



# First Sunday of Advent

*Let Us Pray for Our Brothers and Sisters:*



Marvin Stites, Daniel Guldner, Charlie Hershkowitz, Suzan Couto, Mary Couto, Gene Koon, Mike Niehues, Casey Moore, Canella Edgerly, Charlie and Tom Sawyer, Robi Rogers, Concepcion Ramirez, Olivia Ramirez, Jamie Millen, Father Rodolfo Llamas, Kent, Florencia V., Anselmo Q., Victoria, Vargas and Rico Family, Rose Wampler, Carol Hall, Janna Alves, for those with health complications, for the homeless and for all the intentions of the families not listed.

**St. Monica Parish News & Announcements:**

**-Our second collection is for maintenance and repair building fund. Thank you in advance.**

**-Please join us for YLI breakfast after 9am Mass. We will be having waffles, eggs, bacon, fruit, coffee and juice.**

**Advent Penance Service**

Colusa-Our Lady of Lourdes, Thursday, December 5th at 6pm

Chico-Our Divine Savior, Monday, December 9th at 6pm

Yuba City-St. Isidore, Friday, December 13th at 6pm

Oroville-St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Thursday, December 19th at 6pm

**St. Monica's on December 20th at 6pm.**


**Mass Schedule & Intentions:**

Date	Time	Int	Name
Sat. 11/30	5:00pm		-All Souls
Sun. 12/1	9:00am		-All Souls
	12:00pm		-All Souls
Mon. 12/2	7:30am		-Marvin Stites
Tues. 12/3	7:30am		-Liturgy
Wed. 12/4	4:00pm		-All Souls
Thurs 12/5	7:30am		-All Souls
Fri. 12/6	7:30am		-All Souls
Sat. 12/7	5:00pm		-All Souls



Do you have a Mass intention? We now have mass intention envelopes, you can fill out and place in the offering basket. You can also personally stop by or call the parish office when you need a Mass celebrated (530)934-3314.

**Responsorial Psalm:**  
*Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9*

**“Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.”**

**-First Reading**

*Isaiah 2:1-5*  
The prophet Isaiah dreamed of a day when Jerusalem (sometimes called Zion) would be the center of the world, and all people would come there to receive instruction from God. In today's reading, Isiah presents a vision of peace and prosperity for the whole world.

**-Second Reading**

*Romans 13:11-14*  
Behind everything Paul wrote was his strong belief that the hour of Christ's return in glory was near at hand. In this passage, Paul uses the image of darkness and light to describe how Christians ought to live as they await that coming.

*Now is the acceptable time spoken of by the Spirit, the day of salvation, peace, and reconciliation—the great season of Advent. This is the time eagerly awaited by the patriarchs and prophets, the time that holy Simeon rejoiced to see. This is the season that the Church has always celebrated with special solemnity. We too should always observe it with faith and love, offering praise and thanksgiving to God for the mercy and love we are shown in this mystery.*

**Annual Catholic Appeal 2019**  
**“Report of Gratitude”**

As we reflect with gratitude for the many blessings God has given us, Catholics throughout our Diocese are invited to visit [scd.org](http://scd.org) to view the 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal “Report of Gratitude.” See how, together as Catholics, parishioners have made a real difference to our sister and brothers in need. This year, more than 261,000 individuals and families, were helped by 17 Northern California charities that received funds from the Appeal.

The 2019 Appeal is approaching \$3.7 million in commitments so far. Our parish receives 25% of any gift made by parishioners here. If you have not yet participated, prayerfully consider a donation, No contribution, no act of charity is ever too small or insignificant.

Envelopes are available here at the parish, or donate online at [scd.org](http://scd.org)



Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Communion and Lectors! There will be a meeting December 8th at 4pm at the Church. We will also have a potluck after the meeting to build community with one Another at the Parish Center. Please bring a dish to share.

**GIVE BLOOD**

St. Monica's Parish will be hosting a blood drive on Thursday, December 5th from 2-6pm.

The Willows Chamber of Commerce Annual Christmas Craft Faire will be held at the Parish Hall on December 7th., from 9am-2pm. The YLI ladies will have the kitchen open, featuring their famous homemade soups for lunch.

**Immaculate conception:**  
December 8th falls on the second day of Advent this year. The feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, falls on Monday, December 9th. This is not a Holy Day of Obligation. Regular Mass at 7:30am will be celebrated.

**Guadalupanos:**  
The Guadalupanos would like to invite Parishioners to Our Lady of Guadalupanos celebration.

The celebration begins on December 4th at 6pm with a novena at our Parish that will continue until December 12th.

On December 12th we will celebrate Mass for Our Lady of Guadalupe at 6pm.

On December 15th the celebration begins with mananitas from 6am-8am, following we will have pan, hot chocolate and coffee at the Parish Hall. Procession will start at 11am at Tehema and French St, and end at our Parish to celebrate Mass at 12pm, featuring Aztec dancers. After Mass we will have delicious carnitas. Please come join us on an eventful celebration.



**Best Advent Ever Prayer**

Week 1, Hope

Dear Jesus, you are the hope in our messy world. This Advent, help us slow down, listen to your voice, and focus on what's really important. We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth on Christmas.

**Dates to Remember**

**DECEMBER**

- Sunday, December 1st:** Second collection is for maintenance and repair building fund and YLI Breakfast.
- Thursday, December 5th:** Blood Drive at our Parish.

*Thank you for your generosity and your contribution to Saint Monica Parish!*

**November 17, 2019**  
Weekend Mass Offerings: \$2452.00

**Second collection**  
Catholic Faith Formation \$556.33