Sunday, December 13, 2020

3rd Sunday of Advent

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MASS

Monday-Friday | Lunes-Viernes
7:30 am

Saturday | Sábado:
NO VIGIL MASS

Sunday | Domingo:

English:
10:00 am

Spanish | Español:
12:00 pm

Chinese:
2:00 pm

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**WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday 12/13 Gaudete Sunday**

3rd Sunday of Advent


**Monday 12/14**

St. John of the Cross,
Priest and Doctor of the Church

- Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-2

**Tuesday 12/15**

Tuesday of the 3rd week of Advent

- Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 [7a]/Mt 21:28-32

**Wednesday 12/16**

Las Posadas Begin

- Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 45:8]/Lk 7:18b-23

**Thursday 12/17**

O Antiphons Begin

- Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-1

**Friday 12/18**

Friday of the 3rd week of Advent

- Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-2

**Saturday 12/19**

Saturday of the 3rd week of Advent

- Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-2

**Sunday 12/20**

4th Sunday of Advent

- 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-3

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SUNDAY, 12/13**

Danny Sr. & Michael Jose Mejia S.I.; Evon King S.I.; Lauro & Maria Dorantes +; Sanjuana Guardado S.I.; + People of the Parish S.I.

**MONDAY, 12/14**

All Souls +; Rosario Raña Purugganan +

**TUESDAY, 12/15**

Carol Adams S.I.; Bryan Muycot +

**WEDNESDAY, 12/16**

Augustine & Moses Chang +; All Souls +

**THURSDAY, 12/17**

All Souls +; Rosario Raña Purugganan +

**FRIDAY, 12/18**

Catherine Chang +

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**Inspire: Catholic Viewpoint**

CATHOLIC VIEWPOINT, FAITH, HOPE and LOVE hosted by Fr. Michael Kiernan. See link on the Cathedral website under “Resources”.

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**Te invitamos a conocer mas a Jesus en nuestra CLASE DE PADRES LIDERES**

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“Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus”. (1 Thes 5:16 – 18)

This weekend we celebrate the 3rd Sunday in Advent (Gaudete Sunday). On this “Rejoice” Sunday, the Church gives us a “break” from the penitential spirit of the season of Advent. Gaudete Sunday is certainly a welcomed beaming light of hope amidst the shadows of darkness cast over this year. 2020 has felt as if it has been a continuous season of penance. How are we then supposed to rejoice and remain vigilant in our prayer lives?

I found the attached picture to be deeply moving because of its relatability and symbolism. In it, we see the Advent wreath shining in an empty church. Just off to the left we can see one of our AV members preparing for the Vespers livestream. In this year, how many feel as if you are alone and are overwhelmed by the stresses of this year? How many have experienced death in your families? Have you experienced a job loss? Do you worry about how you will survive? Have you been forced to live on the streets? Are you suffering in silence? Do you grapple and struggle with asking for help?

I look at this picture and imagine that this AV member walking in the empty Cathedral represents a multitude of people who are hurting deeply, yearning for answers, for reconciliation, for all sorrows and tears to be wiped away. The picture of the empty church, the stillness, the coldness, evokes an eerie feeling...a feeling of uncertainty. Remember that the church is not merely an edifice...the church transcends the walls of the Cathedral. The church is the Body of Christ with all of us members of the greater Church...the Church Universal, the Church triumphant! We are all connected by our faith in Christ Jesus. For those of you walking alone...remember that you have a family here who loves you and supports you. Not just our Cathedral parish, our Diocese, but the Church Universal! And just as that AV member was walking towards the candle...towards the Blessed Sacrament behind the camera view...pushing forward...do the same...remain vigilant...and continue in pursuit of the light...stay affixed on the Lord...continue to pray even if it hurts...always give thanks...remember that you are not alone.

“In sorrow and suffering, go straight to God with confidence, and you will be strengthened, enlightened and instructed”

- St. John of the Cross
Guadete in Domino Semper

Today we rejoice.
Not because of rose petals or baby blankets.
Not because of infinite love or a single star.
Not because of friends and future hopes or ribbons and cattle stalls.
Not because of thorns or steps or chains and keys.
Not because of parables and wafers or healings and water.
Not because of miracles or embraces or crosses or promises.
Nor visions, virgins, visits or vaccines or voices from across the heavens, with triumphs and teachings and kindness and kind.
Be released and be consumed.
Today we rejoice!

- Fr. Michael.

