

## POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS

### **The Future of the Very Young**

That every country take the measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.



**Pregnant?  
Worried?  
Need Help?**

*You are not alone.  
We can help.*

**The Gabriel Project  
Call: 800-910-0191**

### NOVENA FOR IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

began on November 30th.....Novena prayers are available in the back of the Church.

### **December 3, 2019—Giving Tuesday!**

Mercy High School is working alongside the Shasta Regional Community Foundation in the creation of a crowdfunding campaign for our school and other local non—profits on Giving Tuesday. Our school's crowdfunding Page:

<https://www.northstategives.org/mercyhighschool>

Please consider giving on Giving Tuesday, December 3rd and please continue to pray for the future of our school, students and staff. Questions: [rtaylor@mercy-high.org](mailto:rtaylor@mercy-high.org) or call 530-736-6051.

### THANKSGIVING REPORT TO PARISHIONERS

This Thanksgiving as we reflect with gratitude for the many blessings God has given us, Catholics throughout our Diocese are invited to visit [scd.org](http://scd.org) to view the 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal "Report of Gratitude." See how, together as Catholics, parishioners have made a real difference to our sisters and brothers in need. This year, more than 261,000 individuals and families were helped by 17 Northern California charities that received funds from the Appeal.

The 2019 Appeal is approaching \$3.7 million in commitments so far. Our parish receives 25% of any gift made by parishioners here. If you have not yet participated, prayerfully consider a donation. No contribution, no act of charity is ever too small or insignificant.

## ST. MICHAEL'S CORNER



Sunday Mass 9 a.m. English/11 a.m. Spanish  
Wednesday Mass As Announced In Bulletin  
Holydays As Announced In Bulletin  
Religious Education Spanish: Sundays After Mass  
Spanish Choir Wednesday 6:00PM

St. Michael is having a Bible study every Friday  
From 9:00AM to 10:00AM

### SCHEDULED-WEEK OF December 1, 2019

SUN First Sunday of Advent—Knights Breakfast and Advent Gathering in the School Cafeteria after 9:00 & 11:00 Masses  
Wed Faith Formation (CCD) - 4:00 PM—Church Basement  
Wed Confirmation Class—6:30 PM—Church Basement  
Thu RCIA —6:30 PM—Church Basement  
Fri First Friday Adoration after 8:30 A.M. Mass, Benediction at 12 Noon  
Fri Penance Service—6:30 PM

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

### OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

We will celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe at the 11:00 AM Mass next Sunday, December 8th with a reception to follow at the school. All are invited to bring Roses to honor Our Lady.

Plan to celebrate this wonderful Mass in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe and head to the school after for a delicious meal and celebration. While at the school, do some shopping at the Bazaar Ladies sale that benefits efforts of our St. Vincent de Paul Society



**MONETARY DONATIONS:** Funds are running low as the need continues to be great. Please consider a year end donation or remember someone with a donation as a Christmas Gift for that "hard to shop for person!"

**COOKIES NEEDED!** Those Bazaar Ladies will once again have a sale benefiting St. Vincent de Paul. Plan to shop **NEXT SUNDAY**, December 8th. Donations of cookies are welcome. Take out those recipes and see what you want to bake (and maybe not eat!). Bake to your heart's content and donate to the Cookie Walk!

Please bring the cookies to St. Joseph School on Saturday, December 7th between 8:00 and 11:00.

**SAVE THE DATE—TRIVIA NIGHT 2020!**  
**Saturday, February 22nd—this year's theme....  
HAWAIIAN!! ALOHA! Elks Lodge!**

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of a new liturgical year for the Church. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. It is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. Key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice.

In this new liturgical year, the Gospel of Matthew will be the primary Gospel proclaimed (Lectionary Cycle A). In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus speak about the need for wakefulness, for watchful waiting, for the coming of the Son of Man.

Matthew's Gospel is dated by most scholars after 70 A.D. Most believe that Matthew wrote for a primarily Jewish community, but one that was no longer centered on the Temple in Jerusalem. These were Jewish Christians trying to come to terms with their relationship to Judaism in a new situation: Judaism after the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem. There may have been Christians who believed that the events of the world around them gave evidence of the imminent return of the Lord in glory.

The passage from Matthew we read today is rather straightforward. No one knows the precise time of the coming of the Lord in glory, so watchful waiting and vigilance are required. The passage speaks to the uselessness of looking for signs; there will be none. As a thief sneaks in during the night, so will the Lord's coming in glory be.

The question for us as members of the Christian community, then, is how do we prepare for this? Today's passage speaks more about the manner of waiting, rather than the details of the preparation. Jesus compares the vigilance required of Christians to the vigilance of a homeowner who knows the plans of the thief. If one knows that the thief's action is imminent, one remains watchful. As Christians, we know *that* our Lord is coming even if we cannot know the precise timing. Jesus calls us to be watchful and vigilant, like the homeowner. If we become lax in our Christian living, we may be caught unprepared.

