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For helpful information and guidance regarding Infant Baptism, please go to our website <a href="www.stbrunochurch.org">www.stbrunochurch.org</a>. We are pleased to assist your family with this first and important Sacrament. If you have questions after reviewing the website, please email <a href="mailto:Baptism@stbrunochurch.org">Baptism@stbrunochurch.org</a>.



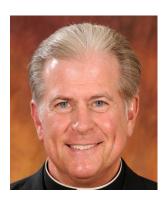
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# Gospel Reflections 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2023

#### Am I on the right path?

I hope your Thanksgiving Day was filled with great food, great football, and maybe even great political conversations, hopefully always given in a spirit of love and respect. After all, there are important events happening right now all over the world.

However, today's Gospel paints a picture of *the end of the world!* That puts everything now ...in a much larger and more meaningful perspective.

Today's Gospel, and this whole **Season of Advent**, invites you to reflect on your life in this deeper and more meaningful way. Taking the time to see the larger perspective and direction of your life is healthy and wise. It helps you ask the right questions to make sure you are on the right path for lasting happiness.

- Is this the path I should have to achieve the goals I want?
- Are these the good and moral people I should associate with?
- Is this the right direction my life should be going?

These questions are a good start, and the answers will be helpful, but they should lead to the most important question of all.

• Am I getting closer ...or further away from God?

(God is always the same unconditionally loving person, so it must be you that is either moving closer or further away!)

This *Advent Season* is a good time to remember why the Church is filled with the color purple. It comes from the color of the sky just before dawn, between the blackness of night and the bright light of sunrise. For thousands of years, people have found this early morning time useful for quiet and peaceful

reflection. This *purple sky time* before the day even starts has inspired people for centuries to prepare themselves on a deeper level for the day to come. Why rush into any day if you don't know *why* you are doing ...whatever it is that you are doing!

Sunday Mass is also a perfect one-hour event each week that deeply connects you with the God of the universe and the loving creator of the very life you have ...and His plan for your life.

I hope the Sundays of Advent will help re-orient yourself so that you can celebrate Christmas, and especially start the New Year with confidence, courage, hope, and, above all ...great joy!



God bless!

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## ST. BRUNO NEWS

# The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday, December 8th
A Holy Day of Obligation
Masses: 6:30 AM, 8:00 AM, 12:10 PM and 6:30
PM. Vigil at 6:30 PM on Thursday the 7th.

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

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



## **Monthly Adoration**

Monday, December 4th

Join us for Monthly Adoration in the Church 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM.

Divine Mercy Chaplet at **4:30 PM**Divine Office from **5:00 PM** - **6:00 PM** 

Please come to spend time with our Lord, Jesus.

# Monthly Food Drive December 9th and 10th.

The Monthly Food Drive will be on the 2nd Sunday for our Christmas collection.

Thank you for your generosity!



# 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

## St. Bruno Church parishioners...

Will you give the gift of life to the unborn babies?
Whittier Life Center is sponsoring



# "Change For LIFE" Baby Bottle Drive

Pick up an empty bottle on
Saturday & Sunday, December 2nd & 3rd.

Please fill up your empty baby bottle with checks, cash
and coins. WLC will be picking up your
full baby bottles one week later on
Saturday & Sunday, December 9th & 10th.

If you forget...please bring your full baby bottle to the Parish Center.

# "Four For Our Faith" Weekly Giving Initiative

Sunday Collection 11/26 \$11,716
Weekly Online Giving 6,691
Total Contributions \$18,407

Thank you for your generosity!

## ST. BRUNO EVENTS

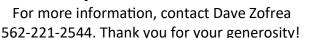
#### Catholic Men's Fellowship

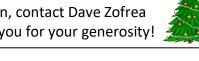
Discussion Meeting Wednesday, December 13th from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM in the Parish Center. For further information, call Dave Zofrea at 562-221-2544.

## "Reach Out with Love" Toy Drive for St. Vincent de Paul Families

Our St. Bruno Parish "Reach Out with Love" toy drive begins Saturday November 18th. Simply take a tag off the Christmas tree in the Church vestibule or Parish Center. Purchase a new toy and return that unwrapped toy with the same tag attached. Gifts may be placed in boxes near the trees beginning Saturday November 25th.

