## Celebrating Sacraments:

**Baptism**
Call the Parish Office, 655-4160

**Faith Formation**
K-8 Weekly Youth Classes, First Communion, Confirmation, Small Christian Communities
Contact: Jordan Lewis jordan@stangelamerici.org

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**
For those interested in becoming Catholic or completing their Sacraments of Initiation
Call Barbara Wright 277-9186

**Marriages**
Call the parish office 655 4160, ext 20
*Begin instruction six months before the intended date of the wedding.

## Liturgical Schedule

- Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
- Sunday: 8:00 am; 10:00 am; 12pm
- Daily Mass Tuesday-Saturday: 8am
- Reconciliation 4:00 p.m.

**Parish Office Staff:**
- Bookkeeper and Office Manager: Jeannette Marrujo, ext. 23
- Director of Faith Formation and Liturgy Coordinator: Jordan Lewis, ext. 25
- Director of Liturgical Music and Choir: Lana Poklad, ext. 26
- SOAR & EM to the Homebound: Betsy Messman, ext. 24
- Maintenance Manager: Tommy Gomez, ext. 27
- Parish Secretary: Lorie Ford, ext. 20
- Preschool Director: Heather Diaz, 831.372.3555
- St. Vincent de Paul Assistance Line: 831.915.0415

## Third Sunday of Advent
December 15, 2019

Open our hearts Lord

## Our Parish Community Mission Statement

We, the family of St. Angela Merici, a welcoming community with a rich heritage, live out our Baptismal call to become the Body of Christ through Eucharist, Evangelization and Stewardship.

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**NEW TO THE PARISH? MOVING? NEED TO UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION ON FILE?**

Please fill out the form below and place it in the collection basket or return to the parish office.

I am:  
- New to the parish  
- Updating Information  
- Would like to receive envelopes?

Please circle:  
- Mr. or Mrs. Or Ms. Name: ________________________________  
- Phone: ________________________________

Address: ____________________________________________________________

City: ___________________________  Zip: ____________________  Email: ____________________________

If you would like to update information that is not included on this form, or would like to add additional members of your household, please check here, and we will call you at (___) ______-___________
Advent is a time of preparation. Advent moves us to look forward with renewed hope to the second coming of Christ, when God’s plan of salvation will be brought to fulfillment. This reconciliation service is meant to make us ready in mind and heart for the coming of Christ, which we are soon to celebrate in the Mass of Christmas.

Come home to God, feel his warm embrace and his gentle forgiveness. Let everyone feel sought after, loved and forgiven by God.

Advent Reconciliation Service Tomorrow
Monday, December 16th, 7pm

Dark violet is used throughout Advent to express its character as a season of spiritual preparation for Christmas and “the coming of the Lord.” But on the Third Sunday of Advent, formerly known as Gaudete (Latin for “rejoice”) Sunday, rose may be added to the liturgical environment. The entire liturgy is infused with a spirit of rejoicing.

Today’s first reading and Gospel proclaim the reality of God’s saving work in our midst. Isaiah exuberantly describes the idyllic transformation of all creation as a result of God’s presence in the midst of the people. In the Gospel, Jesus connects Isaiah’s prophecy with what is happening in his own ministry. In addition to the list of healings from Isaiah (the blind, the lame, lepers, and the deaf), Jesus’ presence brings two other reasons for rejoicing: “The dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them” (Matthew 11:5).

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Catholic Daughters **Holiday Bake Sale Is Here!**

After all the Masses this weekend, you have the opportunity to purchase some delicious baked bread, brownies, cakes, cookies, slices of quiche, and more.

Goodies are baked by members of the Catholic Daughter’s Association here in our parish.

Please enjoy as you support this group’s fundraising for their favorite charities as well as for St. Angela Merici parish community.

The goodies are delicious! Don’t miss out!

**FAITH FORMATION HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

In observance of the upcoming Christmas Holiday Break, please note the dates for Faith Formation, 7th/8th grade and confirmation classes below:

**Faith Formation** - final day before break is Tuesday, December 17th. Classes will resume on Tuesday, January 7th, 2020!

**7th/8th grade students** - final day before break is Sunday, December 15th. Classes resume Sunday, January 12th, 2020!

**Confirmation students** - final day before break is Sunday, December 15th. Classes resume on January 12th, 2020!

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE SUCCESS

Thanks to your overwhelming generosity we were able to give out 48 Thanksgiving Food Boxes, one for each hungry family who came to our Cupboard just before Thanksgiving.

