



December 16, 2018, Third Sunday of Advent

REJOICE!

Today has traditionally been called "Gaudete Sunday." The Latin tag is derived from Paul's appeal in the second reading to "rejoice always in the Lord," and the Latin Mass text based on that reading. The irony and paradox of this Christian joy is underlined by the fact that Paul wrote those words in prison. But from there he could see the progress of God's work.

Is it obvious to us? We feel that this is not the time for joy when there is so much suffering and moral evil. It is interesting, then, that the first reading is from the prophet Zephaniah, who is almost exclusively concerned with gloomy visions of Judgment Day. Today the Church selects the only optimistic text in Zephaniah, in which the prophet has been touched by the spirit of joy.

This, we are assured on all sides, is "the season of joy." Let us recapture that feeling of joy in our lives and reflect it to those who are joyless.

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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, Maria Lucero.

~Rest in Peace~
Mildred Pierce

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Years ago, the trick question on religion quizzes would be to name all the liturgical colors, or the colors of the vestments worn at Mass. Rose is a color seldom seen, used at most two days a year. Today, "Gaudete Sunday," is one of those days. The name of the day is drawn from an opening verse in the old Latin Mass texts: Gaudete is Latin for "Rejoice!" This year's Gospel certainly reflects that mood as Elizabeth feels her infant within her leaping for joy at the presence of Mary. Mary's visit to her aged cousin is an act of compassion between women, as two kinswomen who are bearing children into the world share their joy.

Some churches retain the custom of having the priest wear rose vestments today, and many will use a rose candle in the Advent wreath. Violet is the official color for Advent and Lent, but many parishes employ different hues for each season, trying to keep them distinct. In medieval times, dye was costly, and poor parishes used unornamented plain cloth for vestments. Dyes were expensive and some colors, particularly purple, difficult to achieve. In England, purple dye was made from mollusks, yielding at best a deep indigo or blue and not the desired violet. Thus, the color of Advent in the British Isles has long been a deep blue, reminding many people of Mary's presence at the heart of the Advent mystery. That theology is largely unplanned: it's all because of the clams!

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Mass Schedule / Intentions

Week of December 17-23

Mon: 7:00 AM	† Darlene St. Onge
Tues: 7:00 AM	† James Segura Jr.
Wed: 7:00 AM	In thanksgiving for Mitch & Gigi Cid
Thurs: 7:00 AM	Ints. for Fr. Michael Hebda on the anniversary of his ordination
	No Mass
	Intentions of Bill Treat
Fri: 7:00 AM	
Sat: 5:15 PM	
	7:00 PM
Sun: 8:00 AM	† Bonnie Nash
	† Mary Treat
	10:00 AM
	12:00 PM
	Pro Populo

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

Feast Days and Readings for the Week

Monday:	Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Tuesday:	Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Wednesday:	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Thursday:	Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38
Friday:	St. Peter Canisius; Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Saturday:	1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
Sunday:	Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

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

Penance Services 2018

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

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

Week at a Glance December 16-23

Sun:	2-4 PM	Confirmation Class- Parish Hall
	7:00 PM	Posada- St. Mary's Hall
Mon:	7:00 PM	Penance Service- Church
	8:00 PM	Posada- St. Mary's Hall
	7:00 PM	Youth Group- Parish Hall
Tues:	6:00 PM	Cub Scouts Committee-David's Rm
	6:30 PM	Boy Scouts- West Rm
	6:30 PM	K. of C. Members- St. Mary's Hall
	7:00 PM	Posada- Parish 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
	6:45 PM	Posada- Parish Hall
	7:00 PM	Pilares- St. Mary's Hall
Thurs:	8:00 AM	Rummage Sale Prep- St. Mary's Hall
	3:00 PM	Lord's Table- West Rm
	4:00 PM	Penance Service- Burney
	5:00 PM	Cub Scouts Leaders- Parish Hall
	6:00 PM	Advent program-Mercy High
	6:00 PM	Cub Scouts- Parish Hall
	6:30 PM	NO RCIA
	7:00 PM	Posada- St. Mary's Hall
Fri:	6:00 PM	Spanish Choir- St. Mary's Hall
	7:00 PM	Taize- Presbyterian Church, 838 Jefferson St.
	7:00 PM	Posada- St. Mary's Hall
Sat:	10:00 AM	Vigil Practice- Church
	8:00 PM	Posada- St. Mary's Hall
Sun:	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.

Children's Faith Formation

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.

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.

Let Us Pray: An introduction to liturgy

Based on Scripture, the Catechism, Vatican II and other documents, this 6-part class covers the basic teachings of the Church on liturgy and worship.

Session 1: Liturgy 101

Basic Principles of Catholic Worship

Session 2: Mystagogy of the Mass

A Quick Journey through the Mass

Session 3: The Church

The Universal Sacrament of Salvation

Session 4: Sacred Scripture

The Word of God at Mass and in our Lives

Session 5: Sacred Music

A Treasure of Inestimable Value

Session 6: Mass & Mission

Living a Sacramental Life in a Secular World

This workshop will be held Saturday, January 12, 2019 from 9am-4pm at Our Lady of Mercy Parish, 2600 Shasta View Dr., Redding, CA. Register online for \$20 www.scd.formstack.com/forms/letuspray (Registration includes box lunch) Presenter: James Cavanagh, M.Div. Director of Worship, Diocese of Sacramento

LifeNet

The LifeNet Tree for Life will be in the vestibule starting Dec.15. Parishioners can take an ornament with a suggestion of a need for LifeNet, purchase the gift and return the gift (unwrapped) to the bin beneath the tree table. This is a great way for your family to support LifeNet during this Christmas season! LifeNet has need of current-style maternity clothes. If you can donate gently used items, please take them to the Center at 525 Rio St., Red Bluff or call Margie at 586-1506. Thank you!

Basic Certification Renewal

Are you a catechist or lay minister in need of renewing your basic certification? The Office of Family and Faith Formation will be offering renewal opportunities beginning with a Church History course on January 19, 2019 from 9:00am to 3:00pm at Holy Spirit Parish in Fairfield, St. Anne Parish in Sacramento, and Sacred Heart Parish in Anderson. Don't miss out on this opportunity to continue learning about your faith. To register visit <https://catholic.formstack.com/forms/bcrenewal>

myParish App

New Parish App coming soon! In the coming weeks, Sacred Heart will launch our own app for iPhones & Android smart phones. This will allow us to better communicate with you throughout the week and keep you updates with relevant parish news or updates. The app is very well designed and very intuitive. It will be a great resource for our parishioners by providing daily Mass readings, Catholic news and prayers, convenient prayer and Confession reminders, our bulletins and more. We hope for our new app to be a tool for fostering stronger parish life at Sacred Heart and better engaging the New Evangelization. Keep watch for our official launch announcement and date!

**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.*

*Change in location of Advent Taize Prayer

Because of the break-down of the furnace at St Peter's Episcopal Church, Friday night Advent Taize prayer will be held at the Presbyterian Church Chapel at 838 Jefferson until further notice.

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

Choose Life 2019

Choose Life is an educational and motivational program that includes a live ultrasound, delves into what it really means to be “pro-life,” and shows young people how they can make a real difference. Offered four times: On January 22 from 10 am – noon and then again from 6:30 – 8:30 pm in the Holy Rosary School Gym in Woodland, and **on January 23 from 10 am – noon in the Mercy High School Gym in Red Bluff** and then in the Our Divine Savior Parish Hall in Chico. Free admission. For more information and to register go to: www.scd.org/chooselife