

ST. PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 13, 2015

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Mass Schedules and other Services

Sundays	7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. en español <i>Children's and Youth Choirs</i> <i>sing first Sunday of the month.</i>
Saturday	4 p.m. [vigil] & 8 a.m. First Saturday
Weekdays	[Mon—Fri]— 8 a.m. in the Chapel
Holy Hour	First Friday 7—8 p.m.
Holy Days of Obligation	8 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Perpetual Help Novena	Wednesdays following 8 a.m. Mass
Morning Prayer	Mon. -Fri. 7:40a.m.
Confessions [bilingual]	Saturdays 2:45—3:45 pm

Faith Formation Ministries and Groups

Catholic Faith Formation D.R.E.	Sr. Katrina Quidlat	916.381.5200
Catholic Faith Formation	Aracely Narvaez	916.383.6719
Spanish Coordinators	Maria Consuelo Gutierrez	
RCIA for Adults	Phil De Leon	916.607.1645
RCIA for Children	Emilia Caoagas	916.849.5617
RCIA for Teens	Imelda Nanca	916.412-1904
Catholics Returning Home	Dale & Kit Yamamoto	916. 895.1441
Baptism Preparation	Dale & Kit Yamamoto	916. 895.1441
Couples for Christ	Billy/Virgie Monteagudo	916.682.6397
Young Adults Ministry	Kay NaRanong	916.425.4661
Legion of Mary	Paz Cajucom	916.682.8437
Vocation Committee	Frances Gomes	916.421.0300
Families in Christ Jesus	Imelda Nanca	916.714.0547

Social Ministries and Groups

Christmas Fair	Call the office	916.381.5200
Fall Festival	Heimericks/Cervantes	926.689.3932
Cultural Dinner	Guily & Naty Fontillas	916.362.7541
Parish Breakfasts	Knights of Columbus	916.381.5200
Religious Goods Store	Irene Ingham	916.689.2865
Yard Sale	Call the office	916.381.5200
Wedding Coordinator	Virgie Monteagudo	916.682.6397

WELCOME!

You are encouraged to participate in our many functions, events, and activities. We offer opportunities for parishioners to use the time, talent, and treasure that God has given them in praise and glory of His name through our liturgical, care-giving, philanthropic, faith-formation and social ministries.

Councils

Pastoral Council	Paul Pham	916.381.5200
Finance Council	Lennie Heimericks	916.689.3932

Liturgical Ministries

Sacristan	Bob Benton	916.425.7037
Youth Altar Servers Ministry	Alex Plam	916.381.5200
Adult Altar Servers Ministry		
Martha's Daughters	Ja'net Blea	916.284.2008
Art & Environment Ministry	Becky Sliwa	916.381.5200
Eucharistic Ministry		
Hospitality Ministry	Ja'net Blea	916.284.2008
Ministry of the Word	Shirley Brown	916.612.7023
Ministry Sick and Homebound	Karen Hurskainen	916.688.0332
Music Ministry	Erica NaRanong	916.667.8088

Caregiving Ministries and Groups

Bereavement Ministry	Clara Heimericks	916.689.3932
Health Ministry	Clara Heimericks	916.689.3932
Loaves and Fishes Ministry	Diane Welsh	916.682.7810
Social Justice Ministry	Lorraine Latreille	916.363.0365
Pro Life 4 Life	Charlene Valine	916.682-0557

Philanthropic Ministries and Groups

Catholic Daughters of the Americas	Nellie Basquez	916.381.1365
Knights of Columbus	David Santos	916.936.3810

MISSION STATEMENT

We, God's people of St. Paul Catholic Parish In Sacramento, California, a multicultural, inclusive and welcoming community, inspired by the love of Jesus Christ are called: to bring all people of God together in worship, to declare our belief in God's love, based on the teachings of Jesus Christ, and to celebrate and grow in our relationship with God.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MON:	12/14	SOULS IN PURGATORY† Requested by Dan & Ofelia Wayne
TUES:	12/15	CRISPIN SERRANO † Requested by Serrano family
WED:	12/16	LU GIRARDI † Requested by Brenda Hughes
THURS:	12/17	ADELA RABADAM † Requested by Rabadam family
FRI:	12/11	ERNESTO TRILLO † Requested by Trillo family
		MASS OF THANKSGIVING Requested by Amy Jarin

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Shout for joy! Sing joyfully! Be glad and exult! The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior (Zephaniah 3:14-18a).

