

ADVENT 2016



And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us,
and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son,
full of grace and truth. (John 1:4)

In describing Jesus as the Word, John is telling us that God has indeed come to us. He has become ... One. Of. Us. Not only has he come, but he has 'pitched his tent' with us (that's what 'dwelling' actually means!) Think about that...the GOD of the universe—infinite beyond our wildest imaginations, "...emptied himself, by taking on the form of a slave, by looking like other men, by sharing in human nature," (Phil 2:7) pitched his tent, and entered into the very essence of our daily lives. It is our task then to see his glory, his grace and truth, in every moment of our lives. If we look, asking Him to open our eyes, we will see it, and be blessed every day by the gift of his Incarnation. May the blessings of Advent be yours this season. Join us for Alpha on Thursday **December 15** at 6PM for Dinner followed by our Alpha Video "*Who is Jesus?*" All are welcome and bring a friend.

Confessions for Advent

Every Saturday at 3:30PM to 4:30PM

On Thursday Evening on December 15 7-8PM during Adoration and December 22 6PM to 8PM

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration on Thursday evenings will not continue after Christmas.

Eucharistic Adoration will be every Saturday Morning after the 8:30AM Mass until 10AM beginning January 7, 2017

HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve: Saturday, December 24th

Masses at 5:00pm, 10:00pm

Christmas Day: Sunday, December 25th

Masses at 7:30, 9:30, 11:30am, 1:30pm Spanish

New Year's Eve: Saturday, December 31st

Mass at 5:00pm

New Year's Day: Sunday, January 1st

Mary, the Mother of God

Masses at 7:30, 9:30, 11:30am, 1:30pm Spanish

GOSPEL FOR FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (December 18TH)**MATTHEW 1:18-24**

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: *Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel*, which means "God is with us." When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Again, this year, we are inviting you to remember family members and friends through a Flower Offering which will help us to purchase plants and other decorations we need to beautify our sanctuary. You may list the names of loved ones you wish to remember or memorialize by using the special flower envelopes --or by submitting the name to the Parish Office. A list of names of all who are remembered will be available after Christmas. Thank you for considering this thoughtful and helpful way to remember those you love.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

As we come to the end of this calendar year, we want to take this opportunity to express our gratitude for your financial support of our parish this past year. As many of you have probably experienced in your own homes and businesses, our expenses have risen greatly this past year - while our ordinary income has remained flat. And so your support is most important and most appreciated. Please know that your Christmas and Sunday donations will help us to meet our end-of-year expenses and hopefully, allow us to begin the new year on a positive note. Our Christmas Budget goal is \$28,000. We look forward to letting you know our financial outcome at the beginning of 2017.

ALPHA FOR ADULTS

Join us for Alpha ! We will ponder the Questions of Life and Faith. We will Adore, Worship and come into communion with the Lord! We will begin with a meal at 6:00pm--in Stack Center all are welcome.

UPCOMING TALKS FOR ALPHA

- **Dec. 15:** *Who is Jesus?*
- **Jan. 12:** *Why did Jesus die?*
- **Jan. 19:** *How can I have faith?*
- **Jan. 26:** *How do I pray?*
- **Feb. 2:** *Why do I read the Bible?*
- **Feb. 9:** *How does God guide us?*
- **Feb. 16:** *Who is the Holy Spirit?*



**ADVENT CONFESSIONS
READY THE WAY OF THE LORD**

Confessions will be available during Advent before Adoration on Thursday **December 15th and 22nd** at 7:00pm and Saturday Confession from 3:30 - 4:30pm.



**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
CELEBRATION
DECEMBER 12TH**

The Hispanic Group invites the entire Parish community to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe on Her Feast Day, Monday, **December 12th**, beginning with Mañanitas, at 5:30am in the Church, followed by a reception in Stack Center. A Our Lady of Guadalupe mass will be held at 7:00pm in the church followed by a reception in Stack Center.

El Grupo Hispano invita a toda la comunidad parroquial a honrar a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe el lunes, **12 de diciembre**, comenzando con Mañanitas, a las 5:30 am en la Iglesia, un recepción sigue en el Stack Center. Una misa de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe se llevará a cabo a las 7:00 pm en la iglesia seguido por una recepción en el Stack Center.

**CHRISTMAS POSADA
DECEMBER 18th**

The Hispanic Group is hosting a Christmas Posada and Pot Luck on **December 18th** after the 1:30pm Spanish Mass in Stack Center.

El grupo hispano les invita a la posada navidena el 18 de diciembre despues de la misa de las 1:30pm.

