

First Sunday of Advent December 2, 2018

PASTORS CORNER

As we know from experience, it is very easy to get lost in all the preparations and parties that we never really think about the purpose of Advent. How important it is for us to stay focused and to be intentional about the faith dimension of what we are about and to take a bit of time to reflect on what we are really called to do. I want to encourage all of us to Keep Christ in Advent so that we can Keep Christ in Christmas.

I spent several Advents/Christmastimes in a small town in Costa Rica with a wonderful family I have become close friends with over the years. There was a beautiful simplicity in the whole season and faith and family were central. It wasn't so much about giving gifts, except for the children, but it was about celebrating the gifts that we already have: the gift of faith and the gift of the love that we share. Being a North American, the simplicity of it all greatly impressed me...not to mention the wonderful Costa Rican tamales!!!

Jesus, in the Gospel this weekend, exhorts us to not become drowsy in our faith, getting distracted by all the trappings of what happens in our culture. He wants us to remain focused on His First Coming, His Second Coming, and all the obvious and not so obvious ways He comes to us in the ordinary circumstances of our daily lives. Perhaps this email I received may help us:

WARNING!!! Be on the alert for symptoms of inner **Hope, Peace, Joy and Love**. The hearts of a great many have already been exposed to this virus and it is possible that people everywhere could come down with it in epidemic proportions. This could pose a serious threat to what has, up to now, been a fairly stable condition of conflict in the world.

Some signs and symptoms of **The Advent Virus**:

- A tendency to think and act spontaneously rather than on fears based on past experiences.
- An unmistakable ability to enjoy each moment.
- A loss of interest in judging other people.
- A loss of interest in interpreting the actions of others.
- A loss of interest in conflict.
- A loss of the ability to worry. (This is a very serious symptom.)
- Frequent, overwhelming episodes of appreciation.
- Contented feelings of connectedness with others and nature.
- Frequent attacks of smiling.
- An increasing tendency to let things happen rather than make them happen.
- An increased susceptibility to the love extended by others as well as the uncontrollable urge to extend it.

You must know that this virus is highly contagious, but unlike any other virus that we all would like to avoid, please generously share this particular virus without reserve and do it for the Love of Jesus!

Fr. Bill

DAILY MASS READINGS

- Monday:** *Saint Francis Xavier, Priest (Memorial)*
Isaiah 2:1-5; Matthew 8:5-11
- Tuesday:** *Advent Weekday*
Isaiah 11:1-10; Luke 10:21-24
- Wednesday:** *Advent Weekday*
Isaiah 25:6-10a; Matthew 15:29-37
- Thursday:** *Advent Weekday*
Isaiah 26:1-6; Matthew 7:21, 24-27
- Friday:** *Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (Memorial)*
Isaiah 29:17-24; Matthew 9:27-31
- Saturday:** *The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
Genesis 3:9-15, 20; Luke 1:26-38
- Sunday:** *Second Sunday of Advent*
Baruch 5:1-9; Luke 3:1-6

This Week's Program Schedule

Monday, December 3

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| 8:00AM | Mass | Church |
| 8:30AM | Rosary | Church |
| 8:30AM | Bible Study | Lounge |
| 6:00PM | Adoration/Reconciliation | Church |

Tuesday, December 4

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| 8:00AM | Mass | Church |
| 8:30AM | Rosary | Church |
| 6:30PM | Squires | Lounge |

Wednesday, December 5

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| 1:00PM | Mass @ CSUS Bizini Hall, Rm 113 | |
| 4:00-5:00PM | 1 st Session CRE | Church |
| 5:15-6:30PM | 2 nd Session CRE | Church |
| 6:45-8:00PM | 3 rd Session CRE | Church |

Thursday, December 6

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| 2:00PM | Elder Committee | Conf. Rm |
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Friday, December 7

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| 4:30PM | Vigil Mass | Church |
| 6:15PM | Prayer Group | Lounge |

Saturday, December 8 ~ A Holy Day of Obligation ~ Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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| 8:30AM | Mass | Church |
| 3:30PM | Reconciliation | Church |
| 5:00PM | Mass | Church |

Sunday, December 9

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| 9:00AM | Mass | Church |
| 6:00PM | Mass | Church |
| 7:15PM | CSA | Church |

Something for our Children!

Can you unscramble the following words from today's Gospel?

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AHTRE	ASE	VSAEW

Answers on the next page→

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Give back to the Lord a sacrifice, a share of what the Lord has so generously given to you.

Sunday's Offertory: \$ 5,980.74
CCHD/Retirement for Religious: \$ 2,716.01

MASS INTENTIONS

5:00PM Saturday, December 1 John Fleece†
9:00AM Sunday, December 2 All Saints Community
6:00PM Sunday, December 2 Mary & Carmina Vaz†
8:00AM Monday, December 3 Lucille Latronica†
8:00AM Tuesday, December 4 Bob Nunes†
4:30PM Friday, December 7 Dr. W. & Maria Dorozynsky†

THIS WEEKEND'S 2ND COLLECTION will be for the benefit of our *Building Fund*. Thank you and God bless you for your continued generosity!

ANGEL TREE: You may select an angel from the tree to provide a gift for a child in need. Turlock Together distributes gifts for children ages 0-10. United Samaritans distributes gifts to children ages 10-17. Please return your **unwrapped gifts** to the office by **December 17**.

