



## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 27, 2005

Be watchful! Be alert!

You do not know when the time will come.

—Mark 13:33

### ADVENT ACTIVITIES

#### ADVENT PRAYER

NOVEMBER 28 AND DECEMBER 5 — 5:30 P.M.

*Spend some "quiet time" reflecting about this season of waiting.*

#### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28

After Advent prayer in the church at 5:30 p.m. there will be a **Potluck Supper** sponsored by our Peace and Justice organization. **Please bring your favorite main or side dish to share with others.**

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

After Advent prayer in the church at 5:30 p.m. there will be an **Italian Food Fest**. Lasagna will be provided by our Comunidad organization. **Please bring your favorite salad and/or dessert and/or bread to compliment the delicious lasagna.**

*As in the past, a free will offering will be gratefully accepted and will go toward helping people less fortunate than ourselves.*

### LECTOR ENRICHMENT DAY

DECEMBER 10, 2005

Enrichment day for Lectors (new and experienced) on Saturday, December 10, 2005 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels, (in the ballroom at the Center at Cathedral Plaza), 555 W. Temple St. Los Angeles, 90012. The presenters will be Fr. J. Patrick Mullen, (English) and Fr. Manuel Sanahuja, (Spanish). You may download a registration form from the Office for Worship's website [www.laliturgy.org](http://www.laliturgy.org). Cost for the day is \$15.00 per person if postmarked by Dec. 1. Cost is \$25.00 after Dec. 1 and at the door. Space is limited and if capacity is reached, no additional registrations will be accepted. A box lunch is available for an additional \$10.00.

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### SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

will be celebrated on Thursday, December 8th. It is a Holy Day of obligation in the United States.

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### PRAY FOR OUR SICK

*Charlie Welty, Autumn Lenehan, Melody Bach*

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### GIVE TO OTHERS

Christmas is rapidly approaching! As we begin making our own preparation for this joyous holiday, it is important to remember those who might not experience the joy without the assistance of our caring parish community. **Today, Comunidad will be outside the church to receive your contribution toward Christmas Charity** after all the Masses and continue for the next three weekends. Money collected will be given to St. Matthew's St. Vincent de Paul Society in order to assist those in need in our community.

### NOVEMBER REMINDER

This month as we commemorate our loved ones who have gone before us, let us remember the great blessing it is to have a funeral Mass celebrated at St. Matthew's where, over the years, we have received the sacraments and have faithfully participated in worship week after week. St. Matthew's is our home, and it is a blessing to family, friends and parishioners to celebrate a Mass of Christian burial here.

### REMINDERS FOR LITURGY

Last year at the beginning of Advent we received the **General Instruction of the Roman Missal** and were asked to make a few minor changes to enhance the beauty and reverence in our celebration of Mass. Some of these suggestions have been incorporated very well, while a few others still need attention. A spirit of prayer is essential during and after the Communion procession. **The posture for all people during the Communion Procession, until everyone has received communion, is standing.** If you are physically unable to do this, please do not feel obligated. We also remind everyone that the *sharing of peace* ends when the Lamb of God begins. Also, please handle the kneelers quietly when putting them down. Thank you so much for making these extra efforts to make our liturgies beautiful and reverent.

**JOIN US TO PRAY THE ROSARY** on Saturday mornings at 8:30a.m. in the church.

### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**First Reading:** Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

**Second Reading:** 2 Peter 3:8-14

**Gospel:** Mark 1:1-8