HOLIDAY FOOD BOXES

St. Vincent de Paul is once again asking for your help to fill our Holiday Food Boxes. Items needed Christmas baskets: green beans, gravy, fried onion rings, cream of mushroom soup, canned yams, cranberry sauce, \$15-20 gift cards to Safeway, Lucky or Grocery Outlet

We thank you for your generosity in the past and for allowing us to help those in need in our community.

**RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT COLLECTION
DECEMBER 11th**

Please give to those who have given a lifetime. This annual appeal helps retired sister, brother and religious older priest, who spent their lives in church ministries such as education, health care and social service. Envelopes are in the pews and at the entrances of the church for your use. Please give generously. Religious women and men thank you for each merciful action you take on behalf of others and pray for your spiritual peace.

**OUR LADY OF GRACE FOLK GROUP
OUR LORD'S GRACE CD**

The perfect Christmas gift, the Folk Group's latest CD is available for purchase. Our Lord's Grace, the 16 song CD includes, "Day of Peace", "Here In This Place", "O Sacred Head", and more. The CD will be available for sale in the parish office next week. Don't delay! These make wonderful gifts for your family and friends and don't forget one for yourself. The CDs are \$15.00. Proceeds from the sales go towards upgrading the church sound system.

*Thanks for all your support. Happy Holidays,
Our Lady of Grace Folk Group*

UPDATE: ST. VINCENT de PAUL

*Blessed are the merciful,
for they shall receive mercy*

The Our Lady of Grace St. Vincent de Paul conference is most appreciative to all the Parishioners who generously contributed gifts of food and money, on Thanksgiving Day. Your generosity has enabled the conference to assist people with rent, motel stays, utilities and mortgage payments. The members could not do this without your help. May God continue to bless you and please keep those that we serve in your prayers.

**prepare the
way of the Lord!**

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Stewardship of treasure involves trust in God. You have to really believe in God's Providence and trust that if you give ten percent of your income to the Church and charity for example, God will help you live on the rest.

Offerings of December 4th:

Sunday Plate:	\$ 9,228.00
Last Year this week	\$ 10,254.00
Weekly Budgeted Goal:	\$ 8,920.00
Year-to-date this year:	\$409,777.00
Year-to-date last year:	\$399,427.00

May God bless your continuing generosity.



Your Prayers Are Requested

Please lift up in your prayer those many among us who are ill and those who have asked for our prayerful remembrance:

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| Kathleen Andrews | Bridgett Foscaltina |
| Rolando Barrios | Robert Gallicano |
| James Barthman | Nicholas Guinea |
| Peggy Burton | Pat Geiger |
| Leonardo Cabardo | Byron Griffith |
| Paris Dahle | Sheila Janes |
| Kathleen Denning | Elaine Jordan |
| Julie Dillon | Richard Martin |
| Carol Dimaio | Alice McLaughlin |
| Claudia Dobbs | Pat Silva |
| Estela Enriquez | Florence Sharp |
| Mary Franks | Iwan Tunggal |
| | James Van Wert |

As we pray for an end to war and violence in our world, let us remember in prayer those family members of our parish community serving on active duty, including:

DAVID SANCHEZ MICHAEL SANCHEZ

Please remember in your prayers the recently deceased in our parish families and all who mourn the loss of a loved one.

**LARRY ANGER
HECTOR MARTINEZ
BEVERLY MITCHELL**

**OLG CYO
HELP WANTED**

The OLG CYO Board is looking for potential board members for the upcoming year. The last year we had a full and active board was 2006. Since that time several dedicated individuals, some without children in the program have continued to run this program that benefits children in our communities'. If you are interested and feel you could contribute to this very important parish ministry please contact Colleen Lindberg in the parish office.



**CRAB FEED ??
JANUARY 28th ???**

The OLG Crab Feed is scheduled and the fisherman are catching crab but we do not have a committee assembled to make it happen as of now! Are you interested in helping put together our Crab Feed this year? This event has traditionally benefited our CYO program with uniforms, equipment and repairs to the gym as well as our parish center. Interested?? Call the Parish office and let us know.

**OUR LADY OF GRACE SCHOOL
FUNDRAISER**

Fox Sox is offering 30% off their great socks for the holidays. These socks make great gifts for adults and children. Just go to www.FoxSox.com and click on "Shop Online" to get started. Order soon as popular styles may sell out! Use promo code: PR16OLG and get a discount as well as earning money for our school!

Hurry offer expires December 31st.



