

ST. PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH



DECEMBER 24, 2017

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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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. Ma. Elizabeth U. Siguenza RVM	916.381.5200
Catholic Faith Formation	Aracely Narvaez	916.383.6719
Spanish Coordinators	Maria Consuelo Gutierrez	
RCIA for Adults	Angie Lovett	916.803.6463
RCIA for Children	Emilia Caoagas	916.849.5617
RCIA for Teens	Imelda Nanca	916.402-1904
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		916.381.5200
Legion of Mary	Norma Bolante	916.688.8769
Vocation Committee	Frances Gomes	916.421.0300
Families in Christ Jesus	Angie Lovett	916.803.6463

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	Dale Yamamoto	916.257.3323
Finance Council	Jerry Fong	916.689-9418

Liturgical Ministries

Sacristan		
Youth Altar Servers Ministry	Alex Plam	916.381.5200
Adult Altar Servers Ministry		
Martha's Daughters	Ja'net Blea	916.284.2008
Art & Environment Ministry		
Eucharistic Ministry		
Hospitality Ministry	Ja'net Blea	916.284.2008
Ministry of the Word	Shirley Brown	916.612.7023
Ministry Sick and Homebound	Dale & Kit Yamamoto	916.895.1441
Music Ministry	Jackie Loret de Mola	916-914-9936

Caregiving Ministries and Groups

Bereavement Ministry	Ja'net Blea	916-284.2008
Health Ministry	Clara Heimericks	916.689.3932
Loaves and Fishes Ministry	Diane Welsh	916.682.7810
Social Justice Ministry	Diane Welsh	916.682.7810
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	Enrique Loret de Mola	916.730.8780

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 12/25

CHRISTMAS DAY

MARY MENDOZA †

Requested by Bereave-
ment Ministry

ELIZABETH MANCINI †

Requested by Ann Arnold



December 24, 2017

Fourth Sunday of Advent

The child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God.

—Luke 1:35

GOD'S PROMISE

The lengthy passage from Samuel is a wonderful exposition of God's promise to the house of David: that his throne would forever be gloriously occupied by his descendants. Hidden in the mystery of the prophecy is the promise of the Savior, the Messiah, Son of God and Son of David. The prophet Nathan, speaking in God's name, poetically turns around David's plan to build a house for God, and announces God's plan to build a "house," that is, a dynasty for David. From this house of David will come the Messiah, the Christ, not in kingly splendor as David ruled, but as a humble man, destined to rule forever and over all. When God gives a gift, it's amazing what we are given—so different from what we ever could have imagined.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I will fix a place for my people. I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance (2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16).

Psalm — 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).

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITIONS

Children of the parish are somewhat focused on Santa Claus these days, who is keeping an eye on who's naughty and who's nice. Santa Claus, with his heavenly patron Saint Nicholas, has been more or less in charge of gift-giving to American children for a hundred years or so. In other places, perhaps more attentive to our Christian tradition, there are different gift-bearers. In Greece, Saint Basil delivers the presents on his feast day, December 31, and makes sure everyone is sprinkled with holy water. The Baby Jesus is in charge elsewhere, called the *Christkind* in Austria and Belgium, *El Niño Jesús* in Columbia, and *Le Petit Jesus* in France, where he shares his duties with *Père Noël*. In the Czech Republic almost everyone is atheist, but *Ježíšek*, the infant Jesus, brings gifts to one and all. In Poland the "Star Man" is said to bring the gifts, although often he turns out to be the village priest in disguise. Saint Nicholas, not his Americanized cousin, is the giver in Holland, where he wears a bishop's miter, and in Russia, where he wears a bishop's crown. Soviet Russia tried to dethrone Saint Nicholas and promote Grandfather Frost, but no one was much fooled by this attempt to squeeze religion out of Christ's birth. One country has a saintly woman in charge of the gifts, Saint Lucy, honored in Sweden on December 13, when children serve their parents breakfast in bed, and others awake to news that they have been nominated for a Nobel Prize. Some children have a second round of gifts on Epiphany, when the magi assume the gift-giving duties. In general, the gifts of Christmas are simple pleasures, not great heaps of treasures. Once upon a time, a new pair of socks or an orange was enough for us. No matter what gifts we receive, all of them are to point us to the true gift, and the true giver.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 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]
During the 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]

