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MASS & LITURGY SCHEDULES AND INTENTIONS

Sat. 6-Dec	<u>Vigil - 2nd Sunday of Advent</u>	
4:00 p.m.	<i>confessions</i>	(JW)/(JC)
5:00 p.m.	✠ Louis DaValle	(BR)
Sun. 7-Dec	<u>2nd Sunday of Advent</u>	
7:00 a.m.	✠ Peter Musler	(HB)
9:00 a.m.	✠ Charlie Ruiz	(HB)
11:00 a.m.	✠ Michael Favia	(BR)
# 5:00 p.m.	Lvg. & Dec. Mbrs St. Joseph's	(MP)
Mon. 8-Dec	<u>Immaculate Conception of the BVM</u>	
8:00 a.m.	✠ Pope John Paul II	(BR)
Noon	✠ Andy & Tillie Matus	(MP)
7:00 p.m.	✠ Joseph & Klara Horstschnieder	(BR)
Tues. 9-Dec	<u>St. Juan Diego</u>	
8:00 a.m.	✠ Joseph & Klara Horstschnieder	(BR)
7:00 p.m.	<i>Advent Service</i>	(BR)
Wed. 10-Dec	<u>Weekday</u>	
8:00 a.m.	✠ Louie & Letizia Giudici	(BR)
7:00 p.m.	<i>Reconciliation</i>	
Thurs 11-Dec	<u>Weekday</u>	
5:00 p.m.	✠ Joseph & Klara Horstschnieder	(MP)
Fri. 12-Dec	<u>Our Lady of Guadalupe</u>	
5:00 p.m.	✠ Alfred Sandretti	(JW)/(JC)
Sat. 13-Dec	<u>Vigil - 3rd Sunday of Advent</u>	
4:00 p.m.	<i>confessions</i>	(MP)
5:00 p.m.	✠ Frank & Sandra Millang	(AR)
Sun. 14-Dec	<u>3rd Sunday of Advent</u>	
7:00 a.m.	Lvg. & Dec. Mbrs St. Joseph's	(MP)
9:00 a.m.	✠ Winnie Spracher	(MP)
11:00 a.m.	✠ Charlie Ruiz	(MP)
# 5:00 p.m.	✠ Patricia Dooling	(KL)

(MP) Fr. Matt Pennington, (HB) Fr. Howard Bleicher
 (JW) Fr. John Warburton, (JC) Fr. James Catalano
 (AR) Fr. Angelo Re, (BR) Bishop Ryan, (KL) Fr. Ken Lavarone

☞ Signed Mass ✠ Deceased # LifeTeen ** Incense may be used

Assisted Listening Devices are available in the vestibule before all Masses for people with hearing impairments.



New members to the music ministry are always welcome, including musicians, projectionists and sound people. Contact Tom O'Brien, Music Director, for more info.

Reconciliation

Confessions heard Saturdays At 4:00 p.m.
 or by appointment.

Baptism

Call the parish office for an interview.

Marriage

Preparation should begin at least six months prior
 to the wedding.

Prayer Tree 469-5396

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD
fiscal year began 9-1-08

	30-Nov-08	YTD
Weekend Collection	\$9,624	\$144,101
Electronic Collection	0	4,602
Mail Plate	205	6,906
Holy Days	<u>3,609</u>	<u>8,907</u>
Actual Offertory	13,438	166,046
Budgeted Offertory	16,355	170,170
Difference	-\$2,917	-7141

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 7, 2008
“ONE MORE POWERFUL THAN I IS TO COME”
-MARK 1:7



SAINTS ALIVE!

(written to honor the feast of all saints)

The term “saint” goes back to the early days of Christianity when Paul used the term to designate the Christians to whom he wrote. With some—such as those wild Corinthians—he addressed them as “called to be saints.” The term was later extended to the “holy ones” who had died in the Lord, many of them having been martyred for their faith.

Each time we recite the Creed we remind ourselves of the “communion of saints”—our relationship with those who have gone before us into the fullness of God. This obviously includes Peter, Paul, Francis, Clare, Catherine, etc. as well as our parents, relatives, and friends who, from our perspective, lived as holy children of God. The saints are models for us as well as intercessors who pray to God for us and with us. We look at saints as friends and fellow disciples.

