

Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2017



Advent is a beautiful time to prayerfully reflect and meditate upon the daily Gospel.

Mon: Luke 5:17-26

Tues: Luke 1:39-47

Wed: Matt. 11:28-30

Thurs: Matt. 11:11-15

Fri: Matt. 11:16-19

Sat: Matt. 17:9a, 10-13



First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; Resp. Psalm 85:9-14;

Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14; Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

“Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God.”

The powerful voice of God on this Second Sunday of Advent calls us through the heart of the prophet Isaiah to give comfort, tenderness and hope to God’s people. The Gospel of Mark beautifully begins with a quote from Isaiah: “Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way.” And John the Baptist takes over! He proclaims with courage and strength the coming of our Lord! And does so calling us to repentance and new life for ourselves and for God’s people.

This new beginning will happen through baptism in the Holy Spirit—a re-creation through the power of God’s love! These holy days of expectation and hope are to prepare the way of the Lord. This occurs as we share his compassionate, transforming love with all the world; bringing peace and hope to the poor and forgotten. As Psalm 85 joyfully promises: “Kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall kiss!”

Request for Christmas Hams

Our Manna Ministry will be assisting individuals and families in Rippling River and Cachagua with hams this Christmas. If you are able to help out with a ham from the grocery frozen food department, or a canned ham, it would be greatly appreciated. We need the hams by this Thursday, December 14. The Manna Christmas delivery will take place on Saturday, December 16. Thank you for your support.



New Social Outreach Ministry—A Hot Meal!

The cold weather during these winter months and the needs of the homeless and others here in Carmel Valley has been a concern of our Parish Pastoral Council.

We would like to expand our Social Outreach Ministry to include a possible once a month or so hot meal in the Parish Hall. This, of course, would require a team of parishioners willing to serve in this new ministry. Please contact Fr. Dennis as soon as possible if you are available. Your service would be deeply appreciated. Thank you.

Christmas Masses

Please note our Christmas Eve and Christmas Morning Schedule:

Sunday, December 24, Christmas Eve

4:30 pm

7 pm - Bilingual

Monday, December 25, Christmas Morning

9 am and 11:15 am



Parish Potluck for the Epiphany of the Lord

Please mark your calendars now and plan ahead to join us for a special parish potluck to celebrate the beautiful Christmas Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord on Sunday, **January 7 at 12:30 pm**, following the 11:15 am Mass.



St. Angela’s Pre-Christmas Choral Works

We are invited next Sunday, Dec. 17, at 4 pm, to a special pre-Christmas event...beautiful music, surprises, and a champagne reception following. All free. Lighthouse Ave and 9th, Pacific Grove.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Please join us in prayer with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament on **Wednesday, December 20**. The exposition of the Blessed Sacrament offers us a very special occasion for prayerful reflection and meditation before Christmas. It will take place following the 7:00 am morning Mass until 7:00 pm when we will conclude with a final prayer and blessing. A sign up list to offer an hour in prayer with the Lord is available at the entrance of the Church. We remember the words of Jesus to Peter in Gethsemane: "So you could not keep watch with me for one hour?" **The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)** will also be available on Wednesday, Dec. 20, from 5:15 to 6:45 pm.



Diocesan 50th Anniversary Mass

A special Mass of Thanksgiving to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the establishment of our Diocese will take place this **Thursday, Dec. 14, at 11:00 am**, at Madonna del Sasso Pro Cathedral in Salinas. If you plan to attend, please let Fr. Dennis know so that you can officially represent Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. Special seating will be available for Parish representatives. Thank you.

Your Donations

As we begin a new church year, I'd like to thank you once more for your support of your parish. Here are a couple of ideas that make the processing of your donations easier:

If you donate by check, please write your donation number on it. If you don't know it, just contact the office and we'll get it to you.

Or as an alternative, Electronic Fund Transfers (EFTs) are possible. Follow the "Donate" tab on the church website. You can set up recurring contributions, and even use a credit card.

2nd Collection

This Sunday, December 10:
Annual National Collection
for the Retirement Fund for Religious

Offertory Report 12/3/17

Plate \$3,059; Building Fund \$510; Hope's Pantry \$55; Other \$200; Total: \$3,824.

Mass Intentions Dec. 9-15, 2017



Sat	4:30 pm	+Jill Taylor
Sun	9:00 am	Frank Broad
Sun	11:15 am	Peggy Wilson Corpuz
Sun	5:00 pm	Los enfermos de nuestras familias
Tues	6:00 pm	Las Familias de la Parroquia
Wed	7:00 am	For the recovery of Jim Taylor
Thu	7:00 am	Ruth Campobasso
Fri	7:00 am	Sick and homebound of the parish

Celebraciones Especiales del Mes de Diciembre



Martes, 12 de diciembre

Fiesta de la Virgen de Guadalupe

6:00 am - Las Mañanitas

6:00 pm - Misa

Miércoles, 20 de diciembre

Exposición del Santísimo Sacramento

7:00 am (Misa) - 7:00 pm (Bendición Final)

Sacramento de Reconciliación (Confesiones)

5:15 pm - 6:45 pm

Jueves, 21 de diciembre

La Posada de la Parroquia

6:00 pm

Domingo, 24 de diciembre

Misa de la Navidad del Señor

4:30 pm - Misa de los Niños en ingles

7:00 pm - Misa Bilingüe

(No habrá Misa de 5 pm de la Noche Buena)

Lunes, 25 de diciembre

9:00 am y 11:15 am - Misas de la Navidad

Misa Especial para Celebrar el Aniversario de los 50 años de la Diócesis de Monterey —

Todos están invitados, el jueves, 14 de dic., a las 11 am en la Iglesia de Madonna del Sasso en Salinas. Si usted tiene planes de asistir, favor de avisar al Padre Dennis para representar oficialmente a Nuestra Señora del Monte Carmelo. Gracias.

Youth Corner (Mark 1:1-8)

Mark's Gospel begins with a powerful reminder that we **prepare** for our Lord by loving and caring for others; working for peace and justice for all.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parishioner

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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 9 am, 11:15 am, 5 pm (Spanish)

Weekday Masses:
Wednesday through Friday 7 am

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30 pm and by appointment

Office Hours

Wednesday through Friday
9 am – 12 pm; 2 – 4 pm

Pastoral Council:

Jeff Hawkins, *Chair*, Patrick Dowd, *Vice Chair*, Lori Jakubowski, *Secretary*, Tess Arthur, Concepción Jara, Alondra Klemek, Adele Margolis, Dede Woodhead

Faith Formation:

First Communion Year 1:
Lorena Cabrera, Esther Valdez
First Communion Year 2:
Christian Haun, Patricia Merrifield
RCIA / Adult Faith Formation: John Condon

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Music Ministry:

Larry Carolan (4:30 pm & 9 am Mass)
Louis Lebherz, *Director*, Barney Hulse, *Piano* (11:15 am Mass)

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