

Third Sunday of Advent – December 10-11, 2016



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Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy.

— *Isaiah 35:10a*

A SEASON OF HOPE

Today we can bask in the imagery that the Mass readings offer us. In particular, Isaiah's vision of a parched land that blooms with abundant flowers holds a message for each of us. Too often we are just like that parched land. We can allow ourselves to become absorbed in the waves of consumerism that grip so many. We look for fulfillment in the things that money can buy. Unfortunately, this leaves us like parched land, thirsting for something that money can't buy. This holy season has much to offer to quench our thirsts. In a word, this season offers hope. We are told that those who are ransomed by God will know joy and gladness. For them, sorrow and mourning will be no more. Let us place our hope in these promises.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The barren deserts will rejoice and flower. Tired bodies will receive strength. Aching hearts will be made glad (Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10).

Psalm — Lord, come and save us (Psalm 146).

Second Reading — Be patient, for the coming of the Lord is as sure as the rain (James 5:7-10).

Gospel — Tell of what you hear and see: The blind regain their vision, the crippled their movement, the deaf their hearing (Matthew 11:2-11).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Is 45: 6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday: Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b; Lk 7:24-30

Friday: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Jn 5:33-36

Saturday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

Sunday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

First Reading — You will be given this sign: the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel (Isaiah 7:10-14). **Psalm** — Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory (Psalm 24). **Second Reading** — God has called us to belong to Jesus Christ (Romans 1:1-7).

Gospel — The son born of Mary shall be called Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. He shall be Emmanuel, "God is with us" (Matthew 1:18-24).

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Pray for ...

Please keep the following people in your prayers this week: For those suffering illness, infirmity, and those in need of our prayers...

Flo Meyers, Dick Boyd, Helen Yandell, Amanda Bell, Ruben Sanchez, Albert Antuna, Michael Cardoza, Veleria Oregel and Mom

For the souls of the following recently departed, that through the mercy of Christ, they may rest in peace...

Phyllis Patane, Betavee Hand, Joseph Breceda, Margorie Dean Stiles, Rose Myers and Reynard J. Thomas

The names on these lists will be on for two weeks ONLY

Mass Intentions



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SATURDAY	
5:00 p.m.	Michael Mohammed (Birthday), Angel Castillo Bolaños†, Judy Salas†, Bob Collier†, Sarah Hart†, Rev. Fr. Chidi Emmanuel Emezi (Birthday), Phyllis Patane†
7:00 p.m.	Jonathan Santos Carbajal†, José Mercado†, Manuel Méndez (Salud), Esteban Cruz†, Rafael Alonzo†, Sabino Cruz†, Felipa José†, Alberto Cruz†, Fernando Martinez†
SUNDAY	
8:00 a.m.	Mary Shower Monroe†
10:00 a.m.	Jessie Muñoz†, Felix Arellano†, Felix Arellano Jr. (healing), Gregorio Tapawan†, Charles Likes†
12:00 p.m.	Francisco Ramos (Salud), Jonathan Santos Carbajal†, Mariana Barragan†
2:00 p.m.	Guadalupe Raya Villagomez†
5:00 p.m.	Jess A. Reyes R. (Special Intention)
7:00 p.m.	Familia Martinez (Intention especial)
Mon. 8:30am	Lidia Torres†
Tues. 8:30am	Lidia Torres†
Wed. 8:30am	Lesley Sochima Opindas (Birthday), Miguel Angel Sanchez (Birthday)
Thurs. 8:30am	Luciea Fisher (Birthday), Tom Walsh†, Herold Lannon†
6:30pm	St. Isidore Parishioners

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Fri. 8:30am Fr. Robert Walsh (healing)

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

When the ties of affection and authority that bound Europe's Catholics unraveled in the sixteenth century, many cultures lost time-honored customs of faith. Some customs proved to be especially difficult for the reformers to wrest away from the people, especially those celebrated in the home. This week in Sweden, a country where the Catholic Church was disestablished four hundred years ago, a Catholic martyr from Sicily is the most beloved figure. St. Lucia, Lucy, is celebrated on December 13. The long-story-short is that Lucy was a Christian whose father wanted to marry her off to a pagan fellow, and she rejected her father's authority. To make an example of her, her father had her killed. In the course of the brutal martyrdom, Lucy lost her beautiful eyes, but her vision was miraculously restored. The candles worn today by the eldest daughter of the family are tokens of the fire that refused to harm the saint. So this patroness of light and clear vision is revered on the shortest, darkest days of the Nordic winter. Before the reform of the Gregorian calendar in the sixteenth century, December 13 was the winter solstice.

