

**Mass Intentions for the Week**  
**Intenciones de las Misas por la Semana**



**Sat. Dec. 15**  
 5:00 PM: Maria Labanderia (D) by Our Lady of Fatima Com.

**Sun. Dec. 16**  
 8:00 AM: Pro Popolo  
 9:30 AM: Victoria Santellano (D) by Lilo/Ida Santellano  
 11:00 AM: Luis Felipe Diaz Valadez (D) de Esposa y Hijos  
 1:00 PM: (OLA) Almas en Pena

**Mon. Dec. 17**  
 7:30 AM: Gonsalo Arias (D) by Lucy Silverio

**Tues. Dec. 18**  
 7:30 AM: Fred Machado (D) by Knights of Columbus

**Wed. Dec. 19**  
 7:30 AM: Margie Lopes (D) by Dorothy Castro

**Thurs. Dec. 20**  
 7:30 AM: Fred Machado (D) by Kevin/Debbie Gallaher

**Fri. Dec. 21**  
 7:30 AM: Eusebio Silverio (D) by Lucy Silverio

**Sat. Dec. 22**  
 5:00 PM: Happy Birthday Erma Ortiz (L) by Joe/Mary Rossotti

**Sun. Dec. 23**  
 8:00 AM: Elsie, Gene, Gene, Jr. Correia (D) by Family  
 9:30 AM: Jess Negrete (D) by Dolores Negrete  
 11:00 AM: Maria Elvira Perez (D) by Hijos y familia  
 1:00 PM: (OLA) Lopez Ponce (D) by Antonio Ponce Rodriguez

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 16, 2018**

Monday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17  
 Tuesday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25  
 Wednesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25  
 Thursday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38  
 Friday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45  
 Saturday: 1Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-56

**LAS LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA DEL 16 DE DICIEMBRE**

Domingo: Sof 3, 14-18/Is 12, 2-3. 4. 5-6 [6]/Flp 4, 4-7/Lc3, 10-18  
 Lunes: Gn 49, 2. 8-10/Sal 72, 1-2. 3-4. 7-8. 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1, 1-17  
 Martes: Jr 23, 5-8/Sal 72, 1-2. 12-13. 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1, 18-24  
 Miércoles: Jue 13, 2-7. 24-25/Sal 71, 3-4. 5-6. 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lc1, 5-25  
 Jueves: Is 7, 10-14/Sal 24, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6 [cf. 7 y 10]/Lc1, 26-38  
 Viernes: Cant 2, 8-14 o Sof 3, 14-18/Sal 33, 2-3. 11-12. 20-21 [1; 3]/Lc1, 39-45  
 Sábado: 1 Sm 1, 24-28/1 Sm 2, 1. 4-5. 6-7. 8 [cf. 1]/Lc1, 46-56

**YOUR WEEKLY GIVING + SU OFERTA SEMENAL**  
**December 9th, 2018**

St. Jude: \$2,965.50 OLA: \$747.00

*May the Lord bless you for your continued generosity.*  
*Que el Señor les bendiga por su fiel generosidad.*

**DECEMBER 16, 2018**

**3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

In Christianity, we hear often about the "Good News." We might often associate it with Jesus' compassion to the poor, his healings and miracles, and the salvation he won for us. In today's Gospel, we read of John the Baptist. "Exhorting them in many other ways, he preached good news to the people." Yet as we examine the rest of the reading, we see examples of John's preaching. If you have two cloaks, give one away. Don't cheat others out of their money, extort, or lie. And, of course, the warning that the Messiah is on the move and "his winnowing fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Merry Christmas?

Not only do John's listeners enjoy his message, but they seem to think he might be the awaited Messiah! To understand today's Gospel, it's important to understand the Jewish people. For most of their history, God's chosen people had been under someone else's heel. They were slaves in Egypt. Their kingdoms were ravaged first by the Assyrians, then the Babylonians. Now they were under the yoke of the Roman Empire. Familiar with being strangers in a strange land, welcoming the stranger, caring for the vulnerable, and enacting justice was incredibly important to them as a people. While John's words may seem odd or strong to our modern ears, this call to justice was welcome, even if it was directed at the hearer.

The truth is, no one is exempt from John's call to repentance. We all have further to go in the Christian life. We can all grow in virtue and love our neighbors more generously. The Church gives us the Advent season to examine our own hearts. Did any of John's warnings resonate with you? That could be a great thing to bring to Jesus this week!

