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For helpful information and guidance regarding Infant Baptism, please go to our website 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.



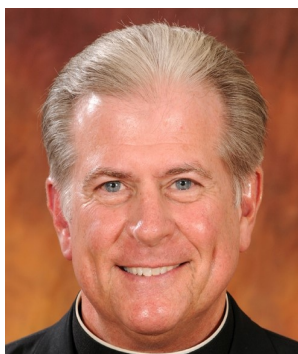
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Gospel Reflections 3rd Sunday Advent December 17th 2023

Make straight the way of the Lord

John the Baptist in today's Gospel does exactly what the First Reading commands.

The First Reading from the Old Testament Book of Isaiah describes what the future Kingdom of God will look like and how it will come about by the actions of ordinary people like Isaiah.

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to announce a year of favor from the LORD, and a day of vindication by our God.

This kingdom looks like a great place! This passage was written by Isaiah at a time of intense persecution and suffering, and yet it is filled with the hope that comes from ordinary people spreading the good news of freedom and hope.

Isaiah did it in his day, John the Baptist did it in his day, and so must you in your time today. You actually are in a long line of prophets called by God who can choose to live and proclaim this message of hope.

There is much going on now that can create much sadness as the Isaiah passage indicates. Every day we see images of wars in the Middle East and Ukraine, fierce political debates, uncertain economic issues, and whatever is going on in your life.

Even in the Gospel John feels that he is a lone voice crying out from the loneliness of a desert wasteland. Yet that did not stop him from spreading God's love. Despite facing hills and valleys he made sure the message of salvation travelled a straight path to every soul.

You are called to live and proclaim this same positive message of love and hope now, even in the midst of everything going on.

You will find the strength, courage, and wisdom you need at every Mass. That is why Our Lord left this sacrament for you. Despite all that is going on you will have the peace of mind to stay steady and calm in a swirling world. Your steady faith is exactly what the world needs to see right now.

Your calling is to announce the glad tidings of Our Lord, and His enduring presence each and every day ...no matter what is going on.



God bless!

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WAYS TO GIVE

In our Catholic faith, money is the power to make something good happen. That means helping St. Bruno parishioners meet Our Lord in every sacrament, parish event, or new building project, so your gifts are always and only for that purpose. Here are ways you can help build your new Hall for All. Our Archdiocesan professionals are also ready to help with assistance in Estate Planning and Real Estate gifts for St. Bruno. Our Non-Profit Tax Number is 95-1957493. Your gifts can also be made over a five year period.



DIRECT CASH GIFTS:

You may make your five year pledge by check, credit card, or authorize your bank to make direct deposits to our *St. Bruno Church Hall for All*. Checks can be dropped at the office, or in the Building Fund envelopes in the Sunday collection.



STOCKS, BONDS, IRA, & ANNUITY GIFTS:

You may also direct these special gifts to *St. Bruno Church Hall For All*. Your financial advisor can also direct your IRA and various Annuity gifts to support this important project for our parish and school families.



REAL ESTATE PROPERTIES:

These are gifts of a home or other properties that you would like to donate. Our Archdiocesan Office will assist you with these gifts for our *St. Bruno Church Hall for All*. Contact Michael Davitt at mtdavitt@la-archdiocese.org to establish your gift.



ESTATE PLANNING:

These are gifts donated according to your wishes about how your estate will be dispersed, such as in a Charitable Remainder Trust. Our Archdiocesan Office will assist you with these gifts for our *St. Bruno Church Hall for All*. Contact Karen Dunphy at kdunphy@la-archdiocese.org for your gift.

Your donations, by law, can only be used for the purpose for which you give them. They are sacred gifts for the mission of St. Bruno Church and School. For a fuller understanding of how parish and Archdiocesan finances work, please see my article at stbrunochurch.org, and click on *Fr. Dave's Articles*.

Please always feel free to contact me with any questions.

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ST. BRUNO NEWS

Christmas Schedule



CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

Sunday, December 24, 2023

4:00 PM - in the Church

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6:30 PM - in the Church

Midnight - in the Church

Musical Prelude begins at 11:30 PM

- Parish Center open 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM •

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Monday, December 25, 2023

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM

NO EVENING MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

- Parish Center closed on December 25th and Tuesday, December 26th •



NEW YEAR'S EVE

Sunday, December 31, 2023

Scheduled Sunday Mass Times

- Parish Center open 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM •



2024 NEW YEAR'S DAY, SOLEMNITY OF MARY

Monday Mass 9:00 AM

- Parish Center closed on January 1st and Tuesday, January 2nd •

Not a Holy Day of Obligation

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 18th. Go to our web site stbrunochurch.org for more information and registration details. Questions, contact Deacon Mike at 562-947-5637 or deaconmike@stbrunochurch.org

Daily Adoration

Join us for our Daily Adoration in the Church from **7:00 AM - 8:00 AM**



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.

