

# St. Gianna Beretta Molla Parish

## Roman Catholic Church

*"All the strength of Satan's reign is due to lukewarm Catholics." St. Pius X*  
**AN OASIS OF FAITH AT THE GATEWAY TO THE SHORE**

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## NOVEMBER 27, 2022

# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



### HYMNS FOR THE WEEKEND

**ENTRANCE:** # 712 in the St. Michael Hymnal  
"People, Look East"

**OFFERTORY:** # 618 in the St. Michael Hymnal  
"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

**COMMUNION:** Letter "T" (Back in the St. Michael Hymnal )  
"The Supper of the Lord"

**CLOSING:** # 777 in the St. Michael Hymnal  
"The Coming of Our God"

### ST. GIANNA PARISH SERVED BY

#### Pastor

Rev. Anthony J. Manuppella

#### Part-Time Parochial Vicar

Rev. Franklin Opara

#### In Residence

Rev. Sunny Mathew

#### Deacon

Mr. George Del Rossi

#### PARISH STAFF

#### Parish Secretary/Bulletin Editor

Claudia A. Costa

#### Parish Finance Manager

Anne Hyatt

#### Director of Music

Dr. Michael Phelps

#### Director of Religious Education

Mrs. Cece Whittaker -DiAngelo

#### MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday 8:30 AM (English)

Friday 7:00 PM (Spanish)

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM

Sunday: 8:00 & 10:00 AM (English)

12 Noon: Traditional Latin Mass

2:00 PM (Spanish)

#### Holy Days of Obligation

Vigil Mass: 7:00 PM

Holy Day: 8:30 AM & 12 Noon

7:00 PM Bilingual

#### Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00 - 4:30 PM (English)

Saturday: 7:30-8:30 PM (Spanish)

Anytime by Appointment

#### Parish Office Business Hours

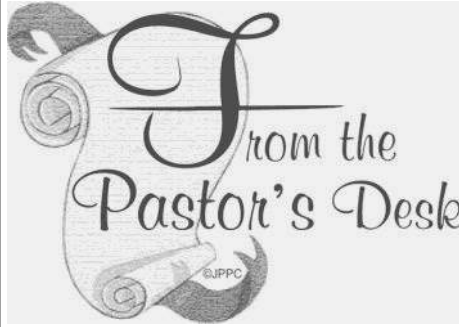
Monday through Thursday

9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

## THE SEASON OF ADVENT

**B**y the time the Season of Advent begins, signs of Christmas are all around us and have been for several weeks. Unfortunately, the commercialization of Christmas many times distracts us from the true meaning of Advent. Advent is a time of gradual, reflective preparation for Christmas.

It is difficult not to get caught up in the crowded malls, the tinsel, and the colorful gift-wrap which are so much a part of the Season. It is a challenge to keep in mind that the celebration of Christmas is about God's boundless love for us as manifested in the gift of Jesus. The celebration of this event is so important that we set aside four weeks of preparation. Ironically, in the midst of all the rush and turmoil of the pre-Christmas time, God calls us to settle down and quietly reflect on the wonder of Jesus' coming. As Christians, we listen attentively to God's call to reflection. We take the time to pause, recollect ourselves, and renew our relationship with God. Our inner disposition is like that of the Israelites: we await the Messiah; as we wait, we trust God will direct our lives, filling our lives with meaning. The world around us gives us cause to reflect in a special way during the Season of Advent. We find ourselves surrounded by the problems of war, incurable disease, hunger and homelessness. We live in a world where everyone is not equal or free. Perhaps, now more than ever, we need to stop to recognize and embrace the true inner peace that God offers us through Jesus. Advent can truly be a precious time for families to recognize anew Christ's peace within the home and within the heart of each individual family member. If families truly use the Advent Season for reflection, it can be a time for each family member to become closer to God and to one another. If Advent is dismissed, this time of the year can become simply a source of pressure and anxiety.



