



# November 27, 2022 First Sunday of Advent

## Upcoming Dates

Nov 27, St. Colman Guild meeting 12pm  
 Dec 11, Parish Christmas Dinner 5pm  
 Jan 4, St. Elizabeth Guild meeting 1pm  
 Feb 15, Finance Committee meeting 4pm

## Mass Intentions

For all parishioners

## Readings

Is 2: 1-5  
 Ps 122: 1-2. 3-4. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9  
 Rom 13: 11-14  
 Mt 24: 37-44

## Pray For Our Brothers And Sisters

**Who are ill or in pain:** Marty Tierney

## Parish Donations

Scan the QR code to make a donation.

November 19-20	1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection
St. Elizabeth	\$657.00	\$806.00
St. Catherine	\$280.00	\$300.00
St. Colman	\$93.00	\$120.00
<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>		\$2,256.00

## Pastor's Desk

Paul's message for us this Sunday is that the light of Christ is dawning, and we must not only awaken, but we need to act.

This means putting behind us those things that we are too embarrassed to speak about. Instead, we need to put on the character of Jesus Christ.

The gospel echoes Paul's message that now is the time to awaken. We need to be aware of

what is going on around us and act appropriately, what Vatican II called reading the signs of the times. This is why the opening prayer calls us to do what is righteous -that is, the right thing at the right time and in the right manner.

The season of Advent, which we begin this day, is a time for action. May we all awaken from whatever slothful slumber we may be in and resolve to run forth to meet Christ where we may find him. As Jesus warns us, the people of Noah's times were caught asleep and unaware. Let that fate never be ours.

Peace and blessings!

Fr. Luis

## Announcements

Just a reminder that our Christmas party this year is on the early side of December, please, get your ticket and Linda will be coordinating the Christmas dinner and looking forward to see everyone at Highland Dell.

## **2022 Christmas Dinner at the Highland Dell**

Sunday December 11th, 2022 at 6 pm

Tickets \$67.50 per person Kids Entree 6-12 years of age \$19.50, Kids 5 or younger- no charge.

Choice of entree: Prime Rib, Grilled Wild Sockeye Salmon, Grilled Portabella Mushroom.  
 Kids Entree: Macaroni and Cheese with Grilled Chicken Strips.

Come enjoy a fun-filled, festive holiday gathering with your fellow church community members!

## **See's Candy Christmas Treats 2022**

The deadline for ordering online is December 2, 2022. So, don't delay if you want to purchase online. This year, the church has pre purchased best sellers from 2020 and 2021 seasons and will have them available for purchase the weekend before Thanksgiving. We will also have a Storefront online for individual purchases, which will include items available after Mass in addition to other best sellers that could not be purchased in advance. Our link is [https://www.yumraising.com/secure/stecc\\_st\\_elizabeths\\_christmas\\_treats45/Mic\\_McD9043/candy](https://www.yumraising.com/secure/stecc_st_elizabeths_christmas_treats45/Mic_McD9043/candy) (we will get this out via a church trac email). Our goal is to raise \$2,500.

## **Confessions**

Fr Luis is available to hear Confessions after 9 am Mass on Fridays and before weekend Masses. Please call the rectory at 707-869-2107 to confirm with him, so that he knows to arrive early on the weekend, or stay late on Friday. Alternatively, a more convenient time can be scheduled with him by calling the rectory.

## **Discussion Questions**

*Courtesy of Anne Osdieck, St. Louis University*

## **First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5**

1. "Peoples shall come and say: 'Come, let us climb the Lord's mountain. ... one nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war.'" Doesn't "Climbing the Lord's mountain together" require forgiving one another? Can this work on a smaller scale in our own neighborhood or family?

2. What words come to your mind when you think of "swords" and "spears"? or "plowshares," as in this wonderful reading? Do you have the equivalent of swords and spears in your office, parish, or your own life? How does, "They shall beat their swords into plowshares" relate to you?

## **How can I help during these hard times?**

You can now easily donate online *by scanning the QR code with your smartphone* or using the donate button at [stelizabeth.churchtrac.com](http://stelizabeth.churchtrac.com). Another great way to help is by selecting us as your charity when shopping online at Amazon -a small percentage of each purchase will benefit our parish. Just visit [smile.amazon.com/ch/82-4690577](http://smile.amazon.com/ch/82-4690577) to get started! Please also remember St. Elizabeth Parish in your will and estate planning.

## **Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14**

1. In all the places you live and work is there some dimness that you can brighten with your Christ light?

2. Advent means that we look forward once more to Christ's coming at Christmas and anticipate his next coming. Does Christ come also everyday? How? When?

## **Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44**

1. Advent is about God coming to us. How can you become more aware of the ways Christ comes to you? Did you find Christ today? Do you ask this of yourself every night?

2. Facing the fight against poverty is a way of "staying awake" and "being prepared," according to Pope Francis, and as Jesus suggests in the Gospel? How ready are we for this fight?

*We cannot live without facing challenges, without responding to challenges. Whoever does not face challenges, whoever does not take up challenges, is not living. Your willingness and your abilities, combined with the power of the Holy Spirit who abides in each of us from the day of Baptism, allow you to be more than mere spectators, they allow you to be protagonists in contemporary events.*

*Please do not watch life go by from the balcony! Mingle where the challenges are calling you to help carry life and development forward, in the struggle over human dignity, in the fight against poverty, in the battle for values and in the many battles we encounter each day.*

*Vespers with Atheneum Students  
 Saturday, 30 November 2013*

St. Elizabeth Guild Meeting	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday, 1 pm	St. Hubert Hall
Finance Committee Meeting	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday*, 4 pm	St. Hubert Hall
St. Colman Guild Meeting	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday, 12 pm	St. Colman

\* of February, May, August and November

