

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Father Bill Fisher, Pastor

First Sunday of Advent - November 29, 2020

Heavenly Father, your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us, a sign of your love. Guide us as we strive to walk in that love together as a family this Advent.

As we prepare our hearts for Christmas, bring us closer to each other and to your son. Give us the grace and strength we need every day. Help us to always trust in you.

Come, Lord Jesus, lead all people closer to you. Come and dispel the darkness of our world with the light of your love.
Amen.

Source: *Dynamic Catholic*

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

We celebrate the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation, next week.

A Mass for parishioners of both Holy Family and St. John the Baptist will be offered at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 8 at Holy Family. Please call ahead for a seat at (913) 413-0022.

Archbishop Joseph Naumann continues to offer dispensation from Mass attendance, likely through the end of the year. This is for people with a health or safety consideration.

Instead, the Archbishop asks that we continue to honor the Lord's day at home. Holy Mass continues to be offered online and via Facebook.

As we begin the Advent season, use this time to pray as a family and celebrate God through good deeds to others.

Advent Prayer - First Week

(Light one purple candle.)

Leader: O Lord, stir up Thy might, we beg Thee, and come, That by Thy protection we may deserve to be rescued from the threatening dangers of our sins and saved by Thy deliverance. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Our Parish Family

Hamptons celebrate anniversary

Congratulations to Phyllis and Richard Hampton, who tied the knot 48 years ago on Nov. 18.

Like many St. John's families, the Hamptons are focused on family, friends and church. If there is an event at our parish, they are there - rolling up their sleeves and pitching in to help.

They are role models for their children and grandchildren, who follow in the footsteps of service.

What a wonderful legacy.

Get well, Ivana

Thanks to our Lord for keeping our friend, Ivana Morris, out of harm's way. She was in a car accident, but thankfully only sustained bumps and bruises.

Send your good wishes to Ivana. We hope she mends quickly.

COVID-19

More and more loved ones have

been diagnosed with COVID-19.

We pray for all who have suffered during the pandemic from sickness, loneliness, and job or financial loss.

Many thanks are sent heavenward as we anticipate a vaccine. God has given each of us a talent. We are grateful to the medical professionals - and the vaccine study groups - that will help end this worldwide threat.

Cheers for front-line workers!

There are many St. John's parishioners who serve on the front lines of this crisis.

Please include these heroes in your prayers - medical personnel, firefighters, paramedics and police officers, utility workers, grocery store employees, our religious, and volunteers who keep our community from hunger and homelessness.

Have news about Our Parish People, call the Parish House or email OurCroatianParish@gmail.com.

Weekly Collection

Nov. 22, 2020

Envelopes:	\$ 4190
Maintenance:	\$ 405
All Saints:	\$ 5
Candles:	\$ 37
Human Development	\$ 30



First Reading

You, LORD, are our father, our redeemer you are named forever.

Why do you let us wander, O LORD, from your ways, and harden our hearts so that we fear you not?

Return for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your heritage. Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, with the mountains quaking before you, while you wrought awesome deeds we could not hope for, such as they had not heard of from of old.

No ear has ever heard, no eye ever seen, any God but you doing such deeds for those who wait for him.

Would that you might meet us doing right, that we were mindful of you in our ways!

Behold, you are angry, and we are sinful; all of us have become like unclean people, all our good deeds are like polluted rags; we have all withered like leaves, and our guilt carries us away like the wind.

There is none who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to cling to you; for you have hidden your face from us and have delivered us up to our guilt.

Yet, O LORD, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter: we are all the work of your hands.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hearken, from your throne upon the cherubim, shine forth. Rouse your power, and come to save us.

R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Once again, O LORD of hosts, look down from heaven, and see; take care of this vine, and protect what your right hand has planted the son of man whom you yourself made strong.

R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

May your help be with the man of your right hand, with the son of man whom you yourself made strong.

Then we will no more withdraw from you; give us new life, and we will call upon your name.

R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Second Reading

Brothers and sisters: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always on your account for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ

Jesus, that in him you were enriched in every way, with all discourse and all knowledge, as the testimony to

Christ was confirmed among you, so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

He will keep you firm to the end, irreproachable on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Alleluia

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Show us Lord, your love; and grant us your salvation.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Jesus said to his disciples: "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come.

It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own work, and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch.

Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning.

May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping.

What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'"

Mass Readings for November 29, 2020

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