

# St. Michael's Rector's **Notes**

*The Third Sunday of Advent, December 15, 2024*

## **Readings**

**The First Lesson** Zephaniah 3:14-20

**The Response** Canticle 9 Page 86, BCP, Isaiah 12:2-6

**The Epistle** Philippians 4:4-7

**The Gospel** Luke 3:7-18

**The Collect** Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**T**his Sunday, please join us and bring your friends to our 10 am service for 9 Lessons and Carols. Then, join us directly afterwards for coffee and refreshments in Yeaton Hall. You can learn more about our church community, and our worship hours, by visiting [www.stmichaels-elsegundo.org](http://www.stmichaels-elsegundo.org).

While we await the birth of Jesus, we practice saying “Yes” to the meaning of the Advent candles—Love, Hope, Joy, and Peace:

**Love.** Last week, thank you for bringing your Christmas gift cards and treat bags to cheer up many families at CASE and the Veteran’s family and their staff at Blue Butterfly Village. Your acts of love are a reflection of God’s love during this Christmas season.

**Hope.** During this season, scarcity of food will be intensified for many who count on CASE’s pantry. This Sunday, if you are able, please bring your food donations to be blessed and delivered to the many families who count on CASE. May those who receive our gifts be reminded of God’s faithfulness.

**Joy.** St. Michael's will be decorating with beautiful pots of poinsettias for Christmas. It has been our tradition to give everyone the opportunity to remember their loved ones and bring joy to our Christmas Eve service. There will be a form in the Sunday service program for you to fill out if you would like to donate a poinsettia plant. The cost is \$20 per plant and you are welcome to take one after the Christmas season is over. **Please fill out the form no later than December 20th** for your remembrance to be posted in the Christmas Eve service program.

## Peace. Make this Advent and Christmas a peace-filled one.

Join us for our upcoming Advent and Christmas services. *The parents and children of St. Michael's Children Center are especially invited, and your children have been practicing their song for the choir at the family service.* **Sunday December 15, 10 am for Lessons and Carols, Tuesday December 24, Christmas Eve, 4 pm family service, welcoming all families, youths, and children, and December 24, Christmas Eve, 9 pm Choral Holy Eucharist.**

**C**onsider a special Christmas gift before the year ends 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](http://stmichaels-elsegundo.org)

**I**f you would like to speak to a pastor, please reach out to me.

Peace!  
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