Psalm — Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel (Isaiah 12).

Second Reading — Rejoice! The Lord is near. Make your requests known to God (Philippians 4:4-7).

Gospel — John tells his hearers to share their possessions with the needy; be honest; do not threaten or accuse others falsely (Luke 3:10-18).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday:	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday:	Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday:	Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Friday:	Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Saturday:	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Sunday:	Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Third Sunday of Advent
Monday:	St. John of the Cross

Third Sunday of Advent

December 13, 2015

With joy you will draw water at the fountain of salvation.

-Isaiah 12:3

CELEBRATE

This Sunday, God rejoices and sings because of us. We read in Zephaniah today that God “will sing joyfully because of you, / as one sings at festivals” (Zephaniah 3:18). We know plenty about singing at festivals. Already our ears are ringing with the songs and carols that anticipate the Christmas season.

Paul reminds us of the source of our own double rejoicing: God is the mighty savior who is in our midst (in Zephaniah’s words). Because this is so, says Paul, we can rejoice and be at ease. We don’t have to worry, for God’s peace will stand guard over our hearts and minds.

A medieval carol depicts Christmas as “my dancing day” and urges us to enter into the dance. Why all the merrymaking? Because “the Lord is near,” as Paul reminds us (Philippians 4:5). He then points to another reason for the dancing: the dawn of the promise of peace, the peace beyond all understanding, that is now within our grasp.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

This week, our celebration of Advent makes a transition in ritual and texts. Beginning December 18, the countdown of nine days (a novena) to Christmas sees a heightened sense of expectation, and also a turning from the call of the Baptist in the wilderness to the events leading up to Jesus’ birth. In ancient Spain, December 18 was once celebrated as the “Feast of the Expectancy,” and customs grew up to heighten readiness in the homes.

Some customs arise from monastic life and practice and spill over into our parish life. Beginning tonight, those who pray Vespers will sing in the opening phrase a beautiful title of Christ. These titles belong to a collection of opening phrases called the “O Antiphons” after the awe-inspired “O” sung on the first note. There’s a playful code in the titles: O Wisdom, O Lord, O Flower of Jesse, O Key of David, O Dawn, O Ruler, O Emmanuel. When you take their Latin names—*Sapientia, Adonai, Radix*, and so on—the titles form an acrostic when you read them backwards: “ERO CRAS.” In Latin, that is translated as “I will be there tomorrow!” It’s as if Christ were answering the prayers of the waiting people in the words of the prayers themselves

STRENGTH AND COURAGE

Prayer infuses the weak with strength and the fainthearted with courage.

—Anonymous

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

PASTORAL COUNCIL

The meeting was opened by Paul Pham at 7:05 pm. Minutes from the October meeting were approved after corrections were made.

Congratulations to the winners of the Miss and Mr. St. Paul 2015 Fundraiser. They raised over \$53,000 in gross income. We thank the candidates, their families and St. Paul community for their support.

After reviewing the Feasibility Study the Finance Council made a decision to only conduct the Diocesan One Campaign in February 2016. The Diocese supports the decision. A portion of the funds raised will be returned to the parish.

Missals will no longer be in the pews beginning First Sunday of Advent. A limited number of the readings will handed out by the Hospitality Ministers prior to each Mass. Please return them for the next Mass. Order of the Mass cards will also be placed in the pews.

Tickets for the December 13th "Rejoice!" concert fundraiser are being sold after all masses and available from all the ministries. Only 700 tickets will be sold.

The Gente Puente group is making progress in integrating English and Spanish spiritual activities with CFF and the parish. Several events and raffles are being planned to raise funds for the parish.

Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration on December 12th. Mananitas is at 6am and Mass at 6pm with Mariachi music. The parish community is encouraged to attend this special celebration.

Good Shepherd Parish was selected to be the Jubilee Church for the South Deanery.

Altar Servers are needed for all the masses. Contact Alexander Pham for more information.

The Diocese is requiring all parishes to digitize parish books.

