

December Intentions of our Holy Father

The Elderly

That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST
WILL BE TODAY, SUNDAY!**



St. Michael Guild "Bazaar" Ladies will be holding their Gift and Craft Sale on **Sunday December 10**, at St. Joseph School.

Please bring tins for the Cookie Walk. They may be dropped off at the Church office any time or may be left in the back of Church.

You may also donate cookies and bring them to the event before 9AM.

PROCEEDS BENEFIT ST. VINCENT DE PAUL.
Check the bulletin for further details.

SCHEDULED-WEEK OF December 3, 2017

SUN Knights of Columbus Breakfast

SUN Youth Group—NO YOUTH GROUP

SUN Advent Gathering after 11:00 Mass at the School

WED CCD Church Basement—4:00 PM—Church Basement

WED St. Michael-Spanish Choir—6:00 PM

WED Confirmation Class—6:30 PM—Church Basement

THUR RCIA—6:30 PM—Church Basement

**MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY ROSARY AT 8:10 AM
MASS 8:30 AM IN CHAPEL**

**PARISH ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 13TH—7:00 PM**

**ADVENT SUNDAY, December 3rd
PLEASE JOIN US!**



Today Sunday, December 3rd: Our **Annual Advent Gathering** will take place at 12:00PM. This year's theme is **THE JESSE TREE** and there will be crafts around that theme. Please bring a crockpot of soup and join us for lunch!

Cookies are always welcome!
We'll have ADVENT CANDLE HOLDERS, GREENS and CANDLES available. OR...You are welcome to BRING YOUR OWN to decorate and pick up replacement CANDLES.



THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY **HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

Friday December 8, 2016

Masses at St. Joseph

8:30 AM and 6:30PM

Mass at St. Michael's

9:00AM

Our Lady of Mercy Church

Saturday, Dec 9, 10am until 2pm. An interactive presentation of Mary Magdalene, the Icon of Discipleship. Held at Our Lady of Mercy Church."

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BEGINS ON

DECEMBER 3RD.

PRAYERS ARE
AVAILABLE IN THE
BACK OF THE
CHURCH

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

Join Fr. George, Fr.

Lawrence and Sister Adele
for a pilgrimage to the Holy
Land. Guaranteed to make
the scriptures come alive!

October 15—28, 2018.

Pick up a brochure in the
back of church!

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CELEBRATION and FEAST DAY

Next Sunday December 10th at the 11:00AM Mass, (Bi-lingual) at St. Joseph Church
Aztec Dancers and Reception with **Lunch** provided at St. Joseph School

Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day

Tuesday, the 12th 6:00 AM at St. Michaels
Las Mananitas & Mass (Spanish)



Today we begin the season of Advent, which marks the start of a new liturgical year for the Church. The readings for Sunday Mass are arranged on a three-year cycle. Each year features a different Gospel—Matthew, Mark, or Luke. Readings from the Gospel of John are interspersed throughout all three years. With this year’s first Sunday of Advent, we begin Cycle B of the Lectionary, which focuses our attention on the Gospel of Mark. This week and next week, our readings from Mark’s Gospel present two important Advent themes: the Lord’s return at the end of time and John the Baptist’s preparation for Jesus.

Today’s Gospel is taken from the end of Mark’s Gospel, the chapter that immediately precedes Mark’s account of Jesus’ Passion. Having been questioned repeatedly by the scribes and the Pharisees, Jesus is now questioned by his disciples—Peter, James, John, and Andrew—who want details about his prediction of the destruction of the Temple. Jesus answers with many warnings about the difficulties that the disciples will face.

Today’s passage comes at the conclusion of Jesus’ warnings to his disciples. Jesus emphasizes the need for watchfulness. The Son of Man will come without warning; only the Father knows the exact hour. The disciples must not be caught unprepared when this time comes.

Early Christian communities took courage from Jesus’ warning to remain alert and watchful, and they found in his words a way to persevere through suffering.

Today’s Gospel reminds us that Advent is about more than our preparation for the Church’s celebration of Christ’s birth at Christmas. Advent is also about preparing ourselves for Christ’s return in glory at the end of time. Like the disciples and the faithful in Mark’s community, we must also stay alert and watchful. Our faithfulness to God, through the good times as well as the difficult times, shows us to be ready for the coming of the Son of Man.

MASS SCHEDULE WITH MASS INTENTIONS

Week of December 3, 2017

Sun.....12/3.....9:00 am.....Barbara Vatter + & Helen Kuenster +
 Sun.....12/3.....9:00 am.....Sue Kowaleski +.....St. Michael
 Sun.....12/3.....11:00 am.....Pauline Cates +
 Sun.....12/3.....11:00 am.....Misa Pro Populo.....St. Michael
 Sun.....12/3.....5:30 pm.....Clifford & Annie Sise +
 Mon.....12/4.....8:30 am.....Albino & Julia Bortoletto +
 Mon.....12/4.....12:15 pm.....Joseph & Mary Hohl +
 Tue.....12/5.....8:30 am.....John Wolfe +
 Wed.....12/6.....8:30 am.....Nicolas Naval Sp. Int.
 Thur.....12/7.....8:30 am.....Marian Baldino Sp. Int.
 Thur.....12/7.....12:15 pm.....Frank & Kay Carriera +
Fri.....12/8.....8:30 am...Joseph Saad +
Fri.....12/8.....6:30pm.....All Souls
Fri.....12/8.....9:00am...St. Michaels Dorothea Rollins +
 Sat.....12/9.....8:30 am.....Mike P. Sp. Int.
 Sat.....12/9.....5:30 pm.....John Wolfe +

Altar Service Schedule Week of Dec 9th & Dec 10th

<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
5:30PM	9:00AM	11:00AM	5:30PM
J. Richards	J. Wenham	J. Johnston	J. Pendergast
C. James	D. Wenham	J. Johnston	A. Pendergast

Annual Catholic Appeal 2017
“Report of Gratitude”

This Thanksgiving, as we reflect on the gratitude in our hearts for the many blessings God has given us, parishioners throughout the Diocese are invited to view the 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal “Report of Gratitude.” See how the generosity of more than 25,000 Catholics helped our network of Catholic social service agencies to provide hope and help to our brothers and sisters here in Northern California. More than 200,000 individuals and families, through the tender mercy of our Lord Jesus, were given the chance to overcome difficult, sometimes dire circumstances. See the difference you’ve made this year. Read the Report of Gratitude at scd.org The 2017 Appeal has raised more than \$3.7 million so far. If you have not yet participated this year, please prayerfully consider a donation. No contribution, no act of charity is ever too small or insignificant. Envelopes are available here at the parish, or you may donate online through The Catholic Foundation at scd.org. On behalf of the parish, and all those who need assistance, thank you for your generosity.

Annual Christmas Dinner
The Knights of Columbus need your help with the dinner held on December 25th, Christmas Day.

We are having a SOCK DRIVE! Donations of a package of crew socks for men, women or children may be delivered to the Parish Office or you may drop them off at the December Breakfast on Sunday, December 3, or if you see one of the Knights of Columbus they will gladly take them. **We are in need of desserts on Christmas Day.** They may be delivered in the morning on Christmas, they can be homemade or store bought. This is an important community event and your kindly donation would be much appreciated. Volunteers will also be needed like always to help serve at the dinner. If you want to volunteer or need more information please call Mel, at 410-5746, Thank You.