In the early Church, four different "comings" or manifestation of the Lord were celebrated all as one feast on January 6: His **Birth**, the visit of the **Magi**, His **Baptism** by John and His **Miracle** at Cana. The feast was named "Epiphany" –a Greek word meaning "showing, manifestation." Epiphany became, along with Easter, a traditional date for Baptisms. Just as Baptisms at Easter were prepared for by a time of fasting and penance (Lent), so the Baptisms at Epiphany were prepared for by a time of fasting and penance called "Advent" (from a Latin word meaning "coming"). Gradually, in many places, Christ's birth was given its own feast day on December 25 and the Season of Advent shifted to a time of preparation for this feast. Advent varied in length, but eventually, the practice of beginning on the fourth Sunday before Christmas became the norm. Gradually, Advent became less and less a carbon copy of Lent (fasting and penance) and more a time of prayer and reflection to appreciate the meaning of Christ's coming at Bethlehem, and His coming at the end of time. The vestments in Advent continued to be purple as in Lent, but the Gloria and Alleluia (eliminated during Lent) were sung, and the mood was less penitential. The symbol of this Season has become the Advent wreath, with the successive lighting of its four candles on each of the four Sundays – a sign of the approach of the birth of the Light of the World.

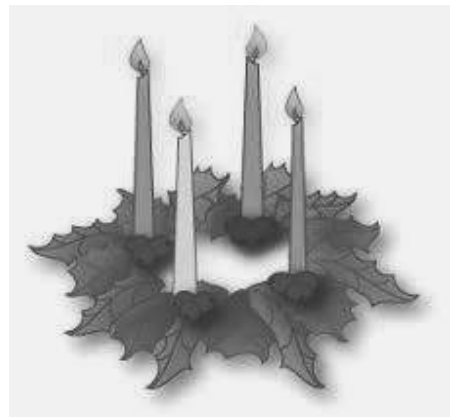
Whether you make your own or purchase one already made, the Advent wreath is a wonderful way for families to prepare for Christmas. The wreath, of course, is circular and its color is green. Its shape and color stand for God's everlasting love. The four candles –three purple and one pink- represent the four weeks of Advent. But, what do the colors of the candles mean? The color of purple tells us that Advent is a serious time for evaluating our lives. The color of pink says that we should approach Christmas with joy and hope. The increasing light of each week tells us that Jesus' coming is nearer and nearer. On the next page are suggested prayers that you and your family may want to use when lighting your Advent wreath at home.

## Making the Advent Wreath

\*Three purple candles and one pink candle (or four white candles, three tied with purple bows and the fourth tied with a pink bow).

\*Four small candleholders (or a commercially available circular form which includes the candleholders).

\*Evergreen branches (if commercial form is not used, these may be wound with wire to form a wreath). The candles should be placed at equi-distant points around the circle.



## Blessing of the advent Wreath

*Parent:* God of Wonder, send down Your blessing on our family's wreath. May all of us who use it prepare a special place in our hearts for Christ's coming. May this wreath and its light remind us of Christ's promised coming. Send down Your many blessings on our family during this Holy Season.

*All:* We ask this in the name of Christ, Your Son and our Brother. Amen.

### WEEK 1

(One purple Candle is lit. The following prayer is said)

*Parent:* God of Light, come, be our protector and our guide. Save us from all danger that might threaten us. Come into our hearts with Your light. Fill our hearts with love from one another.

*All:* We ask this in the name of Christ, Your Son and our Brother. Amen.

### WEEK 2

(Two purple candles are lit. Then the following prayer is said)

*Parent:* God of Light, stir up our hearts and come. Make us ready for the coming of Your Son, Jesus. As we gather around our family wreath, we remember God's promise to always be with us. We know You are here, good and gentle God, and we thank You for loving us.

*All:* We ask this in the name of Christ, Your Son and our Brother. Amen.

### WEEK 3

(Two purple candles and one pink are lit. Then the following prayer is said)

*Parent:* God of Light, come and enlighten the darkness of our minds. Be our strength and our guide. Renew us with Your love and help us to share Your love with one another.

*All:* We ask this in the name of Christ, Your Son and our Brother. Amen.

### WEEK 4

(All four candles are lit. Then the following prayer is said)

*Parent:* God of Light, we continue to await Your coming into our hearts and into our Family. Come quickly so that through Your grace we may become more loving and peaceful.

*All:* We ask this in the name of Christ, Your Son and our Brother. Amen.

