

December 17, 2017

Third Sunday in Advent



Our Divine Savior
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Deacon Mr. James Burkett

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon.– Fri.10:00am-3:00pm



John answered them, "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." - Jn 1:26-27

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm,

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00

& 11:00 am,

Morning Mass: 8:00 am

(Monday-Friday)

Confessions:

Saturdays 3:30-4:30 pm

MISSION STATEMENT Our Divine Savior Parish, a Roman Catholic community, nourished by God's grace and the sacraments, embraces the mission of Jesus Christ. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we live the gospel through our worship of God and through loving service to one another and to the greater community.

PARISH PERSONNEL

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Parish Office Hours:

Monday - Friday
10:00 am-3:00 pm

PARISH MINISTRIES/ORGANIZATIONS

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Director of RCIA:
Stephanie & Deacon James Burkett, 893-2348
rciaods2@yahoo.com

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Deacon James Burkett, 893-2348

SACRAMENT OF HOLY MATRIMONY

By appointment, 6 months in advance.
Call the Parish Office

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sundays from 10:05am - 10:50am (SH)
Wednesdays from 7-8 pm (SH)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

During the 11:00am Mass -
Matt & Pamela Meuter, 566-0425

PARISH MINISTRIES /ORGANIZATIONS

ALTAR SERVERS

Dan & Derette Layne, 521-6520

BEREAVEMENT /FUNERAL RECEPTION COMMITTEE

Tamara La Rossa, 809-1782

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday mornings 9-11AM
in the ODS Prayer Room.
Everyone is welcome.
Contact Terry Matthews, 893-1644

BULLETIN

ourdivines@yahoo.com, 343-4248
Deadline: Friday, by 1:00 pm
Bulletin Advertising: Please call the Parish
Office, 343-4248

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

Sharon McQuirk, 530-570-0181
Carole Claiborne, 530-228-9701

CATHOLIC LADIES RELIEF SOCIETY

Kathy Lanphear, 899-7783

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME

Deacon James Burkett,
893-2348

CHOIR

Children's: Tuesday, 4:30-5:30pm
Adults: Tuesday, 7-8pm
Both in the Social Hall. Contact Cecelia
Dickman, 802-1608,
odsmusicdirector@gmail.com

CONSOLATION MINISTRY

Lyn Dorenzo, 891-8026

FLOWER DONATIONS

Pat Mulholland, 891-8342
Norina Egan, 342-2027

INNER HEALING MINISTRY

Derette Layne, 530-588-4386
for a confidential appointment.

JESUS CENTER

Randy Linqvist, 894-0460

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #13765

Steve Mormann, 410-5882

LEGION OF MARY

Claire Richard, 893-1722

LITURGY COMMITTEE

Joanie Frericks, 345-4283

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER and VOCATIONS COMMITTEE

Deacon James & Stephanie Burkett,
893-2348

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Friday mornings, 6-7AM in the Knights of
Columbus Room at ODS Parish. Contact
Deacon Steve Schwartz, 891-0626.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

Bunny Ripp
Please call Parish Office,
343-4248.

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Steve Appleby, 899-1672

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Dave Scott, 343-2484

PRO-LIFE CATHOLIC MINISTRY

We meet the 2nd, 3rd & 4th Thursdays
of the month in the ODS,
Social Hall #4, 6-8:30 PM.
Mary Waldorf, 345-8638

PRO-LIFE ROSARY GROUP

This group meets the 1st Thursday
of the month in the
Social Hall, #4, 6-7 PM.
Diane Lusk, 519-9749.

SMALL CHURCH COMMUNITIES

If interested in joining one of the Small Church
Communities, contact Carol Weigel, 343-3885

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Judith Rojas, 342-2676

TORRES SHELTER

Rich Nichols, 520-4418



READINGS

Readings for the

Week of December 17, 2017

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 [Is 61:10b]/
1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Monday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25

Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/
Lk 1:5-25

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/
Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45

Friday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-56

Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/
Lk 1:57-66

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	16	5:00	† Regina Maglunob, d, (Erlinda Partsch)
Sun	17	7:30	Joseph Telletson, Health, (Mary Ann Duncan)
		9:00	Shannon Mulholland, Health, (Bill & Pat Mulholland)
		11:00	† Vicki Brune, d, (Gary Brune)
Mon	18	8:00	† Kimberlee Wiley, d, (Rosemary Hull)
Tues.	19	8:00	Living & Deceased Parishioners of ODS
Wed	20	8:00	Intentions from Hear Our Prayer Book
Thurs	21	8:00	Living & Deceased Parishioners of ODS
Fri	22	8:00	† Paul Rooney, d, (Molly Rooney)



ANGELS OF PEACE

Let us not be justices of the peace, but angels of peace.

