



WELCOME!

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church
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Fr. Michael Ume

Business Manager:

Kathy Tracy

School Principal:

Rose Navarro

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil

5:00PM

Sunday:

7:30AM

9:00AM*

11:00AM

5:00PM

Monday-Friday

Morning Prayer

7:45

Mass

8:15AM*

* Livestream

Confession:

Saturdays

3:30-4:30PM

Church

Office Hours:

Sunday

8AM-Noon

Monday-Friday

9:00AM-Noon &

1:00-4:00PM

Closed

Saturday

(626)792-1343

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SECOND SUNDAY OF

Advent



DECEMBER 4, 2022

John the Baptist appeared,
preaching in the desert of Judea and saying,
“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!”

MATTHEW 3:1

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Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mission Statement:

***ABVM is a Catholic Community. Our mission is to welcome
all in the name of Jesus, and to live out our faith as His
disciples. We worship, proclaim the Gospel to all, and help
those in need.***

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Join Us In Worship

Devotions:

Morning Prayer: Monday-Friday 7:45
In Church & Livestreamed

Rosary & Divine Mercy after the 8:15AM daily Mass

First Friday Adoration

First Friday of the Month at 7:00PM

First Saturday

First Saturday of the Month at 8:15AM

Prepare for the Sacraments

Baptisms:

Baptisms take place on the third Saturday of each month at 10:00AM. Baptismal Class is the first Sunday of each month at 10:00AM via Zoom. Please contact the office to schedule an appointment to meet with the pastor. Please go to our website for important preparatory information: abvmpasadena.org/sacraments

Marriages:

Engaged couples: Six months of preparation is required by the Catholic Church. Please phone the office to schedule an appointment 6 months *prior* to the proposed wedding date. Available wedding times are on Saturdays: 10AM, 12-Noon, and 1:30PM.

Welcome to Our Parish

Registering in a parish is a declaration of your desire to be a part of a Catholic community and a commitment to the life of the parish family. Being a **registered** parishioner makes things easier when it is time for *infant baptism, school registration, weddings, funerals, affidavits* and when asked to be a baptismal or confirmation *sponsor*. We can only do this if you are a *registered, active* and *contributing* member in the parish. Please call, visit the office or go online to our website to register.

SECOND SUNDAY OF Advent

December 4, 2022

On that day,
a shoot shall sprout
from the stump of Jesse,
and from his roots
a bud shall blossom.

ISAIAH 11:1

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We often change our tone of voice and vocabulary when we really want to get somebody's attention. Parents will add a middle name to indicate a child is in trouble (a middle *and* last name when the child is *really* in trouble). Change of tone and words invites attention, demanding a response. Today John the Baptist does a bit of name-calling: "You brood of vipers!" Even for someone like John, who regularly used potent vocabulary, this way of addressing the holy men—the Pharisees and Saducees—this level of name-calling stands out. Snakes were commonly understood as a representation of evil, and a poisonous snake in the ancient world held the power of life and death, as the holy men thought they did. Instead of thinking about their own power, John tells them to produce good fruit. We still get ourselves in trouble today when we think that we truly hold any type of power over others, when it's a power that belongs only to God.

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For more information about this new law, read "California takes child protection seriously with new online law" on AngelusNews.com.

Remember: Keep up with your Virtus bulletins online!



EMBRACING CHANGE

Words like John's might cause fear in us, or may hold us back, hesitant. Words like these can also invite us to change our lives. When we do so, we open ourselves to a core virtue of the Advent season: hope. Changing our lives can also open us up to a more vigorous presence of the gifts of the Holy Spirit—wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, and fear of the Lord—named in Isaiah today. Recall that it was in that very Spirit we were named for Christ at Baptism. Open your ears and heart to the voice of God, who knows the name given to you on that day. Respond not out of fear, but in love, to the ways that God is calling to you today; calling you to change what needs to be changed, and to welcome Christ today, as you will once again on Christmas day.

Today's Readings: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

LOOKING FOR A WAY TO HELP THE HOMELESS?

Assumption parish is collecting food for the Friends In Deed Pantry.

