

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. - Mt 3:4

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The Immaculate Conception

I've heard people call Jesus' conception by the Holy Spirit being "immaculately conceived." Is that what the Immaculate Conception is?

While these two events are often confused, they are not the same thing. We celebrated the conception of Jesus on March 25th, the feast of the Annunciation. While that was surely miraculous, it isn't what we refer to as the "immaculate conception." The Immaculate Conception is Mary's conception, and we typically celebrate it on December 8th. If the 8th happens to be a Sunday, the Church moves the feast to December 9th. It is a holy day of obligation. Why does the Church consider it so important to celebrate?

Mary's conception is immaculate because she was conceived without original sin. The angel Gabriel acknowledges this when he hails Mary as "full of grace" (Luke 1:28). Scripture scholars identify several theological ideas that confirm this. In the Old Testament, the sacred, pristine Ark of the Covenant held the presence of God. The presence of God is now held within a new "arc" — the womb of Mary. Genesis 3 also prophesies of a woman who would oppose the devil and whose child would crush the devil's head. Christ is the "New Adam." This passage sets up Mary, then, as the "New Eve." Jesus and Mary are the beginnings of a new creation, one we all can participate in through the grace of our baptism. After all, God's love is more "original" than our sin!

Catholic Trivia

Question: What are the names of the three biblical archangels?

Answer on page 3

Parish Mission Statement

"Our Mission for All Saints Catholic Church in Twain Harte and Saint Joseph's Mission Church in Tuolumne is to celebrate the Holy Trinity through the adoration of the Holy Eucharist, sacraments and charity."

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday	4:30 pm	Vigil	All Saints
Sunday	9:00 am		St. Joseph
Sunday	11:00 am		All Saints

COMMUNION SERVICE

Monday	8:30 am	All Saints
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WEEK DAY MASSES

Tuesday - Thursday	8:30 am	All Saints
Friday	8:30 am	St Joseph
First Saturday	9:00 am	All Saints

RECONCILIATION

Saturday	3:15 pm - 4:00 pm	All Saints
Sunday	8:45 am	St Joseph

EUCARISTIC ADORATION EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Saturday	3:00 pm	All Saints
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Parish Office Hours:

18674 Cherokee Drive in Twain Harte
Tuesday - Friday 9:00 am to 1:30 pm
Closed Saturday - Monday

Christmas Brunch at St. Joseph's

12/14 at 10:15 am - all are welcome!

Please bring a side dish, if you can.

We will provide the ham, coffee, tea and water.

Contact Sandy Thomas for
more information. 408.348.8795

Our Volunteer Ministry is looking for some helping hands to assist with set up, and card/meal purchases at BINGO on December 19th at 5:30 pm at All Saints. Please contact Athena for more information.

To all our volunteers, thank you for being you!



COMING UP AT THE PARISH

Sun. 12/7 **2nd Sunday of Advent**
 Religious Education (children)
 9:30 am, All Saints
Christmas Centerpiece Class
 after Mass at All Saints

Hospitality to welcome five new parishioners who are furthering their studies to become Catholic
AND
Deacon Joe's 22nd anniversary of ordination!

Mon. 12/8 **Immaculate Conception: HOLY DAY**
 Mass, 9 am, St. Joseph's
 Mass, 5:30 pm, All Saints
(The rosary will be recited 30 minutes before each Mass)

Tues. 12/9 OCIA, 5:30 pm, All Saints
 Staff Meeting, 1:30 pm, All Saints

Wed. 12/10 FORMED, 9:15 am, All Saints
 OCIA, 6:30 pm, All Saints

Fri. 12/12 **Our Lady of Guadalupe - Feast Day**
 Mass, 9 am, St. Joseph's
 Mass, 5:30 pm, All Saints
(The rosary will be recited 30 minutes before each Mass)
After Mass at All Saints will be Mexican hospitality and good company!

