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Office Hours: Tue.- Wed. 9am - 1pm

The Church is open

weekdays 7:30–6:30pm,

Saturdays & Sundays 7:30 - 5:15

“Are you the one who is to
come, or should we expect
someone else?” Jesus replied, “Go
back and report to John what you

the blind see

the lame walk
lepers are cured
the deaf hear
the dead are raised

**AND THE GOOD NEWS?
It is being preached
to the poor!**

Mt. 11:2-11



hear and see:

3rd Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday Dec 14, 2025

During the season of Advent, we
await the celebration of Christ's
birth and His coming again at the
end of time. Over four weeks, we
prepare our hearts for Christmas in
penitential reflection. But in the
middle of the season, Gaudete
Sunday calls us to rejoice in hope!
The Catholic Church uses the color
rose to indicate a joyful feast day.

Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Diaz #4

Office Manager: Chris Giacometti: #1

Mass times: #2

Youth Faith Formation: Jennifer Bedoka
#3

Executive Board: Tony
Madia/Chairperson, Linda Biondini/Vice
Chairperson, Katie Chase, Larry
Ruminson, Julie La Plante

Floral Decorations: Cesira Heric

Sacraments and Devotions

Reconciliation: Sundays: 9:45-10:15am, Thu
1-1:30

Marriage: One year notice to the pastor.

Infant Baptism: 1 month notice. The
preparation session will be in February. No date
set.

Anointing of the Sick: Please call Fr. Tom.
Usually, it is celebrated after 10:30 Sunday Mass

The Rosary: ½ hr. before weekday Masses.

Divine Chaplet: Tuesdays after the 12:15 Mass

The Welcoming Church: Sundays 1pm.

Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

Sat/Dec. 13 4pm Ints. of Priscilla Sagon

Sun/Dec. 14 8:30am People of the Parish
10:30am +Abel Sagon

Tue/Dec. 16 12:15pm +Joyce Varak

Wed/Dec. 17 8:15am Ints. of Diane Capitelli

Thu/Dec. 18 2:15pm +Abel Sagon

Fri/Dec. 19 8:15am +Christopher Anderson

Sat/Dec. 20 4pm Ints. of Charles McCollum

Sun/Dec. 21 8:30am People of the Parish
10:30am +Manuel Brasil

Events in the Parish

Sun/Dec. 14 9:30am SVDP Mtg/Hall

1pm Welcoming Church/Hall

Wed/Dec. 17 Noon Potluck Luncheon

Sat/Dec. 20 5:15pm La Posada

Stewardship

Plate: December 7th \$5,179. Collection for the
Immaculate Conception \$1,027. The 2nd
collection this weekend is for Building
Maintenance. We just received a work order
from Fire Safety for church mandatory sprinkler
upkeep and replacement. The work to be done
will be over \$6,00.00. As the church is over 20
years old, this is important. Please continue to
be generous!

Highlights from last Sunday's Reflection

- When you repent, are you telling people you are sorry?
- Repenting is challenging yourself to change from your heart to be more Christ like.
- Telling God, you are sorry for your sins without confession misses the point that you need the grace to be healed of your sinning, day in and day out.
- We need the sacrament of Reconciliation to help us sin no more.

Sunday Scripture Readings

Reading I: Isaiah 35:1-6A, 10, **Reading II:** James 5:7-10,

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

Sunday Reflection

No Offense, But... In the First Reading, the prophet Isaiah predicts that when the Messiah comes, he will make the blind see, the deaf hear, the mute speak, and the lame walk and leap. In the Gospel Reading, when John the Baptist sends his disciples to ask Jesus whether Jesus is the one the Israelites have been waiting for, Jesus says they should tell John that Jesus has done all these things and more. Even the dead are raised!

This is, of course, a spectacular list of wonders. Anyone who can make the blind see is amazing. Anyone who can raise the dead is working great miracles. And so, a person who does what Jesus did clearly has the power of God. For that reason, he is to be admired, loved, and feared.

If God is unknowable by you, then you don't have to worry about facing him on a daily basis.

So why does Jesus finish his list of miraculous deeds by saying "Blessed is the one who takes no offense at me?" *Offense? Offense at what?!*

Well, think about it this way. What is God anyway, philosophically? Pure act? Being itself? Utterly unknowable by us? Those phrases have a lot of dignity about them, don't they? Somehow, they seem worthy of the Deity. Why would we think our puny minds could know anything about something so magnificent, so great, as God? Why wouldn't God be something totally other than any of his creatures? But notice that it's hard to have a personal relationship with being itself, and pure act doesn't seem like a person who can seek you first. At any rate, if God is unknowable by you, then you don't have to worry about facing him on a daily basis. You can't face what you can't know.

