



SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH ST. ANNE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sacred Heart Church
3141 St. Stephens Drive, Anderson
Saturday Mass: 4:30PM (English)
Sunday Mass: 10:00AM (English)
12:00 (Spanish)
Weekday: Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri: 8AM
Confessions: Saturday: 3PM

St. Anne Church
3415 Main Street
Cottonwood
Sunday Mass: 8:15AM



DECEMBER 2, 2018

Parish Office.....365-8573
Angie Scott, Secretary/Bookkeeper

After hours emergency # 378-4681

Catholic Faith Formation 365-8573
Rena Magana, Coordinator

Formacion de fe para ninos.....365-8573
Rene Magana, Coordinador

Youth Ministry 365-8573

Grupo de Jovenes..... 365-8573

RCIA 365-8573
Fr. Eric Flores, Coordinator

RICA 365-5303
Yolanda Alvarado, Coordinador

Baptism Preparation Class..... 365-8573
1st Tuesday of each month
Mike Spence, Coordinator

Clase de preparaci3n para el bautismo
2do jueves de cada mes
Hector Rubio, Coordinador.....**276-4694**

Parish Nursing Ministry 524-4092
Sandy Downing, Parish Nurse

Sacred Heart Thrift Store..... 365-5853
2652 Gateway Drive, Anderson
Maria Gonzales, Manager

Parish Gift Shop..... 347-1985
Kathy Weiss, Coordinator

Anderson Cottonwood Christian Assistance
2979 East Center St. Anderson, **365-4220**
Open Tuesday & Friday, 10am—2pm

Northern Valley Catholic Social Service
2400 Washington Ave. Redding...**241-0552**

Knights of Columbus 244-2242
Jim Duval, Grand Knight

FIRST SUNDAY *of Advent*



Rev. Eric Flores, Parochial Administrator

Deacons: Rich Valles • Jesus Madrigal

Michael Evans (retired) • Anthony Short (retired)

Secretary/Bookkeeper: Angie Scott

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FROM THE PASTOR



Dear Sacred Heart Parishioners,

After more than a year of observing, praying and working here at Sacred Heart, and in accordance with Canon Law and the Diocese of Sacramento Diocesan Statutes, I am glad to present to you the new membership of the Pastoral and Finance Councils of our parish. They will help me in fostering pastoral activity and in promoting the overall welfare of the parish. These Councils are consultative in nature. They will suggest and recommend things to me as I pray, discern, and make the final decision. They will serve for a 2 year term beginning December 2018 through December 2020, unless a new Pastor will come, in which their membership will cease.

Pastoral Council

Paul Jones - **Chair**

Susie Browning - **Vice Chair/Secretary**

Stacey Casey

Laura Luster

Vicky Nunez - **Spanish**

Mike Spence

Hector Rubio - **Spanish**

Neil McAuliffe - **St. Anne**



The Parish Pastoral Council is a consultative body, pastoral in nature, because it strives to discern the movement of the Holy Spirit among God's people in the parish. A Parish Pastoral Council gives its help to the pastor in fostering pastoral activity; it investigates, under the authority of the pastor, all those things which pertain to pastoral works to ponder them, and to propose practical conclusions about them. It is essential that Council meetings occur in the context of prayer and openness to the Holy Spirit, so that at all times the common good will prevail.

Finance Council

Pam del Monte - **Chair**

Jim Smith

Jim Seale - **St. Anne**

Maria Lozoya - **Spanish**

The Parish Finance Council is a consultative body of lay persons established to advise the Pastor in matters pertaining to the financial affairs of the parish. Finance Councils fulfill two purposes. The first is to provide a means by which the Pastor receives expert help in caring for the temporal goods of the parish. The second is that it fosters a climate of openness and participation. A well-utilized Finance Council is significant in ensuring the adherence to responsible financial policies and avoidance of illegal practices. By fulfilling these two purposes, the Finance Council assures that the parish's temporal resources are properly maintained and utilized. As a result, the parish community may stay focused on its primary mission, which is the building of the Kingdom of God.