A D V E N T  N I G H T  F E V E R
Join us on the Cathedral Livestream
Saturday, December 19
7:00PM-9:00PM

Festival of Gift Baskets Fundraiser
Looking for a gift this Christmas?
Weather permitting, from 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM, the Festival of Trees will sell gift baskets outside the church.
Check the Cathedral homepage for updates on other items available through FOT.

Let’s Talk Parish!
CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
**CAPITOL PARK ROSARY PRAYER and FELLOWSHIP!**

Please join your fellow Cathedral parishioners in praying the rosary, for Our Church and the State of California, every Friday morning, at 7:30 am. We meet in Capitol Park, at the former site of St. Junipero Serra’s statue (off L St. between 12th and 13th streets). We also sing a few songs and have great fellowship. We hope you join us.

**Join us Sundays at 5 pm**

**ADVENT & OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS VESPERS Livestream**

**FEAST of the HOLY INNOCENTS**

Candlelight Rosary, Procession and Mass With Bishop Jaime Soto

Monday, December 28th, 6:00 PM

Begin at the steps of the Cathedral and process to Our Lady of Guadalupe for bilingual Mass. Commemorating infants of Bethlehem killed by King Herod & today’s loss of life through abortion.

This podcast seeks to create a greater sense of community among our parishioners. Each episode will feature a Cathedral staff member or parishioner in a casual discussion with Christian Jensen. A new episode will come out every other Saturday.

[https://is.gd/talkparish](https://is.gd/talkparish)
A voice of one crying out in the desert:
“Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths!”

Waiting with you dear Mary!

The Jesse Tree
The Jesse Tree retells of God’s promises through the Old Testament characters that lead us to the birth of Jesus. This week we pick up the story Jesse from whom King David and Jesus come.

El árbol de Isaí vuelve a contar las promesas de Dios a través de los personajes del Antiguo Testamento que nos llevan al nacimiento de Jesús. Esta semana retomamos la historia de Isaí, de quien provienen el rey David y Jesús.

Every year we have the tradition at the Cathedral, to have the Children and teens tell the Christmas Story.

This year will be a special one, that we will all work together from home to tell the story of Christmas.

We will then host a watch party on December 19th to enjoy together our families in action telling their story, which becomes part of our Christmas Story : )

Cada año tenemos la tradición en la Catedral, que los Niños y adolescentes cuenten la Historia de Navidad.

Este año será especial, en el que trabajaremos todos juntos desde casa para contar la historia de Navidad.

Luego, tendremos una fiesta de observación el 19 de Diciembre para disfrutar juntos a nuestras familias en acción contando su historia, que se convierte en parte de nuestra Historia de Navidad : )

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Lección de Diciembre:  

*El Verbo hecho Carne*

Continuamos nuestra lección del plan de Dios que se desarrolla en este Adviento, mientras esperamos la Palabra que se hizo carne: la Anunciación. María dijo que sí a Dios y Dios se hizo hombre: un bebé en el vientre de la Santísima Virgen María. Jesús es Emmanuel, que significa "Dios con nosotros".

**Palabras a saber:**

**Annunciation:** El anuncio de Dios a María de qué había sido electa para ser la madre del Hijo de Dios.

**Inmaculada Concepción:** el don único que Dios le concedió a María, librándola del Pecado Original desde el momento de su concepción.

**Encarnación:** la verdad que la Segunda Persona de la Santísima Trinidad el Hijo de Dios entró en el tiempo y adquirió una naturaleza humana.

**Unión hipostática:** la unión de lo humano y lo divino en Jesucristo. Él es a la vez completamente en Dios y completamente hombre.

**MEMORIZE**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgen Mary …

**MEMORICE**

Creo en Dios padre todo poderoso creador del cielo y la tierra. Creo en Jesucristo su único hijo nuestro señor que fue concebido por obra y gracia del espíritu santo nació de Santa María Virgen …

**Prayers to Practice**

During the month of December let us walk closely with Mary who ‘pondered all these things in her heart.’ By meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary, we can grow in faith.

**This Week:**  

**The Luminous Mysteries**  
Recall the revelation of God in Jesus being Baptized by John in the Jordan.  

**Our Father,** **Hail Mary and the Glory Be.**

**Esta semana:**  

**Los misterios luminosos**  
Recuerde la revelación de Dios en Jesús siendo bautizado por Juan en el Jordán.  

**Padre nuestro,** **Ave María y la Gloria.**

**Words to Know:**

**Annunciation:** God’s announcement to Mary that she had been chosen to be the mother of the Son of God.

**Immaculate Conception:** the unique gift that God granted to Mary, making her free from Original Sin from the moment of her conception.

