

Second Sunday of Advent  
December 8, 2024

God has commanded that every lofty mountain be made low. — *Baruch 5:7*

**AWAITING THE SALVATION OF GOD**

The world does not seem big enough to contain the jubilation of the first reading. In the Gospel reading, the Roman empire isn't big enough, either. The great powers of Rome are named and made to stand waiting for the arrival of God's salvation. And we find Paul meditating joyfully on what really matters.

According to Baruch, the city of Jerusalem is like a person standing on tiptoe looking for God's salvation, which is coming from the east. Those who were led away on foot, heads down, now come back, a proud people. Why, the very way is smoothed out. The path is lined with fragrant, lush trees. It can't get any better than this, can it? Well, yes, it can. For a voice calls out in the desert. Here is the beginning of the salvation of God.

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God (Baruch 5:1-9).

**Psalms** — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126).

**Second Reading** — I am confident that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus (Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11).

**Gospel** — The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth (Luke 3:1-6).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26
- Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14
- Wednesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38
- Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
- Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
- Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80: 2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
- Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18



**POINSETTIAS:** The Church is accepting poinsettias the week of to beautify our sanctuary during the Christmas Season. Flowers may be dropped off in the parish office.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK † MISAS DE LA SEMANA

Dec. 7-13

Saturday/4:30pm/Maria Spannuth+,  
John Melhaff+, Carrie Mae Hill+,  
Florentina Villo+

6:30pm/Javier Sanchez+, Jesus Ochoa+

Sunday/8:00am/John Melhaff+,

Alicia Andest+,

10:00am/ Tony Solorzano+, Tony Mello+,

Salvador De Anda+

11:30am/Enedena Salazar Martinez+

Monday/9:00am/All Souls+

Tuesday/9:00am/All Souls+

Wednesday/9:00am/All Souls+

Thursday 9:00am/All Souls+

Friday/9:00am/All Souls+



**SOLEMNITY IMMACULATE  
CONCEPTION/  
INMACULADA CONCEPCIÓN**

**MONDAY/LUNES - DEC. 9  
9AM & 5:45PM ENGLISH  
7PM ESPAÑOL**

**Children's Nativity Play**

Children of the parish are invited to participate in an impromptu Nativity mini play on Tuesday, Dec. 24th, Christmas Eve at the 4:30pm Mass. You can be an angel, a shepherd, a sheep or a star! All children attending Mass will be invited to participate. Props will be provided. No rehearsals are needed. Children will be asked what part they would like when they come into the church for mass. There will be light refreshment served after the Mass. Come and enjoy the story of this most special time of the church season! If you would like to participate or help please contact Grandma's Guild member, Rhonda at 209-471-2631



**The Daughters of Isabella**

will have a Holiday Bake Sale December 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> after all masses, in the vestibule of our parish. Come and pick out your favorite baked goodies to share with your family and friends!



**St. Christopher Parish**

**Budgeted Offertory Collection**

**Week 10/26/2024**

<b>Budget</b>	<b>\$ 6,259.35</b>
<b>Actual</b>	<b>4,850.00</b>
<b>Over/(Under) Weekly Goal</b>	<b>(1,409.35)</b>
<b>YTD Budget</b>	<b>93,107.90</b>
<b>YTD Actual</b>	<b>90,322.35</b>
<b>YTD Difference</b>	<b>(2,785.55)</b>

**“Thank you” from Galt Community Thanksgiving Basket Committee 2024.**

**WE DONATED 123 TURKEYS, 2 HAMS and FED 116 FAMILIES** with a Thanksgiving meal and weeks’ worth of food. **Special thanks** to all those people who participate behind the scenes: picking up boxes, picking up items from stores, picking up food from schools and businesses, helping with the in-take of food and the distribution of it on the give-away day. Thank you to all those **individual families** who purchased items and who donated cash. We apologize for not listing you individually; because the list is large and not all encompassing, we may miss many of you. We have therefore chosen to thank everyone as a group and remind you that this event was a success because each of you took the time to give of yourselves in the hopes of making someone else’s holiday that much more special. To each of you, **“THANK YOU.”**

**Segundo Domingo de Adviento  
8 de diciembre de 2024**

Dios ha ordenado que se abajen todas las montañas y todas las colinas, que se rellenen todos los valles hasta aplanar la tierra. — *Baruc 5:7*

**LECTURAS DE HOY**

**Primera lectura** — Sube a la altura, Jerusalén; contempla a tus hijos gozosos porque Dios se acordó de ellos (Baruc 5:1-9).

**Salmo** — Grandes cosas has hecho por nosotros, Señor (Salmo 126 [125]).

**Segunda Lectura** — Que su amor siga creciendo más y más y se traduzca en un mayor conocimiento y discernimiento (Filipenses 1:4-6, 8-11).

**Evangelio** — Juan proclama un bautismo de arrepentimiento para el perdón de los pecados (Lucas 3:1-6).

**LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA**

Lunes: Is 35:1-10; Sal 85 (84):9-14; Lc 5:17-26  
Martes: Is 40:1-11; Sal 96 (95):1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-1

Miércoles: Zac 2:14-17 o Apo 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lc 1:26-3 o Lc 1:39-47, Mt 11:11-15

Viernes: Is 48:17-19; Sal 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

Sábado: Eclo 48:1-4, 9-11; Sal 80 (79): 2ac, 3b, 15-16, Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Domingo: Sof 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Fil 4:4-7; Lc 3:10-18

**A LA ESPERA DE LA SALVACIÓN DE DIOS**

El mundo no parece tan grande como para contener el alborozo que causa la primera lectura. En la lectura del Evangelio, el Imperio Romano tampoco es lo suficientemente grande. Los grandes poderes de Roma se designan y se hacen esperar por la salvación de Dios. Y encontramos a Pablo que medita gozosamente en lo que importa, en lo que realmente cuenta. De acuerdo con Baruc, la ciudad de Jerusalén es como una persona que en puntillas espera la salvación de Dios, que viene del Este. Los que fueron llevados a pie, con la cabeza gacha, regresan ahora orgullosos. Todo el camino está pavimentado. Al lado del camino hay árboles fragantes y frondosos. No puede haber algo mejor que eso, ¿no es así? Bueno, sí puede haber algo mejor. Porque una voz grita en el desierto. ¿Aquí comienza la salvación de Dios?



**Bienaventurada Virgen Maria De  
Guadalupe**

**Jueves, Diciembre 12, 2024**

**5:00 a.m. Las Mañanitas**

**6:00 a.m. Misa en Español**

**9:00 a.m. English Mass**

**2:00 p.m. Las Mañanitas**

**3:00 p.m. Misa en Español**



**Venta de repostería: diciembre 14 y 15 después de las misas, Es para ayudar a Las Isabellas.**