WEEKLY NEWS

MASS INTENTIONS DECEMBER 2ND—9TH

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| Saturday | Dec. 1st | 4:30pm | David Pruitt† |
| Sunday | Dec. 2nd | 8:15am | Sacred Heart Parishioners |
| Sunday | Dec. 2nd | 10:00am | Caroline Costanzo† |
| Sunday | Dec. 2nd | Noon | |
| Tuesday | Dec. 4th | 8:00am | Rayce Altermatt† |
| Wednesday | Dec. 5th | 8:00am | Clare Uphus† |
| Thursday | Dec. 6th | 8:00am | Barney and Clare Uphus† |
| Friday | Dec. 7th | 8:00am | Marvel Wolf† |
| Saturday | Dec. 8th | 4:30pm | Rayce Altermatt† |
| Sunday | Dec. 9th | 8:15am | Sacred Heart Parishioners |
| Sunday | Dec. 9th | 10:00am | Joseph Massucci† |
| Sunday | Dec. 9th | Noon | |

PRAYER CONCERNS

Patrick Cabrol, John West, Sam Short, Bill Silva, Lisa West, Pangburn Family, Rita Duivenvoorden, Lila Magana, Miranda Weise, Alverta Snider, Carolyn Greenwood, Trista Becker, John Williams, Helen Presidio, Rina Ford, Clementine Mills, Jim Weirick, Ilene Duval, Tillie Duval, Dawn Drinkwater, Carol Andrews, Katie Lewis, Martha Hitchcock, Kevin Rezak, Angelo Costanzo, Mary Rowe, Ross Clark,

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

On Tuesday, December 4th, we will offer a baptism preparation class in English at 6:00pm in the parish hall social room. This class is held on the first Tuesday of each month and is facilitated by Mike Spence. For more information, call the parish office at 365-8573.

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.

Our parish has also adopted *LeBrun Place*, which is a residence for developmentally disabled adults. We would like to provide the 40+ residents with a sweat shirt and sweat pants each for Christmas. Look for the gift tags on the table in the foyer.

Look for the “angels” in the foyer after all the Masses this weekend. Gifts are due back in the parish office by **Monday, December 17th** and will be delivered to the families on Saturday, Dec. 22nd.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Collection Summary

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| November 3/4: | \$6,808 |
| November 10/11: | \$5,947 |
| November 17/18: | \$5,368 |
| November 24/25: | \$4,809 |

For fiscal year 2017– 2018

Budgeted for Collections: **\$280,000**

Total for 22 weeks: \$118,249 weekly Goal: \$5,385

Average Weekly Collection: **\$5,375**

Second Collection

Our Second Collection this weekend is for our Maintenance and Improvement Fund. This collection helps keep our parish buildings and grounds in good working order and looking so good. Thank you for your continued generosity.

*Merry Christmas from
The Sacred Heart Thrift Store
2652 Gateway Drive, Anderson
530-365-5853*

*Shop, Save, Win & Support
Your local Catholic Thrift Store
Saturday, December 8th 10am ~ 4pm
Spectacular Christmas Indoor/Outdoor Sale
Event Includes:*

*New & Used items for sale, refreshments, prizes,
music & fellowship*

PARISH BREAKFAST AND BAKE SALE

The Knights of Columbus will host the monthly Parish Breakfast this Sunday, December 2nd from 9:00am to 12:30pm in the parish hall. Cost is \$6 for adults and \$4 for children under 12.

YLI will hold a bake sale during the Knights breakfast. Come on over to the hall and enjoy a delicious breakfast and buy some treats to take home.

YOUTH GROUP

8th grade and High School Youth Group meets in the Church basement of St. Joseph Church Thursdays from 6:30-8pm. Contact Marina for more information (530) 844-2585. Adults are needed to help as well.

UPSTATE YOUNG ADULTS

Upstate Young Adults meet every 2nd Tuesday for Theology on Tap at Fratelli's Pizza from 6:00 to 9:00pm. Every 4th Tuesday, Upstate Young Adults meet at Our Lady of Mercy Church in Redding from 6:00 to 9:00pm for Holy Hour followed by fellowship. For more information, please contact Timothy Lorenzo at Upstateyacats@gmail.com.

