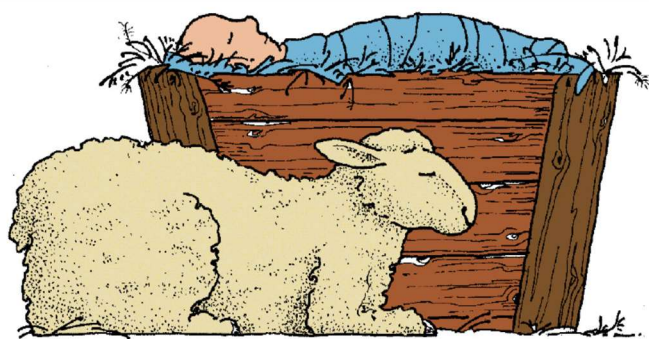


Fourth Sunday of Advent – December 17-18, 2016



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Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 18, 2016

They shall name him Emmanuel, which means “God is with us.” — *Matthew 1:23*

SUMMONED BY GOD

As Christmas draws near, Advent’s scriptures lure us into a world of dreams, signs, wonders, and the miracle of the virgin birth. Too often we allow the great stories of our faith, the ones that are most familiar, simply to wash over us. Today’s Gospel account of the events leading up to the birth of the Lord reads like a present-day soap opera. Yet Joseph’s courage, even in the midst of what must have been an incredibly confusing time, provides a model for us. Each week, we are summoned by God to embrace the way of goodness and truth through the proclamation of God’s holy word. Like Joseph, we are called to do as the Lord commands us. As we stand at the threshold of Christmas, let us have the courage to be open to whatever it is that the Lord will require of us as we celebrate the miracle of Bethlehem.

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TODAY’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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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
 Tuesday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
 Wednesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
 Thursday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
 Friday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
 Saturday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79

Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25] **Night:** Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 **Dawn:** Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20 **Day:** Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

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, 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 Meyers, and Reynard J. Thomas

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

Mass Intentions



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SATURDAY

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| 5:00 p.m. | Michael & Judy Mohammed (Anniversary), Louis & Suzette Whiteway (Anniversary), Dee Scharff (healing), Marilyn Mendoza (Birthday), Phyllis Patane†, Chavez Family, Clarys Family, Sissy Scharff (healing), Rose Myers†, Manuel Magsaysay†, Lyn Wyant†, Mary Ann Brayton†, Cici & Andy Low (healing) |
| 7:00 p.m. | Samuel Gomez†, Manuel Méndez (Healing), Pedro Herrejon Chavez†, Florina Zavala Moreno†, Mariana Barragán† |

SUNDAY

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| 8:00 a.m. | Geoff Paige, Sue Barber†, Charles Likes†, William Francis†, Lorraine Z Sorasu† |
| 10:00 a.m. | Felix Arellano†, Jessie Muñoz†, Silvia Manzanales (Healing), Albert Antuna (Healing) |
| 12:00 p.m. | Samuel Gomez†, Francisco Ramos (salud), Antonio y Martha Vazquez (Anniversary), Padre Joseph Bishop†, Alberto Fernández†, Abel Torres, Benjamín Mercado†, Socorro Leal†, María Treto y Lizarraga |
| 2:00 p.m. | St. Isidore Parishioners |
| 5:00 p.m. | Jess A. Reyes Jr. |
| 7:00 p.m. | Víctor Hugo Espinoza†, David Raya† |
| Mon. 8:30 a.m. | Evelyn Emeza (Birthday) |
| Tue. 8:30 a.m. | St. Isidore Parishioners |
| Wed. 8:30 a.m. | St. Isidore Parishioners |
| Thurs. 8:30 a.m. | |
| 6:30 p.m. | Demetrio Mendez |
| Fri. 8:30 a.m. | DioniciaSiagh Russell†, Fr. Robert Walsh (healing), Ray & Mary Molinar (50th Wedding Anniversary) |

