

# Second Sunday of Advent December 9, 2018



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**God has commanded that every lofty mountain be made low.**

— Baruch 5:7

## ✦ Mass Intentions ~ St. John the Baptist ✦

Sat 8	7:30a	✦Richard Vercruyssen by Vercruyssen Family
	5:00p	People of the Parish
Spanish	7:00p	Miguel Angel Mendiola (living b'day) America Zaragoza (living b'day) by Marta Mercado
	8:00a	✦Tony Maglich by Marie Maglich & Family
Sun 9	10:00a	Derek Ellen (living b'day) by Mickey Ellen
	12:00p	Guadalupe Tejada (living b'day) by Alicia Tejada
Spanish	5:00p	✦Joe Carlos by Geraldine Carlos & Family
	Mon 10	7:30a
6:00p		✦Victor Alvarez
Tues 11	7:30a	Fr. Jason Clark (living) by Disciples of Jesus & Mary
	6:00p	Raquel & Ramon Ruiz (living) by Disciples of Jesus & Mary
Wed 12	6:00a	✦Guadalupe Alvarez
	7:30a	✦Hmd Anthony by Fr. Godwin
Thur 13	6:00p	✦Ana & Arnulfo Roldan by Karina Roldan
	7:30a	✦Jeanne Ecker by Monroe Family
Fri 14	6:00p	Luis Miguel Correa Jr (living) by Maria Correa
	8:30a	✦Constance Dell A'rena by Susan Thomas
Sat 15	6:00p	Camp Fire Victims
	7:30a	Mike & Dion Mangan (living) by Disciples of Jesus & Mary
Spanish	5:00p	✦Colleen Howard by Gayla
	7:00p	✦Francisca Alvarez
✦ Mass Intentions – St. James ✦		
Sun 9	9:00a	✦Eddie Walters by Rita Cassiba

## Operating Income & Expense (updated weekly)

	Received	Needed	Shortfall
<b>Offertory Collection Sunday, December 2, 2018</b>			
St John's	\$13,016	\$11,600	
St James	\$1,683	\$850	
	\$14,699	\$12,450	\$0

## Maintenance Collection:

St. John's: \$3,756      St. James: \$520

*Thank you...may your faithful generosity bring you blessings of joy, for the Bible says, "God loves a cheerful giver!"*

## ✦ PARISH NEWS ✦

**Monday masses will resume to the regular schedule on Monday December 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30am and 6pm with confessions at 5:30p.**

### **Parish Advent Penance Service:**

Monday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> - 6:00pm in the church  
NO MORNING OR EVENING MASS

## Meet our New Director of English Religious Education Program

Dear Families of St. John's,

Let me take a moment to introduce myself! My name is Haley Weinrich and I am the new Director of Religious Education for the English programs at St. John's. I grew up in Chico as a member of the St. John's community, and was involved in faith formation, youth group, and music at the 5pm Mass. After two years of college at Chico State, I decided to serve as a missionary for NET Ministries in St. Paul Minnesota. During this year, I served youth through retreats, bible studies, small groups, and one on one mentoring. After this time of missionary work, I married my husband, Jason and we headed out to Colorado to work in youth ministry and faith formation for a large parish in Denver. There, I worked as the Children's Faith Formation Director and coordinated programs for kids ages 3 to 11. After the birth of our son this past March, my husband and I decided to get back to our roots and make the move back to Chico! We love St. John's and are excited to be back here with you all. During my time in Colorado, I received my bachelor's degree in Human Development and Family Studies from Colorado State University. I am excited to combine my love for Christ and my educational background to serve the families of St. John's. I am passionate about families, and spreading the Gospel to our children. In my time working as Director of Religious Education I hope to give back to this community the education, support, and love that I have received in past years.

I look forward to meeting you all!

In Christ,

Haley Weinrich

**John T Donohue Assembly, Knights of Columbus.** Is once again offering See's candies. This is the annual fund raiser for our scholarship program but this year all proceeds are being donated to Paradise Knights of Columbus Council for their members. Over Half of the 110 members lost everything in the Camp Fire. Please be as generous as possible for these unfortunate families.