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

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

Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18

Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40

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]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent
Monday: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
Tuesday: St. Stephen; Kwanzaa begins
Wednesday: St. John
Thursday: The Holy Innocents
Friday: Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Thomas Becket
Saturday: Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

SECOND COLLECTION

OCTOBER 2017 PROFIT & LOSS

Jan 6/7 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.

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,

Florencia Racimo, William Paraoan, Julieta Parmelee Frank Farrell, Nick Holquin, David Santos. David Salas. Medardo Bejarin, Jesse Rubalcava, Edward Martinez. Nemesio Gaviola Jr. Delbert Mesa Frank Loret de Mola Joe Monteagudo Mary Mendoza Rose De Herrera

LECTORS NEEDED

Lectors are needed for our weekend Masses. If you are interested in joining the ministers in this special ministry we ask you to contact the office (916) 381-5200. We are especially short of ministers at our 4:00pm Saturday Mass.

MASS FOR THE HOMEBOUND

This Christmas morning, and every Sunday, Heart of the Nation will televise Catholic Mass at 6:30am on KSPX (ION) Channel 29, Prayer intentions from viewers, Prayer for Spiritual Communion during distribution of the Holy Eucharist, and closed captioning makes this Mass on TV and online a time of spiritual comfort. To watch this Mass online please visit www.heartofthe.nation.org.

COLLECTION

	4:00pm	7:30am	9:00am	11:00am	1:00pm	TOTAL
November						
19	\$ 880.00	\$ 757.00	\$ 1161.00	\$ 1098.00	\$ 714.67	\$ 4610.67
26	\$ 1078.00	\$ 745.00	\$ 802.00	\$ 1235.00	\$ 772.81	\$ 4631.81
December						
3	\$ 1,560	\$ 1,476.00	\$ 1,794.00	\$ 2,079.00	\$ 688.20	\$ 7,597.00
10	\$ 961.00	\$ 1006.00	\$ 1357.00	\$ 809.00	\$ 915.76	\$ 5048.76
17	\$ 1029.00	\$ 942.00	\$ 1437.00	\$ 1201.00	\$ 788.73	\$ 5397.73

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Offeritory	\$ 32,941	\$ 29,999	\$ 2,942
Other Income	\$ 5,916	\$ 7,211	\$ (1,295)
Religious Articles & Books	\$ 1,305	\$ 1,333	\$ (28)
Religious Education	\$ 4,750	\$ 840	\$ 3,910
Total Income	\$ 44,912	\$ 39,383	\$ 5,528

<u>EXPENSES</u>			
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 20,741	\$ 18,334	\$ 2,408
Buildings & Grounds	\$ 13,111	\$ 13,244	\$ (133)
Religious Articles & Books	\$ 1,116	\$ 922	\$ 195
Property Tax & Insurance	\$ 2,743	\$ 2,368	\$ 375
Parish Programs	\$ 2,477	\$ 2,830	\$ (353)
Religious Education	\$ 0	\$,576	\$ (576)

Diocesan Assessment	\$ 5,004	\$ 4,652	\$ 352
Total Ordinary Expenses	\$ 45,194	\$ 42,925	\$ 2,268

Net Operating Income \$ (282) \$ (3,542) \$ 3,260

OTHER INCOME

Interest	\$ 4	\$ 4	\$ 0
Capitol Campaign & Blding Fund	\$ 14,230	\$ 27,154	\$ (12,294)
Diocesan & sp. Coll.	\$ 1,037	\$ 891	\$ 146
Total Other Income	\$ 15,271	\$ 28,050	\$ (12,779)

OTHER EXPENSES

Interest	\$ 0	0	\$)
Diocesan & Special Collections	\$ 1,037	\$ 891	\$ 146
Capital Fund Drive One Camp	\$ 13,217	\$ 10,000	\$ (3,217)
Youth Group	\$ -	\$ -	
Total Other Expenses	\$ 14,254	\$ 10,891	\$ (3,362)

Net Other Income \$ 1,018 \$ 17,159 \$ (16,141)

NET INCOME \$ 736 \$ 13,617 \$ (12,881)

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



SIMBANG GABI

Annually various ministries are called to support the 9-day novena in preparation of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. We invite you, our parish community to join us in this special novena beginning December 15th.

