

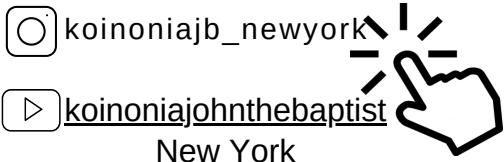
Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Roman Catholic Church, Brooklyn

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First Sunday of Advent *Primer Domingo de Adviento*

December 3, 2023



98 Richards Street Brooklyn, NY 11231
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Primer Domingo de Adviento

Pastoral General of Federation of
Koinonia John the Baptist

«Al ver la estrella, se llenaron de inmensa alegría»
(Mt 2,10)

Querida hermana, querido hermano:

Al entrar en el tiempo de Adviento, la cita de Mateo es, en el verdadero sentido de la palabra, iluminadora. Desearía que la metáfora de la estrella presentada a continuación nos ayude en este momento litúrgico particular y, más aún, se convierta en un estilo de vida en nuestro camino terrenal hacia el encuentro con el Amado.

Las estrellas aparecen en el cielo durante la noche, cuando está oscuro y hace frío, y no durante el día. Caminamos en un contexto histórico complejo y en continua evolución. Además de las guerras reales, estamos viendo un generalizado lenguaje conflictual a nivel político, social y eclesial.

Cito una expresión que el Papa Francisco formuló explícitamente por vez primera en 2019, incluso antes de la pandemia, con motivo de las felicitaciones navideñas a la Curia romana: «Lo que estamos viviendo no es simplemente una época de cambios, sino que es un cambio de época».

De esta afirmación, parece que no se trate solamente de acontecimientos ya vistos a lo largo de la historia, sino de un mundo que está dejando su sitio a otro, por lo tanto, de certezas que resultan inciertas y de estabilidad que se vuelve fluida. Esta dialéctica está afectando a las religiones, a la política, a la moral, a las instituciones y a la visión del ser humano con sus derechos y sus deberes.

Los creyentes en Jesús ciertamente no somos inmunes a todo esto, pero alentados por las palabras del Apóstol, «no estén tristes como los que no tienen esperanza» (1Ts 4,13), podemos crecer en la conciencia de nuestra vocación y, con Su ayuda, transformar este momento en una oportunidad, para testimoniar que vivimos en el mundo, pero que ya pertenecemos al Reino que nos aguarda.

En este contexto precisamente estamos llamados a marcar la diferencia y a vivir nuestra esperanza plena y comunitariamente. De hecho, sabemos y creemos que Jesús es el Señor de la historia y Él es quien la guía hacia su fin último, como Él mismo dice: «Yo soy el Alfa y la Omega, el principio y el fin, el primero y el último» (Ap 22,13).

Por eso, cuando oscurece y el Sol de justicia parece lejano, Él no nos abandona, sino que nos guía a través de la estrella que, para quienes levantan la cabeza y miran hacia ella, es fuente de gozo y de seguridad, una seguridad animada por la confianza de que, a pesar de la adversidad, permanecemos en Él y dependemos de Él.

La estrella es Su Palabra, la cual es capaz de iluminar, guiar, sanar y crear lo que aún no existe. La estrella son Sus promesas, y nosotros, Koinonía Juan Bautista, encarnamos junto con la Iglesia y en la Iglesia, de modo profético, el “ya” de las verdades inmutables y el “todavía no” de lo nuevo que viene. La estrella es fuente de alegría, porque brillando en la oscuridad nos recuerda que somos un pueblo en camino, que se abre a la esperanza de lo que le espera: «Mirad que realizo algo nuevo; ya está brotando, ¿no lo notáis? Abriré un camino en el desierto, corrientes en el yermo» (Is 43, 18b-19)..

Queridos, el tiempo de Adviento es el tiempo de la Palabra proclamada, orada y vivida a nivel personal y a nivel comunitario, conscientes de que después de la noche viene el día, después de los dolores de parto viene el nacimiento. Por tanto, dejémonos guiar por la estrella porque no es solamente un astro, sino también la meta de nuestro camino: «Yo soy la raíz y la descendencia de David, la estrella radiante de la mañana» (Ap 22,16).

¡No me queda más que desearos un fecundo camino de Adviento, una feliz Navidad y un próspero año nuevo!

