

ST. PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH



NOVEMBER 27, 2016

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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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 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.		916.381.5200
Catholic Faith Formation	Aracely Narvaez	916.383.6719
Spanish Coordinators	Maria Consuelo Gutierrez	
RCIA for Adults	Angie Lovett	916.381.5200
RCIA for Children	Emilia Caoagas	916.849.5617
RCIA for Teens	Imelda Nanca	916.402-1904
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	Norma Bolante	916.688.8769
Vocation Committee	Frances Gomes	916.421.0300
Families in Christ Jesus	Imelda Nanca	916.402-1904

Social Ministries and Groups

Christmas Fair	Call the office	916.381.5200
Fall Festival	Call the office	916.381.5200
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	Le Pham stpaulwedcoordinator@gmail.com	

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	Jerry Fong	916.689-9418

Liturgical Ministries

Sacristan	Bob Benton	916.381.5200
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		
Eucharistic Ministry		
Hospitality Ministry	Ja'net Blea	916.284.2008
Ministry of the Word	Shirley Brown	916.612.7023
Ministry Sick and Homebound		916.381.5200
Music Ministry		

Caregiving Ministries and Groups

Bereavement Ministry		
Health Ministry	Clara Heimericks	916.689.3932
Loaves and Fishes Ministry	Diane Welsh	916.682.7810
Social Justice Ministry		
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: 11/28 RANDY LOVETT † SOTERO ELIGIO †**
BIENVENIDO & TERESITA ARCEGA †
 Requested by Angie Lovett
- TUES: 11/29 RANDY LOVETT † SOTERO ELIGIO †**
BIENVENIDO & TERESITA ARCEGA †
 Requested by Angie Lovett
- MARIA TRAN THI LAM †**
 Requested by Thao
- WED: 11/30 RANDY LOVETT † SOTERO ELIGIO †**
BIENVENIDO & TERESITA ARCEGA †
 Requested by Angie Lovett
- THURS: 12/01 VICENTE ISHIZAKI †**
 Requested by family
- FRI: 12/02 ROMUALDO & RODRIGO TAVORA**
 Requested by Lourdes & family
- ANSELMO MACAPAGAL †**
SEVERINO & RUFINA MACAPAGAL †
MERCEDES YANGA
 Requested by Juanita & family

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).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
- Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
Lk 10:21-24
- Wednesday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
- Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;
Mt 7:21, 24-27
- Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
- Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6;
Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8
- Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

November 27, 2016

First Sunday of Advent

*You must be prepared, For at an hour you do not expect,
 Son of Man will come,
 -Matthew 24:44*

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.

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, assuring 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.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

UPCOMING RETREATS

Mercy Center—Auburn

December 9-11 Reawaking to the Divine
December 28-January 1 Year End Silent Retreat

RAFFLE

The Spanish community is holding a raffle to benefit the celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe and the Building Fund to repay our diocesan loan.

Ticket prices are \$3.00 each

Prizes: First prize 55 inch TV

Second prize: Xbox

Third prize: Nutri-ninja 32 oz blender

Raffle will be drawn on December 18th. Tickets are on sale after Mass or in the rectory office.

HEALTH MINISTRY

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

The Health Ministry manages a free medical equipment loan program for parishioners. Portable equipment available includes wheelchairs, walkers, crutches, canes, bedside commodes and shower seats. If you, or someone in your family is in need of this type of equipment please call Clara Heimericks at (916) 689-3932 or the office and we will do what we can to help you.

