“To know Christ better, live as He calls us to live, and make Him better known.”

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF PLEASANTON

DECEMBER 3, 2017  FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

HOPE

Pastor’s Corner
My brothers and sisters,

We begin the Season of Advent with a great deal happening in the Tri-Valley. Life and living it well is not easy, especially for our less fortunate brothers and sisters. Not only does this need to be discussed, but actual concrete assistance needs to be provided. The Catholic Community of Pleasanton has always been and continues to be exceedingly generous, recognizing that “there but for the grace of God go I.” In this season, we continue our CCOP tradition of “giving”, “serving” and “sharing”, so that this community and our extended community can take steps to live together in Christ making His values ours. We share the graces that God has given us.

Last weekend, I expressed my gratitude for so much “giving” from our Parish. This behavior is a tangible sign of who we are at our core. It’s more than a good act; these acts flow from the goodness of our core in Christ. We do these things because of who we are. So, thank you for...

- The 2212 members who make-up the 450 families that the Catholic Community of Pleasanton has adopted – 1214 are children

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and 65 are seniors or homebound.

- The joy of a father who can provide a Christmas for his family.
- The care of a mother who can dress her kids in new warm clothes.
- The student who can do his/her homework on a tablet or laptop.

And there are still other opportunities to “give,” “serve”, and “share”. Please prayerfully consider these other opportunities.

**The North Bay Fire Victims**

The North Bay fires directly affected ten of the families CCOP has adopted. They have lost their homes and their needs are basic and profound. Gift cards will allow them to buy the items that are most needed at the moment.

- Buy a gift card (i.e. Target, Walmart, VISA). Any and all cash donations are also welcome.
- Donations will be distributed among the ten families.
- Drop off donations at the St. Augustine Rectory or St. Elizabeth Seton office.
- Please note any donations to "Giving Tree Fire Victims". **Deadline is December 7th.**

**Wish List Specialty Items -**

Take a look at the items at www.signupgenius.com/go/9040e48ad002ba64-ccop2 and consider selecting an item that adopted family members have on their wish lists. You can also find this link on the website.

- Deliver the purchased (or gently used) item to the Rectory garage during the posted collection hours (see website).
- It will be matched to someone who has requested that item, and has not received it.
- Note any cash/check donations to "Giving Tree wish list". **Deadline is December 9th.**

We are the righteousness of God alive in the world and in the Tri-Valley. We live this by “giving,” “serving” and “sharing”.

Fr. Paul
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**MASS INTENTIONS**

- Ralph Biancalana, Juanito & Pomposa Ybanez, Renaldo Failano, Jovita Tice & Ngo Kun
- Charles Sebahar Jr.
- Kevin Gourley
- Brian Vargas
- Ruthé Castro
- For the People

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- Concern America Fair Trade Craft Sale
- Knights of Columbus Donut Social
- Children's Liturgy of the Word
- St. Vincent de Paul
- Toddler Playgroup
- Al-Anon Meeting
- Adult Choir Rehearsal
- Rosary
- SPRED Liturgy
- Knights of Columbus Officers Mtg.
- Employment Connections
- RCIA
- Rosary & Angelus
- Eucharistic Adoration
- Children's Choir Rehearsal
- Legion of Mary
- Teen Choir Rehearsal
- Children's Liturgy of the Word
- Shop and Drop!
- 1st Reconciliation Celebration
- Reconciliation
- M.O.M.S.
- Children's Liturgy of the Word
- Breakfast with Santa
- ICF Nativity Display
- Children's Liturgy of the Word
- ICF Nativity Setup
Scripture Readings
December 10
Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
2 Peter 3:8-14
Mark 1:1-8

Holy Day of Obligation
Friday, December 8 is a Holy Day of Obligation, in honor of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Mass schedule is as follows:

St. Augustine 8:30 AM and 7:30 PM
St. Elizabeth Seton 12:10 PM and 6:00 PM

Breakfast With Santa
The Knights of Columbus are hosting Breakfast with Santa on Sunday, December 10, 9:00 AM to Noon at St. Augustine Hall

Calling all Giving Tree Elves
Drivers are needed on Sunday, December 10, to help load trucks and then deliver the Giving Tree gifts to the Parishes we support. If you have a truck, van, SUV or trailer, your assistance is very much needed and appreciated. We will begin loading promptly at 12 Noon in the parking lot of St. Augustine Church, near the Rectory garage.

If you need information or would like to sign-up, contact CCOPGivingTreeDrivers@gmail.com.

