

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

The Second Sunday of Advent, December 8, 2024

Reading

The First Lesson Baruch 5:1-9

The Response Canticle 16, Luke 1:68-79

The Epistle Philippians 1:3-11

The Gospel Luke 3:1-6

The Collect Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

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

Bring your gift cards for CASE by

this Sunday. 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 this Sunday**. 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. Pick up as many provided treat bags as you like by the front table, and fill them with small bags of chips, granola and candy bars, and juice boxes **by December 15**. Every bag can be different. For more information, you may speak with Elizabeth Tobias.

As the Altar Guild prepares for the hanging of the greens in preparation for Advent and Christmas, St. Michael's will be decorating with beautiful pots of poinsettias. It has been our tradition to give everyone the opportunity to remember their loved ones and their thanksgivings in our Christmas Eve service programs. 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 do so no later than December 20th for your remembrance to be posted in the Christmas Eve service program.

Join us for our upcoming Advent and Christmas services:

**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.**

Make this Advent and Christmas spirit-filled.

You can try out "Florine's Delights S'mores Cookie" recipe featured in the December issue of *The Guardian* during coffee hour this Sunday. Don't leave until you join us for some sweet fellowship!

To learn more about our church community, and our worship hours, please visit us at www.stmichaels-elsegundo.org.

Consider a special Christmas gift this year to St. Michael the Archangel. We have a lot of exciting plans for this coming year. 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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