

FIRST  
SUNDAY OF

# Advent

NOVEMBER 27, 2022

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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

## MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Parish Community of Saint John Baptist de la Salle recognize that we are chosen by Christ and have as our mission to bring forth the fruits of the True Vine in response to the needs of our Parish Community through the recognition of active Parish Organizations and the cultivation of persons and groups not yet sharing in the mystery of the True Vine, Jesus Christ.  
*"I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing."*

--John 15:5

## THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE

16555 Chatsworth Street, Granada Hills, CA. 91344

**Mailing address 10738 Hayvenhurst Ave.**

Rev. Ramon Valera.....Pastor  
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Deacon Dan Revetto.....Deacon  
**Parish Office: 818 363-2535**

**PARISH OFFICE:** 10738 Hayvenhurst Ave.  
Granada Hills, CA. 91344

**SCHOOL OFFICE** 16535 Chatsworth St.  
Granada Hills, CA 91344  
**School Office: 818 363-2270**

### Eucharistic Celebrations (Mass)

**SATURDAY: 5:00 p.m.**  
**SUNDAY: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, and 12:00 pm**  
**DAILY: Monday - Saturday 7:30 a.m.**  
**HOLY DAYS: Please check bulletin or website**  
**NOVENA: Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.**

**St. John Baptist de la Salle Parish Website: [sjbdls.com](http://sjbdls.com)**  
**St. John Baptist de la Salle School Website [sjbdls.org](http://sjbdls.org)**

**Parish Business Manager:** Janie Choate  
363-2535

**Faith Formation Coordinator** Sandy Cole  
368-1514

**Faith Formation email: [RE@sjbdls.org](mailto:RE@sjbdls.org)**

**School Principal:** Claudia Monaco  
363-2270

### CONFESSION SCHEDULE

**Saturday: 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm In Seton Hall**

**Watch Sunday 9:00am Mass Live Stream at: [tinyurl.com/SJBDLSMASS](http://tinyurl.com/SJBDLSMASS)**

**Baptisms:** For infant Baptism and children up to the age of 6, contact the Parish Office at least two months in advance.  
Baptism for ages 7 and above, contact the School of Religious Education Office.

**A Godparent must be a practicing and confirmed Catholic and, if married, married in the Catholic Church.**

**Marriages:** Visit the Parish Office on Mondays 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
or call for an appointment. At least six months advance notice is required.

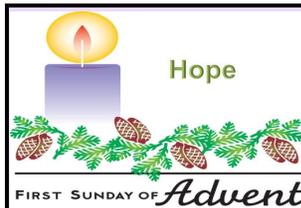
**Sacrament of the Sick:** If you or a family member are in need of the Sacrament of the Sick, please contact the church office at 818 363-2535. Please do not wait until the last moments of life to call.

**Information on the Priesthood, Diaconate or Religious Life:** Contact Fr. Stephen Davoren 213 637-7755 or [frsdavoren@la-archdiocese.org](mailto:frsdavoren@la-archdiocese.org)

**First Sunday of Advent  
November 27, 2022**



“You...must be prepared,  
for at an hour you do not expect,  
the Son of Man will come.”  
—Matthew 24:44



Advent, starts the season for preparing for the coming of the Messiah and the celebration of Christmas with the birth of Jesus Christ.

**Advent**

The word *Advent* comes from the Latin *advenio*, "to come to," and refers to the coming of Christ. And the term *the coming* includes three references: first of all, to our celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas; second, to the coming of Christ in our lives through grace and the Sacrament of Holy Communion; and finally, to his second coming at the end of time. Our preparations, therefore, should have all three comings in mind.

