



YOUTH GROUP

All Catholic youth ages 12 – 18 (Jr. High through High School), are invited to join us every Sunday evening 6:00-8:00pm for bible study, faith formation, social activities, community service, fun and fellowship.

WEEK AT A GLANCE November 28 th - December 6 th		
Sat.	4:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Mass – Sacred Heart Misa en Español
Sun.	8:15 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	Mass – St. Anne Mass – Sacred Heart Choir Practice
Mon.	8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	Mass Bible Study
Tue.	NO MASS 11:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Rosary at Rosie DelaTorre's home Baptism Preparation Class (English)
Wed.	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	
	8:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:15 p.m.	Mass Mass at the Veterans' Home Cursillo Meeting Bible Study Faith Formation Classes (Grades K – 8)
Thu.	9:00 a.m.	Mass (Carmen Lauderdale)
Fri.	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 6:00 pm.	Mass (Rev. Cipriano Ramos†) Rosary at Oak River Rehab Grupo de Juevenes
Sat.	10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 4:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Confessions Minister's of Care Workshop until 3pm Mass – Sacred Heart (Rayce Altermatt†) Misa en Español
Sun.	8:15 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Mass – St. Anne (Cindy Bailey†) Parish Breakfast until 12:30pm Mass – Sacred Heart (Sacred Heart Parishioners) High School Youth Group

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Mon.** Romans 10:9-18; Matthew 4:18-22
(*St. Andrew – Feast*)
- Tue.** Isaiah 11:1-10; Luke 10:21-24
- Wed.** Isaiah 25:6-10a; Matthew 15:29-37
- Thu.** Isaiah 26:1-6; Matthew 7:21, 24-27
(*St. Francis Xavier – Memorial*)
- Fri.** Isaiah 29:17-24; Matthew 9:27-31
- Sat.** Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Matthew 9:35—10, 5a, 6-8
- Sun.** Baruch 5:1-9; Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11; Luke 3:1-6

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please offer your prayers for:

Kevin Walsh, John Morris, Mary Crawl, Bill Thurman, John Snead, Eilene Duval, Ben Bowers, Pete Boets, Sherry Nachreiner, Rina Ford, Regina Barker, Delaney Valles, Thelma Waddle, Beth Waddle, Kevin Imming, Kelly Hunter, Clementine Mills, Tom and Lorraine Cummings, George & Ann Whitmore, James Casados, Wanda Napier, Vera Patrick, Margy Webb, Stan MacIsaac, Kealy Rhett, Doug VanErt, Mary Roberts.

WELCOME

Welcome to our RCIA candidates Curt Nelson and Pam Klostermann and catechumen Regina Troglin. Please keep them in your prayers as they journey with us to Easter and reception into the Catholic Church.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Collection Summary

October 31/November 1: \$6,840
November 7/8: \$4,927
November 14/15: \$4,799
November 21/22: \$

For fiscal year 2015 – 2016:

Budgeted for Collections: **\$280,000**
Total for 20 weeks: **\$100,547** weekly Goal: **\$5,385**
Average Weekly Collection: **\$5,027**

Second Collection

The Second Collection next weekend is for our *Parish Maintenance and Improvement Fund*. This collection helps keep our parish buildings in good working order and the grounds looking so good.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

By offering Married Couples the beautiful experience of a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend, the Catholic Church is affirming and supporting you in your chosen vocation – Marriage. Take advantage of this great gift to enhance your relationship and enjoy a love-filled weekend away together. What a wonderful gift to give each other. Upcoming weekends: Feb. 12-14 in Sacramento; April 15-17 in Reno, NV; October 7-9 in Reno, NV; and November 4-6 in Sacramento. For more information visit our website at: <http://www.sacramentowwme.org> or (916) 489-3464.

WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

Question of the Week

For Children: Is it difficult or easy for you to tell the truth? How does Jesus help you?
For Youth: Today we celebrate Christ the King. How much do you let Jesus' truth rule your life? How difficult is it for you to follow Jesus?
For Adults: What is the truth for you? How do you live the truth everyday?

Liturgy of the Word

Our readings today are about signs: the just shoot raised up from David; the sun, moon, and stars; and even the earth. As we begin this new season of Advent, let us be attentive to the signs of God's movement in our own lives. How do we live so that we are not surprised by the coming of the Lord? Let us heed Paul and conduct ourselves in a way pleasing to God. The best way to get ready for the coming of the Lord is to act as if the Lord were already here.

BAKE SALE

YLI is having a bake sale Sunday Dec. 6th during the monthly Sunday breakfast here at Sacred Heart. Lots of yummy baked goods, tamales, and the Christmas basket winner will be drawn at the breakfast. Raffle tickets will be sold at the bake sale \$1.00 each or 10 for \$5.00. Includes ceramics from Novo, Italy.

