

ST. PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 21, 2014

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Deacon— Antonio Ramirez

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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</i> <i>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.	Sr. Katrina Quidlat	916.381.5200
Catholic Faith Formation	Aracely Narvaez	916.383.6719
Spanish Coordinators	Maria Consuelo Gutierrez	
RCIA for Adults	Phil De Leon	916.607.1645
RCIA for Children	Emilia Caoagas	916.849.5617
RCIA for Teens	Imelda Nanca	916.412-1904
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	Paz Cajucom	916.682.8437
Vocation Committee	Frances Gomes	916.421.0300
Families in Christ Jesus	Imelda Nanca	916.714.0547

Social Ministries and Groups

Christmas Fair	Call the office	916.381.5200
Fall Festival	Heimericks/Cervantes	926.689.3932
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	Virgie Monteagudo	916.682.6397

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	Lennie Heimericks	916.689.3932

Liturgical Ministries

Sacristan	Bob Benton	916.425.7037
Youth Altar Servers Ministry		
Adult Altar Servers Ministry		
Martha's Daughters	Zulema McCulloch	916.689.1626
Art & Environment Ministry	Becky Sliwa	916.381.5200
Eucharistic Ministry		
Hospitality Ministry	Ja'net Blea	916.284.2008
Ministry of the Word	Shirley Brown	916.612.7023
Ministry Sick and Homebound	Karen Hurskainen	916.688.0332
Music Ministry	Erica NaRanong	916.667.8088

Caregiving Ministries and Groups

Bereavement Ministry	Clara Heimericks	916.689.3932
Health Ministry	Clara Heimericks	916.689.3932
Loaves and Fishes Ministry	Diane Welsh	916.682.7810
Social Justice Ministry	Lorraine Latreille	916.363.0365
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	Dylan Pletcher	916.683.8276

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: 12/22 ELIZABETH MANCINI †
Requested by Ann Arnold

TUES: 12/23 MASS OF THANKSGIVING
Requested by Amy Jarin

WED: 12/24 CHRISTMAS EVE

THURS: 12/25 CHRISTMAS DAY

FRI: 12/26 MASS OF SPECIAL INTENTION
Requested by Daniel Asistin

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I will fix a place for my people.
(2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16).

Psalms — For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord
(Psalm 89).

Second Reading — To the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be glory forever and ever (Romans 16:25-27).

Gospel — Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word (Luke 1:26-38).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd;
Lk 1:46-56

Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14;
Lk 1:57-66

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5,
27, 29; Lk 1:67-79

Thursday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29;
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14;
Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12;
Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6;
Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

Friday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab,
16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

Saturday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a,
2-8

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps
128:1-5
or Ps 105:1-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or
Hb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]

POINSETTIAS NEEDED!

If you would like to add to the church's decorations this Christmas by bringing some Poinsettias, please bring them to the rectory any time after December 21st. We will be decorating the church that week.

December 21, 2014
Third Sunday of Advent
The child to be born will be called holy,
The Son of God. -Luke 1:35

ECHOING MARY'S DECISION

The angel Gabriel today confronts Mary with a mystery. The mystery of salvation in Christ is not a mystery that is solved, but a reality beyond our comprehension that we must choose to enter into. In the liturgy of the Eastern Church, everyone waits to see if Mary will enter into the mystery: God waits, Adam and Eve and all the souls of the dead who long for paradise wait, angels wait for new heavenly companions. And there is much rejoicing when her decision is "yes."

We have less dramatic choices offered to us, but the mystery of our salvation in Christ is by no means "solved." We may understand it a bit better due to Mary's "yes." We may be a bit closer to it through the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. But it still remains a mystery to which we all must give our own "yes." Soon we will be singing "O come, let us adore him." May our Advent prayer, our echo of Mary's "yes," continue then, so we may enter into the mystery of our salvation in Jesus Christ, God among us

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

By the year 800, when anointing was defined as the proper office of priests, very complicated rituals began to take shape. Perhaps this was to reassure the laity, who had memories of an earlier practice, that the new way was not only better, but impossible for a layperson to conduct. Blessings and sprinkling of holy water, the singing of as many as seven psalms, penance, anointing of all the senses, viaticum, all capped off by the clothing of the sick person in penitential garments, were part of the rite. This proved unwieldy, and creative spirits got to work. By the 1500s people made distinctions between visiting the sick, anointing, and viaticum.

