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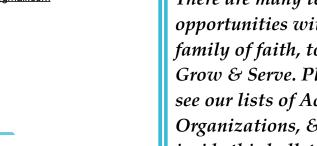
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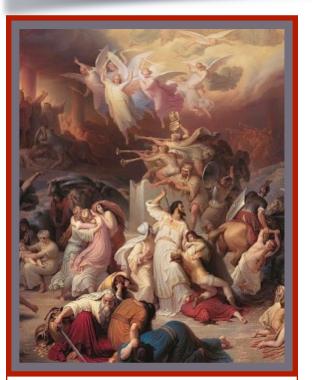
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# Catholic Parish



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There are many terrific opportunities within our family of faith, to Love, Grow & Serve. Please see our lists of Activities, Organizations, & Events, inside this bulletin!

## Daily Mass Weekdays at

8:00 AM

<u>Vigil on Saturday</u> 5:30 PM

Sunday Mass 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

First Saturdays 8:00 AM

#### Reconciliation

Thursdays during Adoration, Fridays following the 8:00 AM Mass, Saturday, 4-5 PM, or By Appointment

#### Adoration/ **Exposition**

Thursdays following 8:00 AM Mass

## **Divine Mercy** Devotion

Fridays following 8:00 AM Mass



## Parish Office

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Office Hours The office is temporarily closed.

## Our Pastor

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#### Baptism & Marriage Contact Father Rick

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> The mission of Our Lady of Light Church, is to provide an amicable environment of Catholic worship, education, evangelization and service, to all of God's people. Together we strive to be instruments of God's love, peace, and joy, following the example of Our Lady of Light.

## The Little Blue Book for Advent/Christmas

These six-minute reflection booklets are available in the back of the church.

Make these daily readings, which are a reflection on the Sunday Gospels, a part of your daily meditation during the Advent/Christmas season.

Brought to you courtesy of the Altar and Rosary Society.



## Please!

## Remember in your prayers

Liz Sjoquist, Annette Musco, Paul Colwell, Jan Nasland, Pat Schumacher, Betty Ward, Mike Delvac, Fr. Rick, organ donors, Susan Lancaster, David Costello, Stephen Copher, Matthew Underhill, Chuck Hansen, Zachary Shelton, Petra Elfresh, Janusz Stojanowski, Allen, Pres. Elect Trump, Charlene Phelps, Greg Robinson & Marsha, Dan McKinley, Debbie Ek, Mary Ann Peterson and Holly & William Peery.



### Pray for the repose of these souls

Leo Lavin, Michael Beck, Melody Affeldt, Ricardo Diaz, and Joanie LaRocque.

## Mass Intentions for This Week

Saturday, November 30 Vigil Mass

Michael Beck. RIP 5:30 PM

Sunday, December 1 First Sunday of Advent 8:00 AM Anne Baldwin, Prayers 10:00 AM Richard Diaz, RIP

Monday, December 2

8:00 AM Parishioners & Benefactors

Tuesday, December 3 St. Francis Xavier, Priest For all those in Need 8:00 AM

Wednesday, December 4 St. John Damascene

**Priest & Doctor of the Church** For Tere Tangeman, Prayers 8:00 AM

Thursday, December 5

8:00 AM Preservation of Peace & Justice

Friday, December 6 First Friday St. Nicholas, Bishop

> For Our Country & its Leaders 8:00 AM

Saturday, December 7 First Saturday St. Ambrose

Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:00 AM Brian Holts, Pravers

## Organizations & Contact Info

<u> Altar &amp; Rosary Society</u>	Meetings; 2nd Thursday of each Month		
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## Parish Office Hours

Please note that the Parish Office is temporarily closed for scheduled hours. If you have an emergency and need a priest, please call Fr. Rick at 619-445-4972. Otherwise you may leave a message at 619-445-3620 or contact us by email at office@ourladyoflight.church. You may continue to use the mail slot up in the Parish Hall to the right of the main double doors, under the OFFICE sign.

# A Message Land From Father Rick

Today we begin the season of Advent and the new liturgical year of the Church. The Sundays of Advent should prepare us to joyfully celebrate the birth of our Savior. We call it Christmas. It is not a holiday like any other holiday. The secular society wants us to replace Christmas with holiday; by doing so we lose the entire meaning and reason of our celebration. Christmas is very important to our faith. The Church gives us at least four Sundays of Advent to prepare for it. Saint Paul in his letter to the First Thessalonians tells us how we should conduct ourselves while waiting for the coming of the Lord. The first advice he gives is to "strengthen our hearts in holiness." For Paul this means to live a life renewed by the power of the spirit. Holiness means set apart. During these days of Advent we strive to recall and renew God's promise. God will set us apart for himself. Second, St. Paul wants us to. "abound in love for one another." Love is the reason why the Savior became one of us. Love will also be the reason we can unite ourselves with the Lord.

## Help wanted and needed on Saturday, December 7 following the 8 AM Mass. We will be doing two things...cleaning the church for

\*Christmas Cleaning and Decking the Hall(s)

This is the national anti-poverty program of the U.S. Catholic Bishops. It is also known as the Catholic Campaign for Human

Development (CCHD). It is an essential part of the social mission

of the Church in the United States. It assists low-income people.

families, and communities. Please think and pray as to how you

are able to help support this collection. We thank you in advance

The Latest Topics!

\*Collection for National Needs

for anything you are able to donate.

the upcoming holidays and decorating the parish hall for the family potluck. You may choose which activity you would like to participate in and join others in fun and fellowship. All parishioners, men/ women, young/old are invited to help. There will be coffee, donuts and cookies provided courtesy of the Altar and Rosary Society. The more the merrier so please plan on helping!

\*Save the Date...mark your calendar...see flver The annual Christmas Family Potluck in our parish hall is set for

Sunday, December 8...sign up in the back of the church.

## \*Peace in the Womb Christmas Caroling Event

Mark you calendar for this special event which takes place on December 7 at 10:30 AM. Please join us on the sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood in El Cajon for the most joyous pro-life event of the year! We bring the truth of this holy season in a joyful peaceful manner that always gives glory to God! More information to follow.

#### \*Our Lady of Guadalupe

Help us give praise and honor to Our Lady of Guadalupe as we celebrate Her feast day on <u>December 12, 2024</u>. Mass is scheduled at <u>8 AM</u> with the singing of Marian hymns before the Mass.

\*Advent Candle Kits

These kits are available by donation in the back of the church. Please remember to thank Claire Donivan when you see her. Advent begins this Sunday, December 1.

## **Parish Offerings** November 24

Plate Collections		294
Envelope Tithes		2,100
Coffee & Donuts		2
Donations (Restricted)		100
Building Fund (Restricted)	\$	0
Total	\$	2,496
Average Weekly Operating Expenses	\$ 2	2,817

Please note that the Building Funds cannot be used towards Operating Expenses.



# Mary's Corner

"O sinner, be not discouraged, but have recourse to Mary in all you necessities. Call her to your assistance, for such is the divine will that she should help in every kind of necessity."

Saint Basil the Great