FIRST FRIDAY, FIRST SATURDAY

Friday, December 2, Holy Hour at 7:00pm

First Saturday, December 3, Mass at 8:00am

COLLECTION

	4:00pm	7:30am	49:00am	11:00am	1:00pm	TOTAL
October						
16	\$990.00	\$1219.00	\$1195.00	\$1536.00	\$886.06	\$5826.06
23	\$974.00	\$985.00	\$1119.00	\$956.00	\$767.01	\$4801.01
29	\$1072.00	\$781.00	\$1361.00	\$1094.00	\$714.00	\$5022.00
November						
6	\$1294.00	\$2285.00	\$1559.00	\$1134.00	\$803.50	\$7075.50
13	\$1235.00	\$1544.00	\$887.00	1287.00	\$646.03	\$5599.03

SEPTEMBER 2016 PROFIT & LOSS

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Offertory	\$ 22,694	\$ 25,702	\$ (3,008)
Other Income	\$ 21,717	\$ 24,120	\$ (2,404)
Religious Articles & Books	\$ 1,479	\$ 943	\$ 536
Religious Education	\$ 6,641	\$ 4,750	\$ 1,891
Total Income	\$ 52,531	\$ 55,515.	\$ (2,984)

<u>EXPENSES</u>			
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 12,746	\$ 20,580	\$ (7,834)
Buildings & Grounds	\$ 7,722	\$ 9,102	\$ (1,380)
Religious Articles & Books	\$ 342	\$ 138	\$ 204
Property Tax & Insurance	\$	\$ 2,689	\$ (2,689)
Parish Programs	\$ 4,489	\$ 7,258	\$ (2,769)
Religious Education	\$ 9,817	\$ 2,000	\$ 7,817

Diocesan Assessment	\$	\$ 4,601	\$ (4,601)
Total Ordinary Expenses	\$ 35,116	\$ 46,368	\$ (11,252)
Net Operating Income	\$ 17,413	\$ 9,147	\$ 8,266

OTHER INCOME

Interest	\$.54	\$ 441	\$ (441)
Capitol Campaign & Bldg Fund	\$ 32,549	\$ 13,800	\$ 18,749
Diocesan & sp. Coll.	\$ 2,703	\$	\$ 2,703
Total Other Income	\$ 35,253	\$ 14,241	\$ 21,012

OTHER EXPENSES

Interest	\$	\$ 1,691	\$ (1,691)
Diocesan & Special Collections	\$ 2,703	\$	\$ 2,703
Capital Fund Drive	\$	\$ 13,342	\$ (13,342)
Youth Group	\$ -	\$	\$
Total Other Expenses	\$ 2,703	\$ 15,033	\$ (12,330)

Net Other Income \$ 32,550 \$ (792) \$ 33341.

NET INCOME \$ 49,965 \$ 8,355 \$ 41,608

SECOND COLLECTIONS

December 3 & 4

.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.

December 10/11 Retirement Fund for Religious

This appeal asks us to recall the religious men and women whose ministry has nourished our own faith, served our church and strengthened our nation. Today, more than 37,000 religious women and men are over the age of 70. Their institutes face critical economic challenges as the cost of health care escalates, and as the need for handicapped accessible housing increases.

LOAVES AND FISHES

Loaves and Fishes have made a request for the following items. All can be delivered to the warehouse at 1351 North C St, Mon-Fri 7:00am to 3:00pm. You can also leave your donations at the rectory office and we will be glad to take them to Loaves and Fishes for you.

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| Gently used Adult Tennis Shoes | Bus Passes |
| Toothbrushes | Baby Wipes |
| Metal Forks | Ground Coffee |
| Back Packs | Small Toothpaste |
| Postage stamps | |

Dog food and pet supplies to help our guests and pets —pet food, collars, carriers, blankets, etc.

Autumn has finally arrived, and a respite from the heat of summer. As the guests enter the Loaves and Fishes area there are so many stories of love, danger, pain and suffering, hope and strength. Loaves and Fishes has created a new website where you can read first hand accounts of the stories that take place daily at Loaves and Fishes. Please visit: <http://stories.sacloaves.org> to start.

Holiday Help Needed!

The holidays are quickly approaching and there are many opportunities for you to be involved.

