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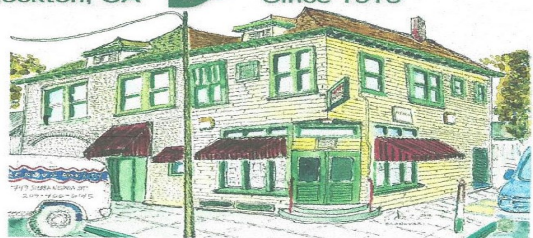
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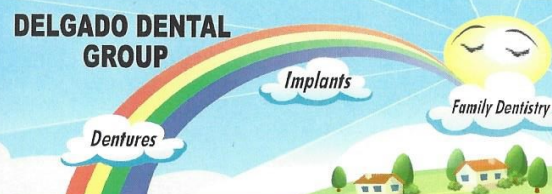
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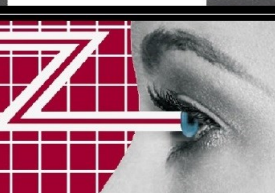


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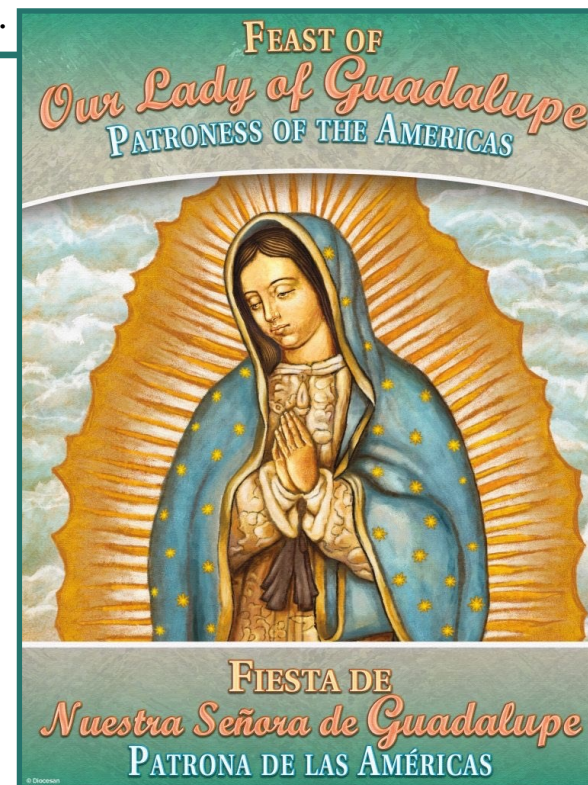
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Schedule of Masses

Saturday.....5:00pm
Sabado.....6:30pm español
Sunday.....7:30 am & 10:00 am
Domingo.....12:00 pm español
Weekdays.....8:00am

Holy Days

English.....8:00 am
Español.....6:00 pm

First Friday

Holy Hour..... 8:30 am-5:00pm
Mass.....5:00 pm

Sacraments

Confession Saturday 3:45pm-4:45pm
Baptism.....1st & 3rd Sat. 11:00 am English
Bautizo.....2° & 4° Sab. 11:00 am Español

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/Exposicion del Santisimo: Due to the pandemic we are no longer exposing the Blessed Sacrament till further notice./ Debido a la pandemia el Santisimo no estara expuesto hasta nuevo aviso.

Veneration of the Relic of St. Faustina/Veneracion a la Reliquia de Sor. Faustina: The 3rd Thursday of each month at 3:00 pm @ the FMC./ Cada 3er Jueves de cada mes en el FMC

2021 Gala Pictures



Christmas Schedule 2021

Reconciliation/ confession
Wednesday- December 8,15 & 22 at 4:00PM - 5:00PM

Friday, December 24, Christmas Eve
5:00PM- Children Mass with Gospel- RE-Enactment
10:00PM- Community Mass (Bilingual)
Saturday- December 25, Christmas Day
8:00AM- English Mass
10:00AM- English Mass
12:00PM- Spanish Mass