WEEKLY NEWS

FRONT ENTRANCE LANDSCAPING

We are offering each part of the landscaping plan in the new front entrance for sponsorships. These sponsorships can be in memory of someone, in honor of someone, or in honor of a special occasion. Below is a list of the sponsorship opportunities. A plaque will be installed to memorialize all sponsorships. We only have a few areas left to sponsor.

2 front planters: \$1,000 each
Planter next to the rectory: \$350

Please talk to Fr. Erie or call the parish office if you are interested in a sponsorship or would like more information.

PARISH WOMEN'S RETREAT

YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO MISS IT! It's one of the best bargains—Our Parish Retreat for Women on the weekend of February 22nd—24th. The retreat theme this year is *"May the Passion of Jesus Christ be always in our Hearts: Inspired by the Gospel of Mark"*. You'll come away with faith renewed and a better perspective on job, family and life. Cost is less than a weekend at a good motel, and the benefits are priceless! To register: call Pam DelMonte at 378-8075, call the Retreat Center at 916-725-4720 or you may also register online at christthekingretreatcenter.org.

COOK NEEDED!

Ray Dawson, our wonderful Prime Rib cook, is looking for a volunteer to train to take his place for both the New Year's Eve Dinner and the Crab Feed. Ray will be present this year to train. If you can help, please call the parish office at 365-8573.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

We perform penance to shake ourselves free of our attachments to sin and the distractions that keep us from recognizing the presence of God in our lives. Reconciliation allows us to put God in the center of our lives. Attending an Advent Penance Service helps us prepare our hearts for the coming of the Christ Child on Christmas Day.

Wednesday, December 5th – 6:00 p.m.

Our Lady of Mercy – Red Bluff

Thursday, December 13th – 7:00 p.m.

St. Joseph Church - Redding

Friday, December 14th – 6:00 p.m.

Sacred Heart Church, Anderson

Monday, December 17th – 7:00 p.m.

Sacred Heart Church – Red Bluff

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception celebrates the saving work of God in preserving the Blessed Virgin Mary from the stain of original sin. Because of His foreknowledge that Mary would consent to bear Christ, God kept Mary free from original sin from the moment of her conception in the womb of her mother, Saint Anne.

Next **Saturday, December 8th** we will celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception – the day of our Blessed Mother's conception – nine months before the celebration of her birth on September 8th.

Masses will be celebrated on Friday, December 7th, 6:00pm at St. Anne and Saturday, December 8th, 8:00am at Sacred Heart. This is a Holy Day of Obligation.

2019 CRAB FEED

We are looking for donations for items for the Crab Feed Raffle.

Suggested Donations

Kitchen Appliances/Kitchen Ware
Lap Top Computer or Tablet
Patio Furniture or Swing
Wine, Bikes, Colorful Wheelbarrow
Dinner Gift Cards, Houseboat Vacation
Get Away Trip, River Boat Trip,
Trip to a Winery, Golfing Excursion
Canoeing or Kayaking Trip
Day of Fly Fishing, OR...
Please call Tina Nelson, 223-1195 for more information or to donate.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Christmas Around the World

Potluck Dinner

Saturday, December 15th

6:00pm in the Parish Hall.

Bring a favorite dish from your ancestors homeland to make this a delicious cultural dining experience. Hosted by the Knights of Columbus. Santa will bring gifts for the children!



WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. Isaiah 2:1-5; Matthew 8:5-11
Tue. Isaiah 11:1-10; Luke 10:21-24
Wed. Isaiah 25:6-10a; Matthew 15:29-37
Thu. Isaiah 26:1-6; Matthew 7:21, 24-27
Fri. Isaiah 29:17-24; Matthew 9:27-31
Sat. Genesis 2:9-15, 20; Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12;
 Luke 1:26-38
Sun. Baruch 5:1-9; Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11; Luke 3:1-6

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Waiting is not always so easy. If you lack patience, like me, you probably want whatever is going to happen to just happen already. I remember waiting on the births of my children. There was the time I sat with my dying father in the hospital. One year, we waited to see if our oldest child got into the college of his choice, or any college at all, which was nerve-wracking.

