SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT
Our commitment to daily prayer using the weekday Mass readings as our guide

**MONDAY 12/3**
Isaiah 2:1-5
Matthew 8:5-11

**TUESDAY 12/4**
Isaiah 11:1-10

**WEDNESDAY 12/5**
Isaiah 25:6-10
Matthew 15:29-37

**THURSDAY 12/6**
Isaiah 26:1-6
Matthew 7:21, 24-27

**FRIDAY 12/7**
Isaiah 29:17-24
Matthew 9:27-31

**SATURDAY 12/8**
Gen 3:9-20 + Eph 1:3-12
Luke 1:26-38

**Solemnities, Feasts, & Memorials of the Week**
Monday, Francis Xavier; Tuesday, John Damascene; Thursday, Nicholas; Friday, Ambrose; Saturday, Immaculate Conception

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION HOLY DAY**
This Saturday, December 8, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a holy day of obligation. Because the holy day commemorates our national patroness, the obligation to participate remains despite occurring on a Saturday. We will observe a vigil mass at 7:00 PM Friday, December 7, in place of our customary First Friday celebration, but the 6:00 PM mass on Saturday will anticipate the First Sunday of Advent and not “count” for the holy day.

**RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS**
For congregations of religious women confronting the dual challenges of caring for frail, elder members and trying to manage outdated congregational properties, there are no easy answers. The financial complexities of addressing property-related issues are intertwined with the emotional strain of an uncertain future. These are struggles religious sisters throughout the United States face each day as they try to function under the burden of unsecured retirement funds. The annual Collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious taken up by all the Catholic parishes at this time of the year helps to ease the burdens of the sisters and help carry the load. Next Sunday we will join with the whole church in making our sacrificial offering in support of the sisters who supported us for so long and continue to support us. The Collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious will be taken up next weekend after Holy Communion at all the masses.

**WEEKDAY MASS**
Weekday mass is celebrated in the Mammoth rectory on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday mornings at 7 o’clock. Thursday morning there is a service of the Word with Holy Communion conducted by our lay ministry team beginning at 7:00 AM. Walk right in and come up the stairs. Stay after for coffee and fellowship.

**PRAYERS**
Our prayers are requested for Bonnie Zwart, Mark & Mary Anne Bewsher, Tina Quan, James Zvetina, Pat Glynn, Bobbie Engstrom, Raquel Rodriguez, John Gracey, Bob Tomko, Jr., Virginia Reyes, Elizabeth Cauzza, Kay Reilly, Mary Jo Ferreir, Julie Rogers, Josefina Flores, Jim Rothe, Glenn Inouye, Peter Mariniello, Consuelo Mendoza Aéyon, Brian Venneman, Gary Boyd, and the Blackburn Family.

**SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE**
Mammoth Lakes: St. Joseph Church – Saturday Vigil: 6:00 PM
Sunday Mass: 8:00 AM
La Misa en Español: 5:30 PM
Lee Vining:
Our Savior of the Mountains Mission - Sunday Mass 10:00 AM
Bridgeport: Infant of Prague Mission - Sunday Mass 12:00 Noon

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THE MONO COUNTY CATHOLIC
You must open the interior eyes of your soul on this light, on this heaven within you, a vast horizon stretching far beyond the realm of human activity, an unexplored country to the majority of human beings.
-Saint Vincent Ferrer

December 2, 2012
First Sunday of Advent

And behold Joachim came with his flocks, and Anne stood at the gate and saw Joachim coming, and ran and hung upon his neck, saying: Now know I that the Lord God hath greatly blessed me: for behold the widow is no more a widow, and she that was childless shall conceive. And Joachim rested that day in his house. Protoevangelium of James (c. 125)

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Mammoth: Fri 7:00 pm, Sat 7:00 am
Lee Vining: Saturday at 10:00 AM
Bridgeport: Saturday at 12:00 noon
FIRST READING: Jeremiah 33:14–16

The days are coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and Judah. In those days, in that time, I will raise up for David a just shoot; he shall do what is right and just in the Lord.

SECOND READING: First Thessalonians 3:12–4:2

May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we have for you, so as to strengthen your hearts, to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus.

CONFESSIONS

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated at St. Joseph Church in Mammoth Lakes from 5:30 to 5:45 on Saturday afternoons, 7:30 to 7:45 on Sunday mornings, and in español a las tardes del domingo de 5:00 a 5:15; and upon request before mass at Our Savior of the Mountains mission in Lee Vining and Infant of Prague mission in Bridgeport. The “Act of Contrition” is available in the confession room.