- Toy Drive
- Christmas Stockings
- Christmas Mealand more

Please go to: <http://sacloaves.org/holiday>
For all of the details and the dates.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Donuts and Coffee

The Knights will be hosting donuts on the Sun days in November in the parish hall. Come and enjoy donuts, coffee, hot chocolate and tea for just a donation.

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.

DEDICATION OF THE SHRINE—OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Bishop Cotta will be dedicating a replica statue of Our Lady of Fatima, which he received in Portugal, and placing it in the newly established shrine at Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center. This will be the start of a Marian Pilgrimage preparing for the centenary celebration of the Fatima apparitions. The pilgrimage will include a series of talks and Marian Devotions on the second Sunday of each month Jan 2017 thru April 2018 at Christ the King Retreat Center (916)725-4720.

SICK PARISHIONERS & FRIENDS

Pray for sick family members, friends and parishioners.

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| Priscilla Wong | Wendy Patnode | Maria Lopez |
| Victoria Vasilescu | Monica Cordero | Raymond Gutierrez |
| John Jastraub | Rodrigo Reyes | Nilda Medina |
| Shirley Robinson | Virginia Collier | ,Doreathea Viltz |
| Lorraine Schaefer | Bill & Jean Hesse | Virginia Thomas |
| Jessica Lintag | Ellen Yee | Dorothy Butler |
| John Rideaux | Gregory Judd | Bernadette Carrasca |
| Sandy Burgoon | Sam Butler | Ashley Brackin |
| Iris Sims | Michael Delgado | Noah de los Reyes |
| Teresa Ziegler | Jackie Martin | Carla Hart |
| Terry Sanchez | Martha Montanez | Brian Steele |
| Luc Kimia | Ricardo Campos | Juan San Miguel |
| Mauricio Vargas | Johnathan Robinson | Peggy Meier-Beyers |
| Jack Steele | James Solari | Gertie Davis |
| Frank Farrell | Elizabeth Solari | Elnora Williams |
| Rodulfo Reyes | | Norberta Bamford |

GO IN PEACE MONUMENT

Some of the last words we hear at the end of each Mass are: *“GO IN PEACE!”*
Gordon and Joan Grime were long time members of our parish. They had a deep love for us as a parish. Both have left this earthly life to spend eternity with our savior. Gordon died first, and then Joan, but before she died she wanted to leave a memorial for our parish that expressed the love that they had for us. In her will she designated funds to provide a lasting monument, engraved with the words that they both felt comforting. Soon a monument will be placed at the east exit of our parking lot. This monument represents Gordon and Joan’s request that a we leave the Parish we will spread peace and the word of God to all we meet. God Bless!

VOCATION CROSS

If you would like to welcome the Vocation Cross into your home for a week please call the office so we can arrange to add you to the list of parishioners taking the Cross home each week.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

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

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

YOUTH MISSIONARY NEWS (SPYM)

Want to join SPYM?

For more information contact:

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Or visit: <http://st.paul-florin.org/youth-ministry>

<https://www.facebook.com/events1543001669170057>

SPYM & ST. PAUL CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Mark your holiday calendar now!

Saturday, December 3rd at 7:00pm. St. Paul Youth Ministry (SPYM) and the St. Paul Children's Choir will be hosting for the first time ever—Christmas Caroling in the St. Paul Plaza.

This is a free event and all parish families are invited to come and join as we celebrate the Christmas season together in song. Please check future bulletins for more information and details in the coming weeks!

CATgear is coming

Give a gift that represents the true meaning of Christmas this year! CATgear is especially designed clothing that displays our Catholic faith in images, scripture and sayings. CATgear shirts, hoodies, sweatpants and hats will be sold by SPYM and available at the Christmas Bazaar on December 3 & 4.

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,

Trinidad Marzan, Eulalia Locquaiao, Demetrio Casuga, Bill Schlim, Rose Blea, Fernando Magaña, Alicia Baltazar, Eustaquio Marron, Proserfino Dicholso. Mary White, Bonifacio Cunanan, Mazie Stephens, Erica Naranong & Ardith Ruef. May they rest in peace and let perpetual light shine upon them. For more information please call the rectory 381-5200.

