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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).



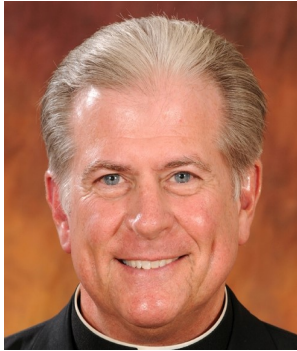
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## Gospel Reflections 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Advent December 14<sup>th</sup> 2025

### ***Make straight the way of the Lord...***

John the Baptist in today's Gospel finally sees exactly what the First Reading predicted.

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 the Lord.

*Here is your God, he comes with vindication; with divine recompense, he comes to save you. Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared; then will the lame leap like a stag, then the tongue of the mute will sing..*

This kingdom looks like a great place! Amazingly, this passage was written by Isaiah at a time of intense persecution and suffering, and yet it is filled with great hope. That is the hope-filled vision you might need today as well.

Jesus fulfills that prophecy in the Gospel. *Jesus said to them in reply, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them."*

You actually are in a long line of prophets called by God who chose to live and proclaim this same message of hope.

There is much going on now that can create much sadness as the Isaiah passage indicates. Every day you can see images of war in the Middle East and Ukraine, fierce political debates, and perhaps whatever is going on in your own life.

Even John the Baptist feels that he is a lone voice crying out from the loneliness of a desert wasteland. Yet that did not stop him from recognizing and 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 powerful 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 and your loved ones need to see right now.



*God bless!*

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# ST. BRUNO NEWS

## WAYS TO GIVE

*I hope you will join me in making this important resource for our St. Bruno families happen!*

*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 Hall for All 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://stbrunochurch.org), and click on Fr. Dave's Articles.**

Please always feel free to contact me with any questions.

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Want to hear a homily you missed? Check out the recordings at [stbrunochurch.org/homilies](http://stbrunochurch.org/homilies).

## 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)

## 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.

## Weekly Giving

Sunday Collection	12/7	\$17,306
Weekly Online Giving		<u>6,397</u>
Total Contributions		\$23,703

Thank you for your generosity!

# ST. BRUNO EVENTS

## Christmas Schedule



### CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

Wednesday, December 24, 2025

4:00 PM - in the Church

4:00 PM - in the Hall

6:30 PM - in the Church

Midnight - in the Church

Musical Prelude begins at 11:30 PM

- Parish Center closed at noon •

### CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Thursday, December 25, 2025

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

NO EVENING MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

- Parish Center closed on December 25<sup>th</sup> and Friday, December 26<sup>th</sup> •

### NEW YEAR'S EVE

Wednesday, December 31, 2025

No Evening Mass

- Parish Center closed at noon •

### 2026 NEW YEAR'S DAY, SOLEMNITY OF MARY

Thursday Mass 9:00 AM

- Parish Center closed on January 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> •



## Church Decorating Help Needed

Christmas is coming and your decorating help will be deeply appreciated on:

December 17th, 9 AM –1 PM & 24th, 9 - 11 AM

Please call Barbara Penland-Maun at 562-652-2867 to help.



### Poinsettias

Please help us decorate our sanctuary by bringing a poinsettia or two. Poinsettias can be dropped off at the Parish Center after December 19th.



### In Memoriam Arrangements

For anyone who would like a larger flower arrangement (only 10 available) for a \$50 donation in memory of a loved one, please contact the Parish Center at 562-947-5637 **no later than Friday, December 19th at 5:00 PM.** The names of those remembered will be listed in the Christmas Sunday Bulletin.

## Catholic Men's Fellowship

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

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

## "Reach Out with Love"

Our Parish "Reach Out with Love" toy drive ends Sunday December 14th. Unwrapped gifts with the tag may be placed in boxes in the Church Vestibule or Parish Center until 6:30 PM Sunday December 14<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for your generosity!



## Whittier Pregnancy Center Change for Life

### Baby Bottle Drive Fundraiser



WPC will pick up your full baby bottles this weekend Saturday, December 13th & Sunday the 14th, or you may drop them off in the Parish Center.