Sun. 12/14 **3rd Sunday of Advent**
 Religious Education (children)
 9:30 am, All Saints
Christmas (Potluck) Brunch - ALL ARE WELCOME!
10:15 am, St. Joseph's

Tues. 12/16 OCIA, 5:30 pm, All Saints

Wed. 12/17 FORMED, 9:15 am, All Saints
 Volunteer Mtg, 11:15 am, All Saints
 OCIA, 6:30 pm, All Saints

Thur. 12/18 **Parish Advent Penance Service**
5:30 pm, All Saints

Fri. 12/19 **Robert Krieg's Funeral**
 11 am, All Saints
BINGO at All Saints
 Doors open at 5:30 pm, games start at 6:00 pm

† Daily Mass Intentions † Dec. 7th - Dec 13th

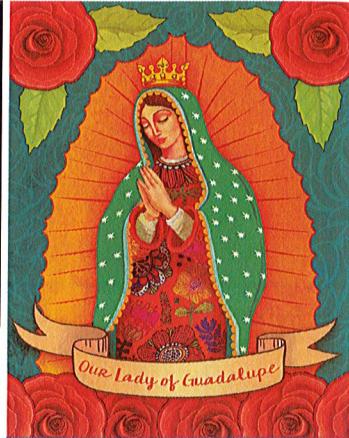
SUNDAY
 Beverly Combs
 George Patrinos †
SATURDAY
 Janice Kennedy †

Did you know that we have a Facebook Page?



All Saints Parish,
 Twain Harte, CA

Please like and follow us!



*December 12th after
 5:30 pm Mass at
 All Saints - please join
 us for Mexican
 hospitality and good
 company!
 PLEASE RSVP
 to the office.*

Parish Offertory

Weekend of November 30th

All Saints: \$1781
 2nd Collection: CCHD - \$332
 St. Joseph's: \$360
 2nd Collection: CCHD - \$177

*Next 2nd Collection
 December 14
 Retirement Fund for
 Religious*

**Please pray for the Sick in our Parish,
 and their family members.**

Roger Karel	Linda Kelly	Linda Postma
Kelly Devlin	Bill Torrence	Trish Webster
Beverly Combs	Diane Costello	Tim Costello
Matthew Peller	Bob Farwell	Chris Cormier
Duane Prill	Poline King	Madonna Cote
Sherri McCullam	Patrick Lamasney	Beverly Combs
Hannah & June Leage	Bob & Cheryl Groth	Ted Lima
Phillip & Joanne Steinhart	John & Charlene Weidner	
Herbert Middleton	Mark Pyburn	

To add or remove a name to the list, please contact the Parish Office.

If you are not able to attend Mass and would like to receive the Eucharist, please contact Deacon Joe Gomes in the Parish Office to set up a home visit.

Pray for the repose of the souls of the following:

Recently Deceased: Robert Krieg, Nancy Whelan,
 Linda Buder, Lisa Zaragoza

Pray for in Memoriam: Fr. George Lacey, Msgr. Thomas Hayes, Fr. Eshai Joseph, Fr. E. Donohoe, Den. Eddie Zoma, Don & Trudy Brenon, Bishop Steven E. Blaire, Fr. Kevin O'Grady, Fr. Lonachan Arouje

GET INVOLVED

Order of Franciscan Seculars / Blessed Giles of Assisi

Contact: Sara Ingalls (916) 450-0130

All Saints' Ladies Guild

Contact: Carolyn Blackmore at (209) 288-8463

St. Joseph's Guild

Contact: Sandy Thomas (408) 348-8795

Newman Book Circle

Contact: Sue Sperry (209) 586-3161

Choir Practice and Music

Contact: Parish Office

Religious Education (children)

Contact: Lisa Byrum (707) 639-6776

OCIA (Adult Education)

Contact: Mary Leamy (209) 352-3907

Scripture Studies

Contact: Mary Leamy (209) 352-3907

Parish Pantry

Contact: Margie Hoskin (209) 703-0106

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Contact Noli Farwell (209) 586-3161

All Saints



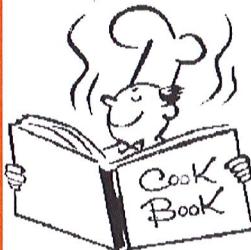
Parish Pantry

Our pantry is 100% operational because of your donations. We are always accepting WalMart or any other grocery store gift cards. If you want to donate food, we are in need of the following canned items: diced tomatoes, green beans, peas, mixed veggies, carrots, soups, corn, baked beans, refried beans, chicken, tomato paste, tomato sauce. We also need Top Ramen, rice, pastas and ready-to-eat canned meals.