PRO LIFE 4 LIFE

Tickets are now available for the St. Paul bus to attend the 2017 Walk for Life West Coast, in San Francisco. Please join us, Saturday, January 21, 2017 for this annual event. Tickets for the bus are \$18.00. For details contact Charlene Valine 798-3339.

ATTENTION CFF/RCIA TEEN FAMILIES

This event is approved for CFF community service hours!

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Socks and Tarps

As the winter approaches the need for socks and tarps becomes the next need that will be addressed. Warm dry socks on a wet rainy day, when you are living on the street, must seem like a luxury. If you would like to donate socks "Tube Socks" will work for both men and women.

The need for tarps to lay on the ground, or to be used by the homeless to protect from the rain will become a dire necessity in the near future.

Please put your donated items in the containers in the entrances of the Church, these are provided by the Social Justice Ministry.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday, December 3rd 10:00am –7:00pm

Sunday, December 4th 8:30am—4:00pm

Lunch and dinner will be served on Saturday
Breakfast and lunch will be served on Sunday
Santa will be there 12:00noon to 3:00pm on Sunday and will be available for picture taking for a \$5.00 donation. Start the holiday season off right! Join us for our Christmas Craft and Gift Fair this holiday season. Questions? Call Michele Eck at (916) 524-5097

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Saturday, December 10th

8:00am—11:00am

Cristo Rey High School (www.crhss.org)

Tickets can be purchased at the door

Family price \$20 (2 adults and children)

Adults \$6 Children \$4 (Kids under 3 free)

Come for a pancake breakfast, arts and crafts, music and a free picture with Santa!

Proceeds will benefit the Cristo Rey High School Athletics Department & Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers. For information call 400-3404.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Advent

Wednesday: St. Andrew

Thursday: World AIDS Awareness Day

Friday: First Friday

Saturday: St. Francis Xavier; First Saturday

TIME OF PREPARATION

This life is the time of our preparation for our future state. Our souls will continue for ever what we make them in this world. —John Tillotson, Archbishop of Canterbury

Primer Domingo de Adviento

27 de noviembre, 2016

ESTAR PREPARADO

Debes estar preparado. Es así de simple. Al comenzar este tiempo de Adviento, el Señor Jesús nos llama a estar preparados para su venida. En esta época del año, gran parte de nuestra atención se centra en estar preparados para los detalles que acompañan las fiestas. Compramos regalos; decoramos nuestro hogar por fuera y por dentro; preparamos comidas especiales para esta época; escribimos y enviamos tarjetas de Navidad; asistimos a conciertos navideños; nos preparamos para recibir a los familiares y amigos en nuestro hogar o para visitarlos en sus hogares. No podemos ignorar los detalles que forman parte de este tiempo. Quizás este Adviento sea un tiempo para prestar atención a todos esos detalles con un enfoque diferente. Mientras nos preparamos para celebrar la fiesta de Navidad, ¿qué tal si reconocemos plenamente la presencia del Señor mientras realizamos estas tareas? El Señor muchas veces viene a nosotros de formas maravillosamente sorprendentes. Estemos preparados.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Todas las naciones confluirán hacia el monte del Señor (Isaías 2:1-5).

Salmo — Qué alegría cuando me dijeron: “Vamos a la casa del Señor” (Salmo 122 [121]).

Segunda lectura — Ya es el momento de que se despierten del sueño (Romanos 13:11-14).

Evangelio — Velen, pues, y estén preparados para la venida del Hijo del hombre (Mateo 24:37-44).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Is 4:2-6; Sal 122 (121):1-9; Mt 8:5-11
 Martes: Is 11:1-10; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lc 10:21-24
 Miércoles: Rom 10:9-18; Sal 19 (18):8-11; Mt 4:18-22
 Jueves: Is 26:1-6; Sal 118 (117):1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
 Viernes: Is 29:17-24; Sal 27 (26):1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
 Sábado: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Sal 147 (146):1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8
 Domingo: Is 11:1-10; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

Sabiduría:

Los que confiaron en el Señor conocerán la verdad, los que fueron fieles en el amor permanecerán juntos a él.

