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ST. ANTHONY’S, LOS ALAMOS
270 Helena St.
Mass: 8:45AM & 11:30AM Span.

SAN RAMON CHAPEL, SISQUOC
Mass: 8:45AM & 11:30AM Span.

MASS SCHEDULE: - 934-3172
Daily: 6:30AM, 8:00AM
First Fridays: 5:30PM
Saturday: 8:00AM
Vigil: 5PM Eng. 6:45PM Sp.
Holy Days: Vigil 1:30PM, 6:45PM Sp.
6:30AM, 8AM, 12 Noon, 6:00PM
Liturgy of the Hours: M-F 6:55AM
Novena/Benediction: Thursdays 7PM
Adoration: 8:30- Noon -Mondays
For 1st Friday: 7PM Thurs. to 6:30AM Fri.
Confessions: Sat. 3:15-4:45PM & 8-9PM Bilingual

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ASAMBLEA DE ORACION: Lunes 7 - 8:30 en la Iglesia
Informes: Salvador y Connie Barajas 934-3097
Eugenia Pacheco 934-0510 o Sergio Valentin 260-2563

BAPTISMS: Ages 0-6: 1st & 3rd Sundays at 1PM (Eng)
BAPTISM CLASSES: 2nd Sunday of the month at 1PM Pre-registration 10 days in advance.

BAUTISMOS: edad 0-6 años: Cada cuarto domingo a la 1:30PM

CLASES BAUTISMALES: Segundo lunes del mes a las 7PM
Información: Rectoría 937-4555 o Félix González

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY: Kathe Klein 345-0206

BODAS/QUINCEAÑERAS:
Informes: Diacono Raúl Blanco 937-6642 y
Coordinadoras: Gaby G.937-4435

MARRIAGES: By appointment at least 6 months in advance.

PREPARACIONES MATRIMONIALES:
Martes 7PM en los salones de la escuela #7 y #8
Informes: Rosario y Antonio Mejia - 925-2408

RCIA: Chris & Janell Hansen - chrishansen@sldm.org

RICA - RITO DE INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA PARA ADULTOS:
Viernes 6:30 á 8PM en el salón parroquial
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DIRECTOR OF FAITH AND FAMILY FORMATION
Christine Meugniot - christine@sldm.org - 937-8363

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St. Louis de Montfort Mission Statement
We are called to be and to become a loving family centered in Jesus.
We acknowledge and accept that each of us is unique and
has special gifts from the Holy Spirit.
We wish to nurture, develop and share these gifts within and
for the Body of Christ.
Having been called by Baptism into that Body,
We celebrate our relationship in Word, Sacrament and Family Celebration.
We are then sent to call others to Christ
through whom we are and what we do.
We recognize Christ’s call to be one in Him and commit ourselves to his way of life.

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1
7:30am Arthur D Smith Jr. +
9:30am Jim Jepsen +
11:30am Miguel & Isabel Mercado +
3:00pm Jesus Manriquez Jr. +
6:00pm Parishioners

LOS ALAMOS, ST. ANTHONY’S:
Bill Caldera Sr. +

SISQUOC, SAN RAMON CHAPEL:
Larry Murray +

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2
6:30am Jeanette Murphy
8:00am Alicia Hernandez +
5:30pm John Tsiumis +

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3
6:30am Donald Cordero +
8:00am Glen Wright +
5:30pm Eugene Boyer +

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4
6:30am Cynthia Wells
8:00am Joella Webb +
5:30pm Casie Brown +

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5
6:30am Bianchi Family & +
8:00am In Thanksgiving
5:30pm Marshall & Vivian Morado +

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6
6:30am John Gapter +
8:00am Bill Schauble +
5:30pm Al Ceglia +

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7
8:00am Paul Joseph Tighe +
5:00pm Parishioners
6:45pm Nicolasa Ibarra +

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8
7:30am Albert Rodrigues +
9:30am Dale Adkins +
11:30am James LaRocca +
3:00pm Parishioners
6:00pm Special Intention

