

We must be BOLD ENOUGH  
to discover NEW SIGNS and  
NEW SYMBOLS, new FLESH to EMBODY AND  
COMMUNICATE the WORDS, and different FORMS  
OF BEAUTY which are VALUED in various  
cultural settings.  
POE FRANCIS



Advent 1

“Prophetic Opportunity”

**GOD HAS A DIFFERENT PLAN**

We begin the season of Advent with a heartfelt call for our own repentance. We remember God's faithful love for us, and call upon God to help us to turn back. For "behold, you are angry, and we are sinful" (Isaiah 64:4). In the first reading and in the psalm, we recall God's promises and lament our unfaithfulness and our guilt. We call upon God's might and power in order to save us. With Isaiah, we ask God to "rend the heavens and come down, / with the mountains quaking before you" (Isaiah 63:19).

Yes, God is faithful to us, because we are the work of God's hands. God is the potter, we are the clay. And yet, our concept of how God will come to save us is rooted in our own expectations of a warrior God who crushes mountains and thunders into our lives with great noise and glory. But God has a different plan: the Incarnation. Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

*Today's Good News ~Living with Christ*

**"Jesus told his disciples a parable about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary" (Luke 18:1).** It seems to

be almost impossible for some people to drive a car, sit down for a meal, or even walk down the street without talking or texting on their

cell phones. The thought occurred to me that if we would talk to God in prayer with the same consistency as we communicate on our cell phones, we would be a lot closer to fulfilling the command to pray always! To pray always means that we live in the spirit of prayer, which is not difficult. In the quietness of our hearts, we can adore our

God and express sorrow for our failures. In the midst of today's cell

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday:** First Sunday of Advent

**Monday:** St. John Damascene

**Wednesday:** St. Nicholas

**Thursday:** St. Ambrose;

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

**Friday:** Immaculate Conception of the Blessed

Virgin Mary

**Saturday:** St. Juan

Diego Cuauhtlatatzin



- December 3, 2017** - Advent
- December 8, 2017** - Immaculate Conception
- December 16, 2017** - Christmas Concert
- December 25, 2017** - Christmas Day
- December 31, 2017** - Memorial Cross Commemoration
- Feast of the Holy Family**
- January 1, 2018** - Happy New Year

**Bulletins / Announcements**

Please remember to submit all information for the Bulletin and/or Sunday Announcements **no later than Tuesday before 10:00 am/inserts before 4:00 p.m.**

Thank you.

**Scripture Study**

Come and join Scripture Study every Thursday evening with Sr. Amora at 7:00 pm in Mother Lydia's Chapel. For more information call Gillian Small at (510) 501-9726 or [ggms@att.net](mailto:ggms@att.net)

We welcome all who come to celebrate with us. If you would like to register or if you need to update your information, please complete this registration form and place it in the collection basket, return to office or send us an email. Be Blessed!

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- Change of Information
- Moving: Remove from list
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- I would like to serve as \_\_\_\_\_