So, to make the time pass more easily, and because it is prudent and wise, we make preparations. We put together nurseries, go over last will and testaments, and look through endless college mailings. Then, when the event finally happens or our fate is unveiled, the preparation ends. Either you have prepared well or you didn't.

Unlike events in our lives that only happen once, we have been through Advent many times before. Even though this is the case, when Christmas arrives many of us will think we missed it again, and next year will be the year we really get into Advent. Of course, there is no promise of next year. What if you knew this was your last Advent? I once read a book about how to live your life as if you only had one year to live. The author said that doing this provides incentive for a real commitment to living life to its fullest. You notice things for the first time. You make plans that you always put off. You tell people what you always wanted to say.

I hope all who read this have many wonderful years ahead of them. However, let's approach this Advent like it is our last. I bet Christmas will seem that much sweeter. And who knows, we may find a new and improved way to live all year long.
 —Tracy Welliver, MTS

GOSPEL MEDITATION FOR DECEMBER 2ND

Tribulation. Wildfires. Tsunamis. Moral corruption. Disease. War. We tend to associate these things with the end times, and perhaps for good reason! In today's Gospel, Jesus says: "People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world." Not exactly putting us in the Christmas spirit, is it? During Advent, we anticipate a celebration of Christ's first coming. There is a quiet stillness about our waiting, or at least we try to encourage that in ourselves. Perhaps we have an Advent devotional or we take time to pray together as a family around the Advent wreath.

But Jesus did not come only once into history. During Advent, we remember that he will come again. You may remember the rapture craze in the early 2000s, when a series of books and movies envisioned a future where Jesus was coming soon and all the true believers had been whisked away. Everyone else had one more chance to repent before things really went to hell...literally, in this case!

But is that what Jesus is talking about here? The truth is, we don't know what Jesus' Second Coming will be like. The actual return of Christ—though sudden and perhaps frightening to some—should not frighten us. Despite all the stories we may have heard about the apocalypse, the advice of Jesus is not to hang our heads or cower in fear. "Stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." In a certain sense, we are already living in the end times. We already encounter great tribulation. We all find it easy to get distracted or discouraged in the grind of daily life. Today's Gospel reminds us that vigilance for God's presence is needed now.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

For Children: What helps you to grow in your faith? Who helps you?

For Youth: Advent is the Church season when we prepare for Christ's birth at Christmas. What is one thing you can do to prepare yourself spiritually for Christmas?

For Adults: Paul exhorts us to "make greater progress" in our spiritual lives. What one step could you take to make greater progress in your own life?

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| Sunday, Dec. 2 | Monday, Dec. 3 | Tuesday, Dec. 4 | Wednesday, Dec. 5 |
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| 8:15 a.m. Mass – St. Anne 10:00 a.m. Mass – Sacred Heart 10:00 a.m. Formación de Fe de los Niños 11:15 a.m. Choir Practice 12:00 p.m. Misa en Español PARISH OFFICE CLOSED | | 8:00 a.m. Mass 9:00 a.m. Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Legion of Mary Mtg. 6:00 p.m. Baptism Class | 8:00 a.m. Mass 11:00 a.m. Rosary at Rosie's Home 1:30 p.m. Mass at VA Home 6:00 p.m. Children's Faith Formation Classes |
| Thursday, Dec. 6 | Friday, Dec. 7 | Saturday, Dec. 8 | Sunday, Dec. 9 |
| 8:00 a.m. Mass | 8:00 a.m. Mass 11:00 a.m. Rosary at Oak River PARISH OFFICE CLOSED | 3:00 p.m. Confessions 4:30 p.m. Mass PARISH OFFICE CLOSED | 8:15 a.m. Mass – St. Anne 10:00 a.m. Mass – Sacred Heart 10:00 a.m. Formación de Fe de los Niños 11:15 a.m. Choir Practice 12:00 p.m. Misa en Español PARISH OFFICE CLOSED |