ADVENT

We Keep Advent

The slow sailing of the Earth around its star brings another winter. An old hymn sings our impatience:

How long, dear Savior, O how long,
shall this, thine hour delay?
Fly swift around, ye wheels of time,
and bring the promised day.

We wait for Christmas. Yet even more, the church looks forward to that promised day when Christ will return and time will end. But in all the anticipation and preparation, let's not overlook the present moment, this holy time of Advent. We keep Advent now until sunset on December 24.

The word *advent* is from a Latin word for "coming." We remember Christ's first coming at Bethlehem, and we "wait in joyful hope" for Christ to return in glory. John of Damascus (who died in the early 8th century) wrote this prayer: "You have taken me captive with longing for you, O Christ, and have transformed me with your divine love. Burn up my sins with the fire of your Spirit and count me worthy to take my fill of delight in you, that, dancing with joy, I may magnify your two comings."

Prophet Isaiah

Written down in its present form about 200 years before the birth of Christ, the book of Isaiah is a collection of prophecies, some of which were told for centuries before being put to papyrus. Next to the Psalms, it is the most frequently quoted scripture in the gospels and epistles. No wonder. In Isaiah's stirring images, the church sees the coming of God's reign: good news for the poor, the release of the captive, freedom for the oppressed.

The gospel of Luke tells us that the first time Jesus preached the scriptures in the synagogue, he preached on a passage from the book of Isaiah. All during Advent we read through this holy book. Promise yourself to listen carefully to what we hear. Peek into your own Bible, too, and look to Isaiah. (We'll return to Isaiah on Good Friday and at the Easter Vigil, too.)

Gaze into a candle's flame. Look up at the starry sky. With Isaiah imagine a world where blind people see, where people who couldn't walk now dance, where lions frolic with lambs, and where children are safe from all harm.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Mark your calendars for the 12th Annual Walk for Life West Coast, Saturday, January 23rd at the Civic Center Plaza in San Francisco. Info Faire begins at 11:00am followed by a Rally at 12:30pm and walking down Market Street (2 miles). For more information, please go to walkforlifewc.com.

CHRISTMAS STUFF THE TRUCK

After our successful "Stuff the Truck" for Thanksgiving, we will collect turkeys, non-perishable food and cash donations for our Christmas Food Basket distribution, which will be held on Friday, December 18th.

Ed Carpenter will be here at all the Masses *December 12th & 13th* to receive donations. Each turkey donated saves Anderson Cottonwood Christian Assistance approximately \$15. They expect to distribute over 350 baskets again for Christmas.

MINISTERS OF CARE

Have you ever considered being a Minister of Care and visiting the homebound or those in the hospital? Fr. Paul McNamee will conduct a training day for anyone who would like to be a Minister of Care *and* for current Ministers of Care next *Saturday, December 5th*, 11am – 3pm at Sacred Heart Parish Hall in Anderson. Certificates of completion will be given out to all attendees. Please bring a brown bag lunch. RSVP to John Anderson, 357-4670 or jdandersonjr@tds.net. For more information, call Deacon Rich Valles, 410-5664.

PROJECT ANGEL TREE

Our parish is again participating in this ministry of Prison Fellowship which provides Christmas gifts to *children of prison inmates*. We would also like to provide a special gift to the *care giver of each of these children*, as most times it is a grandparent or other relative who is taking care of the children. A gift certificate to a restaurant or gift basket is always welcome. Our parish has also adopted *LeBrun Place*, which is a residence for developmentally disabled adults. We would like to provide the 40 residents with a sweat shirt and sweat pants each for Christmas

Look for the "angels" in the foyer after all the Masses this weekend. Gifts are due back in the parish office by Monday, December 14th and will be delivered to the families on Saturday, Dec. 19th.

ONE CAMPAIGN PROGRESS REPORT

As of September 30, 2015, The ONE Campaign has collected \$12 million of the \$29.5 million pledged. Over \$9.5 million has been distributed per the allocation plan and nearly \$2.4 million has been returned to the parishes for their parish case elements. Bishop Soto is confident that with the guidance of our Blessed Virgin Mary and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, we will continue to strive to add to these totals over the four year campaign.

POSADA JUVENIL

Las Posadas is a musical re-enactment of Mary and Joseph seeking shelter before the birth of Jesus, and is a popular Hispanic Christmas tradition. Join Bishop Soto and youth and young adults from the across the diocese to celebrate la Posada Juvenil! The event will be bilingual and is a wonderful opportunity to experience a Christmas tradition from the Hispanic culture. It will be held on Friday December 18th at St. Lawrence Parish, 4325 Don Julio Blvd, North Highlands, CA at 6:00pm.