



DECEMBER 14TH, 2025

**THIRD SUNDAY
OF ADVENT
MASS TIMES:**

DAILY: Mon - Sat - 8:30am

SAT: 4pm

SUN: 9am, 11am

1pm at Vistancia Elementary
School

CONFESIONS:

SAT: 9:30am - 10:30am

TUE: 9:30am & 5pm | **WED:** 5pm

THU: 5pm | **FRI:** 5pm

ADORATION:

THURS: 9am - 6pm, 12pm

Benediction, Transfer to Chapel

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Instructing all in the Truth of the Catholic Faith
Upholding the dignity of human life by nourishing it from
conception and strengthening it to the end
Following the Way of Jesus in our Worship and Living

ADVENT CONFESSON TIMES FOR THIS WEEK, SEE FRONT PAGE


**MASS
INTENTIONS:**
Sunday, December 14th

9:00am † For the Souls of William A. Smith
 11:00am For the Parishioners
 1:00pm † For the Soul of Jake McCormic

Monday, December 15th

9:00am † For the Soul of Richard Karbowski

Tuesday, December 16th

8:30am Special Intention for Wayne & Susan Hicks

Wednesday, December 17th

8:30am † For the Soul of Ross Tudisco

Thursday, December 18th

8:30am † For the Soul of Suzanne Harris

Friday, December 19th

8:30am † For the Deceased Members of The
 McDermitt Family

Saturday, December 20th

8:30am For the special Intention of Jose Orozco
 4:00pm † For the Soul of Kathleen Sarverinske

Sunday, December 21st

9:00am For the Living and Deceased Members of The
 Cioppi & Pappalardo Families
 11:00am † For the Soul of Thomas J. Dooley
 1:00pm For the Parishioners

**WEEKLY
READINGS:**
**Sunday, December 14th****Third Sunday of Advent**

Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

Monday, December 15th

Num 24: 2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab; 6 and 7bc, 8-9; Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday, December 16th

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23; Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday, December 17th

Gen 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8,17; Mt 1:1-17

Thursday, December 18th

Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

Friday, December 19th

Jdg 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Saturday, December 20th

Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

Sunday, December 21st
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Rm 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

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 OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH & MISSION AT LAKE PLEASANT PKWY
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**WEEKLY
GIVINGS:** 

**Total Weekly Giving: 11/24-12/08:
\$24,050**



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Christmas at
**OUR LADY OF
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PARISH & MISSION AT LAKE PLEASANT PKWY

Christmas Eve
2025 DEC 24

4PM & 6PM IN CHURCH
4:15PM IN MADONNA HALL
NO DAILY MASS NO CONFESSIONS

Christmas Day
2025 DEC 25

9AM & 11AM IN CHURCH
1PM AT VISTANCIA MISSION
NO DAILY MASS NO CONFESSIONS

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
2025 DEC 31
2026 JAN 1

4PM IN CHURCH
NO DAILY MASS NO CONFESSIONS
9AM & 11AM IN CHURCH

Feast of the Epiphany
2026 JAN 3
2026 JAN 4

4PM IN CHURCH
REGULAR SCHEDULE
9AM & 11AM IN CHURCH
1PM AT VISTANCIA MISSION

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord
2026 JAN 10
2026 JAN 11

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9AM & 11AM IN CHURCH
1PM AT VISTANCIA MISSION

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“The desert and the parched land will exult. The steppe will rejoice and bloom. They will bloom with abundant flowers and rejoice with joyful song.”

These are the words we pray in the first reading from the prophet Isaiah. We celebrate Gaudete Sunday halfway through the preparation season of Advent. We are a people who are always looking forward with great hope. Even if we find ourselves in a desert place, we have the greatest reason to rejoice because our Savior and Lord Jesus is born to us. Our souls patiently await him in silence and stillness. Yes, He is the one. Rejoice!

Petition:

That we may rejoice in the depths of our hearts as we await the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ....

Stewardship: Grace In Action

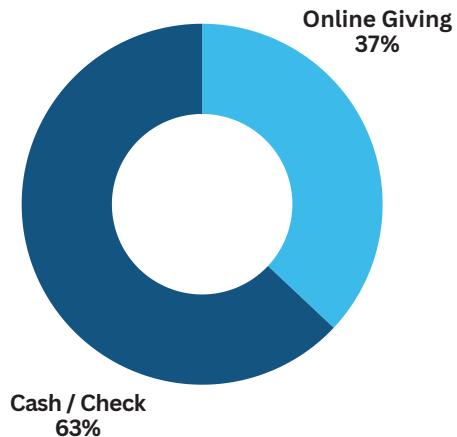
This Advent, let's prepare together — not only with candles and prayers, but with lives that reflect the hope we proclaim. Ask yourself:

- **Where is God asking me to give more faithfully?**
Not just from surplus, but from trust.
- **Who needs my presence and care right now?**
A neighbor, a ministry, a family in hardship, a lonely soul.
- **What part of my heart have I kept closed?**
Advent is a grace-filled moment to reopen it.

