

Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2019



DAILY GOSPEL READINGS

December 16-20, 2019

Mon: Matthew 21:23-27

Tues: Matthew 1:1-17

Wed: Matthew 1:18-25

Thurs: Luke 1:5-25

Fri: Luke 1:26-38

First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10; Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10;

Second Reading: James 5:7-10; Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

“Be strong, fear not! Here is your God...He comes to save you.”—Is. 35:4

The Third Sunday of Advent—Gaudete Sunday—is a day of great joy as we prepare spiritually for Christmas. There is a feeling of joyful expectation as the fulfillment of God’s plan for us is near. The prophet Isaiah presents a beautiful vision of God’s saving presence, telling us that, “Joy and gladness” will reign and “sorrow and mourning will flee.” Psalm 146 proclaims with joy that our God is with those in need of justice and healing. Truly reason to rejoice as we await with hope Emmanuel, God with us!

James encourages us to be patient in the midst of our wait. “Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand.” While in our Gospel, Jesus appears and sends Good News to the imprisoned John the Baptist, “The blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them.” Jesus wants John to know that the long awaited Messiah is with his people! Like John, our hearts, too, are filled with abundant joy!

12/13 Project Update: Maintaining God’s House

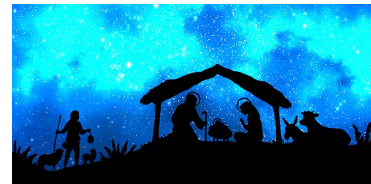
With the financial support of the Capital Campaign, completed plans and specifications were submitted on December 13 by our architect for the improvement and upgrades, including ADA requirements, the parish hall and kitchen, bathrooms, entrance vestibule, and potential social outreach building. The Site Committee expects the County of Monterey process of issuance of a building permit to take 3 to 4 months. The Site and Capital Campaign Committees will use this time to review and develop cost cutting options should it be necessary to remain within the goal of a debt free project.

Prayer for Pope Francis’s 50th Anniversary

Father of Mercy, we come before you with gratitude for the fifty years of priesthood of Pope Francis, whom you have made Peter’s successor. Support him with the Spirit’s gifts, so that he can continue to preach the Gospel with priestly zeal and lead the Church with wisdom, strength and courage. May his example of long and faithful service, and witness to the Gospel, be an inspiration and example for your priests and all your faithful. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Our Christmas Eve and Christmas Morning Schedule, Dec. 24 and 25 will be as follows:



Christmas Eve

4:00 pm - Christmas Carols / **4:30 pm** - Mass
6:30 pm - Christmas Concert / **7:00 pm** - Mass

Christmas Morning

9:00 am
11:15 am (bilingual)

Christmas Preparations and Poinsettia Intentions

You are invited to bring to the office or leave in the church a poinsettia plant with a special Mass intention from Wednesday, December 18 until Monday, December 23. Please make sure that your Mass intention is attached to the plant. Thank you for your support!



We will be preparing the church for Christmas on Monday, Dec. 23 at 11:00 am. Your help would be appreciated! Please join us if you are available.

Advent Taizé Prayer

You are invited to share in Taizé Prayer for Advent this Tuesday, December 17 at 6:00 pm. Join us for the reflective prayer as we prepare for the Lord's coming.



Advent Reconciliation Service

For those who wish to prepare for Christmas with the Sacrament of Reconciliation, there will be a simple, yet prayerful, service with the opportunity to share in the Sacrament this Thursday, December 19 at 6:00 pm.

The 2020 Census

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Civilize It: Dignity Beyond the Debate



As Catholics, we have a long tradition of engagement in the political process as a means of putting our faith into action. You are invited to join the *Civilize It* campaign by taking the pledge at civilizeit.org. This is a way to promote civility, love our neighbors, and build community as people of God.

"The Advent mystery is the beginning of the end of all in us that is not yet Christ."

—Thomas Merton

Parish Registration Form—Welcome!

New parishioners are invited to complete a yellow registration form available at the main doors of the church. We are very happy to have you with us!

