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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.



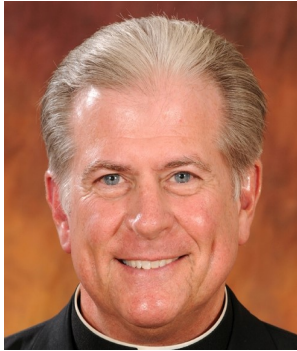
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Gospel Reflections 2nd Sunday of Advent December 7th 2025

Why seek John the Baptist in a desert?

Thousands of people walk for miles far into an 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 yourself ...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 many miles 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

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 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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OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Patroness of the Americas
and mother of the unborn

Join us for a

Mariachi Mass Celebration

12:00 PM, December 14
to honor our Lady, our
life, our sweetness and
our hope! Refreshments
after the noon 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

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	11/30	\$16,301
Weekly Online Giving		<u>5,623</u>
Total Contributions		\$21,924

Thank you for your generosity!

ST. BRUNO EVENTS

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.

Whittier Pregnancy Center Change for Life

Baby Bottle Drive Fundraiser

Pick up an empty bottle
Saturday, December 6th and Sunday, the 7th

Fill up your empty baby bottle with
checks, cash and coins!

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

Thank you for your generosity!

BLOOD DRIVE

St. Bruno Catholic Church in the Hall

Sunday, December 14th
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

"Reach Out with Love"-2025

Toy Drive for St. Vincent de Paul Families

Our St. Bruno Parish "Reach Out with Love" toy drive
begins Saturday November 22nd. 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 29th.

Please bring all the gifts by Sunday December 14th!

For more information, contact Dave Zofrea
562-221-2544. Thank you for your generosity!

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Monday, December 8th

A Holy Day of Obligation

Masses: 6:30 AM, 8:00 AM (school), 12:10
PM and 6:30 PM. **No Vigil on Sunday.**



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.

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 intend-
ed will be collected on Saturday, December 6th from
1 - 5 PM and on Sunday the 7th after all Masses.

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

For questions, please contact **Andrea Mazon**
andrea.mazon@ymail.com or (562) 884-9712

for any questions. Thank you and Christmas blessings!



Monthly Food Drive December 13th and 14th

Items needed include ramen & canned beans, soup, canned meats (spam, chicken, beef and tuna), cereal, and spaghetti. Thank you for your generosity!



Simbang Gabi



The Simbang Gabi, Night Mass, will be celebrated at 6:30 PM on Friday, December 19th 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.

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



Safeguard the Children DID YOU KNOW?

Red flags in gift giving

'Tis the season for giving and receiving gifts, but some gifts are inappropriate for children to receive from adults. Talk to your children about appropriate gift giving – who they should give presents to and who they do not need to give to. Discuss when they should accept a present or not. This would be a good time to establish family rules about gift receiving. For example: friends and family may not accept gifts outside of established holidays, like a birthday or Christmas. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article “An embarrassment of riches: establishing a framework for gift giving to kids” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know.

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 8, 2025

6:30 am — Mary Brusher, R.I.P.
8:00 am — Michael Freije, R.I.P.
12:10 pm — Gloria Martinez, R.I.P.
6:30 pm — Charlie Kirk, R.I.P.

TUESDAY • December 9, 2025

8:00 am — John McCarthy, R.I.P.
Harv Le Blanc, R.I.P.

WEDNESDAY • December 10, 2025

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

THURSDAY • December 11, 2025

8:00 am — Alan Terry, R.I.P.
Nick Indelicato, R.I.P.

FRIDAY • December 12, 2025

6:30 am — Isaias Diokno, R.I.P.
William & Aida Valenzuela, R.I.P.

SATURDAY • December 13, 2025

8:00 am — Maria Elba De Leon Godoy, R.I.P.
Diego Sanchez, Jr., R.I.P.
5:30 pm — Carmelito Constantino, R.I.P.

SUNDAY • December 14, 2025

7:30 am — Edarlina Tan Lim, R.I.P.
9:00 am — Layne Hennigan, R.I.P.
10:30 am — Roy Steven Scheck, Sr., R.I.P.
12:00 pm — Alvino Larios Sr., R.I.P.
12:00 pm — Fe Guinto, R.I.P.
5:30 pm — Mass for the people of St. Bruno Parish