

# Second Sunday of Advent

## December 9, 2018

### PASTOR'S CORNER

The readings for the Second Week of Advent offer both encouragement and challenge as we reflect and prepare for the two “comings” of Christ — His coming as a baby on the great feast of Christmas, and the anticipation of His second coming at the end of time.

Our First Reading, from Baruch, is a wonderful reminder that God has triumphed over sin and death and that we — His faithful disciples — will live in the light of His glory one day. Until He comes again, we must remain faithful to Him as true disciples and good stewards of all the gifts He has given us.

While it can be tempting to give in to the materialism and calls for self-indulgence that surround us, (ironically more than ever at this time of year), this reading calls us back to the spiritual reality that this life is passing and that we are made for eternal life with God. We are called to prepare for *eternal* life by the way that we use our time, our talents and our treasure *now*.

The Gospel reading from Luke shows us how personal and detailed is God’s love for humanity as He prepared the way for Christ’s coming among us. We are told the precise time, place and person, John the Baptist, He appointed to announce the arrival of our Savior.

John tells us how to celebrate to the fullest this first “coming” on the feast of Christmas and how to prepare for the second coming — through repentance.

This Advent, let’s turn away from any bad habits or sin that may have crept in to our lives and turn our hearts and minds back to Christ. This is what the stewardship way of life is all about —moving closer ever closer in relationship with Christ and imitation of Him, ready to celebrate His birth, with eyes fixed on eternal life with Him.

### DAILY MASS READINGS

- Monday:** *Advent Weekday*  
Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke 5:17-26
- Tuesday:** *Advent Weekday*  
Isaiah 40:1-11; Matthew 18:12-14
- Wednesday:** *Our Lady of Guadalupe*  
Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Luke 1:39-47
- Thursday:** *St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr (Memorial)*  
Isaiah 41:13-20; Matthew 11:11-15
- Friday:** *St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church (Memorial)*  
Isaiah 48:17-19; Matthew 11:16-19
- Saturday:** *Advent Weekday*  
Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Matthew 17:9a, 10-13
- Sunday:** *Third Sunday of Advent*  
Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Luke 3:10-18

### This Week's Program Schedule

#### Monday, December 10

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|--------|-----------------|--------|
| 8:00AM | Mass            | Church |
| 8:30AM | Rosary          | Church |
| 8:30AM | Bible Study     | Lounge |
| 7:00PM | Penance Service | Church |

#### Tuesday, December 11

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|--------|--------------------------|--------|
| 8:00AM | Mass                     | Church |
| 8:30AM | Rosary                   | Church |
| 6:30PM | Charismatic Prayer Group | Lounge |

#### Wednesday, December 12 ~ Our Lady of Guadalupe

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| 6:00AM      | Mañanitas                   | Church |
| 6:30AM      | Mass                        | Church |
| 4:00-5:00PM | 1 <sup>st</sup> Session CRE | Church |
| 5:15-6:30PM | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Session CRE | Church |
| 6:45-8:00PM | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Session CRE | Church |

#### Thursday, December 13

#### Friday, December 14

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| 4:30PM | Mass                             | Church |
| 6:15PM | Spanish Charismatic Prayer Group | Lounge |

#### Saturday, December 15

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| 3:30PM | Reconciliation | Church |
| 5:00PM | Mass           | Church |
| 6:00PM | YLI Bake Sale  | Lobby  |

#### Sunday, December 16

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| 9:00AM  | Mass               | Church   |
| 9:00AM  | Children's Liturgy | Conf. Rm |
| 10:00AM | YLI Bake Sale      | Lobby    |
| 6:00PM  | Mass               | Church   |
| 7:00PM  | YLI Bake Sales     | Lobby    |

### Something for our Children!

Can you unscramble the following words from today's Gospel?

REESTD	GNOIER	CEVIO
PPRRAE	RDOAS	SEHLF

*Answers on the next page→*

### SACRIFICIAL GIVING

*Give back to the Lord a sacrifice, a share of what the Lord has so generously given to you.*

Sunday's Offertory: \$ 7,783.73

Building Fund: \$ 6,177.00

### MASS INTENTIONS

5:00PM Saturday, December 8 Jane Strong†  
9:00AM Sunday, December 9 Mary M. Perry†  
6:00PM Sunday, December 9 All Saints Community  
8:00AM Monday, December 10 Doree O'Connell†  
8:00AM Tuesday, December 11 Lee Dickert†  
4:30PM Friday, December 14 Matthew O'Donnell

THIS SUNDAY'S 2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTION is for our *Community Assistance Fund*. God bless you for your generosity.

ANGEL TREE: You may select an angel from the tree to provide a gift for a child in need. Turlock Together distributes gifts for children ages 0-10. United Samaritans distributes gifts to children ages 10-17. Please return your unwrapped gifts to the office by December 17.