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

By now, the first Christmas carols are heard in the home, but usually not yet in church. What is a “carol” anyway? Originally, a carol was any kind of communal song sung at a festival such as a harvest. By the thirteenth century or so, carols were associated with household celebrations. “Carol” comes from the Old French *carula*, meaning a circular dance. Carols weren’t for church, since the language of liturgy was Latin and the carols were in the common language. Their characteristic sound comes from medieval chord patterns, and they often have strong refrains for everyone to sing. Even in the churches of the Reformation, carols didn’t make it into church services until the 1870s or so, since there was a preference for psalms. Anglicans resisted popular carols; most of our beloved carols came via the Methodists, an offshoot of the Church of England. The Catholic Church generally didn’t admit carols to liturgy either, but we didn’t make laws against them.

We are told that the beloved carol “Silent Night” comes from Catholic Austria and a harried parish music director. Joseph Mohr, the priest of St. Nicholas in Oberndorf, had written the words in 1816, but offered them to his music director, Franz Gruber, when the church’s organ broke. Mohr asked him to write a melody that could be played on guitar as a prelude to Mass. Gruber finished the tune just hours before midnight Mass in 1818. The people were shocked to hear a guitar in church, but were charmed by the sweet lullaby. The church was swept away by a flood in the 1990s and the village later relocated, but the townspeople have set up the “Silent Night Memorial Chapel” at the site. Today the carol is in print in some three hundred languages. How wonderful that the pipe organ broke on that night!

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

CHRISTMAS CHILDREN

It is good to be children sometimes, and never better than at Christmas. — *Charles Dickens*



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
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Development of the Unborn Child

Week 39 – I weigh about seven pounds and I am about 21 inches long. Mom is getting ready for me to be born soon, and so am I! When I am ready, my body will release hormones to start my Mom’s labor. Both of us can’t wait for me to be born, but we have to, just a little while longer!



The Pastor's Corner

"She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." In today's gospel the angel tells Joseph what Jesus changes in our world. The rescue Jesus brings (his name, Yeshua in Hebrew, derives from the word 'to rescue' or 'deliver') is from what our God has identified as our greatest threat, our own sins.

Once upon a time we probably would have recognized the harm of our sins as well, seeking deliverance from what tore our families and hearts apart. Unfortunately our cultural amnesia today effectively has distracted us from what truly harms us, and keeps us running after distractions or entertainments to deliver us.

In turning to Jesus as our physician, in returning to our Creator to seek restoration of our lives, we have to accept his diagnosis of our illness as well as his prescription for our cure. His blood can introduce healing, but it involves bringing our illness to light.

This Thursday our parish will share in the grace that our neighboring communities have been experiencing during these weeks of Advent. Throughout this season the priests of our deanery have been traveling from parish to parish for our annual penance services, providing the opportunity for confession in preparation for the celebration of Christ's arrival.

If you haven't already gone to confession this Advent, give yourself the best gift of all: the cure that allows you to thrive again. Jesus enters our world to save his people from their sins--we can participate in his saving work. In experiencing his rescue, we share in the fulfillment of the original purpose of Christmas 2,000 years ago.

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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.



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.



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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.

Christmas and Sunday TV Mass for the Homebound: KSPX Channel 29 at 6:30 a.m.

This Christmas morning and every Sunday, Heart of the Nation will televise Catholic Mass at 6:30 a.m. on KSPX (ION) Channel 29. Please share the time and channel information with friends and family members who are unable to get to church because of age, illness, or other struggles. Prayer intentions from viewers, uplifting homilies, a Prayer for Spiritual Communion during distribution of the Holy Eucharist, and closed-captioning make Heart of the Nation's Sunday Mass on TV and online a time of spiritual comfort and belonging for the homebound. To watch the Mass online, please visit www.heartofthenation.org



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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. & 10:00 a.m. English

12:00 p.m. & 2:00 p.m. Spanish

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

**The Parish Office will be closed on the
following days:**

Dec. 23, Dec. 26, & Dec. 30, and Jan. 2

Merry
CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY
New Year

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.

Disciples of Jesus and Mary Information Meeting

You are invited to an information meeting for the Disciples of Jesus and Mary (DJM) on January 13th, 2017 at 6pm in the "front hall" at St Joseph Catholic Church in Marysville.