TURLOCK TOGETHER: Each year Turlock businesses and agencies combine their efforts to collect toys and food for needy families in Turlock. A receptacle has been placed in our church lobby to collect your **non-perishable food** donations. Sign-ups for families in need are at the Salvation Army, 893 Lander Avenue from Monday, November 26 to Friday, December 7, from 9AM-6:00PM for a food basket and toys for their children. Distribution will take place on Saturday, **December 22**.

NATIVITY PLAY: We are seeking children ages 5 and up who would be interested in participating in a Nativity Play during the 5:00PM Christmas Eve Children's Mass. There will be speaking and nonspeaking parts. **First practice is scheduled for December 9 after the 9:00am mass.** Please meet in the church. If your child wants to participate, contact the office at 669-0473.

HOLIDAY BAKE SALE: YLI Queen of Faith Institute #254 will hold a bake sale after all masses on December 15 and 16. Proceeds will be for the Seminarians. God bless you for your generosity!

LIFETOUCH PORTRAITS: Please be sure to sign up for a photography session for the new parish directory. You will receive a free 8x10 photo and a directory. There will be different photo package options available for purchase, however, no purchase is necessary. Sign-ups will be after each of the masses throughout December. The photo sessions will take place on January 17, 18, 21, and 22 at 1-8pm. There will also be a Saturday session on January 19 at 9:30-4:30. There will be an automated call from the office going out on December 6 with more information. You can also sign up online at: <https://booknow-lifetouch.appt-plus.com/yk1669jg/>.

This week's helpers include ...

Altar Linens ~ Regina deBos
Children's Liturgy ~ Kathleen Cole
Hospitality ~ The Mitre Family

Thank you and God bless you for your unselfish service!

PUZZLE SOLUTIONS: SUN, MOON, STARS, EARTH, SEA, WAVES. *How did you do?*

TIPS FOR TITHING

We are to return a portion of our treasure, time and talent to God as an expression of our thankfulness for all of God's blessings, for all that we have comes from God.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

A Holy Day of Obligation

Saturday, December 8

Masses: Friday, December 7 @ 4:30pm

Saturday, December 8 @ 8:30am

SPECIAL PRAYERS

Please pray for our sick community members and friends:

<i>Gustavo Delgadillo</i>	<i>Ed H</i>	<i>William Jackson</i>
<i>Carol Parks</i>	<i>Linda Seymour</i>	<i>Flynn Hillman</i>
<i>Thelma Tamis</i>	<i>Tim Grahn</i>	<i>Pamela Hall</i>
<i>Henny van Warmerdam</i>	<i>Bill Nixon</i>	<i>Emil T.</i>
<i>Patti & Tom Scott</i>	<i>Yvonne Riley</i>	<i>Joe Parolini</i>
<i>Danny Thompson</i>	<i>Purita Canada</i>	<i>Linda Climaco</i>
<i>Joann DiGiovanni</i>	<i>Linda Butler</i>	<i>Betty Nunes</i>
<i>Benigna Fabillar</i>	<i>Joe Nguyen</i>	<i>Cody Hein</i>
<i>Taylor Holt</i>	<i>Kayla Castro</i>	<i>Toni M.</i>
<i>Everett Castro</i>	<i>Mary Farinha</i>	<i>Chase O.</i>
<i>Julio Lucas</i>	<i>Ken Hara</i>	<i>Melissa...</i>
<i>Robert A. France</i>	<i>Mark B.</i>	<i>Rita Yonan</i>

Your special prayers for these and others suffering from illness are gratefully appreciated. Thank you and God bless you!

Notify the office if you have anyone you would like to place on our list of persons in need of prayer due to illness. So that space will always be available for your loved ones, names will be kept on our list for three months. (However, your prayer requests can be renewed.)

CATHOLIC STUDENT'S ASSOCIATION (CSA)

Sunday, December 2: CSA will be meeting in the lounge at 7:15pm.

THE FACTOR

Monday, December 3: The Factor will be meeting at the church at 6:30pm. All students 8th-12th grades are welcome.

RCIA

Any adult wishing to embrace the Catholic faith or any Catholic wishing to be confirmed should contact Michael Fuller by calling the church office at 669-0473.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE PILGRIMAGE: Most Reverend Myron J. Cotta invites the community to the 38th Annual Diocesan Celebration in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Sunday, **December 9**. Procession begins at 12 Noon at St. Mary's Church, 203 E. Washington St., Stockton. Pilgrims will process through downtown to the Stockton Sports Arena for Mass, presided by Bishop Cotta at 2:15pm. For information, contact the Office of Hispanic Ministry at (209) 466-0636.

NEXT WEEKEND'S 2ND COLLECTION will be for the benefit of our *Community Assistance Fund*. Thank you and God bless you for your continued generosity!

2019 WALL CALENDARS: Please take an All Saints 2019 wall calendar home for your family.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

<i>St. Joachim, Newman</i>	<i>December 4 @ 7:00pm</i>
<i>All Saints, Turlock</i>	<i>December 10 @ 7:00pm</i>
<i>Our Lady of the Assumption, Turlock</i>	<i>December 12 @ 6:30pm</i>
<i>Sacred Heart, Patterson</i>	<i>December 14 @ 7:00pm</i>
<i>Sacred Heart, Turlock</i>	<i>December 19 @ 7:00pm</i>