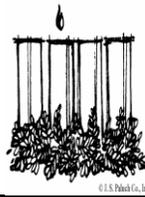


First Sunday of Advent December 2, 2018



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I will raise up for David a just shoot; he shall do what is right and just in the land.

— Jeremiah 33:15

✦ Mass Intentions ~ St. John the Baptist ✦

Sat 1	7:30a	Disciples of Jesus & Mary Worldwide
	5:00p	✦ Maria Sullivan by George & Anita Rafe
Spanish	7:00p	Hector Bonilla (living b'day) by Josie Bonilla
		✦ Charles S. Crabtree
Sun 2	8:00a	✦ Maria Asunción Garcia by Victor & Lula
	10:00a	✦ Greg Vugrenes by Jane & Bob Ilokowicz
Spanish	12:00p	Godinez Family (living) by Gloria Godinez
	5:00p	People of the Parish
Mon 3	7:30a	NO MASS
	6:00p	NO MASS
Tues 4	7:30a	Mickey Ellen & Living Family by Disciples of Jesus & Mary
	6:00p	Tom Gallagher (living) by Pickering Family
Wed 5	7:30a	✦ Richard Vercruyssen by Rene Vercruyssen
	6:00p	Caitlin Crete (living b'day) by Matt & Keri Crete
Thur 6	7:30a	Fr. Mike Ritter (living) by Disciples of Jesus & Mary
	6:00p	Matt & Keri Crete (living wedding anniversary)
Fri 7	8:30a	Camp Fire Victims
	6:00p	✦ Amelia Izaguirre by Carmen Jauregui
Sat 8	7:30a	✦ Richard Vercruyssen by Vercruyssen Family
	5:00p	People of the Parish
Spanish	7:00p	Miguel Angel Mendiola (living b'day)
		America Zaragoza (living b'day) by Marta Mercado
✦ Mass Intentions – St. James ✦		
Sun 2	9:00a	Candice Grandstaff (living b'day) by Matt & Keri Crete

Operating Income & Expense (updated weekly)

	Received	Needed	Shortfall
Offertory Collection Sunday, November 25, 2018			
St John's	\$10,526	\$11,600	\$1,074
St James	\$882	\$850	
	\$11,408	\$12,450	\$1,042

Catholic Campaign for Human

Development Collection: \$2,117

Thank you...may your faithful generosity bring you blessings of joy, for the Bible says, "God loves a cheerful giver!"

✦ PARISH NEWS ✦

From our Pastor:

Saturday, December 8th is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary and a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be a bilingual vigil Mass on Friday, December 7th at 6pm and a Mass on Saturday Morning (December 8th) at 7:30am. Please note the 5 & 7pm Masses on December 8th are Vigil Masses for the Second Sunday of Advent and are not Masses for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.

Thanks!
Fr. Mike

Advent/Christmas Preparation Opportunities

Feast of Immaculate Conception

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Vigil mass – Friday, Dec., 7th at 6pm Bilingual
Feast Day Masses- Saturday, Dec., 8th 7:30am

Advent Penance Service:

Mon. Dec. 17th - 6:00pm in the church
NO MORNING OR EVENING MASS

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Wednesday December 12th 6:00am & 6:00pm Mass
(Spanish) – reception to follow in the gym

Posadas: Dec. 16th-23th - 6:30pm-9pm in the gym

Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve: 5pm English, 7pm Spanish, Midnight

Christmas Day: 8am, 10am (English)

Noon (Spanish) no evening mass

St James Mission Church - Durham

Christmas Eve: 5:30pm - No Christmas Day Mass

Holy Hour of Reparation

Friday, December 7th - 7pm-8pm in the church

We welcome all parishioners and community members from St. Thomas More Parish in Paradise. We continue to extend our prayers and support

Angel Tree Ministry: Once again it's that time of year for the Annual Christmas Angel Tree for the children of parents who are in prison. The Angel Tree will be available today after the mass. Please pick up a tag and return your wrapped gift along with the tag to the parish office by December 13th.

Parish Bulletin Submissions: The holidays are fast approaching and with shorter work days, we need all Christmas and New Year's bulletin announcements earlier. Please submit announcements for Dec. 23 bulletin by Wed., Dec 12th at 10am, and Dec. 30th bulletin by Mon., Dec 17., at 10am.

Please join the 8am Sunday Mass Choir: We are looking for choir members, sopranos, altos, tenor and bass. This is a joyful ministry. We have a wide range of ability, so don't be shy! Practice is Tuesday nights at 6:30 and Sunday morning at 7:30am before 8:00am Mass. For further information please call Michele Jordan at (510) 590-3390 or George Wing at (530) 432-4472. Or just show up for practice.

ESL Classes for Adults: will begin Tuesday, January 15, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at Notre Dame School. Students can sign up after the 12:00 noon Spanish masses beginning December 9 or call the church office 530 343 8741. There will be a beginning and an intermediate group. Questions can be directed to instructors Yvonne Freeman 956 358 7741 or Yolanda Holt 530 518 3988.

Catholic Ladies Relief Society #3 North Valley Week of Giving: thanks to all of you who have been bringing in food or sending us donations! If you have been planning to financially donate to our Food Locker, and would like to do so through the "Week of Giving" sponsored by the North Valley Catholic Foundation. The Campaign runs from Nov., 26 – Dec., 3rd 2018. In order to participate, your donation must be done online at nvweekofgiving.org. (The foundation's goal is to encourage folks to use the internet to make donations.)

