



Morning prayers at 8:00 am

Saturday, December 8 (Feast of the Immaculate Conception):

5:30 + Melchora Solano by Margaret Solano

Sunday, December 9 (2nd Sunday of Advent):

9:15 Divine Mercy Chaplet

9:30 + John Albert by Janet & Family

11:00 + (Spanish) Blanca Ines Munoz by Family

12:30 + Tadeusz Szwaja by Teresa Szwaja

Monday, December 10:

8:15 + George E. Ellard by sister, Joan Walsh

12:15 + Paul Kowalski by Wife & Children

Tuesday, December 11:

8:15 + Pauline & Edmund Lewicki by Anna Lewicki

12:15 Special Intention for Fr. Jossy Vattothu by the Parish

7:00 + (Spanish) Poala Familia y la Paz de Nicaragua by Flor de Maria Peralta

Wednesday, December 12:

8:15 For the People of the Parish

12:15 Special Intention for Christine Bianculli by the Parish

7:30 + Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Thursday, December 13:

8:15 + John DeCicco by Danford Family

12:15 Special Intention for Mickey Bontkowski on his 70th Birthday by M/M R. Pineiro

Friday, December 14:

8:15 + Catherine & Donald Face by daughter, Alice Coughlan

12:15 +

7:30 (Spanish) Special Intention for Estella Palma on her Anniversary

Saturday, December 15:

8:15 + Rudolf Kahiwat by daughter, Rowena

5:30 + Hugh A. Reid by Mary & Kate Gannon

Sunday, December 16 (3rd Sunday of Advent):

9:15 Divine Mercy Chaplet

9:30 + Hugh A. Reid by Mary & Kate Gannon

11:00 + (Spanish) Yudelka Garcia & Narcisa Ramirez by Daniela Ramirez

12:30 + Tadeusz Szwaja by brother, Marion & Family

Bible Study every Thursday at 11:00 a.m. in the Lower Church Sacristy.

Please remember those on our sick list in your prayers:

Nancy Culmone, Franciszka Sienko, Jacqueline Elsasser, Catherine McClung, Valerie Bruno, Dennis Nusspickel, Martha Banfield, Allen Ryczek, Levieva Svetiana, Molly Tyburczy, John Tyburczy, Julissa Garcia, Carolyn Lattanzio, Joan Dobkinj, Laurie Rueckheim, Judith Ballaster, Steve Belus, Janice L. Whelan, James Cunniff, Joseph Buenos, Patty Behan, Donhald Buddenhagen, Matthew Colasanti, Joseph Anthony D'Avino, Laura Borruso, Amy Pisarki, John Slattery, Joseph Lauron, Patricia Riordan, Carmelo Reyes, Marylou Ryan, Patricia Taranovich, Eugene Stonebreaker, Zofia Orłowska, Mary Sanz, Robert Keenan, Ryan Marshall, Anne Marie Stampf, Edward Pertell, Genowefa Biernaca, Elizabeth Malenik, Katyryna Gierczynska, Caitlyn Geer, James Buddenhagen, Bill Wisniewski, Gary Normandia, Eleanor Heiberger, Brian Francis Campion, Gemma Ferrara, Frank Sarlie, Peggy Mae, Edwin Soto, Lawrence O'Donnell, Julia Silva, Theresa Good, Mary Knapp, George Koslab, Robert Trotta, Michael Anobile, Michael Aiello, Yolanda Aiello, Diane Arzon Rodriguez, Gustavo Guerra, Michael Conboy, Jaylin Figueroa

Pray for the deceased: Elizabeth Smith



Christmas Wafers available after all Masses.

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

Advent is the time of preparation, both internal and external. This Second week of Advent we hear how John the Baptist prepared the people for the coming of Christ. Advent is a time we go to the 'desert', a place of being alone with God. We take time off our daily routine to be with God in prayer, in the Church and at home. It is there we encounter God. Let us take this first step to reach out to God or to look for God. Then the word of God would come to us just as it came to John the Baptist.