Roma, 30 de noviembre de 2023

p. Giuseppe De Nardi
Pastor general



First Sunday of Advent

Pastoral General of Federation of Koinonia John the Baptist

“They were overjoyed at seeing the star”
(Matt 2:10)

Dearest sister, dearest brother,

Entering the season of Advent, this verse from Matthew is enlightening, in the truest sense of the word. I would like that the metaphor of the guiding star help us during this special liturgical time and not only, becoming a lifestyle in our earthly journey towards our encounter with the Beloved.

The stars appear in the sky at nighttime, when it is dark and cold. They aren't visible during the day. We are living in a complex and ever-changing historical context. As well as real wars, we are witnessing widespread conflictual language at a political, social and ecclesial level

I wish to share with you a reflection given by Pope Francis for the first time in 2019 (before the pandemic), in his Christmas greetings to the Roman Curia: “what we are experiencing is not simply an epoch of changes, but an epochal change”.

From this statement, it seems that it isn't simply a matter of events that we've already seen in the course of history, but of one world giving way to another. Certainties that now turn out to be not certain, and stabilities that are becoming fluid. This dialectic tension is affecting religions, politics, morality, institutions, and the vision of man, with his rights and responsibilities.

As believers in Jesus, we are certainly not immune to all of this. However, motivated by the words of the Apostle, “do not grieve as others do who have no hope” (1 Thes 4:13), we can grow in awareness of our call and, with Jesus' help, turn this moment into an opportunity: by testifying that we live in the world, but that we already belong to the Kingdom that awaits us.

It is in this context that we are called to make a difference and to live our hope, in its fullness and as a community. In fact, we know and believe that Jesus is the Lord of history, and He leads time and history towards its ultimate end, as He Himself says: “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End” (Rev 22:13).

So, even when it is dark and the Sun of Righteousness seems far away, He doesn't abandon us. Rather, He guides us by the star that, for those who lift their head and look at it, is the source of joy and assurance. This assurance is animated by the trust that, despite the difficulties, we live in Him and depend on Him.

This star is His Word, which illuminates, guides, heals, and creates that which doesn't yet exist. The star is His promises and, in a prophetic way, we as Koinonia John the Baptist, together with the Church and in the Church, embody the ‘already’ of immutable and enduring truth as well as the ‘not yet’ of the new reality which is still to come. The star is the source of joy: by shining in the darkness, it reminds us that we are a people on a journey, on the move, and opens us to the hope of what awaits us: “I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert” (Is 43:19)..

Dearest friends, the season of Advent is the season of the Word proclaimed, prayed, and lived at both a personal and community level, knowing that after the night comes the dawn, and after the pains of labour comes the new birth. Let's allow ourselves to be guided by the star. It isn't only an object in space, but also the goal of our journey: “I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star” (Rev 22:16).

All that remains for me to do is to wish you a fruitful Advent journey, a joyful Christmas and a prosperous New Year!

Rome, 30th November 2023

Fr. Giuseppe De Nardi
Pastor General

Every child deserves a great Christmas

Visitation BVM Church

Holiday Toy Drive

November 25th to December 25th 2023

Help us spread the joy by donating a new unwrapped toy a child who is less fortunate. Toy's needed for boy's & girls ages from new born to 16 yrs



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Visitaion BVM Church
98 Richard St
Brooklyn, NY 11232
718-930-0978**

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Visitation Church

98 Richards St Bklyn NY 11231

December 9th 2023

Time 9:30 am 12:30pm

Suggested donation \$7 per person

RSVP: 12/3/2023

Ms. Diana

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Hechos 2,4

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"They were all filled with the Holy Spirit."

