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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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### What We See in the Desert

I've always wanted to see a real desert. I know all about frigid, snowy winters and warm, wet summers. I grew up on rich soil that yields lush vegetation and bountiful harvests. But I've never experienced a desert, not in my own country or abroad, and I'm curious.

I know there must be something magical about the desert for it to feature so heavily in Scripture, for it to provide a backdrop to so many crucial moments of salvation history. The Israelites following the cloud, the temptation of Christ, the voice crying out: "Prepare the way for the Lord."

Why do these moments have to happen in a desert? Why do they make so much less sense in a tropical rainforest or a verdant forest? I think it's because the desert doesn't have anything to offer us, at first glance. No one longs for the physical sensation of a dry heat and a beating sun. But the vast emptiness and the almost mystical harshness — even if we don't desire and delight in it, this is a setting that we understand, somehow, intrinsically. We know it deep within our soul. God is there.

We go to Mass. We go to Confession. We pray. We read Scripture. In doing all these things, again and again, we go out to the desert. Why? What are we expecting to see? If we expect to be entertained, we will be disappointed. If we expect reassurance, we will be disappointed. If we expect to feel pleasant and safe and sheltered, we will be disappointed.

The desert is there to challenge us. The desert is there to show us who we are, and who we can be. So go.

### Catholic Trivia

**Question:** According to tradition, what are the names of Mary's parents?

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

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

**Advent Penance Service, Christmas Eve Mass, Christmas Day Mass, New Year's**

*Third Sunday of Advent*  
Lord, come and save us.

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. 12/14 **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  
Pastoral Council Meeting  
3:30 pm, St. Joseph's

Wed. 12/17 FORMED, 9:15 am, All Saints  
**CANCELLED: 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

Sun. 12/21 **4th Sunday of Advent**  
Religious Education (children)  
9:30 am, All Saints  
Ladies Guil Hospitality, following morning Mass at All Saints

Tues. 12/23 OCIA, 5:30 pm, 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)

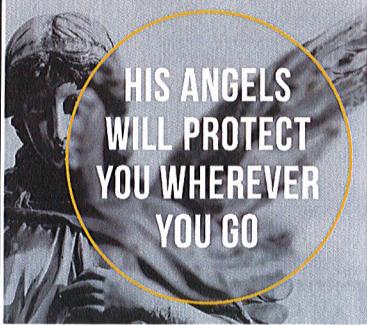
Thur. 1/1 **New Year's Day, Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God Masses**  
9:00 am, St. Joseph's  
11:00 am, All Saints

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

December 14th 2025  
Psalm 146:6-7,8-9,9-10

† Daily Mass Intentions †  
Dec. 14th - Dec 20th

THURSDAY  
Sue Noonan †



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Twain Harte, CA

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# Amen

The Free Catholic Prayer, Meditation, & Scripture App



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### Parish Offertory

*Weekend of December 7th*

All Saints: \$2534  
Immaculate Conception: \$408  
St. Joseph's: \$698  
Immaculate Conception: \$206



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

Roger Karels	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. Lonaghan 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

### FORMED

Contact Noli Farwell (209) 586-3161

## All Saints Parish Pantry

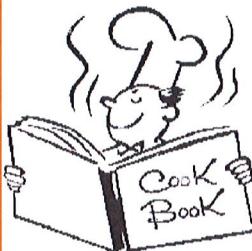


Our pantry is 100% operational because of your donations. We are always accepting WalMart or any other grocery store gift cards. If you want to donate food, we are in need of the following canned items: diced tomatoes, green beans, peas, mixed veggies, carrots, soups, corn, baked beans, refried beans,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

### Catholic Trivia

Answer: St. Anne and St. Joachim

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Welcome Here



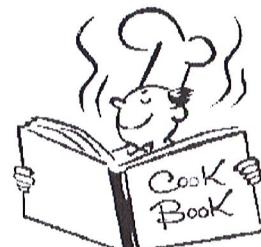
### Our Parish Cookbooks ARE HERE!

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!

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Contact Sandy Thomas to purchase yours now.



### Prayer for Advent – New Growth

Dear God,  
Bring new life! Your love creates and cultivates. Bring Your power into the places I think of as "deserts" and your grace to the prayers I fear may be "deserted." You can redeem and restore, bring a new song to my heart. Amen.

### Prayer for the Third Sunday of Advent

Dear Lord,  
Give us boldness as we move through the motions of the holiday season, to reflect and remind those around us of Your deep and abiding love for them.  
Allow them to encounter Your love, through us. Amen.

### Prayer for the third week of Advent Prayer with St. John the Baptist

Through the intercession of St. John the Baptist, help us to remember the least fortunate, and how caring for them shares in the caring of the beloved Christ-child. Bring Your generosity into our community.  
Amen.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ADVENT

WHAT WAS  
THE GREATEST  
MEDICAL  
MIRACLE  
IN JESUS'  
HEALING  
MINISTRY?

MAT 11:2-11



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Lord, come and save us.

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The Twain Harte Parade was great success! Thank you to Lisa and John, Mary, Sean, Matt, Tye, Deacon Joe, Hilda, Jill, Ryan, Dan, Carolyn O., Carolyn B., Rita, and all the parents and parishioners who helped make this possible!



The Christmas Centerpiece Class was a blast! Everyone in attendance had a good time and the centerpieces turned out beautiful! Thank you John Bagnall for bringing this to All Saints - we are looking forward to the next class!

## 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 12/24— 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

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*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 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.

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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 Delanoy, 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. Ac-

trress Sydney Penny gives a beautiful performance as Bernadette, and the rest

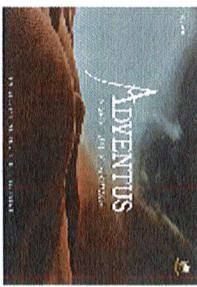
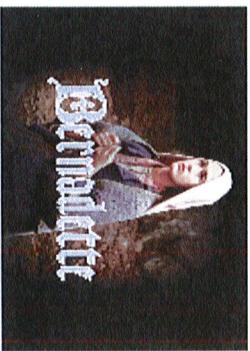
of the cast is equally superb. Also stars Roland Lesaffre and Michèle Simonet.

It is highly recommended by the Vatican as a "sensitive portrayal 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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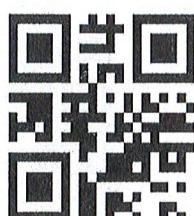
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