And for how many people is that subterranean thought deeply comforting? But Christ wrecks it.

Christ is not unknowable, and he is not something abstract like being itself. He is a particular person, and he has a face. True, he is God incarnate, and his face is human. But, still, his face is the face of God. If you have seen me, you have seen the Father, Jesus tells Philip (John 14:9).

So, we can know God, and we can see God's face in the face of Jesus. God is present to us as a person in the person of Christ. And God in the person of Christ is always with us (Mt 28:20)! We can know him and face him every day.

Blessed is the one who takes no offense at this.

Eleonore Stump

Discussion Question: Who does God use to transform you and the world now?

Family Connection

It is easy to look at our world and become discouraged by the apparent absence of God and signs of God's salvation. Advent, however, is a season of hope, in which we acknowledge that salvation is both mysteriously present, even in our world, and yet to be fulfilled.

Read together today's Gospel. Think about John's question to Jesus: Are you the One? Jesus does not answer directly, but points to the signs of the kingdom present in his midst.

Together as a family, look through the newspaper for signs of hope that God is at work in our world. Pray that the world will know God's salvation by praying together the Lord's Prayer.

Faith Formation Ministry

Quote of the Week

"Let us prepare our hearts, not just our homes, for the coming of Christ, so that our family may be a place where His love is born anew." Pope Francis

Sunday, December 14th

9:30 am 2nd Year Confirmation Class

10:30 am Children's Liturgy of the Word

5 pm Youth Group/hall

-REMINDER TO BRING A GIFT TO EXCHANGE

\$20.00 Maximum-

5-6:30 pm Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level 3

No classes for Confirmation or Catechesis of Good Shepherd Level 3 on December 21st or December 28th.

(Classes resume January 11th)

Wednesday, December 17th

3-4:30 pm 1st and 2nd First Communion Class

3-4:30 pm Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level 3

NO Classes December 24th and December 31st

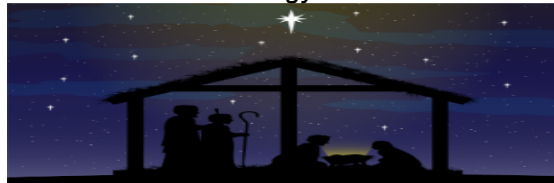
(Classes will resume January 7th)

Saturday, December 20th

10 am Nativity Practice

Sunday, December 21st

10:30 am Children's Liturgy of the Word



Faith Formation invites your family to join us for our youth Nativity Mass on December 24th at 4pm!

Email sesreled@gmail.com if you're interested in joining our ministry!

We congratulate Delilah Durham who was baptized last week, and her parents Dustin and Brianne.

The St Vincent de Paul Society will be collecting specific food & Dec 13/14: **1 box Hot Chocolate (8 Servings)** Food donations can be placed in the basket that is located next to the church bulletin board.

We are also asking for donations of **\$10 Scrip cards from Target or Wal-Mart for gifts for needy families.** Ornaments symbolizing our giving are to be put on the Christmas Tree

Potluck Luncheon this Wednesday, December 17th Hall

Come at noon and please bring an entrée or dessert to share.



Jo, Larry and Linda

Pastor's Corner

I want to thank those ladies who worked on our Christmas mailing. If you did not get one, the Christmas letter and schedule will be out next week. The Schedule is in the bulletin this weekend.

There is still time to buy a Poinsettia for the sanctuary. Sign-ups to donate are next to the Scrip table.

Church Calendars are available in the vestibule. Thank you to Brian and the 8:30 choir for the sung Vespers last week.

Some people have asked me what I want for Christmas...PRAYERS will do nicely!

