



## 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

- Mt 1:21

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### Guidance through the Stress

#### Question:

With Christmas fast approaching, can you give me some practical tips to prepare myself and my family that will help us stay grounded in what this holiday is really about? With all the commercialism, it's easy to stray.

#### Answer:

Happy times and events bring fond memories and a renewed sense of love and kinship with others. The anticipation is half the joy of the event itself. The coming of the Lord is that kind of event that people have been looking forward to for generations with fervent hope and desire. It gave them strength and courage as they waited for the coming of the Lord.

We know that Christmas is rushed. Sales begin in August and carols blare long before the season begins. Everyone laments the commercial aspects of the season, but as Advent begins, do something to help you be more mindful of the Lord's coming. Use an Advent wreath, or enthroned the Bible prominently, or read the readings from the Bible assigned to each day. Postpone the tree and decorations until closer to Christmas. Establish new family rituals, customs and prayers that help remind everyone that we are preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Fasting, daily Mass, a special celebration of reconciliation, reaching out to those alienated from family or society, and visiting the homebound manifest the love of the Christ Child and the Holy Family. Resist the temptation to rush the season. In his own time and in his own way, God will come. Our task is simply to be watchful and ready.

### Catholic Trivia

Question: According to tradition, who were Balthasar, Melchior, and Casper?

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
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### 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

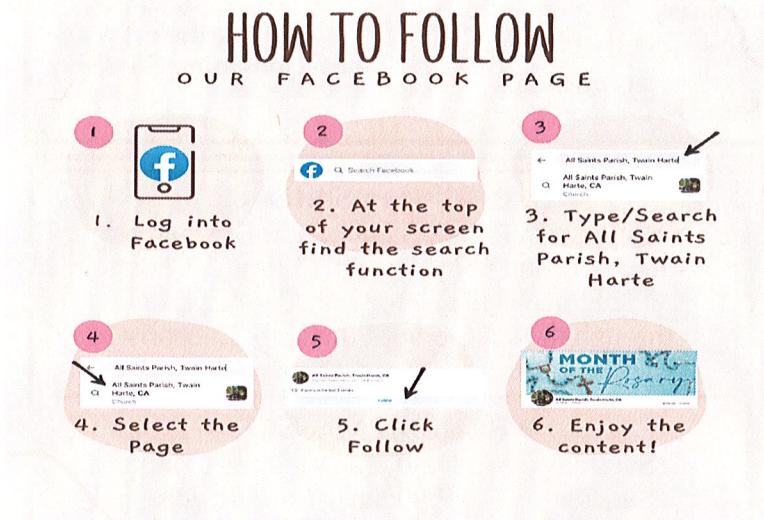
**Check out the calendar on page 2  
for information regarding our  
Christmas Mass schedule.**

**Christmas Eve Mass,  
Christmas Day Mass, New Year's Day**

Our Volunteer Ministry is looking for help finishing up our Sees Candy Sales. If you are interested in helping sell candy after any of the regular weekend masses, please contact Kelly League for more info @ 805-471-5602



*To all our volunteers, thank you for being you!*



### COMING UP AT THE PARISH

**Sun. 12/21 4th Sunday of Advent**

Religious Education (children)  
9:30 am, All Saints

Ladies Guild Hospitality, following morning Mass at All Saints

**Wed. 12/24 Christmas Eve Vigil**

**and Children's Pageant**

4:30 pm, All Saints

**Christmas Eve Night Mass**

9:00 pm, All Saints

**Thur. 12/25 Christmas Day Masses**

9:00 am, St. Joseph's

11:00 am, All Saints

**Sat. 12/27 Baptism of Noah, Sage and Emberly**

10:00 am, All Saints

**Sun. 12/28 NO Religious Education (children)**

**Thur. 1/1 New Year's Day, Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God Masses**

9:00 am, St. Joseph's

5:30 pm, All Saints

*(Holy Rosary recited 30 minutes before each Mass)*

**Sun. 1/4 Religious Education (children)  
FAMILY CATECHIST DAY**

9:30 am, All Saints

**Mon. 1/5 Fr. Sekar leaves for India!**

### † Daily Mass Intentions †

Dec. 21st - Dec 27th

#### SUNDAY

Maria Gomez †

Souls forgotten in Purgatory

#### TUESDAY

Tricia Dunlap

Emilio Zuluaga †

#### WEDNESDAY

Lexis Salas †

Aldemar Zuluaga †

Souls forgotten in Purgatory

#### FRIDAY

Gonzalo Viracacha †

Souls forgotten in Purgatory

#### SATURDAY

Janelle Grillo-Hall †



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All Saints Parish, Twain Harte, CA