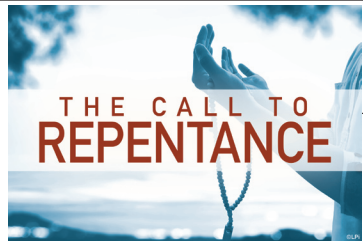
**16 DE DICIEMBRE**  
**3º DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO**



*¡Alégrese y Goza!*

La salvación que Dios anuncia en este tercer domingo de Adviento trae consigo una profunda alegría. Las lecturas de hoy son clave para profundizar en lo que es la alegría de Dios. Es el domingo de alegría. En latín, "Gaudete," cuyo significado es "alégrese". El profeta Sofonías lo dice así: ¡Grita de gozo, oh hija de Sión,... Regocíjate y que tu corazón esté de fiesta! (Sofonías 3:14). San Pablo lo describe con inmenso gozo de la siguiente manera: "Estén siempre alegres en el Señor; se los repito, estén alegres y tengan buen trato con todos" (Filipenses 4:4). La repetición que hace Pablo hace énfasis en esa alegría que da la paz de Dios, a pesar de los acontecimientos contrarios a lo que vivimos.

¿A dónde debo llevar la alegría que Dios me da? ¿Cómo podemos recuperar la alegría en este Adviento tan comercializado? El Evangelio nos da la respuesta; el Bautista exhorta a la conversión, y sin esa conversión, no puede existir la alegría que es el fruto de las buenas obras. Todos debemos de compartir con los más necesitados: ropa, comida y nuestros bienes, pero, sobre todo, dar la bienvenida al extranjero y al refugiado. ¡Ahora es el tiempo! Ayúdanos Señor a abrir nuestros corazones a las necesidades de otros. Cambia nuestros corazones de piedra por unos más humanos. Que con tu gracia sepamos hacer lo que está bien. Martin Luther King decía: "Siempre es el momento apropiado para hacer lo que es correcto". ¡Ven Señor, ayúdanos a dar alegría y esperanza en todo momento!



**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**  
**HORARIO DE NAVIDAD**

**Confessions + Confesiones**

**December – 19th – Diciembre**  
 11:00am – 12:00pm (St. Jude)  
 5:30pm – 7:00pm (N. Sra. de la Asunción)

**December – 20th – Diciembre**  
 11:00am – 12:00pm (N. Sra. de la Asunción)  
 5:30pm – 7:00pm (St. Jude)

**December – 21st – Diciembre**  
 11:00am – 12:00pm (St. Jude)  
 5:30pm – 7:00pm (N. Sra. de la Asunción)

**December – 22nd – Diciembre**  
 3:00pm – 4:45pm (St. Jude)



**Masses + Misas**

**Dec./Dic. 24th:**  
**Christmas Eve/Vispera de la Navidad**  
 5:00 PM – Vigil Mass (St. Jude)  
 12:00 AM – Midnight Mass/ Misa del Gallo (St. Jude)

**Dec./Dic. 25th: Christmas Day/Navidad**

9:30 AM – Mass (St. Jude)  
 11:00 AM – Misa (San Judas)  
 1:00 PM – Misa (N. Sra. de la Asunción)

**Dec. 29th & 30th: Feast of the Holy Family**  
**Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia**

Regular Sunday Schedule/Horario normal del Domingo  
**Dec./Dic. 31st: New Year's Eve/Vispera del Año Nuevo**  
 7:30 AM – Mass (Daily Mass)  
 7:00 PM – Misa de Vigilia (N. Sra. de la Asunción)

**Jan. 1st: New Year's Day/Día del Año Nuevo**  
**(Mary, Mother of God/Maria, Madre de Dios)**

9:30 AM – Mass (St. Jude)  
 11:00 AM – Misa (San Judas)

**CANASTAS DE COMIDA**

Gracias a todos por contribuir con comida para las canastas del Día de Acción de Gracias. Pude ayudar a 20 familias. Por favor continúen trayendo comida para nuestras canastas navideñas. Para aquellos que no se inscribieron en una canasta de alimentos en noviembre, puede venir a las 16 de diciembre 2018 de 10:30 a 12 pm. Si tiene alguna pregunta por favor llámeme **Hortensia Contreras at 559 355-5665.**

**LA PASTORELA**

Acompáñenos a disfrutar de esta bella historia que es el nacimiento del Niño Jesús el 15 y 16 de Diciembre – 7:00 P.M. El Salón de la Iglesia de Santa Ana: 3047 W. Mt. Whitney Ave. – Riverdale. Las presentaciones serán en Español e Inglés. Se servirá unos refrescos.

