*MASS INTENTIONS* — *INTENCIÓNES PARA LAS MISAS*

# *December 8, 2013*

**Saturday, December 7, 2013**
**6:00 PM**
**William Baptista (D)**
By Lenore Milden

**Sunday, December 8, 2013**
**8:00 AM**
**Happy Birthday Jesus Crespin (L)**
By Family

**10:00 AM**
**Happy Birthday Dolores Negrete (L)**
By Joe/Mary Rossotti

**PRO POPOLO**

**11:30 AM**
**Mercedes Mariscal (D)**
By Su Hijo

**WEEK DAY MASSES**
**7:30 AM**

**Monday, December 9, 2013**
**Pedro Salazar (D)**
By Stella Ruiz

**Tuesday, December 10, 2013**
**Antonio Roberto (D)**
By Albino/Maria Gomes

**Wednesday, December 11, 2013**
**No Mass**

**Thursday, December 12, 2013**
**Happy Birthday Jared Badertscher (L)**
By Correia Family

**VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE 6:00 PM**
**Basilia Diaz (D)**
by Stella Ruiz

**Friday, December 13, 2013**
**Fidel Mendoza (L)**
By Louie Mendoza & Family

**Saturday, December 14, 2013**
**6:00 PM**
**Johnnie T. Martin (D)**
by Gary/Joann Minnite

**Sunday, December 15, 2013**
**8:00 AM**
**Steve Souza (D)**
By Ludrie Souza & Family

**10:00 AM**
**Merry Christmas**
**Leroy Jacoby (D)**
By Joyce Jacoby

**3:00 PM**
**ANNOINTING MASS**

**PRO POPOLO**

**11:30 AM**
**Deceased members of the Ruiz Families (D)**
by Stella Ruiz

**WEEKDAY MASSES**
**7:30 AM**

**Monday, December 16, 2013**
**Shawn Milden (D)**
By Bill/Lenore Milden

**Tuesday, December 17, 2013**
**Vincent Owen Silveira (L)**
By Germain Rocha

**Wednesday, December 18, 2013**
**No Mass**

**Thursday, December 19, 2013**
**Douglas Maddox (D)**
By Gerald/Julia Chow

**Friday, December 20, 2013**
**Happy Birthday John Sepeda (L)**
By Hope Sepeda

## BIBLE CLASS TUESDAY NIGHT 6:00 PM

***THE INCARNATION: Fire of God's Love in Time and Space*** This special Advent weekend of reflection is planned for December 20-22, 2013 at St. Anthony Retreat, Three Rivers. Father John Griesbach, Fr. Rod Craig and Sr. Danielle Witt, SSND will be the presenters. Retreat starts on Friday at 6:00 pm and ends on Sunday. Info, please phone 561-4595.

***MARIAN EUCHARISTIC CONFERENCE*** January 10-11, 2014 at St. Rose of Lima Church in Paso Robles. For registration & information, contact Pat Borba 805-461-5358 or ccmec2@gmail.com.

***GREGORIAN CHANT WORKSHOP*** A One Day Workshop for any one interested in learning the rich history and singing technique of this form of church music. Saturday, January 18, 2014 at SDDM Convent, 3700 N Cornelia.$60 Registration fee. Info, phone 660-5228.

## 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." John the Baptist meant business. He proclaimed a serious message of change and conversion in words that, today, might earn him the label of a "hellfire and brimstone" preacher. But he was more than a preacher; he was a witness to repentance. Indeed, he must have been a sight to behold draped in his penitential garb, nibbling on his locusts and honey. Anyone who heard him preaching must have taken notice, even if they didn't take heed. If nothing else, John the Baptist surely got people's attention.

But will he get ours? Because we've heard this story before, we might be inclined to glaze over its inherent drama. He urges us, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" This is the moment! Now is the time! Advent especially reminds us to examine our lives and renew our commitment to Christ. As John the Baptist put it, we are called to "produce good fruit as evidence" of our repentance.