—St. Thérèse of Lisieux

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

December 17, 2017 3rd Sunday of Advent

"There is one ... coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." Untying sandal straps was no prestigious job. In the days of John the Baptist, those straps would have been especially unpleasant to deal with. Besides the usual odors that accompany sockless leather footwear, there would have been the grime and dirt from the sandy roads and paths that swirled around the people who went everywhere on foot. Taking off someone's shoes upon their arrival was the task of the lowly servants. So when John says he's unworthy of doing this task for the "one who is coming after me," he is putting himself in a very humble position. And rightly so. John realizes that the Christ-the Anointed One, the Messiah-is so far above him, so far above any of us, that we are truly unworthy of him. Indeed, the Son of God is not just the greatest of men; he is God-made-man and in his presence we most appropriately should bow in humble homage. Yet this God chose to stoop down to our human level and walk among us. He chose to get his sandals dirty. And still today he chooses to allow us to encounter him as a friend and companion.

But as John reminds us by his example, this encounter with the Lord is not the result of our own merits or accomplishments. We are sinners who stand in need of Christ's help. But thanks be to God, he is always willing to extend this help to us. As St. Paul says in today's epistle, "May the God of peace make you perfectly holy." Indeed it is God who does the perfecting, not us by our own power. So let us approach the Lord this Advent season with a spirit of hopeful humility, trusting that God alone can make us worthy of welcoming his Son.

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Parish Finances

Collection

December 9/10 2017

Sunday Collection	\$6,502.22
St. Francis/St Clare	86.00
Projects & Initiatives	477.00

**This Week's Collection
Retirement Fund for the Religious**

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

December 24th, Christmas Eve

Children's Mass 4 PM

(Social Hall)

Vigil Mass 7 PM (Church)

Midnight Mass 11:30 PM (Church)

MONDAY

December 25, Christmas Day

8 AM (Church)

10 AM (Church)

NEW YEAR'S DAY SCHEDULE

January 1, 2018

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

9 AM (Church)

There will not be a Vigil on December 31st

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME:

If you are a Catholic who has been away from the Church for a awhile, this invitation is for you! No matter how long you have been away and no matter the reason, we invite you to consider renewing your relationship with the Catholic Church. Please join us for an informal listening sessions with no obligation. We will update you on the Catholic faith facilitated by former non-practicing Catholics. No string attached! Please give us, the Church and yourself another chance by joining us on a 13 week journey. Sessions started on December 11th at 7 pm meeting in the Prayer Room located in the Parish Office building. Please join us as we are looking forward to journeying with you. For more information, contact the Catholics Returning Home Coordinators Deacon James Burkett 893-2348 or Sharon Haselton 891-5334.

Help Religious Communities

“Your generous contribution helps us to care for our retired sisters and enables our younger sisters to continue in active ministry,” writes a religious sister. Your gift to today’s collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders!

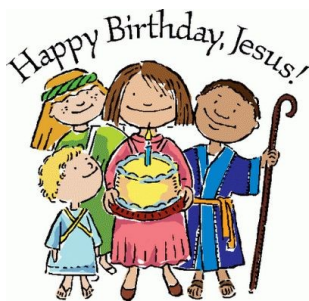


Please Keep In Your Prayers

Catherine Anderson	John Golden	Geoff Edmond
Carmela Sorrentino	Isabella Brazzale	John Hauder
Marie Viera	Joseph Cruz	Elmer Silvera
Esther Lund	Wayne Burkett	Madeline Ballew
Larry & Kathy Grundmann	Ruth Fischer	Janet Grens
Jim Hubbard	Jeff Carr	Rosemary Hull
Mary Kay Bringham	Rueben Guerra	Tom Claiborne
Virginia Bourdic	Jo Ann Coules	Mary Sajben
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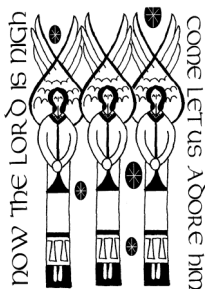
Please note: in order to keep our Prayer List current, names will remain on the list for 4 weeks.

