

ST. PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH



DECEMBER 11, 2016

THIRD 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
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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
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Martha's Daughters	Ja'net Blea	916.284.2008
Art & Environment Ministry		
Eucharistic Ministry		
Hospitality Ministry	Ja'net Blea	916.284.2008
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Music Ministry		

Caregiving Ministries and Groups

Bereavement Ministry		
Health Ministry	Clara Heimericks	916.689.3932
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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: 12/12 AMELIA SAN MIGUEL †**
Requested by Juan San Miguel
- TUES: 12/13 MASS OF THANKSGIVING**
Requested by Adela Gaunia
- WED: 12/ 14 LUCITA A. ESPINO †**
Requested by Maria Luisa Isaac
- THURS: 12/15 MASS OF SPECIAL INTENTION FOR OFELIA WAYNE**
Requested by Dan Wayne

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The barren deserts will rejoice and flower. Tired bodies will receive strength. Aching hearts will be made glad (Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10).

Psalms — Lord, come and save us (Psalm 146).

Second Reading — Be patient, for the coming of the Lord is as sure as the rain (James 5:7-10).

Gospel — Tell of what you hear and see: The blind regain their vision, the crippled their movement, the deaf their hearing (Matthew 11:2-11).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
- 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 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 7:18b-23
- Thursday: Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b; Lk 7:24-30
- Friday: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Jn 5:33-36
- Saturday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
- Sunday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent
- Monday: Our Lady of Guadalupe
- Tuesday: St. Lucy
- Wednesday: St. John of the Cross
- Friday: *Las Posadas* begins

THE THREE COMINGS OF ADVENT

There are three distinct comings of the Lord of which I know, His coming to humankind, His coming into humankind, and His coming against humankind.

—St. Bernard: *Third Sermon for Advent*

December 11, 2016

Third Sunday of Advent

Those whom the Lord has ransomed will return and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy
= Isaiah 35:10a

A SEASON OF HOPE

Today we can bask in the imagery that the Mass readings offer us. In particular, Isaiah's vision of a parched land that blooms with abundant flowers holds a message for each of us. Too often we are just like that parched land. We can allow ourselves to become absorbed in the waves of consumerism that grip so many. We look for fulfillment in the things that money can buy. Unfortunately, this leaves us like parched land, thirsting for something that money can't buy. This holy season has much to offer to quench our thirsts. In a word, this season offers hope. We are told that those who are ransomed by God will know joy and gladness. For them, sorrow and mourning will be no more. Let us place our hope in these promises.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

When the ties of affection and authority that bound Europe's Catholics unraveled in the sixteenth century, many cultures lost time-honored customs of faith. Some customs proved to be especially difficult for the reformers to wrest away from the people, especially those celebrated in the home. This week in Sweden, a country where the Catholic Church was disestablished four hundred years ago, a Catholic martyr from Sicily is the most beloved figure. St. Lucia, Lucy, is celebrated on December 13. The long-story-short is that Lucy was a Christian whose father wanted to marry her off to a pagan fellow, and she rejected her father's authority. To make an example of her, her father had her killed. In the course of the brutal martyrdom, Lucy lost her beautiful eyes, but her vision was miraculously restored. The candles worn today by the eldest daughter of the family are tokens of the fire that refused to harm the saint. So this patroness of light and clear vision is revered on the shortest, darkest days of the Nordic winter. Before the reform of the Gregorian calendar in the sixteenth century, December 13 was the winter solstice.

Today, young girls appear in the morning wearing lighted candles on their crowned heads (battery-operated now after many mishaps), and serve sweet rolls and coffee to everyone in the house. For the Swedes, who are not churchgoers, the "Lucias" are the official heralds of the holiday season and a sign of everyone's yearning for more light in this world. Europe once abounded with customs like this; the survival of this custom in Scandinavia is a sign of God's grace, and how fertile the soil is to receive the true message of Advent.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

LOAVES & FISHES

OCTOBER 2016 PROFIT & LOSS

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

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

CDA #172 will be meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of each month in Room 1 at 7 p.m. Ladies, everyone has a unique talent or ability to share - from the gift of gab to the gifts of the Holy Spirit. It is easy! You can do as much or as little in the group as you choose - you chose the projects you are most interested in.

We decide together on **every** aspect of **every** project. We are a likeable bunch of ladies!! We seek to find Christ in the programs we embrace. Regent Nellie Basquez at 916 381-1365 can give you more information if needed.