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### Parish Offertory

*Weekend of December 14th*

All Saints: \$1594.01

Retirement Fund for Religious: \$310

St. Joseph's: \$665

Retirement Fund for Religious: \$164

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

Roger Karel

Kelly Devlin

Beverly Combs

Matthew Peller

Duane Prill

Patrick Lamasney

Hannah & June League

Phillip & Joanne Steinhart

Herbert Middleton

Linda Kelly

Bill Torrence

Diane Costello

Bob Farwell

Poline King

Mark Pyburn

Bob & Cheryl Groth

John & Charlene Weidner

Linda Postma

Trish Webster

Tim Costello

Chris Cormier

Madonna Cote

Beverly Combs

Ted Lima

*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:**

**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: Carol Miller at (559) 827-5787

### 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) & Scripture Studies

Contact: Mary Leamy (209) 352-3907

### Parish Pantry

Contact: Margie Hoskin (209) 703-0106

### FORMED

Contact Noli Farwell (209) 586-3161

### Events/Fundraisers/Social Media/Website/Bulletin

Athena Vaughn Ducker (907) 529-1428



## All Saints

## Parish Pantry

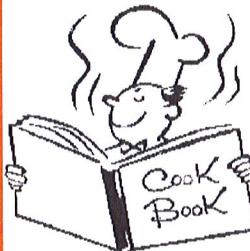
Our pantry is 100% operational because of your donations. We are always accepting WalMart or any other grocery store gift cards. If you want to donate food, we are in need of the following canned items: diced tomatoes, green beans, peas, mixed veggies, carrots, soups, corn, baked beans, refried beans,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

### Catholic Trivia

Answer: The three kings who visited baby Jesus.

## All Saints Parish's new Tribunal Aides

Terry and Kathleen Finucane  
AllSaintsTribunalAide@gmail.com

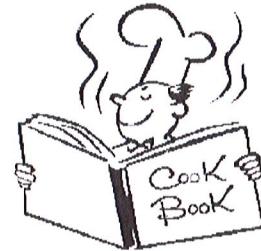


**Our Parish Cookbooks ARE HERE!**  
Don't miss this opportunity to take home a treasured collection of recipes from many outstanding cooks.

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### Prayer for Advent – Miracles

Dear God,  
You are in the miracle business.  
I still believe that You can move mountains and separate seas.  
Break into every unknown and astound us with Your goodness and grace. Amen.

### Prayer for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

Dear Lord,  
Visit our homes! Visit our families! Bring your goodness and light to every broken heart we've met on this journey of life.  
Your presence brings healing and rebirth. Come, Lord Jesus! Amen.

### Prayer for Advent Joy

Dear Jesus,  
The news of your coming was met with boundless joy — fill us anew with the wonder of your presence.  
You are Emmanuel, God with us.  
Amen.



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HOW COULD JOSEPH HAVE SO MUCH FAITH IN DREAMS?



HE DIDN'T — HE HAD FAITH THAT GOD COULD SPEAK TO HIM ANY WAY GOD WANTED TO!

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## Christmas Gifts - Why do we give gifts at Christmas?

Great events in and of themselves are not tangible. They occur in life but leave no mark behind, nothing that someone could come across and know that something significant occurred. So we mark the event with monuments, holidays, gold watches or plaques, making a meaningful event tangible and memorable.