THE CHRISTMAS SEASON SCHEDULE

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, December 30

11 am –12 pm with four priests available

Christmas Eve, Wednesday December 24

4 pm Children's Mass

8 pm Mass at Night

The Nativity of the Lord, Thursday December 25

8:30 & 10:30 am Masses

Feast of the Holy Family, Sunday December 28

Sat, 4 pm Vigil Mass, (Sun) 8:30 & 10:30 am Masses

The Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
Mother of God Thursday January 1



Wed, 4 pm Vigil Mass, (Thu) 9 & 12:15 pm Masses

Weekday Mass Schedule

Tuesdays, Dec 23, & Dec 30: 12:15 pm

Friday Dec 26, Wednesday Dec 31, & Friday Jan 2: 8:15 am

Regular Confession Times

**Sunday Dec 14, Sunday Dec 21, Sunday Dec 28:
9:45-10:15 am**

Thursday Dec 18: 1-1:30 PM

Please pray for the health intentions of: Sherman Chan, Gus Chang, Mary Couto, Patrick Dempsey, Lupita Diaz, Marcella Dorado, Anthony Eger, Evelyn Estrella, Jeanne Fields, Louise Galassi, Elsa Garcia, Dave Grundman, Theresa M, Nancy Keegan, Patricia Lauterjung, Kelly Limberg, Frank Manhoso, Charles Mc Collum, Larry Ng, Robert Perrill, Mary Piccioni, Lisa Rivas, Patricia Sack, Robert Scarpone, Kathleen Schick, Maureen Sheridan Scott, Dominique & Cecilia Tarrant, Jessica Thompson, Eliana Uribe-Santanelli, Malik Whitehorse and Marilyn and Ronald Wills.

If you want a name on the list, please call the office.

Please pray for the souls of Khanh Nguyen and Tranh Nguyen. Please keep their families in your prayers.

December 13th & 14th

4:00pm Mass

Readers: Linda Biondini, Liz Ritchie

EMS: Jovita Bishop, Dianne Foppoli, Beth Turegano

Ushers: Liz Ritchie, Bill Yates

Greeters: Roxanne Bialkoski, Pat Yates

8:30am Mass

Readers: Dolores Sanchez, Maureen Sheridan Scott

EMS: Armando Argueto, Larry Biondini, Mary Thayer



Simbang Gabi

JUBILEE YEAR CELEBRATION 2025 DIOCESAN-WIDE • MULTILINGUAL MASS SCHEDULE

DEC. 15 MONDAY | 6 PM

St. Joseph Parish, Middletown

21396 Hwy-175, Middletown, CA 95461

Celebrant: Fr. Lawrence Mendoza

Theme: Hope as our Anchor; Trusting God's Plan

DEC. 20 SATURDAY | 6 PM

Sacred Heart Parish, Eureka

2085 Myrtle Ave., Eureka, CA 95401

Celebrant: Fr. Bernard D'Sa

Theme: The Hope of the Poor: Justice and Equality

DEC. 21 SUNDAY | 7 PM

Holy Spirit Parish, Santa Rosa

1244 St. Francis Rd., Santa Rosa, CA 95409

Celebrant: Fr. Ron Serban

Theme: The Future of the Spirit: Dynamic and Active Hope

DEC. 22 MONDAY | 6 PM

St. James Catholic Church, Petaluma

125 Sonoma Mountain Pkwy., Petaluma, CA

Celebrant: Fr. Fabian Nworie

Theme: With Mary, Pilgrims of Hope: A Mother's Example

DEC. 23 TUESDAY | 6 PM

St. Francis Solano, Sonoma

469 Third St. West, Sonoma, CA 95476

Celebrant: Fr. Rowell Gumalay

Theme: Proclaiming the Dawn: Bearing witness to the World

A Filipino potluck follows after the celebration provided by the Filipino Parish Hosts. For more information please call: Fr. Rowell Gumalay (707) 714 7541


DEC. 19 FRIDAY | 7 PM

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Rohnert Park

4595 Snyder Ln., Rohnert Park, CA 94928

Celebrant: Fr. Thomas Diaz

Theme: New Creation and Renewal: Born Again in Hopen



Rejoice! Say to those whose hearts are frightened:
Be strong, fear not!
Here is your God, He comes to save you,
to crown you with everlasting joy!

Ministerio Hispano

**Acompáñanos este 20 de diciembre a La Posada Navideña después de misa de 4pm.
¡El padre Tom nos deleitará con un rico pozole! Si gustas traer aguinaldos por favor de mandar un texto a Erika Renteria al 707-490-7462 Gracias!! 🍷**

Come join us to celebrate La Posada on December 20th after the 4pm mass. Father Tom is going to treat us with a delicious pozole! If you would like to bring candy please text Erika 707-490-7462 Thank you!! 🍷

La Posada is about Mary and Joseph finding a place in an inn with songs.

