

Third Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2017



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

Mon: Matt. 1:18-25
Tues: Luke 1:5-25
Wed: Luke 1:26-38
Thurs: Luke 1:39-45
Fri: Luke 1:46-56
Sat: Luke 1:57-66

**First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11; Resp. Luke 1:45-48, 49-50, 53-54;
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28**

“Rejoice always.”

“Rejoice always,” comes from First Thessalonians—the earliest of Paul’s letters and, therefore, the earliest writing in the entire New Testament. Paul encourages his fellow believers to have confidence in the second coming of Jesus. Even though they may experience suffering, hardship and persecution, they are told to have joy always. This virtue of joy is founded on a profound trust that we are loved by God, and that nothing is more powerful than God’s love. The incarnation and resurrection of Jesus are our proof.

John the Baptist tells us on this Gaudete Sunday: “Make straight the way of the Lord.” We do this by living according to God’s way with love and kindness. And as Paul tells us: “Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks...” Joy, prayer and gratitude are all intimately connected. Pope Francis tells us that “joy springs from a grateful heart.” May this Third Week of Advent prepare the way of the Lord as we rejoice in God’s love!



4th Sunday of Advent—Next Sunday, Dec. 24th

We have a very short Advent this year. We celebrate the 4th Sunday of Advent next weekend beginning with our 4:30 pm Mass on Saturday evening, Dec. 23, followed by our Sunday morning Masses on Dec. 24th at 9 am and 11:15 am.

Our 4th Sunday of Advent Masses will then be followed by our first Christmas Eve Mass at 4:30 pm in English. A Christmas Concert performed by our beautiful English and Spanish choirs will take place at 6:30 pm, followed by a special bilingual Mass at 7 pm.

Our Masses on Christmas morning, Dec. 25, will be celebrated at 9 am and 11:15 am. There will not be a 5 pm Spanish Mass on Christmas. I hope this clarifies our schedule and that everyone enjoy beautiful celebrations of the 4th Sunday of Advent and Christmas!

Christmas Masses

Sunday, December 24, Christmas Eve

4:30 pm

7 pm - Bilingual (Concert at 6:30 pm)

Monday, December 25, Christmas Morning

9 am and 11:15 am

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.

Christmas Poinsettia Memorial Masses

 We would again be very grateful for poinsettia plants (white, pink or red) for our church. They can be dropped off in the parish office or church beginning on Wednesday morning. Please remember to attach a Mass intention with the poinsettia. You are invited to help prepare the church this Thursday morning at 8 am!

New Social Outreach Ministry—A Hot Meal!

The needs of the homeless, as well as others going through difficult times 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.

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.



Communion for the Sick and Homebound

Please contact the Parish Office if you have a homebound family member who would like to receive weekly the Holy Eucharist.

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 17:

Our Hope's Pantry and Social Outreach Ministry

Offertory Report 12/10/17

Plate \$3,244; Second Collection \$644; Building Fund \$80; Grounds & Bldg. Maintenance \$350; Hope's Pantry \$45; Other \$11,539; Total: \$15,902.

Mass Intentions Dec. 16-22, 2017



Sat	4:30 pm	+John Nissen
Sun	9:00 am	Sick and homebound of the Parish
Sun	11:15 am	+Frank Gallagher
Sun	5:00 pm	Niños y jóvenes de la comunidad
Wed	7:00 am	+Frank Gallagher
Thu	7:00 am	Families of the Parish
Fri	7:00 am	Intentions of Pope Francis

Eventos, Celebraciones y Misas Especiales



Miércoles, 20 de diciembre

Exposición del Santísimo Sacramento

7 am (Misa) - 7 pm (Bendición Final)

Sacramento de Reconciliación (Confesiones)

5:15 pm - 6:45 pm

Jueves, 21 de diciembre

Posada Parroquial

6 pm

4 Domingo de Adviento, 23 y 24 de diciembre

Misas el sábado, a las 4:30 pm y el domingo a las 9 am y 11:15 am

Misas de la Noche Buena, Dom., 24 de diciembre

4:30 pm - Misa de los Niños en ingles

7 pm - Misa Bilingüe

(Con Concierto Navideña a las 6:30 pm)

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

Lunes, 25 de diciembre, La Navidad

Misas de la Navidad por la Mañana (ingles)

9 am y 11:15 am

Domingo, 31 de diciembre, Sagrada Familia

Misas de 9 am y 11:15 am

5:00 pm (Español)

Domingo, 7 de enero, La Epifanía del Señor

(Celebración de los Reyes Magos)

12:30 pm - Cena de Traje Parroquial

en el salón parroquial—¡Acompáñenos!

Youth Corner (John 1:6-8; 19-28)

Isaiah, God's powerful prophet is filled with hope: "I rejoice heartily in the Lord, in my God is the joy of my soul..." On this 3rd Sunday of Advent we rejoice in the coming of the Lord—Jesus, Emmanuel—God with us! Let's prepare!

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

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