

December 3, 2017

First Sunday in Advent



Our Divine Savior  
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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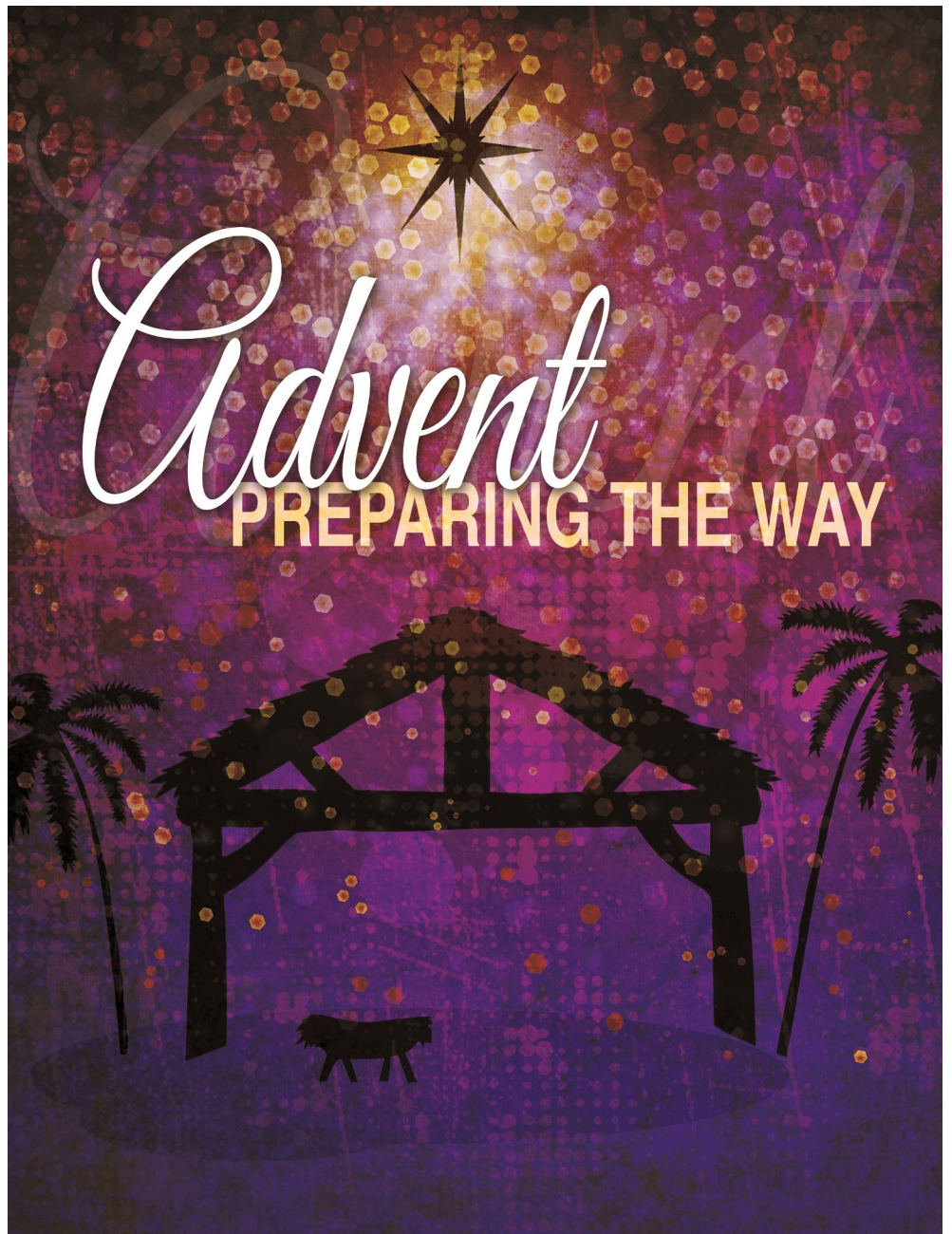
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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Mon.– Fri. ....10:00am-3:00pm



**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, 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

### FACILITY MANAGER

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danlayneods@gmail.com

### OFFICE

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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 Lanpheir, 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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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, 680-7917

#### TORRES SHELTER

Rich Nichols, 520-4418



## READINGS

### Readings for the

### Week of December 3, 2017

**Sunday:** Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7

Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]

1Cor 1:3-9/ Mk 13:33-37

**Monday:** Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b,  
4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

**Tuesday:** Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8,  
12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/Lk 10:21-24

**Wednesday:** Is 25:6-10a/  
Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/  
Mt 15:29-37

**Thursday:** Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and  
8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/  
Mt 7:21, 24-27

**Friday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3,  
3, 4 [1a]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/  
Lk 1:26-38