Gifts at Christmas do the same thing. They mark the occasion of the birth of Jesus, communicating a bit of the joy of the day by allowing us to be both giver and receiver. Gift-giving sets aside the day as special and different. The special foods, customs, decorations, and gifts all help focus our attention on the importance and meaning of the day and at the same time allow us to share personally in its joy and happiness.

In giving gifts, though, we can share in the meaning of Christmas in a significant way. We imitate God in sharing with others. We give a bit of ourselves to others in the gifts we give, just as God gives us the gift of his Son. No wonder we often say that the best gifts are those that come from the heart. Given in love, these presents are wrapped in the best covering of all.

See's Candy is still available for purchase for last minute Christmas gifts or New Year's gifts! Candy is being sold after all Masses, or contact Athena at 907-529-1428 to pick up in the Parish

### Your new offertory envelopes should have arrived!

There was only one month worth of envelopes in this mailing and you will notice that we switched companies. If you did not receive your envelopes, please contact the Parish Office as soon as you are able to and we will get that corrected. We changed databases prior to the switch in envelope companies and it is possible that some of the data got lost.

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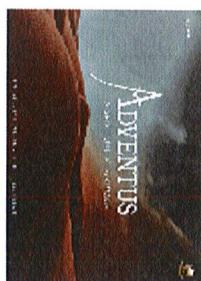
Wednesdays after Mass 9:15am

Please check the schedule below

*Everyone is invited and is held in the parish hall.*

December 10th, 2025 Our Lady of Guadalupe and Saint Juan Diego | Catholic Saints  
Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Dr. James Prothro to discuss Mary's apparition to Saint Juan Diego on Tepeyac hill under the title of Our Lady of Guadalupe. This important apparition played a historical role in the conversion of the Mexico to the Christian faith and the miraculous tilma worn by the saint is still venerated by millions today. 20 min.

December 17th, 2025 Adventus: A Spiritual Pilgrimage  
On behalf of the Augustine Institute, we are offering Adventus: A Spiritual Pilgrimage to everyone this Advent and Christmas Season. In light of the separation we face as communities, this special documentary allows Catholics all around the world to unite and make a spiritual pilgrimage to the Holy Land to see the places associated with Christ's Birth. (20 min.)



January 14th, 2026 Martyrdom of St. Agnes | Sacred Art



Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp sit down with different pieces of Sacred Art to discuss their theological meanings and how they can speak to us today. This week, they are looking at The Charity of St. Nicholas as depicted by Girolamo Macchietti.

January 7th, 2026 The Charity of St. Nicholas | Sacred Art



Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp sit down with different pieces of Sacred Art to discuss their theological meanings and how they can speak to us today. This week, they are looking at The Charity of St. Nicholas of Bari as depicted by Girolamo Macchietti. (20 min.)

January 21st, 2026 The Restoration



of the Baldacchino  
The Baldacchino of St. Peter's Basilica rises over the tomb of Saint Peter. This monumental structure is undergoing a meticulous restoration. This effort, supported by the Knights of Columbus, honors a timeless link to Christianity's roots and preserves a spiritual landmark for future generations. (11min.)



Also, *Martyrs and Monastics* Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Dr. Elizabeth Klein, Professor of Theology at the Augustine Institute Graduate School, to discuss her brand-new short course: *Martyrs and Monastics*. Who are the early Church martyrs? What fueled their witness to the faith? How did monasticism develop? These questions and more are addressed in this show. (20min)

January 28th, 2026 Bernadette Part 1 from Jean Delannoy, one of France's foremost filmmakers, comes this top quality feature film production of the story of St. Bernadette and the apparitions of Our Lady of Lourdes. Actress Sydney Penny gives a beautiful performance as Bernadette, and the rest of the cast is equally superb. Also stars Roland Leaff and Michele Simonet. It is highly recommended by the Vatican as a "sensitive portrait of a very moving story that deserves a wide audience." Shot on location in France with outstanding cinematography and a beautiful music score, this is the film that

was chosen to be shown daily at the shrine in Lourdes. Part 1. Produced 1987.





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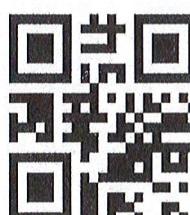
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