

Second Sunday of Advent – December 4-5, 2016

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The Kingdom of Heaven Is at Hand.

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The earth shall be filled with knowledge of the LORD,
as water covers the sea.

— *Isaiah 11:9*

PREPARE THE WAY

Saint John the Baptist appears on the scene today as Advent enters its second week. The mysterious consumer of locusts and wild honey, John echoes the words of the prophet Isaiah as he calls for repentance in the face of the nearness of the kingdom of heaven. The rhythms of the Christian life are often confounding. Each year we meet the Baptist and hear his calls for repentance. Each year we see him pointing to the one who is coming after him, the Lord Jesus. Yet each year the words and actions of John the Baptist echo anew in our hearts, because we have fallen into old sinful traps again and again. Advent gives us the opportunity once again to turn away from our sinful ways and embrace the gospel way of life. John the Baptist invites us to prepare the way for the Lord, in whom we place our hope.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — He shall bring justice for the afflicted; the earth shall overflow with the knowledge of the LORD (Isaiah 11:1-10).

Psalm — Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — Glorify God by living in harmony with one another, welcoming each other as Christ welcomed you (Romans 15:4-9).

Gospel — Produce good fruit worthy of your baptism; repent, for the reign of God is near (Matthew 3:1-12).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13;
Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12;
Lk 1:26-38

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: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10;
Mt 11:2-11

NEXT WEEK'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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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	
5:00 p.m.	Marvin†, Antonette† & John Tindle†, Leo Chesini†, Sister Martha Perez†, Bernard Whiteway†, Clyde Adkins†, Christobal Corona Jr.†, Bob Collier†, Rose Mary Soto†, Gloria Llamado†, Ursula Picache†, Judy Salas†
7:00 p.m.	Pedro, Refugio y Eriberto Dueñas†, Ernesto Robles†, José Curiel†, José Mercado†, Manuel Méndez (Salud), Pedro Domínguez (Cumpleaños), Emilio Torres†, Santana Torres
SUNDAY	
8:00 a.m.	Susan Mello†, Joseph Rodriguez†, Bob Collier†
10:00 a.m.	Jessie Muñoz†, Felix Arellano†, Mary Ann Morris (healing), Greg Tapawan†, Judy Salas†, Paul Sheedy†, Thelma Okere (SP)
12:00 p.m.	Francisco Ramos (salud), Johnathan Santos Carbajal†, Maria Ibarra Barajas†, Salomon Lemus Torres†, Herminia Lemus Ibarra†

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2:00 p.m.	Dolores Gallardo†
5:00 p.m.	Jess A. Reyes Jr. (Special Intentions)
7:00 p.m.	St. Isidore Parishioners
Mon. 8:30 a.m.	Susan Mello†, Legion of Mary Members who have passed away, Lawrence & Leo Mendoza (Birthday), Judy Salas†, Lidia Torres†
Tue. 8:30 a.m.	Ben & Eileen Retutal (Wedding Anniversary), Susan Mello†, Judy Salas†, Harry Ruscigno†, Lidia Torres†, Frank Fournier†, Alex Burky (Birthday)
Wed. 8:30 a.m.	Robert Lee Collier†, Susan Mello†, Judy Salas†
Thurs. 8:30 a.m.	Judy Salas†, Bjorn Vorderman (Birthday), Leonarda Mendoza (Birthday), Natalie Burky (Birthday), Maria Righero†, Louis Righero†
6:30pm	
Fri. 8:30 a.m.	Robert Staunders†, Urbani Family†, Judy Salas†

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Did St. Francis of Assisi invent the Christmas crib? Not exactly, but his devotion to the Incarnation and his love for the poverty of the Christ Child certainly popularized this beloved custom. Long before Francis, it was a custom at the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome to enshrine a rich image of Mary, gilded and bejewelled, embracing the child Jesus. This church was founded as a kind of home for the feast of Christmas in the fourth century. In 1223, Francis was ready to celebrate this feast in a new way. In the tiny city of Greccio, he asked friends to prepare a place where they could experience the poverty and suffering embraced by Christ in his birth. It was a living scene: an ox from the barn, an ass from the stable, and peasants standing in for shepherds and kings. The night of the celebration was beautiful, the weather was warm, and people came in crowds, bearing candles and singing hymns that echoed through the forest. Francis himself chanted the Gospel and preached. The custom spread quickly, and by the sixteenth century cribs were seasonal features not only in church, but in the home.

On December 17, the liturgy begins to unfold the Lord's birth before us, and it's the right time to follow this beautiful tradition. In Germany, each night throughout Advent children prepare a bedding for the manger. At bedtime prayer, a child places a single straw in the manger for each act of devotion or virtue performed during the day. If the children are good, then the Christ child will have plenty of soft bedding when he is placed in the manger on Christmas.

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



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

Week 37 (the ninth month) – I'm still growing bigger and adding fat to keep me warm after I'm born. I'm getting heavy for Mom to carry me. I'm pretty much full grown now, that is, full grown for an unborn baby! I'll grow a lot more after I'm born!