Acts 2:4

01/19-21/2024

Viernes/ Friday
6 PM-10 PM
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7:00 AM-6 PM



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Sunday Offering



Remembrance Memorial
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Easter Gift To Parish



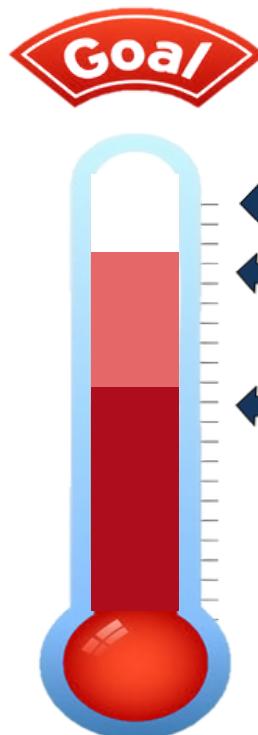
Annual Catholic Appeal



Annual Catholic Appeal 2023

Sunday Collection Amounts

11/25 - 5pm Mass \$175
11/26 - 10am Mass \$1,354
12:30pm Mass \$170



El objetivo/Goal: \$23,000

Prometido/Pledged : \$19,864

Recaudado/Raised : \$13,645

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Prayer for the Deceased

Juana Capellan, Christopher Bruno, Steven Joseph Bonilla, Browne Family, Amendola Family, Esposito Family, Modesto Ortega and Aurora Hernandez, Anton and Elsa Kullen, Anna Watser, Marie Merters, Rebecca Sanchez, Rafael Hernandez, Toda la Familia Fallecido de Oscar Hernandez, Lumen Duran, Andrea Ramos, Jaime Montalvo, Manuel Angel Narvaez, Antoine Workman, Beata Bilski, Anthony Mauro Bishop David O'Connell, Anna Castagna, Renato Antecini, Brigitte Tinat

Wine and Host

Carlos and Chely Guevara

Sanctuary Lamp

Ignacio Amarilla

Prayers for the Sick

Kaitlin Nelson, Damaris Ramon, Rita Tweedy, Nancy Ward, Agueda Roman, Daniel Velez, Gilbert Rosado, Maria Romero, Carlos Martinez, Matthew, Ignacio Amarilla

Mass Intentions

First Sunday of Advent

Primer Domingo de Adviento

Week Of December 3, 2023 - Year B

SATURDAY, December 2

Vigil - First Sunday of Advent

5:00PM †Joan Jangarathis, Gray and Morreale families (Healing and Double Portion of Restoration, Family Unity, Prosperity, Wisdom, Victory)

SUNDAY, December 3

First Sunday of Advent

10:00AM -Brishen
-Anna (healing from cancer)

12:30PM

†Matteo Tashman
-Joan Jangarathis, Gray and Morreale families (Healing and Double Portion of Restoration, Family Unity, Prosperity, Wisdom, Victory)

TUESDAY, December 5

Advent Weekday

7:00PM - Joseph DeVivo

THURSDAY, December 7

Advent Weekday

7:00PM -Patrick and Paul Sikora

SATURDAY, December 9

Vigil - Second Sunday of Advent

5:00PM -Joan Jangarathis, Gray and Morreale families (Healing and Double Portion of Restoration, Family Unity, Prosperity, Wisdom, Victory)

SUNDAY, December 10

Second Sunday of Advent

10:00AM †Antoine Workman
-Anna (Healing from Cancer)
-Brishen

12:30PM

-Joan Jangarathis, Gray and Morreale families (Healing and Double Portion of Restoration, Family Unity, Prosperity, Wisdom, Victory)

Events for youth 13-17 yrs old



2023-2024 YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS OFFICE CALENDAR

Events for Youth and Young Adults

First Friday Deanery Youth Holy Hour

Every first Friday of the month

Location TBD

Young Adult Holy Hour

Third Friday of every month

Shalom Catholic Community

Monthly Young Adult Mass and Gatherings

Third Sunday of every month

Saint Joseph's Co-Cathedral | 6:00pm

Young Adult Deanery Gatherings

Last Thursday of every month in the evening

Location TBD

Service Opportunities

Breadline at Saint Francis, Manhattan—Every Saturday

Bridge for Life, College Point

Altar Server Appreciation Day

Saturday, April 13, 2024

Location TBD

Diocesan Eucharistic Revival Day with Youth, Young Adults, and Adults

October 7, 2023 9:00am – 4:00pm

Maimonides Stadium

Brooklyn/Queens Catholic Youth Day

November 18, 2023

Immaculate Conception R.C. Church, Jamaica

Right to Life March, Washington DC

January 19, 2024



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Parish Office Hours

Mon-Thurs: 9:00a.m. to 1:00 p.m.;
4:00-6:00pm

Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Open Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Sunday by appointment only

Sacraments

Baptisms for children under the age of 7 - You must bring the child's certificate and take a three day Philip Course. For more information please call the rectory.