## HELP for THOSE IN NEED

As Christians, we are called to help those in need. As you know, our Parish regularly hosts food collections (1st weekend of the month) to benefit local food pantries and to provide for those in great need. However, quite often people come to us in need of immediate assistance to purchase food. We are presently collecting Gift Cards (ACME, ShopRite, Rite Aid, and Walmart). Please if you are looking for a way to share your blessings we encourage you to purchase a Gift Card, in the denomination of your choice, place it in an envelope and return it to the Parish office either via the collection basket or by bringing it to the Parish office on your way by. Your contribution to this effort will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for helping us to help others.



### Meal for Needy Families

"It's not Christmas without meal!"

We are presently accepting donations of hams, stuffing, gravy & other can foods to ensure that needy families can prepare a traditional Christmas dinner. If you wish to make a donation, please bring your donations to the Parish office.



### The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Mother Mary Holyday of Obligation

Wednesday, December 7, 2022 @ 7 PM

Thursday, December 8, 2022

8:30 AM – 12 Noon –

7 PM (Bilingual Mass)

### Loaves & Fishes Project

Please remember: Our Parish collects non-perishable food for local food banks on the **first Sunday of every month**. Please bring on your donations and place them in the plastic container located in the Gathering Area of the church. **Next Collection Day:** December 3-4, 2022.



Priests and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are readily available to bring Holy Communion to the homes of the sick on a schedule agreeable to the sick person. If you or someone that you know is a shut-in and would like to receive the Sacrament, please let us know by contacting the Parish office.

Father's Quick Quote: "Charity is the root of all good works." ~St. Augustine



PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD!

Today we begin four weeks of preparing to receive Jesus in our hearts. And in order to do that at Christmas, we need to make a plan today. What can we do to make Advent count much more in your life? Try this! This Advent participate at daily Mass as frequently as you can...receive Christ in the Holy Eucharist often...practice patience...make kindness a big part of your life...be more understanding...look at Christ in every person you meet! Make up your mind that today this Advent will be the most rewarding one you have ever lived!

St. Gianna Beretta Molla Parish
Christmas Tree
Lighting Ceremony
Saturday, December 10, 2022
After the 4:30PM Mass
I would like to invite you and your family to join us (whether or not you purchased a tree) on Saturday, December 10th for our Parish's Christmas Tree lighting right after the 4:30 PM Mass. Please plan to join us next Saturday for fellowship, hot chocolate & cookies and lots of fun. Hope to see you there!!
Fr. Anthony



ST. GIANNA RORATE MASS
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2022
6:00 AM

If you wish to memorialize a deceased loved one during the Christmas season, you may do so by making a contribution for Christmas flowers. Envelopes for that purpose have been mailed to all registered Parishioners, together with the Christmas schedule and a Christmas Gift envelope. Extra envelopes may also be found in the racks at the Church doors.



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Christmas Tree Reservation Form

- ◇ Yes, I would like a tree dedicated or memorialized.
- ◇ Memorialized for Deceased Loved Ones
- ◇ Dedicated to Loved Ones Living
- ◇ Personal Family Christmas Greeting

PLEASE HAVE THE PLAQUE READ AS FOLLOWS (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY):

Four horizontal lines for writing the plaque text.

REQUESTED BY:

One horizontal line for writing the requester's name.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City and Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your Check for \$125 payable to St. Gianna Parish

Since the trees must be ordered in advance, **no reservations will be accepted after**

**November 30, 2022**

Please drop the form in the collection basket or bring it to the Parish office. Come to the Tree

**Lighting** (and enjoy cookies and hot chocolate) on  
**Saturday, December 10, 2022 after the 4:30 PM Mass!**



**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26**

4:30PM **Nan & John Mc Gettigan** r/b Marie Mc Gettigan

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27**

8AM **Helen Vincent** r/b Connie Lepre & CVL Designs

10AM **Clotilde, Matteo, Al & Victor Vergulti** r/b Vergulti Family  
**Ramiro Rivera & Family** r/b Palomeque Family

**Intentions of the Santoro Family** r/b Kim & Larry

12 Noon **Intentions of Danielle & Tim Nickas** r/b The Grace Family

2:00PM **Maria Rodriguez & Miguel Moya** r/b Elsie Moya  
**Intenciones de Roberto y Nereida Rodriguez** en celebracion del 35th Aniversario de su Boda. Felicidades!!

