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FIRST
SUNDAY OF

Advent

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“You also must be prepared,
for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”

MATTHEW 24:44

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Daily Mass: 8:45am Mon.—Sat.
Sunday Masses: Sat. Vigil at 5pm,
Sundays at 8am, 10am, and Noon (*Chinese*)
All Masses Livestreamed except Sunday 8am

Confessions: Saturday @ 4:40—4:55pm
and 20 minutes before each Sunday Mass

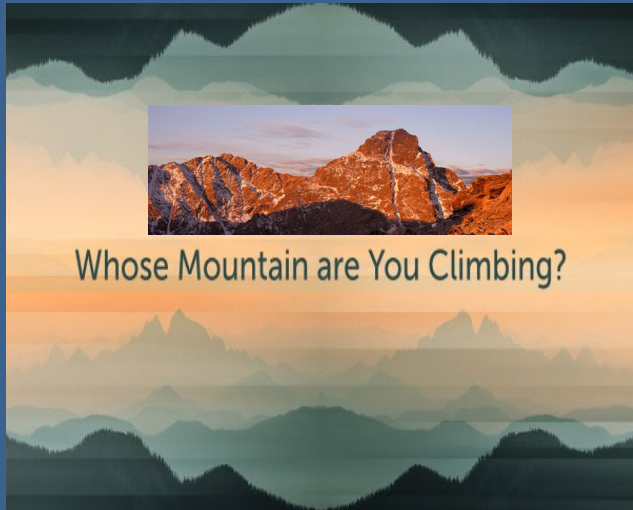
Office Hours: Mon.—Fri., 9a—4:30p

Baptisms: 2nd Sat. of month, 12:30pm
(*Registered Parishioners only*)

Baptismal Prep: 3rd Sat. of month, 10:00am
(*Registered Parishioners only*)

First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2022



Whose Mountain are You Climbing?

“Come, let us climb
the Lord’s mountain . . .
that he may instruct us in his ways
and we may walk in his path.”

—Isaiah 2:3

People of the Light

We are called to reflect the light of God’s love through the ways in which we live our lives. Imagine the impact if each of us took this call to heart, every day, at home, work, or school, in our parish, in the world. “All nations shall stream toward it,” toward the love that only comes from God. Yet, we must admit that much of the time we fail to be beacons of God’s light. We fall asleep, complacent, preferring to go the easy route, which often leads to darkness rather than the radiance of Christ’s light. As we begin the season of Advent, Saint Paul admonishes us to throw off the works of darkness, to awaken to the call of light and love. In today’s Gospel, Jesus too tells us to stay awake, to be prepared to greet the Lord of light as people of the light.

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Pastor’s Column

Waiting in Hope – Imagine what it would be like if we lived without hope. Incarcerated prisoners, for example, if they lived without the hope of being free, or seeing their loved ones again, could easily fall into despair. What our ancestors in the faith teach us is that our longings, our hopes are like prayers that rise up to God. And God hears the cries of His people. Israel’s longing for a Savior led to the coming of the promised Messiah. After Jesus’ Resurrection and Ascension to Heaven, He promised to come again and establish His Kingdom in which there would be no more tears or suffering, injustice, or violence. So in the Season of Advent, we wait as our ancestors waited. We wait for someone who will free us, heal us, right wrongs and transform our fallen world. The symbol that we use for this Season is the Advent Wreath, a circular garland of evergreen branches that represent the eternity of God. Four candles are placed within it to help us prayerfully reflect the passage of the Advent Season as we wait for the coming of our Savior. The Purple color used in this Season symbolizes longing and anticipation, not penance. The Rose color used on the 3rd Sunday, known as *Gaudete Sunday*, which means *Rejoice Sunday*, signals the mid-point of the season and reminds us that our waiting is half-over. *Alleluia* continues to be sung in the Gospel Acclamation and in other songs to indicate that the Advent Season is one of expectation rather than penance. The *Gloria*, however, is not sung in order to allow us to anticipate the full joy on Christmas day, when it is sung again. Although Advent is not a Penitential Season like Lent, the Sacrament of Reconciliation finds a special place during this time as we prepare ourselves for the coming of our Lord, both at the end of time and in the Christmas celebration. As Pope Francis has said, “If you have something dark in your soul, ask the Lord for forgiveness. Christmas is a great opportunity to cleanse the soul.” As we light the 1st candle of the Advent wreath, this can be our prayer:

O God, as light comes from this candle, may the blessing of Jesus Christ come to us, warming our hearts and brightening our way. May Christ our Savior bring light into the darkness of this world and to each of us as we wait for His coming. Amen.