Saturday, January 1, 2022
New Year- Solemnity of the Mary, Mother of God
8:00 AM- English Mass
10:00 AM- English Mass
12:00 PM- Spanish Mass

Religious Article Sale The weekend of December 18 & 19 in Rose Liel Hall. A group from the Holy Land (Bethlehem & Jerusalem) will be selling religious articles after our masses to support the Catholic Christians in Bethlehem. As a tradition many of the Catholic families in the Holy Land work in small workshops to produce religious articles from olive wood. However, these days they are facing an economic hardship as very few tourists visit the Holy Land due to security issues. Please stop by and see the beautiful religious articles that will be for sale. All sales will be used to help and support the Catholics in the Holy Land.

Venta de Articulos Religiosos El fin de semana 18 y 19 de diciembre en el salon Rose Liel. Un grupo de Tierra Santa estara vendiendo articulos religiosos despues de misa para apoyar la comunidad de Catolicos en Belen. Como tradicion las familias Catolicas de Tierra Santa hacen articulos religiosos de madera de olivo y las venden a los turistas. En los pasados años estas familias han sido afectadas economicamente ya que el numero de turistas a bajado debido a la inseguridad. Por favor apoye esta venta. Todos los fondos recaudados sera para apoyar economicamente a las familias Catolicas de Tierra Santa.

Nativity Scene Blessing, Sacramento, Saturday, December 18 at 3:00 p.m.

Please join the Knights of Columbus Council 11052, Monsignor Gus, and the Sacramento Nativity Scene Committee at the northwest corner of the state Capitol building on Saturday, December 18 at 3pm. For the sixth straight year we will be displaying the Nativity Scene in front of the Capitol building as a public statement of our faith and belief in Christ this Christmas season. Knights from multiple local councils will be providing an honor guard to Msgr. Gus while he blesses the Nativity scene. We will then join in singing Christmas carols and conclude around 3:30 with hot chocolate and cookies.

The Nativity will be on Display from December 18 through 26 in front of the Capitol building. This is one of 32 such displays at state capitols nationwide, a project spearheaded by the American Nativity Scene Committee (<https://www.americannativityscene.com/>). For more information please email SacramentoNativity@gmail.com



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Ministerio de Respeto a La Vida:

"Si (una) persona no participa en el acto en sí, pero ayuda con la preparación o el seguimiento, la cooperación es *mediata*. . . . La cooperación mediada puede ser de diferentes tipos, dependiendo de si está más cerca del acto en sí (próximo) o más alejado de él (remoto). Por ejemplo, ayudar en la preparación de la paciente sería una *cooperación mediada próxima*, mientras que procesar formularios para admitir pacientes en un hospital que, entre otras cosas, realiza abortos sería una *cooperación mediata remota*. ¿Está permitida esa cooperación y, en caso afirmación, cuándo? Todos tenemos el deber moral de evitar cooperar en el mal tanto como sea posible, pero la teología moral católica reconoce que puede haber circunstancias en las que es permisible cooperar de manera material mediada en un acto malvado. *Antes de formarte en el vientre te conocí*, por el Reverendísimo Salvatore Cordileone, Arzobispo de San Francisco

Faith Formation Corner:

JOY- What is joy? Is it about happiness, as we know it? I did some research into the true meaning of joy, and why this particular Advent is pink. I found out that this is based on “Gaudette Sunday” (you are welcome to research this yourselves), and this particular Sunday, which came to be in the Middle Ages of Christianity, is based on the Latin translation of “Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. (Philippians 4:4-5)

I love this word – JOY. It somehow seems deeper in feeling than “happiness.” When I speak to people who use the word “happy,” it is typically in regard to something fleeting, such as, “I just want to get a pair of shoes for my event and then I’ll be happy.” Or “I’ll be happy when I get my kitchen remodel done.” But “Joy,” that’s a whole different realm. I see or perceive joy to be very lasting, memorable. Joy, for me is when I get to witness my youngest grandson’s Baptism as I also witness my son, his father, proclaim the vows of his Catholicism.

