



**December 1, 2024**

## **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Update on the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. To date OLM parishioners have contributed in cash and pledges a total of \$85,899.00 with a balance of \$7,648.00 towards our goal of \$93,547.00. ***If you have not yet made your pledges, kindly consider supporting us by writing your contribution check with the memo AAA. Please help us reach our goal.***
- Due to Thanksgiving Weekend the Rectory office will be closed on Thursday, November 28 and will return on Monday, December 2.
- December 1 is the first Sunday of Advent.
- December 9, Monday is the Solemnity of Mary's Immaculate Conception. This is a Holy Day of Obligation Masses are as follows: 7:00am, 9:00am & 6:00pm.
- December 12, Thursday is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.
- As we begin the joyful journey toward Christmas, we are excited to announce a special opportunity for our parish family. For the first time, we are inviting our parishioners to share their Nativity sets for display at the Church from December 15 to 23<sup>rd</sup>. This festive exhibition aims to inspire and uplift the spirit of the season for all who visit. Please bring your Nativity set to the Sacristy.
- Our Lady of Mercy is again asking for your donations of \$25 Target Gift Cards to distribute to the Homeless Help Center in South San Francisco. This allows the clients to purchase items that they may otherwise have to do without, or they may choose to purchase gifts to their family. OLM's generosity has been wonderful over the last 8 years. We hope that this can continue in these trying and uncertain times. The gift cards should be placed in an envelope and marked: **'Giving Tree: Attn: Deacon Mike' and placed in the Rectory mailbox at 1 Elmwood Drive. Thank You.**
- Please drop off or mail your ***Offertory Envelopes to the Parish Office*** if you cannot come to Church. Thank you for your generosity and continued support to Our Lady of Mercy.