

St. Michael's Rector's Notes

The First Sunday of Advent, December 1, 2024

Reading

The First Lesson Jeremiah 33:14-16

The Response Psalm 25:1-9

The Epistle 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

The Gospel Luke 21:25-36

The Collect Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

If you would like to nominate someone or yourself for election to the Vestry, please speak to me or email me by this Sunday. All nominees should be active, pledging members of the church, have a love and enthusiasm for the ministries at St. Michael's, and the desire to grow and support our new ministries.

Here are two opportunities to share Advent and Christmas joy to our community:

Gift Cards for CASE This Christmas, we will be gifting the families at CASE with \$25.00 gift cards from Target. You may buy one or a few and drop them in the box near the front door by December 8. We will make sure they are delivered to them with plenty of time to shop. Thank you in advance for your generosity. If you have any questions, please speak to Jeanie Powell.

We will also be bringing some Christmas joy to the children of the Veteran Families at Blue Butterfly Village in San Pedro. Starting this Sunday, pick up as many provided treat bags as you like by the front table, and fill them

with small bag of chips, granola bars, juice boxes, and candy bars. They can all be different. Elizabeth Tobias is spearheading this project, and St. Michael's is aiming to collect at least 50 bags by December 15.

We thank Gerri Pisciotta for her Thanksgiving flower arrangements and for your generous support to the church. Gerri's use of her talent inspires us to think of other ways we can engage our community. How about a community yard sale on our lawn with proceeds to the church? It can be a great outreach to our neighbors. Please let me know your thoughts.

There is a new flyer at the front table call, "If You are New, Start Here." Please invite any newcomers to take one which introduces them to what we believe, who we are, and how they can connect with us.

To learn more about our church, and our worship times, please visit us at www.stmichaels-elsegundo.org. **Join us for our Advent and Christmas services. Sunday December 15, 10 am for Lessons and Carols, Tuesday December 24, Christmas Eve: 4 pm Family service, for all ages; and 9 pm Choral Eucharist.**

Consider a special Thanksgiving or Advent gift this year to St. Michael the Archangel. Your offering is kindly received via our Sunday plate; by sending a check to our church: 361 Richmond St. El Segundo, CA 90245; or soon by clicking on the "Donate" button on our website: stmichaels-elsegundo.org

If you would like pastoral care, or request a prayer, please reach out to me.

Peace!
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