**Thank you for your generosity!**

## Monthly Food Drive This Weekend

Items most needed are: soup, cereal, spaghetti, pasta sauce, macaroni & cheese, canned meats (chicken, tuna, spam & beef). Last weekend the Food Pantry served more than 500 families. St. Bruno's generosity makes an amazing difference. Thank you.



## Re-scheduled Bible Study on the Birth of Jesus

The previously cancelled December 3<sup>rd</sup> study on the Birth of Jesus is now scheduled for **Tuesday, December 16th**. Prepare for the celebration of Christmas by reflecting on the birth of our Lord as told in the **Gospel of Matthew**. Come and see what we overlook that is right before our eyes. Ed Vidaurri will lead an **evening session** (7:00 PM) in the Hall.



## Simbang Gabi

The Simbang Gabi, Night Mass, will be celebrated at 6:30 PM on Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup> in the Church. All are welcome!

## Bethlehem Christian Families (The Holy Land) December 20 & 21, 2025

The Bethlehem Christian Families are here to sell their hand carved religious articles made of olive wood. The sale of these precious articles supports their Church Mission which is to maintain the roots and the existence of the Christian Families who are struggling to remain in Bethlehem.

**Come Celebrate the Feast of  
OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE  
Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>  
Mass with Mariachi at 12:00 PM**



## Safeguard the Children DID YOU KNOW?

### Watch out for fire dangers

Christmas is a popular time to decorate with candles and electric lights, both inside and out of the house. These decorations can be beautiful and festive but also come with the risk of fires. Parents should make sure to keep candles out of reach of children, and off surfaces where they could be easily knocked over. All lights should be checked for faulty wires or other defective parts that could cause a fire. For more information, read the "Holiday Safety" article on <https://www.nsc.org/community-safety/safety-topics/seasonal-safety/winter-safety/holiday?/>.

## For these we pray:

Hector Alatorre, Evaristo Alonzo, Leticia Baeza, Michael Bernwanger, Deborah Burrola, Becky Cleary, Ron Corabio, Ciera Dean, Bryana Erazo, SC Foy, Silvia Gonzalez, Joe Heredia, Carmen and Fernando Jacobo, Gerry Cleary Knowles, Darryl Merlino, Anna Mestaz, Mario Mestaz, Veronica Mestaz, Terry Narvaez, Irma Del Rio Navarro, Christina Peterson, Roger Pritchard, Anthony Rangel, Clark Robins, Art Rodriguez, Gloria Rosas, Marilyn Schirmer, DeAnn Soto, Sharon Wells, Mike Zucarro, Steve Zuccaro, Cindy Zwinggi, and un-born babies.



## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### MONDAY • December 15, 2025

6:30 am — Intention of Erika Kirk & children  
Charlie Kirk, R.I.P.

### TUESDAY • December 16, 2025

8:00 am — Intention of Scott Weaver  
Margo Jimenez, R.I.P.

### WEDNESDAY • December 17, 2025

6:30 am — Prospero G. Galido, R.I.P.  
Louise Arce, R.I.P.

### THURSDAY • December 18, 2025

8:00 am — Intention of Esperanza Villaseñor  
Virginia Sanchez, R.I.P.

### FRIDAY • December 19, 2025

6:30 am — Intention of Bryon & Concetta Garcia  
Tommy Gonzalez, R.I.P.

### SATURDAY • December 20, 2025

8:00 am — Intention of Dylan Sweet  
Harold Cook, R.I.P.  
5:30 pm — Louis Ciccoianni, R.I.P.

### SUNDAY • December 21, 2025

7:30 am — Mass for the people of St. Bruno Parish  
9:00 am — Claude LeBlanc, R.I.P.  
10:30 am — John Richard Knowles, R.I.P.  
12:00 pm — Celia Ortega, R.I.P.  
5:30 pm — Angela & Ricardo Sanchez, R.I.P.