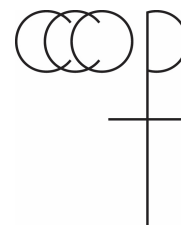


*“To know Christ better, live as He calls us to live,  
and make Him better known.”*



THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF PLEASANTON

DECEMBER 9, 2018

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

F A I T H

*Faith*



## Pastor's Corner

My brothers and sisters,

We are journeying through the Season of Advent with the richness of the sacred scripture as our companion. Fr. Kwame provided a general brushstroke of the Word proclaimed at Advent Masses in the column last week. I would like to encourage you to bookmark the daily readings at <http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/> or by clicking on the **Daily Readings** button on the **homepage** of our website. This is a great way to read the Scripture in advance of coming to Mass on the weekend and for many of you, throughout

the week, too. Preparation is always key to real engagement and participation in an event. When that event is the Eucharistic Liturgy – Mass – prep time is crucial. Check out the readings to be proclaimed in advance.

I want to thank you for the tremendous response to those needing assistance from the fires in northern California. As a parish, **the Catholic Community of Pleasanton raised over \$30,000** to support those in need. That is a sign of not what but “Who” this community represents. This outpouring is not merely a sign of good will or pity. It is good for us to remember that we are Christ. We represent

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Him. We represent Him in our actions as a community of faith. This is also evident in the great outpouring of adoption of our brothers and sisters through the Giving Tree. **There is still an opportunity to support the Detention Ministry Toy Drive. Go to our community's website – www.catholicofpleasanton.org – for more information.** As we look at all of this activity, we need to remember that Jesus is the “why” we do what we do. This is all about the model he left us. This is His call to live out our humanity by exhibiting the divine qualities that are within each and every one of us. When we worship and when we give, we do as Jesus did. He worshiped the Father. We do the same. He gave to those in need because they are our brothers and sisters. He saw the divine in them. We do the same because we see the same.

Finally, I hope to see you at a few events this week. The Catholic Community of Pleasanton will celebrate **the Festival of Our Lady of Guadalupe**, patroness of America – South, Central and North America. It is under Her care that we stand as a diverse community of faith. **Join us on Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at St. Elizabeth Seton starting with mariachi at 5:30 PM. The Bilingual Mass will begin at 6:00 PM followed by a reception at St. John Paul II Activity Center.** Later that week, the Catholic Community of Pleasanton will celebrate Advent and Christmas with our concert **“We Wait for the Star”**. Come and enjoy the God-given talent from our music ministry featuring adult, teen and children’s choirs. Word is that there might be a solo or two. You never know... **The concert is Friday evening, December 14<sup>th</sup> starting at 7:30 PM at St. Elizabeth Seton Church.**

All of this mentioned are signs of how we watch and wait for Him as a community of faith. This is what Advent is all about. We do this as a community of faith...

Let us rejoice for He dwelled among us, lives among us and will return to draw us into the Glory of God.

Fr. Paul

**PARISH TEAM**

- Rev. Paul D. Minnihan Pastor
- Rev. Kwame Assenyoh Associate Pastor
- Rev. Filiberto Barrera Associate Pastor
- Rev. Chris Renz, OP Weekend Associate
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**MASSES AT ST. AUGUSTINE**

- Sunday Vigil: 5:00 PM (Saturday)
- Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM
- Weekday Masses: 8:30 AM Monday - Saturday
- Holy Days: 8:30 AM and 7:30 PM
- Eucharistic Adoration: First Fridays, following 8:30 AM Mass
- Benediction: First Fridays, 11:30 AM
- Rosary: Monday - Saturday at 8:00 AM
- Reconciliation: Saturday: 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM
- Weddings: 6 months preparation time required by the Diocese. Call for an interview.
- Baptisms: Call for an interview.

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**MASSES AT ST. ELIZABETH SETON**

- Sunday: 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 4:00 PM and 6:30 PM
- Weekdays Masses: 12:10 PM Monday - Friday
- Holy Days: 12:10 PM and 6:00 PM
- Eucharistic Adoration: 12:45-6:30 PM Monday and Wednesday
- Rosary & Angelus Monday through Friday at 11:30 AM