Poinsettias Needed
Poinsettias of any color are needed for the Christmas environment in both Churches. Your donation of one or more nice looking 6", 8" or 10" pots of poinsettias will be greatly appreciated and will provide great color to our worship spaces this Christmas. Your poinsettia (s) can be dropped off at St. Augustine Church NO LATER than Friday, December 22. If you have questions, contact Deacon Gary at gwortham@catholicsofpleasanton.org.

Advent Reconciliation Services
St. Augustine and St. Elizabeth Seton Churches

Individual Reconciliation
Saturday, December 16, 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

St. Augustine Church
Youth & Family Reconciliation
Saturday, December 16, 10:00 AM

Adult Reconciliation
Thursday, December 21, 7:30 PM

Advent Morning of Reflection
Our Advent Morning of Reflection with Fr. Chris will take place on December 9, 10:00 AM at SES Church. This is a great opportunity to focus ourselves during the great season of Advent!

Annual Nativity Display
Sunday, December 10, 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM
St. Elizabeth Seton Chapel

The Italian Catholic Federation will have displays of nativity scenes from all over the world this Christmas season. Your displays are welcome! Please R.S.V.P. Nancy Navarini at (925) 640-6334 or na.navarini@gmail.com.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK
Violet Leigh Campbell  Rosemary Reid  Teodora Manuntag  Lisa Norton  Beverly Page  Rev. Anthony Drummer  Emerinciana Tino
Leonard Stout  Rose Salgado  Susan Jacinto  Josefin Pantig  Rose Lionson  Earlette Wortham  Fr. Terry Tompkins
Diane Brown  Steve Barth  Hannah Hugill  Richard Patton  Cynthia Gibson  June Willis  Annette Langer

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Betty Furguson  Esperanza Sanchez  Paul Fitzgerald  Isabel Granada  Vincent Amith  Gregg Vera Cruz  Emmanuel Mariano
Diane Brown  Steve Barth  Hannah Hugill  Richard Patton  Cynthia Gibson  June Willis  Annette Langer
Vineyard Branches SCC
The Vineyard Branches SCC’s Christmas Party is Sunday, December 17 from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM at the home of Bill and Fran Hirst. All are welcome. If you will be attending, please bring a finger food and RSVP to Fran at (925) 846-3605.

Toys for Children
The Catholic Detention Ministry is collecting toys for children of the inmates at Santa Rita Jail. Any excess toys will be brought to UCSF Benioff Children’s Hospital in Oakland and to the children of migrant workers. The toys are for children ages 0-12 and need to be NEW and UNWRAPPED. There are bins in the vestibule of both churches. The bins will be picked up on Thursday, December 14 (last day for donations) and brought to the jail. The children will receive the toys on December 16 & 17.

For more information, contact Richard Denoix at (925)-367-5833.

Know Your Rights!
Sunday, December 3, 2:00 PM –5:00 PM
Learn About your Constitutional Rights
St. Bartholomew’s Episcopal Church
67 Enos Way, Livermore, CA
For more information, call (408) 839-0234.

Adult Confirmation
Adults interested in preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation, please contact Matt Gray at (925) 202-5425 for more information.

RCIA: Come and See
The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process that adults complete to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Please contact Matt Gray, (925) 202-5425 or mgray@catholicsofpleasanton.org.

Employment Connections
1st Monday of each month at 7:00 PM
St Elizabeth Seton Church—Room B
Our focus is on where you as an individual are in your job search today. We address those issues you need direction on today and offer job search guidance, resource information, networking, inspiration and support in a safe environment. We welcome everyone in need of help with their job search to join us. Join our LinkedIn Group: Employment Connection CCOP or contact Mike Machi at (925) 462-9765.

Simbang Gabi
St. Augustine Church
December 16, 6:00 AM
The Filipino Community of CCOP invites you to celebrate SIMBANG GABI Mass at dawn as we watch, wait and look forward to the Birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. We'll have fellowship and breakfast following the Mass at the Parish Hall. For more information, contact Remy Carpizo at (925) 846-8679.
The Hispanic Ministry invites you to celebrate an important day honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe. All celebrations will take place at St. Augustine Church, 3999 Bernal Ave, Pleasanton, CA 94566.

**Tuesday, December 12**

**Serenade to Our Lady of Guadalupe:**
6:00am-7:30 am
(Light refreshments to be served after)

**Bilingual Mass Celebration: 6:00 pm**
(Light refreshments to be served after in hall)

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**Martes, 12 de Diciembre**

**Mañanitas a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe:**
6:00 am - 7:30 am
(Refrigerio después de servicio)

**Misa Bilingüe: 6:00 pm**
(Refrigerio después del servicio en el salon de la iglesia)