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28**

8:30 AM **Damian Melton** r/b The Wimberg Family

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29**

8:30 AM **David Q. Bee** r/b James Moore

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30**

8:30 AM **Jean Heinse Belizaire** r/b Marie Trenard

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1**

8:30 AM **Geneviese Norato** r/b Donna Polazneck

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2**

8:30AM **Healing of Frances Ballotta** r/b Sr. Dolores

7:00 PM **Mass in Spanish**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3**

4:30 PM **Patricia Coyle** r/b Lee Finizio  
**Mario Martirone** r/b Hi Family

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4**

8AM **John Lynskey** r/b Son & Family

10AM **Rosemary DeRosa Kane** r/b Paula & Bob Boileau  
**Norma Murphy** r/b Jack & Bobbie Foster  
**Steven Ratzlaff** r/b Stella Romero

12Noon **Intentions of Frances Farnoly** r/b The Grace Family

2 PM **Mass in Spanish**

**NOVEMBER 26 – DECEMBER 2**

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP WILL BURN**

*(Above the Main Altar)*

**NENITA & EUFROCINA JOSAFAT**

Requested By

**MRS. ZAIDITA YAP**



**LAMPS FOR THE ALTARS**

**SANCTUARY, BLESSED MOTHER'S ALTAR AND ST. JOSEPH'S ALTAR**

After many requests, we are happy to report that you will have the opportunity to dedicate the candle lamps burning at the altars of St. Joseph and our Blessed Mother (right and left of the main altar) as we do with the Sanctuary lamp above the main altar. These lamps will also burn for one week for the intentions of a particular person or in memory of a loved one. Kindly complete the form below and return it to the Parish office. Your request for the lamps (Sanctuary, Blessed Mother/St. Joseph's altars) will be sequentially (on a first-come, first-served basis) assigned and will be announced and published in the Parish bulletin.

**LAMP REQUEST**

Circle one: In Memory of Intentions of

Requested by:

Phone #:

Circle one:

SANCTUARY B. MOTHER ST. JOSEPH



YOU'LL SCREAM IF YOU MISS THIS!



**PARISH CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2022**

**AFTER THE 4:30PM MASS**

**BLESSING, CAROLS, COOKIES, HOT CHOCOLATE AND "MUCHO" LIGHTS!!**

St. Gianna's Parish Northfield NJ  
StGiannas.millionsofmonicas@gmail.com

One Hour

One Purpose

Our Children

**Wednesdays 6:30pm**

## Millions of Monicas

*Praying with Confidence for our Children*

### Our Mission

We are a group of mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, Confirmation sponsors, and aunts coming together to lift up our children of all ages. Many of us have children who are struggling to embrace their Catholic faith or have left the Church entirely.

Like St. Monica, we pray for their joyful return to full unity with the Catholic Church. We are not a support group or a self-help group. No sensitive information is shared. We believe that by coming together weekly, uniting our hearts and voices, we can bring strength and joy to each other. We want to encounter God through prayer for ourselves and our children. We want to grow in humility and holiness. Visit MillionsofMonicas.com for more information or email

[StGianna.MillionsofMonicas@gmail.com](mailto:StGianna.MillionsofMonicas@gmail.com)

## 2022 Schedule

Meetings will be held in the Parish Church

November 30th, 6:30 p.m.

December 7 (*off due to the celebration of the Immaculate Conception of Mary 7 p.m. Vigil Mass*)

December 14th, 6:30 p.m.

December 21st, 6:30 p.m.

December 28th, 6:30 p.m.



## 2022 Memorial Christmas Trees

*Reservation is under way!!*

Christmas Trees Registration forms have been mailed to all registered Parishioners and they will be also available for this purpose in the vestibule of the church and also on page #6 in this bulletin.

Please note: the **Cutoff date firm – not flexible** – no reservations will be accepted after November 30th.



**F**amily and friends for whose intentions the Mass is being offered are invited to bring up the Offertory Gifts at the Mass. Before the Liturgy begins, please indicate your intention to one of our Ushers.

## Share the Word Prayer Group

**T**he purpose of a Prayer Group is to give members of the Church the opportunity to engage in a Ministry of Prayer for the Church, other members, specific concerns, and local and world events. Our Prayer meets on **Mondays at 7 pm in the Parish Hall** to share with each other our prayer concerns, pray the rosary, read the Scriptures, praise and worship. Fr. Opara MSSCC is our director. We invite you to come and to be a powerful part of prayer. Any questions call Colleen 609-703-7880.