Stewardship isn't only about resources.

It's about readiness. It's how we stay spiritually awake.

Your Sacrificial Giving Totals December 8, 2025 Thank you for sharing your treasure!	
Plate Giving (Cash & Check)	\$16,604
Mission Giving	\$965
Electronic Giving	\$6,481
Thanksgiving	\$10
Building Fund	\$423
Respect Life	\$20
Retirement Fund	\$97
Immaculate Conception	\$210
Christmas	\$250
Maintenance Fund	\$0
Operations Fund	\$0
Total Giving	\$24,050



For any questions on how to give to our Parish, email:

James Salas - jsalasololscw.org



OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE, A MIRACLE THAT TRANSFORMED A NATION

By Joey Langenbach

The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe honors the moment when the Mother of God drew close to the people of Mexico and offered a message of hope, conversion, and faith. The events on Tepeyac Hill in 1531 stand as one of the most significant moments in the history of the Church in the Americas. The miracle that took place shaped the faith of a nation and continues to inspire devotion across the world.

The story begins with a humble Indigenous man named Juan Diego. He walked across Tepeyac Hill on a cold December morning. He heard music. He saw a bright presence. He saw the Mother of Jesus standing before him. She spoke to him with tenderness. She asked for a church to be built on that hill so she could bring comfort to the people who suffered. Juan Diego obeyed and carried her message to the local bishop. The bishop asked for a sign.

Our Lady responded with a miracle that would move hearts for centuries. She sent Juan Diego to gather roses on the hill. The hill had no flowers in winter. He found roses in full bloom. He gathered them in his tilma and carried them to the bishop. When he opened the tilma, the roses fell to the floor. The image of Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared on the tilma. The colors were radiant. The details were precise. The image showed Mary as a mother who stands with her children and offers the love of her Son.

The miracle brought thousands of conversions. The people who saw the image recognized the signs that spoke to their hearts. They understood the message of life and mercy. They turned to Christ. Historical accounts report that millions entered the Church in the years that followed the apparition. The tilma remains a witness to the miracle. The image has lasted nearly 500 years without fading.

The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe reminds you to draw close to Mary. She leads you to Christ. She speaks with the same tenderness she showed at Tepeyac. Her message offers comfort to those who struggle. Her presence points toward hope.

As you prepare for December 12, reflect on her words to Juan Diego. "Am I not here who am your mother." Her message remains strong. You are invited to place your trust in Christ. You are invited to honor Mary who guides the faithful with love.



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WOMEN'S GUILD

GENERAL MEETING

MONDAY, JANUARY 5TH

9-9:30 SIGN IN AND SOCIAL TIME

9:30 BUSINESS MEETING

Raffle and Bake Sale results

Jan 10th Core Chair Exercise Class

Butterfly Museum Trip details

Bring a Guest!

Build Your Core Chair Exercise Class

Saturday, Jan. 10th

Class size is limited.

To sign up: Pat Michel (412) 613-0419

A BLESSED CHRISTMAS SEASON

TO ALL OUR MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS!

For more information about Guild events: Pres. June Unrein (785) 418-0003

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

MASS INTENTIONS

July through December will now be open!



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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 12-2

Future 2026 Dates

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OUR LADY OF LOURDES



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Your monetary donation helps parents in difficult situations provide their children with a joyful Christmas. Every donation will be used to purchase gift cards that will then be given to parents who will have the ability to choose gifts with dignity and love. Every contribution supports a child during the Christmas season.

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Saint Vincent de Paul





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WOMEN'S GUILD

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Wednesday, December 17, 2025

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"Be the protector your parish needs. Be a Porter of Saint Joseph."



**OUR LADY OF LOURDES
WOMEN'S GUILD**

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Our Lady of Lourdes

OCIA Announcement

Class Times

Dec. 14th

The Holy Spirit & The Life of Grace:
Gods Divine Life Within Us

Fr. McGivney Room After 9am Mass

Dec. 21st & 28th

Christmas Break

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All Are Welcome

THANK YOU

The Knights of Columbus Council at Our Lady of Lourdes wish to express our deepest gratitude to the wonderful parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish and to our incredibly generous neighbors in the surrounding community for your overwhelming support of this year's Turkey Drive.