—Fr Dan

15th Annual Simbang Gabi Commissioning Mass
Principal Celebrant: Father Dave M. Pettingill

Friday, December 9, 2022, 7:30pm Cathedral of St. Mary
Light Filipino Food Fare served immediately after the Mass.

Each year, a Commissioning Mass heralds the beginning of “Simbang Gabi Masses” widely celebrated in its various parishes throughout the Archdiocese during the Christmas season. “Simbang Gabi” is a centuries old Filipino Catholic practice with roots in farming and fishing communities dating back to the 1600’s. This practice traditionally consists of attending a novena of pre-dawn, or night-time masses leading up to Christmas Eve. We encourage you to bring your own Filipino Christmas “Parol”, and your family Nativity scene to receive a special blessing after the mass.



Saint Anne Parish
MASS INTENTIONS
WEEK of November 27, 2022

Sunday, November 27

8:00am Valerio Ernesto Escobar (D)
10:00am Rolando G. and Nenita M. Galon (D)
 Pilar Lim (D)
Noon People of the Parish
 Intentions, Sindy

Monday, November 28

8:45am Lorraine J. Quinn (D)
 Carolyn Martinez (D)

Tuesday, November 29

8:45am Andy Kwong (D)
 Paul Dulfer (D)

Wednesday, November 30

8:45am Angel and Angelo Eng (D)
 Pilar Lim (D)
 Thanksgiving, Anonymous

Thursday, December 1

8:45am Rosa Bologna D)

Friday, December 2

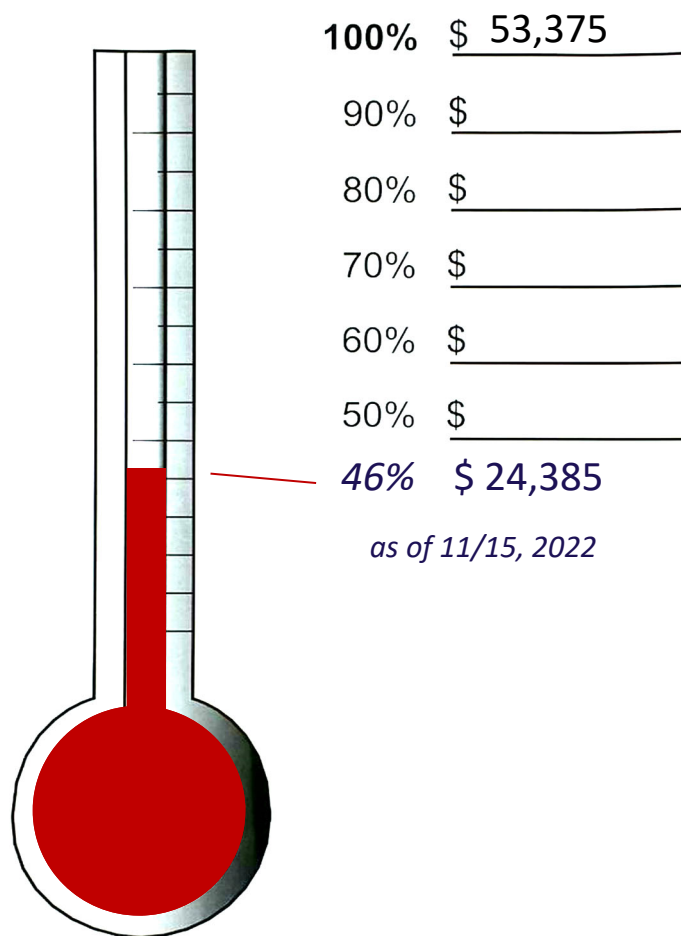
8:45am Deceased Members of the Bologna
 and D'Asaro Families

Saturday, December 3

9:00am Confraternity of Saint Anne
5:00pm People of the Parish
 Pilar Lim (D)

WE'RE INCHING CLOSER

BUT TIME IS RUNNING OUT!



Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

JUST A REMINDER— to those who haven't yet contributed to our Annual Archdiocesan Appeal for 2022: The deadline for donations is the end of December. We currently owe \$28,990, more than half of what we have been assessed. Whatever is still owed at the end of the year must be paid out of our General Funds.

Previous Week's Collections

First Collection, November 19, 20— \$2,885.00
 Catholic Campaign for Human Development— \$966.75

No Second Collection This Week

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