"Four For Our Faith" Weekly Giving Initiative

Sunday Collection	12/10	\$15,484
Weekly Online Giving		<u>6,718</u>
Total Contributions		\$22,202

Thank you for your generosity!

Poinsettias are Needed

Christmas is almost here! Please help us decorate our sanctuary by bringing a poinsettia or two.

Poinsettias can be dropped off at the Parish Center after December 21st.



ST. BRUNO EVENTS

Catholic Men's Fellowship

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

Discussion Meeting Wednesday, **January 17th** from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM in the Parish Center.

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



Eucharistic Appreciation Continues

XLT

This Sunday

6:30 PM Dinner on the Patio - Parish as Community
7:15 PM Church Doors Open - Worship, Message & Eucharistic Adoration

We are coming, Lord!

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 18th. Bring a pen. There is no advanced registration – just come and see.



“Beautiful Eucharist” FREE BOOK REMINDER

All families and households get your FREE Book “Beautiful Eucharist” outside of Church after all Masses this Weekend. *We are coming, Lord!*



“Reach Out with Love”

Our St. Bruno Toy Drive was a great success! Thanks to all who made Christmas possible for great families.



Adult Formation Corner

The Old Testament is a precursor to the New Testament. Have you wanted to better understand the Old Testament? Please join us for a look inside as we address the Pentateuch, Historical Books, Prophets and Wisdom books. The morning sessions will meet in the Parish Center Thursday, January 11, 18, 25 and February 1 from 9:00-10:30am. The evening sessions will meet in the Church on Wednesday, January 10, 17, 24 and 31. You may attend either session. No reservations required. Bring your Bible, pen and paper. Contact Ed 562-761-3562 or Cathy 562-631-8844 with any questions.

Simbang Gabi



The Annual Simbang Gabi, Night Mass, will be celebrated at 6:00 PM on Tuesday December 19th in the Church. All are welcome!

HALL FOR ALL



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 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?

Keeping children safe in holiday crowds

This Christmas, your family will likely be in a crowd or two — at school functions, visiting Santa at the mall, Christmas Eve Mass. According to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, over 400,000 children go missing every year in the US. Crowds are a perfect opportunity for a perpetrator to take advantage of chaos and distraction. Before you head out into the holiday frenzy, talk to your children about some ground rules: Stay together and communicate about where you are headed if you change directions or plans. Consider the “two big steps” rule, which tells your child not to be more than two steps away from you at all times. That way, you can easily keep eyes on each other. For more tips, visit nationwidechildrens.org.

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, Daniel La Rioja, Charlie Martinez, Gerry McGuire, 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, Jeff Reynolds, Adam Ristich, Angela Ristich, Tony Ristich, Don Robinson, Brett Sanders, Armida Tellez, Gabino Valadez, Carmen Vargas, Chuck Zywocienski, and un-born babies.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY • December 18, 2023

6:30 am — Intention of Harrison Cavallero & family
Intention of Josefa & Francisco Abad

TUESDAY • December 19, 2023

8:00 am — Tommy Gonzalez, R.I.P.
Intention of Bryon & Concetta Garcia

WEDNESDAY • December 20, 2023

6:30 am — Harold Cook, R.I.P.
Richard Romero, R.I.P.

THURSDAY • December 21, 2023

8:00 am — Stephanie & Nelson McIntyre, R.I.P.
Intention of Dylan Sweet

FRIDAY • December 22, 2023

6:30 am — Gregorio Montanez, R.I.P.
Garrett Hayward, R.I.P.

SATURDAY • December 23, 2023

8:00 am — Michael Dandurand, R.I.P.
Soledad & Melcia Valencia, R.I.P.
5:30 pm — Dolores Comparoules, R.I.P.

SUNDAY • December 24, 2023

7:30 am — Mass for the people of St. Bruno Parish
9:00 am — Intention of Natalie Maleski & family
10:30 am — Rudolf Polyak, R.I.P.
12:00 pm — Vincente Aguilar, R.I.P.
4:00 pm — Donna Terry, R.I.P. (Hall)
4:00 pm — Evan Ennis, R.I.P. (Church)
6:30 pm — Louis Ciccoianni, R.I.P.
12:00 am — Martin Patrick Cleary, R.I.P.