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**FIRST READING:**

**A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET ISAIAH**

**T**his is what Isaiah, son of Amoz, saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come, the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest mountain and raised above the hills. All nations shall stream toward it; many peoples shall come and say: "Come, let us climb the LORD's mountain, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may instruct us in his ways, and we may walk in his paths." For from Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and impose terms on many peoples. They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; one nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord! The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: R. *Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.***

I rejoiced because they said to me, "We will go up to the house of the LORD."

And now we have set foot within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R.**

Jerusalem, built as a city with compact unity. To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD. **R.**

According to the decree for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD.

In it are set up judgment seats, seats for the house of David. **R.**

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! May those who love you prosper!

May peace be within your walls, prosperity in your buildings. **R.**

Because of my brothers and friends I will say, "Peace be within you!"

Because of the house of the LORD, our God, I will pray for your good. **R.**

**SECOND READING:**

**A READING FROM THE LETTER OF SAINT PAUL TO THE ROMANS**

**B**rothers and sisters: You know the time; it is the hour now for you to awake from sleep. For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed; the night is advanced, the day is at hand. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves properly as in the day, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in promiscuity and lust, not in rivalry and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the desires of the flesh. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

*Show us Lord, your love; and grant us your salvation.*

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW**

**J**esus said to his disciples: "As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. In those days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day that Noah entered the ark. They did not know until the flood came and carried them all away. So will it be also at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be out in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken, and one will be left. Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come. Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into. So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

# Parish Notes

A warm welcome is extended to all who have come to the Faith community of St. Gianna Beretta Molla Parish this weekend to join us in worship. We are grateful to our faithful Parishioners who come every weekend and we welcome **all** of our neighbors and guests who visit us occasionally. Thank you for being here!

If you are not receiving envelopes or regular mailings from us and you usually join us for worship, please register! *You are important to us and hopefully we are to you.* Let us know who you are. Registration forms can be taken from the racks at the Church doors. Registration in the Parish facilitates access to the Religious Education Program and other Parish ministries. Also, it enables the Parish to provide Certificates of Eligibility to serve as Sponsors at Baptism and Confirmation.

## REQUESTS FOR ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATES

The role of a sponsor is primarily a Spiritual role to model a Christian life for the child. Therefore, anyone requesting a certificate **must** be a registered, **participating** member of St. Gianna Beretta Molla Parish, a **practicing** Catholic in good standing (not living in violation of the Church laws), at least 16 years of age and **have received the sacraments of initiation** (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist). Please call the Parish office to make an appointment.

## Sacrament of Marriage

Couples planning to marry at St. Gianna are expected to contact the Priest to arrange a date and time **FIRST**. Second, they must attend the Pre-Cana conferences as mandated by the Most Reverend Bishop. The period of preparation for marriage is a minimum of **six** months to ensure completion of all arrangements before the wedding day. Please contact the Parish office for more information.

### MARRIAGE PREPARATION – PRE-CANA

Our Lady of the Angels, 35 E. Mechanic St., Cape May Court House, NJ 08210  
For information and to register for the class please call 609-287-9205 or 609-827-2127.



EVERY WEDNESDAY & SATURDAY

Doors Open at 8:30AM, Parish Hall

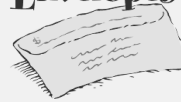
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Instant winners & Progressive Jackpots. Also, coffee, bagels, donuts and lots of fun. Come and join *us!*

### Be a Server at the Altar!

We are in need of Adults who are available to become Altar Servers and help at Funerals, Weddings, daily Mass, and other holidays when our youth is not available. If you are interested please see Father Anthony after Mass or call the Parish office (609-646-5611). Training will begin in a couple of weeks.

We are sincerely thankful to **Offering Envelopes** you for your cooperation in using contribution envelopes each Sunday. It shows not only good example but **helps us** in our system of running your Parish since donations are recorded by your I.D. # on your envelope. **PLEASE** we encourage **EVERYONE** to use contribution envelopes. If you would like to request them, please contact the Parish office. **Thank you!**



**GIVE**  
*the Gift of Giving*



Generalmente para cuando comienza el tiempo de Adviento, los signos de la Navidad ya comenzaron a rodearnos y desafortunadamente, la comercialización de Navidad, muchas veces, nos distrae del verdadero significado de este tiempo de preparación reflexiva para la Navidad.