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

<b>MASS INTENTIONS</b>			<b>CALENDAR OF EVENTS</b>			
<b>S T A U G U S T I N E</b>	SUNDAY December 9	8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM	Clyde & Dorothy Miller Violet Campbell Robert G. Ryan	8:00 AM 8:00 AM 10:00 AM 5:30 PM	Giving Tree Breakfast with Santa Children's Liturgy of The Word Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena	Rectory Hall Room 17 Church
	MONDAY December 10	8:30 AM 10:00 AM	Reynaldo Manlulo	8:00 AM 5:30 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Rosary Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena Our Lady of Guadalupe Music Rehearsal Hispanic Prayer Group	Church Church Church Chapel
	TUESDAY December 11	8:30 AM	John O'Neill & Ed Hjerpe	8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM 5:30 PM 7:00 PM 7:30 PM	Rosary Infant and Toddler Playgroup Al-Anon Meeting Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena Parish Finance Council Youth & Family Communal Reconciliation	Church Room 13 Room 8 Church Rectory Church
	WEDNESDAY December 12	8:30 AM	Maria del Carmen Gutierrez	6:00 AM 8:00 AM 7:00 PM	Serenade to Our Lady of Guadalupe Rosary Parish Pastoral Council	Church Church Rectory
	THURSDAY December 13	10:00 AM	Manuel DeSimas	8:00 AM	Rosary	Church
	FRIDAY December 14	8:30 AM	Betty Bowen	8:00 AM 11:00 AM 6:00 PM 6:00 PM	Rosary Al-Anon - Friday AM AA—Words of Wisdom Hispanic Prayer Group	Church Room 8 Room 8 Rms. 4, 5 & 7
	SATURDAY December 15	8:30 AM 5:00 PM	Jimmy Reding George & Ellen Fitzgerald	8:00 AM 8:45 AM 11:00 AM 1:00 PM 3:00 PM	Rosary Al-Anon Saturday 1st Reconciliation Celebration 1st Reconciliation Celebration Individual Reconciliation	Church Room 8 Church Church Church
	SUNDAY December 16	8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM	For the People John Harding Cynthia Gibson	10:00 AM	Children's Liturgy of The Word	Room 17

<b>MASS INTENTIONS</b>			<b>CALENDAR OF EVENTS</b>			
<b>S T E L I Z A B E T H  S E T O N</b>	SUNDAY December 9	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 4:00 PM 6:30 PM	Evelyn Gan (L) Jay & Gerty Abad (L) Jose Jiao & Elena Demesa For the People	9:00 AM 10:15 AM 11:00 PM	Children's Liturgy of The Word RCIA Inquiry Children's Liturgy of The Word	Chapel Room A Chapel
	MONDAY December 10	12:10 PM	Armando Cansino	11:30 AM 12:45 PM 7:30 PM 7:30 PM	Rosary & Angelus Eucharistic Adoration Liturgical Planning Committee RCIA	Chapel Chapel Cryroom Chapel
	TUESDAY December 11	12:10 PM	Margie & Jesse Ortiz (L)	11:30 AM 6:00 PM 7:30 PM	Rosary and Angelus Christmas Concert RCIA Neophyte Gathering	Chapel Church Room A
	WEDNESDAY December 12	12:10 PM	The Pinto Family	11:30 AM 5:00 PM 5:30 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Rosary & Angelus Children's Choir Rehearsal Legion of Mary Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass Our Lady of Guadalupe Reception Teen Choir Rehearsal	Chapel Church Room B Church JP II Center Church
	THURSDAY December 13	12:10 PM	Elliot Junha Raymond Lim (L)	11:30 AM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM 7:30 PM	Rosary and Angelus SPRED Advent Liturgy Prayer Shawl Ministry Cantor Rehearsal Bi-Monthly Grief Support	Chapel Church Room B Church Chapel, Rm. A
	FRIDAY December 14	12:10 PM	Inbae Antonio Kim	11:30 AM 7:30 PM	Rosary and Angelus Christmas Concert & Reception	Chapel Church & JP II
	SATURDAY December 15			9:30 AM	St. Padre Pio Prayer Group	Rms. A & B
	SUNDAY December 16	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 4:00 PM 6:30 PM	Aurelia Macario Quines Larry Allen Contreras The D'Silva Family Fr. Dan Danielson (L)	9:00 AM 10:15 AM 11:00 PM	Children's Liturgy of The Word RCIA Inquiry Children's Liturgy of The Word	Chapel Room A Chapel

## Scripture Readings

December 16

Zephaniah 3:14-18a

Philippians 4:4-7

Luke 3:10-18



## Advent Reconciliation Services

### St. Augustine Church

Youth & Family Communal Reconciliation

Tuesday, December 11 at 7:30 PM

Adult Communal Reconciliation

Thursday, December 20 at 7:30 PM

### St. Augustine and St. Elizabeth Churches

Individual Reconciliation

Saturday, December 15 at 3:00 PM

## Vineyard Branches SCC

Vineyard Branches SCC will be holding their Christmas Party on **Sunday, December 17** from 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM at the home of Bill & Fran Hirst. All are welcome to come by. Please bring a finger food to share. If you will be attending, RSVP to Fran at (925) 846-3605.

## Adult Confirmation

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

## 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.

## Detention Ministry Toy Drive

The Catholic Detention Ministry is collecting toys for the children of parents incarcerated at Santa Rita Jail. Any excess toys will be brought to Children's Hospital in Oakland as well as to the children of migrant workers. **The toys are for children ages 0-12 and need to be NEW and UNWRAPPED.** There will be bins in the vestibules of both churches. The bins will be picked up on **Thursday, December 13** (last day for donations) and brought to the jail. The children will be getting the toys the weekend of December 15 and 16. For more information, please contact Richard Denoix at (925) 367-5833. Thank you for your generosity.

