



# December 2, 2018, First Sunday of Advent

## THE PROMISE OF JUSTICE

We are in fairly good company when we ask God for justice. Often enough we hear and agree with the lament of the people of Israel asking God why the wicked prosper. However, when we call out for justice, we usually want someone to get his or her comeuppance. God's justice is something other than this, of course. God's justice comprises a wonderful rightness between God and humankind.

Today, Jeremiah looks ahead to a time when a just one will sprout from the shorn-off stump of Jesse of the house and family of David. Life was not fair in Jeremiah's time. Israel's kings held the promise of God's fidelity, but it was difficult to see how God's promise could be realized through them.

Nevertheless, Jeremiah lifts his voice and announces that the Promised One will come. Luke's Gospel echoes that announcement, and Paul is filled with sturdy encouragement. And so Advent begins with a promise.

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### SACRED HEART PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

*We are a diverse, multi-cultural Roman Catholic Parish.*

*Relying on the guidance of the Holy Spirit,  
we endeavor to build the kingdom of God through  
liturgy, prayer, education and outreach to those in need.*

*We come together as a faith community  
to celebrate life's joys and sorrows and minister to all who come to us.*



**Prayers for Strength and Healing** If you wish to add someone to the prayer concerns for the sick, please gain permission from the patient *before* calling the Parish Office. Thank you.

**Please remember in your prayers, the sick and their caregivers:**

Rafaela Cendejas, María Guerrero, Joe Mora, Alicia Prieto, Dcn. Jack Bullen, Shawna Roberson, Carol Roberson, Tim Coombs, Bea Lambdin, Barbara Bullen, Maile Nail, Ana Ceja, Glenda Parker, Ferrell Shatswell, Doug Bauman & Family, Dan Spanfelner, Mary Jane Best, Bill Pierce, Anakona Pierce, Vanessa DeLaTorre and Family, Kolton Kafader, Trisha Andrews, Ellen Gentry, Carol Underwood, Scotty Brown, Donna Schoelen, Wynette deBraga, Clare Carbonell, Cheryl Oylear, Susan Taylor, Dottie Hackson, Bertha Erbes, Mark Preston, Cindy McDonald, Justine McDonald, Carolyn Gilbert, Jim Logan, Kathy Lammay, Diamond Family, Rebecca Anderson, Dave Klingforth, Peggy Kinner Dawson, Rudy Casados, Johnny T. Seyssel, Maria Martinez, Cadence Bonham, Sam Ranberg, Cee Dempsey, Cynthia Loeffler, Barbara Ranberg, Karen Chandler, Theresa Casados, James Casados, Laurie Nelson, Amelia Preston, Verna Schmitz, Jane Shea, Floyd Casados, Danny Casados, Elaine McCaughey, Diane Hughes.

*~Rest in Peace~*

**Loretta Friedrich & Edelgard Engle**

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Occasionally, someone raises a surprised complaint that while Christmas arrives on Santa's sleigh at the Macy's parade on Thanksgiving Day, the Church doesn't catch on too fast. They may even say that Advent is a new-fangled idea. Not so. To trace its beginnings, we have to go back to the fourth or fifth century in France (then Gaul), when Epiphany was the favored day, next to Easter, for baptism. The old pagan structures of Rome were collapsing then, and many people sought to be baptized. Since adults always prepared for baptism by fasting, folks counted back a few weeks for a kind of retreat. Before too long, bishops were advising everyone to attend church frequently beginning on December 17. Soon, artists were imagining ways of expressing the Advent mystery, and in Italy this gave rise to beautiful mosaics of empty thrones awaiting the arrival of the Lord of all creation.

Advent as we know it develops on two separate tracks: the first having to do with our spiritual preparation for celebrating the Christmas feast, and the second having to do with the way this is organized and expressed in the liturgical readings and prayers every day of the season.