Today, young girls appear in the morning wearing lighted candles on their crowned heads (battery-operated now after many mishaps), and serve sweet rolls and coffee to everyone in the house. For the Swedes, who are not churchgoers, the "Lucias" are the official heralds of the holiday season and a sign of everyone's yearning for more light in this world. Europe once abounded with customs like this; the survival of this custom in Scandinavia is a sign of God's grace, and how fertile the soil is to receive the true message of Advent.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Week 38 - I've turned upside down in my Mom's womb and I am standing on my head! My knees are pressed up against my chest and there's not much room to stretch anymore!



The Pastor's Corner

"The desert and the parched land will exult . . . They will bloom with abundant flowers, and rejoice with joyful song." Isaiah's prophecy today corresponds with the wondrous celebration of December 12th. We arrive this year at the 485th anniversary of the blooming of abundant roses on a wintry hilltop of Tepeyac, out of season and out of place. Father Becerra Tanco, chronicler of the Pontifical University of Mexico from the 1600's, writes of the extraordinary appearance of "rosas de castilla frescas, olorosas y con rocío" (roses of Castile, fresh and perfumed, with the dew on them).

Roses in winter? Spanish roses bloom on an Aztec hilltop when the beautiful young woman appears to the aging Juan Diego, running in fear to find help for his dying uncle. Her words to him, that she is his mother, the youthful arrival speaking to the declining elder, reveal what the fresh buds confirm. When heaven breaks into our world our decay is transformed into renewal.

When earth is hijacked by heaven our anxiety and preoccupations are ejected. Isaiah tells us what the new order is: "say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not!"

Where God intervenes, our mundane predictions get swept away. While we constrict our lives by our lack of imagination, collapsing our futures to the limited restrictions we impose on ourselves, God ambushes us with roses in winter, with the call of a mother we never believed we would meet.

Perhaps this could be the year, this could be the Advent, that we surrender, that we abandon our scripts and respond to the voice that is calling us, leaving the path we had blazed for ourselves and wander into life of faith, a life that trusts in the God who calls us.

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PARISH NEWS

In this season of Advent, we are continuously preparing ourselves for the celebration of Christ's birth. Why not help our own parish prepare for the coming new year by signing up with Faith Direct? By supporting St. Isidore through Faith Direct, both you and our parish can save some time and peace of mind this holiday season. Already using Faith Direct? Don't forget to add your Christmas or End-of-Year contributions to your account.

Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: CA783

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

God Bless You,
Rev. Avram Brown

Faith Direct 101: End-Of-Year Disbursement

We will be accepting one-time Checking/Savings account gifts until December 22nd at 3 pm EST and live one-time credit card gifts until midnight on December 31st. These gifts will be disbursed to you in a separate end-of-year disbursement on January 5th.

Contact our Customer Service toll-free number at 866-507-8757 with any questions about the End-Of-Year Disbursement.



OUTREACH NEWS

The Sunday bulletins are needed to disseminate important & necessary information. If you have anything to be placed in our bulletin, please send an e-mail to bulletineditor@stisidore-yubacity.org by the end of every TUESDAY. If you do not have access to the e-mail above, please drop it off at the office by the end of every TUESDAY. We also need advertisement to financially offset printing expenses. Please help us look for ADVERTISERS.

PANTRY NEEDS:

THIS WEEK: Top Ramen Soup

**NEXT WEEK: Canned Fruit
St. Vincent de Paul**

We have some urgent needs for St. Vincent de Paul:

- We are in need of beds for our clients
- Paper bags
- Travel sized personal care items

Thank you for all that you do on behalf of the needy in our community!

REST (Regional Emergency Shelter Team)

Most of you are familiar with the Regional Emergency Shelter Team, or more commonly called REST. REST provides emergency winter overnight shelter and food for homeless families and single women and I am so proud to announce that once again – for the 7th year – our parish will participate in this program.