True conversion reveals itself outwardly. When our hearts change, our actions do too. Charity replaces criticism. Forgiveness replaces anger. Service replaces selfishness. This marks the difference between a "tree" that is firmly rooted in Christ, and one that's only good for a pile of firewood. "Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees." This Advent, may we feel the urgency of John's words and get about the serious business of repentance.

***"Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb."***

***"Bendita tu entre las mujeres y bendito el fruto de tu vientre!"***

THE BIBLE SAYS... **READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 8, 2013**

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| Sunday: | Is 11:1-10/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12 |
| Monday: | Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38 |
| Tuesday: | Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14 |
| Wednesday: | Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30 |
| Thursday: | Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47 |
| Friday: | Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19 |
| Saturday: | Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13 |
| Next Sunday: | Is 35:1-6a, 10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11 |

Second Collection: Religious Retirement Fund

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| Last week's plate collection: | $2,671.80 |
| Humanitarian Relief: | $1,315.00 |
| Building Fund: | $710.00 |

Next week: Religious Education
Thank you for your continued generosity.

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

***Let us pray for all who are listed in our Book of Remembrance and all souls. Pray for the sanctification of our priests.***

## DECEMBER 8TH FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

**This Feast is observed on Monday, December 9th; but not a Holy Day of Obligation.**

## HUMANITARIAN RELIEF

Thank you for your generosity for the special second collection for those people in the Phillipines Remember them in your prayers.

## A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL!

Thank you to all parishioners for your help with our Thanksgiving Baskets. We were able to help 25 families in our community and also 20 of our military service families in Lemoore. They were all very appreciative. We ask for your generosity again for our Christmas Cheer. Canned goods, non-perishables, and money donations are needed.

## COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

December 18th will be the next day for the food distribution in Easton, corner of Elm and Lincoln. For those in need of food, the distribution will be from 2:00-4:30 pm. Bring a cart to carry the food. Give Heidi Cunha a call, 696-4512, if you can help bag and distribute.

## BLOOD DRIVE

Come to Easton, at the corner of Elm and Lincoln on Sunday, December 15th from 9:00 am-noon. No appointment necessary. All blood donors get a free T-shirt. Call 237-7909 for more information.

## 2014 ENVELOPES

The 2014 envelopes for your church offering are ready for pick up. Just stop at the table and take yours. If there is no box with your name and you would like one, please complete the form at the bottom of your weekly bulletin and place it in the collection basket.

## CHRISTMAS CHEER

Sign ups for Christmas gifts for the children and food for the families in need will be held on Tuesday, December 10th and Thursday, December 12th from 2:00-4:00 pm. Any questions, please contact Hortensia Contreras 355-5665.

## BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Bishop Armando X. Ochoa sends his personal "Thank You" to those who have responded to the Annual Appeal. If you have not yet had the opportunity to respond, please be mindful of the services supported by this cause. No gift is too small. Take the mailer and make your donation today. Your generosity is appreciated.

## ANNOINTING MASS

Next Sunday, December 15, 2013 there will be an annointing mass at 3:00 pm. All are welcome.

## TAMALE SALE

The Danzantes for the Virgen de Guadalupe are selling tamales at the10:00 am Mass and the 11:30 Spanish Mass.

## CPBC

The December meeting of the Catholic Professional and Business Club will be our annual Christmas Party! Please bring new warm clothes and blankets for distribution by Catholic Charities. Date: December 13th Time: 7:00 am-8:30am Where: Pardini's Banquet Room Cost: $20 non-members $15 members. Reservations 434-2722.

## DIOCESE OF FRESNO

You can now follow the Diocese of Fresno on Twitter and Facebook! Get connected today by going to the Diocesan Website at: www.dioceseoffresno.org.

***How are you preparing the way for the Lord? What needs straightening in your life? Call on God in prayer to help you. Mathew 3:1-12***

## 2º DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

En este segundo domingo de Adviento, la figura de Juan Bautista anuncia lo que debemos de verdaderamente atender: el llamado a la conversión y la proximidad de y con Dios. El centro de la celebración se centra en la siguiente frase: "Arrepiéntanse, porque el Reino de los cielos está cerca" (Mt 3, 2). Juan, como todos los profetas, no habla de sí mismo sino que anuncia a Dios. El ejemplo de su vida manifiesta la credibilidad de su misión. La conversión significa abrirse a Dios, lo cual Juan entendía muy bien. Él sabía que seguirlo no sería fácil. De hecho, encuentra la muerte más adelante por denunciar el mal. Veamos: ¿qué área de nuestra vida requiere la conversión? ¿En qué parte debemos de abrirnos al Señor?