**Presider Schedule  
December 3rd & December 4th**

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Fr. Ramon
Sunday	7:30 a.m.	Fr Tovia
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Fr. Ramon
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	Fr. Kirsch
Sunday	12:00 p.m.	Fr. Tovia

*This schedule is subject to change*



**SISTER PARISH NEEDS**

The Pastor of St. Lawrence Brindisi, our Sister Parish in Watts, has asked if we can assist them by donating **frozen** turkey for **Christmas**. They will be preparing 300-500 food baskets for the holidays. If you wish to donate a turkey, you may bring it to the Parish. Office **Monday– Wednesday, 9:00 am- 4:00 pm**  
*Thank you for your generosity*

**First Friday Holy Hour  
for Vocations  
December 2nd**



The number of Priests in the U.S. has dropped by nearly 50% over the last 50 years (from 60,000 to 35,000). The decline in the number of Deacons, Religious Brothers and Sisters is also alarming.

**Will you please join us for  
just an hour per month to Pray for  
Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life?  
We will meet on the First Friday  
of the month, at 7:00 p.m.**

**We will gather in the Church for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. We will also pray the Rosary together asking our Blessed Mother for her intercession.**

**Miraculous Medal Novena**



Please join us in our Church for the Novena of the Miraculous Medal followed by praying the Rosary.

**Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

*All are welcome*

**Advent Retreat**



The Men's Ministry will host its 4th Annual Advent Retreat on **Tuesday, November 29th, 7pm in Seton Hall.**

The Sisters Devoted to the Sacred Heart will lead an evening of prayer and reflection to set the stage for a holy Advent Season. The retreat is free, though we will take up a free will offering for the Sisters. Join us to prepare a place in your heart for the coming of our Lord and Savior this Christmas. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact:

**Tim at [timcastagnola@gmail.com](mailto:timcastagnola@gmail.com) or  
Terry at [tcastagnola@mac.com](mailto:tcastagnola@mac.com).**

**Immaculate Conception  
Thursday, December 8th**



is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. The Immaculate Conception is always a holy day of obligation. Mary is honored as the patroness of the United States under this title.

**Mass schedule for  
Thursday, December 8th  
7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., and 7:00 p.m.**

## Please pray for the sick

Flora Mesias	Ernest Escallante
Aliana Nicholas	Angela Samson Gonzales
Rita Ohan	Jessica Schindler
Yolie Salinas	Adel Francisco
Michael Milbauer	Gigi Patacsil
Byron Gutierrez	Charlotte Castagnola
Katie Catlett	Beatrice E. Reyes
Anne Tucker	Bernadette Daniels
Perry Ball	Shirley Crowe
Aliana Nicholas	Eunice Hildebrant
Gabriel Mowery	Maria Theresa Villaflor
Linda Jones	Publio Junco
Rafael Jimenez	Debi Zamora
Gloria Bodie	Ed Graziani
Charito Miranda	Richard Haro
Resty Gutierrez Jr.	Francis Jacob III
Fr. Matt Murphy	
Amelia Solis	

**and all those in our Prayer book.**

## Mass Intentions For The Week



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Sunday	7:30 a.m.	Dorothy Fogg
	9:00 a.m.	De La Salle Parishioners
	10:30 a.m.	Steven Berry
	12:00 p.m.	Anthony Marufo
Monday	7:30 a.m.	Luis & Cecilia Castro
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	Mary Romeo
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	Jose & Isabel Monroy
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	Jose & Rafaela Monroy
Friday	7:30 a.m.	Bud Clarence Beuerlein
Saturday	7:30 a.m.	Mary Alice McCarthy
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Maria Bui



**Office of Life,  
Justice & Peace**  
Archdiocese of Los Angeles

By now, you have no doubt heard that Prop. 1 passed.

While this is tremendously disappointing, and not the outcome we have been working toward and praying for, there is still much to be proud of and thankful for.

Thank you to all priests and deacons who courageously brought the fight against Prop. 1 to parishioners through impassioned homilies and prayer events.

Thank you to every parishioner who gave their precious time to praying, distributing pew cards, and putting up yard signs to promote the “No on Prop 1” message.