Please resubmit after that time by contacting the Parish Office, 343-4248

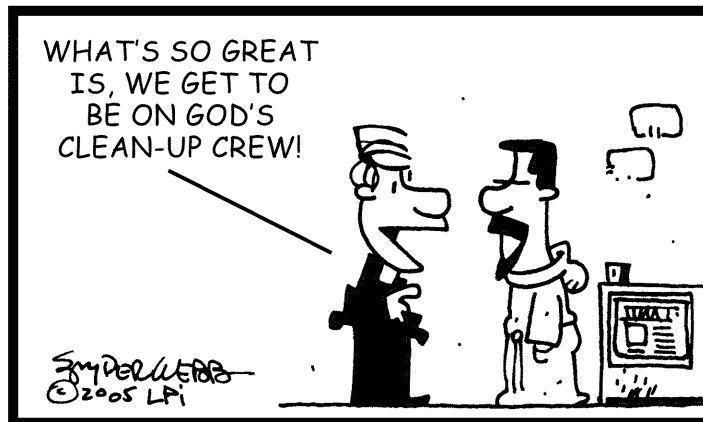
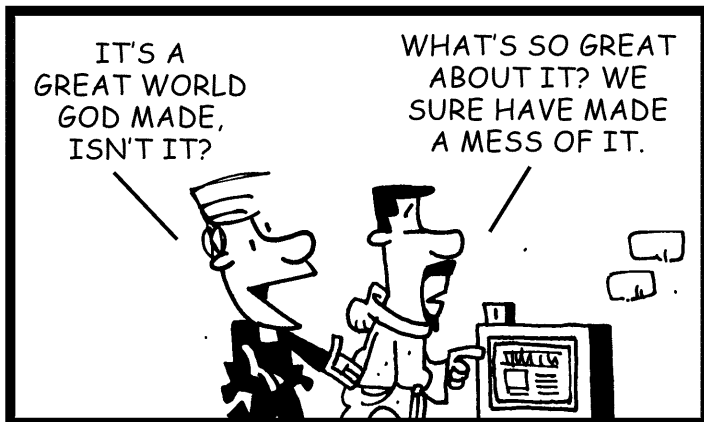


Nativity Procession at Children's Christmas Eve Mass

We need little angels and shepherds to escort Baby Jesus in our Children's Christmas Eve Nativity Procession! If your child is 5+ and interested in participating, email Cecelia Dickman odsmusicdirector@gmail.com no later than December 17th. Costumes are minimal, but all participants must be able to attend a mandatory dress rehearsal on Dec. 21st at 5:45pm in the Social Hall. We are so excited for your involvement; hope to see you there!



3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



TIS THE SEASON!

Jesus Center Flannel Shirts
The Jesus Centers staff & clients thank you for your abundant donations of flannel shirts over the years. This is the highlight of their Christmas Dinner celebration.

You, dear ODS Parishioners, make it possible for the diners to receive a much-needed and appreciated Christmas Gift! Needed are, UNWRAPPED, flannel shirts in sizes large & extra-large. Please leave them in the marked container at the church entrance between now and the weekend of Dec. 16th and 17th.

Our St. Vincent DePaul Society is giving gifts to families they have helped this year. Specifics are displayed on the bulletin board. WRAPPED gifts will be picked up the weekend of December 16 & 17 at the church entrance.

Thank you for helping make dreams come true for many this Christmas!

Important Dates to remember:

December 16/17
Wrapped gifts for St. Vincent DePaul.

Unwrapped flannel shirts for the Jesus Center.

Thank You and may all of you have a blessed Christmas!

Terry Westlake and Angela Frazier



Advent Penance Services

Dec.19 Tuesday
Sacred Heart, Gridley
6-7pm

Dec.20 Wednesday
Immaculate Conception,
Corning 6-7pm

Dec.21 Thursday
St. Dominic, Orland
6-7pm

Dec.22 Friday



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Classes meet September through April. New students are **always** welcome! To register your student call or email the Religious Education office or simply come to our next class meeting. Our K-6th grade Religious Education classes meet on Sunday morning from 10:05-10:50AM between Masses. We also have a Wednesday night option from 7-8PM for 2nd-6th graders. The holidays have arrived. Be sure to check the calendar for class times as we will not be meeting every week.