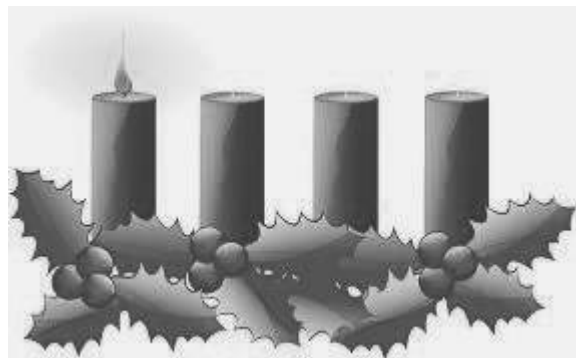
Es difícil no quedar atrapado en los centros comerciales abarrotados de personas, con el ruido y el tragar en busca de ofertas que forman parte de la temporada navideña. Es difícil concentrar nuestra atención en la celebración de la Navidad que es simplemente la celebración del amor infinito que Dios nos tiene y que vemos claramente manifestado en el nacimiento del Niño Jesús. La celebración de este evento es tan importante que la Iglesia dedica cuatro semanas de preparación, irónicamente, en medio de toda la agitación de esta época. Si. En medio del ruido, Dios nos llama meditar y a reflexionar en silencio sobre el maravilloso nacimiento de Jesús.

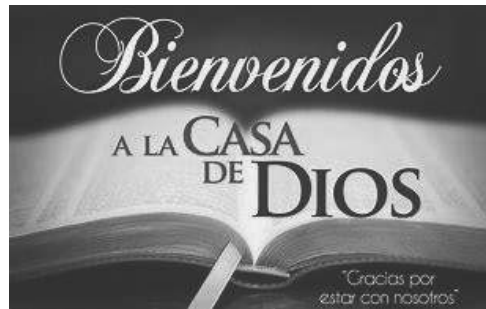
Como cristianos debemos escuchar atentamente el llamado de Dios que nos invita a reflexionar, a hacer una pausa en nuestras vidas para renovar nuestra relación con Dios. Nuestra disposición interior debe ser como la de los israelitas: esperar al Mesías, y mientras esperamos, confiar en que Dios dirigirá nuestras vidas llenándolas con un significado propio. El mundo que nos rodea nos da motivos para reflexionar de manera especial durante el Adviento. Nos encontramos rodeados de problemas; guerra, enfermedades, hambre y falta de vivienda. Vivimos en un mundo donde todos no somos iguales ni gozamos de las mismas libertades. Quizás, más que nunca, necesitamos detenernos para reconocer y encontrar la paz interior que Dios nos ofrece a través de Jesús.

El tiempo de Adviento debe ser un tiempo donde las familias compartan la paz de Cristo en el hogar y en sus corazones. Debe ser un tiempo para reflexionar y para que cada miembro de la familia se acerque más a Dios y a los demás. Sin comprender el verdadero significado de Adviento, esta época del año puede convertirse en una época de depresión y ansiedad.

En la iglesia primitiva se celebraban cuatro diferentes "venidas o manifestaciones" en una sola fiesta, el 6 de enero: su nacimiento, la visita de los Reyes Magos, su bautismo por Juan y el milagro en Caná. La fiesta se llamaba "Epifanía" que en Griego significa manifestación. La "Epifanía" junto con la Pascua se convirtieron en épocas tradicionales para celebrar Bautismos. Así como los Bautismos en Pascua se preparaban haciendo ayuno y penitencia, también los Bautismos en Epifanía eran preparados con tiempo de ayuno y penitencia (Adviento) —de una palabra latina que significa "venir." Gradualmente el tiempo de Adviento tomó las características de ser un tiempo de oración y reflexión para apreciar mejor el significado de la venida de Cristo. Las vestiduras de Adviento son púrpura como lo son en la Cuaresma pero el Gloria y el Aleluia que son eliminados durante la Cuaresma son cantados de un modo menos penitencial.