OCTOBER PROFIT & LOSS

INCOME	ACTUAL	BUDGET	Difference
Offerory	\$ 25,454.10	\$ 24,400.00	\$ 1,054.10
Other income	\$ 20,547.04	\$ 6,466.00	\$ 14,081.04
Religious Art. & Books	\$ 1,011.86	\$ 691.00	\$ 320.86
Religious Education	\$ 780.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 280.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 47,793.00	\$ 32,057.00	\$ 15,736.00
EXPENSES			
Salaries & benefits	\$ 16,966.92	\$ 18,233.67	\$ (1,266.75)
Buildings & Grounds	\$ 12,593.06	\$ 12,617.90	\$ (24.84)
Religious art. & books	\$ 405.66	\$ 457.00	\$ (51.34)
Prop. Tax & Insurance	\$ 2,520.00	\$ 2,520.00	\$ -
Parish Programs	\$ 7,331.96	\$ 7,650.00	\$ (318.04)
Religious Education	\$ 1,389.43	\$	\$ 1,389.43
Diocesan Assessment	\$ 4,560.00	\$ 4,533.00	\$ 27.00
TOTAL ORD. EXP.	\$ 45,767.03	\$ 46,011.57	\$ (244.54)
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$ 2,025.97	\$ (13,954.57)	\$ 15,980.54
OTHER INCOME			
Interest	\$.91		\$.91
Cap. Camp. Bldg Fund	\$ 7,549.11		\$ 7,549.11
Dioces. Sp. Collect.	\$ 1,292.45	\$ 1,445.00	\$ 152.30
Total other income	\$ 8,842.72	\$ 1,445.00	\$ 7,397.72
OTHER EXPENSES			
Interest			
Dioces.sp. Coll.	\$ 1,292.70	\$ 1,445.00	\$ (152.30)
Cap. Fund dr.	\$ 1,039.18	\$ 8,000.00	\$ (6,960.82)
Youth Group	\$	\$ 1,834.00	\$ (1,834.00)
Total Other exp.	\$ 2,331.88	\$ 11,279.00	\$ (8,947.12)
NET OTHER INCOME	\$ 6,510.84	\$ (9,834.00)	\$ 16,344.84
NET INCOME	\$ 8,536.81	\$ (23,788.57)	\$ 32,325.38)

SECOND COLLECTIONS

January 2/3

St. Paul Building Fund & Capital Campaign

This collection will help provide funds to repay the funds borrowed from the Diocese to build the Religious Education Center. Parishioners who have pledged to the Capital Campaign may use the pink envelopes to make their pledge payments.

January 16 & 17

St. Paul Ministry Mission

Annually in preparation for the Lenten season, the Parish holds a retreat for the Parish Ministries. This collection will help defray the cost associated with conducting the mission.

COLLECTION

	4:00pm	7:30am	9:00am	11:00am	1:00pm	TOTAL
November						
1	\$1614.00	\$1129.00	\$1590.00	\$1543.00	\$697.98	\$6573.87
8	\$1035.00	\$1128.00	\$1940.00	\$1036.00	\$686.14	\$5825.14
15	\$1117.00	\$745.00	\$1528.00	\$1361.00	\$923.80	\$5674.80
22	\$1075.00	\$621.00	\$1338.00	\$1091.00	\$747.25	\$4848.70
Second collection						\$799.64
29	\$1256.00	\$670.00	\$1166.00	\$1055.00	\$719.18	\$5077.08
Thanksgiving						\$739.92

POSADA JUVENIL

Las Posadas is a musical re-enactment of Mary and Joseph seeking shelter before the birth of Jesus. Join Bishop Soto in celebrating this popular Hispanic tradition. The event will be bilingual, and will be held on Friday, December 18th at St. Lawrence Parish, 4325 Don Julio Blvd, North Highlands at 6:00pm. Don't miss out on this night of prayer, song and celebration!

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Did You Bring Your Gift?

Today, the Christmas gifts for parish children are due. If you have not had a chance to deliver your gift to the parish office, or the church, please bring it to the parish office tomorrow, December 14th. Parents will be coming later this week to pick up their children's gifts.

Appreciation goes to those who participated in the Jesse Giving Tree. Your donation assures parish families, who are struggling financially this year, that their children will have a gift for Christmas.

Sleeping Bags and Blankets

Donations of new or gently used sleeping bags and blankets are appreciated by the homeless. The days are cold, but the nights are even colder for those living on the streets. If you can help, please bring the sleeping bags, or blankets to the parish office during office hours, or the church when you come to Mass. Please put them in the workroom, that is the room next to the Religious Goods Store. Questions? Call Lorraine (916) 363-0365.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Coffee & Donuts

The Knights will be serving coffee and donuts on Sunday, December 13th, 20th and 27th. All of the proceeds from the coffee and donuts go to support the youth of our parish.

