

# The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)– December 24-25, 2016



## The Nativity of the Lord December 25, 2016

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.— *John 1:5*

### THE GIFT OF GOD'S WORD

On this day of gifts and gift-giving, it seems appropriate that we take a moment to reflect on the great gift of God's Word. Because it is creative, God's Word always points to its author, always calls us to respond. Because it is powerful, God's Word can link the sublime with the ridiculous, the transcendent with the immanent, the divine with the human. Because it is graceful, God's Word establishes a relationship of deep intimacy between us and God.

At the heart of God's Word lies a tantalizing tension between the mysterious and the mundane. In our liturgical celebration, this unresolved tension both reveals the meaning of life for us and calls us to respond, to act upon that meaning.

Once accepted and opened, the gift of God's Word is a gift that keeps on giving and keeps on calling us to give in return. It dares us to be like the gift-giver and to become gifts for others, not only at Christmas, but at every moment of life.

Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — All the ends of the earth will behold the salvation of our God (Isaiah 52:7-10).

**Psalm** — All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God (Psalm 98).

**Second Reading** — God has spoken to us through the Son, the very imprint of God's being (Hebrews 1:1-6).

**Gospel** — The Word became flesh; from his fullness we have all received grace (John 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]).

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from *Lectionary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22  
**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8  
**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18  
**Thursday:** 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:36-40  
**Friday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23  
**Saturday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18

**Sunday:** Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

## 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, Jack Abe, Ruben Sanchez, Esmeralda Rodriguez, Rosa López Ulloa, Albert Antuna, Michael Cardoza, Valeria 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, Reynard J. Thomas, and Mary Ann Brayton**

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

## Mass Intentions



SATURDAY	
<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	Marvin†, Antonette† & John Tindel†, Leo Chesini†, Sister Martha Perez†, Mary Ann Brayton†, Bob Stassi†, Lary & Cheryl Erickson & Family.
<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Aurelia Vigil†, Eusebio Ortega†
SUNDAY	
<b>Midnight Mass</b>	Mary Miller (Birthday), Ralph Miller†
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	Anna O'Neill†
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	Anna O'Neill†, Charles Likes†, Judy Salas†, Jessie Muñoz†, Felix Arellano†, Felix Arellano Jr. (Healing), Jess A. Reyes (Special Intention)
<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	Francisco Ramos(Salud), Norma Gutiérrez (Cumpleaños), Abel Torres (Intención Especial)
<b>2:00 p.m.</b>	Daniel Torres†
<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	No Mass
<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	No Mass
<b>Mon. 8:30 a.m.</b>	Janet Bagdy†, Jose Refugio Guillen†, Brent Benbow†, Rocky Wright (healing), Michael Hardesty (healing)
<b>Tue. 8:30 a.m.</b>	JC Borrromeo (Birthday), Jack Ruscigno†, Jason Ruscigno (healing), Vorderman-Ruscigno (healing)
<b>Wed. 8:30 a.m.</b>	Rosa & Helen Bettencourt (Healing), Pete Macaluso (Healing)
<b>Thurs. 8:30 a.m.</b> <b>6:30 p.m.</b>	Rebecca Jurna (Healing), Steph Ruscigno (healing)
<b>Fri. 8:30 a.m.</b>	Sue Barber†, Steph Ruscigno (special intention)



# The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)– December 24-25, 2016

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

An old joke asks, “What time is Midnight Mass?” The answer is not really obvious, since Christmas is unique in having several distinct celebrations. The readings and prayers vary greatly from hour to hour. The Vigil Mass hinges on the family heritage of Jesus and his origins. The concept of “midnight” predates clock time, and really has to do with a celebration in the hours of darkness. Years ago, it was not possible to receive Communion without fasting for a full day, so the late hour of this Mass made it possible for the people to receive. The first Mass after sunrise, the Mass at Dawn, was once known as “The Shepherds’ Mass,” and later Masses set aside stories of Jesus’ birth to focus on the key to the day’s celebration: John the Evangelist’s majestic theology of Christ’s identity as the Word made flesh, dwelling among us. One feast, four separate Masses. Only monasteries manage the whole round. Parishioners typically take just one entry point into the mystery. Yet there is much to savor and celebrate in the coming of Christ into the world. Christmas is not a day, but a season. You still have two weeks to send those Christmas cards before you’re officially late!

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

## LEARNED AT HOME

The mind of Christ is to be learned in the family. Strength of character may be acquired at work, but beauty of character is learned at home.

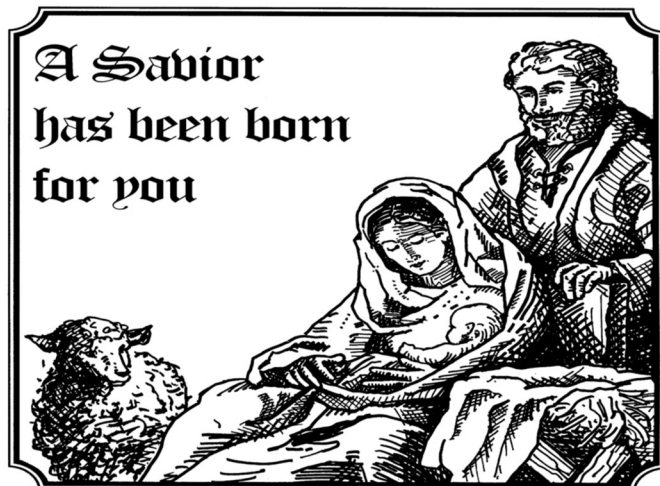
—Henry Drummond



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Week 40 – For 40 weeks I have been growing in my mother’s womb, and last night I was born! Hello world! It’s me!



© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



## The Pastor's Corner

Merry Christmas!

Christmas is the ultimate family gathering, as the Holy Family brings together shepherds, angels, sheep and Magi, even the ox or donkey. As we gather with friends and loved ones in this beloved time, we catch a glimpse of God's bigger plan.

Ever since God created the original couple way back in the Garden of Eden, his plan has been for making a family and drawing it together. Even as we introduced the strife that threatened to tear the whole thing apart, God found a way to restore the family by becoming even more a part of it.

God has always been our Father, but when we shied away from him in the rubble of our family fights, he decided to become also our little brother.

This littlest baby we can hold in our arms changes everything. Who would be frightened of this child? As the Blessed Mother offers him to you to draw close to your heart, his tiny heartbeat revives yours. His littlest hands will be able to lift away the sins of the world: yours will be easy for him brush away.

As you commemorate this Christmas, whether with family or far from them, with new family members or remembering those who have already passed on, let this little brother renew your invitation to the greatest family reunion. Already waiting for us are the saints in glory, already preceding us are the souls eagerly pressing through purgatory to the light of heaven. Receive the child and become family.



© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

## The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)– December 24-25, 2016

FAITH DIRECT®  
inspiring secure giving™  
Have you signed up yet?

**www.faithdirect.net**

Use our parish code to get started:

**CA783 or scan** ➡ 

A few clicks and you can consistently support what matters.

Thank You!

### 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](http://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.

### 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](http://www.heartofthenation.org)

## Mass Schedule for New Year

**VIGIL, of MARY, MOTHER of GOD**

**Saturday, December 31, 2016**

**5:00pm English & 7pm Spanish**

**MARY, MOTHER of GOD**

**Sunday, January 1, 2016**

**8am, 10am & 5pm English;**

**12pm, 2pm & 7pm Spanish**

**\*\*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 13<sup>th</sup>, 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

# The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)– December 24-25, 2016

## 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-yubacity.org](mailto: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 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 7<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> and February 11<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto: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.



## FAITH FORMATION

### WE NEED YOU!

The CCD family Mass is the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

As we get ready to celebrate the Babe, and the Holy Family becoming new parents of the Savior of the World, we reflect on the many blessings we have received this year which is also coming to an end. This comes to mind, an Irish Poem from one of our Mentors in Eucharistic Adoration: Communion Reflection, "Slow me down, Lord. Ease my pounding heart. Quiet my racing mind. Steady my hurried steps. Amidst the confusion of my days, Give me the calmness of the everlasting hills....." Thank you to all who are Adoring our Lord and have a wonderful Christmas!



The Perpetual Adoration Ministry Members.



## The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)– December 24-25, 2016

### 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](http://www.pendola.org/employment)

#### Hispanic Diocesan Encounter 2017

Join us on January 28, 2017, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at St. Charles Borromeo, Sacramento. This gathering is open to all who participate in any Hispanic Ministry. We invite you to share our Faith and to enrich ourselves with sharing among all ministries. The theme of the meeting will be: "Social Concerns (Migration...)". \$10 donation for lunch. To register, please contact Lupita at (916) 733-0177 or [gfernandez@scd.org](mailto:gfernandez@scd.org)

**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](http://www.sacee.org) or email us at [leadership@sacee.org](mailto:leadership@sacee.org).

#### Rachel's Vineyard Healing Retreat

Feb. 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](mailto:projectrachel@scd.org). All inquiries are strictly confidential.

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	\$13,217.50	14,300.00
12/25/16		26,900.00
Total	\$50,913.74	\$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

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

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

Thank you for supporting senior religious. A sister from Indiana writes, "Because of your kindness, our elderly sisters will have the comfort, security, and joy of living out their remaining years here in their home. You truly honor them and their many years of service by your generosity." Religious across the United States offer sincere thanks for your generosity to last week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

# The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)– December 24-25, 2016



© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

## Services & Prayer Directory

**Bulletin Editor:** call the Parish Office 673-1573, or email [bulletineditor@stisidore-yubacity.org](mailto: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](mailto:fatihformation@stisidore-yubacity.org)
- **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA):** Adult Baptism, Confirmation & First Communion. Helen Gomez: [RCIACoordinator@stisidore-yubacity.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:pwestlake@stisidore-yubacity.org)
- **YLI:** Leslie Lee, (530) 713-9996
- **Youth Group:** Clemente Polines: 530-218-8771.

+++++

- **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:** 1<sup>st</sup> Wed every month @ 7 p. m. in the Brinde Room; Maureen, 673-1437
- **Troubled Marriage:** 800-283-5952/ [www.retrouville.org](http://www.retrouville.org)
- **Website:** Mike Pugh, [webservant@stisidore-yubacity.org](mailto: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

## The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)– December 24-25, 2016

- **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

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

## **The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)– December 24-25, 2016**

---