Because of your extraordinary kindness and compassion, we were able to collect:

\$4,100 in monetary donations
143 turkeys (totaling more than 2,000 pounds)
Over 1,100 pounds of non-perishable food

Your remarkable generosity will bring real hope and comfort to many local families this Thanksgiving and throughout the holiday season. We are humbled and profoundly thankful for your ongoing partnership in this important work.

We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming Knights of Columbus events!

Vivat Jesus!



1st Saturday Devotion

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Time & Date: Sunday on Nov 16th, and Dec 14th

- 3:30 PM - Confession
- 4:00 PM - Mass

Location: St Bridget Church,
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Celebrant: Fr. Harold Escarcega



Miraculous Medal Novena

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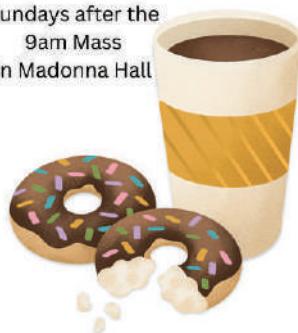
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Respect Life: Did You Know?

Did you know that every life is a good and perfect gift? I had just finished reading a pamphlet entitled “A Perfect Gift” from the USCCB Respect Life Program authored by a developmental psychologist about her son born with Down Syndrome, and thought what a perfect topic for

this season of giving. She came to understand that there is an important dimension of personhood, that we are created to be in relationship with others. As Pope Saint John Paul II said in his encyclical *Evangelium Vitae* (The Gospel of Life) “Within the family each member

is accepted, respected and honored precisely because he or she is a person; and if any family member is in greater need, the care which he or she receives is all the more intense and attentive.” The author went on to share that a child enters the world in a relationship with

its parents and that relationship changes everything. Parents are not called to “handle” a disability, but to love a particular person and that caring for him or her grows out of that love. She offered that the secret we share is the fundamental truth of our existence: every life is a good and perfect gift. We should love someone with a disability simply because of who they

are and this should teach us how to truly love everyone, whether they have a disability or not. In conclusion, we start to understand our own worth, which depends not on our skills or appearance, but solely on the fact that we are persons created in the image and likeness of

God. Every life is worth living. (Find this article and many other materials at

www.usccb.org/respectlife)

Did you know that First Way Pregnancy Center is the December “Center of the Month” at

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish & Mission? The collection will take place the weekend of December 27th & 28th. Items needed include backpack style diaper bags, baby wash & lotion, personal care kits, baby thermometers, clothing for girls and boys in sizes 3 months to 18 months, sleepers size 3 to 18 months. Direct donations may be made by visiting Your paragraph text.

Did you know that the Respect Life Ministry meets the first Tuesday of every month? A pro-life rosary is prayed in the church at 1:00 pm, followed by the general meeting at 1:30 pm in the Fr. McGivney room. All parishioners are welcome to attend. Please direct any questions to Terese Boas at boasfmlly@comcast.net.



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PLEASE STOP BY THE TABLES OF RELIGIOUS WARES (Nativity set, rosaries, statues, crucifixes, charms, etc.) AFTER ALL THE MASSES THE WEEKEND OF (December 20 & 21).