LOS ALAMOS, ST ANTHONY’S:
Erasmo Alvarez +

SISQUOC, SAN RAMON CHAPEL:
Parishioners

Fr. Aidan Writes:

THE ADVENT WREATH

The Advent season is a time of preparation for our hearts and
minds for the anniversary of the Lord’s birth on Christmas. The use of the wreath and candles are a longstanding Catholic tradition that was originally adopted by Christians in the Middle Ages as part of their spiritual preparation for the Feast. The wreath and candles are full of symbolism tied to the Christmas season. The wreath itself, which is made of various evergreens, signifies continuous life. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life we find in Christ. The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent, and one candle is lit each Sunday.

The first purple candle, symbolizes hope. It is sometimes called the “Prophecy Candle” in remembrance of the prophets, especially Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. It represents the expectation felt in anticipation of the coming Messiah.

The second candle, also purple, represents faith. It is called the “Bethlehem Candle” as a reminder of Mary and Joseph’s journey to Bethlehem.

The third candle is pink and symbolizes joy. It is called the “Shepherd’s Candle,” and is pink because rose is a liturgical color for joy. The third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete (Rejoicing) Sunday and reminds us of the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus, as well as the joy that the faithful have reached the midpoint of Advent.

The candle for the fourth week of Advent, symbolizes peace reminding us that we await the Prince of Peace. This final candle, the “Angels’ Candle,” reminds us of the message of the angels: “Peace on Earth, Good Will toward all.” The white candle representing the purity of Christ, is placed in the middle of the wreath and lit on Christmas Eve. This candle is called the “Christ Candle” and represents the sinless life of Christ.

May God bless you and your families this Advent Season,

Fr. Aidan Peter CJ
Faith Formation classes resume this week
December 5 and 6

CHRISTMAS STORE WITH MORE...
New/slightly used donations requested
SLdM School is now looking for new or slightly used donations to their “Christmas Store with More”. This store will be open on Friday, December 6th, from 8:15-11:30 am for all SLdM Students to shop for Christmas presents for family and friends. Items range in price from 10 cents to ???. We will take any items you would like to donate. Please deliver to the school office. All proceeds benefit the Alzheimer’s Association. Thank you and have a prayer-filled Advent.

ROSEMARY HILL PANTRY is moving to a new location (from one room to another)
The pantry is in need of the following:
dry cereal     soup       pasta sauce    jelly
peanut butter       saltine crackers
Please check expiration dates! Thank You

Pray for our sick:
Joan Anderson, Ralph Wengler,
Tony Gonzalez, Troy Cichow, Beth O’Shea,
Elizabeth Goggins, Claude Chouinard, Ed Senger,
Jack Hester, Stephanie Simas, Mary Karamatic,
Charlie & Patti Dorsten, Diana Cantero

The Ceglia Family would like to extend our heart filled gratitude to all our Priests, Deacons, the Knights of Columbus and the Bereavement group. It was a time of great sadness, and you were right by our sides along with all of our church family! We will never forget all of your love and support, our husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather and great, great grandfather, Al Ceglia, would have been so proud! The funeral and reception were wonderfully done and very fitting for the wonderful man of God like my Dad.
From our Hearts to yours,
Norma Ceglia and Family

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION
Before the Second Vatican Council in the mid-1960s, Advent had a strong penitential tone, reminiscent of Lent. From as long ago as the fourth century, some Christians began a solemn fast on St. Martin’s Day, November 11. This “Saint Martin’s Lent” extended all the way to Christmas, and was widely followed in the dioceses of France and Germany, and in the Middle Ages in England. Fasting was required, and dancing and similar activities were banned for the duration. The fast had a social function, too, ensuring that the winter food supplies would stretch into spring.
At the Second Vatican Council, some bishops argued that a revival of the long winter’s fast would give the Church a chance to establish the message and themes of the Incarnation long before the holiday hubbub took hold. This proposal didn’t pass, and Advent emerged as a four-week period of reflection, expectant waiting, and joyful preparation for the coming of the Lord. The season has two principal phases, with the first beginning this Sunday. The second phase commences on December 17, when the liturgy begins to unfold the story of the Savior’s coming. Interestingly, the Eastern Church maintains a strongly penitential note in Advent, which is called “Winter Lent,” “The Nativity Fast,” or “Christmas Lent,” and has laws forbidding people to absent themselves from liturgy from December 17 onward.