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.

UPCOMING HOLY DAYS

SUNDAY –December 24—4th Sunday of Advent
Masses 7:30, 9:00, 11:00am and 1:00pm

SUNDAY. December 24th
Christmas Eve

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



MONDAY December 25th—Christmas Day

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

MONDAY Jan. 1st—New Year's Day

10:00am English Mass
1:00pm Spanish Mass

HEALTH MINISTRY

Flu season is here. If you are sick, or think you might be sick, or are concerned about contracting an illness, you should refrain from receiving the Blood of Christ.

Be assured that "since Christ is sacramentally present under each of the species, communion under the species of bread alone makes it possible to receive all the fruit of Eucharistic grace.

SICK PARISHIONERS & FRIENDS

Pray for sick family members, friends and parishioners.

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| Priscilla Wong | Martha Montanez | Elnora Williams |
| Shirley Robinson | Ricardo Campos | Dorothy Butler |
| Lorraine Schaefer | James Solari | Barbara Sules |
| Jessica Lintag | Elizabeth Solari | Bethany Lewis |
| Sandy Burgoon | Maria Lopez | Richard Onia |
| Mauricio Vargas | Raymond Gutierrez | Judy Niedzwiedz |
| Jack Steele | Nilda Medina | Epifania Paez |
| Rodulfo Reyes | Doreathea Viltz | Ed Anderson |
| Monica Cordero | Virginia Thomas | Janelle Flores |
| Rodrigo Reyes | Bernadette Carrasca | Lori Martenia |
| Virginia Collier | Ashley Brackin | Msgr. |
| Jean Hesse | Noah de los Reyes | Ronald Broussard |
| Ed Brooks | Broderick Steele | Eva Rollins |
| Gregory Judd | Juan San Miguel | Chuck Eickhoff |
| Michael Delgado | Peggy Meier-Beyers | Robert Cordero |
| Jackie Martin | Gertie Davis | |

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

We would like to welcome some of our new parishioners to our parish family.

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| Myron & Glenda McClain | Jorge & Rosa Mendoza |
| Jamie & Hortencia Mena | Monica Mojica |
| Gabriel Morales | Jesus & Antonia Narajano |
| Doug & Linda Nguyen | Trong & Mary Nguyen |
| Jorge & Elizabeth Noriega | Armando & Cherise Orozco |
| Miguel & Reyna Orozco | Leo & Maribeth Paclibar |
| Peter & Naomi Peckinpaugh | Sergio & Angelica Pineda |
| Osvaldo & Alma Ramirez | Serafin & Sanjuana Raya |
| Alycia Riggins | Eustaquio & Elizabeth Rodriguez |
| Felipe & Michelle Roque | Jesus & Dolores Santiago |
| Benjamin & Rowena Santos | |

If you are new to our parish we welcome you and encourage you to participate in our ministries. If you have any questions please contact the parish office 381-5200.

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 | Ariel Rollins | Conner Sommerfield |
| Jay Candaso | Don Carlo Gerocho | Arianna Brown |
| Daniel Roy Ryan | John Marc James | Taylor Sommerfield |
| Gregorio Rodriguez | Ruben N. Libed | Justin Broussard |
| Roel C.. Dones | Nilo Uy Villaluna Jr. | Emanuel Cepeda |
| Ricardo Cervantes | Don Jamoles | Maxton Perez |
| Stephen Rich | Ryan Gandy | Landon Perez |
| Janae Santos | Cody Machado | Dannon Perez |
| Brian Vergith | Mark A. Ramos Jr. | Charles Q. Wincey |
| Martin Sinlao | Cameron Lindsay | Q. Wincey |
| Sergio Pineda | Armando Asahan | |

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

ATTENTION LADIES!