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## Mass Schedule / Intentions

### Week of December 3-9

Mon: 7:00 AM	† Mary Treat
Tues: 7:00 AM	† Fr. Ronan Brenman
Wed: 7:00 AM	† Darlene St. Onge
Thurs: 7:00 AM	Intentions of Lina Luna
Fri: 7:00 AM	No Mass
Sat: 5:15 PM	Intentions of Jeremy
7:00 PM	Pro Populo
Sun: 8:00 AM	† Joe Stricker
10:00 AM	† John Mertens
12:00 PM	

**Rosary for December:** ~ *For reconciliation and peace in families* ~

## Feast Days and Readings for the Week

Monday:	St. Francis Xavier, Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday:	St. John Damascene, Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday:	Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday:	St. Nicholas, Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday:	St. Ambrose, Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday:	Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Sunday:	Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

**\*Attention all Lectors, Eucharist Ministers, and Altar Servers: If you have not already done so, please return your availability form for Christmas and New Year's to the office by Monday, December 3. If you have any questions, please call Breanna at the office. Thank you.**

## Week at a Glance December 2-9

Sun:	8:30-12 N 2:00-4:00 PM	Pancake Breakfast- Parish Hall Confirmation Class- Parish Hall
Mon:	6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Catechist Meeting- David's Rm Youth Group- Parish Hall
Tues:	10:30 AM 5:00 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Welcome Committee- Parish Hall RCIA Teen Group- St. Mary's Hall Boy Scouts- West Rm Baptism Class- David's Rm Spanish Holy Hour- Church
Wed:	8:30 AM 6:00 PM  6:30 PM 6:30 PM 6:45 PM 7:00 PM	School Mass- Church Penance Service- Our Lady of Mercy, Redding Choir- Church Arbol de Amor, call 736-1462 CFF- School & West Rm Pilares- St. Mary's Hall
Thurs:	8:00 AM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM	Rummage Sale Prep- St. Mary's Hall Cub Scouts- Parish Hall RCIA- David's Rm
Fri:	8:00 AM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Rummage Sale- St. Mary's Hall Spanish Choir- St. Mary's Hall Bilingual Vigil- Church Taize- St. Peter's Episcopal Church
Sat:	All Masses 8:00 AM 8 AM-4 PM 9:00 AM 5-8 PM	Religious Retirement Collection Rummage Sale-St. Mary's Hall Catechist Formation- Parish Hall Bilingual Mass- Church Carmelite Boutique - St. Mary's Hall
Sun:	All Masses 8 AM-2 PM 3:00 PM	Religious Retirement Collection Carmelite Boutique- St. Mary's Hall Community Band Christmas Concert- Parish Hall

**BAPTISM CLASS:** Parents and Godparents of children to be baptized are required to take an Adults-only Baptism Preparation Class. The Spanish class is usually held on the last Monday of the month at 7 PM in David's Rm. However there will be no class in December, instead there will be 2 in January. The class in English is usually held the first Tuesday of every month at 7 PM in David's Room. Please call the office to register, *and* to confirm the class date, 527 - 1351.

**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS & Concerns:** Karina R. Houghtby; [kramirez@sacredheartrb.org](mailto:kramirez@sacredheartrb.org)

**LAY MINISTRY:** Breanna Farmer; [brose@sacredheartrb.org](mailto:brose@sacredheartrb.org)

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** Jay Arnold, Grand Knight, 530-200-9136.

**PARISH OFFICE:** 10 AM to 4 PM, Mon-Fri, 2355 Monroe Ave., 527 - 1351; Fax 529 - 2586.

**RCIA:** (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults): For persons wanting to know more about the Catholic faith please call 527 - 1351.

**RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY:** Margie Duey, 586-1506

**ROSARY TEAM:** To join a rosary team, call Cindy Sale, at 527 - 4854

**SACRED HEART PARISH E-MAIL:** [sacredheartrb@hotmail.com](mailto:sacredheartrb@hotmail.com)

**SACRED HEART PARISH WEBSITE:**

[www.sacredheartredbluff.org](http://www.sacredheartredbluff.org).

**WOMEN'S GUILD:** Sandi Kramer, President, 527-8900.

**NEW PARISHIONERS, OR IF YOU ARE NOT RECEIVING**

**CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES:** Please call the Parish Office at 527 - 1351.

### Confirmation Families

There will be a confirmation meeting for both Parents and Students on Dec. 2 from 2-4 PM in the Parish Hall. Students in the Teen RCIA Program are also expected to

attend. As we are beginning the season of Advent, please be prepared to share how your family celebrates Advent or how you take part in posadas as well.