**Incarnation:** the truth that the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity the Son of God entered time and took on a human nature.

**Hypostatic Union:** the joining of the human and divine in Jesus Christ.
EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS
A Constant Companion

As Christians, we are called to a life of prayer. This is not just during seasons like Advent, but all year long. When we talk about being prayerful everyday stewards, we are speaking about cultivating an awareness of God being with us at all times. Each day we begin by offering God the entirety of our day. Each night we rest in Him and hope that the hours that passed gave Him glory.

During this busy time of Advent, it is hard to cultivate this life of prayer, but without it, we can too easily lose sight of the reason for the season. It is during this time of year we need to heed the words of St. Paul more than ever when he wrote to the Thessalonians, “Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.” This is how we will be able to avoid the pitfalls of consumerism and secularism and keep our eyes fixed on Jesus.

Bring Jesus with you into the office Christmas party. Take him with you shopping for gifts in the department store. Be aware of him when you sit down to watch television specials you have seen every year of your life. Give him all your time and let his presence fill your every moment. By striving to be connecting with Jesus at all times, you will bear greater fruit and the joy you experience will be much greater than you could imagine. You might even spend fewer dollars and spend more time with those you love, particularly the one who loves you the most, the Incarnation himself.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
The HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS
Until COVID-19 restrictions are lifted, Masses are broadcast daily via livestream on our Facebook and YouTube channels. See bulletin cover for details.

RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION (Covid schedule)
Mon—Wed—Thu: 11:00 am to 12:00 pm
Friday: 11:30 am to 12:00 pm
Saturday: 4:00 to 5:00 pm

ANOINTING OF THE SICK
Make an appointment by calling the parish office.

MATRIMONY
To celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony at the Cathedral, contact Titi Kila at tkila@cathedralsacramento.org.

CONVALIDATION of MARRIAGE
If you would like your civil marriage blessed in the Catholic Church, or if you have been together for a number of years and would like to be married in the Church, contact Deacon John at extension 11, or jgisla@cathedralsacramento.org.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION
The Diocese requires all engaged couples to prepare for their union with a marriage preparation program no less than two months before the date of their wedding. Contact Deacon Omar & Janet Bardales at matrimonyprep@att.net or 916-427-9160.

INFANT BAPTISM PREPARATION
A baptism class is not required during the pandemic.

CATECHIST PREPARATION
Desire to help us pass on the faith to adults and children? Complete your application today at: https://is.gd/cathedralvolunteer

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION AND EDUCATION
English and Spanish Online
The Cathedral offers weekly encounters for families to grow in faith together. This year we will study the Creed, taking a tenant each month and learn how to live it through weekly activities.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults/Children (RCIA)
Adults: Mondays, 7 pm
Children and Teens: Follow Family Program Online
RCIA is for those wanting to explore the Catholic faith in a community of prayer, scripture and weekly lessons. We also help prepare for their full initiation into the life of the Church through the Sacraments. For more information, Sister Lisa Marie Doty, FDCC at 916-444-5364, or lmdoty@cathedralsacramento.org.

BAPTISM
Contact Deacon John at the Parish Office (jgisla@cathedralsacramento.org; 916-444-3071 Ext. 11). Baptisms are scheduled in English at 9 AM and 11 AM on the first and third Saturday of each month; and in Spanish at 9 AM and 11 AM on the second and fourth Saturday of each month.

HOLY EUCHARIST
Following at least two years of faith formation, and signs of readiness, Children and Teens prepare for the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist through a series of workshops for immediate preparation for the Sacrament. Adults prepare for the Sacrament through the RCIA. Contact Sister Lisa Marie for details.

CONFIRMATION
The diocese admits young people in eighth grade or older for the Sacrament of Confirmation. If you are a teen or adult, contact Sister Lisa Marie to register.

HOLY ORDERS
Priests and deacons are ordained to perform ministerial roles in the community. To know more about the priesthood and/or deaconate, contact Fr. Hernandez at 916-733-0258.
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**FORMATION AND CATECHESIS**
- **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd** for ages 3+, visit youngsheep.org, or call 916-910-3435
- **Faith Formation and Education / Catechists**
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  - **Formacion y Educacion de Fe Catequistas/ Spanish**
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- **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults and Children**
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- **New Parishioner/Individual**
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- **Change of Address/Cambio de Dirección**
  - Nuevo Parroquiano/Family