We know that everyone of you has a unique talent or ability to share. This is one good reason to join the Catholic Daughters of the Americas at St. Paul Parish.

It is easy, and we meet once a month, 2nd Tuesday at 6:15pm in Classroom of the Religious Education Center. No age limit once you are 18. We are a fellowship of women who enjoy each other's company socially. Our motto is Unity and Charity. Call Nellie Basquez a (916) 381-1365 for more information.

CANDLELIGHT PROCESSION & MASS

You are invited to join us on Thursday, December 28 as Bishop Jaime Soto will lead the annual Feast of the Holy Innocents Candlelight Rosary Procession and Mass. We will meet at 6:00on 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 for Mass at 7:00pm. This March for life commemorates those male infants of Bethlehem who were killed by decree by King Herod, as well as those innocent unborn babies lost by abortion today. Candles will be provided.

LOAVES & FISHES

Loaves and Fishes have made a request for the following items. All can be delivered to the warehouse at 1351 North C St, Mon-Fir 7:00am to3:00pm. You can also leave your donations at the rectory office and we will be glad to take them to Loaves and Fishes for you. Friendship Park is a welcoming area near the dining room serving more poor and homeless people than we could have imagined.

About 53% of them reported disabilities and suffer from bi-polar disorder, severe anxiety or major depression. The simple amenities that Friendship Park offers, warm coffee, free showers, a change of clothes, etc. with a caring staff and volunteers—are a lifeline for people experiencing homelessness.

- Tarps or Tents
 - Sleeping bags
 - Baby Wipes
 - Tampons/Pads/Feminine wipes
 - Hand Warmers
 - Ground Coffee and Coffee Mugs
 - Rain Ponchos
 - All Day Bus Passes (Child & Adult) for School trips
 - Healthy Snacks for School lunches.
- All of your donations will be greatly appreciated.

CHRISTMAS

Donations for Christmas, socks, McDonald coupons, personal hygiene items, etc. All would be appreciated to make this season a little merrier for those living on the streets

DIOCESAN NEWS

Catholic Herald

Do you know someone who has a great faith story for us? Give us the who, what, where and when.

2018 Editorial schedule

		Deadline
Mar / Apr	Keeping children safe	1/12/18
May / June	When natural disaster strikes	3/12/18
July / Aug	The gift of sexuality	5/14/18
Sept / Oct	Permanent diaconate Ministry	7/16/18
Nov Dec	Hopes/dreams of Millennial Catholics	9/12/18

To submit story ideas and news please contact Julie Sly at (916) 733.0175 Jsly@faithcatholic.com

For advertising please contact Cathy Joyce at (916)733.0173 Cjoyce@faithcatholic.com

Deaf Ministry

Fr. Paul Zirimenya, Deaf Chaplain, will celebrate Mass in ASL on Saturday, December 23rd at the Newman Center, located at 5300 Newman Ct. A special Christmas celebration with food, entertainment and children's activities is planned.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Coffee & Donuts



The Knights will be serving coffee and donuts on Sundays in, December. All the proceeds from the coffee and donuts go to support the youth of our parish.

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.

Free Throw Championship

The Knights are hosting a Free Throw Championship for boys and girls between the ages of 9-14. The event will take place Jan 14, 2018 in the parish hall at 1:30pm. Be sure to complete an application—this can be found in the main vestibule of the church, or go on the church website for an online application. Proof of age is required. Questions?

Contact Brent Baginski at (916)-502-5637.

