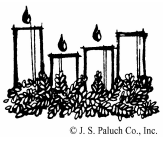


Third Sunday of Advent December 17, 2017



✦ Mass Intentions ~ St. John the Baptist ✦

Sat 16	7:30a	✦Alex Vergara by Anna LaRossa
	5:00p	Martha Henry (living) by Debbie Rosales
Spanish	7:00p	People of Parish
Sun 17	8:00a	✦Dorothy Schmitt by Jane & Bob Ilukowicz
	10:00a	Peloso Family(living) by Chavez Family
Spanish	12:00p	✦Michelle Taylor by Mom
	5:00p	✦Christiane Morgan by Cathy Kragel
Mon 18	7:30a	Victims of drunk of driving by Liz Cervenka
	6:00p	✦Joan Jack by Teresa Detweiler
Tues 19	7:30a	✦Tom Dermody
	6:00p	✦Marge Flynn by Pam Bailey
Wed 20	7:30a	✦Cecilia Chaidez by Myles & Adrienne Pustejovsky
	6:00p	✦Ana and Arnulfo Roldan by Karina Roldan
Thur 21	7:30a	✦Francisco and Maria Luisa Garcia by Maria Shahid
	6:00p	✦Manuel Morgado by Marlene Shanks
Fri 22	8:30a	Diocese of Sacramento
	6:00p	✦Lawrence Fernandes
Sat 23	7:30a	Dave Monroe (living)
Spanish	5:00p	✦Maria Drumond by Joe & Bernice Toste
	7:00p	✦Fidel Guillen Chavez by Maria Guillen Liliana Leon (living bday)

✦ Mass Intentions – St. James ✦

Sun 17	9:00a	✦William Murphy by Patricia Murphy
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Operating Income & Expense (updated weekly)

	Received	Needed	Shortfall
Offertory Collection Sunday, December 10, 2017			
St John's	\$12,306	\$11,700	\$0
St James	\$ 389	\$700	\$311
	\$12,695	\$12,400	\$0

Religious Retirement: 3,565

Fr. Jason Clark email: fr.jclark@gmail.com

ADVENT HOLY HOUR
(with Praise and Worship)!

All are invited to prepare for the coming of the Lord! St. John's is having an **Advent Holy Hour** immediately following the 5 pm Mass on **Sunday, Dec. 17, from 6-7 p.m.** Worship music will be provided by Grace Reid and Tanner Sheffield. Come spend an hour with Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament...Come, let us adore Him!

FYI: there will be NO 5:30pm confessions or 6pm Mass on Thursday, December 21th. Notre Dame School will be hosting their Annual Christmas Program.



The 2017 Walk for Life West Coast: will be Saturday, January 27. We have 1 bus leaving from the parish at **5:45am and returning at 6:00pm.** This is an all-day event so pack food, wear comfortable shoes,

and we recommend layers for clothing. We will stop for dinner on the way home. The recommended price is \$35 per person we also have family discounts. Please realize that this is a long day and each person should be able to walk approximately 2.5 miles. All ages are welcome, there is room for strollers on the bus and we love having whole families join us! For more information call or text Denise Marine at (530)520-4176 or email wego@sbcglobal.net.

The Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas are BOTH Holy Days of obligation. Parishes that normally have Sunday night Masses are replacing them with Christmas Eve Masses. It is important to note that attending Mass on Christmas Eve does NOT fulfill the obligation to attend Mass on the Fourth Sunday of Advent. January 1, 2018 which is also a Monday, is a Solemnity, but NOT a Holy Day of Obligation.

Help the Homeless Our Parish will be collecting items to make goodie bags for the homeless. With your help we are hoping to make bags for 350 persons. You can bring items like: gloves, scarfs, hats, flannel shirts (different sizes), tooth brush & toothpaste, antibacterial wipes or gel, granola bars, socks. You can drop off the items in boxes in the vestibule after each mass starting next weekend or in the Parish office during office hours. The goal is to take & distribute the goody bags on January 8th. Your help is really appreciated.

Please keep in your prayers:



Sally Stoner

Sally Morris, for her healing

Joe Felipe, for his healing

Fr. Thomas Dermody, for the repose of his soul

Jim Overholt for the repose of his soul

Christine C. Griggs, for the repose of her soul

Sylvia Goldman, for the repose of her soul

Barbara Sutthoff, for the repose of her soul

Cecelia Chaidez, for the repose of her 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

Friday - 8:00am-10:00am

Sunday - 9:00am-12:00pm

The library has a wonderful collection of books and DVDs about Advent and Christmas. If you can't make it over today, what with the gala festivities at the rectory, we are open on Fridays from 8-10 a.m. and Sundays after both the 8 and 10 a.m. Mass. Drop in and say hello.

