



DECEMBER 18, 2016

<p>Saturday, December 17, 2016 5:00 PM Randy Wilkins (D) By George/Dorothy Atkinson</p>	<p>Saturday, December 24, 2016 4:30 PM Ethel Perkins & Ted Beshwate (D) By Amaral Family</p>
<p>Sunday, December 18, 2016 8:00 AM John Sepeda (D) By Hope Sepeda</p>	<p>Midnight Mass 12:00 PM Elsie & Eugene D. Correia (D) By Gene Correia</p>
<p>9:30 AM Victoria Santellano (D) By Lilo/Ida Santellano</p>	<p>Sunday, December 25, 2016 8:00 AM Marcelino Villalobos (D) By Joanne/Manuel Caetano</p>
<p>PRO POPOLO</p>	<p>9:30 AM Jess Negrete (D) By Dolores Negrete</p>
<p>11:00 AM Abel Martín Marquez (D) By Familia</p>	<p>11:00 AM Joaquin Pelayo (D) By Familia Uribe</p>
<p>WEEKDAY MASSES 7:30 AM</p>	<p>WEEKDAY MASSES 7:30 AM</p>
<p>Monday, December 19, 2016 Bill Hull (D) By Denise Correia</p>	<p>Monday, December 26, 2016 Sam & Sally Amerando (D) By Father Jerry</p>
<p>Tuesday, December 20, 2016 Ralph Garcia (D) By Lori Negrete</p>	<p>Tuesday, December 27, 2016 Happy Birthday Steven Erickson (L) By Debbie Erickson</p>
<p>Wednesday, December 21, 2016 No Mass</p>	<p>Wednesday, December 28, 2016 No Mass</p>
<p>Thursday, December 22, 2016 Happy Birthday Erma Ortiz (L) By Joe/Mary Rossotti</p>	<p>Thursday, December 29, 2016 Andre Alves (L) By Meneses Family</p>
<p>Friday, December 23, 2016 Angela & Walter Rete (D) By Lucy Silverio</p>	<p>Friday, December 30, 2016 Lanell Esparza (D) - By Randy Esparza</p>

We pray for our parishioners who are sick and home-bound in convalescent homes, in hospitals. Please pray that God gives them strength, courage, and patience.
 Oremos por todo aquellas que estan enfermos, en asilos y hospitales. Oremos para que Dios les de fuerza, confianza y paciencia.

Second Collection/Segunda Colecta
 Religious Education/Educacion Religiosa

Last week's collection/ Colecta de la semana pasada:	\$2,637.50
Retired Religious/Fondo para La Jubilacion de Religiosas	\$884.00
Immaculate Conception	\$663.69
Our Lady of Guadalupe	\$388.40

Next week's collection/Proxima semana colecta:
 Maintenance & Repair/Mantenimiento y Reparacion

Thank you for your continued generosity.
Mil gracias que Dios bendiga por su generosidad.

4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT

What remains TO BE DONE?

“She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus.” Joseph heard these prophetic words in a dream. They were words of anticipation, of what was to come. And in a sense, they ushered in a kind of Advent for Joseph. With this divine message, Joseph began a period of holy waiting. He now knew that the Messiah was going to be coming into his own home, and he had just nine months to prepare! We can only imagine how Joseph might have spent these precious days. Most likely he did more than prepare a physical home for his soon-to-be-born Son; he must have also used these days to prepare his heart, mind, and soul for such a tremendous mission.

Today, we stand in a position not all that different from St. Joseph. We also know that the Messiah will be arriving--not just in remembrance at Christmastime, but in reality at the second coming. But unlike Joseph, we don't have an exact timeframe. We don't know when Jesus will return. We just know that we need to be ready!

During the season of Advent we are challenged to recall this fact and strive to get our hearts in order. The days are short now until Christmas, and for all we know they might be short until Christ's return as well. What remains to be done? Aside from wrapping presents and planning parties, where do we yet need to tidy up our habits to properly celebrate the real meaning of this festive season? How can we make sure that we don't get swept away in the external preparations, forgetting the work that needs to be done in the invisible silence of our souls?

God may not speak to all of us directly in our dreams, but he does speak to us clearly through his word. May we recognize today the mission he has laid before us.