Our parish is scheduled for the weeks of January 7th – 13th and February 11th – 17th, 2017. During those two weeks we are asked to provide shelter (we offer our gymnasium) and a hearty, warm evening meal for our guests and the REST volunteers.

This is wonderful opportunity for parish ministries, families and individuals to show the love of Jesus Christ and be His hands here on earth. We are looking for people to provide meals & to serve. Gather your friends, family, Bible study groups, prayers groups, Bunco groups and volunteer.

Please contact us by email at bevignery@sbcglobal.net

Remember:

"Whatsoever you do for the least of your brethren, so also you do unto me." (Matt 25:40)

Thank you,

Deacon Eldon & Bev Vignery

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The Communal Penance Service will take place on December 22, 2016 at 6:00pm in the church. There will be a number of priests to hear confessions that evening. Please check out the Penance Service schedule on the TV monitors for more information about Penance Services around the deanery.



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Saturday, December 24:

Christmas Vigil Masses:

5:00pm English

7:00pm Spanish

12:00 a.m. Midnight Bilingual

Sunday December 25th:

8:00 a.m. English

10:00 a.m. English

12:00 p.m. Spanish

2:00 p.m. Spanish

****Please note that there will NO MASS at 5pm or 7pm on Sunday Dec. 25th**



Simbang Gabi 2016 –

9-Day Novena Dawn Mass

December 16 to December 24

**** (Dec. 16 to Dec. 23 – 5:00 a.m. Mass**

Dec. 24 – 8:00 a.m. Mass) **

All are welcome in this Dawn Mass Celebration

"O Come, O come Emmanuel"

Come and join us for light refreshments after Mass at the Parish Dining Hall.

(Short Legend history...)

The origin and meaning of the Simbang Gabi novena

Simbang Gabi traces its roots to Mexico in 1587. Traditionally, Christmas Day in the Philippines is ushered in by the nine-day dawn Masses that start on Dec. 16. Originally, it popularly came to be known as Misa Aguinaldo or also known as the Misa de Gallo (Rooster's Mass) in the traditional Spanish, and these Masses are also more popularly known in Tagalog as Simbang Gabi, or "Dawn Mass." These nine dawn Masses are also considered as a novena to the Blessed Virgin Mary by the Catholic faithful. This refers to the Roman Catholic practice of performing nine days of private or public devotion to obtain special graces. In traditional Catholic belief, completing the novena is also supposed to mean that God might grant the devotee's special wish or favor. This is the time where we mostly feel the presence of the Lord because it is the spiritual preparation for Christmas, the birth of Jesus Christ. It does not matter if one has the stamina to complete the novena or not, what really matters is what is inside the heart. The blessing does not depend on the number of Masses attended, but what is important is the disposition of the person who receives the Lord's blessing. We wish to encourage all of us – not only Filipinos but also Catholics in general – to practice Simbang Gabi, because it is a great source of spiritual nourishment to all of us as we prepare for the celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. This is open to all. Invite your families and friends!

THE LOOK OF LOVE

What does love look like?

It has feet to go to the poor and needy.

It has eyes to see misery and want.

It has ears to hear

the sighs and sorrows of others.

—St. Augustine

Bible Study

"First Corinthians." Come join St Isidore's Tuesday evening Bible Study. We will be meeting at 6:30 PM in Bishop Quinn HALL for 10 Tuesday evenings beginning January 3rd to study First Corinthians. This DVD study is from Ascension Press with Dr. Timothy Gray as the presenter. In this study, we will learn about the early Christians in Corinth, and see how their struggles and challenges were not so different from our own. We will see how St. Paul addressed these struggles by introducing the Corinthians to God's greatest gift: the Eucharist. There is no cost to attend. If you wish to attend please register at Faithdirect.com. Purchasing a work book is optional, but they can be purchased at Faith Direct as well. The workbooks are \$26.00. Come join us! Call Cathy at 755-1536 for more information.

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Learn Effective Ways to Share Your Faith - Join St. Isidore's St. Paul Street Evangelization Team!

