

3rd Sunday of Advent December 15, 2019

Isaiah 35:1-6A, 10
Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10
James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11

**“Lord, come and
save us.”**



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Parish Inspired by
Dominican Spirituality
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Salvation of Souls**

Mass Intentions

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| Sun | 12/15 | 7:30 am | (A) Marvin & Nym Bergerson |
| | | 9:00 am | (D) Harry Shoup |
| | | 10:45 am | (D) Nevena Ingilizowa & Strashimir Ingilizof |
| Mon | 12/16 | 12:30 pm | (T) People of the Parish |
| | | 5:00 pm | (D) Rebecca Ferrer |
| | | 6:45 am | (T) Fr. Carl Schlichte, O.P. |
| Tues | 12/17 | 8:15 am | (D) Michael Moo Wung Kim |
| | | 6:45 am | (T) Napa State Hospitalized Baptized Catholics |
| | | 8:15 am | (D) William Gilbert |
| Wed | 12/18 | 6:45 am | (D) Kevin Harry |
| | | 8:15 am | (T) Fr. Jerome Cudden, O.P. |
| | | 6:45 am | (D) Carmel F Mier |
| Thurs | 12/19 | 8:15 am | (D) Nancy Quillin |
| | | 6:45 am | (D) Carmel F. Mier |
| | | 8:15 am | (H) Nick Gallardo |
| Fri | 12/20 | 6:45 am | (D) Carmel F. Mier |
| | | 8:15 am | (H) Nick Gallardo |
| | | 5:00 pm | (D) Juan Espinosa, Jr. |
| Sat | 12/21 | 7:30 am | (D) Carmel Ferrer |
| | | 9:00 am | (T) People of the Parish |
| | | 10:45 am | (T) The Cortez Family |
| Sun | 12/22 | 12:30 pm | (D) Teresita Ledesma |
| | | 5:00 pm | (D) William Woods |

Legend: (D) Deceased (H) Health
(A) Anniversary (B) Birthday (T) Thanksgiving

**Mass Intentions for February
Open January 2nd**



8th Grade Honor Roll



7th Grade Honor Roll



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Pastor's Corner

Why is this Sunday different?

The third Sunday of Advent is also known as *Gaudete* Sunday. It comes from Philippians 4:4: "Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice!" *Gaudete* is the imperative form of the verb "to rejoice" that begins the verse in Latin, which is the assigned "entrance antiphon" for today's Mass.

Gaudete and *Laetare* Sunday (the 4th Sunday of Lent) are the only two days of the entire liturgical year when rose (not pink, thank you) is the color of the day. Both Sundays occur in the midst of a season whose color is on the purple spectrum. (The difference between Advent violet and Lenten purple is the subject for another time.)

Originally, Advent had a penitential character like its sister season, Lent. It was called "St. Martin's Lent" because it was the season of fasting prior to Christmas that began on November 13 (the day after the feast of St. Martin of Tours). This can be traced back to the 5th century; evidence for the celebration of birth of Jesus on December 25 does not go back much earlier. St. Gregory the Great (+604) composed the prayers for the Masses (and Liturgy of the Hours) for the entire season of Advent, which we continue to use to this day. By the 9th century, Advent had been shortened to its familiar four weeks.

Advent has always focused the Church's attention on the two comings of Christ by making straight the way and joyfully preparing Him room. To emphasize this point "alleluia's" are constantly used in the texts and prayers of Advent. *Gaudete* Sunday brings the joyful character of Advent to the forefront. God is so near, how can we do anything but rejoice?! God has acted so definitively and powerfully in history, how can we do anything but praise God? Joy in God's action is always at the heart of the Christian perception of things. The overarching reality in Advent (and the rest of the year) is God's super-abundant goodness.

This Sunday also marks a subtle change of language in the liturgy: from "the King who is to come" to "the Lord who is so near." We are to ratchet up, if you will, our joyful preparations for the Lord's imminent arrival. I know that as a child, at this point in Advent, Christmas could not come quickly enough: it seemed like time was going through molasses! School being done helped, but still the growing stash of gifts under the tree made me ever more eager for Christmas.

Really, that childlike eagerness and anticipation should mark all Christians' lives, not just those under 12! Let us resolve to spend these final days before Christmas in praise and thanksgiving, even more eager to receive from God, "What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him."

