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NOVEMBER 24, 2024

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You may also call with updates, so we may keep your records current.

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*Thank you.*

## Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Sunday, November 24, 2024

Daniel 7:13-14

Psalm 93

Revelation 1:5-6

John 18:33b-37

## MASS Times

**Daily: 8:15 AM, Monday thru Friday**

**Saturday: 8:15 AM and  
5:00 PM → Sunday Anticipated Mass**

**Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 12-Noon**

**Confessions: 4:00 PM on Saturdays**

## **Baptisms and Weddings:**

Please make arrangements by calling the Parish Office.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>November 23</b>
8:15 AM	<i>In Memories of the Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary</i>
5:00 PM	<i>In Memory of Carl Brighton</i>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>November 24</b>
8:00 AM	<i>In Memory of Mary O'Malley</i>
10:00 AM	<i>In Memories of Tirso &amp; Lourdes De Leon</i>
12:00 PM	<i>For the Intentions of Meryl &amp; Graeme Brennan</i>
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>November 25</b>
8:15 AM	<i>For the Intentions of St. Expedite</i>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>November 26</b>
8:15 AM	<i>For the Intentions of Cynthia Aronson</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>November 27</b>
8:15 AM	<i>For the Intentions of Monica Toth</i>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>November 28</b>
8:15 AM	<i>For the Intentions of All the Clergy</i>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>November 29</b>
8:15 AM	<i>In Memories of Joseph Barkovich and Edith Barkovich</i>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>November 30</b>
8:15 AM	<i>For the Intentions of Joshua Tyler Plattner</i>
5:00 PM	<i>In Memory of Genevieve Briasco</i>

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, 11/24	<b>Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</b>
Monday, 11/25	<b>St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr</b>
Thursday, 11/28	<b>Thanksgiving Day—Holiday USA</b> This morning's <b>Mass</b> will be moved from 8:15 AM to <b>9:00 AM</b> .
Saturday, 11/30	<b>St. Andrew, Apostle</b>

## CONTRIBUTIONS to the CHURCH

Weekend: 11/15 - 11/17/2024

Collections: \$ 8,583.00

Faith Direct: \$ 3,625.00

Total: \$12,208.00

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The Dead**



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### Did You Know?

#### Child Pornography and Artificial Intelligence, Part 1

Many child abusers maintain a "collection" of pornographic materials, including images, either real or fake, of their victims or intended victims. Abusers will often manipulate these images for their own purposes — for example, cropping or editing a photo or a video in a suggestive manner, or adding other elements to create a preferred image. While this is not new behavior, it has become increasingly more dangerous with the introduction of artificial intelligence.

For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "Artificial Intelligence - Deepfakes and Child Abusers" on: [lacatholics.org/did-you-know/](https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/)



## Thanksgiving

Those who dissented from the state church, the established Church of England were persecuted. Some who wished to be separate from the Church of England and everyone else, thus known as Separatists, aka Puritans, fled to Leiden, Holland for the freedom to worship God as they wished. They soon discovered that their children were adopting the language and customs of Dutch children. Appalled at this distillation of their Puritan lives, these Puritans returned to England and made plans to sail to the New World. 102 Puritans set sail on the Mayflower from Southampton on September 06, 1620. Their destination was Virginia. Blown off course, they arrived at what is now Provincetown, Massachusetts at the beginning of what would be a bitter harsh winter.

Only half of the original 102 Pilgrims survived their first winter in the New World. If not for the help of the local indigenous peoples to teach them food gathering, farming and proper housing, all the Puritans might have perished. The following autumn, those 53 who survived celebrated the colony's first Fall Harvest along with 90 Wampanoag Native American people.

That Fall Harvest Feast lasted only a few years.

The first national Thanksgiving celebration was observed in honor of the new U.S. Constitution. In 1789, President George Washington issued a proclamation designating November 26<sup>th</sup> of that year as a "Day of Public Thanksgiving" to recognize the role of providence in creating the new United States and the new federal Constitution.

Between 1846-1863, influential author and editor of Godey's Lady's Book, Sarah Josepha Hale (author of *Mary Had a Little Lamb*), petitioned Congress and five different presidents (Zachary Taylor, Millard Fillmore, Franklin Pierce, James Buchanan and Abraham Lincoln) to create a national annual holiday for Thanksgiving. Sara Hale was from New England where, by the mid-19th century, celebrating and giving thanks for abundant autumn harvests was an established tradition. She finally had success when in 1863, President Abraham Lincoln declared Thanksgiving a national holiday on the last Thursday in November. President Lincoln's proclamation urged the nation to heal its wounds and restore "peace, harmony, tranquility and Union."

Sarah Josepha Hale prevailed upon President Lincoln to declare *Thanksgiving a National Holiday* and he did in 1863. Thus, Sarah Josepha Hale can be termed the "Godmother of Thanksgiving. "

The Battle of Gettysburg (July 01 - 03, 1863) was the turning point of the Civil War pointing to an eventual Union victory. President Lincoln proclaimed the last Thursday of November, November 26, 1863, as a day to thank God and thank the Army for emerging successfully from the Battle of Gettysburg and called upon his countrymen to "set apart and observe the last Thursday of November, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise."

