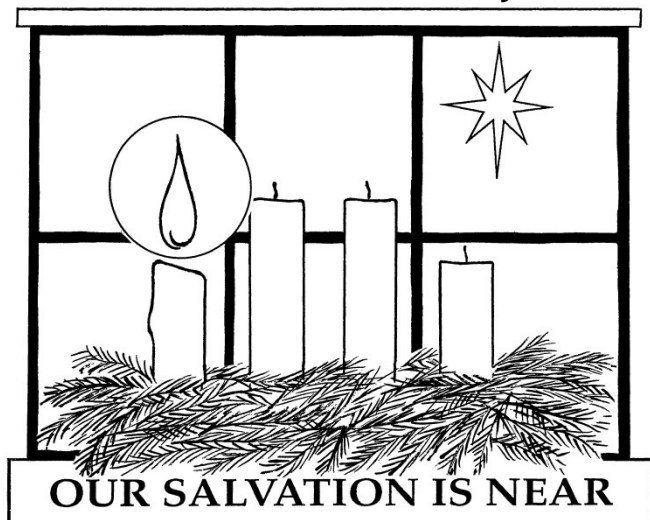


First Sunday of Advent – November 26-27th, 2016



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“You . . . must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”

— *Matthew 24:44*

BE PREPARED

Be prepared. It's that simple. As this Advent season opens before us, the Lord Jesus summons us to stand ready for his coming. At this time of year much of our attention is focused on being prepared for the details that accompany the holiday season. We purchase gifts; we decorate our homes, inside and out; we prepare foods that we eat only during the holidays; we write and send Christmas cards; we attend holiday concerts; we prepare either to welcome family and friends into our homes or arrange for visits to their homes. We really can't escape the details that make up the season. Perhaps this Advent is a time to attend to all those details with a different spin. As we prepare to celebrate the feast of Christmas, why not be deliberate about acknowledging the presence of the Lord as we go about these tasks? The Lord often comes to us in wonderfully surprising ways. Let us be prepared.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — All the peoples shall stream toward the LORD's house (Isaiah 2:1-5).

Psalm — Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord (Psalm 122).

Second Reading — It is the hour to cast off the dark and clothe ourselves in the light (Romans 13:11-14).

Gospel — Stay awake! Be prepared! The Son of Man will come when you least expect (Matthew 24:37-44).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22

Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;
Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6;
Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Advent

Wednesday: St. Andrew

Thursday: World AIDS Awareness Day

Friday: First Friday

Saturday: St. Francis Xavier; First Saturday

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 and Michael Cardoza

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 and Reynard J. Thomas

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

MASS INTENTIONS/INTENCION DE MISA

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 26, 2016	
8:00am	
5:00 p.m.	Louis Whiteway (birthday)
7:00 p.m.	Manuel Mendoza (salud)
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 27, 2016	
8:00 a.m.	Sarah Battles (health of newborns)
10:00 a.m.	Jess A. Reyes (special intention), Success in DC for Vets
12:00 p.m.	Francisco Ramos (salud)
2:00 p.m.	
5:00 p.m.	Henry Garrido, Brandon Garrido, Ann Garrido-Nakagawa (special intention)
7:00 p.m.	
Mon. 8:30 a.m.	Stephanie Ruscigno (healing), Rocky Wright (healing)
Tue. 8:30 a.m.	
Wed. 8:30 a.m.	Elizabeth Borromeo (thanksgiving)
Thurs. 8:30 a.m.	
6:30pm	
Fri. 8:30 a.m.	

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Before the Second Vatican Council in the mid-1960s, Advent had a strong penitential tone, reminiscent of Lent. From as long ago as the fourth century, some Christians began a solemn fast on St. Martin's Day, November 11. This "Saint Martin's Lent" extended all the way to Christmas, and was widely followed in the dioceses of France and Germany, and in the Middle Ages in England. Fasting was required, and dancing and similar activities were banned for the duration. The fast had a social function, too, assuring that the winter food supplies would stretch into spring.

At the Second Vatican Council, some bishops argued that a revival of the long winter's fast would give the Church a chance to establish the message and themes of the Incarnation long before the holiday hubbub took hold. This proposal didn't pass, and Advent emerged as a four-week period of reflection, expectant waiting, and joyful preparation for the coming of the Lord. The season has two principal phases, with the first beginning this Sunday. The second phase commences on December 17, when the liturgy begins to unfold the story of the Savior's coming. Interestingly, the Eastern Church maintains a strongly penitential note in Advent, which is called "Winter Lent," "The Nativity Fast," or "Christmas Lent," and has laws forbidding people to absent themselves from liturgy from December 17 onward.

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

Week 36— I weigh about 6 pounds and am about 20 inches long. The bigger I get, the more crowded it gets in here!



