

Happy 4th week 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:

-Support aging religious. Our second collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Many senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little or no pay. Today, religious communities often do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your gift helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders. Please be generous.

-Parish Office will be closed December 23-25th. Sorry for any inconvenience.

-Christmas Eve Mass December 24, 2019 at 5:00pm (English).

Holy Day of Obligation: The Nativity of the Lord December 25, 2019

9:00am (English)
12:00pm (Spanish)

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 24: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6

“Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

-First Reading

Isaiah 7: 10-14

In today’s passage, the prophet Isaiah speaks to the Jewish King Ahaz, who is more interested in politics than religion. Isaiah announces that the wife of Ahaz will soon have a son, who will be a better king than his father. Christians have seen in this passage a deeper meaning, namely, Mary giving birth to Jesus.

-Second Reading

Romans 1:1-7

The opening words of the letter to the Romans are an example of the classical style of letter writing at that time: Paul first identifies himself, extends a greeting, gives some helpful information about himself, and personalizes his letter by naming the community to whom he is writing. Paul highlights the fact that Jesus was descended from the Royal House of David. Early Christians (many of them from the lower class) were particularly proud of this.

The Redeemer has come into the world to do this wonderful work. He became one of us. More than this, he became one with us.

-St. Teresa Benedicta

Mass Schedule & Intentions:

| Date | Time | Int | Name |
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| Sat. 12/21 | 5:00pm | | -All Souls |
| Sun. 12/22 | 9:00am | | -All Souls |
| | 12:00pm | | Appreciation Mass for those who helped and served on the celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe |
| Mon. 12/23 | 7:30am | | -All Souls |
| Tues. 12/24 | 7:30am | | -Liturgy |
| Wed. 12/25 | 9:00am | | Birthday-Tristen Bobadilla |
| | 12:00pm | | -All Souls |
| Thurs 12/26 | 7:30am | | -All Souls |
| Fri. 12/27 | 7:30am | | -All Souls |
| Sat. 12/28 | 9:00am (Stonyford) | | -All Souls |
| | 5:00pm | | -All Souls |

New Years Mass:

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

Guadalupanos:



The Guadalupanos would like to thank anyone who donated and or purchased their delicious meals throughout the year in order to have a great outcome on Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration. Thank You.

Attention Parishioners! The Little Blue Books are here



How to use the Little Blue Book

Six minutes a day. That’s what you’re asked to give during these next 43 days — the 24 days of the Advent season, and the 19 days of the Christmas season.

Each 24-hour day has 240 “six minute” packages. During the Advent and Christmas seasons, you’re asked to give one of those to the Lord.

Pick up yours today in the Vestibule at every exit of our Church.

Your Invited!

On Monday December 23, 2019 at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall we will have a Gran Posada Potluck, games and pinata for kids as we await the birth of baby Jesus. A posada is a ritual re-enactment of Mary and Joseph’s search for a lodging in Bethlehem, performed just before Christmas. Please, join us!

Diocese News:

Did you know that CSU Chico, UC Davis, and CSU Sacramento all have active college campus ministry operating through the Newman Catholic Centers?

Regular weekly programming and special events for young adult college students are available and conveniently located in the areas surrounding the campuses. Upcoming Events: For more information about the centers, upcoming events, and how to reach out, please visit www.scd.org/youth-and-young-adult-ministry/newman-catholic-centers.

Give the gift of unplugging this summer! Not sure what to give you child for Christmas this year.

Consider giving them the gift of an unplugged week at Camp Pendola. Campers will spend a week exploring God’s creation in the outdoors in a screen free environment while living in small Christian communities and making lifelong friends. Registration for Camp Pendola 2020 is open! To register and get more information go to www.pendola.org



Best Advent Ever Prayer

Week 4, Love

Dear Jesus, may the light of your love always shine in our hearts. As Christmas draws closer, we marvel at your great love for us. Let your love transform every aspect of our lives and touch everyone we encounter. Our hearts are open to you, Jesus.

Amen.

Dates to Remember

December

Mon. Tues. & Wed., December 23-25th: Office will be closed. Sorry for any inconvenience.

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

December 15, 2019:
Weekend Mass Offerings: \$2,502.00

Stonyford Sunday Collection: \$195.00

Second collection
National Black & Indian Collection: \$1,262.75