That makes my heart burst open with a depth of hope, peace, love, and grace. “Happy” or “Happiness” is something else. In the realm of joy, I can truly “Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.” When I was watching my son and my grandson, I truly felt as the though the Lord was right there, present to us all, and in the presence of such love and peace, it is so easy to feel safe allowing Life’s gentle nature to surface.

This, I believe is what the third week of Advent is about. I believe that the following week is about the realization that the “joy” of life **is** in life’s messiness and yet, remains extremely precious. We can see this most of all in the open, gentle innocence of the infant Christ, who remains hidden in the womb of our blessed Mother, but, whose presence will be revealed to us on Christmas day. Our Lord will be placed, into a feeding trough for animals, as a life offering of hope in order that we can experience his everlasting love for us. The feeling of that joy is re-triggered every time we immerse ourselves in the eyes of any child.

What about you? What do you see? So, I challenge you (me too) to “Rejoice always” this season of Advent. What could we experience if, as devout Catholics, we remembered that “our Lord **is** near,” that we can rest in the gentleness of Love’s safety, and we can truly experience our “JOY.” Happy Advent and Blessings, Roz

Forming the Faith by Kennedy:

Advent calendars are a fun way to count the days until Jesus's birthday. Some people who enjoy doing arts and crafts make their own and other people buy them. We recently saw some at Trader Joe's with chocolate for only \$.99 each! Some of you may find this idea even better which is an online Advent calendar. Be sure to check it out and click the dates to see the suggestions for that day in preparation for our Lord's special day.



Children's Advent Calendar | Loyola Press



Third Sunday of Advent/Tercer Domingo de Adviento

Today’s Gospel provides a blueprint for the good stewardship: “ Let the man who has two coats give to him who has none. The man who has food should do the same.”

El Evangelio de hoy provee un bosquejo detallado para la buena administración de los bienes de Dios: "El que tenga dos capas, que dé una al que no tiene, y el que tenga de comer, haga lo mismo."

Mass Intentions for the Week Year B:			
Saturday	Dec. 11th	Thursday	Dec. 16th
8:00 AM	All Souls in Purgatory	8:00AM	Julia Rine (Birthday) Shari Anderson (Special Intention) Barbara Prato †
5:00 PM	Judy Green (Intention) Don Jude Marsau † Andrew Magnasco † Andy Machiwalla † Joseph Sappington † Aurelia Turbetti † Josefina Verduzco †	Friday	Dec. 17th
6:30 PM	Mass for the People (Missa Pro Populi)	8:00AM	Josephine & Antonio Piccoli † Greta Hermann † Larry Silveira †
Sunday	Dec.12th	Saturday	Dec. 18th
7:30 AM	Margarida Cotta † Joao & Maria Ferreira † Maria Bugante † Joe & Ida Silveira (Intention) Joe & Rosa Vargas †	8:00 AM	Sr. Irma Cruz (Birthday)
10:00 AM	Pauli Mafi (Birthday) Souls of Oriba Trovao Family † United States of America (Intention) Dennis Green †	5:00 PM	Andy Machiwalla † Donald John Marsau † Mary-Helen Fernandez (Birthday) Joseph Sappington †
12:00PM	Margarita Linares † Francisco Alfaro Palos Jr. † Daniel Parra † Dolores Gonzalez Perez † Delfina Perez Solorio †	6:30 PM	Mass for the People (Missa Pro Populi)

Readings for the Week

Monday Memorial of Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9; Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday Memorial of Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23; Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25; Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b; Lk 7:24-30
Friday Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Saturday Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

Sunday Fourth Sunday of Advent
Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-4