**LA MISA DE ANIVERSARIO DEL**  
**DÍA MUNDIAL DEL MATRIMONIO 2019**

La misa con el Obispo Armando Xavier Ochoa, D.D. será celebrada con las **Parejas de Aniversarios** el Domingo, **10 de Febrero, 2019**, a las 3:00 pm en la Parroquia de **San Antonio de Padua en Fresno**. Las Parejas casadas celebrando aniversarios de 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 o más años están invitadas a registrarse directamente por correo electrónico [edith@diocesoeffresno.org](mailto:edith@diocesoeffresno.org) o por teléfono comunicándose con **Rosie Mercado (559) 488-7474 ext. 103**. Hay una cuota de registración de \$10.00 Las Registraciones ya están abiertas y **terminan el 31 de enero, 2019.**

**SECOND COLLECTION- TODAY**  
**RETIRED RELIGIOUS**

Thank you for your generosity.

**SEGUNDA COLECTA - HOY - FONDO**  
**JUBILACION DE RELIGIOSOS**

Nuestros religiosos jubilados le incluirán en sus oraciones.

*God gives you a mission.*  
*How will you respond? Rejoice in the Spirit who is at work in you.*  
**Isaiah 61-2, 10-11**

**FOOD BASKETS**

Thank you for contributing food for the Thanksgiving baskets. We were able to help 20 families. Please continue to bring food for the Christmas baskets. For those that did not sign up for a food basket in November you can come on December 16, 2018 from 10:30 to 12 pm to register. Any questions, please call **Hortensia Contreras at 559 355-5665.**

**ADULT SACRAMENT CLASS**

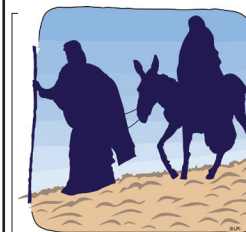
No class until January 3, 2019. The next class will be on **"The Theology of the Body"** All are welcome to come to the classes held on Thursdays to hear the Good News.

**"NEW WAY TO LOVE"**

A **Marriage Enrichment Retreat** is offered **January 4-6, 2019** at St. Anthony's Retreat at **Three Rivers** by Ellen Truschel, a licenced Marriage and Family Therapist. Share with her five strategies: Rediscover, Restore, Rekindle, Reset, and Renew to restore hope to relationships that matter most. \$520 per couple. Cost includes room and meals. For more info, call **559 561-4595** or email [barbara@stanthonytretreat.org](mailto:barbara@stanthonytretreat.org)

**BLOOD DRIVE**

**Give Blood. Give Love. Save 3 Lives. Every donation helps.** Mark your calendar for **Sunday, January 6th**. Stop at the Mobile Unit at the corner of Lincoln & Elm, **Easton** from **9:00 am until noon**.



**LAS POSADAS**

Throughout the world, there are many different traditions associated with Christmas. Las Posadas is celebrated throughout Latin America. "Posada" is Spanish for "inn." Over the course of nine nights, local groups reenact the Holy Family's search for lodging in Bethlehem. Children dress as Mary and Joseph, angels, shepherds, and Wise Men. They go from home to home singing Christmas carols throughout the neighborhood. After several "rejections," the final home welcomes the group for a party. Las Posadas is a social event, a family gathering, and a moral lesson. Las Posadas reminds participants of the importance of hospitality and welcome to those in need.

**2019 WORLD MARRIAGE DAY ANNIVERSARY**

This anniversary mass with Bishop Armando X. Ochoa, D.D. will be celebrated with **Anniversary Couples** on Sunday, **February 10, 2019**, 3:00 pm at **Saint Anthony of Padua Parish** in Fresno. Married Couples celebrating anniversaries of 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 or more years are invited to register directly at this link: <https://form.jotform.com/80535625039154> or by e-mail or telephone with Rosie Mercado: [edith@diocesoeffresno.org](mailto:edith@diocesoeffresno.org); **(559) 488-7474 ext. 103**. There is a \$10.00 fee to help defray the cost of the event. Registration will **close on January 31, 2019.**

