

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



THE SAVIOR IS COMING!

Advent has arrived and Holy Mother the Church call us to once again to take the road of the disciples of the teacher of Nazareth to prepare for the great celebration of his Nativity. God once again gives us the opportunity to begin anew. God the Father wants to heal our wounds and disappointments and offer us another moment to renew our enthusiasm for the Christ who comes to us, in each person and every event of our lives, to meet with us directly as we await his coming, by serving, by forgiving and by loving. It matters not at all how much misery and suffering and weakness we may be undergoing; it does not matter at all how far we find ourselves from God in our daily experiences. The Father of Jesus Christ, who is also our Father, offers us again this moment to start all over again, providing us many new opportunities which may draw us closer to Christ.

Preparation for living out the Christmas mystery is what Advent is all about. But we must not reduce this season to a mere meditation on the occasion of the miracle two thousand years ago in a stable in Bethlehem when Jesus was born in the flesh of the most pure womb of the Virgin Mary.

CONSECRATION OF CALIFORNIA TO MARY

December 8th, 2018 at 10:00AM at Saints Peter and Paul, 515 W. Opp St., Wilmington, CA 90744.

ESL-ENGLISH CLASSES

Do you know someone who would like to learn English? We offer English classes in the parish office Monday – Thursday from 9:30AM – 11AM.

SWAP MEET

Please note the CHANGE in date, it is December 15 NOT the 8. Please spread the word.

MASS INTENTIONS

5:30PM Fr. Peter Banks, OFM Cap.-Birthday

7:30AM +Bartolo Gonzalez, Irene Elshoff-ill

11:00AM +Maria del Carmen Rodriguez Aguilar, +Marcelo Serrano, +Ana Napoles, Salvador & Maria Serrano-66th Anniversary, William Caplinger-ill

TOGETHER IN MISSION

If you made a pledge please send in your payment. We have until the end of the year to pay the balance of \$6,400.

INSTALLATION OF FR. MATT

Fr. Matt will be officially installed as Pastor of St. Lawrence of Brindisi by Bishop Edward Clark in January. As soon as a date had been scheduled we will announce it.

St. Lawrence of Brindisi Church Advent Penance Service on Wed. Dec. 5th, 2018 at 7:00PM.

ADVENT CALENDAR

Inserted in the bulletin is an Advent Calendar with daily meditations to help us prepare spiritually for Christmas.

CCD CLASSES

We won't have classes from Dec. 8, 2018 to January 5, 2019. We will comeback on January 12, 2019 regular schedule.

SUNDAY KITCHENS SALES

Please support the Lectors who are in the kitchen today.

MISSALS

We have the Missals on sale for 6.00 each. Buy them on Sunday after mass.

CONFIRMATION DATES for 2019

Confirmation dates will be Friday, May 17, Friday, May 24, Friday, May 31, 2019 at 7:00PM.