Advent and Christmas.**” The retreat begins with Mass at 8:30am, followed by lectures, prayers, and noon time refreshments. Sign-up for lunch will be provided during the prior weekend. We will continue the day after lunch with a communal outdoor Christmas Scene decoration by talented and enabled bodies. If you would like to contribute to our Christmas decorations, please bring poinsettias, green artificial Christmas trees, hay, and LED lights. All are invited, including family and friends outside of Leisure World.

## Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday 8:30 a.m. November 29

Jose Carlos, RIP

Nguyen Van Lliong, RIP

Tuesday 8:30 a.m. November 30

Dr. and Mrs. William and Helen Sroka, RIP

Wednesday 8:30 a.m. December 1

Jimmy Lai (Catholic imprisoned), Sp. Int.

Thursday 10:00 a.m. December 2

Luchio and Pedes Kim, Sp. Int.

Friday 8:30 a.m. December 3

Romeo Diancin, RIP

Alvin DeGuzman, RIP

John Rosales & Joni Rosales Hooper, RIP

Saturday 8:30 a.m. December 4

Theresa Spieldmann, RIP

Saturday 5:00 p.m. December 4

FOR THE PARISH

Sunday 8:00 a.m. December 5

Han Yon Arm, RIP

Sunday 10:00 a.m. December 5

Alice McKnight, RIP

Sunday 12:00 p.m. December 5

Joseph Tien Phung Nguyen, RIP

## Retirement Fund for Religious

Elderly religious need your help. Thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for years in Catholic schools, hospitals, and parishes. Now, many religious communities do not have enough retirement savings and struggle to provide for aging members. Your gift to Retirement Fund for Religious collection helps provide medications, nursing care, and more. Please be generous.

The Retirement Fund for Religious collection will take place in our Parish next **weekend, December 4-5, 2021**. There will be a second collection. There are special envelopes in the pews for your convenience.