The attempt of the Church to be faithful to the image of a healing Christ has some complicated history, including centuries when the celebration was rare. Most sick people had no access to the rites at all; only monastics or the well-off had much hope of this care. Today, those unhappy days are long behind us, and the care of the sick is an essential task in every parish's life. As Christmas approaches almost everyone comes in contact with someone who is a candidate for pastoral care. You live out the best of our tradition when you arrange for a sick person to receive Holy Communion or the sacrament of the sick and the consolation of regular contact with the faith community.



*To all our parish family may
we wish you a blessed, peaceful
and happy Christmas!*

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Jesse Giving Tree Gifts

If you have taken an envelope from the Jesse Giving Tree to buy a Christmas gift for a child in our parish, please be sure to bring your gifts to the church, or the parish office by Sunday, December 14th. The families will be picking up their gifts that week.

As mentioned in the instructions that were in the envelopes, it is most important that the coded card be with your unwrapped gift.

Your kindness toward families who are struggling this Christmas season is appreciated. Thank you!

Thank you for the Books.

To all who brought children's books for the Thanksgiving Food boxes, thank you. They were handed out with the food baskets. Members of the Social Justice Ministry were able to give out over 70 books. Thank you for your thoughtfulness!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Come by the Parish Hall and share in fellowship over coffee and donuts on Sunday mornings between 8:30am and 11:00am. We will have coffee and donuts all the Sundays in December.

Mark your calendars now for the Knights Crab Feed. The date this year is Saturday, February 14th. Make this Valentine's Day a memorable one by bringing your sweetheart to the best crab feed in Sacramento. Watch the Parish bulletin to see when tickets go on sale and get them early. Last year's Crab Feed was a complete sell out!

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 Phil De Leon at (916) 607-1645.

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,

Aurelio Navarettte, Teodora Estonilo, Luciana Orta, Esther Carraso, Buddy Clegg., Teresa Olivia & Joaquina Arrizon, Martina Hernandez, Lyle Pratt & Roger Loteyro. May they rest in peace and let perpetual light shine upon them. For more information please call Clara at 689-3932, or the rectory 381-5200.

SICK PARISHIONERS & FRIENDS

Pray for sick family members, friends and parishioners.

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| Priscilla Wong | Gertie Davis | Daniel Labrado |
| Helen Gallagher | Teresa Ziegler | Ellen Yee |
| Victoria Vasilescu | Michael Judd | Kay Green-Sutton |
| Frances Hurskainen | Terry Sanchez | Erin Mann |
| Daryl Stallworth | Luc Kimia | Elio Chicca |
| Laura Guilford | Mauricio Vargas | Gregory Judd |
| Nora Ignacio | Maria Elizabeth Soriano | Dorene Schlim... |
| Doreathea Viltz | Jack Steele | Sam Butler |
| John Jastraub | Frank Farrell | Debra Adams |
| Shirley Robinson | Rodulfo Reyes | Michael White |
| Aurora Nicandro | Rita Chicca | Clothilde Harris |
| Lorraine Schaefer | Merle Eugene Kirk | James Pettigrew |
| Jessica Lintag | Wendy Patnode | Allbert Rembulat |
| Sonio Reyes | Benjamin Ferrer | Jean AbeliaRose |
| John Rideaux | Monica Cordero | Malone Grey |
| Sandy Burgoon | Rodrigo Reyes | Phil Miller |
| Audrey Falls | Ottie Allen | Fr. John Cain |
| Dorothy Butler | Virginia Collier | Rose Malone Grey |
| Bernadette Carrasca | Tommy Zawalick | |
| Iris Sims | Jean Hesse | |

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Wed. December 24th Christmas Eve

- 3:30pm Children's Play
- 4:00pm Mass
- 7:00pm Mass
- 10:00pm Mass (Carols at 9:00pm)



Thurs. December 25th—Christmas Day

- 9:00am Mass
- 11:00am Mass
- 1:00pm Spanish Mass

Wed: December 31st—New Year's Eve

- 5:00pm Mass

Thurs: Jan. 1st—New Year's Day

- 11:00am English Mass
- 1:00pm Spanish Mass

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.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

PASTORAL COUNCIL

OCTOBER —Profit & Loss Statement

Pastoral Council met Nov. 17, 2014, and welcomed new members, Ja'net Blea, Theresa Nartey and Phil De Leon. Thank you for accepting Fr. Joyle's invitation to serve on the Pastoral Council.