***Please keep in your prayers:***

Nate Hinderman                      JJ Rodriguez & Family  
Camp Fire Victims and Relief Efforts  
Adam Fideli                              Special Intention  
Maria Lopez for the repose of her soul  
Francisca Alvarez, for the repose of her soul  
Raquel Zamudio-Hernandez, for the repose of her soul  
Steven John Muders, for the repose of his soul  
Charles Lambert, for the repose of his soul

*If you or someone you know needs prayer please contact the parish office (530)343-8741 or email your requests to [stjohn33@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stjohn33@sbcglobal.net). The names will remain in the list for 3 weeks.*

**Knights are Catholic Gentlemen who are deeply committed to charity, protecting our faith and strengthening families through God's calling to serve.**

1. A special thank you to all parishioners who volunteered to assist the St. Vincent de Paul Society in serving the victims of the Camp Fire. Thank you also to the members of the Knights who assisted with the coffee and treats for the training sessions.
2. Our Council 1137 wants to thank the Knights of Columbus from Our Divine Savior Parish for mutual support to spiritually, and physically nourish the families from St. Thomas More Parish. Much more is needed and it is gratifying to see members from all three councils working together in times of need.
3. Please join the Knights for a cup of coffee and donut the first Sunday of each month in front of the rectory.
4. "Save the Date" February 2, 2019 for the annual **CRAB FEED!**
5. There will be a business meeting for all Knights on Thursday, Dec 13 at 7:00 pm in the cafeteria. All eligible Knights should join us as we discuss ways to serve our parish and extended community.
6. If you would like more information about the Knights or about joining our team please see one of our members or go to our email: [knightofcolumbus1137@gmail.com](mailto:knightofcolumbus1137@gmail.com)

**ESL Classes for Adults:** Sign-ups for ESL Classes for Adults: Those interested in ESL classes can sign up after the 12:00pm Mass or call the church office. The classes will take place starting January 15 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm at Notre Dame School. The only cost is \$5.00 for a book. Call Yvonne Freeman Yvonne Freeman (956)358-7741 or Yolanda Holt (530)518-3988 if you have questions. Yvonne Freeman, Ph.D. Professor Emerita University of Texas Rio Grande Valley <http://davidandyvonnefreeman.com>

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**Library Hours**

**Sundays - 9am to noon    Fridays – 8am to 10am**

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The Parish Library is open after the 8am and 10am Masses and we have many books about Advent and Christmas for both adults and children. Learn the customs and traditions of these holy seasons of the Church year by checking out the books that are on display on the central table along with coffee and refreshments. If you haven't been in our library come in and introduce yourself as we are always pleased to welcome new patrons.

We are approaching the end of the year which means a great deal of activity for everyone. This is a good time to search your lodgings to see if there is a stray book or DVD that belongs to the Parish Library and return them, so you can start the New Year just right. If you can't make it into the library the wonderful ladies at the parish office will be glad to accept any book or DVD and place it/them in the library. The library hours are Friday from 8-10am, Sunday after the 8:00am Mass to about 12:00pm and the parish office hours are 11:00am to 4:00pm Monday through Friday.

**The coffee is hot, the treats irresistible and the company grand.**

**Please join the 8am Sunday Mass Choir:** We are looking for choir members, sopranos, altos, tenor and bass. This is a joyful ministry. We have a wide range of ability, so don't be shy! Practice is Tuesday nights at 6:30 and Sunday morning at 7:30am before 8:00am Mass. For further information please call Michele Jordan at (510) 590-3390 or George Wing at (530) 432-4472. Or just show up for practice.

**Society of St. Vincent the Paul:** In today's Gospel John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord," and this is what Advent is all about. 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. Those in need include our friends affected by the Camp Fire. SVDP has received an outpouring of love from our parishioners in the form of time volunteered and money or gifts contributed. Our volunteers are given the opportunity to meet at the DRC with thousands of people affected by the fire and do long term recovery assistance intake and give them a gift card. Most importantly they listen with a compassionate ear to the heart-breaking stories. We have had tremendous support from so many people. Thank you.

