

WEEK AT A GLANCE
November 18th - 26th

Sat.	4:30 p.m.	Mass – Sacred Heart (Souls of the Faithful Departed†)
Sun.	8:15 a.m.	Mass – St. Anne (Souls of the Faithful Departed†)
	10:00 a.m.	Mass – Sacred Heart (Souls of the Faithful Departed†)
	10:00 a.m.	Formación de Fe de los niños
	11:15 a.m.	Choir Practice
	12:00 p.m.	Misa en Español (Souls of the Faithful Departed†)
Mon.	NO MASS	
Tue.	8:00 a.m.	Mass (Souls of the Faithful Departed†)
	11:00 a.m.	Rosary at Rosie DeLaTorre's home
Wed.	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	
	8:00 a.m.	Mass (Souls of the Faithful Departed†)
	8:30 a.m.	Hospitality in the parish hall
Thu.	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	
	8:00 a.m.	Mass (Souls of the Faithful Departed†)
Fri.	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	
	8:00 a.m.	Mass (Souls of the Faithful Departed†)
	10:30 a.m.	Rosary at Oak River Rehab
	6:00 p.m.	Grupo de Juevenes
Sat.	3:00 p.m.	Confessions
	4:30 p.m.	Mass – Sacred Heart (Souls of the Faithful Departed†)
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Mon.** 1 Maccabees 1:10-15,41-43,54-57,62-63; Luke 18:35-43
- Tue.** 2 Maccabees 6:18-31; Luke 19:1-10
(Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Memorial)
- Wed.** 2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31; Luke 19:11-28
(St. Cecilia – Memorial)
- Thu.** Sirach 50:22-24; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Luke 17:11-19
- Fri.** 1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59; Luke 19:45-48
(St. Andrew Dung-Lac - Memorial)
- Sat.** 1 Maccabees 6:1-13; Luke 20:27-40
- Sun.** Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28; Matthew 25:31-46

PRAYER CONCERNS

Sr. Janel, Katie Lewis, Mike Evans, Pattie Henderson, Martha Hitchcock, Rich Valles, Carolyn Greenwood, Yvonne Mantey, Kevin Rezak, Angelo Costanzo, Dixee Graham, Mary Rowe, Joe Fitzpatrick, Delaney Valles, Ross Clark, Melody Christenson, Mary Jarvis, David Jacobs, Mary O'Keeffe, Jay Burns, Stan MacIsaac.

INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Please join us *this Sunday, November 19th, 7:00–8:30pm* at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 3410 Churn Creek Road in Redding for the Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service. The service will include an Interfaith Choir, Diversity of Faiths, Prayers and Readings. This is an opportunity for everyone to express their gratitude in honor of Thanksgiving. It is free and open to the public. All donations will benefit local nonprofits helping those in need. The service is hosted by the Shasta County Interfaith Forum. For more information, please call 243-8862 or go to www.Shastacoif.blogspot.com.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Collection Summary

October 21/22:	\$4,678
October 28/29:	\$4,488
November 4/5:	\$8,198
November 11/12:	\$4,969

For fiscal year 2017–2018

Budgeted for Collections: **\$280,000**
Total for 20 weeks: \$99,652 weekly Goal: **\$5,385**
 Average Weekly Collection: **\$4,983**

Second Collection

The Second Collection *this weekend* is for our Sacred Heart *“Catholic Faith Formation”* programs, which supports faith formation for children, High School Youth Ministry, Adult Bible Study, RCIA, and Catholic School Tuition Assistance.

Next weekend, our second collection will be for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Over 46 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs to empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to lift themselves out of poverty. By supporting this collection you give people a hand up, not a hand out. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

TOYS FROM THE HEART

Toys From the Heart, a ministry of Anderson Cottonwood Christian Assistance, will be wrapping Christmas gifts for children on the following dates from 3pm to 6pm. Please join us on Monday, November 27th, Wednesday, November 29th, Monday, December 4th and Wednesday, December 6th. Please call or text Lynn Gillis, 949-9179 or Laura Horner, 591-0667 to verify we will be wrapping gifts on those days.

WEEKLY REFLECTION

Question of the Week

For Children: Name one talent or gift that God has given you and tell how you have used it.

For Youth: Name three talents that you have. How can you use these talents in the next week to make someone's life better?

For Adults: Using Jesus' parable as your starting point, describe in your own words how you are using your own gifts to enrich the reign of God.

Liturgy of the Word

Our first reading introduces us to a woman of extraordinary skills, who uses her gifts both at home and out in the world, where she reaches out her hands to the poor. When we listen to the Gospel that follows, we can more easily visualize how God expects us to use the talents we have been given, not just to enrich ourselves or our employers, but to make the world a better place.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

The Catholic Daughters are taking donations for toiletries for One Safe Place Christmas stockings. For a list of items that are needed or more information, please call Ruth Smith at 243-8705. All donations can be dropped off at Our Lady of Mercy Parish Office. Thank you for any help you can give during the Holiday season.