Religious Ed/Sacraments Schedule	
12/17	High School Confirmation 9:30-10:45AM Religious Ed 10:05-10:50AM Children's Liturgy 11AM Mass
12/20-31	No Religious Ed- Christmas Break



Advent for Students and Families

Families enrolled in Religious Education and Sacrament Preparation will be receiving booklets to help you journey through this beautiful time of Advent as we prepare for the birth of our Savior. Booklets will be passed out during Religious Ed. Extra copies will be available to everyone in the Church vestibule. Enjoy and use these resources to help make this season special.

DO YOU LOVE FUN?

Are you organized? Do you love to be lifted and surrounded by faith filled fun? We are looking for a Co-Leader to help plan and organize our Annual Vacation Bible School. This position comes with a small salary. Help us keep this great ministry going.



Sharing the Gospel

People noticed John the Baptist. He loved God, and he used words honestly. He really wanted to help people change and grow closer to God. He stood out as someone really different and special. People came from all around to hear him and learn about him. When people asked him questions, he pointed them to Jesus.

Prayer

Jesus, help me to be different because I love you.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself being honest and kind with your family.

Mission for the Week

Ask a friend if he or she is ready to meet Jesus.

Sacramental Preparation

Do you want your children to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion or Confirmation? Sacrament preparation is a two-year journey in our Diocese. Contact the office of Religious Education for more information or to register. We look forward to journeying with your family.

Jennifer Forward DRE

Phone: (530) 345-6201

Email: odsreligious@yahoo.com



Youth Ministry meets in the Youth Room (Social Hall) on Sundays from noon to 2PM.

Dec. 17 Christmas Social

More information can be found at odsyouthministry@yahoo.com. Check Facebook, Instagram, Twitter or on the web.

MARRIED COUPLES: Christmas is just eight days away. Are you still thinking about the perfect gift to give your spouse? We have the answer: A World-Wide Marriage Encounter Weekend. This weekend will completely change your relationship. Your love will be renewed. Next World-Wide Weekend is February 9-11, 2018 in Sacramento, CA. Visit :<https://www.sacramentowwme.org> or contact Terry & Janet at applications@sacramentowwme.org or (916)489-3464

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Anticipation

Have you ever had a wonderful surprise, maybe a visit from a distant relative or a surprise party? What was your reaction? Delight, of course, and happiness at the time spent together. What if you have been looking forward to this longed-for visit for six months? The anticipation adds both to each day of waiting and to the thrill when that day finally arrives.

Advent is our time of anticipation. We know Jesus will come—He has promised us that. We know we will experience a more intimate focus on our God when we celebrate on Christmas Eve. As we walk through these days of waiting, what shape does our anticipation take? Are we frazzled, frantic, frustrated? Do we race around even more pressured (by ourselves) than usual? Or are we making space in our lives, daily, to clear our heads for savoring of the Christmas miracle?

What does holy anticipation look like? We *decide* to make time for God in our daily lives. This kind of love is a deliberate choice. If we plan to give God the time we have “left over” each day, we will find the days race by with no time for our soul. If we commit the time to begin each day with praise and thanksgiving for whatever God has in store for us, we will be open to the changes in plans that can enrich us and those we love. Holy anticipation requires slowing down, listening, looking, and enjoying the moments before they race by.

Our anticipation is built on trust. We believe that God will continue to pour down his love and grace in spite of our obstacles and problems. We “fear not” because God’s plan is perfect for us. We can be ready to welcome him with our whole hearts when he comes as Emmanuel.



Everyday Stewardship

As Christians, we are called to a life of prayer. This is not just during seasons like Advent, but all year long. When we talk about being prayerful everyday stewards, we are speaking about cultivating an awareness of God being with us at all times. Each day we begin by offering God the entirety of our day. Each night we rest in him and hope that the hours that passed gave him glory.

During this busy time of Advent, it is hard to cultivate this life of prayer, but without it we can too easily lose sight of the reason for the season. It is during this time of year we need to heed the words of St Paul more than ever when he wrote to the Thessalonians, "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing." This is how we will be able to avoid the pitfalls of consumerism and secularism and keep our eyes fixed on Jesus.

Bring Jesus with you into the office Christmas party. Take him with you shopping for gifts in the department store. Be aware of him when you sit down to watch television specials you have seen every year of your life. Give him all your time and let his presence fill your every moment. By striving to be connecting with Jesus at all times, you will bear greater fruit and the joy you experience will be much greater than you could imagine. You might even spend fewer dollars and spend more time with those you love, particularly the One who loves you the most, the Incarnation himself.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS