



# First Sunday of Advent

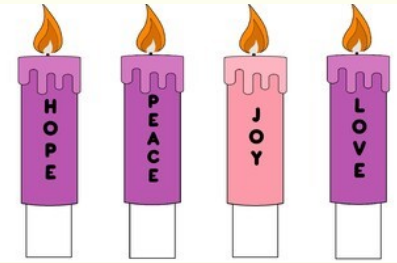
December 1, 2024

## MASS INTENTIONS

Dec. 01....Ann Bonfield  
Dec. 08....George & Marsha Shaw  
Dec. 15....Doug & Carol Lane

## DO YOU HAVE MASS INTENTIONS?

We have envelopes at back of the church. Ask an usher.



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### Mass times:

Sunday 10:30am  
12pm Spanish

Thursday 6:00pm

**Reconciliation/Confession:**  
Thursday 5:30-6pm

**Religious Ed:**  
Sundays 9-10:15am

### Anointing of the Sick & Visits:

Please call the office if you know of someone in need of a pastoral visit.

**Marriage Prep:** Notify priest 6+mo. in adv.

**Baptism:** by appointment

## A Word from Fr. Jim: Sunday, December 1, 2024

Every year we enter into the season of Advent with visions of the Second Coming and a call to be vigilant and alert. The readings often come with a warning not to let our guard down and to ensure that our hearts and minds do not become drowsy. Jesus saying, "People will die of fright" adds an undeniable tension to the mix of emotions that assail the listeners to Luke's gospel. But ultimately today's readings urge us to broaden our concept of God and God's involvement in history.

Jesus himself experienced the shaking of the powers of the heavens in his suffering and dying as he called out, "My God! Why have you forsaken me?" God was not saving him in the way he hoped, yet remained the God he loved and in whom he believed. Moments in our own lives when we are frightened and feeling helpless can challenge our faith. But preparing for those moments throughout our lives, as Paul's letter suggests, by abounding in love "for another and for all" can prepare us for Jesus' coming as we sharpen our vision of Christ in those we love.

When Jesus said, "the powers of heaven will be shaken," might he have been describing the death of our comfortable false gods? Isn't the whole of the gospel a promise of unanticipated and unimaginable transformations? Isn't the gospel a call to turn our perspectives inside out? Maybe advent is all about discovering God waiting for us to perceive the "day of the Lord." It is at hand if only we allow ourselves to perceive it.

### New to Our Parish?

#### Returning and need to update information?

Ask an usher for the parish registration form. Complete and return to the church office or put in the collection plate.

We are happy you are here!

### DO YOU GET THE FLOCKNOTES?

Keep in touch with our parish through text and emails!

Text SJSPSA to  
84576

OR go to this  
QR code:



## RECYCLE THOSE LIGHTS!

Until January, we have a box to receive and recycle broken stringed lights in the back of the church.

New Beginnings of Winchester is having their Good Giving Challenge Dec. 3-6. Get your donation matched here:



[www.bggives.org/organizations/new-beginnings-of-winchester](http://www.bggives.org/organizations/new-beginnings-of-winchester)



Do you love to sing? Please join us for the Christmas Choir practices on Tuesday nights at 5:30pm starting Dec. 3rd. This is a special choir that will sing at the Christmas Eve service. All ages are welcome!!

“God being perfect becomes perfect man and brings to perfection the newest of all new things (cf. Eccles 1:10), the only new thing under the sun, through which the boundless might of

God is manifested. For what greater thing is there than that God should become man?”

• St. John of Damascus (676-749), Priest, Doctor of the Church, Feast Day Dec. 4



## December Birthdays (Dec. 1st—7th)



12/01...Mia Groff

12/04...Francisca Melendez

12/07...Samuel Ruggero

Please return  
**ANGEL TREE GIFTS**  
by Dec. 14th.



## SERVER TRAINING DEC. 14th 9-10AM

Open to entire parish (English/ Espanol) who have received their First Communion, no age limit. Existing youth servers are **STRONGLY** encouraged to attend. Pizza after training.



Those who are interested are encouraged to stop by the office and pick up a copy of the training material in order to be familiar with it prior to the 14th.

## UPCOMING ST PATRICK (SPC) or ST JOSEPH (SJC) MASS TIMES:

➔ **Thursday, 12/5**  
**Advent Reconciliation:**  
**Penance 5PM, Mass 6PM**  
← **Sunday 12/8**

**No Immaculate Conception mass**  
**(Will have regular mass at SPC.)**

**Monday 12/9**

**Immaculate Conception mass at Noon,**  
**in the chapel at SJC. Not HDO.**

**Thursday 12/12**

**Our Lady of Guadalupe mass at 6 pm with pot-luck meal after. All Parishioners are invited to attend! Services in Spanish. YOU GOTTA EXPERIENCE IT!**