

First Sunday of Advent December 3, 2017

Be watchful! Be alert!
You do not know when the time will come.
— Mark 13:33



REJOICE

Isaiah proclaims truly good news to us! God's coming brings not sadness, guilt, fear, wrath, or condemnation. No, God's coming is a source of comfort and joy. Saying it once is not enough, for today's readings are full of joy. Mary's Magnificat substitutes for our psalm today, and our second reading encourages us to rejoice, to give thanks and praise. This is the root meaning of the Greek word for eucharist. We are urged to rejoice and give thanks, because the coming of the Lord brings joy, healing, liberty, release, vindication. It makes the very earth spring up with new life! Good tidings!

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — As a garden makes its growth spring up, so will GOD make justice spring up before all the nations (Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11).

Psalm — My soul rejoices in my God (Luke 1:46-50, 53-54).

Second Reading — Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good (1 Thessalonians 5:16-24).

Gospel — I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord (John 1:6-8, 19-28).

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 8:00 am	December 4 † Josephine Zaragoza
Tuesday 8:00 am	December 5 † Jovito I. Cruz
Wednesday 8:00 am 7:00 pm	December 6 † Gaetano Zahra † Jose Castro † Theodora Vinluan
Thursday 8:00 am 6:00 pm	December 7 Neneng Arreola (L) † Farrugia and † Coleiro Families
Friday 8:00 am 6:00 pm	December 8 † Jenny Sant † Andrea Caraffi
Saturday 8:00 am 4:30 pm	December 9 † Manuel and † Mary Marquez
Sunday 7:30 am 9:30 am 11:30 am	December 10 People of the Parish † Virginia Walden † Giuseppe Moretto † Jenny Sant

† Denotes deceased – (L) Living

Sunday Collection November 26 ,2017

Weekly Need:	\$ 5,000.00
Sunday Collection	\$ 3,202.00
Over/Under	\$ 1,798.00
Campaign Human Dev.	\$ 921.00
Thanksgiving	\$ 801.00

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St. Elizabeth Parish
2017 Novena Masses before Christmas and
Advent Retreat December 15-23, 7:00 pm
Main Theme: "Praying the Our Father with Jesus"

December 15th Sub-Theme: Calling God, Father
December 16th Sub-Theme: God who is in Heaven
December 17th Sub-Theme: God's kingdom come
December 18th Sub-Theme: God's will be done
December 19th Sub-Theme: Give us this day our daily bread
December 20th Sub-Theme: Forgive us our sins.
December 21st Sub-Theme: Lead us not into temptation
December 22nd Sub-Theme: Amen
December 23rd Sub-Theme: God's calling

2017 Christmas Schedule

Saturday, December 23	Confession 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm 4:30 pm Mass
Sunday December 24	Sunday Masses 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 am Christmas Eve Masses 4:30 pm Family Mass 11:30 pm Christmas Carols 12:00 am Midnight Mass (Bilingual) Christmas Day Masses 7:30, 9:30, and 11:30 am
Monday December 25	
Saturday, December 30	Confession 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm 4:30 pm Vigil
Sunday December 31	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 am
Monday, January 1	Octave Day of Christmas Solemnity of Mary, the Holy

Mother of God
8:00 am



December 8th is the **Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of obligation.** Masses will be on Thursday December 7th at 6:00 pm and on Friday, December 8th at 8:00 am and 6:00 pm.

As we prepare for the solemnity of Christmas, we look forward to the joy of the birth of Christ. We hope to express our joy by filling the church with a bountiful display of poinsettias. The Liturgy committee is asking parishioners to donate poinsettia plants to the Church. We will need a great number of them to beautify the sanctuary. Please bring them to the rectory by December 20th or directly to the Church on December 23rd.



Pray for our Beloved Deceased
In your prayers this week, please remember the repose of the souls of our deceased parishioners, especially:

Alina Beltrami
Manuel Dela Cruz

"Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord..."

