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## Infant Baptism

For helpful information and guidance regarding Infant Baptism, please go to our website [www.stbrunochurch.org](http://www.stbrunochurch.org). We are pleased to assist your family with this first and important Sacrament. If you have questions after reviewing the website, please email [Baptism@stbrunochurch.org](mailto:Baptism@stbrunochurch.org).



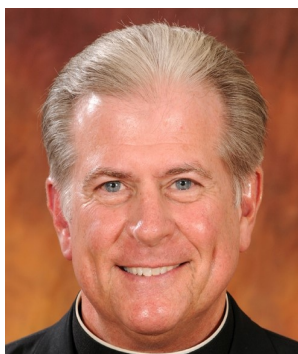
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## Gospel Reflections for 2nd Sunday of Advent December 10<sup>th</sup> 2023

### Why seek John the Baptist in a desert?

Thousands of people walk for miles and miles far into the arid desert west of Jerusalem to see John the Baptist, not to hear him speak, but *to admit their faults, failings, and sinfulness!*

*Who would do that!* They walk that great distance precisely to be washed clean in the waters of the Jordan River.

*Why come to John the Baptist?* Perhaps they sensed something different about John that made it easier for them to admit their guilt. I think they sensed that he brought the love, mercy, and forgiveness of God ...and that made all the difference.

The only reason why you would have the courage to admit your failings before anyone is that you feel this person would still love you despite your problems. You might even accept strong criticism as long as you would still feel their love.

God inspired John to present this powerful and liberating love of God ...and so thousands of people came happily to receive it. The Church wants you to have that same sense of God's love for yourself as well. It is a love that accepts *...and also kindly corrects what you do wrong.*

This is the story of Advent. It is a time for personal reflection on those areas in your life where you might need to make changes. Better to make needed changes now rather than wait to be corrected by friends or family.

Before you begin your self-examination, remember the love that God has for you. *Remember above all that He is on your side and wants you to be happy.*

God knows that some of your behaviors might make things worse for you. If you see these bad habits now for what they are and acknowledge and regret them, then God will let them go. He will do that for the purpose of sending you off on a new and better path ... finally free of those old habits. The way of Christ is the only way to true and lasting happiness.

People who follow this Advent plan find peace and a sense of freedom from old habits that were so self-destructive.

No wonder thousands of people travelled such a distance into a harsh desert to begin their lives over again. Advent is that time for you as well.



*God bless!*

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# ST. BRUNO NEWS

**Come Celebrate Our Patroness  
of the Americas!  
OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**

Sunday December 10<sup>th</sup> 2023  
at 9 AM Mariachi Mass!



**Have you remembered the HALL  
in your Will or Trust?**



To set up your gift, please contact  
Karen Dunphy at 213-637-7510 or  
[Kdunphy@la-archdiocese.org](mailto:Kdunphy@la-archdiocese.org)

**Whittier Life Center** is sponsoring



**"Change For  
LIFE"**

**Baby Bottle Drive**

*WLC will pick up your  
**full** baby bottles this weekend.*

The St. Bruno Parish Center will also be  
collecting baby bottles!

Thank you for choosing **LIFE** for the unborn babies!

## Town Hall Q & A

Fr. Dave will be present after every Sunday noon Mass  
in the Church for a general Town Hall Q & A session on  
any question you might have on any topic.

## ADULT CONFIRMATION BEGINS

The Spring 2024 Adult Confirmation Session (for  
individuals 18 years or older) starts Monday January  
8th, at 7 PM in the Parish Center. This session is for  
baptized Catholics not yet Confirmed.

Online registration opens December 18<sup>th</sup>. Go to our  
web site [stbrunochurch.org](http://stbrunochurch.org) for more information and  
registration details. Questions, contact Deacon Mike at  
562-947-5637 or [deaconmike@stbrunochurch.org](mailto:deaconmike@stbrunochurch.org)

## Fingerprinting Sessions

We are hosting two Live Scan Fingerprinting sessions  
at St. Bruno on Thursday, **January 4, 2024** and  
Monday, **January 22nd**, from 12:00 - 7:00 PM in the  
Parish Center. To schedule a time, please call  
the parish center at 562-947-5637.

