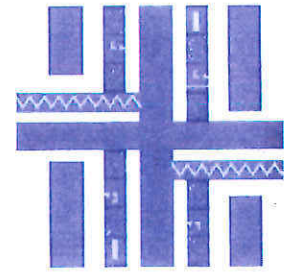


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Liturgy

Wednesday - Thursday : 8:00 AM (Mass)

Monday: 8:00 AM (Prayer Service)

Friday: 8:00 AM (Communion Service)

Rosary: Monday - Friday: 7:30 AM

Saturday Mass - 4:00 PM

Sunday Masses - 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM (closed 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM)

Sacraments

Baptism - Contact Margaret Roncalli

Marriage - Contact pastor 6 months in advance

Reconciliation

3:30 PM - 4:00 Saturday

PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE

For communion/visits to the sick & homebound; mass intentions, prayer request & funerals

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Peace
&
Harmony

Mission & Vision

Through African American traditions, we are moved
by the Spirit to serve.

WE KNOW WHO & WHOSE WE ARE!

“WE SEE YOU”

December 11, 2016

THIRD SUNDAY

of Advent



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Jesus said,

“Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight,
the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear,
the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them.”

Matthew 11:4-5



Please **turn off** Cell Phones before
entering Church. Thank you!

A SEASON OF HOPE

Today we can bask in the imagery that the Mass readings offer us. In particular, Isaiah's vision of a parched land that blooms with abundant flowers holds a message for each of us. Too often we are just like that parched land. We can allow ourselves to become absorbed in the waves of consumerism that grip so many. We look for fulfillment in the things that money can buy. Unfortunately, this leaves us like parched land, thirsting for something that money can't buy. This holy season has much to offer to quench our thirsts. In a word, this season offers hope. We are told that those who are ransomed by God will know joy and gladness. For them, sorrow and mourning will be no more. Let us place our hope in these promises.

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**The Uninvited Guest This Holiday Season
"GRIEF"**

You and your family are welcome to join us. All are welcome regardless of religious faith.
Invite your neighbors and friends. **No registration is required.**

This is the last workshop for the holiday season

Dec. 25, 2016; 1:00PM - 3:00PM

St. John Vianney Parish, Mullen Commons
1650 Ygnacio Valley Road, Walnut Creek, CA 94598
For more information call (925) 939-8149
Facilitated by Fr. Padraig Greene

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Living Our Mission



**SAINTS AND SPECIAL
OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent
Monday: Our Lady of Guadalupe
Tuesday: St. Lucy
Wednesday: St. John of the Cross
Friday: Las Posadas begins



ATTENTION PARISHIONERS

- Dec. 16, 2016** - Christmas Concert
- Dec. 24, 2016** - Christmas Vigil
- Dec. 25, 2016** - CHRISTMAS
- Dec. 30, 2016** - Feast of the Holy Family
- Dec. 31, 2016** - Memorial Crosse Service
- Jan. 01, 2017** - NEW YEAR'S DAY
- Jan. 09, 2017** - Baptism of Our Lord
- Jan. 14, 2017** - Chili Bowl Bingo
- Jan. 21, 2017** - Primacy of the Gospels

Bulletins / Announcements

Please remember to submit all information for the Bulletin and/or Sunday Announcements no later than Tuesdays before 4:00 pm.

Thank you.

Scripture Study

Come and join Scripture Study every Thursday evening with Sr. Amora at 7:00 pm in Mother Lydia's Chapel. For more information call Gillian Small at (510) 501-9726 or ggms@att.net

We welcome all who come to celebrate with us. If you would like to register or if you need to update your information, please complete this registration form and place it in the collection basket, return to office or send us an email. Be Blessed!

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Day _____ Eve _____

City _____ Zip _____

E-mail Address _____

- New Parishioner
- Change of Information
- Moving: Remove from list
- Please Call me - best time _____
- I would like to serve as _____