COLLECTION

	4:00pm	7:30am	49:00am	11:00am	1:00pm	TOTAL
October						
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
20	\$891.00	\$778.00	\$1771.00	\$1134.50	\$687.18	\$5255.68
27	\$1019.00	\$912.00	\$1078.00	\$747.00	\$718.00	\$4474.00

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Offerory	\$ 31,629	\$ 23,812	\$ 7,817
Other Income	\$ 5,476	\$ 31,235	\$(25,759)
Religious Articles & Books	\$ 1,256	\$ 673	\$ 583
Religious Education	\$ 1,680	\$ 4,750	\$ (3,070)
Total Income	\$ 40,041	\$ 60,470.	\$ (20,429)

<u>EXPENSES</u>			
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 14,838	\$ 19,705	\$ (4,867)
Buildings & Grounds	\$ 15,341	\$ 9,932	\$ 5,409
Religious Articles & Books	\$ 1,116	\$ 760	\$ 356
Property Tax & Insurance	\$ 2,615	\$ 2,667	\$ (52)
Parish Programs	\$ 1,438	\$ 5,753	\$ (4,314)
Religious Education	\$ 232	\$	\$ 232

Diocesan Assessment	\$ 5,004	\$ 4,601	\$ 403
Total Ordinary Expenses	\$ 40,585	\$ 43,418	\$ (2,834)
Net Operating Income	\$ (544)	\$ 17,052	\$(17,596)

<u>OTHER INCOME</u>			
Interest	\$ 4	\$	\$ 4
Capitol Campaign & Blding Fund	\$ 19,355	\$ 13,800	\$ 5,555
Diocesan & sp. Coll.	\$ 1,037	\$	\$ 1,037
Total Other Income	\$ 20,396	\$ 13,800	\$ 6,596

<u>OTHER EXPENSES</u>			
Interest	\$	\$ 1,691	\$ (1,691)
Diocesan & Special Collections	\$ 1,037	\$	\$ 1,037
Capital Fund Drive	\$	\$ 13,925	\$ (13,925)
Youth Group	\$ -	\$	\$
Total Other Expenses	\$ 1,037	\$ 15,616	\$ (14,579)
Net Other Income	\$ 19,359	\$ (1,816)	\$ 21,175.
NET INCOME	\$ 18,815	\$ 15,236	\$ 3,580

SECOND COLLECTIONS

January 7/8

.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.

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.

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Donuts and Coffee



The Knights will be hosting donuts on the Sun days in December 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.

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.

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 |

FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS

Wed. December 28, the annual Feast of the Holy Innocents Candlelight Rosary Procession and Mass will meet at 5:00pm at the steps of the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament and pray for the sanctity of life as we walk to Our Lady of Guadalupe Church for concelebrated Mass at 6:00pm.

This March for Life commemorates those male infants of Bethlehem who were killed by decree of King Herod, as well as those innocent unborn babies lost by abortion today. Bring your family, sing with the St. Mary choir, and walk to Mass praying the rosary. Candles will be provided. Carpools will shuttle people back to their cars. Dress warmly and bring umbrellas if needed. For more information please contact Leticia (916)519-0417.

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 | Conner Sommerfield |
| 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>

DIOCESAN JOB OPENINGS

Front Desk Receptionist

Full time position—Monday through Friday. Candidate must be a practicing Catholic, proficient in English and Spanish, Microsoft Word and Outlook, and have excellent telephone and customer skills.

Administrative Assistant

The Tribunal Office has an immediate opening for a full time position. This position works cooperatively with the Moderator, Judicial Vice, Tribunal Judges and other members of the Tribunal Staff, and must be fluent in English and Spanish.

Background Check clerk

Part time—20 hours. This person is responsible for maintenance and operation of the fingerprint/background screening program.

Interested? Please email a short over letter with resume to personnel@scd.org.

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.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

The whole community is invited to celebrate and participate in the celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Virgin of Guadalupe Serenade:

A bilingual representation of the apparitions of Our Lady of Guadalupe 6:00am December 12 followed by a reception in the parish hall with hot chocolate, coffee and Mexican bread.

Holy Mass at 6:00pm with the offering of flowers from the children

Reception to follow in the Parish Hall, with a Mariachi band and Mexican food. You are all invited.