Fr. Joyle reported on the result of Prop. 47, which was approved by voters, Some counties are already implementing the new law. This proposition was supported by all the Bishops in California.

Dale Yamamoto reported that the Luau Dinner had a net profit of \$4,828 to be added to the Church's General Fund.

Fr. Joyle had a meeting with the Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist to explain the changes in the distribution of Holy Communion. These changes come into effect December 1, 2014. Fr. Joyle also will reiterate to the parishioners the correct way to receive the Body and Blood of Christ.

Fr. Joyle reported the Day of Remembrance was well attended.

The Knights of Columbus collected turkeys and non perishable food for the Annual Food Basket Giveaway. This year Food Link was unable to help, so we depended on the generosity of our parishioners to help fill the 250 baskets.

The Pastoral Council will sponsor a photo booth for Children and their families in this year's Christmas Fair to have their picture taken with Santa.

St. Paul Feast Day is January 17th. Beth Velasco is chairing this event.

Sister Kathy has been hired as our Part-time Youth Minister. New youth leaders were recruited and eager to start the New Year with Youth Day on January 1 2015.

Paul Pham suggested a Certificate of Appreciation be given to council members who have recently served and "retired" from the Council.

Next meeting Jan. 20, 2015.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

December 13/14

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.

January 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.

INCOME

Offeratory	\$ 24,898.34
Other Income	10,431.54
Religious Articles & Books	692.24
Religious Education	900.00

TOTAL INCOME \$ 37,012.12

EXPENSES

Salaries & benefits	\$ 17,115.20
Buildings & Grounds	14,357.70
Religious Articles & Books	543.20
Property Tax & Insurance	2,422.26
Parish Programs	5,215.54
Religious Education	1,081.80
Diocesan Assessment	5,125.00

TOTAL ORDINARY EXPENSES \$ 45,860.70

Net Operating income \$(8,848.58)

OTHER INCOME

Interest	.44
Capitol Campaign & Bldgfund	\$ 11,529.86
Diocesan & Spec, coll.	3,473.50
Total Other Income	\$ 15,003.80

OTHER EXPENSES

Interest	\$	
Diocesan & Spec. coll		3,498.50
Capital Expenditures		
Capital Fund Dr		2,879.64
TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES	\$	6,378.14

Net Other Income \$ 8,625.66

Net Income \$ (222.92)

◆ Difference = actual-budget

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Ordinary income was budgeted to be a loss for this month of \$7,423.83.

The loss of \$8,848.58 exceeded the budget.

The loss above budget is attributable primarily to the offertory being \$1,424.75 below budgeted expectations.

COLLECTION

	4:00pm	7:30am	9:00am	11:00am	1:00pm	TOTAL
Nov						
2	\$1307.00	\$1412.00	\$1549.00	\$1768.00	\$681.35	\$6717.35
9	\$1012.00	\$965.00	\$1402.00	\$1199.00	\$630.05	\$5208.05
16	\$1210.00	\$769.00	\$1724.00	\$1044.00	\$889.34	\$5636.34
23	\$ 988.00	\$ 976.00	\$1527.00	\$ 916.00	\$645.99	\$5054.99
30	\$1251.00	\$859.00	\$1397.00	\$1220.00	\$568.95	\$5295.95

DECEMBER REFLECTION

“ADVENTUS”

As we begin the festive holiday season, let us remind ourselves to set time aside to prepare for the coming of the holy season of Christmas. We should not allow the busyness of this time of year to distract us from focusing on the importance of being spiritually prepared for the Coming of the Lord. This season of preparation called Advent is to help prepare and guide us to the holy and glorious season of Christmas.

There are times during Advent when we need help to keep things in perspective. There is one person who can assist us prepare, this person is, none other than, Our Lady. She personally and wholeheartedly prepared herself for the coming of the Messiah. She did so by faithful obedience in seeking God’s will in her life, she became the Mother of her long awaited Savior.

