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

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF PLEASANTON

Pastor’s Corner

My Brothers and Sisters,

Advent, the very thoughtful journey of the Church to Christmas, begins next weekend. Before the middle of the fourth century, there were no liturgical seasons, such as Advent or Lent, or any idea of a “liturgical year”, something many Christians take for granted today. Easter was the central focus of the Christian year, along with the Sunday gatherings, considered “little Easters.” Advent is first noted around the year 350, about the same time Christmas is first mentioned as being celebrated.

As in the other yearly liturgical cycles, the readings of this Advent season reflect a movement through four weeks from God coming into the world surprisingly and shockingly to the more intimate and beautiful stories, including Mary as a central figure, in the fourth Sunday that prepare us for God’s incarnation in the most unexpected and unpredictable manner - as an infant in an

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occupied country to a poor and unwed teenager.

All three of the readings this Sunday are messages of encouragement and future hope. Jeremiah prophesies to Israel and Judah that God’s appointed one will bring in a reign of justice, righteousness and safety. Paul, writing to the very young Christian community in Thessalonica, prays they might be strengthened in their faith and abounding in love as they patiently wait for the coming of the Lord. While Jesus’ words of warning in the Gospel might seem stern, they are not nearly as harsh as the same message from Mark (read last Advent).

What we need to do at the Catholic Community of Pleasanton is allow our worship to stimulate our preparations for Christmas. That’s more than a change in colors (purple) and the lighting of an Advent wreath. To watch and to wait for the coming of the Lord this Advent is the Lord’s invitation to realize that if the miraculous is to take place, such as the birth of our savior, I need to slow down to absorb reality around me. This means to take time to pray. One manner of prayer is to use a daily meditation to start the day. The “Little Book” series that we provide each Advent is a way for individuals and Small Communities – committees, neighborhoods, intergenerational faith families and others – to pray the season and hear the invitation to slow down.

It is my hope that in the midst of everything going on in our world, our country, our state and the Tri-Valley– we choose not to run but to stop and see the signs that invite us to be prepared to receive the Lord.

May this Advent be one that ushers peace into our lives. That can truly happen if we just take the time to journey with the sacred stories of our ancestors proclaimed at Mass and receive the Body and Blood of Christ, the heart of who we are. This is all about getting ready for Him. Let Advent begin....

Fr. Paul
## Mass Intentions

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Scripture Readings
December 2
Jeremiah 33:14-16
1 Thessalonians 3:12—4:2

Camp Fire Victims
If you missed the 2nd collection this weekend for the Camp Fire victims, you can drop off financial donations at either parish office. Please make any checks payable to CCOP and notate “Camp Fire” in the memo section. You can also give online at our website by clicking on the Camp Fire link on the homepage. 100% of all proceeds will go to help those directly affected by the fire.

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

Breakfast with Santa
Pictures with Santa will be taken from 9:30 AM to Noon, donations are welcome. Please help spread Joy and The Spirit of the Season by bringing a new unwrapped toy to donate to the Santa Rita Jail Ministry.

Giving Tree
There are more ways to help and we need volunteers this Week!

Wish List Specialty Items
Go to our website for more details.

Drivers Are Needed
Drivers are needed on Sunday, December 9, to help load trucks and 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.

Drop Off Dates at the Rectory garage
Saturday, December 1 through Saturday, December 8, more details to follow.

Tamale Sale
December 2
After 8:00 AM and 10:00AM Masses

The Hispanic Ministry of CCOP invites you to a Tamale Sale!! All proceeds go to benefit the Celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe!

Place your order while supplies last!! If you are interested in reserving your tamales by the dozen, please email Olivia Negrete at olivia.negrete@yahoo.com BEFORE Monday, November 19. Come and join us! All are welcome!

Infant & Toddler Playgroup
Tuesdays at 10:00 AM
St. Augustine Hall, Room 13

Giving Pre-K children in our community a casual setting to play, learn and socialize in a Christ-centered environment while providing a forum of support, friendship and fellowship for parents/caregivers.

Concert: The East Bay Singers “The Journey Home”
St. Augustine Church
Saturday, December 1 @ 7:30 p.m.
Comprised of CSUEB students, the East Bay Singers will sing songs that describe the yearning for a home real and imagined, new and old, worldly and spiritual. Tickets are $10 in advance, $15 at the door. Children & Students are FREE Please go o to csueastbaytickets.com

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK
Steve Adams
Demetrio Lozares
Kevin McGarry
Maite Duncan
Cheryl Morgan
Patty Dickerson
Kellie Beaty
Marie Minnihan
Fr. Dan Danielson
Marilu Radcliff

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED
Virginia Ng
Zacharias Ortua Jr.
Ellis Schott
Judith Jurich
Domingo Gonzalez
Marissa Morales
Concern America Fair Trade Handicraft Sale

December 1 & 2 - After All Masses
Support Fair Trade by purchasing handicrafts at the Concern America Sale following all Masses on December 1 and 2 in the church vestibules. These unique items make great Christmas gifts and would be perfect for your Giving Tree Family. By purchasing these items, you will be helping disadvantaged workers in developing countries earn a fair price for their labor. Concern America is an international development and refugee aid organization that assists impoverished communities and refugees in developing countries to improve their living conditions, in part by supporting cooperatives that produce handmade crafts. For more information about Concern America, visit www.concernamerica.org.

Sponsored by the Social Justice Committee.

Christmas Concert

We Wait For The Star
Friday December 14, 7:30PM
St. Elizabeth Seton Church
A concert to celebrate the joys of Christmas! Presented by the CCOP Music Ministry, featuring the Adult Choir, Teen Choir, Children’s Choir, Cantors, and Instrumentalists. A free-will offering will help defray concert expenses.

New Niches

New Niches at St. Augustine Cemetery
Great News! We have added a new wall of cremation niches at the cemetery. These single and double garden niches are now available to purchase. Plan for the future, and reserve one today. Payment plans are available with zero interest and no finance charges. Please call Frank Draschner at Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services (925) 455-9696 for more details.

Save The Date!

CCOP invites you to our Second Annual Disco Bingo Night! A fun twist on a classic game!
January 26, 2019 immediately following the 5:00 PM Mass. Fun for the entire family!
ANNUAL NATIVITY DISPLAY

Participate in the tradition of celebrating Jesus' birth by sharing your nativity sets to enhance this celebration.

The Italian Catholic Federation will have displays of nativity scenes from all over the world this Christmas Season. Participate and celebrate in the wonder of Jesus' birth started by St Francis of Assisi. Join us for this beautiful annual tradition. Share your family traditions by bringing your Nativities simple or unique. Please R.S.V.P. to Nancy Navarini at (925) 640-6334 or na.navarini@gmail.com.

**Time:**
- Setup: Saturday, December 8th 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
- Display: Sunday, December 9th 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM

**Place:**
St. Elizabeth Seton Chapel
4001 Stoneridge Drive
Pleasanton, CA 94588

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