We now have a greater call to see how we can accompany and support women, family, and children in California. We hold to our statewide campaign that **#WeWereBornReady!** Let us take up this calling to shine the love, mercy, and hope that Christ has called us to be to our neighbor. Let us testify to the Gospel of Life.

### 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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### Dangerous TikTok trend: “sleepy chicken”

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recently issued a notice advising people against participating in a dangerous TikTok trend: cooking chicken in NyQuil, a nighttime cold medicine. According to videos on the popular social media site, people are cooking “sleepy chicken” as a challenge, but the FDA warning indicates it may be more than a harmless joke. Cooking with cough medicine can lead to a person ingesting dangerously high amounts of codeine that can cause serious health complications and even death. For more information about this trend, read *The New York Times* article here: <https://www.nytimes.com/2022/09/21/technology/nyquil-chicken-tiktok-fda.html>.



### YOU MAY BE PHOTOGRAPHED OR RECORDED

Your presence at the 9:00 a.m. **Sunday Media Mass** or at any mass or event that is using our **Media Ministry** implies consent to permit

St. John Baptist de la Salle to photograph, record, film, or videotape your likeness, and to publish it on our website and elsewhere.

By your presence you agree to release St. John Baptist de la Salle from any liability resulting from publication of your likeness.



**DE LA SALLE  
SCRIP FUNDRAISER**



**29 DAY'S UNTIL CHRISTMAS**

We carry scrip (gift cards) for many stores, including Macy's, J.C. Penny's, and Target. We also carry scrip for specialty stores including Bath and Body, Bed, Bath, and Beyond, Starbucks, and Sees Candy. For your dining needs we have scrip for many restaurants including, Yard House, Chipotle, Chili's, Macaroni Grill, Olive Garden, Outback, Black Angus, Panera Bread, and Denny's. Fast food restaurants: Pizza Hut, Taco Bell, Subway, El Pollo Loco, Jack in the Box, Arby's, Del Taco, Burger King, Wendy's, and Carl's Jr. You can also purchase scrip for Exxon-Mobil, Shell, Arco, Vons, Albertsons, Smart and Final, and Walmart/Sam's, and Target.

Available in the Parish Office  
Monday– Thursday, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m  
Available in the Parish Office

*Thank you for supporting the Scrip Ministry*

**Walk through the Liturgy with Sister Joanna and Bishop Barron's Series on the Mass**

Sundays 4:00 - 5:30 pm on Zoom  
December 4th, 11th, and 18th

**Join the zoom meeting**

You'll be transformed through insights on this most privileged and intimate encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ. The Mass will help you understand how to fully, consciously, and actively participate in the source and summit of the Christian life. You are welcome to join for one or more of the sessions.

Contact Sister Joanna for more information:  
[adultfaith@stemail.org](mailto:adultfaith@stemail.org)

**In Memoriam**

let us pray for all who have died,  
that they may rejoice with the Risen Lord.

*Isabel Landicho*

May the souls of all the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



The PCC has some great opportunities for...Volunteer Nurses.

We would love to have you join us in this life-affirming ministry. Please contact: Norma Cano, Client Service Director 818/895-2500 or e-mail [norma@pregnanthelp4u.org](mailto:norma@pregnanthelp4u.org)

**Christmas Schedule – 2022**

**Confessions**

**Saturday, December 17th**  
9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.  
4:00 p.m. to 4:50 p.m.

**Thursday, December 22<sup>st</sup>**  
10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.  
4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.



**Masses**

**Christmas Eve**

**Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**  
5:00 p.m. Family Mass  
10:00 p.m. Vigil Mass  
(In place of Midnight Mass)

**Christmas Day**

**Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**  
7:30 a.m.  
9:00 a.m.  
10:30 a.m.  
12:00 noon

**New Year's Day**

**Sunday, January 1, 2023**  
7:30 a.m.  
9:00 a.m.  
10:30 a.m.  
12:00 noon



St. John Baptist De La Salle

**Advent Penance Service**

**Wednesday,  
December 14th  
7:00 p.m.**

**at St. Euphrasia**

**Confessions**

**There will be no confessions on  
Saturday, December 24th,  
Christmas Eve**

# Faith Formation News

## First Sunday of Advent

**Adult:** What will you do during Advent so that others can see that you have put on the light of Jesus Christ?

**Child:** What will you do during Advent so that others can see the light of Jesus in you

## PARENTING POINTERS

The Friday after Thanksgiving is often called “Black Friday” because it starts the frenzy of holiday shopping. It’s especially challenging for kids. Ask your children one gift they might like for Christmas that doesn’t cost any money.