Join the Knights of Columbus

If you would like to find out more about becoming a Knight please ask any Knight, they should all be wearing their name badges, or call Roger Tafoya at (916) 936-3810.

HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS

Due to the potential of devastating loss due to fires, the Catholic Mutual offers a few helpful suggestions:

Keep all roofs, eaves and gutters free of debris. If you have firewood, move the stacks of wood away from the building.

Remove dead vegetation from around buildings and grounds. Try to plant fire resistant plants and shrubs. Trim trees and shrubs.

CHRISTIAN BROTHERS PLACEMENT EXAM

8th Graders interested in attending Christian Brothers in the 2016/17 season are required to take the placement test on Sat. January 16 from 8:45am to 12:30pm. Online applications are due on January 13. Please contact the Admissions office for more information at (916) 733-3690 or visit the CB website at www.cbhs-sacramento.org.

SIMBANG GABI

SIMBANG GABI is one of the most popular Filipino traditions. It is when Catholic churches across the nation begin a nine-day novena to the Blessed Mother. The novena begins December 15th and culminates with the "Misa de Gallo" to welcome the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ.

The origin traces its roots in Mexico when in 1587 the Pope granted the petition of Fray Diego de Sorio, to hold Christmas Mass outdoors as the Church could not accommodate the large crowd. During olden times the pre-dawn mass is announced by the ringing of the church bells.

The tradition of Simbang Gabi continues. It is a significant moment not only because it strengthens relationships among family members, but also because it is the time when our faith is intensified. It is a spiritual preparation for Christmas, the birth of Jesus Christ.

We invite you to join us in this special nine day novena beginning on December 15th. Questions? Call the parish office 381-5200.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Hopefully you were able to attend last week-end's parish Christmas Fair. If you did you know what a festive affair it was. Three meals were served:

Pollo Loco evening meal on Saturday,
Breakfast, courtesy of the Knights of Columbus on Sunday morning,
Lunch, served by the Hispanic community.
The food was delicious.

During the Bazaar the parish ministries sold exotic items ranging from fruit and food products to handmade clothing, handmade jewelry, jewelry, religious articles, stuffed toys, delicious goodies that made you forget your diet, and many other items designed to be just the present you were looking for.

In addition the Health Ministry and Bereavement Ministries joined together to raffle theme based baskets.

Basket winners:

Michele Eck	Picnic Delight
Ja'net Blea	Family Game Night
Maria Gutierrez	New Year's Eve Party
Vi Hall	Chocolate Lovers
Father Joyle	Family Movie Night

DIOCESE OF SACRAMENTO

January 30th, Dr. Theresa Burke, will give an 8:00am-5:00pm workshop on Post Abortion Syndrome at St. Theresa of Avila Church in Auburn. \$40 cost includes breakfast and lunch. For more information go to: <http://sdec.org/post-abortion-care>, or contact Dr. Monica Durant at (925)-262-3294 ruizdurant@aol.com.

YOUTH MISSIONARY NEWS

Qualifications for Admission to SPYM:

12-18 years old, registered parishioner of St. Paul Church. Have a personal relationship with God, motivated to serve others, especially the poor, and be willing to share his/her gifts, talents and time for the ministry.

For more information contact:

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 Sr. Ma. Katrina Quidlat, RVM
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 Or visit: <http://st.paul-florin.org/youth-ministry>
<https://www.facebook.com/events1543001669170057>

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Recent Bereavement

Please keep the families and friends in your prayers for St. Paul Parishioners whose funerals, or Memorial Masses were celebrated during the past few weeks,

Emma Habagatt., Robert Peralta, Lawrence Martin, Benjamin Ferrer, Rodrigo Tavora, Anthony Barajas Alisa Gomez, Charles Clemons, George Seabron, Jose Guerra, Antoine Hurst, Rose Gray, Ida Azcarate, Dolores Bribiescas, Rosie Alagadan, Vicente Ishizaki, Gabriel Inuman, Jessie Fernandez, Adela Rabadam.

May they rest in peace and let perpetual light shine upon them. For more information please call Clara at 689-3932, or the rectory 381-5200.

SICK PARISHIONERS & FRIENDS

Pray for sick family members, friends and parishioners.