I am the one who is asked to turn away from my sins, to turn to God, and to prepare the way for him to make his home within my heart. I am the one who is asked to ensure fair play and justice for others, so that I can see the salvation sent from God - Jesus Christ. If there are any relationships, behavior, actions in my life that is not according to the will of Jesus, then I must get rid of it. The Gospel calls for action now. I do not know if I would get another Advent Season. Filling the valleys, leveling the mountains, straightening the crooked roads, and thus preparing a pathway for the Lord - this is what we do during Advent. Probably there are many things that we need to straighten out.

I take this opportunity to thank Rev. Fr. Davy, the Pastor, and the entire Parish family for the great love, care and concern that you have shown me during my time of ministry among you. St. Anthony-St. Alphonsus Family is amazing and you are generous with Christian love and kindness. My journey with you has been so joyful and smooth and I will always cherish those beautiful memories. I will miss you all. But I assure you that I will remember you all with love and offer you all in my humble prayers. All I request of you is to keep me in your prayers. All those who have helped me in my ministry, I sincerely thank and pray that the Lord reward you greatly. If I have hurt anyone in any way I seek forgiveness. I look forward to taking up my new assignment, trusting in God.

Wishing you all a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

My New Address :
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Sacramento, CA 95818.
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Advent Reconciliation Monday

On Monday, December 17, 2018, our Diocese will join the Archdiocese of New York in celebrating **Advent Reconciliation Monday**. On this special day, our parish and all the parishes in our dioceses will offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation from **4:00 pm to 8:00 pm**, in preparation for the great Feast of the Lord's Nativity.

Confessions will also be on Saturday, December 22nd from 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm.

The Giving Tree

Helping Those
in Need



Our Parish is once again sponsoring an Advent "Giving Tree" for the benefit of the homeless at the South Street Mission at Transfiguration Parish and for our neighbors at the Santulli Residence next door to the Church.

Please consider taking an ornament from the "Giving Tree". Please purchase the item written on the ornament and return the gift wrapped with the ornament taped to the package.

Gifts may be placed under the "Giving Tree" no later than December 16th. Any gifts returned after December 16th may be brought to the parish office.

The "Giving Tree" has become a parish Advent project of charity (love of neighbor).



Monday, December 24

5:30 pm,
9:00 pm (Spanish)
and 12:00 Midnight

Christmas Carols

Monday, December 24

5:00 pm and 11:30 pm

Tuesday, December 25

9:30 am and 12:30 pm



Many members of our parish community turn to us at Christmas for nourishment.

Anyone who is interested in donating \$25.00 (or any amount) to help defray the cost of providing food baskets for Christmas, may leave their donation at the parish office or drop it in the collection basket on Sunday. Please mark the envelope "Adopt-A-Family".

If you know of someone or a family in the community who is in need of the "Adopt-A-Family" Program, please call the parish office and leave their name, address and a phone number. Someone from our St. Vincent de Paul Society will reach out to them.



Fr. Antony Vadakara, CMI is getting a transfer with promotion, Pastor of St. Mary Parish, Sacramento and the Director of Inter-religious Dialogue Center. He is leaving on December 10. Our parish is grateful to Fr. Antony for his dedicated service for more than two years. Let us wish him all the best in his new assignment. His new address is: St. Mary Church, 1333 58th Street, Sacramento, CA 95819.

Padre Antony Vadakara, CMI es transferido con la promoción, el Pastor de St. Mary Parish, Sacramento y el Director del centro de diálogo interreligioso. Se va el 10 de diciembre. Nuestra parroquia está agradecida al Padre Antony por su dedicado servicio durante más de dos años. Deseamos todo lo mejor en su nueva misión. Su nueva dirección: St. Mary Church, 1333, 58th Street, Sacramento, CA 95819



Let us with grateful hearts thank Christine Bianculli, our parish Secretary cum Bookkeeper. She is retiring after serving remarkably for thirty three years. We will surely miss her in the parish office. Let us wish her a peaceful and leisure-filled retirement!

Con corazón agradecido, gracias a Christine Bianculli, nuestra secretaria parroquial cum Bookkeeper. Ella se retira después de servir notablemente durante treinta y tres años. Seguramente la extrañaremos en la oficina parroquial. Deseémosle un retiro tranquilo y lleno de paz!



