



DECEMBER 4, 2016

Saturday, December 3, 2016 5:00 PM Frank Rete (D) By Lucy Silverio	Saturday, December 10, 2016 5:00 PM Happy Birthday Valentin Perez By Parents
Sunday, December 4, 2016 8:00 AM Yolanda Villanueva (D) By Juan/Felisa Navarro	Sunday, December 11, 2016 8:00 AM Frank Martinez (D) By Family
9:30 AM Christen Ybarra (D) By Vanessa/Bill/Amy	9:30 AM Juan Cortez (D) By Family
PRO POPOLO	11:00 AM Guadalupe Ortiz (D) By Family
11:00 AM Arnold & Christina Fernandez (D) Por Ruth Fernandez Dolan	3:00 PM Anointing Mass
WEEKDAY MASSES 7:30 AM	WEEKDAY MASSES
Monday, December 5, 2016 Ernest & Rosie Lencioni (D) By Elaine Lencioni	6:00 PM Virgen of Guadalupe Monday, December 12, 2016 Marcelino G. Villalobos, Sr. (D) By Gene Correia Family
Tuesday, December 6, 2016 Luigi Capozzi (D) By Parishioner	7:30 AM Tuesday, December 13, 2016 Marcelino Villalobos, Sr. (D) By Manuel/Joanne Caetano
Wednesday, December 7, 2016 No Mass	Wednesday, December 14, 2016 No Mass
Thursday, December 8, 2016 Happy Birthday Dolores Negrete	Thursday, December 15, 2016 Marcelino Villalobos, Sr. (D) By George/Dorothy Atkinson
5:15 PM Holy Day Joe Camacho (D) By Blasa Camacho	Friday, December 16, 2016 Frank Lucero (L) By Lucero Family
Friday, December 9, 2016 Jack Ventura (D) By P.F.S.A.	

In Our Thoughts & Prayers
We pray for our parishioners who are sick and home-bound in convalescent homes, in hospitals. Please pray that God gives them strength, courage, and patience.
Oremos por todo aquellas que estan enfermos, en asilos y hospitales. Oremos para que Dios les de fuerza, confianza y paciencia.

Second Collection/Segunda Colecta
Building Fund/Fondo de Edificio

Last week's collection/ Colecta de la semana pasada: \$2,804.00
Maintenance & Repair/Mantenimiento y Reparacion \$792.00

Next week's collection/Proxima semana colecta:
Retired Religious/Fondo para la Jubilacion de Religiosos

Thank you for your continued generosity.
Mil gracias que Dios bendiga por su generosidad.



2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance." John the Baptist does not mince words. He tells it like it is. When the hypocritical Pharisees and Sadducees show up piously for baptism, John calls them out, saying, *"You brood of vipers!"* Not welcoming words, to say the least. Then he tells them that being part of the religious club (i.e., children of Abraham) isn't enough. No, *"every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."*

It can be easy to join John in pointing fingers at those self-righteous religious leaders. But we're usually not so quick to point fingers at ourselves. On this Second Sunday of Advent, as we seek to prepare for the coming of Christ, we also need to hear John's solemn warning. How are we like these Pharisees? How have we excused ourselves because we are part of the "club," because we are baptized Christians, regular churchgoers, better than others, or whatever justification we use to declare ourselves in good shape? How have we failed to produce good fruit by being satisfied with a comfortable life and a routine practice of the faith? What do we need to change? Where do we need to grow? How do we need to reach out and serve others, to sacrifice sinful behaviors, to delve deeper into our love for the Lord?

John preaches today that God will *"gather his wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."* Advent is a gift from the Church--a time to renew our spiritual life by getting rid of the chaff in our souls and producing instead a fruitful harvest. Now is the time to do this work. As John tells us, *"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"*



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 4, 2016

Sunday:	Is 11:1-10/Ps 72/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12
Monday:	Is 35:1-10/Ps 85/Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday:	Is 40:1-11/Ps 96/Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday:	Is 40:25-31/Ps 103/Mt 11:28-30
Thursday:	Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Friday:	Is 48:17-19/Ps 1/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday:	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Next Sunday:	Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11



LAS LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA DEL 4 DE DICIEMBRE DE 2016

Domingo:	Is 11, 1-10/Sal 72/Rom 15, 4-9/Mt 3, 1-12
Lunes:	Is 35, 1-10/Sal 85/Lc 5, 17-26
Martes:	Is 40, 1-11/Sal 96/Mt 18, 12-14
Miércoles:	Is 40, 25-31/Sal 103/Mt 11, 28-30
Jueves:	Gn 3, 9-15. 20/Sal 98/Ef 1, 3-6. 11-12/Lc 1, 26-38
Viernes:	Is 48, 17-19/Sal 1/Mt 11, 16-19
Sábado:	Ecl 48, 1-4. 9-11/Sal 80/Mt 17, 9. 10-13
Domingo siguiente:	Is 35, 1-6. 10/Sal 146/Sant 5, 7-10/Mt 11, 2-11



HOLY DAY MASS
7:30 AM
5:15 PM

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2016
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

JOIN CPBC FOR BREAKFAST
Our annual Christmas party is Friday, December 9, 2016 at 7:20-8:30 am at Pardini's Banquet Room. Non-members cost \$22, for members \$17. RSVP, call Lourdes 559-434-2722 by Wednesday noon, December 7th. Please bring an unwrapped toy as a Christmas present for a needy child.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS
Please support next week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious, and give to those who have given a lifetime. Your gift works for elderly religious by helping to furnish medications, nursing care, and more.

