

# SAINTS JOACHIM & ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH



DECEMBER 3, 2023

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## MASS SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 4:30 PM (Anticipated Sunday Mass)  
 Sunday 10 AM 12 Noon (Latin) 7PM

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday & Wednesday 8 AM  
 Tuesday & Thursday 7 PM  
 Friday 11:30 AM  
 Saturday 9 AM

### SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

30 minutes before each Mass on Sundays, Saturday 4 PM  
 & 15 minutes before Weekday Masses

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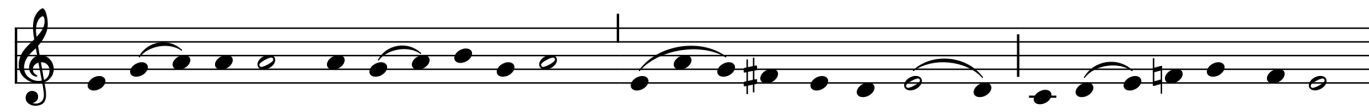
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## MUSIC LIST FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

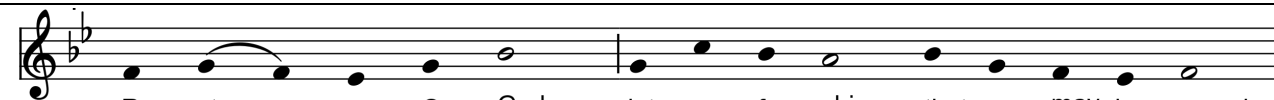
ENTRANCE  
ANTIPHON  
Psalm 25



To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; \* come and rescue me, O Lord, I trust in you.

Kyrie # 124

RESPONSORIAL  
PSALM  
Ps 80



Re - store us, O God, let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Gospel Acclamation # 265

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL



Let us pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer

OFFERTORY HYMN # 423

HOLY HOLY # 127

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION: # 128

AGNUS DEI # 104

COMMUNION  
ANTIPHON  
1 Ch 29




The Lord will give us what is good, \* and our land will yield its increase.

COMMUNION HYMN # 491

RECESSIONAL HYMN # 517

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	
Priest's Mass Intention	
<b>Sat. Dec. 2</b>	
4:30 PM	Luzinete Aparecida Marques RIP
<b>Sun. Dec. 3</b>	
10 AM	Mirian Moreina Teixeira RIP
12 NOON	
7 PM	Parishioners of Sts. Joachim & Ann
ADVENT WEEK 1	
<b>Mon. Dec. 4</b>	<b>St. John Damascene, Priest, Doctor</b>
8 AM	Decio Urbano Filho RIP
<b>Tue. Dec. 5</b>	
7 PM	Joe Ponte RIP
<b>Wed. Dec. 6</b>	<b>St. Nicholas, Bishop</b>
8 AM	All Souls In Purgatory
<b>Thurs. Dec. 7</b>	<b>St. Ambrose, Bishop &amp; Doctor</b>
7 PM	Rodney Pontes RIP
<b>Fri. Dec. 8</b>	<b>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
11:30 AM	Maria Ponte RIP
<b>Sat. Dec. 9</b>	<b>St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin</b>
9 AM	Jamie Ponte RIP

HAPPENINGS IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK		
Monday		
Prayer Group	7:05 pm	Church
Tuesday		
RCIA	7:30 pm	Hall
Wednesday		
PREP	6:30 pm	Hall
Thursday		
New RCIA	7:30 pm	Hall
Friday		
PREP for Confirmation	5 pm	Hall
Holy Hour & Benediction	7 pm	Church
Saturday		
Divine Mercy Chaplet	9:30 am	Church



## ADVENT HOLY HOUR

Every Friday during Advent  
7 — 7:45 PM

- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction
- the Holy Rosary
- opportunity for the Sacrament of Confession

### Second Collection: Youth Ministry Sunday


This weekend's second collection supports the work of the Ministries and Outreach Office in providing formation, training, and support for youth ministries across the Archdiocese. Parishes with active and intentional youth ministry receive a rebate from this collection. Tax-deductible donations can be made at the parish or online at [rcav.org/second-collection](http://rcav.org/second-collection)



## FOOD COLLECTION FOR CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

We are collecting non-perishable food items for our Christmas hampers to help needy families in our area. Donation bins will be in the vestibule over next few Sundays.

PLEASE NOTE: The seating in the vestibule during Mass is reserved for parents with infants and small children. Otherwise, please be seated in the main body of the church during Mass.




