

December 10, 2017

Second Sunday in Advent



Our Divine Savior
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon.– Fri.10:00am-3:00pm



Prepare for
the Lord

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Mk 1:4, 6-7a

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.

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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 Social Hall
Wednesdays from 7-8 pm Social Hall

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,
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CONSOLATION MINISTRY

Lyn Dorenzo, 891-8026

FLOWER DONATIONS

Pat Mulholland, 891-8342
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Derette Layne, 530-588-4386
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Randy Linquist, 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 10, 2017

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/2; Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 35:4f]; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 [15:9d]; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 [1]; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]; Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 [4]; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	09	5:00	Living & Deceased Parishioners of ODS
Sun	10	7:30	Fr. Troy David Powers, d, (Myles & Cheryl Pustejovsky)
		9:00	Kay Baker, d, (Jackie Griswold)
		11:00	Al & Leonore Frandrup, d (Wally & Eileen Bird)
Mon	11	8:00	Lynn Haske, d, (Charlie McCarthy)
Tue	12	8:00	Bob Roach, d, (Macarthy Family)
Wed	13	8:00	Gail Boswell, Birthday blessing, (Gail Boswell)
Thu	14	8:00	Leonard Costa, d, (Rita Sauer)
Fri	15	8:00	Gail Hughes, d, (Dick & Laura Hughes)

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

A voice cries out:
In the desert prepare the way of the LORD!
Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our
God! (Is 40:3)

Psalm:

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your
salvation. (Ps 85)

Second Reading:

The Lord does not delay his promise, as some
regard "delay," but he is patient with you, not
wishing that any should perish but that all should
come to repentance. (2 Pt 3:9)

Gospel:

John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins... John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me." (Mk 1:4, 6-7a)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

December 10, 2017 Second Sunday of Advent

The countercultural John the Baptist may have had an odd sense of style by our standards (he wore camel hair) and he may have consumed an unappealing diet (locusts and wild honey), but he had his finger on the pulse of what really mattered. He needed little in the way of worldly comforts because he was consumed with his task of spiritually preparing those who were willing to hear for the One who would come to baptize with the power of the Holy Spirit. What mattered was this future revelation, and John would let nothing that belongs to this earthly existence get in the way of his preparation for that revelation.

In his second letter, Peter tells us that all will dissolve away and through holiness and devotion we will be made ready for the Lord's coming. The trends we get caught up in will seem empty and meaningless. All that will remain is God and those created in his image, and the relationships we have between us.

What matters to you, right here and right now, on this Second Sunday of Advent? We don't have to trade in brand-name clothes for camel hair, but we need to ask ourselves: if we were called to give it all away tomorrow for Jesus, would we be mature enough to do so? The answer to this question lies at the heart of stewardship.

LPI



Parish Finances Collection

December 2/3, 2017

Sunday Collection	\$7,564.12
Projects & Initiatives	2,407.67
St. Francis/St Clare	25.00
Online Giving for November 2017	
Sunday Collection	5,663.00
Projects & Initiatives	710.00
St. Francis/ St. Clare	1,250.00

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 or visit us online at ourdivinesavior.org. It is never too late to join us!

Next Week's Collection Retirement Fund for Religious

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:

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 will start 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

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
Bill Sheridan	Vincent Lucido	

*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.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

Catholic Daughters will have their meeting this Thursday, December 14th. This will be a potluck meeting starting at 12:30 PM. Please bring your favorite potluck item and join us for the last meeting of 2017. If you have any questions or need a ride call Sharon McQuirk at 342-0399 or Carole Claiborne at 228-9701. Hope to see all of you at the luncheon and meeting.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

December 10—Second Sunday of Advent:

In today’s Gospel John the Baptist urges us to “Prepare the way of the Lord.”. We are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need. **Please consider selecting a tag and fulfilling a Christmas wish from the SVDP’s Christmas bulletin board. Thank you for your continued generosity.**

TIS THE SEASON!

Jesus Center Flannel Shirts: The Jesus Center’s 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 collection.

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

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!

Advent Penance Services



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	
12/6	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 at 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. 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.

Gospel Reflection for Kids

John the Baptist had an important message. When you make sinful mistakes, and when you turn away from God, STOP. Learn from your mistakes, and do things God's way. Were you bossy or rude? Be thoughtful and kind. Did you tell a lie? Be honest instead. God wants you to share his love with other people.

Prayer

Jesus, help me to learn from my mistakes. Thank you for forgiving me.

Mission for the Week

Ask your family if you have hurt their feelings. Ask them to forgive you.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself being kind to a friend.

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. 10 Catholic or Christian?

Dec. 17 Christmas Social



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

Family Liturgy Night is
Wed., December 13th
at 6PM in the Church

Fr. Mike Newman will celebrate
Mass and explain the different
and important parts of
the liturgy.

All Religious Ed and Sacrament
Prep families should attend.

The entire Parish is invited!

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL
OBSERVANCES**

Dec.10-16

Sunday: Second Sunday of
Advent

Tues: Feast of Our Lady of
Guadalupe

Wed: St Lucy

Thurs: St. John of the Cross

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY: December the 24th, Christmas Eve

Children's Mass 4 PM (Social Hall)
Vigil Mass 7 PM (Church)
Midnight Mass 11:30 PM (Church)

MONDAY: December 25th, Christmas Day
 8 AM (Church)
 10 AM (Church)

***Note:** Since The Solemnity of Mary is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year, there will be *no* Vigil Mass on December 31st. Mass will be celebrated on
Monday, Jan. 1, 2018 at 9 am.

A Time for God

Time. We use the word and understand the concept in so many ways. Do I have time to finish this task? Is it time to leave for my appointment? What time does the sun rise? Check your cell phone for the time. Are you free in two weeks?

We see time as *chronos*, or chronological time. God, on the other hand, sees time as *kyros*. In God's eyes, the important thing is not the duration of time spent in minutes, days, or years, but the *value* of that time as part of a life lived in holiness. God measures how we use our time based on the good we can do, the service we can give to one another and to him. The duration of time spent is far less important than the love that fills that time. Sometimes a five-minute conversation can be worth more in God's eyes than days of slogging effort.

Advent is full of time demands. We can become hassled and frantic over not enough time and irritated when "our" time is wasted by someone or something that interferes with our carefully scheduled life. The truth is that God always gives each one of us enough time to do his will. We are not in control of the times of our lives. If we are interrupted by a change of plan, God has something more important in store.

Are we awake and watching? Are we ready for this new year? Each of us knows if our hearts are filled with the peace, hope, joy, and love of the season. Too often our hearts are filled with lists of things to do. When we stand before our loving God at our judgment, he will not ask us if the Christmas cards were all sent or every decoration perfect. He *will* ask us if we thought about him, his will, his coming and if we made time for him each day.

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