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

El calendario cristiano comienza con el tiempo de Adviento durante el mes de diciembre. ¡Adviento! Interesante palabra. Viene del latín y quiere decir “Allí viene” o “Ya está llegando”. Pero, ¿de quién hablamos cuando proclamamos “Adviento”? ¿Del Rey de gloria?, ¿el Príncipe de la paz?, ¿el Hijo de Dios Altísimo?, ¿el salvador de Israel? Sí, sí, sí y sí, pero más todavía del Hijo del Hombre, del niño de María, el niño Jesús de Nazaret. Allí viene y ya está llegando. Tenemos que estar preparados. Pero, ¿cómo preparamos para la llegada de un rey que es pobre?, ¿de un príncipe que nació entre una mula y un buey?, ¿de un niño que ya es todo un hombre y además es Dios?, ¿de un pobre bebito que también es juez y señor? He allí el dilema del Adviento cristiano. Es un llamado a vivir la paradoja (contradicción) de un tiempo que está a medias, donde el Reino de los Cielos ya está pero todavía no completamente, pues existe pero no en su plenitud. Es un llamado a buscar en el templo, en el *mall*, en el barrio, en el hogar, en el trabajo y en el propio corazón, para ver si “allí viene” el dueño de la casa. Es un llamado a estar atentos y vigilantes porque no sabemos ni cuándo ni como Jesús regresará por nosotros. Pero cuando regrese nos pedirá cuentas y nos abrazará a la misma vez. Porque viene como juez y hermano nuestro, como rey y compañero; como Dios y ser humano. Así es como los cristianos iniciamos el año litúrgico, y a la misma vez, terminamos el año seglar con la paradoja de nuestra fe.

LOS GRANDES TESTIGOS DEL ADVIENTO

Son tres: El profeta Isaías, Juan el Bautista y la Virgen María. Isaías anuncia cómo será el Mesías que vendrá. Sacude la conciencia del pueblo para crear en él actitud de espera. Exige pureza de corazón.

Juan el Bautista señala quién es el Mesías, que ya ha venido. Él mismo es modelo de austeridad y de ardiente espera. María es la figura clave del adviento. En ella culmina la espera de Israel. Es la más fiel acogedora de la palabra hecha carne. La recibe en su seno y en su corazón. Ella le prestó su vida y su sangre. María es Jesús comenzado. Ella hizo posible la primera navidad y es modelo y cauce para todas las venidas de Dios a los hombres. María, por su fidelidad, es tipo y madre de la Iglesia...

La corona o guirnalda de Adviento, es el primer anuncio de Navidad. La forma circular: El círculo no tiene principio ni fin. Es señal del amor de Dios que es eterno, sin principio y sin fin, y también de nuestro amor a Dios y al prójimo que nunca debe de terminar. Las ramas verdes: Verde es el color de esperanza y vida. Dios quiere que esperemos su gracia, el perdón de los pecados y la gloria eterna al final de nuestras vidas. El anhelo más importante en nuestras vidas debe ser llegar a una unión más estrecha con Dios, nuestro Padre.



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Ministerio de la Palabra: María C. Gutiérrez 916.395.7219

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Virgen de Guadalupe Ramona Cervantes 916.549.8114

Bautismos Diacono Ramírez 916.381.5200

Quiere unirse a nuestros diferentes ministerios, por que "Nuestro bautismo nos llama a compartir la misión de Cristo". Si esta interesado 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.

PLATICAS PRE BAPTISMALES

IMPORTANTE: Durante este mes de Diciembre, las platicas Pre-Bautismales se ofrecerán el TERCER sábado, o sea el 17 de Diciembre, a las 3:45 p.m. en el salón # 8. El cambio es debido a los días festivos de Navidad. Se requiere llegar temprano.