Cuarto Domingo de Adviento

24 de diciembre 2017

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LA PROMESA DE DIOS

El largo pasaje de Samuel expone de manera maravillosa la promesa de Dios a la dinastía de David: que su trono siempre estaría ocupado gloriosamente por sus descendientes. Oculta en el misterio de la profecía está la promesa del Salvador, el Mesías, Hijo de Dios e Hijo de David. El profeta Natán, quien habla en nombre de Dios, desbarata poéticamente el plan de David de construir una casa para Dios y anuncia que el plan de Dios es construir una "casa", una dinastía, para David. De esta dinastía de David provendrá el Mesías, el Cristo, quien no llegará con el esplendor majestuoso con el que reinó David, sino que vendrá como un hombre humilde, que gobernará por los siglos de los siglos. Cuando Dios hace un regalo; lo que recibimos es asombroso: es muy distinto a lo que podríamos haber imaginado.

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: **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; Tit 2:11-14; Lc 2:1-14
Aurora: Is 62:11-12; Sal 97 (96):1, 6, 11-12; Tit 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]

Martes: Hch 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Sal 31 (30):3cd-9; Mt 10:17-22

Miércoles: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Sal 97 (96):1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Jueves: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Sal 124 (123):2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18

Viernes: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Sal 96 (95):1-3, 5b-6; Lc 2:22-35

Sábado: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Sal 96 (95):7-10; Lc 2:36-40

Domingo: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Sal 89 (88):2-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lc 1:26-38

Luces y Sombras

En la Navidad, Dios asume nuestra historia para iluminarla con su amor. La oscuridad del dolor ve un rayo de esperanza. Las tinieblas de la tristeza son rasgadas por un destello de luz. La turbia mirada ante la vida es desplazada por la contemplación esperanzada

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

De las muchas tradiciones latinoamericanas para celebrar el Adviento y la Navidad, las Posadas parecen ser lo mejor conocido en EE. UU. Tienen su origen en la última mitad del siglo XVIII cuando las estrepitosas Misas de Aguinaldo dejaron de ser celebradas en México. Para remplazar la festividad de esas Misas, los laicos decidieron celebrar en sus casas tomando lo que habían visto dramatizado en los templos, esto es, el recorrido de José y María mientras buscaban posada en Belén. Como las "Antifonas de la O" de la liturgia oficial cristiana, estas Posadas llegaron a ser celebradas nueve noches consecutivas.

200 años después, muchos latinos continúan celebrando las Posadas en EE. UU. Recuerdo como de niño cantábamos "En el nombre del cielo" recorriendo las calles del barrio hasta llegar a la casa donde nos abrirían con cantos, tamales, galletitas y chocolate. Ese recorrido de José y María lamentablemente sigue todos los días en los pasos temerosos y cansados de tantos inmigrantes en este país. Como la Sagrada Familia, otras familias latinoamericanas continúan buscando hospedaje con la esperanza de dar a luz una nueva vida para sus hijos e hijas.

DONACIONES

Navidad se acerca y estas personas sin hogar necesitan medias de tubo, guantes, gorros etc. Favor traerlos y dejarlos en los contenedores que se encuentran a las entradas de la Iglesia.

Es muy importante pensar en nuestros hermanos, familias que la suerte no los ha favorecido, porque son nuestros hermanos por Cristo, nosotros que tenemos un poquito podemos compartir. También las donaciones de los diezmos y primicias (que son el 10%) que estamos obligados a dar de nuestro trabajo para ayudar a nuestra iglesia, debemos darla en las colectas.

TRADICIONES

La **Nochebuena**¹ se celebra la noche del 24 de diciembre, víspera del día de **Navidad** (25 de diciembre). Es la celebración cristiana de la noche en que nació **Jesús**. Aunque las costumbres varían de unos países a otros, es bastante común una reunión familiar para cenar e intercambiarse regalos. Se considera como una fiesta de carácter cultural y familiar, ya que también se reúnen las familias aunque no haya celebración religiosa. Los **testigos de Jehová** no celebran esta festividad por considerarla de origen **pagano**. Tradiciones de reunirse las familias para compartir su fe cristiana como ir a la misa de gallo, rezar el rosario, las hacer posadas, cantar villancicos, y sus tradicionales exquisitos platillos para expresar su amor a Jesús y familias. Pero también ver nuestra compasión a nuestros hermanos en dolor de pobreza, soledad, enfermedad, familias separadas y especial aquellos que han perdido su fe para seguir adelante para seguir luchando