Upcoming Events

Advent Series

Mondays, December 2nd-23rd, 9:00 am
Ministry Center Siena Room

Incarnation Talk

Tuesday, December 17th 9:00 am & 7:00 pm
Parish Hall

Rosary of Life for Those with Cancer

Tuesday, December 17th at 7:00 pm
Church

St. Dominic School Christmas Concert

Wednesday, December 18th at 6:30 pm
Church

St. Vincent de Paul Dinner & Gift Delivery

Saturday, December 21st
Parish Hall

Parish Office CLOSED

Tuesday, December 24th
Wednesday, December 25th
Wednesday, January 1st

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve (Vigil) Mass Times

Tuesday, December 24th
4:00 pm ~ Church and Parish Hall
7:00 pm ~ Church
9:00 pm ~ Church (Vietnamese)

Midnight Mass

12:00 am Preceded by Carols at 11:30 pm
Church

Christmas Day Mass Times

Wednesday, December 25th
8:00 am ~ Church
10:00 am ~ Church
12:00 pm ~ Church (Bilingual)

Rosary of Life for Those with Cancer



**3rd Tuesday of the Month
December 17th
at 7:00 pm
In the Church**

Father God, we humbly pray for all those who are fighting **cancer**. Give them the hope and courage they need each day. Comfort them in their pain and bless them with healing. Strengthen their family, friends, and caregivers.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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| Monday | Closed |
| Tuesday-Friday | 9:00 am - 4:00 pm |
| Closed for lunch (T-F) | 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm |
| Saturday | Closed |
| Sunday | 8:30 am - 1:00 pm |

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Please pray for the recovery of the sick listed in our Book of Intentions and the following:



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| Dana Joy | Barbara Piepho |
| Lydia Leveriza | Patricia Butler |
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Please remember the following recently deceased (and their families) in your prayers:

Jose Maria Miramontes, Michael Powell, Andrew Koper, Gil Payongayong, Terry Martin Marcacci, Roman Frantela, Cyril Cooper, Vera Siri, Richard Lundin, Isabelle Sevier, Florence Brown, Daniel Medeiros, Stasia Maciejewski, Moyra Dacey, Harry Shoup, Edna Watson, Robert Josef Samuel "Bobby" Hilton, Peter McWalters, Corazon Vargas, Bishop Robert Christian, O.P.

Sick or remembrances will be listed for a period of 3 months

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The Catholic Foundation of the Diocese of Sacramento maintains a clearing account through which stock donations to St. Dominic's can be accomplished electronically. Please contact Teresa Stone for the forms to direct your broker in this regard. Upon receipt of the donation, The Catholic Foundation will provide you, the donor, with the appropriate IRS form to evidence the value of the stock donation, and will arrange for the proceeds to be distributed in accordance with your expressed intent. The Catholic Foundation will notify St. Dominic's of the details of your gift at the time the proceeds are distributed.

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Global Holiday Faire

Thank you St. Dominic's for helping create another successful Global Holiday Faire! Our parishioners from American Heritage Girls age to senior citizens baked, created gift baskets, made handy crafts, donated re-giftables, and shopped away. All proceeds raised support nonprofit organizations which serve the poor and heal the environment. It is important for our parish to join together with other local Catholic and Protestant churches in service projects like this.

Thank you for your support. Angela Taylor-Organizer.

Video series with Deacon Errol as we prepare this Advent season to celebrate Our Savior's Birth.



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WEDNESDAY 11:00 am

(Weekly or alternating weeks)

Call Diane Dawes @ (925) 963-5373

SATURDAY 7:00 pm

(Weekly or alternating weeks)

Call Antonia Gomez @ (707) 567-0658

SUNDAY 5:00 pm

(On rotation once every 5 weeks)

Call Rita Mendoza @ (707) 373-3413

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Scheduled Adorer Hours Only: 8:00 pm – 7:00 am in the Adoration Chapel

Parish-wide Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesdays 8:00-9:00 pm in the Church

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Saturday, January 18, 2020

St. Dominic's Parish Hall **Doors open at 6:00 PM**
Dinner at 7:00 PM **Take-Out starts at 6:30 PM**



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