The last Thursday of November settled in American's minds as Thanksgiving Day. The day after Thanksgiving became the day of shopping in preparation for Christmas. But, in 1939 when the last Thursday of November was the fifth Thursday in November leaving only some 24 days for Christmas shopping, President Franklin Roosevelt declared the third Thursday of November as Thanksgiving at the behest of business leaders. That created such a controversy that in 1941, the president and Congress fixed Thanksgiving as the fourth Thursday of November where Thanksgiving remains to this day.

## St. Francis de Sales Church

We will honor *Our Lady of Guadalupe* on Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>.

You are invited to be a part of this lovely tribute to the *Mother of God*.

Mariachis will begin Las Mañanitas with a musical tribute beginning at 7:15 in church that morning.

About 8:00 AM, we will have a brief narrative/pageant recounting the beautiful and tender story of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the four times Our Lady intercepted St. Juan Diego.

And when he asked for a sign, left Her Image on St. Juan Diego's Tilma which hangs, after all these centuries, on the wall of the Basilica atop Tepeyac Hill, northeast of the center of Mexico City in Mexico.

At 8:15 AM the mariachis will introduce the Mass.

After Mass, we will enjoy some refreshments.

Please add to our reception any of the following:

tamales, champurrado, pan dulce, café, cupcakes; paper plates, plastic utensils, napkins, paper cups (for hot and cold beverages).

Please let us know that you will help either by giving food or providing other help, and what you will bring by calling the Parish Center at 818-784-0105.

Volunteers and Donations are very much appreciated.

Please call Lupe Finley at 818-371-4751 or Nellie Ho at 818-339-4833.



## St. Francis de Sales Church

### *Christmas Mass Schedule*

#### Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

Mass at 4:00 PM

Carols begin at 3:30 PM

Mass at 6:00 PM with Cantor and Organ

Mass at 10:00 PM with St. Francis de Sales Choir

Carols begin at 9:15 PM

#### Christmas Day

Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

Mass at 8:00 AM with Cantor and Organ

Mass at 10:00 AM with St. Francis de Sales Choir

Mass at 12-Noon with Cantor and Organ

#### New Year's Day

Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>

*Mary, Mother of God*

Mass at 8:15 AM

## *Lighting of our Parish Christmas Tree*

Monday, December 2nd at 6:30 PM,

at the corner of Dixie Canyon and Moorpark.

You are welcome to join and see this in person or drive-by.



**The St. Vincent de Paul Society of SFDS Parish is asking for your support.**

The Holidays will be upon us very soon, and we are in great need of Gift Cards for our Friends in need, to help with food instability and provide some welcome respite for families especially during Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Gift cards from Ralph's, Target and Walmart are very welcome.

Please place them in an envelope marked with "SVDP Society" and drop them off at the Parish Center.

Also, we depend on SFDS for our work, so please use the SVDP envelopes that are quarterly, for financial support. All donations stay here, in our Parish Community.

This year we have saved 30 household from homelessness.

We do this primarily, by rental assistance, or by assisting with utility bills.

We also have provided emergency assistance for vehicles, for those that need transportation for their livelihood.

And, we sent three SFDS families to Circle V Ranch Camp this Summer.

**Thank you in advance for your kind support.**

If you know someone who is in need of assistance, here is our contact information.

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**Catholic Campaign for Human Development**

**Thank you** for your generous donation of \$1,375.00 for the CCHD during the Second Collection on the weekend of November 16, 2024.

**Thanksgiving Dinner for those in Need**

Thanksgiving is Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Keith and Mrs. Antoinette Ward and others are so good to prepare a glorious Thanksgiving dinner for the clients of Loaves and Fishes at the Knights of Columbus Hall at 14450 Valerio Street in Van Nuys. The seventh-grade students of St. Francis de Sales School serve this Thanksgiving dinner.

You can help by donating a frozen turkey and typical Thanksgiving food items – please, only canned & dried food items.

Please bring your food donations to the Parish Center by Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Join us on a Spiritual Journey to Greece:  
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**Guadalupe Procession and Mass**

**Sunday, December 1, 2024**

The Archdiocese of Los Angeles will host the 93<sup>rd</sup> Annual Procession and Mass in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe in East Los Angeles.

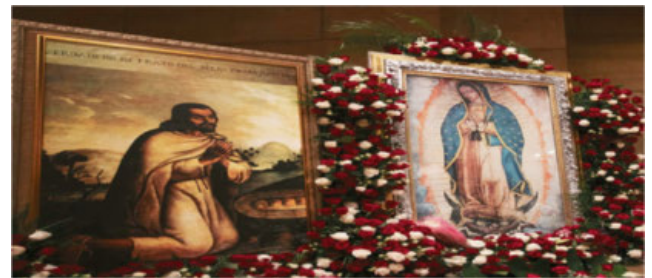
This year's theme is:

***"Our Lady of Guadalupe: Mother of the Eucharist"***

**The festivities will begin at 10:30 AM at the corner of Cesar Chavez Avenue and McDonnell Avenue, in Los Angeles**, with indigenous dance groups, mariachis and the faithful from throughout the Archdiocese.

The procession will conclude at the East Los Angeles College Stadium with Holy Mass offered by Archbishop José H. Gomez at 1:00 PM.

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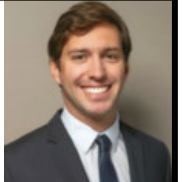
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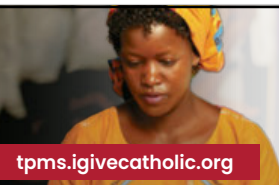
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