Bautismos para niños menores de 7 años -

Debes traer el acta de nacimiento del niño y tomar el curso Felipe, un retiro de tres días. Para más información llame a la rectoría.

Weddings - Congratulations! An appointment must be made with the Pastor six months before the wedding date.

Matrimonios - *¡Felicitaciones! Se debe hacer una cita con el Pastor seis meses antes de la fecha de la boda.*

Anointing of the Sick -

Please call the parish office day or night for this sacrament for the sick or dying.

Unción de los Enfermos - *Llame a la oficina parroquial de día o de noche para este sacramento para los enfermos o moribundos.*

Funeral Arrangements -

Please contact the parish office for help with services and special needs.

Arreglos funerarios - *Comuníquese con el oficina parroquial para ayuda con servicios y necesidades especiales.*

Mass Times

Saturday 5:00PM English

Sunday 10:00AM Spanish

Sunday 12:30PM English

5pm Mass is officially cancelled

Weekday Masses

Tuesdays 7:00PM Spanish

Thursday 7:00PM English

Sharing the Word

Wednesday 7:00PM

Intercessory Prayer

Wednesday 4:00PM-6:30PM

Regular Confession

Saturdays at 4:30pm in the side chapel or by appointment

Parish Staff

Rev. Claudio Antecini, Pastor

Rev. Johannes Siegert, Associate Pastor

Rev. Eamon Murray, Associate Pastor

Rev. Paolo Sbarbati, Associate Pastor

Sr. Frauke

Pastoral Associate, Bookkeeping

Rent a space

Rev. Johannes

Religious Education Director

Aloni Bonilla

Office Assistant/Youth Ministry

Religious Education Coordinator

Annette Amendola

Trustee

Francesca DeLuca

Trustee



KeepWatch

Matthew 24:42

AN ADVENT DAY OF PRAYER AND FORMATION

December 16, 2023

St. Catherine of Siena Church
411 East 68th Street (at First Ave.)
New York, NY 10065

12 – 3 p.m.

SCAN TO REGISTER



This midday retreat will include a conference talk, and then guided meditations on the theme amid periods of silence in the context of Eucharistic Adoration. An informal reception will follow with an opportunity to be anointed with St. Elizabeth of the Trinity oil.



Presenter:
Fr. Ignatius John Schweitzer, OP



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2023 Advent Calendar

3	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	4		5		6	
I give thanks to my God always on your account for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus. 1 Cor 1:4	I rejoiced because they said to me, "We will go up to the house of the LORD." Ps 122: 1	There shall be no harm or ruin on all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be filled with knowledge of the LORD. Is 11:9	The Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces. Is 25: 8				
7		8	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	9		10	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Trust in the LORD forever! For the LORD is an eternal Rock. Is 26:4	"Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God." Lk 1:30	He will be gracious to you when you cry out, as soon as he hears he will answer you. Is 20: 19	A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God Is 40: 3				
11		12	OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE	13	ST. LUCY	14	ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS
Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, Is 35: 4	A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. Rv 12: 1	They that hope in the LORD will renew their strength, they will soar as with eagles' wings: Is 40: 31	I am the LORD, your God, who grasp your right hand; It is I who say to you, "Fear not, I will help you." Is 41: 13				
15		16		17	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	18	
I the LORD, your God, teach you what is for your good, and lead you on the way you should go. Is 48: 17	Blessed is he who shall have seen you and who falls asleep in your friendship. Sir 28: 11	"I baptize with water: but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." Jn 1: 26-27	Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up a righteous shoot to David: As king he shall reign and govern wisely. Jer 23: 5				
19		20		21		22	
For you are my hope, O LORD; my trust, O God, from my youth. Ps 71: 5	Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign: the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel. Is 7: 14	The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior; He will rejoice over you with gladness, and renew you in his love. Zep 3: 17	My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord: my spirit rejoices in God my savior, for he has looked upon his lowly servant. Lk 1: 46				
23		24	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	25	CHRISTMAS		
Thus says the Lord GOD: Lo, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me. Mal 3: 1	Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. Lk 1: 31-32	Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. Lk 2: 10-12					



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