December Suggestion:

Chili

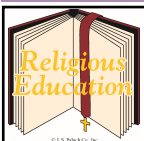


Please leave your donation in the cart near the Baptistry. We accept **all** non-perishable food. The St. Vincent de Paul volunteers will do the rest!

The Friends in Deed Pantry is currently providing food to about 400 households per week.

Stewardship & Today's Gospel Second Sunday of Advent

We must be good stewards of God's gifts to us, receiving them gratefully and cultivating them with care, lest we be the ones about whom John the Baptist speaks today, cautioning us, "Every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."

**Religious Education Sundays**

December 4-9:00AM

December 11-9:00AM

Teen Confirmation Mondays

December 5-7:00PM-Year I

December 12-7:00PM-Year II

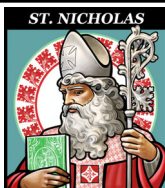


Please contact Ms. Cheli Valdez at (626)792-6844 or at: cvaldez@abvmpasadena.org for information.

St. Nicholas Day Celebration

Sunday, December 4

After the 9:00AM Mass



We will celebrate St. Nicholas Day for all the children in the parish on December 4. Traditionally, small gifts were given on this day in honor of St. Nicholas, who, in more recent times, has morphed into Santa Claus (from the Dutch Sinterklaas).

Santa will greet the children and distribute small gifts.


**Knights of Columbus
Famous Strawberry Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, December 4**

After the 7:30AM & 9:00AM Masses

**A Special Guest Will Visit With
The Children in Honor of St. Nicholas Day
After the 9:00AM Mass ~ MCH**

Please enjoy our sumptuous egg soufflé and pancakes.


**Youth Mass and Youth Night
Saturday, December 10 at 5:00PM**

Enjoy a night of fellowship with your friends at our Youth Mass and Night! We invite all teens currently in our Confirmation program and those who have been confirmed, to attend the **Youth Mass at 5:00PM and Youth Night at 6:00-8:00pm** at Msgr. Crean Hall. **We request that the teens come to Mass and sit together in the reserved seats at Mass before attending Youth Night.**

This social gives teens the opportunity to have fun and build a community. A light dinner will be served. For questions, please call Ms. Cheli at (626) 792-6844 or email at cvaldez@abvmpasadena.org.


**Prayer Shawl Ministry
Sunday, December 11
8:30AM-10:00AM-MCH**

No Experience Necessary! Help make 100 knitted hats to benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society's outreach. We also will distribute hats to other parish ministries for comfort.



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**Feast of the
Immaculate Conception
Holy Day of Obligation
Thursday, December 8**

Vigil Mass

**Wednesday, December 7 at
7:00PM**
**Thursday, December 8 at
8:15AM & 7:00PM**

**Feast of the
Immaculate Conception**

A feast called the Conception of Mary arose in the Eastern Church in the seventh century.

It came to the West in the eighth century. In the 11th century, it received its present name, the Immaculate Conception. In the 18th century, it became a feast of the universal Church. It is now recognized as a solemnity.

In 1854, Pope Pius IX solemnly proclaimed: "The most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instant of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the savior of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin."

It took a long time for this doctrine to develop. While many Fathers and Doctors of the Church considered Mary the greatest and holiest of the saints, they often had difficulty in seeing Mary as sinless—either at her conception or throughout her life. This is one of the Church teachings that arose more from the piety of the faithful than from the insights of brilliant theologians. Even such champions of Mary as Bernard of Clairvaux and Thomas Aquinas could not see theological justification for this teaching.

Two Franciscans, William of Ware and Blessed John Duns Scotus, helped develop the theology. They pointed out that Mary's Immaculate Conception enhances Jesus' redemptive work. Other members of the human race are cleansed from original sin after birth. In Mary, Jesus' work was so powerful as to prevent original sin at the outset.

Mary, as the Immaculate Conception, is the Patron Saint of the United States.

~Franciscan Media

**THANK YOU for your generosity!!**

We were absolutely humbled by the incredible generosity of the parish with donations collected in November for the Pregnancy Help Center of the San Gabriel Valley! Between your donations and the partial match made by the Knights of Columbus, we will be contributing over \$3,000 in support of food, clothing, diapers, parenting classes, ultrasounds, service referrals and much more.