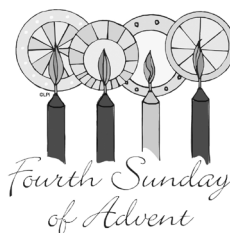
READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 18, 2016

Sunday:	Is 7:10-14/Ps 24/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24
Monday:	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71/Lk 1:5-25
Tuesday:	Is 7:10-14/Ps 24/Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday:	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33/Lk 1:39-45
Thursday:	1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2/Lk 1:46-56
Friday:	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25/Lk 1:57-66
Saturday: Vigil:	Is 62:1-5/Ps 89/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25
Next Sunday:	Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-2 Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14



LAS LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA DEL 18 DE DICIEMBRE DE 2016

Domingo	Is 7, 10-14/Sal 24/Rom 1, 1-7/Mt 1, 18-24
Lunes:	Jue 13, 2-7. 24-25/Sal 71/Lc 1, 5-25
Martes:	Is 7, 10-14/Sal 24/Lc 1, 26-38
Miércoles:	Cant 2, 8-14 o Sof 3, 14-18/Sal 33/Lc 1, 39-45
Jueves:	1 Sm 1, 24-28/1 Sm 2/Lc 1, 46-56
Viernes:	Mal 3, 1-4. 23-24/Sal 25/Lc 1, 57-66
Sábado:	Is 62, 1-5/Sal 89/Hch 13, 16-17. 22-25/Mt 1, 1-25
Domingo siguiente: Medianoche:	Is 9, 1-6/Sal 96/Tit 2, 11-14/Lc 2, 1-14
Misa de la matutina:	Is 62, 11-12/Sal 97/Tit 3, 4-7/Lc 2, 15-20
Misa del día:	Is 52, 7-10/Sal 98/Heb 1, 1-6/Jn 1, 1-18 o 1, 1-5. 9-14



Fourth Sunday of Advent

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

Many people know about Jesus in their minds, but they are lacking in their experience of his peace, love, and mercy in their hearts. If you spend a few minutes each day to read the meditations and contemplate on the Scripture passages, you will feel God's love more deeply. That's because your spirit, your inner self, is being filled. May we all seek the Lord this Advent!

HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY

"A Night of Healing" with speaker, International Recording Artist, David Parkes from Ireland will come to speak on January 12, 2017, 6:30 PM at Holy Spirit Church. Admission is free. All ages are encouraged to attend this event.

SCANDINAVA & ST. PETERSBURGH

Cruise Tour on board the NCL Norwegian Getaway for 13 days, September 26-October 8, 2017. Spiritual Director Msgr. Patrick McCormick. Starting at \$3,169 per person roundtrip from San Francisco. For a brochure with complete details, contact Christy Villas, Holy Cross Ministries, 559-824-0732.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Thank you for supporting senior religious. Religious across the United States offer sincere thanks for your generosity to last week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

13TH ANNUAL WALK FOR LIFE

Saturday, January 21, 2017 Civic Center Plaza, San Francisco. Rally starts at 12:30 pm at Civic Center Plaza, walking down Market Street and ends at Justin Herman Plaza/Ferry Building. BART stations at both locations. Ample parking. Register and info 415-658-1793. Email info@WalkforLifeWC.com

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

"Siempre Adelante-Keep Moving Forward" is the theme of the 2016-2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal. Each parish is assigned a target amount to collect, and the BAA 2016-2017 target amount for our parish is \$5,221.00. The mailer/brochures will remain available in the church foyer. You may make your check out to St. Jude. No gift is too small! We thank you for your generous contribution.

Open your mind and heart and listen to God's wisdom spoken in dreams, signs, and wonders. Mary and Joseph trusted and let God work through them. What about you?
Matthew 1:18-24

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

Share the message of Peace, Love, and Hope throughout the Advent Season with your loved ones, family and friends. Listen to traditional Christmas carols that honor Christ's birth. Display your nativity set in a window or on the lawn where others can see it. Read Christmas scripture and stories to children. Use postage stamps that feature a religious theme. Purchase a gift, wrap it, and give it to the poor and encourage a child to do the same. Research and then explain the tradition of the original Christmas tree. Pray for the young, so that when they become adults they will not regard Christmas as just another holiday free from work.

