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MASS ~ MISA  
SUNDAY ~ DOMINGO  
9:30 AM English  
11:30 AM Español



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2022

## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Jesus said to them in reply, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them." - Mt 11:4-5

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**LIVE THE LITURGY**  
**Inspiration for the Week**  
We can often feel parched, desolate, lifeless, and dark. Even though we still engage in the business and demands of life, we find ourselves somewhat detached, disengaged, and removed. We lack joy, wonder, awe, and zest. Rather than being an experience of freedom and excitement, life holds us captive. We are tethered to systems, agendas, protocols, regulations, and expectations that go against the grain of what it means to be God's child. We find ourselves in a desert. Jesus came to release us from all of this negativity and desolation. John the Baptist announced the arrival of the One who embodies healing, reconciliation, freedom, and life. Stop complaining about what you don't have. Prepare for the arrival of the remedy to life's despair. Be strong, fear not! Christ will save us from life's distortions, illusions, and disappointments. Be patient. With proper time and care, all will be well.

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

Life can leave us feeling dark and desolate. Sandy was just twenty-eight when her husband, Rob, died, leaving her to raise their two young children. She was without paid employment. Rob went to work one morning and never returned home. Sandy, though, had faith and trusted that somehow God would help her through, even though most days brought deafening, piercing loneliness. She persevered, and the darkness gave way to light. Remarkably one day to a friend hesitant to commit to a relationship, Sandy shared her wisdom. Even if she knew the outcome would be the same, she would marry Rob again. She assured her friend that she would even do this if eight years could only be eight minutes. We are being led by God and God transforms the darkness into light.

“Be strong, fear not!” Those are easy words to say. Putting them into practice is the challenge. When our paths are dark and life’s roads become treacherous, we can easily complain about life’s unfinished nature. When will the pain go away? Will the loneliness ever cease? Will I experience happiness again? As the farmer needs to exercise patience with the soil, we need to do the same with our lives. We have to wait for the early and late rains to come, properly tend to our gardens, and ensure that the rich nutrients of God’s merciful and tender presence continue to enrich us. God is not done. God has only just begun his work in us.

We cannot allow life to hold us captive. The systems, agendas, protocols, regulations, expectations, and unfinished business can distract us from what it means to be God’s child. Life can leave us feeling cheated, negative, and parched. All times and seasons of our spiritual and liturgical lives lead us to three virtues: faith, hope and love. Stop complaining about what is wrong and look to what God can make right! Joy that flows from the Baptist’s message: in Jesus, the one mightier than he, are found healing, reconciliation, and freedom. Christ will save us from life’s distortions, illusions, and disappointments. Do you believe this? LPI

## ORGANIZATIONS/MEETINGS

- ◆ English Bible Study - Hospitality Room  
Mondays 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
- ◆ Grupo de Oracion - Parish Hall  
Tuesdays at 6:30 PM
- ◆ Religious Education Class  
Tuesdays 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
- ◆ Youth Group - School Building  
2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month  
6 - 7:30 PM Hospitality room

## MASS INTENTIONS - INTENCIONES DE MISA

**Sunday, December 11**

**10:00 AM - Bilingual Mass**

†Ramon & Catalina Ortiz (by family)

†Samuel & Joaquin Torres (by Alice Torres)

†Felix & Nicolasa Trujillo (by family)

**Monday, December 12**

†Stella Vigil (by Rosemary Martinez)

**Tuesday, December 13**

†Alfredo Barela (by Anita Barela)

**Thursday, December 15**

†Belinda Garcia (by nephew)

**Friday, December 16**

†Felix Trujillo (by family)

## NOVEMBER/DECEMBER WEEKLY READINGS

**Sun 11<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10;  
Mt 11:2-11

**Mon. 12<sup>th</sup>: Our Lady of Guadalupe**

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;  
(Ps) Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or  
Lk 1:39-47

**Tues. 13<sup>th</sup>: St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr**

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19,  
23; Mt 21:28-32

**Wed. 14<sup>th</sup>: St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor  
Of the Church**

Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25; Ps 85:9-14;  
Lk 7:18b-23

**Thur. 15<sup>th</sup>: Advent Weekday**

Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13;  
Lk 7:24-30

**Fri. 16<sup>th</sup>: Advent Weekday**

Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8;  
Jn 5:33-36

**Sat. 17<sup>th</sup>: Advent Weekday**

Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4; 7-8, 17;  
Mt 1:1-17

## PRAYER REQUESTS FOR HEALING

Solomon Sedillo, Benito Espinosa, Sandra Roberts, Armando Garcia, David Sanchez, Karla Esquibel, Ricardo Martinez, Karen Lacey, Linda & Lauren Baca, Maria Orfelina Graciano, Isela Cardoza, Rosemary Romero, Elmer Garcia, Lourdes Martinez, Jerome Gallegos, Matthew Trujillo, Ruben Placencio & Richard Ignacio Dominguez