It is truly a blessing to be part of such a kind hearted community!

Knights of Columbus Council #3571

Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.



Retirement Fund for Religious December 10-11

Across the United States, hundreds of religious communities lack financial resources sufficient to meet the retirement and health-care needs of aging members.

Historically, Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests—known collectively as women and men religious—received very little pay. Any surplus funds were reinvested in ministry and the education of younger members. As a result, hundreds of US religious communities lack adequate retirement savings. At the same time, fewer religious are able to serve in compensated ministry. Currently, 70 percent of the religious communities providing data to the NRRO have a median age of 70 or older, retired religious outnumber wage-earners by nearly three to one.

Like many Americans, religious communities face the monumental challenge of funding eldercare.

Please give for those who have given a lifetime.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul Assumption Conference

Neighbors in Need

This year, St. Vincent de Paul's "Neighbors in Need" project will provide housing assistance to those we serve. Please take a tag from one of the trees in the church and follow the instructions to make your donation. By doing this you will support housing services such as eviction avoidance, motel vouchers, assistance to the unhoused, shelter assistance such as move-in kits or supplies, and sobriety housing to those who are struggling to remain housed or to find housing.

As always, we promise to use 100% of your donations for our Neighbors! Please make your check out to "SSVdP – Assumption" and return it to the ABVM Church Rectory door slot or mail to:

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We thank you for your generosity,
The Assumption Conference



ADVENT



Advent Celebrations

This Sunday is the Second Sunday of Advent. "Prepare the Way of the Lord," by joining us for our Advent programs and

Celebrations.

St. Nicholas Day Celebration

Sunday, December 4 after 9:00AM Mass

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Holy Day of Obligation

Vigil, Wednesday December 7 at 7:00PM

Thursday, December 8 at 8:15AM & 7:00PM

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Monday, December 12 8:15AM & 6:30PM

Reception after 6:30PM Mass-MCH

Simbang Gabi

Saturday, December 17 at 5:00PM

Reception after Mass

Advent Penance Service

Tuesday, December 20 at 7:00PM

Christmas Schedule

Saturday, December 24
NO 8:15AM Mass

Saturday, December 24 ~ Christmas Vigil
4:00PM ~ Children's Mass
12:00PM ~ Mass During the Night
(Carols Begin at 11:15PM)

Sunday, December 25 ~ Christmas Day
7:30AM
9:00AM
11:00AM
NO 5:00PM Mass

Sunday, January 1 ~ Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God
7:30AM
9:00AM
11:00AM
NO 5:00PM Mass

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There will be **no** Masses on **Monday, January 2** (Rose Parade) or **Tuesday, January 3** (Float Viewing).



**Knights of Columbus
Annual New Year's Brunch and
Rose Parade Viewing
Monday January 2, 2023**



Seating is Limited – Contact John Irwin
at 1943gpw.ji@gmail.com. for details and reservations.



Grandparents Day



On Friday, November 18, our students invited their grandparents or special friend to join them for Mass, breakfast, and a visit to the school. What a beautiful morning was had giving thanks for Grandparents and friends!

Our school has many ways for families to engage with us and our parish. Join us! Call for a tour (626) 793-2089.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Urduja Abrenio
Melissa Aguirre
Susan Rodriguez Albers
Ayriz Azia
Leslie Beltran
Lisa Beltran
Lori Berberian
Paulin Bowd
Rosalina Brennan
Mary Brown
Matilde Candenosa
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Elisa Enriquez
Aurora Fletes
Larry Garcia
Christopher Gatti
Barbara Gera
Giovanna Ghezze
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Pat Golden
Monica Gonzales
The Grimm Family
Bambi Haggins
Christie Ford
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Elaine Lieber
Dom Llamas
Joseph (Joe) Lopez
Masami Matsumoto
George Mekhaial
Barbara Chattin McNichols
Ariel Moguel
Hermenegildo Moguel, Jr.
Ma. Luisa Moguel
Milagros Moguel
Javier Morin
Kathy Muldowny
Dorothy Montgomery
Sgt. Andrew Noonan
Vanessa Ojeda
Gladys Paul
Chandra & Howard Persad
Diane Price
Giovanna Price
Dean Ramsay
Michael Rufo