PROJECT ANGEL TREE

Our parish is again participating in this ministry of Prison Fellowship which provides Christmas gifts to children of prison inmates. We would also like to provide a special gift to the care giver of each of these children, as most times it is a grandparent or other relative who is taking care of the children. A gift certificate to a restaurant or gift basket is always welcome. Look for the “angels” in the foyer after all the Masses *this weekend, November 18th & 19th*. Gifts are due back in the parish office by Thursday, December 14th and will be delivered to the families on Saturday, Dec. 23rd.

Our parish has also adopted *LeBrun Place*, which is a residence for developmentally disabled adults. We would like to provide the 35 residents with a sweat shirt and sweat pants each for Christmas.

NVCSS ADOPT A FAMILY PROGRAM

The holiday season is typically filled with family, joy and that special gift or two under the tree. And while that is true for many, there are also those families within our communities who struggle to make that dream a reality. Maybe you know of a family struggling to fill their cupboards, even with both parents holding down jobs, or a young mom who is doing it all on her own, or even those grandparents who have stepped up and are now raising their grandchildren. These are just a couple examples of the many North State families in need.

The Adopt-A-Family program is one of the most successful and uplifting programs NVCSS offers. This program brings the holiday spirit into the lives of donors, our recipients, and the communities we serve. Last year, nearly 500 families were adopted by caring individuals, families, and organizations throughout the Northern California counties of NVCSS.

If you are unable to adopt a family but would still like to contribute to the program, NVCSS will gladly accept cash donations as well as unwrapped gifts and grocery store gift certificates. In addition, volunteers are needed in all stages of the program for a variety of tasks. This is a fun way to give back with your kids during the Christmas season!

For more information, to adopt a family, or to make a monetary donation, please contact Northern Valley Catholic Social Service at 241-0552.

MARY MAGDALENE: ICON OF DISCIPLESHIP

Come journey through scripture with Mary Magdalene and interact with her encounter with Jesus, her conversion as his follower and her mission of discipleship. Join us on Saturday, December 9th, 10am to 2pm, at Our Lady of Mercy Church in Redding. Admission is free and open to all. Bring a sack lunch. Presented by Deacon Ray Arnold.

WHOLE PERSON CARE & PREPARE WORKSHOP

Are you interested in learning more about end of life ethic and pastoral care for the sick and dying? The Diocese of Sacramento is hosting a special end of life care workshop at St. Mel Catholic Church (Parish Center) 4748 Pennsylvania Ave, Fair Oaks on *Saturday, December 2nd*, 9:30am–12:00pm The workshop is open to all, but is recommended especially for bereavement & health ministers, and ministers to the homebound, respect life ministers, and care takers. Discussion topics include Church teaching on end of life ethics, accessing quality palliative care, hospice care, advance healthcare directives, and pastoral care at the end of life. Space is limited. RSVP today! Contact Carolina Estrada at 916-733-0253 or cestrada@scd.org.

ATTENTION ALL LECTORS

The 2018 Lector Workbooks are now available. Sacred Heart lectors can pick up their workbook in the Minister's Room and St. Anne lectors can pick up their workbooks in the back room of the church. Each book is labeled with your name.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2017 “REPORT OF GRATITUDE”

This Thanksgiving, as we reflect on the gratitude in our hearts for the many blessings God has given us, parishioners throughout the Diocese are invited to view the *2017 Annual Catholic Appeal “Report of Gratitude.”* See how the generosity of more than 25,000 Catholics helped our network of Catholic social service agencies to provide hope and help to our brothers and sisters here in Northern California. More than 200,000 individuals and families, through the tender mercy of our Lord Jesus, were given the chance to overcome difficult, sometimes dire circumstances. See the difference you've made this year. Read the *Report of Gratitude* at scd.org

The 2017 Appeal has raised more than \$3.7 million so far. If you have not yet participated this year, please prayerfully consider a donation. No contribution, no act of charity is ever too small or insignificant. You may donate online through The Catholic Foundation at scd.org. On behalf of the parish, and all those who need assistance, thank you.

A PRAYER FOR THANKSGIVING DINNER

Loving God, bless all those gathered here today as we come together in friendship and fellowship.

Thank you for the blessings of our individual and collective God-given gifts.

Place in our hearts the desire to make a difference to our families, to our community, to our country, and to the many cultures and peoples worldwide.

Give us balance in times of distraction and uncertainty. Help us move towards our goals with determination and always with an abundant sense of humor.

Thank you for food in a world where many know only hunger;

For our faith in a world where many know fear;

For friends in a world where many know only loneliness.

Please bless this food we are about to share, those who prepared it, those who serve it, and those who have worked to make today the special occasion that it is.

For all of this we give you thanks. Amen