Each family received a turkey, pumpkin pie, rolls and butter, plus stuffing mix, potatoes, cranberries, yams, olives, canned green beans, and fresh celery, onions and oranges, extra goodies and special toiletries. We also gave a No-Cook bag, small canned ham, and a McDonald’s gift card to the 8 individuals who came with no cooking facilities.

Everything was paid for by generous parishioners who donated to our Thanksgiving Food Drive. With the left over funds we will provide hams to all our clients for Christmas.

We had a fantastic crew of volunteers who assembled and gave out all the food. All the volunteers and clients had a joy-filled day!

God bless all who helped make this drive such a success by donating time and/or money!! What a blessing to belong to this loving and caring Parish!!

If your child/children would like to be a part of the Nativity scene at the 5pm Christmas Eve Mass, please contact Jordan Lewis at the parish office no later than Tuesday, December 17th.

Rehearsal will be on Saturday, December 21st at 11:00 a.m.

jordan@stangelamerici.org or Ph: 655.4160 ext. 25
Want to know about Holiday events at St. Angela’s? Subscribe to our parish Flocknote to receive text message updates about Masses, Reconciliation Services and more.

Text “SAM4ME” to this number 84576. There is also a sign up link on our website.

www.stangelamericipacificgrove.org

Children’s Nativity Mass
Tuesday, December 24th, 2019
5:00 p.m. Mass

December Break - Parish Office Closed
Monday, December 23rd - Wednesday, January 1st, 2020

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Food Cupboard News
Many thanks to the students of San Carlos School. The students had a Thanksgiving non-perishable food drive and included our Food Cupboard as one of their recipients. On the Tuesday before Thanksgiving we received 42 large bags filled with food items that are always needed. It took a van to hold the amount delivered to our Food Cupboard, and it will help feed the hungry who come to our doors during these busy winter months.

Are you or your child missing anything?
If you or your child might be missing anything that you might have left in the church, please feel free to stop into the parish office after a Mass on Sunday and you may check to see if your item is in our lost and found box.

We have many small stuffed animals, some children’s books, a nice tan hat, journal, and many other items.

Parish office is open Sundays from 9:00am - 1:30pm

Christmas Mass Schedule
COME PRAY WITH US, COME BE WITH US

Tuesday, December 24, 2019
Christmas Eve Masses: 5:00 pm and 8:00 pm

Wednesday, December 25, 2018
Christmas Day Masses: 8:00am, 10:00am and 12 noon

Daily Masses will be celebrated December 26th, December 27th, and December 28th
Parish Calendars are now available!

You may pick up a calendar at the end of Mass in the vestibule. We please ask that you only take one calendar per family.

We wish to thank MaryNina and the Paul Mortuary for sponsoring our parish calendars again this year!

Did you know that you can request a Mass intention?

This applies the grace of that Mass towards a specific need, whether it be for someone, living or dead, baptized or not, or a special need.

Mass intentions are available in December and also all months of 2020. Please stop by the parish office to place a Mass intention.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED

Eucharistic Ministers to the Homebound is a wonderful way to bring the love of Jesus to those who are in the hospital, nursing home or who are homebound.

There is a group of people that serve as Eucharistic Ministers for CHOMP and Westland House. This Group is looking for more Eucharistic Ministers.

If you are interested in becoming a part of this group, please contact Betsy, betsy@stangelamerici.org

Food Commodities

The Food Commodities distribution will be on Monday, January 7, 2019
9:30am - 10:30am in the small hall.

This government program provides non-perishable food, produce, and sometimes meat, to qualifying low-income individuals and families.

Monthly income can be up to $1485.00/month for an individual; up to $2002.50 for a two person household; and on up for large families.

If you fall in this income level, we encourage you to use this program - the food is great.
If you do not fall into this income bracket, cut this out and pass it along to someone who might benefit from this program!

Questions: Please call Pat 657-4297 or David Kipka 524-1468

Save the Date

Remember to Save the Date of Sunday, January 5, 2020

Our Lady of Fatima Luncheon and Whist Card Party 1:00 pm in the
Parish Hall

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### Christmas & Year End Giving

At this time of year, why not consider a gift to your parish? The good news is you still have time to make a charitable gift that will lower your taxable income preserving more cash for you and your family.

Here are three charitable giving strategies worth considering that can provide you with additional tax savings and cash flow:

**CASH GIFT** - Make a gift of any amount and receive an income tax deduction this year.

**APPRECIATED ASSET GIFT** - Avoid capital gains tax on the sale of your assets by giving your stock or real estate to charity. Save on taxes with a charitable deduction.

**CHARITABLE LIFE INCOME PLAN** - Make a gift and receive income for life! Avoid capital gains tax by giving an appreciated asset and receive a charitable tax deduction.
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