The Pastor's Corner

"Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance." John the Baptist doesn't leave us any wiggle room today as he clarifies what it means to be in or out. When left to our own devices, we come up with a myriad of ways to project attention outward; in asking what's wrong with the world, we find a way to blame everyone but ourselves.

John the Baptist returns the criterion directly to ourselves. Don't worry what everyone else is doing; what fruit are you producing?

This Advent Gospel points us to what the Christian life results in. We don't become Christians simply to feel better; we don't become disciples of Jesus solely to be consoled ourselves. To become followers of Jesus is to become ambassadors to change the world, a change that begins with a change in ourselves.

How profound a change are you ready for? Isaiah in our first reading describes a total revision of all that we know: "Then the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them." If the Holy Spirit were to enter your life, are you ready for a total upheaval of how you see yourself, with old habits being jettisoned, and new neighbors being welcomed?

Our readings identify preparing for Jesus as primarily being a changing of our own selves. If you decide to be a part of this welcome, open your life to profound change. Not to decide, is to decide to drift away, and merely to be a spectator as God sweeps up his children in the new kingdom of heaven.



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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.

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

Mass Schedule:

December 7th – Vigil Mass- 6:00pm Bilingual
December 8th Masses 8:30am English
6:00pm English
7:30pm Spanish

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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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!

WORDS OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE TO JUAN DIEGO

Do not let your countenance, your heart be disturbed. Do not fear this sickness...or any other sickness, nor anything that is sharp or hurtful. Am I not here, I, who am your Mother? Are you not under my shadow and protection? Am I not the source of your joy? Are you not in the hollow of my mantle, in the crossing of my arms? Do you need anything more? Let nothing else worry you, disturb you.



ST. JUAN DIEGO

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

December 3rd-11th: Rosary Novena at 6:30pm in the Church

Sunday December 11th

10:30am- Procession; 12:00pm- Mass

1:30pm-4:00pm- Reception in the Parish Hall

Monday December 12th

5:00am- Mañanitas; 6:00am- Mass



protecting, respecting, loving,
and serving life



Sunday, December 4 at 6:30 pm St. Isidore's Catholic Church, Dining Hall

China Little Flower was begun by **Brent and Serena Johnson** in 1995 when they became aware of the great need for specialized care programs for abandoned children in China. Since then, they have cared for thousands of children.

Brent and Serena, with their 6 children, live in Beijing. The couple share the responsibilities of supervising the day to day care, medical treatment and education of the Little Flower children, as well as the promotion, fundraising, financial and administrative side of running the organization. They work with the talented and dedicated Little Flower employees who share the same goal – to make a difference in the lives of abandoned children!

Come here Brent speak about building a Culture of Life through caring for abandoned babies in China.

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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 come. If you wish a workbook, either go to AscensionPress.com to order yourself or leave a message by Dec 18 for Cathy. The workbooks will be about \$26.00. Come joins us! Call Cathy at 755-1536 & leave a message to order or for more information.

REITERATES CHURCH TEACHING

Vatican instruction: Cremated bodies may not be scattered

CATHOLIC NEWS AGENCY, OCT. 25 -- The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith released an instruction Oct. 25 regarding burial and cremation, reiterating the church's teaching that cremation, while strongly discouraged, can be permissible under certain restrictions -- and that scattering the ashes is forbidden.

Ad resurgendum cum Christo, or "To rise with Christ," states that while cremation "is not prohibited" the Catholic church "continues to prefer the practice of burying the bodies of the deceased, because this shows a great esteem towards the deceased."

The document explains that after "legitimate motives" for cremation have been ascertained, the "ashes of the faithful must be laid to rest in a sacred place," such as in a cemetery or church. It goes on to state that it is not permitted to keep the ashes in a home or to scatter them "in the air, on land, at sea or in some other way, nor may they be preserved in mementos, pieces of jewelry or other objects."

"The burial, the last liturgy for us, is an expression of our hope for the resurrection, wrote Cardinal Gerhard Muller, prefect of the congregation, "and therefore the church continues to teach that the normal burial of the body is the normal form."

As the document explains, "by burying the bodies of the faithful, the church confirms her faith in the resurrection of the body, and intends to show the great dignity of the human body as an integral part of the human person whose body forms part of their identity."

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.

Offertory Collection

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	\$15,035.50	17,500.00
11/27/16	\$13,044.50	16,000.00
Total	\$61,035.50	\$69,500.00

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

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

The second collection next weekend will be for St. Isidore School. Thank you for your continued support to our Parish School.

“Pope Francis invites us to understand more deeply our relationships with God, one another, and the rest of creation, and to live accordingly. ‘Everything is connected,’ he reminds us. (LS 91).”

— “Serene Attentiveness to God’s Creation,”
www.goo.gl/xdm378

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

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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 Confirmation, Comunion 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.retrouville.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: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

Home Phone: _____ 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
Mass and lunch/fiesta to follow**

10:30 a.m. Spanish

12:00 Noon Spanish

**December 12th Mañanitas
Mass**

5:00am

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