The purpose of DJM is to offer all people an on-going training program. This program enables all to grow spiritually and to work effectively in the world. It draws material from the Gospels, the teachings of the Church, and spiritual authors. The program founded by Fr. Santan Pinto, S.O.L.T. offers how to discover your plan of life: the plan of life, found in the Heart of the Father, who He created you to be. The plan of life process helps us to recognize the way the Lord has been forming us throughout our entire life. Please call Dale Walker at 530-300-6763 for more information

ST. ISIDORE SCHOOL NEWS

St Isidore Catholic School is hiring for a long-term substitute to teach Jr. High language arts for the remainder of the 2016-17 school year. If you or someone you know might be interested, please call the office at [530-673-2217](tel:530-673-2217).

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-vubacity.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 offset printing expenses. Please help us look for ADVERTISERS.

PANTRY NEEDS:

THIS WEEK: Canned Fruit

NEXT WEEK: Peanut Butter

St. Vincent de Paul

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

- We are in need of beds for our client
- 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

Planned Parenthood Vigil

Our next prayer vigil in front of Planned Parenthood, (430 Palora Ave. Y.C.) will be Tuesday, December 27th, from 12noon to 2pm. Please join us and pray to end abortion. God will bless you as you take a stand for Life.

THANK YOU!!!

The Guadalupana Association would like to Thank everyone that participated in the festivities to Our Lady of Guadalupe. A very special thanks to our Priests Fr. Avram and Fr. Fernando for their support and to Casa Lupe, Antonio's, El Zarape, Chagolla's Fence, Panaderia Acambaro, Margarita Santillan, Maria Soto, Collasos Baños, Jose Barba and Holycross for their donations and support.

Congratulations!
To Ray & Mary Molinar on their 50th
Wedding Anniversary!!



FAITH FORMATION WE NEED YOU!

The CCD family Mass is the 3rd Sunday of each Month of our school year. (December, January, February March, April) We as Catholics need to give of our time and talents to the Lord.

So we are asking 5th grade through high school students in CCD to give of your time and talent to volunteer to be readers (also known as lectors) for 10AM 3rd Sunday CCD Family Mass. Requirements, baptized Catholic and a good reader.

First we train you!
We meet ahead of time and go over the readings.
Then we practice at the ambo (lectern) on how to read.
On Sunday morning we will be at the ambo with you.
You will not be alone! This takes about 1 hour.
We need two readers for the one Mass each month.

Call Mary Henson 530 415-9743 for more information.

PERPETUAL ADORATION NEWS

Merry Christmas to all our Adorers and Visitors to Perpetual Adoration!! We wish for you the real feeling in your hearts of the LOVE of God during your Holy Hours. What better way to celebrate the coming of our Savior! Just a few quick reminders to everyone: Please remember to sign in upon arriving to your Holy Hour and even if you are just "dropping by" please sign our log on the left side of the binder. By giving us your phone number, you're agreeing that we can call you some time. Also, consider becoming a substitute Adorer as a favor for those Adorers who sometimes need to take a day off, or are going away for the Christmas break. Thank you! We need Adorers during these hours on Wednesdays, 2:00 and 3:00 AM (early morning!) and 1:00 and 2:00 PM Please call us and sign up. This Holy Hour will be the best time of your life! God Bless you and your families and don't forget to check out our New Adoration Library with Spanish and English Catholic Literature available.

Sincerely,
The Perpetual Adoration Ministry.



DIOCESAN WIDE EVENTS

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

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 | \$22,074.74 | 16,000.00 |
| 12/18/16 | | 14,300.00 |
| 12/25/16 | | 26,900.00 |
| Total | \$37,696.24 | \$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.*

Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others—educating the young, comforting the sick, seeking justice for the oppressed. Today, many are frail, elderly, and in need of assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please give generously to today's second collection.

GETTING EVEN

The only ones you should try to get even with are those who have helped you.

—Anonymous

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 Brinde 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

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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Home Phone: _____ Alt Phone _____