The Rite of Christian Initiation News



As we prepare our hearts to receive the Christ Child this Advent Season, let us remember that we can give no better gift to others than Jesus, the Word made flesh. Give the gift of the invitation to become Catholic to someone you know who may be considering entering into a deeper relationship with Christ. Perhaps you could invite them to attend Mass with you during Advent or Christmas.

RCIA inquirers are always welcome! Please call the office at 343-8741, check out our website at stjohnthebaptist.org, or email Lori Smith at avemaria003@gmail.com for more information about becoming Catholic. It's never too late to join us!

Please keep in your prayers:

Camp Fire Victims and Relief Efforts

Cindy Jacobs

Adam Fideli

Maria Lopez

Special Intention

Raquel Zamudio-Hernandez, for the repose of her soul

Steven John Muders, for the repose of his soul

Charles Lambert, for the repose of his soul

If you or someone you know needs prayer please contact the parish office (530)343-8741 or email your requests to stjohn33@sbcglobal.net. The names will remain in the list for 3 weeks.

Library Hours

Sundays - 9am to noon Fridays – 8am to 10am

The Parish Library will be open as usual after 8 am and 10 am Masses. We welcome our friends from Paradise to come and visit our library - we have an excellent selection of books and DVD's. **Hospitality will be held in the gym today; hosted by our wonderful Knights of Columbus!**

Thank you for your response to our "rosary drive". We are always in need of rosaries; we have many requests for them!

Some of our new materials include the book **The Power of Silence**, an interview with Robert Cardinal Sarah, giving us reflections on the importance of recovering silence in our own lives and rediscovering the presence of God, the beauty of creation and the nature of our mission as disciples. Peter Kreeft says of this book: "Africa produces the most passionate Catholics, and the happiest people, even in terrible external circumstances. Here is a book by an African cardinal about a simple but profound mine shaft to deep happiness."

From the Living History Library series we have two new historical novels for ages 10 and up. **Victory on the Walls** is the intriguing story of Nehemiah told through the eyes of his nephew. **The Red Falcon of Tremoine** is another adventure story about a fifteen year-old boy seeking his heritage during the period of the Crusades.

Need a little peace and beauty? Two of our older videos might be just what you need! **Giotto, His Life and Art** is a beautiful documentary on the the life and artistic production of Giotto. **Picturing Mary** is a DVD that visits museums, chapels and cathedrals in eight countries to view rare and sacred masterpieces portraying Mary by Michelangelo, Rembrandt, Caravaggio and many others.

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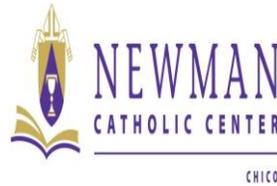


Adoration Chapel



Please consider watching just one hour with the Lord. Please call Denise Marine (530)520-4176 or Javier Lopez (530)566-0358 for more information, to find out about empty time slots and sign up for an hour.

✦ NEWMAN CENTER CORNER ✦



Young adult age college students are welcome to join us for all weekly activities.

Are you in college? Come say hi to Newman this week!

346 Cherry St, Chico, CA 95928

email: campusminister@chiconewman.org

DIVINE MERCY YOUTH GROUP

Youth Minister *Tanner Sheffield*
(530) 218-7771



The Asociation Guadalupana extends an invitation to all parish members to the celebration in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

December 3rd thru 11th: Novena and Rosary after the 6:00pm Mass.

December 12th: Mañanitas (serenade) 5:00am in the church followed by mass.

Solemn Mass at 6:00pm - celebration following the Mass. There will be delicious Mexican Food, and Folk Dance in the gym.

✦ FORMED ✦

All parishioners at St. John's are encouraged to make use of our subscription to FORMED- the best Catholic content- all in one place! If you have not yet been to the site, go to stjohnthebaptist.formed.org and click "Register". Enter your name, email address and desired passcode.

PICK OF THE WEEK

Prepare the Way of the King - By Dr. Scott Hahn
Ready Your Heart this Advent: Your Advent journey will take on new meaning as you prepare your heart for the birth of our Lord. This illuminating presentation is sure to help you grow in appreciation of the greatest gift ever given to mankind-Jesus Christ.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 2:1-5; 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: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
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: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Sunday: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Occasionally, someone raises a surprised complaint that while Christmas arrives on Santa's sleigh at the Macy's parade on Thanksgiving Day, the Church doesn't catch on too fast. They may even say that Advent is a new-fangled idea. Not so. To trace its beginnings, we have to go back to the fourth or fifth century in France (then Gaul), when Epiphany was the favored day, next to Easter, for baptism. The old pagan structures of Rome were collapsing then, and many people sought to be baptized. Since adults always prepared for baptism by fasting, folks counted back a few weeks for a kind of retreat. Before too long, bishops were advising everyone to attend church frequently beginning on December 17. Soon, artists were imagining ways of expressing the Advent mystery, and in Italy this gave rise to beautiful mosaics of empty thrones awaiting the arrival of the Lord of all creation.

Advent as we know it develops on two separate tracks: the first having to do with our spiritual preparation for celebrating the Christmas feast, and the second having to do with the way this is organized and expressed in the liturgical readings and prayers every day of the season.