One of the finest books that I have read recently on this topic is one by James Martin, S.J. entitled My Life With the Saints. What is unusual about this book is that it is not *per se* accounts of the lives of various saints but, rather, the story of his encounters with specific saints and how each played an essential role in his personal spiritual development.

Fr. Martin’s odyssey began with his purchasing a plastic statue of St. Jude from a catalog at the age of nine. From there it was seeing a monument of Joan of Arc in slides shown in his high school French class, viewing a movie about St. Therese of Lisieux, stumbling across a television documentary on Thomas Merton. Some of the “saints” he includes have been officially recognized by the Church as such. Others—such as Mother Teresa, Pope John XXIII, Dorothy Day—are not officially saints but on their way. This book is an “easy read,” enjoyable as well as informative. I believe you will relish the time you spend with it.

My own life with the saints began in my Catholic home (with holy pictures in every room!) and Catholic school where I heard fascinating accounts of men and women who had lived lives totally dedicated to God. The stories that most impressed me were those of the martyrs—ordinary people who were willing to give up life itself rather than violate their faith and its teachings.

Unfortunately, martyrs are not limited to early Christian times but continue in our present age. In the 1980’s I learned about the martyrs of El Salvador—Archbishop Oscar Romero who was assassinated while celebrating Mass; the four American women (three nuns and a lay woman) who were caring for orphans and refugees; the six Jesuits who ran the Catholic university. All were killed because they attempted to live out the basic Catholic principle of the dignity and rights of every human person.

As I write this, martyrdom is taking place in the country of Iraq with the recent assassination of the archbishop of Mosul, several priests and lay catechists as they left the cathedral. Many other Christians have been threatened and thousands have fled their country for safety elsewhere. The Dominican Sisters in Mosul have had several of their convents destroyed; six of their younger sisters are presently with my congregation (Adrian Dominicans) in the Midwest.

We are all called to be saints but, hopefully, our personal journeys will not require this kind of sacrifice. Rather, like all those who have gone before us, you and I are called to be saints by living the Christian life fully as they did.

Sister Marie Wiedner, O.P.

Immaculate Conception of Mary
Monday, December 8
Holy Day of Obligation

It is our privilege to obligation to attend Mass on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Holy Day Masses will be at 8:00 a.m., 12:00 Noon, and 7:00 p.m.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOSEPH'S

Sunday	7-Dec	Lambs For Jesus	<i>no class</i>
	9:00 a.m.	RCIC	Mary rm
	9:15 a.m.	RCIA	Hall
		Children's Lit of the Word	<i>no class</i>
	2:00 p.m.	Confirmation II	Hall
	6:00 p.m.	Life Teen	Hall
Monday	8-Dec		
Tuesday	9-Dec	Religious Ed (grades 1-5)	<i>no class</i>
Wednesday	10-Dec	Knitting Hands/Prayerful Hearts	Hall
	Noon	The Edge (Jr. High)	<i>no class</i>
Thursday	11-Dec		
	7:00 p.m.	RCIA	Hall
Friday	12-Dec		
	7:00 p.m.	Advent Meditation	Church
Saturday	13-Dec		
Sunday	14-Dec		
	8:45 a.m.	Lambs For Jesus	Hall
	9:00 a.m.	RCIC	Mary rm
	9:15 a.m.	RCIA	Hall
	9:15 a.m.	Children's Lit of the Word	Hall
		Life Teen	<i>no meeting</i>

ANSWER TO Nov. 30 QUESTION:

In 1876 a chapel to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel was erected in Aptos (site of present Resurrection Church). When St. Joseph's Parish was established in 1904, the statue of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel took up residence with us.

NEW QUESTION: Where was St. Joseph's Church originally located?

AN EVENING OF HOPE

For those who mourn the loss of a loved one
For those who have been divorced
For those who have lost their jobs
For those who feel lost and alone this holiday season

On Sunday evening, December 21st, St. Joseph's will be offering an "Evening of Hope" at 7:00 p.m. in the church. More information to follow next week.