FOOD DRIVE

The Food Drive continues for the Christmas baskets. Please bring in your non-perishable food items and/or a cash donation to help. Thank you for your generosity. You may call Hortensia, 559-355-5665 to schedule an appointment if you are in need.

DIRECTED RETREATS

Two to eight day individually directed retreats available at all times at St. Anthony Retreat, Three Rivers. \$100 per night, includes private room, all meals and spiritual direction. Call 561-4595 for more information.



4º DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

“Pues bien, el Señor mismo les dará por eso una señal: He aquí que la virgen concebirá y dará a luz un hijo y le pondrán el nombre de Emmanuel, que quiere decir Dios-con-nosotros” (Is 7, 14). Jesús es novedad absoluta venida de Dios. Novedad nueva creada y esperada de las diferentes generaciones de su tiempo histórico y de nuestro tiempo. De una genealogía que comienza desde Abraham y llega hasta José. En este último domingo de Adviento la liturgia domina por encima de todo el misterio de la Navidad que se ha ido preparando a lo largo de la historia. Tres personas ahora nos ayudan a vivir con alegría y santamente este misterio. María mujer fuerte en la fe y obediente hasta las últimas consecuencias. José que dejó sus dudas fuera sobre María y el hijo que ella esperaba gracias al ángel del Señor que se le apareció en un sueño. El rey Ajaz, como cualquiera de nosotros que cree pero tiene miedo a creer sobre el ofrecimiento que Dios hace de una señal.

¿Qué podemos aprender de ellos? ¿De qué forma pueden ser nuestros modelos en esta Navidad? Se puede decir que las lecturas de hoy nos invitan a una reflexión profunda sobre este misterio del Nacimiento de nuestro Salvador. La admiración es evidente cuando Dios viene a nuestra historia, y a nuestra vida deja huella y compromete a diferentes personas de diferente estilo de vida. Dios es fiel a su promesa y Jesús es puro don de Dios y eso debe ser la causa de nuestra alegría. El desconcierto que esto provoque de cualquier forma debe llevarnos a descubrir importantes elementos de fe. ¡Ven, Señor, no tardes en llegar!

CAMPAÑA PARA COLECTAR ALIMENTOS

Recuerde empacar alimentos no peredederos y llevarlos a nuestra iglesia para ayudar familias en el dia de Navidad. Si usted necesita comida, por favor llame Hortensia 559-355-5665 para una cita con ella.

CAMINATA POR LA VIDA

Sabado, 21 de enero-Plaza del Centro Civico, San Francisco 12:30 pm Rally da inicio en la Plaza del Centro Civico. Luego caminaremos por la calle Market. Finaliza en Justin Herman Plaza/Ferry Building. BART en ambos lugares. Amplio estacionamiento. Informacion: 415-658-1793.

ADVIENTO

Durante el Adviento todo se van tiñendo de colores y música navideños, y surge en el horizonte el resplandor de una nueva alborada que trae consigo el anuncio maravilloso de que falta poco para que la Luz verdadera llegue al mundo. Es que pronto se hará realidad la natividad de nuestro Dios y Señor, que nos trae la mas magnífica noticia de todas: **la salvacion.**

"Señor mio Jesucristo, ahora que empiezo a prepararme para celebrar tu venida en la Navidad, ayúdame a reconocer la oscuridad en mi vida y en mi familia para que nos libres a mi y a los mios."

COMPARTA SU CUIDADO

Gracias por su apoyo a los religiosos ancianos. Los religiosos por todos los Estados Unidos estan profundamente agradecidos por su generosidad con la colecta del Fondo para la Jubilacion de Religiosos de la semana pasada.

LA CAMPAÑA ANUAL 2016-2017 DEL OBISPO

Debemos "segir adelante" para apoyar las actividades del ministerio en nuestra Iglesia diocesana que toca innumerables vidas. Ustedes pueden participar en la campaña anual del Obispo. Ustedes pueden usar el folleto proporcionado, o pueden hacer su donacion monetaria del Internet: www.dioceseoffresno.org/baa ¡Que Dios les bendiga por su generosidad!

No pidas una señal, sé una. Considera la vocación sacerdotal o religiosa.
Isaias 7:10-14