The Pastor's Corner

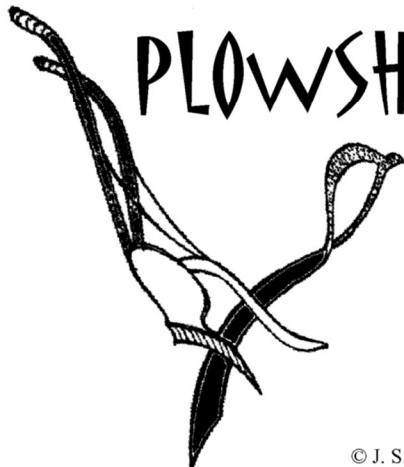
"They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; one nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again." Isaiah's words from our first reading on this first Sunday of Advent are both beautiful and remote. Beautiful because they speak of a health so great our whole society is caught up in it, remote because it seems so out of reach for us.

Plowshares and pruning hooks could also seem remote from us in our mechanized age, and swords and spears, while still symbolic of warfare, in their reference remind us how much more destructive our current weapons have become. When we congratulate ourselves in how far we have come in technology, with our science and medicine, the grim reality that we still use metal for the same destruction of almost 3 millennia ago reminds us that we still are trapped in our broken human nature.

The profound transformation Isaiah points to comes not from improved human ability, but from an intervention that doesn't originate in this world. "O house of Jacob, come," Isaiah concludes, "let us walk in the light of the Lord!" In an era that expects our salvation to come from our own efforts, the beginning of the new liturgical year calls us back to an attentiveness to what God is introducing. Paul in our second reading tells us that "it is the hour now for you to awake from sleep." As members of the Body of Christ, the community through whom God can reach the world, we have a particular responsibility to respond to God's initiative, and not simply ignore him like the rest.

"O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!"

THEY SHALL BEAT THEIR SWORDS INTO PLOWSHARES



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PARISH NEWS

Mass Intentions for the whole month of November are for ALL SOULS

The Book of Remembrance will be located near the baptismal font. The book lists the names from the All Souls envelopes used for donation this year. Please pick up an envelope in the pews or vestibule and place it in the collection. If you would still like to request a different intention please do so at the Parish office.

FULFILL TODAY

If what you did yesterday still looks big to you, surely you have not done much today.

—Anonymous

**We are in need of
EXTRAORDINARY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**For English Masses, especially
Saturday 5:00 p.m. and Sunday 5:00 p.m.**

**If you are interested please call the
Rectory, 673-1573, leave your name and
phone number; someone will contact you.**

Planned Parenthood Vigil

Our next prayer vigil in front of Planned Parenthood, (430 Palora Ave. Y.C.) will be Tuesday, November 29th, from 12noon to 2pm. Please join us and pray to end abortion. God will bless you as you take a stand for Life.

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
- Travel sized personal care items

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



CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE & BREAKFAST

Our Christmas Boutique is Saturday, 11/26/16 from 5pm-7pm and Sunday, 11/27/16 from 8am-12:30pm in the Hall/Gym. A Pancake breakfast will be served by the Knights of Columbus on Sunday from 8am-10am. Adults: \$6 and children under 12 are FREE.



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OUTREACH

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

SCHOOL NEWS

Support St. Isidore School when you shop, especially on Black Friday and Cyber Monday.

#StartWithaSmile at

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and Amazon donates 0.5% to Pastor of St Isidore Parish - Yuba City A Corporation Sole, which goes directly to the school on qualified purchases.

Let us pray:

For the Church's ministries: May they have the full legal protection to continue fulfilling their mission of bringing God's love to the world; *We pray to the Lord*



Altar Server Training

What could be cooler than worshipping Jesus at Mass with dedication, focus, and hands-on service?

If you are a high-, middle-, or grade-school student who has already received your First Communion and has not yet begun Altar Serving, now is your chance!

A one-hour training session for those who want to begin altar serving will be held in the church on Sunday, November 27 at 3:30 PM. You are invited!

Questions? Call Steven Wood via the Parish Office: (530) 673-1573

Building a Culture of Life in China

Twenty years ago, young Catholic convert Brent Johnson stood face-to-face with one of the greatest challenges to a Culture of Life in modern history—the loss of millions of already born, but abandoned infants in China. Tormented by the why, who, how and the question of “what do I do?”, Brent had to make some choices that would shape the rest of his life. Come and listen to him talk about what he chose. Brent will guide you through a modern history of China and our world, bringing you to a deeper understanding of what we mean when we say “Culture of Life” and perhaps also leave you with a renewed, re-kindled faith in God's guidance of our Catholic Church and His unfailing mercy for our world. Brent Johnson, www.chinalittleflower.org

PERPETUAL ADORATION!