Perpetual Adoration Christmas Schedule

The Blessed Sacrament will be reposed before the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, December 20 and Adoration will resume after the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Sunday, January 4.

Perpetual Adoration Hours Available

Sunday 11pm-12am Tuesday 5-6am Wednesday 7-8am

Wednesday 8-9am Saturday 2-3pm

Hours requesting a back up:

Wednesday 4-5pm

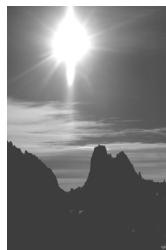
Thursday 4-5pm

If you are interested in signing up for a regular hour, please call Andy or Sondra Geyer at 464-9270

Sorry, No 2009 Calendars

We regret that we are unable to provide calendars for the new year as we have done in the past.

Come, enter into a Silent Night



Come, immerse yourself in



Advent Quiet

We gather in the vestibule in Silence...

as we prepare for meditation, music, quiet reflection
 Fridays, December 12 and 19 7:00 p.m.

St. Vincent de Paul wishes to thank everyone for their generous contribution to the 5th Sunday collection. A total of \$3,026 was received for our needy brothers and sisters.

Coming Attractions

Use the resources below to help prepare for and reflect on the Scriptures we will hear next weekend.

Our Scriptures for Sunday, December 14
The 3rd Sunday of Advent (Cycle B)

Isaiah 61: 1-2a, 10-11

I rejoice heartily in the Lord, in my God is the joy of my soul.

Responsorial Psalm – Luke 1: 46-48, 49-50, 53-54

My soul rejoices in my God.

1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24

Rejoice always.

John 1: 6-8, 19-28

There is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me.

Questions for reflection or sharing

Adults...

- What good works of mine testify to the presence of Christ among us?
- How have I grown in my relationship with Christ and others? What is one area where I need to do more growing?

Families...

- What gifts from God give me reason to rejoice?

Monday, December 8 (Immaculate Conception of BVM)

Genesis 3: 9-15, 20; Ephesians 1: 3-6, 11-12; Luke 1: 26-38

Tuesday, December 9 (St. Juan Diego)

Isaiah 40: 1-11; Matthew 18: 12-14

Wednesday, December 10

Isaiah 40: 25-31; Matthew 11: 28-30

Thursday, December 11 (St. Damasus I)

Isaiah 41: 13-20; Matthew 11: 11-15

Friday, December 12 (Our Lady of Guadalupe)

Revelation 11: 19a, 12: 1-6a, 10ab; Luke 1: 39-47

Saturday, December 13 (St. Lucy)

Sirach 48: 1-4, 9-11; Matthew 17: 9a, 10-13



JOY!

Friday, December 19, 2008 is the next date scheduled for St. Joseph's Capitola Ministry with Disabilities, St. Joseph STARS. There will be entertainment provided by The Rising Stars dance team and St. Joseph's Music Ministry will lead us in caroling favorite Christmas songs. You, all Stars members, your family and friends are invited to share this festive social and dinner. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. The theme is "Joy". For reservations RSVP to Madeline at 479-1948 no later than December 14. Come mingle with "our Stars", see Santa, have a great evening!



Thank You Knitters and Prayers

A sincere thank you to our talented leaders—Pat Bokulich and Robin Goodwin who direct the Wednesday knitters ministry. The afghans you donated to the Jesus, Mary and Joseph House were really appreciated! God bless you.

Mary Helen's Corner

Religious Christmas cards are still needed to distribute in jail, but what I really need is postage stamps. I need them by December 9. Bless you all for your love and help Thanks to everyone who prays for this work.

A Thanksgiving Thank You From St. Vincent de Paul Society

Thank you all who gave and participated in the Thanksgiving Needy Families Food Baskets. Plentiful contributions, donations and volunteers made it possible to fill the needs of all the families that were submitted. A special thank you to our Life Teen, The Edge and ICF ministries for their gifts of time and donations each holiday season. God bless everyone's generosity and support.