Do you treasure your Catholic Faith? Would you like to share your faith with others, but are not sure where to start? Pope Francis reminds us that it does not take a specialized degree in theology to become a great evangelist. We're all called to evangelize! Did you ever think that Evangelization could be as simple as offering a Miraculous Medal to the person next to you in the checkout line at the grocery store? St. Paul Street Evangelization (SPSE) is a Catholic organization that offers training and resources for everyday Catholics to be effective evangelizers. There are hundreds of teams spreading the Good News throughout the country, and your help is needed. On Monday, December 12, our team will have a table at the Yuba City Walmart from 3:30 pm to 6:30 pm. On Wednesday, December 14 we will pray a Rosary at 6 pm in the Church for those we have encountered and their intentions, followed by our SPSE meeting at 6:30 pm in the Saint Vincent de Paul trailer next to the Church. Please join us at one of these events and learn easy methods to share your faith. If you would like more information, or if you would like to join our St. Isidore's SPSE team, please contact Greg Thompson at 530-713-9909 for more information.

DIOCESAN WIDE EVENTS

FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS CANDLELIGHT PROCESSION AND MASS

On Wednesday, December 28, the annual Feast of the Holy Innocents Candlelight Rosary Procession and Mass will meet at 5:00 p.m. at the steps of the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament (11th & K) and pray for the sanctity of life as we walk to Our Lady of Guadalupe (7th & T) for concelebrated Mass at 6:00 p.m. This March for Life commemorates those male infants of Bethlehem who were killed by decree of King Herod, as well as those innocent unborn babies lost by abortion today. Bring your family, sing with St. Mary's choir, and walk to Mass praying the rosary. Candles will be provided. Carpools will shuttle people back to their cars. Dress warmly and bring umbrellas if needed. For more information, please call Leticia at (916) 519-0417.

Camp Pendola is Hiring for Summer 2017

Applications for summer 2017 positions at Camp Pendola are now being accepted. Camp Pendola is looking for energetic people to work with children ages six to seventeen in a Catholic outdoor setting. Staff positions begin in early June and finish the 2nd week of August. Staff lives at Camp Pendola for the summer and must be at least 18 years old. Positions include counselors, kitchen staff, health center staff, and program staff. For more information and apply go to www.pendola.org/employment

MARRIAGE PREPARATION WEEKEND: Invest in your future! – Come experience an atmosphere where you as a couple can concentrate exclusively on one another and prepare for your lifetime of marriage while free of pressures and interruptions of daily life. For information on our 2017 and 2018 weekends, please visit our website at www.sacee.org or email us at leadership@sacee.org

Rachel's Vineyard Healing Retreat

February 17 - 19, 2017

"God will never forgive me for this..."

Those who choose abortion are our daughters, sons, husbands, wives, sisters, brothers, relatives, friends & members of our parish communities. The impact and pain of abortion hurts - even years after the experience. If you, or a loved one have been hurt by abortion, this weekend is for you! Come and experience God's healing love and forgiveness in a safe, nonjudgmental environment. Open to men and women. The cost is \$175 per person and financial assistance is available to anyone who needs it. Call Paula Segno or send an email for more information. (916) 733-0161 or projectrachel@scd.org. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

Offertory Collection

Week Ending Date Current Month	December Offertory Received	December Offertory Budget	
12/04/16	\$15,621.50	\$14,300.00	
12/11/16		16,000.00	
12/18/16		14,300.00	
12/25/16		26,900.00	
Total	\$15,621.50	\$71,500.00	
November 2016 Offertory Received	November 2016 Offertory Budget	Jul-Nov. 2016/17 Offertory Received	Jul-Nov. 2016/17 Offertory Budget
\$61,035.50	\$69,500.00	\$306,461.85	\$290,500.00

Thank you for your generosity; please continue to support our parish community and the school.

Your donation works for aging religious. "I read that roughly 95 percent of donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious aid senior religious," a donor writes. "That's wonderful when we truly want our donations to work." Your gift works for elderly religious by helping to furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please support next week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious, and give to those who have given a lifetime.