Let us warmly welcome our new Parochial Vicar, Fr. Jossy Vattothu, CMI. He is from Kerala, India, currently serving as the Parochial Vicar in the diocese of Sacramento, CA. He will arrive in our parish on December 8.

Bienvenida a nuestro nuevo vicario parroquial, Padre Jossy Vattothu, CMI. Él es de Kerala, India. El sirviendo como Vicario Parroquial en la diócesis de Sacramento, CA. Llegará a nuestra parroquia el 8 de diciembre.

WEEKLY OFFERING
Weekend of December 1 - 2, 2018

Attendance - 599
Collection - \$ 2,938.00
Christmas Mass Remembrance
Collection - \$ 1,383.00
Votive Candles - \$ 449.00

Last year's attendance - 667
Last year's Collection - \$ 3,890.00
Last year's Christmas Mass Remembrance
Collection - \$ 582.00
Last year's Votive Candles - \$ 697.00

50/50 November Winner

Catherine O'Brien
\$ 189.50

Farewell and Welcome

Rev. Fr. Antony Vadakara, CMI is getting a transfer with promotion. He will take his new assignment on December 15, Pastor of St. Mary Parish, Sacramento, California.

Ms. Christine Bianculli is retiring by the end of December after 33 years of her service in the parish office.

Fr. Jossy Vattoth, CMI will arrive in our parish on December 8th to replace Fr. Antony.

Our Parish family is organizing a farewell and welcome pot-luck reception on Sunday, December 9 after the 12:30 pm Mass in the Parish Hall dining room.

Be there to meet and greet them.

Calendars for 2019 are available after all Masses in the back of the Church and in the parish office.

Our Lady of Guadalupe



In preparation for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, a Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe begins on December 3rd at 7:30 pm.

The celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be on December 12th with a Mass at 7:30 pm. The main celebrant will be Bishop Paul R. Sanchez.



Annual Christmas Raffle:
Tickets: \$10.00 each

First Prize: \$ 1,000.00
Second Prize: \$ 500.00
Third Prize: \$ 250.00

Drawing will be held at the Parish Christmas Party, December 22, 2018 at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall, 715 Leonard Street.

Tickets available after Masses.

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry

Our food pantry is in need of the following items: **coffee, canned meats (Spam, ham, corned beef hash), canned milk, canned vegetables, canned soup, peanut butter, jelly and macaroni**





2019 Offertory Envelopes

Please stop and pick up your 2019 offertory boxed envelopes after Mass. They are in the back of the Church. If you would like to receive envelopes, please call the parish office.

50/50 CLUB

50/50 envelopes are available in the back of the church. Please feel free to take additional envelopes for neighbors and friends.

Minimum donation is \$2.00
Donacion menos \$2.00

\$2.00 = 1 chance to win
\$5.00 = 3 chances to win
\$10.00 = 6 chances to win

Please make sure your name, phone number and dollar amount are on each 50/50 envelope. (We will make sure your contribution is converted into the proper amount of chances to which you are entitled.)

All 50/50 envelopes must be in by the last Sunday of the month, and the winner will be drawn and announced at Mass on the first Sunday of the following month.

All monies collected will be divided equally 50% to our Parish and 50% to the winner. All proceeds from the 50/50 Club will be added to our Elevator Fund.

Virtus

All volunteers are reminded to keep current with their Virtus bulletins which are posted online every month.

BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated in English on the last Sunday of the month at 1:30 p.m. and Spanish baptisms are celebrated on the first Saturday of every month.

Arrangements must be made at the Parish Office in advance. The birth certificate must be presented. Instructions are required for parents and godparents before Baptism.

MARRIAGES

Arrangements should be made six months in advance. Pre-Cana Conferences are part of preparation. The website address is:
<http://www.pre-cana.org/>

MINISTRY TO THE SICK

Priests are available anytime. Ministers of the Eucharist can be invited to bring Communion to the home of the sick.

SCHOOL OF FAITH FORMATION

Wednesday:

Pre-Communion and Communion Classes
5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Thursday:

Continuing Classes to Confirmation, Pre-Confirmation and Confirmation
5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Please register at the Parish Office. Any letters for Sponsorship, Baptism/Confirmation, as well as a letter for Immigration, you must be a registered member of the Parish.

CHOIR

Meets each Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in