Marie Ryan
Sbrocca Family
Anthony Santillan Smith
James Smith
Katie Sorrentino
Mary Tracy
Ana Tromba
Morgan Underwood
Lupe Wynia
Wally Zimmerl

...Those Who Have Died



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4**Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast**

8:30AM Prayer Shawl Ministry-MCH
 9:00AM Religious Education Classes
 10:00AM St. Nicholas Celebration-MCH

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

6:30PM RCIA-Zoom
 7:00PM Confirmation Class-Year I-MCH
 7:00PM Intercessory Prayer Group-Church

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

9:00AM Senior Group-CC/LR

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

7:00PM Young Adult Ministry Meeting-CC/LR
 7:30PM Boy Scout Troop 31-MMA

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

9:00AM Senior Group-CC/LR
 6:00PM Cub Scout Meeting-MMA

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10****Retirement Fund for Religious**

9:30AM Simbang Gabi Practice-MCH
 9:30AM MM Visitation Ministry Meeting-CC/LR
 3:30PM Confessions
 5:00PM Youth Mass/Night-Church/MCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11**Retirement Fund for Religious****Coffee & Donuts**

9:00AM Religious Education Classes
 1:00PM Mayfield Senior Concert-Church

CC-Community Center MCH-Msgr. Crean Hall
 MMA-Msgr. Moretti Auditorium

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3**

5:00PM Myriam Cascella, RIP
 Howard Kim, RIP
 Alice Lee, RIP

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3**Second Sunday of Advent**

7:30AM Crispina & Longinos Villarin, RIP
 9:00AM Ron Ross, RIP
 Clare Liu-Tam, RIP
 Josephine & Hermann Zimmerl, RIP
 Teresa Genova, RIP
 Lourdes Perez, Special Intention

11:00AM Jesus & Maria Estrada, RIP

5:00PM Alice Lee, RIP

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

8:15AM Maria Nguyenlta, RIP
 Alice Lee, RIP

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6**St. Nicholas-4c-Patron of Children**

8:15AM Alice Lee, RIP

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7**St. Ambrose-397-One of Four Great Doctors of the Church**

8:15AM Alice Lee, RIP

7:00PM For the People

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8**Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

8:15AM Alice Lee, RIP
 The Sacred Heart of Jesus-Special Intention
 Our Lady of Mercy, Special Intention
 7:00PM Susana Ople, RIP

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9**St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin-1531-Received tilma**

8:15AM Jim Tierney, RIP
 Alice Lee, RIP

**Today's Readings**

Isaiah 11:1-10
 Romans 15:4-9
 Matthew 3:1-12

Next Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 35:1-10
 James 5:7-10
 Matthew 11:2-11

Priest & Musician Mass Schedule for Next Week**Saturday, December 10**

5:00PM...Fr. Mike (Victoria Mohutsky)

Sunday, December 11

7:30AM...Fr. Perry (Matt Matsumoto)

9:00AM...Fr. Perry (Matt Matsumoto)

11:00AM...Fr. Mike (Victoria Mohutsky)

5:00PM...Fr. Mike (Ralph Mohutsky)

Quote From Pope Francis

God conceals himself in the most ordinary situations of our lives. He does not come in extraordinary events, but in everyday things: our daily work, a chance encounter, someone in need... That's where the Lord is, who calls to us and inspires our actions. 11/29



"Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you..." (Romans 15:7)

Advent is about preparation and waiting for the Incarnation. Help your parish to be ready to: *"Welcome all in the name of Jesus, and to live out our faith as His disciples...worship, proclaim the Gospel to all, and help those in need."*

Consider including Assumption Parish and School in your Estate Plan. For further information see, www.ADLALegacy.org, or call 213-637-7510.

Pope Francis' Intention for December Volunteer Not-for-Profit Organizations

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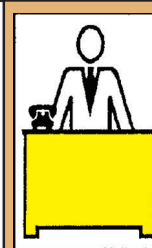
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