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Services & Prayer Directory

Bulletin Editor: call the Parish Office 673-1573, or email bulletineditor@stisidore-yubacity.org. *Deadline is Wednesday morning.*

Mass Announcements: Submit to Parish Office by Tuesday preceding weekend, or use online form: <http://www.stisidore-yubacity.org/pulpitbulletinform.htm>

- **Communion for the Sick and homebound:** Call Parish Office, 673-1573 ex.36.
- **Divine Mercy:** Meets 3rd Mon @ 6:30 p. m. in the Conference Room. Cathy, 673-1573
- **Knights of Columbus:** Bill Daugherty, (530) 713-3050
- **Legion of Mary:** Mon 9:15 – 10:30 a. m. in the church. Both men and women are invited to attend.
- **Novena and prayers to Our Mother of Perpetual Help:** Wednesday's after 8:30am daily Mass.
- **Religious Education:** Rita Ramos, 673-1573 or fatihformation@stisidore-yubacity.org
- **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA):** Adult Baptism, Confirmation & First Communion. Helen Gomez: RCIACoordinator@stisidore-yubacity.org
- **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, Adapted for Youth and Teens (RCIA Adapted):** For youth 7 and above who have not been baptized or not baptized Catholic. Helen Gomez: RCIACoordinator@stisidore-yubacity.org
- **Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos (RICA):** Spanish-Bautismo Confirmacion, Comunión de adultos. Llamar a Diácono Rubén Rojo, 673-1574.
- **Marriage Preparation:** Call Paige Westlake, 530-673-1573 or pwestlake@stisidore-yubacity.org
- **YLI:** Leslie Lee, (530) 713-9996
- **Youth Group:** Clemente Polines: 530-218-8771.
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- **A Woman's Friend:** Pregnant? Don't know where to turn? Call 741-0556
- **Prayer Blanket Ministry:** To receive a blanket at no charge, visit the parish office. For more information, to volunteer, or to donate, call Kathy Anderson 713-7022.
- **Child Care:** Available in the Little Lambs Nursery (located in the Preschool) Sunday mornings 9:30 a.m. to 1 p. m., children 0 to 5

- **Cuidado de Niños:** Abierto a las: 9:30 a. m. — 1:00 p. m. Niños edades 0-5. Lugar Escuela Pre-escolar
- **Cursillos:** Hilario Rivera # 790-7640. Reuniones son el segundo y cuarto Viernes del mes.
- **Engaged Encounter:** 916-987-0747
- **Food Locker/St. Vincent de Paul:** 671-5154
- **Grupo de Oracion:** Miércoles a las 7 p. m. José Luis Ruiz #844-7126.
- **Grupo Familiar:** Para matrimonios católicos. Lunes a las 7 p. m. Salvador y Elisa Vargas, 695-8762.
- **Immaculate Heart Radio:** 1620 AM
- **Marriage Encounter:** 893-2348 or 891-0426
- **Prayer Chain:** Serious illnesses or critical situations: 673-0556
- **Natural Family Planning:** Call Parish Office for referral
- **Rachel's Vineyard:** For those suffering emotional or spiritual pain from abortion, 888-HOPE-790
- **Respect Life/Yuba-Sutter Right to Life:** 1st Wed every month @ 7 p. m. in the Bride's Room; Maureen, 673-1437
- **Troubled Marriage:** 800-283-5952/ www.retrouvaille.org
- **Website:** Mike Pugh, webservant@stisidore-yubacity.org
- **Chamorro Ministry:** (530) 673-1573
- **Filipino Ministry:** (530) 673-1573
- **Encuentro Matrimonial-** Maria y Pablo Rodriguez 530-216-3884
- **Guadalupanas -** Cora Garcia 671-4269
- **St. Isidore's Catholic Mom Group:** Jennifer Hackney 530-415-7854
- **Grupo de Padres y Madres Orantes:**
Se reúnen los Jueves de 5:00pm-7pm
- **Perpetual Adoration-** Teresa Pimentel 530- 645-7122/Cynthia Pelfrey 530-632-7417

Additional contacts are found on the parish website's "Contact Us" link

Church Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Catholic Bible—available in the Church on Mary's side for \$10 each. Each family must have a Bible!
Catechism is also available in the Church on Mary's side for \$20.

----- OUR WARMEST WELCOME TO ALL

We extend our hands and hearts in Christian Fellowship to all who celebrate with us, whether long-time residents or newly arrived in the Parish. To register, please complete and place in the collection basket, or mail to the Parish Office.

Name: _____

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Alt Phone _____

