

Advent

A Season of Hope & Expectation

Advent comes from the Latin word meaning "coming." Jesus is coming, and Advent is intended to be a season of preparation for His arrival. While we typically regard Advent as a joyous season, it is also intended to be a period of preparation, much like Lent. Prayer, penance and fasting are appropriate during this season.

Advent is not as strict as Lent, and there are no rules for fasting, but it is meant to be a period of self-preparation. The purple color associated with Advent is also the color of penance. The faithful should fast during the first two weeks in particular and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The color of the Third Sunday of Advent is rose. This color symbolizes joy and represents the happiness we will experience when Jesus comes again. The Third Sunday is a day of anticipatory celebration. It is formerly called "Gaudete" Sunday; gaudete means "rejoice" in Latin.

Finally, Sundays during Advent, just as during Lent, should not be given to fasting, but instead to celebration because we celebrate the resurrection of Our Lord every Sunday. It is important to remember, however, there are no particular rules for how the laity should observe Advent.



Sisters of St. Benedict



Our Lady of Guadalupe Bulletin

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The Mission of the Sisters of St. Benedict is to give witness to the Gospel values and follow the Rule of St. Benedict by living the monastic life through the charisms of: Personal Prayer, Community Prayer, Hospitality, and ministering to the people of God.



Date: 12/1/19
First Sunday of Advent

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

- **Sunday, Dec. 1st**—Mass 10:15am First Sunday of Advent
- **Wed. Dec 3rd—11th** —NOVENA 7pm each night or as decided by participants
- **Friday, Dec. 6th**—Evening prayer @ 4:30 pm followed by MASS
- **Sunday, Dec. 8th** - Celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe and 21st Anniversary of Monastery; Lunch after Mass...drawing for big raffle,
- **Thursday, Dec 12**—Mananitas 6 am followed by breakfast
- **Friday, Dec. 13th**—Prayer 4:30pm, mass 5pm
- **Sunday, Dec. 15th**—Mass 10:15am
- **Friday, Dec. 20th** —Prayer 4:30pm, mass 5pm
- **Sunday, Dec. 22nd**—Mass 10:15am
- **Tuesday, Dec. 24th** —Christmas Eve Mass 4:45 pm

1st Reading	Isaiah 2:1-5
Responsorial Psalm	Psalms 122: 1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9
2nd Reading	Romans 13:11-14
Alleluia	Psalms 85:8
Gospel	Matthew 24:37-44

From the desk of Sr. Linda.....

Greetings everyone and Happy New Year as we enter into the new liturgical year!

These next weeks are filled with beautiful celebrations for Our Lady of Guadalupe and our 21st Anniversary. We hope that you will be able to join us as we start the Novena for Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 3rd at 7:00 pm. The novena will be completed on Wednesday, December 11th.

We will have our public celebration of the Feast and Anniversary on Sunday, December 8th at our 10:15 am Mass followed by lunch....please sign up today so we know how many to plan for. You are asked to bring a side dish or desert.

On Thursday, December 12th we will have Mananitas at 6:00 am to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe. The Danza la Familia Mananitas will join us for the prayer service.

Our Lady has intervened in our behalf for many years now....let's come together in prayer to thank her for her love and support for us and our Monastery.

There are some great suggestions on the inside of the bulletin for random acts of kindness....how many can each of us accomplish during this Advent?

Blessings,
 Sister Linda



- 12/1 Kathy Harmon
- 12/2 Marco Flores-Vazquez
- 12/3 Joyce Jones and Betty Hertz
- 12/6 Tom Bashwiner
- 12/7 Esperanza Porchini and Rene Rosales



Please continue to pray for:

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| Lucy Quiroz | Jessie Federico |
| Tommy Arriaga | Maria Elena Alvarez |
| Mickie Vaquera & her mom | Dean Wingett |
| Irene & Ralph Martinez | Carlos Torres |
| Sandy Platter | Tommy Martin |
| Mary Ferranto | Maria Antonia Martinez |
| Kara Warren | Lindsey [11 yr old w/cancer] |
| Jose & Esperanza Martinez | Loretta Yanez |
| Donna Bashwiner | Christine Raydl |
| Tom Martin | Joe Campbell |
| Ray Campbell | Cesar De Moss |



You are invited to join us for the following celebrations for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe and our 21st Anniversary:

Sunday, December 8th: 10:15 Liturgy followed by lunch...sign up today.

Thursday, December 12th: Mananitas at 6:00 am.

Including the Matachina's, followed by breakfast.... sign up today.

Lupe's Thrift Shop

Lupe's Thrift Shop is open Friday and Saturday except holiday weekends.

Items needed: furniture, appliances, kitchen items....all gently used.

Lupe's hours are 8 am — Noon Friday's and Saturday's

We are at a point where we need more volunteers on Saturday's. If you can work on Saturday once a month please let us know. The flip side is if we don't have volunteers we will be forced to close the Thrift Shop.

Remember to do an Act of Kindness each day

Please bring in your aluminum cans to the Monastery for recycling! Place bags of cans in blue trash cans provided by Monastery. *Thanks!*

We are grateful for the Danza La Familia Matachina's To celebrate with us once again...