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**KEEP`EM SAFE**

Building active listening skills with children

Building your active listening skills with the children in your life can help you communicate more effectively with them, and it can also clue you in to any suspicious or potentially dangerous relationships in their lives. Active listening lets the speaker know that you have heard, understood, and valued what he or she said. Often, children don’t feel this way, but with a few easy tactics, you can change that, building a relationship of trust and respect. As an active listener, be sure to make eye contact while the child is speaking. Ask follow-up questions and check in to make sure you both understand what’s being said. Avoid “yes or no” questions and instead ask open-ended questions that will keep the conversation going. For more tips, get a copy of the VIRTUS® article “Children are to be Seen and Heard,” at http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.aspx.

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**CHRISTMAS ADOPT-A-FAMILY**

We have some families that would benefit from the loving kindness shown to those “adopted” for Thanksgiving. Would you be interested in playing St. Nick to a needy family? Please contact the rectory for more information. We need YOU! Our number become larger every year, so please consider participating…..you will be richly blessed.

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**SLdM BLOOD DRIVE**

Transform a life and your own!
The Bloodmobile will be parked on Harp Rd. in front of the Hall on Sunday, December 8th from 9:00am-1:00pm. Donors at this drive will receive a full Knights of Columbus breakfast. To pre-set your donation time, please contact Dave Dockstader at 805-714-2645.

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

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**MANTENLOS A SALVO**

Desarrollando habilidades para escuchar activamente a los niños

El desarrollar sus habilidades para escuchar activamente a los niños en su vida puede ayudarlo a comunicarse con ellos con mayor efectividad, y además puede ayudarlo a descubrir cualquier relación sospechosa o potencialmente dañina en sus vidas. El escuchar activamente le deja saber al orador que usted ha escuchado, entendido y que usted valora lo que él o ella le ha dicho. Con frecuencia, los niños no se sienten escuchados, pero con unas pocas tácticas fáciles usted puede cambiar eso, construyendo relaciones de confianza y de respeto. Como un escuchador activo, asegúrese de ver al niño a los ojos mientras él o ella estén hablando. Haga preguntas de seguimiento y en ocasiones repita para asegurarse que ambos entiendan lo que se ha dicho. Evite hacer preguntas cuyas respuestas solo sean “sí o no” y en su lugar haga preguntas de las que se puedan obtener respuestas amplias para que siga la conversación. Para más consejos, obtenga una copia del artículo de VIRTUS® “Children are to be Seen and Heard” (A los niños se les debe ver y escuchar) en http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.aspx.

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**BE PREPARED**

Be prepared. It’s that simple. As this Advent season opens before us, the Lord Jesus summons us to stand ready for his coming. At this time of year much of our attention is focused on being prepared for the details that accompany the holiday season. We purchase gifts; we decorate our homes, inside and out; we prepare foods that we eat only during the holidays; we write and send Christmas cards; we attend holiday concerts; we prepare either to welcome family and friends into our homes or arrange for visits to their homes. We really can’t escape the details that make up the season. Perhaps this Advent is a time to attend to all those details with a different spin. As we prepare to celebrate the feast of Christmas, why not be deliberate about acknowledging the presence of the Lord as we go about these tasks? The Lord often comes to us in wonderfully surprising ways. Let us be prepared.

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**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — All the peoples shall stream toward the Lord’s house (Isaiah 2:1-5).

**Psalm** — Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord (Psalm 122).

**Second Reading** — It is the hour to cast off the dark and clothe ourselves in the light (Romans 13:11-14).

**Gospel** — Stay awake! Be prepared! The Son of Man will come when you least expect (Matthew 24:37-44).