As we reflect and prayerfully anticipate the coming of Christ, we are reminded during Advent that we are honored to have two Marian feasts in December: the Immaculate Conception and Our Lady of Guadalupe. Within these two great celebrations Our Lady journeys with us to Bethlehem, the City of David, known as “the house of bread.” It is at the manger that we encounter the “Bread of Life: the Christ Child. This Jesus, who is Love Incarnate, gives us the gift of himself which we receive and consume into our lives. Brothers and sisters, may our Lady of Bethlehem help us this “Adventus” to prepare for the coming of her son Jesus, he who is Emmanuel, “ God with us!”

A Blessed Advent and Christmas Season to one and all!

*“Let us live justly and devoutly in this age, as we await the blessed hope and coming of the glory of our great God.”
Timothy 2:12-13.*

Auxiliary Bishop Myron J. Cotta

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

December 6 &7 the parish hall was filled with the Christmas Spirit for our annual Christmas Bazaar. We had tables sponsored by our various ministries, and lots of Christmas music and gifts and goodies galore to choose from. We had a nice meal on Saturday night, breakfast sponsored by the Knights of Columbus on Sunday, and lunch on Sunday sponsored by the Spanish community.

The Health & Bereavement sponsored a wonderful variety of baskets to win, our winners were: Loretta Howes, Chocolate Lover’s Delight: Janet Malindog, Family Game Night: David Santos New Year’s Eve Party Pack: Ron Eck, Family Movie Knight and Alicia Davis won the Sacramento Kings Event.

Thank you to everyone who made our Christmas Bazaar a great success. We raised over \$6,000.00 for our parish, for general expenses. Thank you again and God Bless.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CENTER INPUT

On the second Tuesday of every month the Social Justice Ministry meets in Room 1 of the Religious Education Center. The members review the activities that they have undertaken, or sponsored during the previous month, and plan for future months. This ministry serves as the Parish resource on social issues and services. They support the Pro-Life 4 Life Ministry, provide emergency funds for parishioners, collect baby items, clothing and shoes for families in need, and assist with the purchasing and distribution of Thanksgiving Food Baskets. Their annual Christmas project is very noticeable in the vestibule of the church. The Jesse Giving Tree enables parishioners to provide a gift for children in need at Christmas time.

If you are interested in helping others in need, or participating in supporting the Catholic view of social issues you should consider joining this ministry. You can find out more by calling Lorraine Latreille at (916) 363-0365, or joining the Ministry at their meeting on January 12, which starts at 12:30pm

PRO LIFE 4 LIFE

Join us for the Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco, on Saturday, January 24th 2015. Tickets for the St. Paul bus are \$15.00. This event is sponsored by Pro-Life 4 Life and Knights of Columbus. For details contact Charlene Valine at 798-3339.

Attention CFF/RCIA Teen families—this event is approved for CFF Community Service Hours.

HOLIDAY HELP

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.

Also needed is dog food and winter pet supplies to help our guests and their pets this winter—pet food, collars, carriers, blankets, etc.

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 | Isaiah Mohr | Martin Sinlao |
| Jay Candaso | Gregorio Rodriguez | Sergio Pineda |
| Mark Candaso | Roel C.. Dones | Ariel Rollins |
| Norbert Mendiola Jr. | Ricardo G. | Don Carlo Geroche |
| Reynato Ancheta | Cervantes | John Marc James |
| Jeffrey Yazel | Stephen Rich | Ruben N. Libed |
| Daniel Roy Ryan | Janae Santos | Nilo Uy Villaluna Jr. |
| Robert Brich II | Brian Vergith | Don Jamosles |

Cuarto Domingo de Adviento 21 de diciembre de 2014

IMITAR LA DECISION DE MARIA

El ángel Gabriel hoy le presenta a María un misterio. El misterio de salvación en Cristo no es un misterio que se pueda resolver, sino una realidad más allá de nuestro entendimiento en la cual nos decidimos a participar. En la liturgia de la Iglesia Oriental, todos esperan para ver si María participará en el misterio: Dios espera, Adán y Eva y todas las almas de los muertos que anhelan el Paraíso esperan, los ángeles esperan tener nuevos compañeros celestiales. Y hay gran regocijo cuando su decisión es un "sí".