Parish Updates/Actualizaciones Parroquiales

12-04-2021-Gala Night- Over 230 people gathered together to celebrate the long-awaited completion of the Church Renovation. Guests were greeted by Gala committee members, **Mike Colavita, Margaret Dasso, and Kevin Rine**. Attendants were then invited to have their photo taken by **Eric Centeno**, followed by complimentary cocktails. **Veronica Centeno** and her crew made sure that the table linens, centerpieces, seating, and ambiance transformed the Father Meyer Center into a beautiful setting of elegant simplicity. **Bishop Myron Cotta** expressed his fond affection for St. Michael’s and gave a loving blessing to everyone, increasing the air of excitement and joy. **Sr. Angela**, who had brought her community of Sisters, provided the Invocation and the Blessing of the food. **Msgr. Ryan** expressed his love and admiration for St. Michael’s parishioners’ hard work, perseverance, and financial assistance in making the renovation of the Church a reality. **Msgr. Gus** expressed his deep gratitude, joy, and love for everyone involved to complete the church renovation. **Martin Garcia of A-1 Construction** shared his experience of how many obstacles ensued, and how the encouragement from Msgr. Gus propelled him to continue forward. **Aaron Gallarde and crew** provided on-going beautiful music throughout the evening. The beautiful voices **of Chila, Jose, and Ramiro Amezcua** serenaded our guests during the meal as well. And after the delicious meal provided by **Dan Leong and his crew**, the dance floor opened up for the remainder of the evening. Special appreciation and love go out to everyone else who helped to make the Gala a special night. Thanks to Gala Committee members: **Msgr. Gus, Chila Amezcua, Laureen Casale, Mike Colavita, Margaret Dasso, John Ferriola, Cora Galvez, Vesenia Guttenbeil, Kevin & Roz Rine, and Rosie Siebenthal** for all the hard work and planning they did to make the Gala a success!!!

12-04-2021-Noche de Gala- Más de 230 personas se reunieron para celebrar la tan esperada finalización de la Renovación de la Iglesia. Los invitados fueron recibidos por los miembros del comité de Gala, Mike Colavita, Margaret Dasso y Kevin Rine. Los asistentes fueron invitados a que Eric Centeno tomara una foto, seguida de cócteles de cortesía. Veronica Centeno y su equipo se aseguraron de que los manteles de mesa, los centros de mesa, los asientos y el ambiente transformaran el Centro Padre Meyer en un hermoso entorno de elegante simplicidad. El obispo Myron Cotta expresó su cariñoso afecto por San Miguel y dio una bendición amorosa a todos, aumentando el aire de emoción y alegría. La Hermana Ángela, trajo a su comunidad de Hermanas, proporcionó la Invocación y la Bendición de la comida. Msgr. Ryan expresó su amor y admiración por el duro trabajo, la perseverancia y la asistencia financiera de los feligreses de San Miguel para hacer realidad la renovación de la Iglesia. Msgr. Gus expresó su profunda gratitud, alegría y amor por todos los involucrados para completar la renovación de la iglesia. Martín García de A-1 Construction compartió su experiencia de cuántos obstáculos se produjeron y cómo el aliento de Monseñor Gus lo impulsó a continuar adelante. Aaron Gallarde y su equipo proporcionaron la hermosa música durante toda la noche. Las hermosas voces de Chila, José y Ramiro Amezcua también dieron una serenata a nuestros invitados durante la comida. Y después de la deliciosa comida proporcionada por Dan Leong y su equipo, la pista de baile se abrió por el resto de la noche. Especial aprecio y amor a todos los demás que ayudaron a hacer de la Gala una noche especial. Gracias a los miembros del Comité de Gala: Mons. Gus, Chila Amezcua, Laureen Casale, Mike Colavita, Margaret Dasso, John Ferriola, Cora Galvez, Vesenia Guttenbeil, Kevin & Roz Rine y Rosie Siebenthal por todo el arduo trabajo y la planificación que hicieron para que la Gala fuera un éxito!!!

12-10-2021-Thank-you to the following parishioners who continually donate to our **Church Roof Project:**
12-10-2021-Gracias a los siguientes feligreses que donan continuamente a nuestro Proyecto de Techo de la **Iglesia:**

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12-08-2021-Consecration to St. Joseph celebration. We are so very blessed to have many members of our diverse congregation consecrate themselves to our spiritual father, St. Joseph, celebrated with a Mass, on the **special day of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**. Those consecrated had prepared themselves for 33 days for this consecration; they were able to learn more about St. Joseph and his special role as Jesus’ father, they established and grew closer in relationship with St. Joseph, and chose to honor St. Joseph with their lives. May God Bless them mightily!!