## Grief Ministry

The death of a loved one is a shattering experience. It leaves us in a state of shock, confusion, pain and sadness. You do not have to suffer alone. We invite you to participate in our grief support meetings. We will be meeting at St. Elizabeth Seton, on **December 13, January 10 and 22, February 12 and 28, March 14 and 28.** There are two Tuesday evening meeting dates, January 22 and February 12. Please call Eleanor at (925) 846-8708 for more information. All are welcome regardless of religious affiliation.

## New Niches

### **New Niches at St. Augustine Cemetery**

We have a new wall of cremation niches. 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. Call Frank Draschner at Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Services (925) 455-9696.

### PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

Pres. George H.W. Bush	Theodore Gutierrez
Diane Morrow	Sister Marian Murphy
Douglas Safredo	Zacharias Ortua Jr.
Robert Federighi	Domingo Gonzalez
Elaine Clay	Carlos Aranda
Charles Furphy	Frank Raul Rich
Jean Guglielmo	Elvia Caballero

### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

The Sanchez Family	Patty Dickerson
Cheryl Morgan	Kellie Beaty
Marylou Vincent	Kevin McGarry
Elmer Gavino	Marie Minnihan
Steve Adams	Fr. Dan Danielson
Demetrio Lozares	Marilu Radcliff



## Poinsettias Needed

Poinsettias of all colors are needed for the Christmas environment in both Churches. Your donation of one or more **6", 8" or 10" pots of poinsettias** will be appreciated and will provide great color to our worship spaces this Christmas. They can be delivered to St. Augustine Church NO LATER than **Friday, December 21**. For more information or questions, contact Deacon Gary at [gwortham@catholicsofpleasanton.org](mailto:gwortham@catholicsofpleasanton.org).

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

Prayer Shawl Ministry meets on **Thursday, December 13** from **6:30 PM to 8:00 PM** at St. Elizabeth Seton Church in Rooms A and B. Please bring finished and ongoing projects. Beginners are always welcome! For information, contact Joanne Lenigan at [jolenigan@gmail.com](mailto:jolenigan@gmail.com) or call (925) 872-8940.

## Our Lady of Guadalupe

**Wednesday, December 12**  
*Miércoles, 12 de Diciembre*

The Hispanic Ministry invites you to celebrate an important day honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe. Celebrations will take place at St. Augustine and St. Elizabeth Seton Church.

### St. Augustine Church

**6:00 AM** Serenade to Our Lady of Guadalupe /  
*Mañanitas a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe*

### St. Elizabeth Seton Church

- 5:30 PM** Performance by Mariachi Alma de Jalisco / *Mariachi Alma de Jalisco*
- 6:00 PM** Bilingual Mass Celebration with Mariachi / *Misa Bilingüe con Mariachi*
- 7:00 PM** Light refreshments to be served after in John Paul II Activity Center / *Refrigerio después del servicio en el salón de la iglesia.*

## Infant & Toddler Playgroup

**Tuesdays at 10:00 AM, St. Augustine Hall, Rm. 13**  
Giving Pre-K children in our community a casual setting to play, learn and socialize in a Christ-centered environment.



## CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2018

### Youth & Family Communal Reconciliation

Tuesday, December 11 at 7:30 PM  
St. Augustine Church

### Christmas Concert: "We Wait For The Star"

Presented by The CCOP Music Ministry  
Friday, December 14 at 7:30 PM  
St. Elizabeth Seton Church

### Individual Reconciliation

Saturday, December 15 at 3:00 PM  
St. Augustine Church and St. Elizabeth Seton Chapel

### Adult Communal Reconciliation

Thursday, December 20 at 7:30 PM  
St. Augustine Church

### Christmas Eve Masses

St. Augustine Church  
4:00 PM (no incense), 7:00 PM & 12:00 Midnight  
(11:30 PM – Musical Prelude by Adult Choir)

St. Elizabeth Seton Church  
4:00 PM (Children's choir, no incense), 9:00 PM & 12:00 Midnight  
(11:30 PM – Musical Prelude by Teen Choir)

### Christmas Day Masses

St. Augustine Church  
8:00 AM (no incense), 10:00 AM & 12:00 PM

St. Elizabeth Seton Church  
9:00 AM (no incense) & 11:00 AM

### Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sunday Masses, December 30  
St. Augustine Church: 8:00 AM (no incense), 10:00 AM & 12:00 PM  
St. Elizabeth Seton Church: 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 4:00 PM & 6:30 PM

### Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Holy Day Of Obligation  
Tuesday, January 1, 2019  
St. Augustine Church: 8:30 AM & 7:30 PM  
St. Elizabeth Seton Church: 12:10 PM & 6:00 PM



PRESENTS

# CCOP MUSIC MINISTRY “WE WAIT FOR THE STAR”



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

Friday, December 14  
7:30 PM

St. Elizabeth Seton Church  
4001 Stoneridge Drive, Pleasanton

*Free-will offering will help defray concert expenses.*

More information: [istein@catholicsofpleasanton.org](mailto:istein@catholicsofpleasanton.org) [www.catholicsofpleasanton.org](http://www.catholicsofpleasanton.org)