La corona de Adviento, hecha o comprada, es una maravillosa manera para que las familias se preparen para la Navidad. La corona es circular y su color es verde. Su forma y color representan el amor eterno de Dios. Las cuatro velas, tres violetas y una rosa, representan las cuatro semanas de Adviento. El color púrpura nos dice que el Adviento es un momento serio para evaluar nuestras vidas. El color del rosa dice que debemos acercarnos a la Navidad con alegría y esperanza. La luz creciente de cada semana nos dice que la venida de Jesús está cada vez más cerca.





MISAS EN ESPAÑOL

VIERNES 7 PM

DOMINGOS 2 PM

**S**i usted visita semanalmente Santa Gianna y aún no se ha registrado formalmente en la parroquia, por favor hágalo. Las planillas de registraci3n est3n ubicadas en el vestibule de la iglesia. El proceso de registraci3n es simple pero muy importante para la administraci3n de nuestra iglesia y para servir mejor a nuestra comunidad. **Tambi3n Necesitamos de su Colaboraci3n...** Para mantener los archivos de nuestra parroquia en orden. Por favor comuníquese con la oficina parroquial si desea solicitar sobres de contribuci3n, cambiar su n3mero telef3nico, su estado civil o su domicilio. Gracias!

**P**or favor por cortesía a toda la comunidad que se presenta en Misa, si sus ni1os est3n inquietos y pueden, de alguna manera, servir de distracci3n, dirijase al cuarto que est3 designado para ni1os en frente de la sacristía. Si no encuentra el cuarto, por favor, contáctelos algunos de los Ushers. Gracias por su colaboraci3n.

**P**or favor record3mos en nuestras oraciones a todos aquellos que no est3n pasando por un buen momento en 3stos días; especialmente los que se encuentran en hospitales y casas para ancianos y muy especialmente recordemos a todos aquellos que est3n terminalmente enfermos.

EL SANTISIMO SACRAMENTO ESTA PRESENTE EN NUESTRA IGLESIA. UNA PROFUNDA SALUTACION AL ENTRAR Y AL SALIR DE LA IGLESIA ES RECOMENDABLE. TAMBIEN LE RECORDAMOS POR FAVOR GUARDAR SILENCIO DENTRO DE LA IGLESIA POR RESPETO A LAS PERSONAS QUE ESTAN ORANDO. GRACIAS.

**R**ecuerden: Los Bautismos se celebran los **Primeros Sábados** de cada mes a las **11 AM**. Por favor llame a la Oficina Parroquial para hacer los arreglos administrativos necesarios. La **Clase de Preparaci3n Bautismal** para los Padres y los Padrinos es **obligatoria** y se dicta el **ultimo Viernes** de cada mes inmediatamente despu3s de la Misa en la iglesia.

**POR FAVOR TOMEN NOTA:**

**CONFESIONES EN ESPAÑOL**

VIERNES: 6:00 PM

SABADOS: 7:30 PM

SI USTED NECESITA CONFESARSE FUERA DE ESTE HORARIO POR FAVOR LLAME A LA OFICINA PARROQUIAL LOS DIAS LUNES.

Es necesario el silencio para escuchar la Palabra de Dios, para prepararnos a escuchar esa Palabra. Dios se hizo Palabra en Jesús, y condici3n para escuchar esa Palabra es el silencio: silencio del coraz3n, de la mente, de los sentidos, silencio ambiental.

Estamos preparando los Sobres de Contribuci3n para el a1o 2023. Por favor si desea solicitar un set, llame a la oficina parroquial.

## PRIMERA LECTURA DEL LIBRO DEL PROFETA ISAIAS

**V**isión de Isaías, hijo de Amós, acerca de Judá y Jerusalén: En días futuros, el monte de la casa del Señor será elevado en la cima de los montes, encumbrado sobre las montañas, y hacia él confluirán todas las naciones. Acudirán pueblos numerosos, que dirán: “Vengan, subamos al monte del Señor, a la casa del Dios de Jacob, para que él nos instruya en sus caminos y podamos marchar por sus sendas. Porque de Sión saldrá la ley, de Jerusalén, la palabra del Señor”. Él será el árbitro de las naciones y el juez de pueblos numerosos. De las espadas forjarán arados y de las lanzas, podaderas; ya no alzaré la espada pueblo contra pueblo, ya no se adiestrarán para la guerra. ¡Casa de Jacob, en marcha! Caminemos a la luz del Señor. Palabra de Dios. **Te alabamos Señor.**

### SALMO RESPONSORIAL

*R. Vayamos con alegría al encuentro del Señor.*

¡Qué alegría sentí, cuando me dijeron: “Vayamos a la casa del Señor”!