#### Please bring all the gifts by **Sunday December 10th!**





#### **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.

#### **BLOOD DRIVE**



## St. Bruno Church

Sunday, December 10, 2023 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM Picture ID is required at registration

Please sign up online at RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code: STBRUNO or call 1-800-RED-CROSS

#### **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!** 



#### **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 to reserve a spot.

## A Short Study on the **Birth of Jesus**

Enrich your faith this Advent by reflecting on the birth of our Lord. Come and see what we overlook that is right before our eyes. Ed Vidaurri will lead a morning session on December 4th & December 18th 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM in the Parish Center and evening session at 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM in the Hall. Bring a Bible and a pen. There is no advanced registration – just come and see.

### Adopt-A-Family Gift Drop-off

Our Christmas Adopt-A-Family effort is underway. Wrapped gifts with the Family Name/Number and/or specific name of the person for whom the gift is intended will be collected on Saturday, December 9th from 1-5 pm and on Sunday the  $10^{th}$  after all Masses.

Adopt-A-Family gift drop-off will be at the St. Martin Room of the Parish Center. Please access the St. Martin Room from the Parish Center south parking lot and enter through the exterior door.

Please contact Andrea Mazon at andrea.mazon@ymail.com (562-884-9712) for any questions. Thank you and Christmas blessings!

#### **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 <a href="mailto:bereavement.ministry@yahoo.com">bereavement.ministry@yahoo.com</a> or call 562-631-8844. Cost of \$50 will cover continental breakfast, lunch, and all materials.



#### **Keep Christ in Christmas!**

As you are running your errands press the "pause" button and join us for one hour bringing our prayer intentions to our Blessed Mother. We invite you to a Rosary Rally on **Saturday, December 9th at 12 PM.** It will be located in La Habra on Imperial Hwy. and Beach Blvd. All are Welcome!

# Safeguard the Children DID YOU KNOW?

Garden of healing for victim-survivors of sexual abuse With the continuing support of Archbishop José H. Gomez, the third garden of healing in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles dedicated to victim-survivors of sexual abuse was recently dedicated at Saint Francis de Sales Parish in Sherman Oaks. These gardens are a manifestation of our ongoing care for and support of those impacted by sexual abuse in all its forms. The other two gardens are located at St. Camillus Center for Spiritual Care in Los Angeles. (San Gabriel Pastoral Region) and Our Lady of the Assumption Parish in Ventura (Santa Barbara Pastoral Region). The Archdiocese encourages anyone with information regarding sexual abuse to please make a report to law enforcement and/or the Office of Victims Assistance Ministry at (800) 355-2545 or protect@la-archdiocese.org. For more information on the abuse prevention and protection efforts of the Archdiocese, please visit https:// lacatholics.org/protect/. For more information about the Gardens of Healing, please visit <a href="lacatholics.org/healing-">lacatholics.org/healing-</a> gardens.

## 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 Morrisey, Irene Muniz,
Tommy O'Donnel, Nicole Pearce, Deborah Perez, Christina
Peterson, Lucia Rangel, Olivia Reyes, Adam
Ristich, Angela Ristich, Tony Ristich, Don
Robinson, Brett Sanders, Armida Tellez,
Carmen Vargas, Chuck Zywocienski, Flo
Zywocienski, and un-born babies.

#### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

#### MONDAY • December 4, 2023

6:30 am — Intention of Cole Cavallero & family Shirley Smith, R.I.P.

#### TUESDAY • December 5, 2023

8:00 am — Patty Gryzik, R.I.P. Anthony Argott, R.I.P.

#### WEDNESDAY • December 6, 2023

6:30 am — Intention of Cole Cavallero & family
Intention of Georgina & Gloria Mendez & family

#### THURSDAY • December 7, 2023

8:00 am — Carol Brunier, R.I.P.

Joseph & Irene Maleski, R.I.P.

6:30 pm — Francisco Macias, R.I.P.

#### FRIDAY • December 8, 2023

6:30 am — Lupe Falcon, R.I.P.

8:00 am — Intention of Wanda Cook

12:10 pm — Robert Earl Fremgen, R.I.P.

6:30 pm — Intention of Navarro family

#### SATURDAY • December 9, 2023

8:00 am — Harv Le Blanc, R.I.P.

Darien Goodwin, R.I.P.

5:30 pm — Paul Christensen, R.I.P.

#### SUNDAY • December 10, 2023

7:30 am — Carmen Ramirez, R.I.P.

9:00 am — Sonia Gurrula, R.I.P.

10:30 am — Roy Steven Scheck, Sr., R.I.P.

12:00 pm — Mass for the people of St. Bruno Parish

5:30 pm — Delores Diaz, R.I.P.