

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Let Us Pray for Our Brothers and Sisters:



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:

-Today, our parish will take up the 134th annual National Black and Indian Mission Collection. Our support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ! You can help meet unmet needs with a generous contribution today. Thank you for your support.

Advent Penance Service

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. 12/14	9:00am		-All Souls
	5:00pm		-All Souls
Sun. 12/15	9:00am	+	-All Souls
	12:00pm		Petra De la Cruz Estrada+, Ernesto Avila+, Enedina Jaquiz+, Jose Padilla+, Daniel Calzada+, Benjamin Hernandez+
Mon. 12/16	7:30am		-All Souls
Tues. 12/17	7:30am		-Liturgy
Wed. 12/18	4:00pm		-All Souls
Thurs 12/19	7:30am		-All Souls
Fri. 12/20	7:30am		-All Souls
Sat. 12/21	5:00pm		-All Souls



Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10

**“Lord, come and save us.”
Or Alleluia!**

-First Reading

Isaiah 35: 1-6, 10

TV coverage of events in the Middle East has familiarized us with the empty expanse of arid desert described in today's reading. Therefore, we can appreciate the unbelievable transformation which Isaiah promises. The prophet says that the desert will become a lush garden, as God's chosen people return singing and dancing from their 70-year exile in Babylon.

-Second Reading

James 5:7-10

The letter of James was written approximately 50 years after the death and resurrection of Jesus. It was addressed to a group of Christians who were disappointed that Jesus had not yet returned in glory. Using an agricultural image, the author encourages them to keep their hope alive as they face the day-to-day trials of life.

We must learn to recognize the Lord as present in the events of daily life. Advent is, so to speak, an intense training that directs us decisively toward him who already came, who will come, and who comes continuously.

-St. John Paul II

Christmas Mass:

December 24th
at 5:00pm (English)
No Mass in the Morning

December 25th
at 9:00am (English) and
12:00pm (Spanish)

New Years Mass:

January 1st
At 9:00am (English)
12:00pm (Spanish)

Guadalupanos:



The Guadalupanos would like to invite Parishioners to Our Lady of Guadalupe 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 featuring a beautiful serenade.

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.

Bulletin and Mass Announcement:

Thank you to those who have already made a gift to the 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal. Your gift will make a difference in someone's life. As of November 15, 2019, 133 parishioners have participated this year at our parish, totaling \$9,128.00 in gifts and pledges. If you have not yet made a donation, it's not too late! Prayerfully consider a gift. No contribution, no act of charity is ever too small or insignificant. Envelopes are still available in the church or the Parish office. Don't forget... 25% of what you give is returned to our Parish.

Participation

2018: 117
2019: 133
% change: 14%

Dollars

2018: \$8,851.00
2019: \$9,128.00
% change: 3%

Parish Share Distribution

2018 (Actual Distribution): \$2,209.00
2019 (Projected Distribution per YTD): \$2,282.00

Diocese News:

Bulletin Text Below Grounded in scripture and the Church's primary liturgical documents, this five-part series covers the theological principles and best practices of Catholic worship. Register today! \$35 per session (Lunch included in registration). This series is for Parish Liturgy Committee, liturgical ministers, musicians Catechists and anyone wanting to learn more about liturgy.

www.scdliturgy.eventbrite.com



Best Advent Ever Prayer

Week 3, Joy

Dear Jesus, help us focus on you during this busy season. May we stay aware of the joy you bring into our lives. We want to find you in the everyday moments and come with hearts of gratitude to your manger on Christmas.

Amen.

Dates to Remember

December

Wed., December 18th: YLI meeting.

Sat., December 21st: CFF Collection.

Tues. & Wed., December 24th & 25th: Office will be closed. Sorry for any inconvenience.

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

December 8, 2019:
Weekend Mass Offerings:
3,239.00

Second collection Campaign for Human Development:
\$663.00