Y hoy estamos aquí, Jerusalén, jubilosos, delante de tus puertas.

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A ti, Jerusalén, suben las tribus, las tribus del Señor, según lo que a Israel se le ha ordenado, para alabar el nombre del Señor.

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Digan de todo corazón: “Jerusalén, que haya paz entre aquellos que te aman, que haya paz dentro de tus murallas y que reine la paz en cada casa.”

*R. Vayamos con alegría al encuentro del Señor.*

Por el amor que tengo a mis hermanos, voy a decir: “La paz esté contigo”.

Y por la casa del Señor, mi Dios, pediré para ti todos los bienes.

*R. Vayamos con alegría al encuentro del Señor.*

### LECTURA DE LA CARTA DE SAN PABLO A LOS ROMANOS

**H**ermanos: Tomen en cuenta el momento en que vivimos. Ya es hora de que se despierten del sueño, porque ahora nuestra salvación está más cerca que cuando empezamos a creer. La noche está avanzada y se acerca el día. Desechemos, pues, las obras de las tinieblas y revistámonos con las armas de la luz. Comportémonos honestamente, como se hace en pleno día. Nada de comilonas ni borracheras, nada de lujurias ni desenfrenos, nada de pleitos ni envidias. Revístanse más bien, de nuestro Señor Jesucristo y que el cuidado de su cuerpo no dé ocasión a los malos deseos. Palabra de Dios. **Te alabamos Señor.**

*R. Aleluya, aleluya.*

*Muéstranos, Señor, tu Misericordia y danos tu salvación.*

*R. Aleluya.*

### LECTURA DEL SANTO EVANGELIO SEGUN SAN MATEO

**E**n aquel tiempo, Jesús dijo a sus discípulos: “Así como sucedió en tiempos de Noé, así también sucederá cuando venga el Hijo del hombre. Antes del diluvio, la gente comía, bebía y se casaba, hasta el día en que Noé entró en el arca. Y cuando menos lo esperaban, sobrevino el diluvio y se llevó a todos. Lo mismo sucederá cuando venga el Hijo del hombre. Entonces, de dos hombres que estén en el campo, uno será llevado y el otro será dejado; de dos mujeres que estén juntas moliendo trigo, una será tomada y la otra dejada. Velen, pues, y estén preparados, porque no saben qué día va a venir su Señor. Tengan por cierto que si un padre de familia supiera a qué hora va a venir el ladrón, estaría vigilando y no dejaría que se le metiera por un boquete en su casa. También ustedes estén preparados, porque a la hora que menos lo piensen, vendrá el Hijo del hombre”. Palabra del Señor. **Gloria a ti, Señor.**

## 2022 Memorial de Navidad

El Programa Navideño en nuestra Parroquia, es un programa donde usted puede recordar a sus seres queridos, vivos o difuntos, de una manera muy especial y al mismo tiempo, colaborar con las decoraciones navideñas de nuestra iglesia

Su participación le permite adquirir un árbol de Navidad de aproximadamente un metro, que se plantará en la propiedad de la iglesia con el nombre de la persona que usted está recordando o si lo prefiere, un mensaje navideño.



El Sábado 10 de Diciembre después de la Misa de las 4:30 p.m. habrá una ceremonia especial donde se prenderán las luces de los árboles. Usted y su familia están invitados a compartir una tacita de chocolate caliente y galletitas navideñas con toda su familia parroquial.

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Los libros de práctica para el año entrante ya han arriado. Diríjase a la oficina parroquial para retirar una copia de Lunes a Jueves de 9 de la mañana a 4 de la tarde.

Visite la Pagina Oficial de Facebook de la Diócesis de Camden, Ministerio Hispano, para enterarse de todos los eventos para la Comunidad. <https://www.facebook.com/MinisterioHispanoDOC>

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