Christmas Food Baskets

Christmas is a time for thinking of others. Christmas is an extremely difficult time to be "hungry and forgotten". Please give two minutes of your time and call the rectory (475-8211) with the name of a needy family that needs a Christmas dinner. We want to be able to do an abundant outreach to ALL our needy in the parish. The deadline for names is December 12. The food baskets will be delivered on December 23. *We welcome donations of food items for the baskets. Call the rectory for items needed.*

Christmas Gospel Story with Children Last Chance to Sign Up

Children of the parish will help with a special telling of the Christmas Gospel at our Family Mass at 5:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve, portraying the Holy Family, shepherds, angels, magi, animals and more, with no speaking parts to worry about! *We welcome more participation!* But the first practice is coming up next weekend, so if your children would like to help please contact Teresa Roades this week at roades@cruzio.com or 464-1228

Sound System Update

Some people have asked how the new sound system is going. We received a first round of bids, and have gone back to one of the contractors for a re-bid on a different speaker arrangement that we feel will suit our needs. We expect a response soon, and then we'll move the next step of final layout design and ordering of sound equipment.

Blessing Prayer for Lighting the Advent Wreath Second Week of Advent

*Prepare the way of the Lord,
Make straight his paths*

God, source of all creation,
may the ever-greenness of this wreath
be a sign of life and of light
in the midst of the darkness of winter.

May the candles that burn brightly upon it
remind us of your Son, Jesus,
who is the light of the world.

-- Light two candles --

We pray that the richness of God's blessing
will rest upon this Advent wreath,
upon our home, and upon each of us
as we light these candles
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit.



Amen



Giving Tree Update

As of this weekend, some 200 tags have been selected from our Giving Tree; however, 200 tags still remain. Your generosity will ensure that every child/teenager will have a gift to unwrap this Christmas. Thank you!

Remember, if your schedule is too busy to shop, we have "Giving Tree Angels" who will do your shopping for you. Just write a check to "St. Joseph's Giving Tree" and our "Angels" will do the rest. Checks can be dropped in the Sunday collection OR can be given to one of the persons at the tree.

A heartfelt **THANK YOU** to Shekinah Love for her hard work and dedication on the All Saints Day Celebration. A fantastic time was had by over 100 children and their families. Thank you to all the many volunteers and for the donations! You made this feast day very special and never to be forgotten!

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Janie Avila, Beverly Bargetto, Christian Bauerle, Peg Behan, Ted Belleza, Shellie Boczek Begin, Joan Bernal, Anna Boken, Carolyn Busehart, Danny Buss, Hazel Caselli, Levi Castro, Paul Chafer, John Corgiat, Lillian Costello, Catherine De Polo, Nick Delurgio, Pamela Dennis, Brian Keith Dietrick, Judie Dorsey, Drew Duvall, Richard Earl, Mary Edwards, Pam Eierman, Annie Enright, Erin Evans, Renee Gibson, Sheila Godley, Larse Granberg, Sister Karen Hall, Maverick Hanecak, Irene Hilliard & family, Andrew Howard, Sandra Isola, Mej & Leo Jahn & family, Rena Jarvis, Hilda Keehn, Margaret Lawton, Brendan Lazaneo, Carlos Lopez, Drew Lopez, Christopher Lundell, Joan Lundell, Lee Marble, Jean Mauregard, Linda Mauregard, Golden McCormick, Tim McKay, Ida Mungai, Rev. Robert Murrin, Teresa Olmeda, Viola Owen, Joan Phariss, Maxwell Sanderson, Yvonne Schiro, Michael Shea Sr., Tiffany Shaffer, Tyler Sorenson, Josephine & Anthony Spano, Heather Threlfall, Joan Ulrich, Dr. Paul Weiss, Jim Wertman, Gene Williams, Suzanne Zavala

A QUIET TIME IN A BUSY SEASON

AN ADVENT RETREAT WITH BISHOP RYAN

Monday December 8 (Holy Day of Obligation)

Liturgy 8:00 a.m. Church
Retreat Session 9:00 a.m. Parish Hall
Evening Liturgy 7:00 p.m. Church

Tuesday December 9

Liturgy 8:00 a.m. Church
Retreat Session 9:00 a.m. Parish Hall
Evening Prayer / Retreat Event 7:00 p.m. Church

Wednesday December 10

Liturgy 8:00 a.m. Church
Evening Prayer/ Retreat/ Reconciliation 7:00 p.m. Church

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