A nosotros se nos ofrecen opciones menos dramáticas, pero el misterio de nuestra salvación en Cristo de ningún modo queda "solucionado". Puede que ahora lo entendamos un poco mejor gracias al "sí" de María. Puede que estemos un poco mejor cercanos a él mediante la pasión, muerte y resurrección de Jesucristo. Pero un misterio al cual todos debemos dar nuestro propio "sí". Ya pronto estaremos cantando "Venid y adoremos". Que nuestra oración de Adviento, a imitación del "sí" de María, continúe para que podamos participar en el misterio de nuestra salvación en Jesucristo, Dios-con-nosotros.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — El Señor promete a David que su casa permanecerá para siempre (2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16).

Salmo — Cantaré eternamente las misericordias del Señor (Salmo 89 [88]).

Segunda lectura — Pablo ora para que Dios sea glorificado mediante Jesucristo (Romanos 16:25-27).

Evangelio — El ángel Gabriel anuncia a María que ella concebirá al hijo de Dios (Lucas 1:26-38).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lc 1:46-56
Martes: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Sal 25 (24):4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lc 1:57-66
Miércoles: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Sal 89 (88):2-5, 27, 29; Lc 1:67-79
Jueves: Vigilia: Is 62:1-5; Sal 89 (88):4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Hch 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
Noche: Is 9:1-6; Sal 96 (95):1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lc 2:1-14
Aurora: Is 62:11-12; Sal 97 (96):1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lc 2:15-20
Día: Is 52:7-10; Sal 98 (97):1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
Viernes: Hch 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Sal 31 (30):3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
Sábado: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Sal 97 (96):1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Domingo: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 o Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Sal 128 (27):1-5 o Sal 105 (104):1-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] o Hb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lc 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]

*Feliz Navidad
para usted y su familia*



TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

En el cristianismo hay muchas y variadas imágenes de la escena de la Anunciación narrada por Lucas (1:26-38). Casi siempre se ve al ángel Gabriel que, bajando del cielo, se acerca a la Virgen María. La jovencita, a veces está trabajando, pero casi siempre está en oración o leyendo la Sagrada Escritura. Ella se voltea para ver al ángel, quien normalmente apunta hacia el cielo con un dedo, recordando que su mensaje es de origen divino. Estas imágenes son reconocidas como "La Anunciación" y conmemoran el mensaje anunciado: Jesús.

Hay que ver más allá del ángel y la Virgen en estas imágenes. Es necesario seguir el dedo de Gabriel y ver que Dios se manifiesta en este anuncio. Muchas veces Dios es presentado como el Padre celestial y/o el Espíritu Santo que envía rayos de luz hacia el vientre de la Virgen. A veces en estos rayos se encuentra un pequeño grano de trigo: semilla del Verbo Divino. En esa semillita se encuentra el anuncio verdadero: Dios se hace uno de nosotros. El anuncio es la Encarnación del Hijo de Dios.

MEDITACION

Se llamará Hijo del Altísimo

Muéstrate, dulce infante, traído al mundo por una casta madre, cual niño sin saber de hombre; muéstrate, Mediador, en tu dos naturalezas.

Cuando llegó el tiempo pasados miles de años, Bajaste para visitar este mundo largo tiempo pecador.

Cristo no pudo soportar la idea de que los pueblos se perdieran;

No podía aceptar que la obra de su Padre se quedara en nada

Se convirtió de un cuerpo mortal con el fin de que la Resurrección de nuestra carne alejara de las cadenas de la muerte y nos condujeran hacia el Padre.

¿No sientes, ¡Oh Virgen noble, a pesar de dolorosos presentimientos, como este glorioso nacimiento

Acrescenta el brillo de tu virginidad?

Tu seno purísimo contiene el fruto bendito que va a llenar de alegría a toda criatura.

Por ti nacerá un mundo nuevo,

Aurora de un día reluciente como el oro.

Prudencio, poeta

SEGUNDA COLECTA

Enero 03/04

Fondo de las Obras de San Pablo & Campaña Capital. Esta colecta ayudará a proporcionar fondos para pagar el préstamo por la Diócesis para construir el Centro de Educación Religiosa. Los feligreses que se han comprometido pueden utilizar los sobres de color rosa para cumplir con su promesa.