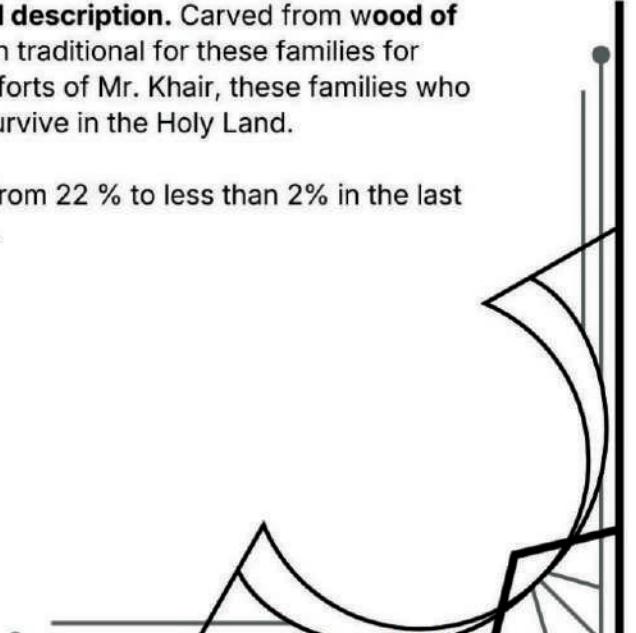


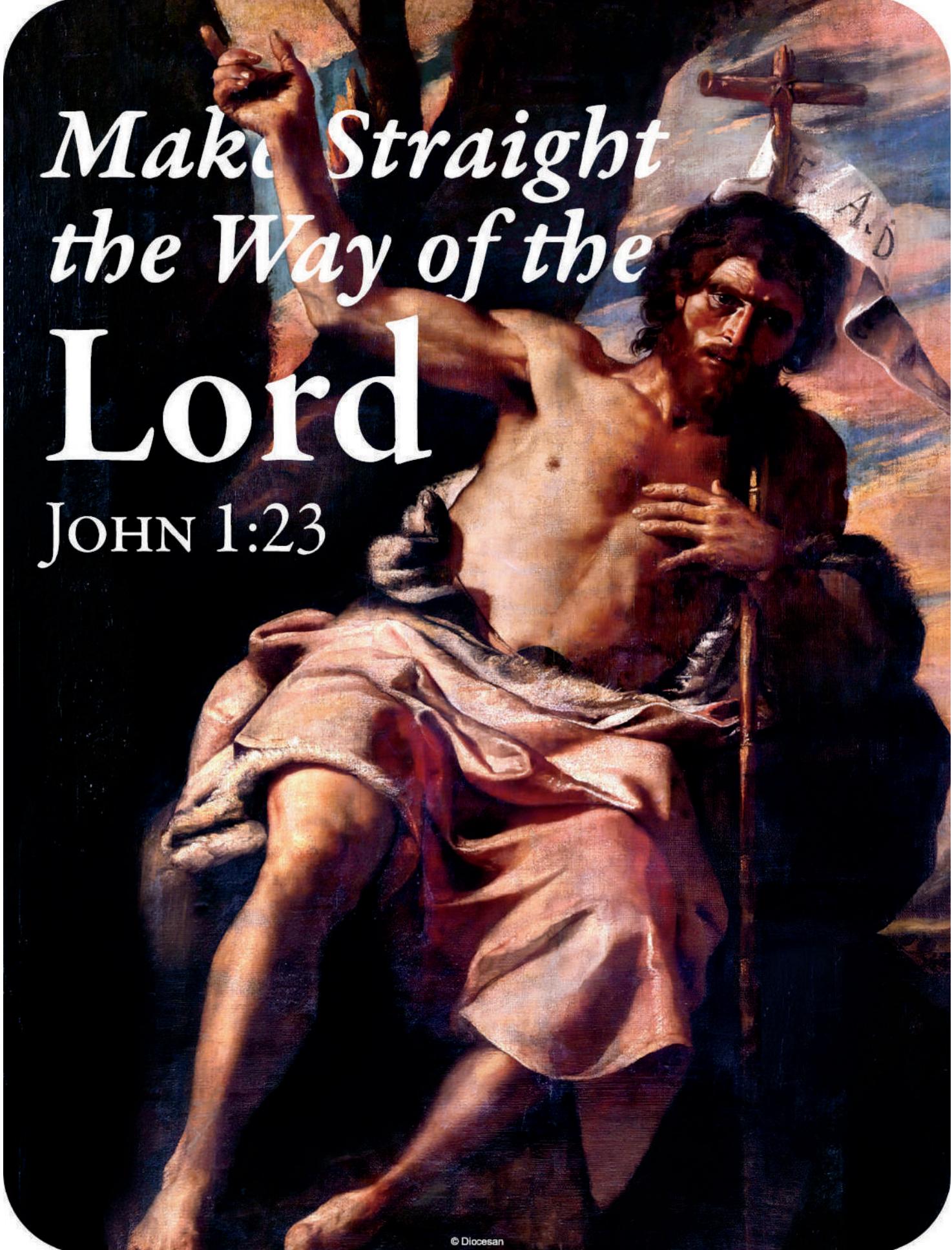
Ayman Khair is representing Christian families from the Holy Land. These families have been dependent upon sales of their hand carved religious articles to tourists of the Holy Land. Due to the conflict in the Middle East and the War tourism has been stopped completely.

It is very important to support them at this critical time since they have no income and there is no tourism at all. In order to survive, they have turned to Christian communities in the United States to purchase their articles.

These hand carved religious articles are beyond description. Carved from wood of the sacred Olive tree, this workmanship has been traditional for these families for hundreds of years. It is hoped that through the efforts of Mr. Khair, these families who have little income will be able to stay living and survive in the Holy Land.

Sadly enough, the Christian population dropped from 22 % to less than 2% in the last 20 years. Thank you in advance for your support.





*Make Straight
the Way of the
Lord*

JOHN 1:23

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