## Saint Nicholas' Feast

### READINGS & CAROLS

### December 6 7 PM

Prepare for Christmas with readings from the Old & New Testaments and song



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Your gift will grow your parish and expand the reach of Christ's love to those who need it most.  
Your tax-deductible donation will fund important works such as:

- Youth and young adults ministry in our parishes
- The construction of new Catholic schools
- Programs that support healthy families
- Feeding the homeless and vulnerable in the Downtown Eastside
- Pastoral ministry and support for the hospitalized

The Diocesan goal this year is \$3,000,000, the same as last year. Our parish portion of that goal is \$15,600. Once our parish goal is met, all additional funds raised (minus administration costs) will be directed back to our parish. Last year our parish raised \$103,294,50, from which \$85,806.07 was directed back to our parish. This year's parish goal is to raise at least \$80,000. Since we have been advised by our furnace maintenance company that the original furnaces are near the end of their life, the Pastoral Council has decided that the parish rebate will be used to set up a contingency fund for the eventual replacement of the church's roof and its four furnaces. The replacements of the furnaces would cost between \$28,000 to \$40,000 in today's money.

To read the message from Archbishop Miller and to find out more about what the appeal will do on the Arch-diocesan level, and how to donate online, check out <https://support.rcav.org/project-advance-2023/>

## WHAT IS ADVENT ALL ABOUT

Advent is a season in the Church's life intended to renew the experience of waiting, and longing, for the Messiah. Though Christ has already come into the world, the Church invites us to renew our desire for the Lord more deeply into our lives, and to renew our desire for Christ's triumphant second coming into the world. We also prepare to celebrate Jesus Christ being born into the world.

In the search engine on the **Formed.org** website, type in "advent" and you will find many items for adults, children, and young people to help you make this Advent season, the best ever.



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**Formed.org**



CATHOLIC PACIFIC COLLEGE  
AT TRINITY WESTERN UNIVERSITY

### GIVE 2025 Breakfast Fundraiser

Monday, December 4 at 9 —10:30 am  
St. Matthew's Parish Hall (16079 88 Ave, Surrey)  
Tickets are \$30 each (tables seat 6, so \$180 per table)  
Registration Deadline: Monday, November 27  
<https://form-can.keela.co/give-2025-breakfast-fundraiser-registration-e-transfer-form>

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: **Fr. Deacon Andrew Bennet**  
As Cardus Program Director for Faith Communities, he works to promote religious freedom, freedom of conscience, and the importance of public faith to our common life and is a noted speaker and commentator on these topics.

### Christmas Schedule Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday December 23	4:30 pm
Sunday December 24	10 am & 12 noon (Latin) NO 7 pm Mass

### Christmas Masses

Sunday, December 24	9 pm
Monday, December 25	10 am & 12 noon (Latin) NO 7 pm Mass

# Archbishop Miller's Message for Advent

November 28 2023

A fellow priest with whom I lived and taught for many years always used to remind us at the beginning of Advent that Christmas “comes at the worst time of year.” We have shopping, writing Christmas greetings, putting up decorations, and endless social gatherings. Although it is supposed to be the season of “waiting” and “preparation,” we are mostly spinning our wheels frantically just trying to keep afloat.

We usually slide by the season and make it into a mini-Christmas. Indeed, Christmas carols have already been serenading us for weeks. The time before Christmas that the Church so carefully puts aside as a special liturgical season is absorbed into the feast that follows.

Even if we lament the so-called “over-commercialization” of Christmas, a point fairly taken, we can still look at Advent as a great blessing for us and even for a seemingly indifferent world. Despite its being ignored or absorbed by Christmas, Advent is still a time when forces of kindness and generosity are mobilized, and we should rejoice at that.

The very fact that people feel something different or special at this time of year is a cause for rejoicing. In the words of then-Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, “Advent’s intention is to awaken the most profound and basic emotional hope within us, namely, the memory of the God who became a child. This is a healing memory; it brings hope. It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors to hope.”

But how should we celebrate Advent? We do so as a four-week preparation for the coming of the Lord. First, at his Second Coming, which is emphasized in the early weeks. Originally, in fact, Advent was held to be primarily a period of getting ready to greet the Lord when he comes in glory at the end of the ages. Second, of course, and what is more to the forefront, is Advent as a preparation for our celebration of the Lord’s Birth at Christmas.

In the fifth century, St. Cyril of Alexandria distinguished the two “comings” of Jesus in this way:

In his first coming he was wrapped in swaddling clothes in the manger. In his second coming he is clothed with light as with a garment. In his first coming he bore the cross, despising its shame; he will come a second time in glory accompanied by the hosts of angels. It is not enough for us, then, to be content with his first coming; we must wait in hope of his Second Coming.

Dear friends: May this Advent draw you ever closer to the Lord Jesus Christ, anticipating with hope his coming at the close of the ages, and celebrating with joy the staggering and wondrous mystery that the Word was made flesh and was born of the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem.

+ J. Michael Miller, CSB  
Archbishop of Vancouver