**Saturday:** Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps  
147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. Is 30:18d]/  
Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	02	5:00	† Chris Sauer, d (Connie Cox) † Colestine Frei, d (Georgina Frei) † William & Agnes Harmon, d (Georgina Frei)
Sun	03	7:30	† Jason Sofranac, d (Brent & Suzanne Roden)
		9:00	† Jenette Vanella, d (Andy & Janet Bertagna)
		11:00	† Harry & Josephine Andrews, d (Wally & Eileen Bird)
Mon	04	8:00	† Steve & Lena Ricci, d, (Rita Sauer)
Tue	05	8:00	† Living & Deceased Parishioners of ODS
Wed	06	8:00	† Intentions from Hear Our Prayer Book
Thu	07	8:00	† Living & Deceased Parishioners of ODS
Fri	08	8:00	† Intentions from Hear Our Prayer Book

### GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

December 3, 2017 1st Sunday of Advent

"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come." On this First Sunday of Advent, Jesus gives us a wakeup call. This is no time for slumber. Now is the time to be on our toes, alert, attentive, ready. But for what? For the coming of "the Lord of the house."

During Advent, the Church does her best to help us get ready for the second coming of Christ. We don't know precisely when he will return, but we know that he will. And the fact is, even if it doesn't happen in our lifetime, each and every one of us will still have to face the Lord at an unknown hour-namely, the hour of our death. So let us be prepared! Let us be on the watch for anything that would threaten this most important of all encounters. We want to recognize the Lord as a friend and master, so that on seeing him we don't cower in fear at his awesome power and strength. Instead, we hope to rejoice in finally being able to behold him face-to-face. This of course is the result of a healthy and holy relationship with Christ.

To nurture such a relationship this Advent season the Church urges us to recommit to a life of prayer, worthy reception of the sacraments, and a commitment to following God's loving laws through a life of virtue. With these priorities in order, we can wait for the second coming with joyful anticipation, just as we joyfully await the celebration of Christmas.

During these weeks as we prepare our homes for the festive holiday season, may we also set aside some time and effort to prepare our hearts. Then, not only will we appreciate the yuletide wonders around us, but we can also look forward to the eternal wonders that lie in store.

## Parish Finances Collection

November 25/26, 2017

Sunday Collection	\$3,576.27
St. Francis/St Clare	25.00
St. Vincent de Paul (Thanksgiving)	712.60
Flowers	90.00

**This Week's Collection for Projects & Initiatives  
&  
Canned Food Collection**

## The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Inquiry

Are you Catholic and want to learn more about your Faith? Do you have family members who don't practice the faith anymore? Are there family or friends who might be interested in joining the Catholic Church? In this world there are trials and tribulation in our lives. What are we doing about it

or do we feel that there is no hope? There is hope! It is with finding guidance and direction through faith.

We will be starting another session of RCIA Inquiry soon. If you would like to join us, please, contact RCIA coordinators Stephanie and Deacon James Burkett at 893-2348, [rciaods2@yahoo.com](mailto:rciaods2@yahoo.com) or visit us online at [ourdivinesavior.org](http://ourdivinesavior.org). It is never too late to join us!



## FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

*Holy Day of Obligation*

MASSES

Vigil, Thursday, December 7th at  
6PM

Feast Day, Friday, December 8th at  
8AM

### IMPORTANT!

This year's Advent Penance service is  
*Monday, December 11th*  
at 12 noon at Our Divine Savior and at 6 pm at  
St. John the Baptist Church.

## CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME:

Get rid of those Negative Feelings!! Have you been hurt by the Church or you are angry with God? There are others who may share many of your same feelings. Please give the Church and yourself another chance. Join us for a 13 week session period, starting on December 11th at 7 pm in the Prayer Room of the Parish office building. Former non-practicing Catholics will share their stories and listen to your feelings and concerns. There is no obligation and perhaps some of your questions will be answered. For more information contact the Catholics Returning Home Coordinators Deacon James Burkett 893-2348 or Sharon Haselton 891-5334

## Please Keep In Your Prayers

Catherine Anderson  
Carmela Sorrentino  
Marie Viera  
Esther Lund  
Larry & Kathy Grundmann  
Jim Hubbard  
Mary Kay Bringham  
Virginia Bourdic  
Bill Sheridan

John Golden  
Isabella Brazzale  
Joseph Cruz  
Wayne Burkett  
Ruth Fischer  
Jeff Carr  
Rueben Guerra  
Jo Ann Coules  
Vincent Lucido

Geoff Edmond  
John Hauder  
Elmer Silvera  
Madeline Ballew  
Janet Grens  
Rosemary Hull  
Tom Claiborne  
Mary Sajben

*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*

## Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring

### “Keep Christ in Christmas”

poster contest.

