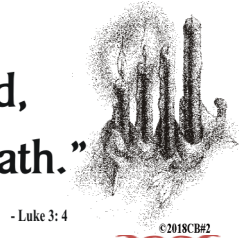


“Make ready
the way of the Lord,
clear Him a straight path.”



2nd Sunday of
ADVENT
December 9,
2018

MASS SCHEDULE December 10th thru December 16th

Monday (Dec. 10) 7:00 pm **PENANCE SERVICE**
Tuesday - Thursday (Dec. 11 - 13) 7:00 am **Daily**
Friday (Dec. 14) 8:30 am **School (Gym)**
Saturday (Dec. 15) 5:30 pm **Vigil (Fr. Pepka)**
Sunday (Dec. 16) 9:00 & 11:00 am, and 4:30 pm



SIMBANG GABI (MASS AT DAWN)

A tradition celebrated as a 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 if you complete the series of the 9 Masses at Dawn, your wishes will be granted. The Mother of Perpetual Help Ministry will sponsor 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.

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

COME AND ENJOY THE MASS, PRAYERS & BLESSINGS.

The **OLG GIVING TREE** is meant to help make the holidays a little brighter for those less fortunate and their families. If you have not already done so and are able to, please call or stop by the Parish Office to pick up a gift tag. The due date to return tags with gifts has been extended to **December 16, 2018**. You can leave your gift in the church after Mass or drop off with the Parish Office.



Your generosity is truly appreciated. Thank you!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY - IS 35:1-10; PS 85:9AB and 10, 11-12, 13-14; LK 5:17-26
TUESDAY - IS 40:1-11; PS 96:1-1, 3 and 10AC, 11-12, 13; MT 18:12-14
WEDNESDAY - ZEC 2:14-17; RV 11:19A; 12:1-6A, 10AB; JUDITH 13:18BCDE, 19; LK 1:26-38
THURSDAY - IS 41:13-20; PS 145: 1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13AB; See IS 45:8; MT 11:11-15
FRIDAY - IS 48:17-19; PS 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; MT 11:16-19
SATURDAY - SIR 48:1-4, 9-11; PS 80:2AC and 3B, 15-16, 18-19; LK 3:4, 6; MT 17:9A, 10-13
SUNDAY - ZEP 3:14-18A; IS 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; PHIL 4:4-7; IS 61:1; LK 3:10-18

WELCOME TO OUR LADY OF GRACE

Pastor's
Corner

Today's Psalm paints a dream-like scene—a road filled with liberated captives heading home to Zion (Jerusalem), mouths filled with laughter, tongues rejoicing. It's a glorious picture from Israel's past, a "new exodus," the deliverance from exile in Babylon. It's being recalled in a moment of obvious uncertainty and anxiety. But the psalmist isn't waxing nostalgic.

Remembering "the Lord has done great things" in the past, he is making an act of faith and hope—that God will come to Israel in its present need, that He'll do even greater things in the future. This is what the Advent readings are all about: We recall God's saving deeds—in the history of Israel and in the coming of Jesus. Our remembrance is meant to stir our faith, to fill us with confidence that, as today's Epistle puts it, "the One who began a good work in [us] will continue to complete it" until He comes again in glory.

Each of us, the Liturgy teaches, is like Israel in her exile—led into captivity by our sinfulness, in need of restoration, conversion by the Word of the Holy One (see Baruch 5:5). The lessons of salvation history should teach us that, as God again and again delivered Israel, in His mercy He will free us from our attachments to sin, if we turn to Him in repentance. That's the message of John, introduced in today's Gospel as the last of the great prophets (compare Jeremiah 1:1-4, 11). But John is greater than the prophets (see Luke 7:27). He's preparing the way, not only for a new redemption of Israel, but for the salvation of "all flesh" (see also Acts 28:28).

John quotes Isaiah (40:3) to tell us he's come to build a road home for us, a way out of the wilderness of sin and alienation from God. It's a road we'll follow Jesus down, a journey we'll make, as today's First Reading puts it, "rejoicing that [we're] remembered by God."

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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 and Procession with Bishop Soto on Friday, Dec. 28th at 6:00 pm at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament (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	LOUIE TALANI	JEANNETTE DE DIOS
JOSEPH PLATINO	ORLANDO PIZOLA	CARY COPPEL	DIANE MONTGOMERY
JOAN PACHECO			

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY (Dec. 8th) at 5:30 pm For Aaron Marta (Birthday)
SUNDAY (Dec. 9th) at 9:00 am For Lourema "Mike" Lira +
at 11:00 am For All Parishioners
at 4:30 pm For Those Suffering w/Mental Illness (Spec.Prayers)
TUESDAY (Dec. 11th) at 7:00 am For Valentine Gunasekara +
WEDNESDAY (Dec. 12th) at 7:00 am For Ana Ramirez Palmer (Healing)
THURSDAY (Dec. 13th) at 7:00 am For Steve Ramirez-Palmer (Special Prayers)
FRIDAY (Dec. 14th) at 8:30 am School Mass (Gym)

EUCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 15th
5:30 pm -- Millie Centers, Jim Martone, Eileen Mosley
Sunday, December 16th
9:00 am -- Anna Beall, Michael Beall, Michael Rivera, Sandy Westlake
11:00 am -- Claire Guidry, Rodney Guidry, Fidel Martinez, Judie Martinez
4:30 pm -- Anita Sargent, Jennifer Southard, Isabella Zink

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 15th
5:30 pm -- Maureen Girard, Grace Mosley, Rick Mayoral
Sunday, December 16th
9:00 am -- Fay Landry, Rose Lloyd, Rose Lloyd
11:00 am -- Rachel Machado, Wilma Bulaong, William Smith
4:30 pm -- Sydney Galvan, Glenn Mochel, Glenn Mochel

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 15th
5:30 pm -- Joe Henning, Francesco Giordano, Nicolo Giordano
Sunday, December 16th
9:00 am -- Andrew Yuzon, Zachary Fritz, Luke McQuitty
11:00 am -- Camila Santolini, Eric Houdeshell, Ben Houdeshell
4:30 pm -- Rebecca Rose Mochel, Matthew Moyer, Tristan Torio

CHILDREN'S LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 16th
9:00 am - Stacey/Jeanne 11:00 am - No Class 4:30 pm - Meg

Weekly Budget Goal = \$4,271.00; Dec. 2, 2018 Collection = \$5,013.00

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).