## PARISH MINISTRY NEWS

### PARISH TRAINING FOR NEW EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

If you are interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister, please contact the Ministry Office at [re@sjbdls.org](mailto:re@sjbdls.org) or (818) 368-1514.



### Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience: December 2-4, 2022

Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center in Sierra Madre (Check-in 7:30 Friday to 3:00 pm Sunday) The Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience is primarily a space for you to pause, reflect, and reconnect *privately*. The experience allows you to create a dialogue with each other and with God, to create a higher and broader understanding of what it means to be married. Registration fee: \$125.00; On-line registration: [www.Sacramentallove.org](http://www.Sacramentallove.org) For information contact: Cameron & Barbara Troxell (909) 938-2682 [cbt4wwme@gmail.com](mailto:cbt4wwme@gmail.com)



### A Prayer for Advent

Dear Heavenly Father, this Advent season, we especially are in need of peace. War rages on in our world. It impacts the daily lives of millions in different ways. This year, as much as ever, we need Jesus, Prince of Peace, in our world and in our hearts. During Advent in 2022, we pray that Jesus transforms our world as we await His coming again.



Online Giving

Go to [www.osvhub.com/sjbdls/funds](http://www.osvhub.com/sjbdls/funds)

**First Online Donation:** Follow the following steps: Select which fund you want to donate to by clicking on the Give Now spot on the fund you want to donate to. Example: Weekly Contributions. Click on the (v) for additional options.

Enter your gift amount (Example: \$20.00, etc.) Gift Type (either **One Time or Recurring**) Frequency (Choose from Weekly Biweekly, etc.)

State Date you want donations to start. Click Continue, enter your Information.

Enter payment information (Choose either Checking Account or Credit Card),

Enter Payment Address Click on save my payment. Enter your new password. (It will be needed every time you log in.)

Click on submit gift. Click back to Fund List to donate to other funds or Log Out



Remember Your Offerings

### Envelope Reminder

In order to receive proper credit for your contributions, please use your preprinted envelopes that you receive in the mail. If you forget your envelope, please use an envelope in the pew or a check, and include your parish number.



### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is administered by our Priests. During the week, contact the Parish Office for an appointment. The anointing suffices for the duration of the illness.

### FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

Please contact the Parish Office so we may assist.

### BAPTISM

For infant Baptism, please contact the Parish Office at 818 363-2535 ext. 221. For Baptism of children ages 7 and above, please contact the SRE Office at 818 368-1514.

### MARRIAGE

Please contact the Parish Office at 818 363-2535 ext. 224, Monday between 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., at least 6 months prior to setting a wedding date.

### CONFIRMATION

Please contact the SRE office at 818 368-1514.

## My harshest judge: Me . . .

We can't get that photograph out of our minds. It might have been a picture or video of a lost child in Afghanistan or Haiti or Sudan, or a boy homeless on the streets of an American city, or a girl in desperate need of medical care her family can't afford. Those eyes could be the eyes of our own child; the crooked smile could be that of our own son or daughter or the child next door. It's clear that we've failed these children . . .

We recognize the number on our phone immediately. What trouble did he or she get into this time? We let the number ring through. Later, we learn what happened. If we had only taken the call . . .

We lost it. We were having a bad day — and decided everyone around us should have a bad day, too. It was a simple mistake, an innocent joke we took the wrong way, an accident. And we blew up. We took no prisoners. The silence after our blast was worse than the tears and awkwardness that followed. And we felt awful . . .