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## The Rite of Christian Initiation News



As we prepare our hearts to receive the Christ Child this Advent Season, let us remember that we can give no better gift to others than Jesus, the Word made flesh. Give the gift of the invitation to become Catholic to someone you know who may be considering entering into a deeper relationship with Christ. Perhaps you could invite them to attend Mass with you during Advent or Christmas.

RCIA inquirers are always welcome! Please call the office at 343-8741, check out our website at [stjohnthebaptist.org](http://stjohnthebaptist.org), or email Lori Smith at [avemaria003@gmail.com](mailto:avemaria003@gmail.com) for more information about becoming Catholic. It's never too late to join us!

### DIVINE MERCY YOUTH GROUP

*Youth Minister Tanner Sheffield*  
*(530) 218-7771*



**The Asociation Guadalupana extends an invitation to all parish members to the celebration in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe.**

**December 3<sup>rd</sup> thru 11<sup>th</sup>:** Novena and Rosary after the 6:00pm Mass.

**December 12<sup>th</sup>:** Mañanitas (serenade) 5:00am in the church followed by mass.

Solemn Mass at 6:00pm - celebration following the Mass. There will be delicious Mexican Food, and Folk Dance in the gym.



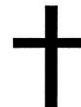
All parishioners at St. John's are encouraged to make use of our subscription to FORMED- the best Catholic content- all in one place! If you have not yet been to the site, go to [stjohnthebaptist.formed.org](http://stjohnthebaptist.formed.org) and click "Register". Enter your name, email address and desired passcode.

#### **PICK OF THE WEEK**

1513: A Story That is Not Finished Yet. Our Lady of Guadalupe Came to Change the World. 1531 shares the history of why millions of Aztecs converted to the Catholic Faith and the little known truth that this incredible story is not finished yet.



## Adoration Chapel



**Please consider watching just one hour with the Lord.** Please call Denise Marine (530)520-4176 or Javier Lopez (530)566-0358 for more information, to find out about empty time slots and sign up for an hour.

**"All are invited to participate in a prayer service to quiet our hearts and sing hymns of hope. An Advent Lessons & Carols Prayer Service will be held at Our Divine Savior Parish on Wednesday, December 12th at 6:30 pm. An offering will be taken up for the St. Vincent De Paul Camp Fire Relief Effort."**

**Natural Family Planning (Creighton Model) Classes: *Love. Mercy. Life. Opening the Heart of Marriage.*** Are you ready to do a great thing for yourself and your marriage? Classes are available right here in Chico. Contact Jenni Schaeffer (530)893-5474 or Jackie Hollcraft M.S.; P.A.C. (530)519-5081.

#### **Tuesday Morning Bible Study - Special Holiday Support**

**meetings:** The Tuesday Morning Bible Study is open to ALL in Chico (and to our Paradise guests) and meets every Tuesday morning from 9-11 in the ODS Prayer Room. This has been a tumultuous time for so many in our communities. We will be spending our Bible Study time on Dec. 11 and Dec. 18 offering prayer support, companionship, encouragement, and a DVD presentation on dealing with stress. Everyone is welcome! We are between studies, but on Jan. 8 we will begin to study the Gospel of Luke. We use a guidebook by Scott Hahn which includes helpful footnotes to put the readings in context and thought-provoking questions for discussion. We begin and end our two-hour session with prayer! No experience is required: please consider joining us. For more information call Terry Matthews, 893-1644.

**Parish Bulletin Submissions:** The holidays are fast approaching and with shorter work days, we need all Christmas and New Year's bulletin announcements earlier. **Please submit announcements for Dec. 22/23 bulletin by Wed., Dec 12<sup>th</sup> at 10am, and Dec. 29/30 bulletin by Mon., Dec 17., at 10am.**

#### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26  
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14  
Wednesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38  
Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15  
Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19  
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80: 2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13  
Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18