
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 28, 2004

**You...must be prepared,
for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.**

— Matthew 24:44



ACTIVITIES

Advent prayers will begin in the church at 5:30 p.m. on the first three Mondays of Advent, November 29, December 6 and 13. Prayer services will be followed by dinner in the hall, beginning about 6:00p.m. Please bring utensils and bowl or plate.

Nov. 29 ~ Soup Supper

Provided by parish "Soup Chefs."

Dec. 6 ~ Potluck

Everyone is invited to bring a favorite dish (salad, main dish or dessert)

Dec. 13 ~ Dinner

Sponsored by Comunidad with Christmas Caroling following dinner. You are invited to bring salads or desserts.

A free will offering is appreciated. Proceeds will be divided among St. Matthew Christmas Basket Project, Lesotho Mission and Heifer Project.

***Help** in setting up (beginning at 4:30p.m.) and cleaning up is especially appreciated. Call Claire for more info at 597.4030.*

COLLECTION FOR OUR NEEDY

Comunidad will again hold their annual collection to help some of our needy neighbors within our parish. Please look for the collection basket outside the church and listen for the little bell after each Mass.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Soon we will be making out a **new schedule for January/February**. Please e-mail (or call) your non-availability dates before December 17th. Please send email to:

barling@stmatthewlb.org

COMUNIDAD MEETING

Comunidad's December meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Our program will be a presentation of tableaus depicting the miraculous story of Our Lady of Guadalupe. This will be followed by a Christmas potluck. Comunidad will supply the main dish and you may bring your best holiday salad, side dish or dessert.

As we are beginning to assemble Christmas stockings for the residents of Serra House, we ask you to bring any new bath items that you have collected from hotels (i.e. shampoo, conditioner, soap, etc) We will include these in the stockings.

HOLIDAY GIFT SALE TODAY

The Lady Crafters *Holiday Sale* will take place today after all the Masses. The perfect opportunity to buy that unique hostess gift you always need at the last minute!!

If you enjoy working with arts and crafts, please come join us on Monday mornings from 9-11:00a.m. in Room #1.

WELCOME TO THE HOLY NAMES SISTERS AND ASSOCIATES!

Each year as the Feast of the Immaculate Conception draws near, the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary gather to renew their religious vows, the promises of chastity, poverty and obedience. This year they will do so here at St. Matthew's at our 10:30 a.m. Mass next Sunday December 5. Let us extend a warm welcome to the members of Sister Dolores's and Sister Barbara's community. We rejoice with them and pray that God will bless the community with many vocations.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT— DEC.5

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-9

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

PRAY FOR OUR SICK...

**Rose Miller, John Devereaux,
Mona Roberts, Rick Salazar**