*Theme:* Presentation of a visual image of how/why Jesus Christ is the real reason for the season.

*Age Categories:* 5-7 (grades K-2), 8-10 (grades 3-5) and 11-15 (grades 6-8).

*Timeline:* Complete and enter poster for review by December 14, 2017.

*Rewards:* \$50 cash and other prizes with each category winner.

Full rules and regulations are available on the contest entry forms which can be found at the back of the church or in the parish office.



## 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](mailto: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!

## 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 December 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.

**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 7/8...**Gift Cards for Northern Valley Catholic Social Services families.

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

**December 16/17...**Unwrapped flannel shirts for the Jesus Center.

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

Terry Westlake and Angela Frazier

## GOD, SEX AND THE MEANING OF LIFE

Join best-selling author Christopher West at St John the Baptist Catholic Church on Thursday, December 7, 2017 from 7-9 PM. He will explore the ancient but forgotten truth that our deepest desires of body and soul are meant to lead us to the infinite. This is a NO COST/FREEWILL OFFERING event suitable for ages 16 and up. For more information: St. John's parish office, 530-343-8741 or [www.stjohnthebaptistchico.org](http://www.stjohnthebaptistchico.org)

## Advent Penance Services

**Dec. 5** Tuesday  
St. Thomas the Apostle,  
Oroville 6-7pm

**Dec. 6** Wednesday  
St. Joseph, Marysville  
6-7pm

**Dec.11** Monday  
Our Divine Savior, Chico  
Noon

**Dec.11** Monday  
St. John the Baptist, Chico  
6-7pm

**Dec.13** Wednesday  
St. Thomas More, Paradise  
6-7pm

**Dec.14** Thursday  
St. Isadore, Yuba City  
6-7pm

**Dec.15** Friday  
St. Monica, Willows  
6-7pm

**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  
Sacred Heart, Maxwell  
6-7pm



# 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	
12/3	High School Confirmation 9:30-10:45AM Religious Ed 10:05-10:50AM Children's Liturgy 11AM Mass
12/6	Jr High Confirmation 7-8:30PM Wed Religious Ed 7-8PM
12/10	High School Confirmation 9:30-10:45AM Religious Ed 10:05-10:50AM Children's Liturgy 11AM Mass
12/13	Sacrament Prep 6-7:30PM
12/13	Family Liturgy Night in the Church 6PM The entire Parish is invited! All Religious Ed and Sacrament Prep families should attend.
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 on Sunday, December 3rd. Extra copies will be available to everyone in the Church vestibule after December 3rd. Enjoy and use these resources to help make this season special.

## 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: odsreligioused@yahoo.com



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

*Dec. 3 What is Truth?*

*Dec. 10 Catholic or Christian?*

*Dec. 17 Christmas Social*



More information can be found at [odsyouthmity@yahoo.com](mailto:odsyouthmity@yahoo.com).  
Check Facebook, Instagram, Twitter or on the web.

## 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.

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL

### OBSERVANCES

Dec.3-9

**Sunday:** First Sunday of Advent

**Wed:** St.Nicholas

**Thurs:** St. Ambrose

**Friday:** Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin, Solemnity

**Saturday:** St. Juan Diego

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## Often Less is Better

It's that time of year! Even before Thanksgiving (or worse, Halloween) Christmas decorations are everywhere. It seems that at every turn there are brighter lights, more glitter and larger blow-up Santas. Christmas Carols crowd out every other form of music, everywhere we go. Whatever happened to that quiet winter night in a stable?

Advent gives us the opportunity to reflect on what really matters in our hearts and in our families. It is counter-cultural, but valuable, to tell our children and family members that this is NOT the time for going all-out on wild and crazy, expensive, latest, greatest gifts. Do we think this is the way to show others we love them?

Scott Peck's definition of love is, "The will to extend one's self for the purpose of nurturing one's own or another's spiritual growth." Often our spiritual growth is nurtured by saying "no" to buying things to give to those who don't need them. Especially for children, the "magic" of Christmas can become a competition to see which gift is the favorite. Even grandparents feel obliged to out-do one another. When there are heaps of gifts under the tree they can rob us of quality time to spend nurturing the relationships that are the real treasures. Finding the "perfect gift" can distract us from the meaning of the season, the truth that God loves each one of us just as we are.

Can we find the courage to resist the materialism that surrounds us? Can we say no to buying the cell phone, the fancy bicycle or the designer jeans for a ten-year-old? Can we set an example by giving simple gifts, little ones, picked with thoughtfulness or made by hand? We do not demonstrate love by extravagant giving but seeking *our own or another's spiritual growth*.

Can we choose to spend time reflecting on the privilege of our lives rather than racing to one more store or cooking one more fancy dinner? Will this Advent be a new beginning for us?