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MATRIMONIOS Y QUINCEANAS

Para mas información sobre estos eventos por favor comuníquese con el Diacono Antonio Ramirez al 381-5200.

HORARIO DE MISAS

Miércoles 24 de diciembre de Nochebuena

3:30 Presentación de navidad por los Niños

4:00 Misa

7:00 Misa

10:00 Misa (Villancicos a 9:00 pm)

Jueves 25-Diciembre Día de Navidad

9:00 a.m. Misa

11:00 a.m. Misa

1:00 p.m. Misa en español

Jueves día del 1º de enero-Nuevo Año:

11:00 a.m. Misa en Inglés

1:00 p.m. Misa en español

BAUTISMOS

La Navidad es una de las fiestas más importantes del cristianismo y celebra el nacimiento de Jesucristo en Belén. Esta fiesta se festeja el 25 de diciembre por la Iglesia Católica, la Iglesia Anglicana, algunas otras Iglesias protestantes y la Iglesia Ortodoxa Rumana.

Las celebraciones de Navidad en México son una combinación de las tradiciones indígenas con las españolas. La piñata, el nacimiento, las posadas, los reyes magos, las pastorelas, la cena de Navidad y los villancicos son sólo algunas de las costumbres. A finales de noviembre, las calles de las ciudades son decoradas con adornos navideños.

En Sur América la Navidad es motivo de encuentros familiares, brindis por la paz y la prosperidad, interpretación de música especial y preparación de elaborados manjares y bebidas. Pero lo más importante es el mensaje que encierra esta festividad **El cumpleaños de Jesús y su misión en nuestras vidas ser evangelizadores de la Buena Nueva.**

PRO VIDA

Una vez más, únase a nosotros para la Caminata de la Costa Oeste en San Francisco el sábado, 24 de enero de 2015. por la Vida de inocentes que mueren diariamente. Los boletos para el autobús que sale de San Pablo son de \$15. Este evento es patrocinado por Pro-Vida 4 y Caballeros de Colón. Para obtener más información póngase en contacto con Charlene Valina 798-3339. Atención familias de los Adolescentes CFF / RCIA - este evento está aprobado por CFF para hacer horas de servicio comunitario.

PANES Y PECES

Seamos solidarios con nuestros hermanos sin hogar, compartir en estas festividades Navideñas es amar a Dios, como Jesús nos enseñó dar un poquito de lo poquito que tenemos, pero de corazón para la comunidad de Panes y Peces que están en mucha necesidad de: comidas enlatada, leche en polvo, jugos y para este tiempo de invierno ellos necesitan chamarras, guantes, pantalones, gorros, etc. que sirvan para estas noches heladas.

Para niños y bebes cobijas, pañales desechables, mitones, leche para biberones, comptas etc.

Tambien juguetes para los niños de esas familias.

Favor de traerlo a la rectoría de la Iglesia de 8-4 p.m., y los hacemos llegar a ellos por usted.

Echa un vistazo a la página web en www.sacloaves.org/holiday para todos los detalles y fechas..

PLATICAS PRE-BAUTISMALES

Las platicas para padres y padrinos, se ofrecen el ultimo sábado de cada mes, en el salón de clase # 8. Se requiere llegar a tiempo. Es necesario que pase a la oficina parroquial a registrar el niño que desea bautizar, antes de atender a las platicas pre-bautismales

BAUTISMOS

La celebración del Sacramento del Bautismo, es el primer sábado de cada mes a las **10:00 a.m.**

Requisitos: Haber atendido los padres y padrinos a las platicas pre-bautismales. Traer comprobante si atendieron otra parroquia. **Padrino/Madrina**, que sean Católicos, que estén casados en la Iglesia Católica, si son solteros haber recibido los Sacramentos de Iniciación Cristiana y ser mayores de 16 años.

FIESTA DEL CANGREJO

Marque su calendario ahora para que puedan asistir a esta celebración del Cangrejo, patrocinada por los caballeros de Colon. La fecha será el sábado, 14 de febrero. Tambien ese es día de San Valentín que será inolvidable de traer a su pareja a comer este plato exquisito de cangrejo, en la Iglesia de San Pablo salón parroquial. Boletos estaran a la venta a mediados de Enero. Tambien para los padres de niños de Confirmación que quieren acabar sus horas comunitarias esta es su oportunidad