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. 17th bulletin by Mon., Dec 11th at 10am, Dec. 24th bulletin by Mon., Dec. 18th by 10am, and Dec. 31st bulletin by Thur., Dec. 21nd at 10am.

Christmas Flowers: We are accepting donations for flowers. Your donation may be in honor of a loved one, or in thanksgiving. The envelopes are in the vestibule in the back of the church. Please return donation envelopes to the parish office or put them into the collection basket.



The Knights of Columbus: Fourth degree will be hosting their annual Sees Candy Sale to support their scholarship program. Members of the Knights will be outside after the masses today and every Saturday and Sunday till Christmas.

Adoration Chapel



There is something you can do to save the world! Pray. We are the body of Christ what we do for ourselves we do for all, the bad and the good. We are all sinners and have been called to make reparation, in doing so we also help those that have passed before us. Let us all joyfully go before the Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament and offer ourselves in prayer for the healing of all souls.

"Pray, pray very much, and make sacrifices for sinners; for many souls go to hell, because there are none to sacrifice themselves and pray for them."

Our Lady of Fatima to Lucia.

Open times needing coverage:

Monday 5PM; Tuesday 1 AM, 2AM, 3AM, 5PM; Wednesdays 2 AM; Thursdays 12 AM, 1 AM, 2 AM, 4 AM, 7PM, 9PM; Friday 12 AM, 1 AM, 5 PM. Please call Denise Marine (530)520-4176 or Javier Lopez (530)566-0358.

✧ 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 FORMED.org/register in order to register. Type in our parish code: E4K93C (case sensitive). If you are already a registered user, it is not necessary to put the code in each time you access the site- just remember your username and password! Below are suggestions of pertinent content for this week that you will want to check out!

PICK OF THE WEEK

Mary of Nazareth

Who was Mary, Mother of the Messiah? Experience life with Christ through the eyes of his mother in this beautiful film capturing Mary's special role in God's plan for our redemption, her unique relationship with Jesus, and the mysterious joys and sufferings she encountered with deep love, profound humility, and unwavering faith.



The preparations for Christmas include buying or making gifts for those whom we love. You can give no better gift than the gift that God has given to us: his Son, Jesus! Invite someone who is not Catholic to attend Mass with you during the Christmas season. For more information about becoming Catholic please call the office at 343-8741, check out our website at stjohnthebaptist.org, or email Lori Smith at avemaria003@gmail.com. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the way for adults to inquire about becoming Catholic. It is for those who have never been baptized or who have been baptized in a non-Catholic Christian tradition, as well as adult Catholics who have never received First Communion and/or Confirmation. RCIA Inquirers are always welcome. It's never too late to join us!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
Thursday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Friday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

Liturgy of the Hours III



Youth Director

Tanner Sheffield

- Wednesday - No RCIT for finals week
Thursday - Jr. High Christmas Party - 6:30-8:00
Friday - High School Christmas Party - 6:30-8:00
Good Luck on finals!!



St. James in Durham presents: 25th Annual Children's Christmas Pageant
Everyone is invited this Thursday December 21st at 6pm.

REJOICE

Isaiah proclaims truly good news to us! God's coming brings not sadness, guilt, fear, wrath, or condemnation. No, God's coming is a source of comfort and joy. Saying it once is not enough, for today's readings are full of joy. Mary's Magnificat substitutes for our psalm today, and our second reading encourages us to rejoice, to give thanks and praise. This is the root meaning of the Greek word for eucharist. We are urged to rejoice and give thanks, because the coming of the Lord brings joy, healing, liberty, release, vindication. It makes the very earth spring up with new life! Good tidings!

Feast of the Holy Innocents Candlelight Procession and Mass

On Thursday, December 28, Bishop Jaime Soto will lead the annual Feast of the Holy Innocents Candlelight Rosary Procession and Mass. We will meet at 6:00 p.m. at the steps of the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament (11th & K) and pray for the sanctity of life as we walk to Our Lady of Guadalupe (7th & T) for Mass at 7:00 p.m. 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 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.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - As a garden makes its growth spring up, so will GOD make justice spring up before all the nations (Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11).

Psalm - My soul rejoices in my God (Luke 1:46-50, 53-54).

Second Reading - Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good (1 Thessalonians 5:16-24).

Gospel - I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord (John 1:6-8, 19-28).