Priscilla Wong	Mauricio Vargas	Brian Steele
Victoria Vasilescu	Maria Elizabeth Soriano	Michael Delgado
Frances Hurskainen	Jack Steele	Thomas Mason
Nora Ignacio	Frank Farrell	Clothilde Harris
John Jastraub	Rodulfo Reyes	Jackie Martin
Shirley Robinson	Rita Chicca	Failey Segura
Aurora Nicandro	Wendy Patnode	Robert Bamford
Lorraine Schaefer	Monica Cordero	Martha Montanez
Jessica Lintag	Rodrigo Reyes	Ricardo Campos
John Rideaux	Virginia Collier	Johnathan Robinson
Sandy Burgoon	Bill & Jean Hesse	Charlene Kirkland
Dorothy Butler	Daniel Labrado	James Solari
Iris Sims	Ellen Yee	Elizabeth Solari
Gertie Davis	Elio Chicca	Delphine Johnson
Teresa Ziegler	Gregory Judd	Bill Schlim
Terry Sanchez	Sam Butler	
Luc Kimia	Rose Malone Grey	

LOAVES & FISHES

Holiday Help Needed!

The holidays are quickly approaching and we have many opportunities for you to be involved with Loaves and Fishes Toy Drive: Christmas Stockings: Christmas meal and more. Check out the website at www.sacloaves.org/holiday for all the details and dates.

Christmas needs!

Canned Hams
 Candied yams extra large cans
 Apple juice—gallon size
 Dinner rolls
 Assorted pies, whipping cream
 Napkins

Christmas Stockings

Every year as part of the holiday meal Loaves and Fishes offers each of their guests a Christmas stocking. To do this we ask the community to participate by providing stockings stuffed with basic necessities

Gift cards (McDonalds Raleys)
 One pair new socks
 Stretch gloves and hat
 Disposable razor
 Chapstick, hand sanitizer
 Travel size toiletries
 Playing cards

Also needed is dog food and winter pet supplies to help our guests and their pets this winter—pet food, collars, carriers, blankets, etc.

All items can be delivered to the warehouse at 1351 North C St. on Mon.-Fri., 7:00-2:30pm.—or leave at the rectory and we will deliver the items.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Please pray for the following members of our families serving in the Armed Forces

Gary B. Foster II	Ricardo G.	Don Carlo Geroche
Jay Candaso	Cervantes	John Marc James
Norbert Mendiola Jr.	Stephen Rich	Ruben N. Libed
Jeffrey Yazel	Janae Santos	Nilo Uy Villaluna Jr.
Daniel Roy Ryan	Brian Vergith	Don Jamoses
Robert Brich II	Martin Sinlao	Ryan Gandy
Gregorio Rodriguez	Sergio Pineda	Cody Machado
Roel C.. Dones	Ariel Rollins	Mark A. Ramos Jr.

For safety reasons, we ask you NOT to give money to anyone begging in our parking lot or near the church at our weekend Masses!

Tercer Domingo de Adviento 13 de diciembre 2015

CELEBRA

Este domingo, Dios canta y se regocija por nosotros. Lee-mos hoy en Sofonías que Dios “se llenará de júbilo por tu causa, como en los días de fiesta” (Sofonías 3:18). Sabemos mucho de cantar en festivales. Ya nuestros oídos resuenan con los cantos y villancicos que anticipan la época navideña.

Pablo nos recuerda la fuente de este doble regocijo: Dios, tu poderoso salvador, está en medio de ti (en palabras de Sofonías). Por ser así, nos dice Pablo, podemos alegrarnos y estar en paz. No tenemos que inquietarnos, porque la paz de Dios custodiará nuestros corazones y pensamientos.

Un villancico antiguo representa la Navidad como “el día de mi baile” y nos urge a tomar parte en el baile. ¿Por qué todo el regocijo? Porque “el Señor está cerca” nos recuerda Pablo (Filipenses 4:5). Entonces apunta a la otra razón para el baile: el amanecer de la promesa de paz, la paz que sobrepasa toda inteligencia, y que ya está al alcance de la mano.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — ¡Canta! ¡Da gritos de júbilo! ¡Gózate y regocíjate! El Señor tu Dios está entre ustedes y es un poderoso salvador (Sofonías 3:14-18a).

Salmo — El Señor es mi Dios y salvador (Isaías 12).

Segunda lectura — ¡Alégrese! El Señor está cerca. Presenten sus peticiones a Dios (Filipenses 4:4-7).