BLOOD DRIVE

Give blood. Help save a life! The Central California Blood Center will be in Easton on December 11th from 9 am until noon on the west corner of Lincoln and Elm.



2^o DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

La figura y mensaje central de este Segundo Domingo de Adviento es Juan Bautista. Su llamada a la conversión y al mismo tiempo su mensaje de la cercanía de Dios es clave para entrar al Reino de los cielos. El significado de la conversión que él anuncia quiere decir abrirse a Dios y no debe quedar reducida a un cambio de conducta minimizada tan solo para tranquilizar la conciencia. Para llegar a una verdadera conversión debemos de vivir sintiendo que Dios está próximo y que debe de prepararse el camino de abrirle paso y que sea el centro de nuestra vida. Preparar es responsabilidad de todos ya que la conversión es personal y comunitaria. El profeta Isaías lo explica así: *"Una voz clama en el desierto: Preparen el camino del Señor, enderecen sus senderos"* (Mt 3, 3).

¿Es el Adviento tiempo de tensión o nos lleva a buscar a Dios? Ahora es el tiempo de pedir el Espíritu de sabiduría, inteligencia, prudencia y valentía. No hay que dormimos en nuestros laureles, es tiempo de despertar, es tiempo de luchar por la paz y la justicia. Teniendo siempre presente que al tomar responsabilidad de mi propia conversión ya estoy comprometiendo mi vida al encuentro con Dios. Entonces, no perdamos el tiempo en cosas pequeñas. Vamos a lo grande a dar fruto abundante de los dones que hemos recibido de Dios ya desde nuestro bautismo. No, nos vaya a pasar que: *"Ya el hacha está puesta a la raíz de los árboles, y todo árbol que no dé fruto, será cortado y arrojado al fuego"* (Mt 3, 10). ¡Al contrario, hacer ver con obras nuestra conversión! Es nuestra misión.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION DAY

Next Monday, December 5, 2016 food will be distributed in front of the Presbyterian Church in Easton at 1:00 pm.

HEALING RETREAT

"Healing the Wounds of the Weary", a retreat to experience the Healing Compassion of Jesus December 9-11, 2016. Presented at St. Anthony Retreat Center, Three Rivers, CA. Cost \$195 per person. More info, please call 559-824-0732 Holy Cross Ministries.

HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

The Refugee Crisis and Human Rights: Global and Local Perspectives. When? December 10, 2016 8:30 am-1:00 pm Where? Fresno State, North gym room 118. Free and open to the public. More info, contact Kapoor at skapoor334@gmail.com

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Each parish is assigned a target amount to collect for the 2016-2017 BAA. The target amount for our parish is \$5,221.00. You can participate in this missionary activity by supporting the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Thank you for your pledge to support this appeal. You may make your check out to St. Jude. The mailer/brochures are available in the church foyer. No gift is too small!

SAFE ENVIRONMENT CLASS

There will be a Safe Environment Class offered on Sunday, December 11, 2016 at 1:00 pm in our St. Jude Hall. All church volunteers are required to attend SE class. If you have not had a chance to attend the class, please call the office to reserve a spot.

LECTOR WORKBOOK

The 2017 Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers, and Proclaimers of the Word may be picked up in the sacristy.

SACRAMENTS

Christ gave us the sacraments as a real means of attaining the graces we need to get to heaven, and in the Church we find ready access to them. Baptism, Eucharist, Confession, Confirmation, and Marriage forgive our sins, feed our souls, and help us to grow in holiness.

HOLIDAY CONCERT 2016

Baritone singer, Earl Meyers, will present a free concert December 10, 2016 at 4 pm at Fresno Westside Seventh-day Adventist Church, 2750 MLK, Jr. Boulevard.

How are you preparing the way for the Lord? What needs straightening in your life? Call on God in prayer to help you.

Matthew 3:1-12

COMIDA



Comida sera distribuido el lunes, 5 de diciembre. Venga el lunes a las 1:00 pm en la esquina de Elm, en frente de la Iglesia Presbyterian en la calle de Elm.

NOVENA

A Nuestra Patrona La Virgen de Guadalupe te invitamos a participar cada noche antes de 11 de diciembre a las 6:30 pm en la iglesia. Te esperamos.

NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE, 12 de Diciembre

MISA: Iglesia de Nuestra Señora de la Asuncion, Misa 6:00 AM

MISA: Iglesia de San Judas, Easton 6:00 PM

CAMPAÑA PARA COLECTAR ALIMENTOS

Gracias por la comida que trajeste para ayudar con las canastas de Dia de Accion. Recuerde empacar alimentos no peredederos y llevarlos a nuestra iglesia para ayudar familias en el dia de Navidad. Si usted necesita comida, por favor llame Hortensia 559-355-5665 para una cita con ella.

COMPARTA SU CUIDADO

Necesitas su contribución para el cuidado de nuestros hermanos, hermanas, y sacerdotes jubilados. Que Dios le bendiga por su reglo. Nuestros religiosos jubilados le incluirán en sus oraciones.

LA CAMPAÑA ANUAL 2016-2017 DEL OBISPO

Ustedes pueden participar en la campaña anual del Obispo. Ustedes pueden usar el folleto proporcionado, o pueden hacer su donacion monetaria del Internet: www.diocesoeffresno.org/baa ¡Que Dios les bendiga por su generosidad!

ATENCION LOS LECTORES

Los Manuales para Proclamadores de la Palabra ahora estan en la sacristia. Por favor coge una con su nombre. Muchas gracias por su participacion en este ministerio.

¿Quién anunciará a Cristo en nuestro mundo?

Considera la vocación de sacerdote, hermano o hermana religiosa.

Mateo 3:10-12.