



December 9, 2018, Second Sunday of Advent

AWAITING THE SALVATION OF GOD

The world does not seem big enough to contain the jubilation of the first reading. In the Gospel reading, the Roman empire isn't big enough, either. The great powers of Rome are named and made to stand waiting for the arrival of God's salvation. And we find Paul meditating joyfully on what really matters.

According to Baruch, the city of Jerusalem is like a person standing on tiptoe looking for God's salvation, which is coming from the east. Those who were led away on foot, heads down, now come back, a proud people. Why, the very way is smoothed out. The path is lined with fragrant, lush trees.

It can't get any better than this, can it? Well, yes, it can. For a voice calls out in the desert. Here is the beginning of the salvation of God.

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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, 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, Tami Casados, Elaine McCaughey, Diane Hughes, Andrew Spanfelner.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Look around most Catholic churches, and you will discover an image of John the Baptist, often in the old baptistery, or in a window near where the font is or was located. He has two feast days in the calendar: one commemorating his birth, and the other his death. There are only three natiivities in our calendar: for Jesus, for Mary, and for the Baptist. John's birthday is reckoned according to the schedule given in Luke's Gospel of the angel's announcement to Mary. The angel tells her that her cousin Elizabeth is in the sixth month of pregnancy, and so Mary hastens to help her. Reckoning Christmas as December 25, we count backwards nine months to March 25 for the Feast of the Annunciation. Then we count forward three months to June 24 for John the Baptist's birth. Halfway to Christmas, his nativity gives ample reason for rejoicing in the summer, and his symbols of fire and water are used playfully in bonfires and dives into the sea. Even at the polar opposite of Christmas in the calendar, the energy of Christ's birth in the Incarnation provides cause for rejoicing.

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Mass Schedule / Intentions

Week of December 10-16

Mon: 7:00 AM	† Joe Stricker
Tues: 7:00 AM	† James Segura
Wed: 7:00 AM	† Kenneth Condon
Thurs: 7:00 AM	† Fr. Ronan Brenman
Fri: 7:00 AM	No Mass
Sat: 5:15 PM	† Mildred Treskon
7:00 PM	† Frances Segura
Sun: 8:00 AM	Pro Populo
10:00 AM	† Diana & Jack Burgess
12:00 PM	

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

Feast Days and Readings for the Week

Monday:	Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday:	St. Damasus I, Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday:	Our Lady of Guadalupe, Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
Thursday:	St. Lucy, Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
Friday:	St. John of the Cross, Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday:	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80: 2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday:	Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

***Our Parish has raised almost \$6,100 for the Camp Fire Collection.**

Week at a Glance December 9-16

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
Mon:		No Finance Mtg 3:00 PM Respect Life Committee- West Rm 6:00 PM Penance Service- St. Joseph, Redding
Tues:		7:00 PM Youth Group- Parish Hall 6:30 PM Boy Scouts- West Rm 6:30 PM Stewardship- David's Rm 6:30 PM K. of C. Officers- St. Mary's Hall 7:00 PM Spanish Holy Hour- Church
Wed:		8:30 AM School Mass- Church 6:30 PM Choir- Church 6:30 PM Arbol de Amor, call 736-1462 6:30 PM Mananitas- Church 6:45 PM NO CFF 7:00 PM OLG Mass- Church 7:00 PM No Pilares
Thurs:		8:00 AM Rummage Sale Prep- St. Mary's Hall 4:00 PM Penance Service- Weaverville 6:00 PM Cub Scouts- Parish Hall 6:30 PM RCIA- David's Rm
Fri:		6:00 PM Spanish Choir- St. Mary's Hall 7:00 PM Penance Service- S.H Anderson 7:00 PM Taize- Presbyterian Church, 838 Jefferson St.
Sat:		5:00 AM Mananitas- Church 6:00 AM Procession & Dances- St. Mary's Hall 7:00 AM OLG Mass- Church 10:00 AM Carmelites- West Rm & David's Rm 12:00 PM OLG Luncheon
Sun:		2-4 PM Confirmation Class- Parish Hall 7:00 PM Posada- St. Mary's 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. 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

LAY MINISTRY: Breanna Farmer; 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

SACRED HEART PARISH WEBSITE:
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.

***There will be no Spanish Baptism class during the month of December & February. There will be 2 classes held on January 7th and January 28th.**

Children's Faith Formation

To ensure families have the opportunity to attend the special Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass on Wednesday, December 12, classes will be canceled. If you do not attend the Mass perhaps this would be a good opportunity to pray the Rosary as a family at home. CFF families are invited to celebrate the Posada on Wednesday, December 19 at 6:30 P.M. in the Parish Hall. This is a parish event, do not drop off your children, but join them. Be sure to wear a warm jacket!
CFF classes will resume Wednesday, January 9, 2019.

Supporting Students Affected by the Camp Fire in Catholic Schools

We have open seats in our Catholic elementary schools and high school in the Northern Sacramento Valley, and we would like to make them available to these displaced Paradise students. We will waive tuition for these students for the remainder of the year. This may be one of the few options they have, as the schools in their hometown have been damaged or destroyed. In addition to these new families, many of our current school families have lost their homes and will also need support as they rebuild. We ask your help in supporting these families. We would be appreciative if you would join us in sponsoring these affected students at our Catholic schools with a donation of any amount. Though it is difficult to project an exact need, we will use funds for such things as uniforms, school materials, hot lunches, field trips, and other expenses associated with educating a child, as well as material and tuition relief for our currently enrolled school families in need. Any surplus will be used for future support for these affected families and Catholic schools of the region. You can make a donation 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

Calling all child innkeepers, shepherds, angels, and Mary and Joseph too.

If you will be attending the 5:15 P.M. Family Christmas vigil Mass and would like to participate in acting out the nativity gospel (no lines to memorize or say) call the parish office at 527-1351 to sign up! Practice will be on Saturday, Dec. 22 at 10AM in the church.



On Sunday, Dec. 16th, the Red Bluff Masterworks Chorale and Orchestra will present "Let there be Christmas" at 3 PM at the State Theater. This Christmas cantata contains traditional Christmas carols with audience participation, scripture based narration and original Christmas anthems. Please join us for this joyous celebration of hope and peace for the Christmas season. The concert is free of charge thanks to donations from the community.

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!

Penance Services 2018

Weaverville- St. Patrick's: Thursday, December 13 at 4:00 PM.

Redding- St. Joseph: Monday, December 10 at 6:00 PM.

Anderson- Sacred Heart: Friday, December 14 at 7:00 PM.

Burney- St. Francis: Thursday, December 20 at Fall River Mills at 4:00 PM.

Red Bluff- Sacred Heart: Monday, December 17 at 7:00 PM.

***Sacred Heart Preschool is offering free registration for new families registering this month or in January 2019 only. Committed to early learning, the program provides a hands-on, academic curriculum that prepares children ages 2 - 5, for the eventual transition to TK, Kindergarten and beyond. The preschool offers full and half-day care and we encourage prospective families to visit and pick up a registration packet. Your child is welcome to join you! For additional information, please contact Dominique Rosales at drosales@shsredbluff.org or call 527.6727.**