TURLOCK TOGETHER: Each year Turlock businesses and agencies combine their efforts to collect toys and food for needy families in Turlock. A receptacle has been placed in our church lobby to collect your non-perishable food donations. Sign-ups for families in need are at the Salvation Army, 893 Lander Avenue from Monday, November 26 to Friday, December 7, from 9AM–6:00PM for a food basket and toys for their children. Distribution will take place on Saturday, December 22.

NATIVITY PLAY: We are seeking children ages 5 and up who would be interested in participating in a Nativity Play during the 5:00PM Christmas Eve Children's Mass. There will be speaking and nonspeaking parts. First practice is scheduled for December 9 after the 9:00am mass. Please meet in the church. If your child wants to participate, contact the office at 669-0473.

HOLIDAY BAKE SALE: YLI Queen of Faith Institute #254 will hold a bake sale after all masses on December 15 and 16. Proceeds will be for the Seminarians. God bless you for your generosity!

CHILDREN OF THE LIGHT CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP is celebrating its Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the lounge. Come one, come all, if your heart feels the call!

YLI MEETING: CHANGE OF LOCATION: The YLI meeting for Monday, December 10 has been moved to a different location. The meeting will be at 7pm at Covenant Village, Birch Place, 2125 Olive Ave.

NEW SPANISH PRAYER GROUP: *Cenáculo de Oración en la Divina Voluntad* is now meeting every Friday at 6:15pm in the lounge. Everyone is welcome to attend.

*This week's helpers include ...*

*Altar Linens ~ Regina deBos*

*Thank you and God bless you for your unselfish service!*

PUZZLE SOLUTIONS: DESERT, REGION, VOICE, PREPARE, ROADS, FLESH. How did you do?

### TIPS FOR TITHING

...give abundantly, sacrificially, and cheerfully... Give in the spirit of prayer and of moral obligation—**joyful**—as we thank God for his provision and the privilege of helping others in need.

### SPECIAL PRAYERS

*Please pray for our sick community members and friends:*

Gustavo Delgadillo	Ed H	William Jackson
Carol Parks	Linda Seymour	Flynn Hillman
Thelma Tamis	Tim Grahn	Pamela Hall
Rita Yonan	Bill Nixon	Emil T.
Patti & Tom Scott	Yvonne Riley	Joe Parolini
Danny Thompson	Purita Canada	Linda Climaco
Mark B.	Linda Butler	Betty Nunes
Benigna Fabillar	Joe Nguyen	Cody Hein
Taylor Holt	Kayla Castro	Toni M.
Everett Castro	Mary Farinha	Chase O.
Julio Lucas	Ken Hara	Melissa...
Robert A. France		

*Your special prayers for these and others suffering from illness are gratefully appreciated. Thank you and God bless you!*

Notify the office if you have anyone you would like to place on our list of persons in need of prayer due to illness. So that space will always be available for your loved ones, names will be kept on our list for three months. (However, your prayer requests can be renewed.)

### CATHOLIC STUDENT'S ASSOCIATION (CSA)

Sunday, December 9: Christmas Party with White Elephant will be in the lounge (bring a gift and a dessert) after the 6pm mass. All college students are welcome.

Monday, December 10: Rosary on Campus. Meet at the CSA booth at 11am.

Friday, December 14: Praise and worship. Meet at All Saints at 7pm.

Sunday, December 16: CSA will be having a study night after the 6pm mass.

### RCIA

Any adult wishing to embrace the Catholic faith or any Catholic wishing to be confirmed should contact Michael Fuller by calling the church office at 669-0473.

LIFETOUCH PORTRAITS: Please be sure to sign up for a photography session for the new parish directory. You will receive a free 8x10 photo and a directory. There will be different photo package options available for purchase, however, no purchase is necessary. Sign-ups will be after each of the masses throughout December. The photo sessions will take place on January 17, 18, 21, and 22 at 1-8pm. There will also be a Saturday session on January 19 at 9:30-4:30. There will be an automated call from the office going out on December 6 with more information. You can also sign up online at: <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/yk1669jg/>.

2019 WALL CALENDARS: Please take an All Saints 2019 wall calendar home for your family.

LA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE CELEBRATION is on Wednesday, December 12. Please join Fr. Bill for Mañanitas at 6:00AM followed by Mass at 6:30AM. A special hospitality of *pan dulce*, coffee and hot chocolate will follow Mass. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join us to honor our Lady.

### ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

All Saints, Turlock	December 10 @ 7:00pm
Our Lady of the Assumption, Turlock	December 12 @ 6:30pm
Sacred Heart, Patterson	December 14 @ 7:00pm
Sacred Heart, Turlock	December 19 @ 7:00pm