The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time that you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in heaven, and will help bring about an everlasting peace on earth."



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DIOCESAN WIDE EVENTS

Jubilee Year of Mercy Collector Pin Set

During this exciting and joyous time of the Jubilee Year of Mercy, we are making available a collector pins and lanyard set. Each set includes 13 beautifully designed enamel pins that depict the 12 pilgrimage sites in the Diocese of Sacramento and the Year of Mercy Logo. Set includes: • 12 Beautiful enamel pins of the Pilgrimage Sites (Size: 1.5") • 1 Enamel pin of the Year of Mercy Logo • 1 Jubilee Year of Mercy Lanyard Cost Per Set: \$40.00 / Shipping Rates: (1-4 sets: \$6.00) (5-9: sets \$13.00) (10 sets or more: Free Shipping) Place your order at: <http://www.scddec.org/yom-collector-pins>

Trinity Pines Catholic Center – Reserve Today!

The Diocese of Sacramento invites you to book your next retreat or meeting at Trinity Pines Catholic Center, a place to pray, a place to play, and a place to find His way. Right off Interstate 80, Trinity Pines Catholic Center offers a beautiful blend of tranquility and comfort that will surely provide the best experience for your group. In addition, if you plan on hosting a one-day retreat or meeting during the week (Monday through Friday), free snacks, bottled water, and lemonade or coffee will be provided. Book your reservation today at www.trinitypinescatholic.org or call (530) 389-2780.

Bookmark SacCatholic.com this Advent

SacCatholic.com is your one-stop destination to find and share Catholic events in the Diocese of Sacramento. Be sure to bookmark SacCatholic.com this Advent as new events, workshops and retreats will be posted regularly as we prepare for the birth of our Lord.

Dedication of the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima

We are excited to welcome Aux. Bishop Cotta who will be dedicating a replica statue of Our Lady of Fatima, which he recieved in Portugal, and placing it in the newly established shrine at Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center. This will be the start of a Marian Pilgrimage at Christ the King preparing for the centenary celebration of the Fatima apparitions. The pilgrimage will include a series of talks and Marian Devotions on the second Sunday of each month, January 2017 through April 2018.

Located at:

6520 Van Maren Lane, Citrus Heights, CA 95621

Phone: [916-725-4720](tel:916-725-4720)

Week Ending Date Current Month	October Offertory Received	October Offertory Budget
11/06/16	\$18,234.50	\$18,000.00
11/13/16	\$14,721.00*	18,000.00
11/20/16	**	17,500.00
11/27/16		16,000.00
Total	\$32,955.50	\$69,500.00

September 2016 Offertory Received	September 2016 Offertory Budget	Jul-Sept 2016/17 Offertory Received	Jul-Sept 2016/17 Offertory Budget
\$70,754.58	\$56,500.00	\$245,426.35	\$221,000.00

Offertory Collection

**e-giving with Faith Direct not yet accounted.*

***Figures will be available next weekend.*

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

Word of Life

“Through his victory, Jesus has opened to us his kingdom. But it is for us to enter into it, beginning with our life now – his kingdom begins now – by being close in concrete ways to our brothers and sisters who ask for bread, clothing, acceptance, solidarity, catechesis. If we truly love them, we will be willing to share with them what is most precious to us, Jesus himself and his Gospel.”

— Pope Francis, Homily on Solemnity of Christ the King, 23 November 2014

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TIME OF PREPARATION

This life is the time of our preparation for our future state. Our souls will continue forever what we make them in this world.

—John Tillotson, Archbishop of Canterbury

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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: _____



St. Isidore Services

December 2016

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception - A Holy Day of Obligation:

December 7th – Vigil Masses

6:00 Bilingual

December 8th Masses

8:30 a.m. English

6:00 p.m. English

7:30 p.m. Spanish

Our Lady of Guadalupe

December 11th Procession

10:30 a.m. Spanish

Mass and lunch/fiesta to follow

12:00 Noon Spanish

December 12th Mañanitas

5:00am

Mass

6:00a.m Spanish

†Communal Penance Service† /Servicio Penitencial

December 22nd

6:00 p.m. Bilingual

Christmas Vigil/Midnight Mass

December 24th

5:00 p.m. English

7:00 p.m. Spanish

12:00 a.m. Midnight Bilingual

Christmas

December 25th

8:00 a.m. English

10:00 a.m. English

12:00 p.m. Spanish

2:00 p.m. Spanish

Holy Day of Mary the Mother of God Vigil

December 31st

5:00pm English

7:00pm Spanish

Holy Day of Mary the Mother of God:

January 1st

8:00am, 10:00am and 5:00pm English

12:00pm, 2:00pm and 7:00pm Spanish