### Paradise Gifts Card Drive

The Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry invites all youth and young adult groups to participate in our Hope for Paradise Gift Card Drive, benefiting the communities affected by the Camp Fire in Butte County. All groups are encouraged to collect donations of gift cards valued between \$20-\$25 to Target and Walmart, or gas and Visa gift cards. Donations can be dropped off in the collection basket during Mass or in the parish office. Donations can also be mailed in or dropped off at the Diocesan Pastoral Center at 2110 Broadway in Sacramento, or at Trinity Pines Catholic Center in Colfax. For any questions, please contact Rochelle Gammad at (916) 733-0123 or at [RGammad@scd.org](mailto:RGammad@scd.org).

### Supporting Students Affected by the Camp Fire in Catholic Schools

We are heartbroken over the devastation the Camp Fire has caused, and the number of families it has left displaced in its wake. We understand that it may be a long time before students can return to their schools and classrooms in the city of Paradise, and we would like to help by opening up our schools to Butte County students, grades Preschool-12, who have been displaced by the fires. Many families have lost nearly everything in this fire, and being back in a school can be a major stabilizing force in a child's life. Some classes in some of our schools could accommodate more students, and we have thus decided to open those seats to affected families who find themselves near those schools. Though our schools are funded by tuition, we will enroll displaced Butte County students at no cost to the family for the remainder of the academic year. We are seeking philanthropic support for both these new and current students affected by the fire; you can learn more about this effort at: <https://www.scd.org/catholic-foundation/camp-fire-student-fund>. If you have been displaced by the fire and would like to enroll your child in a Catholic school, please contact the school nearest you for further information.

\*Mercy High School, Red Bluff (7-12) - (530) 527-8313 (Busses available in some areas)

\*St. Thomas the Apostle School, Oroville (TK-8) - (530) 534-6969

\*Notre Dame School, Chico (TK- 8) - (530) 342-2502

\*Our Lady of Lourdes School, Colusa (TK-8) - (530) 458-8208

\*St. Isidore School, Yuba City (TK - 8) - (530) 673-2217

\*Sacred Heart School, Red Bluff (TK - 6) - (530) 527-6727

\*St. Joseph's School, Redding (TK-8) - (530) 243-2302

If you are unsure which school would be closest to you, or you find yourself in another area, please contact the Catholic School Department at (916) 733-0112. We continue to pray for all those affected by the Camp Fire, and those who have come to their aid.

### Priest Retirement Collection

Support the Retirement Fund for Religious. A donor writes, "Your flyer touched my heart-seeing retires religious, such memories surfaced." Do you remember the sisters, brothers, or religious order priests who made a positive difference in your life? Today many are elderly and need assistance. Their religious communities struggle to meet retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Please give to next week's second collection.

### Advent Taize

We will offer the prayer every Friday during Advent. Depending upon attendance these 4 weeks, the organizing group will decide whether or not to continue offering Taize in Red Bluff. If there is enough interest, in the future Taize will be offered during the seasons of Advent and Lent. We hope that those who benefit from our prayer involving song, scripture and silence will come join us. The theme of our prayer this year is Hope.

***The Endowment Boutique Liquidation Sale! Huge Christmas Savings! Everything must go! Prices slashed to \$1 above cost of items! Last Sale ever! Free Cookies & Coffee! WHEN: DECEMBER 8-9TH Sat: 5-8:30 p.m. Sun: 8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. WHERE: St. Mary's Hall - Church Basement. WHY: Scholarship Endowment Fund for our children to be able to attend Sacred Heart School! Current total earnings thus far: \$6,000 and still growing! Great Christmas gifts! Save the date & save money!***

***Enjoy Bishop Robert Barron's daily Advent reflections on line. Follow these steps:***

1. Google 'wordonfire.org'
2. Scroll down and click on 'Advanced Search'
3. Enter 'Advent Reflections' in the 'search' box. The screen won't change.
4. Scroll down and click on 'Sign up for Fr. Barron's Free Advent Reflections'
5. Enter your information and finish with a click. Enjoy!