A valid photo ID is required.

## Bible Study on the Birth of Jesus

Join us for a one evening bible study on the birth of our  
Lord in the Gospel of Luke. This familiar story reveals a  
lot about God's plan for Jesus' birth that we may not  
see even though it is right before our eyes. Ed Vidaurri  
will lead a morning session (10:00 AM to 11:30 AM) in  
the Parish Center and an evening session (7:00 PM to  
8:30 PM) in the Hall on Monday, December  
18<sup>th</sup>. Bring a pen. There is no advanced  
registration – just come and see.



## "Four For Our Faith" Weekly Giving Initiative

Sunday Collection	12/3	<b>\$18,331</b>
Weekly Online Giving		<b>6,845</b>
Total Contributions		<b>\$25,176</b>

Thank you for your generosity!

For a Balanced Budget (includes Modest Growth) for  
FY 2023/2024 = Need \$20,500/week.

# ST. BRUNO EVENTS

## Catholic Men's Fellowship

**Discussion Meeting** Wednesday, **December 13th** from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM in the Parish Center.

**Speaker Meeting:** Our next meeting will be Saturday, **January 6th** after the 8:00 AM Mass until 10:30 AM. All men are welcome.

For further information, call Dave Zofrea at 562-221-2544.



## Public Rosary Prayer

Join the Daughters of Mary (DOM) on the 13th of each month at 6:30 PM to say a Public Rosary in front of the Statue of Our Lady in the Church courtyard.

**Wednesday, December 13th at 6:30 PM,  
Everyone's Invited!**



## Eucharistic Appreciation Continues



### PRESENCE

### *Learn more about Eucharistic Miracles.*

Jesus awaits us in the Eucharist.

Come and watch one hour with Him.

**Wednesday December 13<sup>th</sup> 6:30 – 7:30 PM  
in the Church**

***We are coming, Lord!***

## "Beautiful Eucharist"

### FREE Book-Next Weekend

To enrich Eucharist Appreciation, each family and household will receive a FREE copy of the Dynamic Catholic Book "Beautiful Eucharist." These books, which promote personal and family awareness of God's Real Presence, will be available after all Masses Next Weekend.

## St. Bruno Church Blood Drive

Sunday, December 10, 2023 in the Hall  
8:00 AM to 2:00 PM

**Picture ID is required at registration**

## Bible Study

We are preparing for our next Scripture Study, which will be The Acts of the Apostles. We will meet for the six Thursdays from January 4th to February 8th, 2024, from 7:30 to 9:00 PM. If you will join us for this study, register at the parish office by Tuesday, December 12th, so we can order the books in time. The cost for the books will be \$11 or \$14, depending on how many people register. For further information, please call Norm Clark at 562-696-3411.

## Adopt-A-Family Gift Drop-off "Last Day"

**Family Adopt-A-Family** gift drop-off is Sunday December 10<sup>th</sup> after all Masses in the **St. Martin Room** of the Parish Center. Enter St. Martin Room from the Parish Center south parking lot through the exterior door. Be sure all gifts are wrapped and include the **Name/ Number and/or** specific name of the person for whom the gift is intended.

Please contact **Andrea Mazon** at (562-884-9712) [andrea.mazon@ymail.com](mailto:andrea.mazon@ymail.com) with any questions. Thank you and Christmas blessings!



## "Reach Out with Love"

Our Parish "**Reach Out with Love**" toy drive ends Sunday December 10th. Unwrapped gifts with the tag may be placed in boxes in the Church Vestibule or Parish Center until 6:30 PM Sunday December 10<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for your generosity!

Questions, contact Dave Zofrea 562-221-2544.