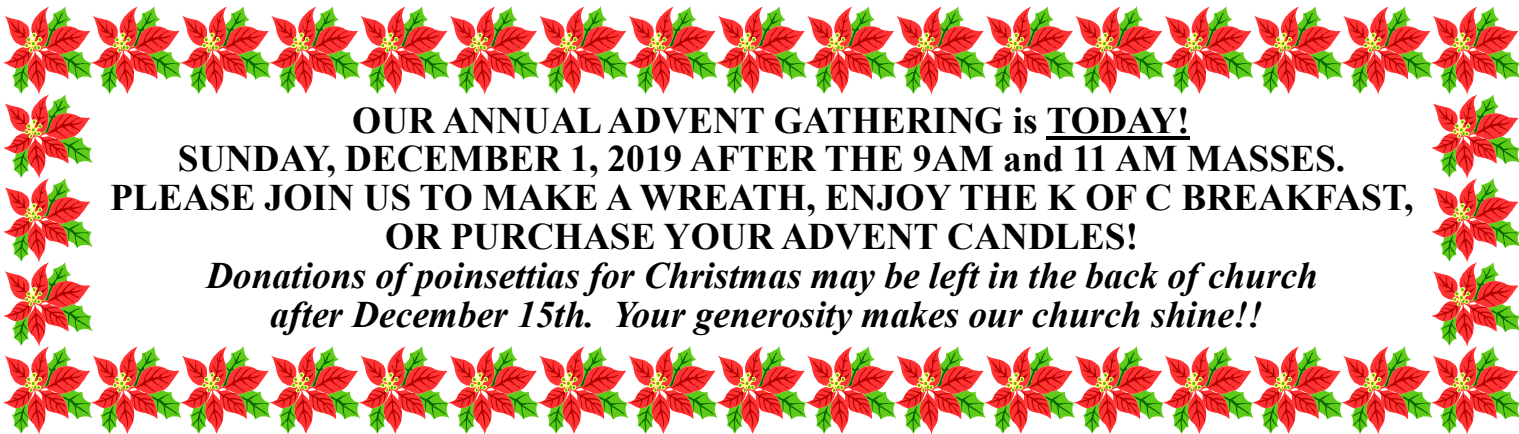


**MASS SCHEDULE WITH MASS INTENTIONS**  
**Week of December 1, 2019**

Sun.....12/01.....9:00 am..... Paul Delevati +  
*Sun.....12/01.....9:00 am.....All Souls.....St. Michael*  
 Sun.....12/01.....11:00 am.....Anna Giordani +  
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 Sun.....12/01.....5:30 pm.....John Schlatt +  
 Mon.....12/02...7:00 am.....All Souls.....Mercy Hospital Chapel  
 Mon.....12/02...8:30 am.....Daniel Painter II +  
 Mon.....12/02...12:15 pm.....Carol Schrimmscher +  
 Tue.....12/03...7:00 am.....All Souls.....Mercy Hospital Chapel  
 Tue.....12/03...8:30 am.....Richard Van Luven +  
*Wed.....12/04...7:30 am.....All Souls.....St. Michael*  
 Wed.....12/04...8:30 am.....Lee Bunnell +  
 Thu.....12/05...7:00 am.....All Souls.....Mercy Hospital Chapel  
 Thu.....12/05...8:30 am.....Mini Family, Sp. Int.  
 Thu.....12/05...12:15 pm.....Dennis Krueger +  
 Fri.....12/06...8:30 am.....Tom Thornton +  
 Sat.....12/07...8:30 am.....Sam Bambino +  
 Sat.....12/07...5:30 pm.....Marian Baldino +

**Altar Service Schedule Week of Dec. 7th & Dec. 8th**

<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
<b>5:30PM</b>	<b>9:00AM</b>	<b>11:00AM</b>	<b>5:30PM</b>
P. Cardenas	D. D'Acquisto	J. Warren	A. Amalraj
R. Cardenas	G. D' Acquisto	M. Caranci	A. Amalraj
	D. Gonzalez		D. Gonzalez



**OUR ANNUAL ADVENT GATHERING is TODAY!**  
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2019 AFTER THE 9AM and 11 AM MASSES.**  
**PLEASE JOIN US TO MAKE A WREATH, ENJOY THE K OF C BREAKFAST,**  
**OR PURCHASE YOUR ADVENT CANDLES!**

*Donations of poinsettias for Christmas may be left in the back of church after December 15th. Your generosity makes our church shine!!*

**GREAT Christmas Gift Idea!!!**

Light a Candle!!! In the lighting of candles we not only pray, but our prayers become symbols of the One Light of Christ. Contact the Parish Office to purchase a candle for One Year!!!! Or, light one for one day!