Sacristanes Miguel Mendez 916-715-5413
 Antonio Morales 916-230.9591
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 Aracely Narváez 916.681.2924

Ministerio de Comunión: Mary Weather 916.718.6387
 Ministerio de la Palabra: María C. Gutiérrez 916.395.7219

Ministerios Servidores del Altar: Jóvenes
 Rosa M. Delgadillo 916.598.4697
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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

Las platicas para padres y padrinos se ofrecen el último sábado de cada mes, de **3:45 p.m. en el salón # 8**. Se requiere llegar a tiempo. **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 pláticas 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 pláticas 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

CAMPEONATO DE TIRO LIBRE

Los Caballeros de Colon están organizando un Campeonato de Tiro Libre para niños y niñas entre las edades de 9-14 años. El evento tendrá lugar el 14 de enero de 2018 en el salón parroquial a la 1:30 p.m. Asegúrese de completar una solicitud; puede encontrarla en el vestíbulo principal de la iglesia o ir al sitio web de la iglesia para obtener una solicitud en línea. Se requiere prueba de edad. ¿Preguntas?

Contacte a Brent Baginski al (916) -502-5637.

HORARIO DE MISAS PARA DIAS FESTIVOS

VIERNES - 22 de diciembre Adoración y Confesiones a las 8:00 p.m. después de la novena

DOMINGO - 24 de diciembre, Cuarto Domingo de Adviento Misas 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m. y 1:00 p.m. y

DOMINGO. 24 de diciembre - Noche Buena— Misas 3:30 p.m. Juego de niños seguido de la misa de 4:00 pm., 7:00 p.m., 10:00 pm Misa (villancicos a las 9:00 pm) Todas en Ingles.

LUNES 25 de diciembre-Navidad
 Misas 9:00 a.m., 11:00 am y 1:00 p.m.

Domingo 30 de diciembre Misas regulares 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m. y 1:00 p.m.

LUNES 1 de enero - Día de Año Nuevo
 10:00 am Misa en inglés, 1:00 p.m. Misa en español

FELIZ NAVIDAD Y MUCHAS BENDICIONES
 PARA NUESTRA FAMILIAS DE LA COMUNIDAD
 DE SAN PABLO

DIVINA MERCY BECA

ANUNCIO DE BECA 2018

La Fundación para el Desarrollo Humano de la Divina Misericordia (DMHDF, por sus siglas en inglés), es una organización sin fines políticos y sin fines de lucro (3) organización caritativa que cree firmemente en la capacidad de los pobres para liberarse de los estragos de la pobreza cuando se tenga la oportunidad. La misión de DMHDF es proporcionar educación y otras oportunidades a los desfavorecidos desarrollar plenamente su potencial y mejorar así su calidad de vida, de acuerdo con su dignidad como hijos de Dios.

La Fundación ofrece nueve (9) becas de \$ 1,000.00 durante el semestre de otoño de 2018 para una universidad programa educativo, una (1) beca de \$ 1,000.00 para un programa de educación técnica para el año escolar 2018-2019 y cinco (5) becas para la educación secundaria católica. Las becas se otorgarán a más tardar julio de 2018. Para información favor de Enviar un correo electrónico a luzmanrique174@gmail.com para solicitar la aplicación.

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MINISTERIO DE SALUD

La temporada de gripe está aquí. Si está enfermo, cree que puede estar enfermo o le preocupa contraer una enfermedad, debe abstenerse de recibir la Sangre de Cristo. (El Cáliz) Tenga por seguro que "dado que Cristo está sacramentalmente presente bajo cada una de las especies, la comunión bajo la especie de pan solo hace posible recibir todo el fruto de la gracia Eucarística