Second Collection - Next Sunday - December 22

Parish Social Outreach Ministries

Weekly Offertory Report

12/8/2019 - Offertory \$3,170; 2nd Collection (Retirement Fund for Religious) \$436; Building Fund \$300; Social Outreach \$195; Other \$184; Total \$4,285.

Mass Intentions Dec. 14-20, 2019

Sat	4:30 pm	+John Nissen - In Memory
Sun	9:00 am	+Maria de Jesus Morgadinho
	11:15 am	+Rigoberto Ledesma (6th Anniv.)
	5:00 pm	+Nereo Guillén +Juan Guillén +Yovani Guillén +Juan Humberto Guillén
Wed	7:00 am	Adrian y Lucia Salas - 15 Yrs. Marriage
Thur	7:00 am	Sick and Homebound of the Parish
Fri	7:00 am	Families of the Parish



ANUNCIOS ESPECIALES DE LA SEMANA

Misa en Español: Cada domingo a las 5:00 pm.

Bautismos, Bodas, Presentaciones y Quinceañeras:
Favor de hablar con Padre Dennis (831-659-2224)

Confesiones: Los sábados a las 3:30 pm y por cita.

Coro: Todos están invitados a participar. El ensayo es cada domingo antes de la Misa de 5 pm a las 4:15 pm

TERCER DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

Isaías 35:1-6a, 10; Salmo 146; James 5:7-10

Evangelio de San Mateo 11:2-11

¡Regocijen de júbilo! Este tercer domingo de Adviento es llamado "*Domingo de la Alegría.*"

Habrà un servicio de reconciliación de Adviento con confesiones el jueves, 19 de diciembre, a las 6 pm.

Están invitados a ofrecer una planta de la Flor de Nochebuena con una intención de Misa para ayudar con las decoraciones navideñas. Gracias.



MISAS DE LA NAVIDAD DEL SEÑOR

Nochebuena, 24 de diciembre

4:00 pm (Música Navideña) y 4:30 pm Misa
6:30 pm (Concierto Navideña) y 7:00 pm Misa

Misas de la Mañana, 25 de diciembre

9:00 am y 11:15 am (Bilingüe)

Youth Corner (Matthew 11:2-11)

May our lives, like that of John the Baptist, be signs of the Good News of the Lord's coming among us! Our readings are filled with joy, hope and promise this Sunday. Let us pray that this Advent will renew and strengthen our faith as committed to following Jesus.

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Our Lady of Mount Carmel is a warm and welcoming Catholic Community that serves the Gospel with deep faith, hope and love as a living and Spirit-filled witness to the Heart of Jesus present and alive in Carmel Valley.

Nuestra Señora del Monte Carmelo es una cálida y acogedora comunidad Católica que sirve el Evangelio con profunda fe, esperanza y amor como testigo vivo y lleno del Espíritu del Corazón de Jesús presente y vivo en el Valle del Carmel.

Pastor: Father Dennis Gallo

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:30 pm

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

Weekday Masses: Wednesday through Friday, 7 am;

First Friday of each month, 12 noon

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30 pm and by appointment

Office Hours

Wednesday through Friday

9 am – 12 pm; 2 – 4 pm

Parish Ministries

Pastoral Council: Adele Margolis, *Chair*, Dede Woodhead, *Vice Chair*, Jeff Hawkins, *Secretary*, Tess Arthur, Lori Jakubowski, Concepción Jara, Alondra Klemek, Patricia Merrifield, Tom Rowland

Faith Formation:

First Communion:

Patricia Merrifield, Kim Hlasny

First Communion:

Clara Rivera

Confirmation: Sam Klemek, David Warner

RCIA / Adult Faith Formation: John Condon, Brian Kelly

Hope's Pantry: Lydia Newton • Wed 10 am–12 pm

Hope's Boutique: Janice Hawkins • Wed 10 am–12 pm

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Homeless Hot Meal: Lori Jakubowski

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Music Ministry:

Kayleen Turner (4:30 pm Sat., 5:00 pm Sunday Mass)

Robin McKee Williams, *Director*, George Peterson, *Piano* (9:00 am and 11:15 am Masses)

Lectors: Dede Woodhead

Ministers of the Eucharist: Lorraine Ring

Liturgical Environment: Gail Quinnan