12-08-2021-Consagración a san José. Estamos muy bendecidos de que muchos miembros de nuestra diversa congregación se consagren a nuestro padre espiritual, San José, celebrado, con una Misa, en el día especial de la Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción. Los consagrados se habían preparado durante 33 días para esta consagración; pudieron aprender más sobre San José y su papel especial como padre de Jesús, establecieron y se acercaron más en relación con San José, y eligieron honrar a San José con sus vidas. ¡¡Que Dios los bendiga poderosamente!!

Gospel Reflection:

Luke 3:10-18
John the Baptist teaches the path of repentance and announces Christ.

This Sunday's Gospel continues last week's focus on John the Baptist and his role in preparing the way for Christ. Recall that last week's reading described John's appearance in the desert and established his connection with the prophetic tradition of Israel. If we were to read Luke's Gospel continuously, we would learn about John the Baptist challenging the crowds who came to him and calling upon them to show evidence of their repentance. John tells his listeners that they cannot rely on their lineage as Israelites because children of Abraham can be raised up from stones. Repentance, rather, must be observable in one's actions. Here, Luke is continuing to set up two important themes of his Gospel message: the Christian faith is expressed in one's actions, and the call to salvation is extended to everyone, Jews and Gentiles.

In today's Gospel reading, the crowds ask John the Baptist for specifics. What evidence of repentance is required? John replies by naming concrete actions: crowds should share their food and cloaks; tax collectors should be just; soldiers should act fairly. The concern for

justice is a hallmark of Luke's Gospel.

When the crowd begins to wonder if John the Baptist might be the Messiah, John interprets his baptism and makes it clear that his ministry is in preparation for the Messiah. John the Baptist knows his place and role in God's plan of salvation. By encouraging the crowd to act similarly in accordance with their stations in life, John's teaching suggests that each person has a role to play in God's salvation. It is the great mystery of our salvation that God permits and even asks for human cooperation in his divine plans.

The third Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is a Latin word that means “rejoice.” This name is taken from the entrance antiphon for Sunday's Mass, which is also echoed in today's second reading from the Paul's letter to the Philippians. Some people mark this Sunday by lighting a pink candle instead of a purple one on their Advent wreath. It is a reminder that the Advent season is a season of joy because our salvation is already at hand.

Family Connection

The theme of the season of Advent is sometimes described as a period of waiting for the birth of Jesus. However, today's Gospel reading suggests

something different. John the Baptist did not tell the crowds to wait for the Messiah. He told them to prepare for the Messiah through acts of repentance. If Advent is a time of waiting, it is not the sitting in the doctor's office kind of waiting. It is a busy time of preparation, more like the waiting we might do when preparing for dinner guests. Our challenge is to not make this season a frenzied time, but rather a time of joyful anticipation and making ready for God who comes to dwell among us and changes our lives with the gift of salvation.

As you gather as a family, talk about the preparations your family is making during the season of Advent. Reflect together on these activities, not only on what you are doing but why you are choosing to do these things. Read together today's Gospel, Luke 3:10-18. Consider how Advent is a time for making ourselves ready to receive Jesus in our lives. Could your family make some changes in your Advent activities so that each person is well prepared to celebrate the gift of salvation at Christmas? Conclude in prayer together that your family will be able to live the spirit of Advent. Sing together an Advent song, such as “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” or pray together today's second reading, Philippians 4:4-7, as you light the third candle on your Advent wreath.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, my mother, into your hands joined in prayer, take my prayers, petitions and hopes, and present them to Jesus for me. Remembering the love and care your hands rendered to Him, He will not refuse what they hold now, even though they are from me. Amen. *Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, mi madre, en tus manos unidas en oración, toma mis oraciones, peticiones y esperanzas, y preséntalas a Jesús por mí. Recordando el amor y el cuidado que tus manos le entregaron a Él, Él no rechazará lo que tienen ahora, aunque sean de mí. Amén.*

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