Evangelio—Juan dice a sus oyentes que compartan sus posesiones con los necesitados; que sean honrados; que no amenacen ni acusen a otros injustamente

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Sal 25 (24):4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27
 Martes: Sof 3:1-2, 9-13; Sal 34 (33):2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32
 Miércoles: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Sal 85 (84):9-14; Lc 7:18b-23
 Jueves: Gén 49:2, 8-10; Sal 72 (71):1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
 Viernes: Jer 23:5-8; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
 Sábado: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71 (70):3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lc 1:5-25
 Domingo: Mi 5:1-4a; Sal 80 (79):2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lc 1:39-45

LA SABIDURIA

Las almas de los justos están en las manos de Dios y ningún tormento podrá alcanzarlos. A los ojos de los insensatos están bien muertos y su partida parece una derrota. Sab. 3, 1,2

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Los cristianos latinos tenemos unos cinco siglos en nuestra trayectoria de fe y como todo cristiano aguardamos la segunda venida del Mesías, Jesús. Nuestra espera forma parte de dos milenios de cristianos que buscan verlo llegar en las nubes.

Desde el siglo VII la oración oficial de la Iglesia clama el retorno de Cristo con las exclamaciones llamadas las “Antífonas Oh”. Estas llaman a Jesús pidiéndole que venga bajo los títulos de Emmanuel, Sabiduría celestial, Señor de gran poder, Vara de Isaí, Llave de David, Alba de la luz, y Deseo y Rey de gentes, y algunos más. Estos refranes se usan aún todavía hoy durante los días 17 al 23 de diciembre, y unidas en un acróstico latino forman las palabras *ero cras* (estaré mañana), como respuesta a la petición cristiana. Eventualmente en el siglo X o XI estas antífonas fueron unidas en el canto gregoriano Veni, veni Emmanuel (Oh ven, oh ven Emmanuel).

LA DIVINIA MISERICORDIA

7. El Papa Francisco ciertamente quiere que cada fiel recibe la misericordia de Dios y más él quiere que cada uno sea instrumento para que la misericordia fluye al mundo.

15... Es mi vivo deseo que el pueblo cristiano reflexione durante el Jubileo sobre las obras de misericordia corporales y espirituales... Redescubramos las obras de misericordia corporales: dar de comer al hambriento, dar de beber al sediento, vestir al desnudo, acoger al forastero, asistir los enfermos, visitar a los presos, enterrar a los muertos. Y no olvidemos las obras de misericordia espirituales: dar consejo al que lo necesita, enseñar al que no sabe, corregir al que yerra, consolar al triste, perdonar las ofensas, soportar con paciencia las personas molestas, rogar a Dios por los vivos y por los difuntos.

Estas obras de misericordia corporales y espirituales son prácticas tradicionales en nuestra iglesia. Como el Papa Francisco está animándonos a reflexionar en estas obras de misericordia es nuestro desafío mirar a nuestra sociedad aquí en Belize y identificar donde más necesitamos vivir estas obras corporales y espirituales de Misericordia. Con cada parroquia, grupo de oración, escuela, familia y católico bautizado explorando y viviendo estas obras de misericordia, esperamos que todos los marginalizados conocerán la misericordia de Dios. Qué manera maravillosa para transformar la violencia, el odio y la indiferencia de nuestra sociedad una obra de misericordia tras otra.

8. El Año de la Misericordia se cerrará en la Catedral del Santo Redentor en la Fiesta de Cristo Rey, 20 de noviembre de 2016. Más detalles anunciarán acerca de la fecha. Pueblo de Dios, fieles bautizados de la Iglesia Católica Romana en Belize, estamos juntando con la Iglesia mundial en un peregrinaje espiritual durante este Año Santo de la Misericordia. Es una gran oportunidad para que seamos quien de veras estamos llamados a ser como seguidores de Cristo. Sumergidos en la misericordia de Dios estamos llamados saliendo del pecado al abrazo amoroso del Padre



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Vocaciones:	Guadalupe Salinas	916.955.2150
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Virgen de Guadalupe	Ramona Cervantes	916.549.8114
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Bautismos	Diacono Ramírez	916.381.5200
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Se necesitan ayuda en los diferentes ministerios y usted puede ser uno de ellos, por que "Nuestro bautismo nos llama a compartir la misión de Cristo". Interesados favor de llamar a cualquier persona de los teléfonos de arriba de esta pagina.