El Adviento es un tiempo preciso para dar fruto. Juan plantea la conversión comunitaria: su llamado es plural y la responsabilidad es de todos. La conversión conlleva el saber cómo preparamos y vivir el deseo de nuestro encuentro con Dios. Y bien, la conversión y el cambio son un constante llamado a nuestra vida espiritual. Este llamado es serio y de inmediatas consecuencias: si la llamada al arrepentimiento no es escuchado y si no damos fruto abundante en nuestra vida diaria, corremos el riesgo de ser arrojados al fuego. Las lecturas de hoy nos invitan a encontrar un desierto donde podamos contemplar profundamente al Único.

Dejemos pues al Espíritu que habita en nosotros dar abundante cosecha de bondad y esperanza. ¡Ánimo! Dios está cerca. Preparemos nuestro corazón esta semana haciendo un poco de silencio. Así daremos crédito a la invitación de conversión de los profetas Isaías y Juan Bautista.

**LECTURAS PARA LA SEMANA DEL 8 DICIEMBRE DE 2013**

Domingo: Is 11, 1-10/Rom 15, 4-9/Mt 3, 1-12
Lunes: Gn 3, 9-15. 20/Ef 1, 3-6. 11-12/Lc 1, 26-38
Martes: Is 40, 1-11/Mt 18, 12-14
Miércoles: Is 40, 25-31/Mt 11, 28-30
Jueves: Zac 2, 14-17 o Ap 11, 19; 12, 1-6. 10/ Lc 1, 26-38 o Lc 1, 39-47
Viernes: Is 48, 17-19/Mt 11, 16-19
Sábado: Eclo 48, 1-4. 9-11/Mt 17, 10-13
Domingo siguiente: Is 35, 1-6. 10/Sant 5, 7-10/ Mt 11, 2-11

## POSADAS

Los posadas comenzaron del 15 al 28 de deciembre. Si deseas tener una posada en tu casa, por favor llame Irene Morales 495-0983 o Rosa Jimenez 266-4142.

Segunda Colecta: Fondo para La Jubilacion de Religiosos

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| La colecta la semana pasada: | $2,671.80 |
| Humanitario Colecta: | $1,315.00 |
| Fondo de Edificio: | $710.00 |

Proxima Semana: Educacion Religiosa

Mil gracias y que Dios les bendiga por su generosidad.

## NOVENARIO

El novenario en honor de nuestra virgencita de Guadalupe cada noche a las 6 pm y terminando el 11 de deciembre.

## MISA DE UNCION

Domingo el 15 de deciembre a las 3 pm seran una misa de uncion. Todos son invitamos.

## VENTA DE TAMALES

Los Danzantes de la Virgen de Guadalupe tiene venta de tamales en las misas de las 10:00 de la manana y 11:30.

## COMIDA PARA NAVIDAD

Si necesita comida, por favor registeriste el martes, 10 de deciembre y jueves, 12 de deciembre a las 2:00-4:00 pm. Tambien, apuntarse para regalos por los niño**s.**

## DISTRIBUCION

Comida sera distrubido al miercoles 18 de December de las 2:00 entre 4:30 de la tarde en la esquina de Elm y Lincoln avenidas en Easton. Estaremos muy agradecidos por The Community Food Bank por la comida.

## CAMPAÑA ANUAL DEL OBISPO

El Obispo Armando X. Ochoa envia su "Agradecimiento Personal" a todos los que respondieron generosamente. Todos aquellos que todavia no han tenido la oportunidad de responder, por favor puede llenar la tarjeta y pone en la colecta. Ningun donativo es muy pequeño. ¡Gracias por su generosa aportación!