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Wednesday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**To register with Parish, please, come to Office.**

**WEEKEND MASSES**

**Saturday**

4:00 p.m. - Bilingual

**Sunday**

8:00 a.m. - English

9:30 a.m. - English

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

Wednesday - Friday: 8:00 a.m. (**Chapel**)

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4. Select giving options (weekly, bi-weekly or monthly)

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**Saturday** at 3:00 pm or by appointment.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

First Friday of the month after 8:00 a.m. Mass (**Church**)

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - DECEMBER 14, 2025

All four Evangelists highlighted John the Baptist's important role as the Messiah's herald but at the same time, emphasized that John's was a secondary and subordinate role in salvation history. Matthew, in the second part of today's Gospel, presents Jesus, the true Messiah, as paying the highest compliments to John the Baptist as his herald and the last of the prophets, and to the courage with which John proclaimed his prophetic convictions.

John's reasonable doubts. Scripture scholars over the centuries have wondered why John sent his disciples to ask Jesus if he were the one who was to come. There are three possible explanations: 1) John knew that Jesus was the Christ and, as a prisoner, he wanted his disciples to follow Jesus as their new master. So, he sent them to ask Jesus this question presuming that, once they had met Jesus, they would see for themselves that he was the Messiah and so would become followers of Jesus. 2) John had begun to doubt Jesus' identity as the promised Messiah. The silent healing, preaching, saving, and empowering ministry of Jesus was as big a surprise to John as it was to the Jewish leadership who expected a fire-and-brimstone Messiah. Besides, Jesus had not yet fulfilled John's prediction that the One-to-come would baptize the repentant in the Holy Spirit. Finally, 3) John proclaimed the power of the coming Messiah to bring in a new age, and instead found himself imprisoned. So, a) he might have been wondering why the expected Messiah was not setting him free as Isaiah... had predicted, or b) he might have found sympathetic doubters among his own disciples who might have wondered how the Messiah could leave their own teacher in prison.

John shows the humble willingness to dispel doubts and to accept correction: Instead of criticizing Jesus or breaking away from him, John approached Jesus through his disciples. John might have had his doubts, but he was open to hearing Jesus say that he was, indeed, the one! Jesus, in turn, could have rebuked John for his doubts, but instead offered him a blessing. Jesus had not lived up to John's expectations, but John did not allow that to be a stumbling block. Complimenting John, Jesus says to the crowd around him that John is the fulfillment of Prophet Malachi ("*See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me*"), presenting the Baptist as the last prophetic messenger, the forerunner of the Messiah.

This Sunday - **the Third Sunday of Advent** - is called **Gaudete Sunday**.

As we are getting closer to the day when we will celebrate Jesus' Birth.....

each of us is called to be - "*more than a prophet,*" "*more than a precursor,*" "*more than someone who points to Jesus.*"

We are called to be greater than a prophet, greater than John the Baptist, in our mission.

We're supposed to become..... Jesus' voice, Jesus' hands, Jesus' feet, Jesus' heart.



# MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. December 13 - 4:00 pm

- John Kunka - BDay
- Ramona Martinez, Trinidad Martinez-Lamas - INT

Sun. December 14 - 8:00 am

- Mino Diaz, Fr. George Gonzalez (ROS)
- For all Souls in Purgatory

- 9:30 am

- Mino Diaz, José Fernandez, Fr. George Gonzalez (ROS)

- Susie Telles - INT

Wed. December 17 - 8:00 am

Thurs. December 18 - 8:00 am

- Jesse Rodriguez (ROS)

Fri. December 19 - 8:00 am **THIRD FRIDAY**



**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament .....**



**When you come to the Church, remember you are in God's House - ..... Dress appropriately.**

## Religious Education - St. Ann Catholic Church



Program that provides faith development.

**Classes are - Sunday @ 8:15 am followed by Mass @ 9:30 am.**



St. Ann Church... is one of the churches in our Diocese of San Bernardino as a designated site for JUBILEE YEAR.

You can - SIGN IN @ St. Ann Church... by scanning the QR code for the 2025 Jubilee Digital Passport Stamp.



## Ministries in Our Church



**Lectors** Those who proclaim God's word during our liturgical celebration.



**Eucharistic Ministers** Those who distribute Holy Communion during liturgical celebration.



**Altar Servers** Those who assist Priest during our liturgical celebration.



**Choir** Those who lead us in singing during our liturgical celebration.



**Guadalupanas** Those who in a special way turn to Mary for her intercession.



**Men's Ministry** Gather as a group to improve our spirituality.

**Sacraments** Please call office to arrange.....



**Baptism** Through this sacrament we become children of God.



**Marriage** Through this sacrament those who marry invite God into their life.



**Anointing of the Sick** Through this sacrament God forgives our sins and comforts us in our sickness.

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**Quinceañera (not a sacrament)** Important celebration when one thanks God for blessings.

## Helping those in need:



**Martha's Pantry** St. Ann provides lunches for those in need: Wednesday & Thursday morning @ 8:30 am. At **Hanley Hall**.



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