CAMP PENDOLA

Camp Pendola is hiring for Summer 2017. Applications for positions are now being accepted. Camp Pendola is looking for energetic people to work with children ages six to seventeen in a Catholic outdoor setting. Staff positions begin in early June and finish the 2nd week in August. Staff lives at Camp Pendola for the summer, and must be at least 18 years old. Positions include counselors, kitchen staff, health center staff and program staff. For more information go to:

www.pendola.org/employment.

MINISTERS NEEDED!

If you would like to join our group of dedicated ministers we would be happy to welcome you.

We are in need of Lectors, (Ministers of the Word) for Mass. and Ministers to the Ill and Homebound and Eucharistic Ministers.

Please call the office 381-5200 for further information.

Tercer Domingo de Adviento

11 de diciembre, 2016

TIEMPO DE ESPERANZA

Hoy podemos deleitarnos con el simbolismo que las lecturas de la misa nos ofrecen. En especial, la visión de Isaías de una tierra sedienta que florece en abundancia contiene un mensaje para cada uno de nosotros. La mayoría de las veces somos como esa tierra sedienta. Dejamos que las olas del consumismo, que se apoderan de tantos, nos absorban. Buscamos realizarnos en las cosas que el dinero puede comprar. Lamentablemente, esto nos deja como una tierra baldía, sedienta de algo que el dinero no puede comprar. Este tiempo sagrado tiene mucho que ofrecer para saciar nuestra sed. En una palabra, este tiempo ofrece esperanza. Se nos dice que los rescatados por Dios conocerán el gozo y la dicha. Para ellos, la pena y la aflicción habrán terminado. Tenemos esperanza en estas promesas.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — ¡Estén fuertes, no teman! Su Dios viene a salvarlos. Los redimidos del Señor serán coronados con alegría eterna (Isaías 35:1-6a, 10).

Salmo — Ven, Señor, a salvarnos (Salmo 146 [145])

Segunda lectura — Sean también pacientes y valientes porque la venida del Señor está cerca (Santiago 5:7-10).

Evangelio — “¿Eres tú el que debe venir o tenemos que esperar a otro?” Jesús les contestó, “Vayan y cuéntenle a Juan lo que han visto y oído” (Mateo 11:2-11).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

- Lunes: Zac 2:14-17 o Apo 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lc 1:26-38 o Lc 1:39-47, o cualquier lectura del Común de Santa María Virgen.
- 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):9ab, 10-14; Lc 7:18b-23
- Jueves: Is 54:1-10; Sal 30 (29):2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b; Lc 7:24-30
- Viernes: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Sal 67 (66):2-3, 5, 7-8; Jn 5:33-36
- Sábado: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Sal 72 (71):1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
- Domingo: Is 7:10-14; Sal 24 (23):1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

VIGILANDO Y ESPERANDO

En su amor, Cristo nos concede ahora prepararnos con alegría al misterio de su nacimiento, para encontrarnos así, cuando llegue, velando en oración y cantando su alabanza.

—Adaptado del *Misal Romano*, Prefacio II de Adviento

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Muchos conocemos la historia de la Virgen de Guadalupe en el Tepeyac, pero ignoramos que en Extremadura, España ya había una imagen de la Virgen con el nombre de Guadalupe. En 1252, la Virgen se le apareció al campesino Gil Cordero pidiéndole que trajera a los sacerdotes del pueblo para que escarbaran al lado del Guadalupe (río escondido). Al hacerlo, encontraron una pequeña estatua morena de la misma Virgen. Esta imagen, según la documentación enterrada con ella, la cual también relata su origen, fue escondida durante el ataque de los moros en el año 711.

Había sido un regalo del Papa Gregorio Magno al obispo de Sevilla después de que había resultado milagrosa. Su primer milagro fue el salvar al pueblo romano de una plaga en el año 591. Cuando la llevaron en procesión alrededor del castillo papal se apareció un arcángel que luego terminó la plaga.

Esta misma imagen fue un regalo al Papa Pelagio II traída de Constantinopla donde había sido trasladada con los restos del evangelista san Lucas en el siglo IV. Estaba con los restos de este santo porque él mismo la había esculpido en el primer siglo.

PALABRAS DE NUESTRA SENORA A JUAN DIEGO

“No se turbe tu corazón; no temas esa enfermedad, ni ninguna otra enfermedad o angustia. ¿No estoy yo aquí? ¿No soy tu Madre? ¿No estás bajo mi sombra? ¿No soy yo tu salud? ¿No estás por ventura en mi regazo? ¿Qué más has de menester? No te apene ni te inquiete otra cosa”.