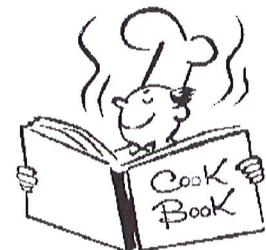
Catholic Trivia

Answer: Gabriel, Michael, and Raphael.

**YOU ARE
Welcome Here**



Our Parish Cookbooks ARE HERE!
Don't miss this opportunity to take home a treasured collection of recipes from many outstanding cooks.
The book is attractive, sturdy and informative - making for an ideal, special gift or keepsake!
\$20 each, get yours before we run out!
Contact Sandy Thomas to purchase yours now.



Prayer for Advent – Peace

Come, Lord Jesus!

Bring your peace to our world.
Inspire reconciliation, heal divisions, bind wounds,
rewrite scripts.

You are the Prince of Peace,
bring that light into every space.
Amen.

Prayer for the Second Sunday of Advent

Dear Lord,
Open our eyes to the people
You have specifically placed in
our path so that we can speak
healing and comfort to them.
Help us to prepare for the coming
of Your kingdom, together.
Amen.

Prayer for the 2nd week of Advent - Prayer of Preparation

With abiding hope as we look
forward to Jesus' arrival —
Make straight the paths, Lord!
Fill us with holy excitement,
in Your name.
Amen.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

IF I HAD PERFECT FAITH AND LOVE,
DOES THAT MEAN I WOULD BE SINLESS?



DEPENDS IF YOU GOT STUCK UP ABOUT IT.



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42nd Annual

Las Posadas*

Nativity Procession

5:30 pm
Sunday
Dec 14



Columbia State Historic Park

Following the procession, warm up inside heated
Angelo's Hall with hot chocolate and Christmas carols.

*Columbia's Version

209-559-7723



DECEMBER MASS SCHEDULE

Monday December 8, 2025 - Feast of Immaculate Conception

9:00 a.m. - Morning Mass - St. Joseph, Tuolumne

5:30 p.m. - Evening Mass - All Saints, Twain Harte

Holy Rosary before each Mass

Friday December 12, 2025 - Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe

"Patroness of the Americas"

9:00 a.m. - St. Joseph, Tuolumne

5:30 p.m. - All Saints Twain Harte

Holy Rosary before each Mass

Mexican hospitality after Mass at All Saints

December 18, 2025 - Advent Penance Service

We will have more priests from our Deanery

5:30 p.m. - All Saints, Twain Harte

Wednesday 12/25—Christmas Eve

4:30pm - Vigil and Children's Pageant—All Saints, Twain Harte
9:00pm—Night Mass—All Saints, Twain Harte

12/25— Christmas Day

9:00am—Morning Mass—St. Joseph, Tuolumne

11:00am—Daytime Mass—All Saints, Twain Harte

Thursday, 1/1/26 — New Year's Day, Solemnity of Mary,
the Holy Mother of God.

9:00am Mass - St. Joseph, Tuolumne

11:00am Mass - All Saints, Twain Harte
Holy Rosary before each Mass



Foothill Pregnancy Center Christmas Donation Drive

Help Us Bring Joy to Mothers in Need This Holiday Season

Support Local Moms with Thoughtful Gifts

This Christmas, Foothill Pregnancy Center is reaching out to our community to help make the holiday special for mothers in need. We are collecting items that many moms would not necessarily buy for themselves, but that bring comfort and a little extra joy during the festive season.

Suggested Donation Items

- Tinted lip gloss
- Lip balm
- Hand cream
- Eye masks
- Facial masks
- Gloves
- Fun socks
- Body scrub
- Small candle
- Small notebook, journal or pens, colored pencils
- Craft items
- Body lotion

These thoughtful gifts will help brighten the holidays for mothers who maybe facing difficult circumstances. Your generosity can make a real difference!

How to Donate

A donation basket will be placed outside the main doors at both St. Joseph's and All Saints churches. Simply drop off your items in the basket before or after Mass. The parish office will also take donations during business hours.

Please donate no later than December 10, 2025.

Let us come together as a community to support moms in need this Christmas. Thank you for your kindness and generosity!





Athena Vaughn

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