NOTA: Para evitar distracciones, por favor no traiga niños.
Es necesario que pase a la oficina parroquial a registrar el niño/niña que desean bautizar, antes de atender a las platicas pre-bautismales. Horario de oficina: 8: a.m. – 4: p.m. Las personas que venga a clase **Deberá presentar el recibo de la Oficina. IMPORTANTE: Si su hijo/hija es mayor de 6 años, por favor obtenga información con el Diacono Antonio Ramírez**

BAUTISMOS

La celebración del Sacramento del Bautismo, es el primer sábado de cada mes a las **9:45 a.m.**,

Requisitos: Haber atendido los padres y padrinos a las platicas pre-bautismales, Traer comprobante si atendieron en otra parroquia.

Padrinos y Madrinas: Si son pareja, que estén casados en la Iglesia Católica, y haber recibido los Sacramentos de Iniciación Cristiana.

LA GRAN RIFA

La gran Rifa de una TV de 55 pulgadas, 2do premio un Ex-box uno y 3ro premio una ninja licuadora que juega el 18 de Diciembre 2016, el costo del boleto es de \$3 y el libro tiene 20 boletos. Los fondos son para ayuda de la fiesta de la Virgen de Guadalupe y pagar la deuda del Edificio de Educación Religiosa.

PAN Y PECES

Las personas de Pan y Peces están pidiendo los siguientes artículos y los pueden dejar en el almacén del 1351 North C Street, de Lunes a Viernes, horas 7:00 am. —3:00 pm,. También pueden traer sus donaciones a la oficina de la parroquia y alguien los llevaran por usted a Pan y Peces (Loaves and Fishes).

Pases de autobús, Zapatos tenis para adultos no muy usados, cepillos de dientes, pasta dental pequeñas, A medida que el invierno se aproxima la necesidad de calcetines y carpas se convierte en una necesidad primordial para estas personas que no tienen un techo, también toallitas para bebés, bolsas de libros para estudiantes, estampillas de correo, Café molido.

Comida, collares, portadores de animales, mantas, etc. para perros y mascotas para ayudar a los clientes.

El otoño finalmente esta aquí ya no mas calor del verano. A medida que los invitados entran en el área de Pan y Peces hay tantas historias de amor, peligro, dolor, sufrimiento, esperanza y esfuerzo.

Pan y Peces han creado un nuevo sitio in el webside, donde se pueden leer las historias que tienen lugar todos los días en Pan y Peces. Por favor visite: <http://stories.sacloaves.org>

¡Ayuda durante los días festivos!

Se necesita mucha ayuda y esta es su oportunidad.

Comida de acción de gracias

Toy Drive, Medias de Navidad

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EL BAZAR DE NAVIDAD

Como años anteriores la primera semana de Diciembre, 3 y 4 es el bazar Navideño y este año habrá diferentes variedades de artículos de Navidad, ya que las personas que las venden son especializados en estas manualidades. El Sábado se abre desde 10-am-7pm.

Cena el Sábado 3 de Diciembre después de la misa de 4:pm. Y Domingo habrá desayunos de 8:30—11:00 am, por parte de los caballeros de Colon y de 11:30-a 3:00 p.m., almuerzo por la Comunidad Hispana, con variedad de antojitos.

Todos están invitados a participar en este evento..

Se estarán tomando fotos de Santa por el precio de \$5 y habrá mucho mas.

FIESTA DE LA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE

El tiempo corre rápidamente y la fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe que es el 12 de Diciembre esta aquí. Quiere participar en la preparación de este evento favor de comunicarse con la Señora Ramona Cervantes al teléfono # 916-549-8114 o al teléfono de la Catequesis # 916-383-6719 y dejar su mensaje y el numero de teléfono para comunicarnos con usted. Gracias.