TERCER TIEMPO DE ADVIENTO

Cuando el Antiguo Testamento veía el desierto como lugar geográfico, lo consideraba como la tierra que "Dios no ha bendecido", lugar, de tentación, de aridez, de desolación. Este concepto cambió cuando Yahveh hizo pasar a su pueblo por el desierto antes de introducirlo en la tierra prometida. A partir de entonces, el desierto evoca, sobre todo, una etapa decisiva de la historia de la salvación: el nacimiento y la constitución del pueblo de Dios. El desierto se convierte en el lugar del "tránsito", del Éxodo, el lugar que se debe pasar cuando uno sale de la esclavitud de Egipto y se dirige a la tierra prometida. El camino del desierto no es, en sentido estricto, el camino más corto entre el punto de salida y el punto de llegada. Lo importante, sin embargo, es comprender que ése es el camino de salvación que Dios elige expresamente para su pueblo: en el desierto Yahveh lo purifica, le da la ley, le ofrece innumerables pruebas de su amor y fidelidad. El desierto se convierte, según el Deuteronomio (Dt 8,2ss 15-18), en el tiempo maravilloso de la solicitud paterna de Dios. Cuando el profeta Isaías habla del desierto florido expresa esta convicción: Dios siempre cuida de su pueblo y, en las pruebas de este lugar desolado, lo alimenta con el maná que baja del cielo y con el agua que brota de la roca, lo conforta con su presencia y compañía hasta tal punto que el desierto empieza a florecer.



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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 BAUTISMALES

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

Ya estamos llegando al final para hacer la 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.

CAMINATA POR LA VIDA

Caminata por la vida, todavía tenemos boletos disponibles para el autobús que sale de San Pablo hacia la Costa Oeste 2017 Walk for Life, en San Francisco. Únase a nosotros, el sábado 21 de enero de 2017 para este evento anual. Las entradas para el autobús son \$ 18.00. Para más detalles contacte Charlene Valine 798-3339.

ATENCIÓN CFF / RCIA FAMILIAS ADOLESCENTES

Este evento está aprobado para las horas de servicio comunitario de CFF

NOVENA DE SIMBANG GABI

– SIMBANG GABI es una de las tradiciones filipinas más populares. Es cuando las iglesias católicas de todo el país comienzan una novena de nueve días a la Santísima Madre. La novena comienza el 15 de diciembre y culmina con la "Misa de Gallo" para recibir el nacimiento de nuestro Salvador Jesucristo.

El origen remonta 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, ya que la Iglesia no podía dar cabida a la gran multitud. En los tiempos antiguos la masa del pre-amanecer es anunciada por el sonido de las campanas de la iglesia.

La tradición de Simbang Gabi continúa. Es un momento significativo no sólo porque fortalece las relaciones entre los miembros de la familia, sino también porque es el momento en que nuestra fe se intensifica. Es una preparación espiritual para la Navidad, el nacimiento de Jesucristo. En México se llaman posadas que se hace en la iglesia con la familia, amigos y vecinos.

Le invitamos a unirse a nosotros en esta novena de nueve días a partir del 15 de diciembre. Empieza a las 6:00 p.m. con el rosario, Misa y luego una pequeña recepción. A la comunidad hispana nos corresponde el 15 Al Comité Hispanos (gente Puente) y el 20 Catequistas. Los esperamos,

MINISTERIO DE JUSTICIA SOCIAL

Calcetines y Lonas o Colchonetas

Las personas que no tienen un techo están en la necesidad de protegerse del invierno que viene con lluvia y mucho frio la ayuda de calcetines y lonas se convierte en una máxima ayuda cuando usted está viviendo en la calle, debe parecer un lujo. Si usted quisiera donar los "calcetines del tubo" trabajará para los hombres y las mujeres. La necesidad de que las lonas se pongan en el suelo, o de ser utilizadas por los sin techo para protegerse de la lluvia.

Por favor ponga sus artículos donados en los contenedores en las entradas de la Iglesia, estos son proporcionados por el Ministerio de Justicia Social.

SEGUNDA COLECTA

Diciembre 10/11 Fondo de Retiro para Religiosos

Estos fondos son religiosos cuyo ministerio ha nutrido nuestra fe, sirvió a nuestra iglesia y fortaleció a nuestra nación. Estos religiosos tienen más de 70 años. Sus institutos enfrentan desafíos económicos críticos del costo de la atención medica y de vivienda accesible para discapacitados.