## Bereavement Support Group

Are you struggling with the death of a loved one? Do you feel overwhelmed with grief? Has it been at least 3 months since the death of your loved one? Our next 6 week session begins Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at 7 PM. Please RSVP by Tuesday, January 2, 2024 to Cathy at [562-631-8844](tel:562-631-8844) to reserve a spot.

## Bereavement Ministry Retreat

The Bereavement Ministry will hold a one day retreat Saturday, January 13, 2024 at St. Raymond in Downey from 9 AM - 6 PM. While our lives have changed, we can move on and be OK again. RSVP by January 2, 2024 to Cathy at [bereavement.ministry@yahoo.com](mailto:bereavement.ministry@yahoo.com) or call 562-631-8844. Cost of \$50 will cover continental breakfast, lunch, and all materials.

## ACCW Eastern District

ACCW Eastern District meeting to be held at St. Bruno. Meeting will take place January 15, 2024. Our speaker for the day will be our own Fr. Dave Heney. Lunch will catered by El Camino Restaurant. Cost for the day is \$25. Make checks payable to St. Bruno Church. Mail your reservations by January 10, 2024 to Helena Smyth, 15740 Garydale Dr., Whittier, CA 90604.

## Safeguard the Children DID YOU KNOW?

### Recognizing the signs of physical abuse

Safe adults should be on the lookout for signs of physical abuse in children in their care. Some signs include frequent bruises or cuts, frequent and unexplained absences or injuries. Physical abuse can include hitting, kicking, shaking, or other forceful actions, resulting in harm or even death. Children who are suffering from physical abuse may be distrustful or reluctant to receive physical contact, and may dress inappropriately for the season, wearing long pants or long-sleeved shirts to hide injuries. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "Recognizing Child Maltreatment" at [lacatholics.org/did-you-know/](https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/).

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## For these we pray:

Hector Alatorre, Theresa Biggs, Connie Brewer, Rita Casacchia, Carlos Cendejas, Anthony Chavez, Bryan Chavez, Becky Cleary, Silvia Delgadillo, Eddy Drafton, Walter Flores, Silvia Gonzalez, John Krave, Daniel La Rioza, Charlie Martinez, Tatevik Mazidzhyan, Anna Mestaz, Mario Mestaz, Mark Mestaz, Veronica Mestaz, Lani Morrissey, Irene Muniz, Tommy O'Donnel, Nicole Pearce, Deborah Perez, Christina Peterson, Marilyn Radcliff, Lucia Rangel, Olivia Reyes, Adam Ristich, Angela Ristich, Tony Ristich, Don Robinson, Brett Sanders, Armida Tellez, Carmen Vargas, Chuck Zywocki, Flo Zywocki, and un-born babies.



## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### MONDAY • December 11, 2023

6:30 am — Alan Terry, R.I.P.  
Intention of Gloria & Georgina Mendez & family

### TUESDAY • December 12, 2023

8:00 am — Intention of Guadalupe Gonzalez  
Intention of Jesus Fernandez Jr. & family

### WEDNESDAY • December 13, 2023

6:30 am — Benjamin Jamir, R.I.P.  
Louis Wilks, R.I.P.

### THURSDAY • December 14, 2023

8:00 am — Brigida Mireles, R.I.P.  
Elena Valle, R.I.P.

### FRIDAY • December 15, 2023

6:30 am — Marvin Galarza, R.I.P.  
Intention of Theresa Runnoe

### SATURDAY • December 16, 2023

8:00 am — Anthony Argott, R.I.P.  
Intention of Mica Garcia-Guzman  
5:30 pm — Elizabeth Harold Hemmel, R.I.P.

### SUNDAY • December 17, 2023

7:30 am — David Sandoval, R.I.P.  
9:00 am — Alvino Larios, Sr., R.I.P.  
10:30 am — John Richard Knowles, R.I.P.  
12:00 pm — Prospero Galido, R.I.P.  
5:30 pm — Mass for the people of St. Bruno Parish