RCIA INQUIRY

RCIA Inquiry Group meets **Tuesdays** at 7:00pm in Our Lady of Grace Room in Stack Center. You may join at any-time. This group is offered for those exploring membership in the Catholic Church. The next meeting will be **December 13th**.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 11th:

Coffee & Donuts After 9:30am Mass

Children's Liturgy
9:30am--Mass

Religious Education Classes
11:00am--Stack Center - English
11:30am--Stack Center - Bilingual

Parish Registration
10:30am--Stack Center

Hispanic Triduum:
7:00pm--Church

Monday, December 12th:

Our Lady of Guadalupe Manañitas
5:30am--Church

Our Lady of Guadalupe Reception
6:30am--Stack Center

Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass
7:00pm--Church

Our Lady of Guadalupe Reception
8:00pm--Stack Center

Tuesday, December 13th:

Bible Study:
9:30am--Parish Office

Religious Education Classes:
3:45pm--Stack Center

Men's Bible Study:
7:00pm--Parish Office

RCIA Inquiry:
7:00pm--Stack Center Conference Room

Thursday, December 15th:

Adoration and Confession
7:00pm--Church

Adult Alpha
6:00pm--Stack Center

Serenity Group
8:00pm--Stack Center

Sunday, December 18th:

Coffee & Donuts After 9:30am Mass

Children's Liturgy
9:30am--Mass

Religious Education Classes
11:00am--Stack Center - English
11:30am--Stack Center - Bilingual

Posadas
2:30pm--Church

Posadas Reception
3:00pm--Stack Center

Youth Alpha Meal, Video and Discussion
6:00pm--Stack Center

REJOICE FOR
the LORD
is near.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Please note:

All masses will be celebrated in the Church.

MONDAY, December 12th

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
7:00am Patricia Curry (D)

TUESDAY, December 13th

St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr
7:00am Neal & Carla Lucett (L)

WEDNESDAY, December 14th

St. John of the Cross, Priest, Dr. of the Church
8:15am Lilia Sousa (D)

THURSDAY, December 15th

7:00am Richard Benson (D)

FRIDAY, December 16th

7:00am Joe & Isabel Furtado (D)

SATURDAY, December 17th

8:30am Thomas & Mary Hayes (D)

SUNDAY, December 18th

9:30am Aurora & Manuel Soares (D)



ROSARY FOR WORLD PEACE

The rosary will be recited for World Peace after the 7:00 am Mass each Monday in the Church. Please join us.

**FATIMA & LOURDES PILGRIMAGE
CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE APPARITIONS AT FATIMA!!**

Information and brochures for Fr. Tom's pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes are available in the parish office. The eleven day trip begins **October 3rd, 2017** and is only \$3,499 per person. The trip includes round-trip air from San Francisco, first class/select hotels, most meals and services of a professional tour director. Space is limited so book early to avoid disappointment.

HOLIDAY BULLETIN DEADLINES

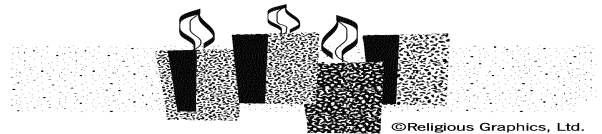
Please have items for the bulletin to the Parish office not later than the deadlines below.

December 25th bulletin: due **December 12th**
January 1st bulletin: due **December 16th**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

December 12th through December 18th

Monday: Zechariah 2:14-17; Luke 1:26-38
Tuesday: Zephaniah 3:1-2,9-13;
Matthew 21:28-32
Wednesday: Isaiah 45:6-8,18,21-25; Luke 7:18-23
Thursday: Isaiah 54:1-10; Luke 7:24-30
Friday: Isaiah 56:1-3,6-8; John 5:33-36
Saturday: Genesis 49:2,8-10; Matthew 1:1-17
Sunday: Isaiah 7:10-14; Romans 1:1-7;
Matthew 1:18-24



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In Memory of

FLOWER REMEMBRANCE FUND

The flowers this weekend are in memory of Manuel Marques and Manuel Marques Jr. Thank you to the family for this beautiful reminder of your loved ones.

Do you have some spare blossoms that you can share? Our Environment Committee needs your help to decorate the altar area each week, either by bringing in flowers from your yard or through a monetary donation towards the purchase of flowers. Flower donation envelopes can be found at the entrances of the church to make a donation in memory of a loved one. If you have any questions feel free to contact Jay at 537-0806. Your donation in honor of your loved one will be mentioned in the bulletin.

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