

“Rejoice in the Lord always...
Present your needs to God
in petitions full of gratitude.”

- Phil 4: 4, 6



3rd Sunday of
ADVENT

December 16,
2018

MASS SCHEDULE December 17th thru December 23rd

Tuesday (Dec. 18) 7:00 am Daily
Wednesday (Dec. 19) 7:00 am Daily
Thursday (Dec. 20) 7:00 am Daily
Friday (Dec. 21) 7:00 am Daily (No School Mass)
Saturday (Dec. 22) 5:30 pm Vigil
Sunday (Dec. 23) 9:00 & 11:00 am, and 4:30 pm (Fr. Pepka)



SIMBANG GABI by Claude Tayag
Serigraph, 1995 (71 x 74 cm)

SIMBANG GABI (MASS AT DAWN)

A tradition celebrated as spiritual preparation for Christmas, in commemoration of the birth of Jesus Christ and also seen as a way to request blessings from the Lord. Many believe that once you complete the 9 Masses, your wishes will be granted. The Mother of Perpetual Help Ministry will sponsor the 9 Masses at 5:30 am starting Dec. 16th thru Dec. 24th at the Church. Each service will be followed by a light breakfast in the Rectory.

COME AND ENJOY THE MASS, PRAYERS & BLESSINGS.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST THIS SUNDAY, DEC. 16TH FROM 8 AM TO PM AT THE SCHOOL. TICKETS ARE \$6.00/ADULTS & \$3.00/KIDS. COME AFTER MASS, ENJOY DELICIOUS FOOD AND SOME GREAT COMPANY!



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OLG Graced Youth Ministry Meeting this Sunday at 6 pm in the School Gym. All high school age students are WELCOME! Hope to see you there.

Special “thank-yous” to everyone who participated in the Giving Tree. Your generosity is truly appreciated.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY - GN 49:2, 8-10; PS 72:1-2, 3-4AB, 7-8,17; MT 1:1-17
TUESDAY - JER 23:5-8; PS 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; MT 1:18-25
WEDNESDAY - JGS 13:2-7, 24-25A; PS 71:3-4A, 5-6AB, 16-17; LK 1:5-25
THURSDAY - IS 7:10-14; PS 24:1-2, 3-4AB, 5-6; LK 1:26-38
FRIDAY - SG 2:8-14; ZEP 3:14-18A; PS 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; LK 1:39-45
SATURDAY - 1 SM 1:24-28; 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8ABCD; LK 1:46-56
SUNDAY - MI 5:1-4A; PS 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; HEB 10:5-19; LK 1:38; LK 1:39-45

WELCOME TO OUR LADY OF GRACE

Pastor's
Corner

The people in today's Gospel are “filled with expectation.” They believe John the Baptist might be the Messiah they've been waiting for. Three times we hear their question: “What then should we do?” The Messiah's coming requires every man and woman to choose—to “repent” or not. That's John's message and it will be Jesus' too (see [Luke 3:3; 5:32; 24:47](#)). “Repentance” translates a Greek word, metanoia (literally, “change of mind”). In the Scriptures, repentance is presented as a two-fold “turning”—away from sin (see [Ezekiel 3:19; 18:30](#)) and toward God (see [Sirach 17:20-21; Hosea 6:1](#)). This “turning” is more than attitude adjustment. It means a radical life-change. It requires “good fruits as evidence of your repentance” (see [Luke 3:8](#)). That's why John tells the crowds, soldiers and tax collectors they must prove their faith through works of charity, honesty and social justice.

In today's Liturgy, each of us is being called to stand in that crowd and hear the “good news” of John's call to repentance. We should examine our lives, ask from our hearts as they did: “What should we do?” Our repentance should spring, not from our fear of coming wrath (see [Luke 3:7-9](#)), but from a joyful sense of the nearness of our saving God. This theme resounds through today's readings: “Rejoice!...The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all,” we hear in today's Epistle. In today's Responsorial, we hear again the call to be joyful, unafraid at the Lord's coming among us.

In today's First Reading, we hear echoes of the angel's Annunciation to Mary. The prophet's words are very close to the angel's greeting (compare [Luke 1:28-31](#)). Mary is the Daughter Zion—the favored one of God, told not to fear but to rejoice that the Lord is with her, “a mighty Savior.” She is the cause of our joy. For in her draws near the Messiah, as John had promised: “One mightier than I is coming.”

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God Bless Our Troops

BLESS, PROTECT and PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY, O LORD

Nash Bulaong	Thomas Burkstrand	Brian Chrisman
Shelby DeLamora	Jason Enjambre	Zachary Evans
Angelo Garcia	Mikayla George	Lawrence Hermosa
Anthony Huggins	Diana Jacinto	Austin Mora
Wesley Paige	CeCe Pitts	Renald Rivera
Terrin Vilhauer	Christian Watson	Rick G. Marston Jr.