MATRIMONIOS Y QUINCEAÑERAS

Para mas información sobre estos eventos por favor comuníquese con el Diacono Antonio Ramírez al 381-5200.

BAUTISMOS

La celebración del Sacramento del Bautismo será el primer sábado: **Enero 2, 2016, a las 10: a.m.**

NOTA: deben registrar a su hijo/a, en la oficina parroquial y atender a las platicas pre-bautismales, antes de la celebración del Bautismo.

PLATICAS PRE-BAUTISMALES, DICIEMBRE 2015

Les informamos que solamente en este mes de diciembre, debido a la fiesta de Navidad, **tendremos la clase de Platicas pre-bautismal**, para padres y padrinos. **el tercer sábado, diciembre 19, a las 3:45 p.m. salón #8.** Para mas información llame a: José Juan y Ana Quijas, 427-3297

SEGUNDA COLECTA

Diciembre 12/13 Fondo de Religiosos retirados; religiosos cuyo ministerio ha nutrido nuestra propia fe, servido a nuestra iglesia y fortalecido nuestra nación. Sus institutos se enfrentan a retos económicos críticos como el costo de la atención de salud se intensifica, y como la necesidad de acceso a viviendas para discapacitados aumenta.

BAZAR DE NAVIDAD

Gracias a todas las personas que hicieron posible el bazar de Navidad que fue un éxito por su trabajo y dedicación. Todos los que vinieron y disfrutaron del evento los esperamos a todos el próximo año.

MINISTERIO DE JUSTICIA SOCIAL

El 13 de diciembre es el ultimo día de traer sus regalos. Si usted ha tomado un sobre del árbol de Jesse Giving para comprar un regalo de Navidad para un niño de nuestra parroquia, por favor, lea atentamente las instrucciones que esta en el sobre. Su regalo tiene que tener la tarjeta con el # de código pegado o dentro del regalo no mas tarde de diciembre 13. Puede dejar el regalo en la bolsas o en caja de regalo en la oficina parroquial, o en las cajas que están en el vestíbulo de la iglesia. Por favor márkelo con {para el SJM}. Su consideración hacia aquellos que son menos afortunados se agradece. Si usted tiene alguna pregunta póngase en contacto con Lorena (916) -363-0365, o de la oficina de la parroquia 381-5200

NOVENA DE NAVIDAD

Simbang GABI es una de las tradiciones más populares filipinas. Es cuando las iglesias católicas de todo el país comienzan una novena de nueve días a la Santísima Virgen. La novena comienza 15 de diciembre y culmina con la "Misa de Gallo" dar la bienvenida al nacimiento de nuestro Salvador Jesucristo.

El origen tiene sus raíces en México, cuando en 1587 el Papa concedió la petición de Fray Diego de Sorio, para celebrar la Misa de Navidad al aire libre como la Iglesia era muy pequeña no podía dar cabida a la gran multitud. Durante los tiempos antiguos la Misa antes del amanecer es anunciada por el repique de las campanas de la iglesia.

La tradición de Simbang Gabi continúa. Es un momento importante no sólo porque fortalece las relaciones entre los miembros de la familia, sino también porque es el momento en que se intensifica nuestra fe. Es una preparación espiritual para la Navidad, el nacimiento de Jesucristo.

Le invitamos a unirse a nosotros en este especial nueve días novena comienzo el 15 de diciembre. A las 6:30 p.m rosario seguido de la misa. ¿Preguntas? Llame a la oficina de la parroquia 916-381-5200.

JUBILO DE LA DIVINA MISERICORDIA

Dios de toda Misericordia, escucha los gritos de tu pueblo viviendo en la oscuridad de la violencia y el pecado. Diríjanos en los caminos de tu amor y tu misericordia. Guíanos a través del Año Jubilar de la Misericordia para vivir un tiempo de la conversión. Haznos atentos a tu Palabra en Sagrada Escritura y en los signos de los tiempos. Transfórmalos en instrumentos de tu voluntad divina. Inspirados por el Espíritu Santo imploramos tu dirección O Dios nuestro Padre por él que has mandado como el mejor signo de tu misericordia, Jesucristo nuestro Señor. Que todo empieza y termina en Cristo,

Una de las parroquias que celebran la Divina Misericordia es el **Buen Pastor y la Catedral**, para mas información favor llamar a esas parroquias.