*In today's Gospel, Jesus foretells the "Son of Man" coming in judgement, but in many ways, God's judgement has already come upon us. The theologian Gerhard Lohfrink writes in Is This All There Is? that we "pass judgement on ourselves in the face of the 'victims' we have created and implacably rise before our eyes in death: the many we have not helped, even though we could have; they many we could have consoled and did not; those for whom we could have been models of faith and were anything but; the many we overlooked, disappointed, shamed, despised, or led astray and misled; the many we exploited for our own purposes." May this Advent season be a season of "judgement" in which we are able to see God in the faces of those we have hurt, let down or victimized — and may our "judgement" lead to our redemption before the God of mercy and forgiveness.*



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**Our Parish Goal \$ 1,190,000.00**  
**Total Pledged \$ 1,291,320.30**  
**Total Paid \$ 656,456.97**

Called to Renewed is a historic five year campaign to strengthen parishes, families, and communities.

## PARISH MINISTRIES AND DIRECTORY

<b>Altar Servers</b>	Ministry Office	368-1514
<b>Anointing of the Sick</b>	Parish Office	363-2535
<b>Baptisms</b>	Parish Office	363-2535
<b>Bereavement</b>	Parish Office	363-2535
	Tracy Flores	363-2535
<b>Bible Study</b>	Tim Castagnola	620-9569
<b>Catholic Men's Group</b>	Tim Castagnola	620-9569
	Terry Castagnola	601-6684
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Ministry Office	368-1514
<b>Finance Council</b>	Fr. Ramon Valera	363-2535
<b>Hospitality</b>	School Office	363-2270
<b>Lectors</b>	Ministry Office	368-1514
<b>Legion of Mary</b>	Elisa Pazirandeh	368-1514
	Tuesday, 6:30p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	
	Erlinda Claro	368-1514
	Friday, 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.	
<b>Liturgy Committee</b>	Ministry Office	368-1514
<b>Marriage Ministry</b>	Elizabeth Moreno	363-2535
<b>Media Ministry</b>	Don Jacob	363-2535
	<a href="mailto:media@sjbdls.org">media@sjbdls.org</a>	
<b>Music Ministry</b>		
	<b>Director: Angelo Francisco</b>	<b>818 445-8771</b>
	<a href="mailto:music@sjbdls.org">music@sjbdls.org</a>	
Adult Choir Rehearsal:	Thursday 7:30 p.m.	
Handbell Choir	Tim Castagnola	832-9687
<b>One Body in Christ Charismatic Prayer Group</b>		
	Fr. Ramon	
	Rhomie Ramirez	818 618-6515
<b>Parish Pastoral Council</b>	Fr. Ramon Valera	363-2535
<b>Parish Ministry Office</b>	Sandy Cole	368-1514
<b>Respect Life Ministry</b>	Nancy Corbett	929-6213
	Lynelle Harrigan	632-6339
<b>Faith Formation Office</b>		
	<b>Coordinator: Sandy Cole</b>	<b>368-1514</b>
	Adult Education	
	First Communion	
	Elementary (Grades 3-5)	
	Liturgy of the Word	
	Family Ministry	
	Middle School	
	O.C.I.A./O.C.I.C.	
	Confirmation	
<b>St. John Baptist De La Salle School</b>		
<b>Principal: Claudia Monaco</b>		<b>363-2270</b>
	<b>School Website: <a href="http://sjbdls.org">sjbdls.org</a></b>	
	Pre-Kindergarten thru Grade 8	
	16535 Chatsworth Street	
	Granada Hills, CA 91344	
<b>Sacristans</b>	Kathy & Joe Bilotta	363-2535
<b>St. Vincent de Paul</b>		363-2535
<b>St. Vincent de Paul large item pick up call</b>	(800) 974-3571	
<b>Ushers</b>	Ellen Celaya	363-2535

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