Please pray for their families, the Chaplains, first responders, police, firefighters and all who protect and serve.

NEWS AND EVENTS FROM THE DIOCESE

Feasts of the Holy Innocents Candlelight Rosary & Procession w/Bishop Soto on Friday, Dec. 28th at 6:00 pm at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament at 11th & K Streets. Meet at the Cathedral steps and pray for the sanctity of life as we walk to Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish (7th & T Streets). March will commemorate male infants of Bethlehem killed by decree of King Herod and the innocent unborn babies lost by abortion today. Bring family and friends. Candles will be provided. The Knights of Columbus will provide rides back to the Cathedral. Dress for the weather. For more info, call Leticia at (916) 519-0417.

The Office of Family and Faith Formation will be offering formation opportunities in 2019, to work towards your basic catechist certification, basic ministry certification or to renew your certificate. For more info, call Teresa Donan at (916) 733-0132 or visit tdonan@scd.org



Names remain on the Prayer List for 1 month. Please notify the Parish Office if you wish to add or remove.

JIM THOMPSON	ANA RAMIREZ-PALMER	JEANNETTE DE DIOS	OPAL COUGHLIN
JOSEPH PLATINO	ORLANDO PIZOLA	CARY COPPEL	KATHY VILHAUER

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY (Dec. 15th) at 5:30 pm	For Rose Rappuzha +
SUNDAY (Dec. 16th) at 9:00 am	For Joe Brito +
at 11:00 am	For All Parishioners
at 4:30 pm	For Louretta Lehman +
TUESDAY (Dec. 18th) at 7:00 am	For Harry Valencia (Birthday)
WEDNESDAY (Dec. 19th) at 7:00 am	For Ted Illarmo +
THURSDAY (Dec. 20th) at 7:00 am	For Estela Attarado +
FRIDAY (Dec. 21st) at 7:00 am	For our OLG Students (NO SCHOOL MASS)

EUCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 22nd
5:30 pm -- Bonnie Sue Barrow, Glenn Mochel
Sunday, December 23rd
9:00 am -- Trudy Connolly, Ellie Luna, Michael Rivera, Sandy Westlake
11:00 am -- Claire Guidry, Rodney Guidry, Celine Lawrence, Maureen Talani
4:30 pm -- Anita Sargent, Isabella Zink

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 22nd
5:30 pm -- Carolyn Tagupa, Grace Mosley, Rick Mayoral
Sunday, December 23rd
9:00 am -- Maureen Girard, Patty Gianatasio, Fay Landry
11:00 am -- Rachel Machado, TBD, TBD
4:30 pm -- Annie Hoang, Sydney Galvan, Dennison Ocampo

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 22nd
5:30 pm -- Rebecca Rose Mochel, Makenzie Montemayor, Kailyn Montemayor
Sunday, December 23rd
9:00 am -- Louise Hernandez, Andrew Yuzon
11:00 am -- Camila Santolini, Gino Santolini
4:30 pm -- Matthew Moyer, Zuriel Joven, Kara Joven

CHILDREN'S LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 23rd
9:00 am - Natalie/Megan J. 11:00 am - Helen/Theresa 4:30 pm - Angela

Weekly Budget Goal = \$4,271.00; Dec. 9, 2018 Collection = \$4,517.00

Devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help: Wednesdays; Rosary & Novena, 6:00 pm, followed by Mass (Church).
Bereavement Ministry: Call the Parish Office 916-371-4814 as needed.
Bible Study: Tuesdays, 7:00 pm (Parish Ctr). Topic "Gospel of Mark"; format in Lectio Divina.
Catholic Faith Formation: Tuesdays, 5:30 - 6:45 pm (Sept 2018 to May 2019); for K-5 & Confirmation Prep for 6th - 8th (School).
Graced Youth Ministry: Every other Sunday, 6:00 pm (School Gym).
Moms Ministry: 3rd Sunday of the month, 6:30 - 7:30 pm (Parish Center).

OLG Prayer Meeting: 2nd thru 5th Fridays of the month, 7:00 pm (School Chapel).
RCIA: Thursdays, 5:30 pm and Mondays Inquiry, 7:00 pm. (both in Parish Center).
Respect Life Ministry: 3rd Thursday of the month, 6:30 pm (Church Rectory) and HOUR OF POWER Prayer Session on Tuesdays, 6:00 - 7:00 pm.
St. Vincent de Paul: 2nd Thursday of the month, 6:30 pm (Church Rectory).
Women's Council: 1st Tuesday of the month, 7:00 pm (Parish Center).

