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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

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

COMMUNION SERVICE

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| Monday | 8:30 am | All Saints |
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WEEK DAY MASSES

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| Tuesday - Thursday | 8:30 am | All Saints |
| Friday | 8:30 am | St Joseph |

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| First Saturday | 9:00 am | All Saints |
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RECONCILIATION

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

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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| 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**

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.



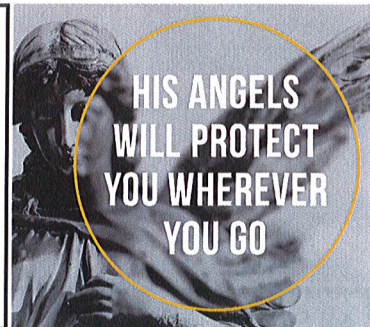
To all our volunteers, thank you for being you!

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)

✠ **Daily Mass Intentions** ✠
 Dec. 14th - Dec 20th

THURSDAY
 Sue Noonan ✠



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 Twain Harte, CA

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An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

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.**

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| 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, Dcn. 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



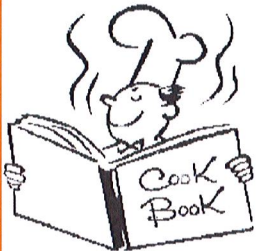
Parish Pantry

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: St. Anne and
St. Joachim

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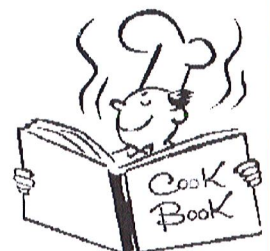
Our Parish Cookbooks ARE HERE!

Don't miss this opportunity to take home a treasured collection of recipes from many outstanding cooks.

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Prayer for Advent – 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.

3RD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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



MSJ 11:2-11

NO
INSURANCE
FORMS TO
FILL OUT



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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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Formed: The Catholic Faith On Demand
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 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 Marchetti.

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 Martyrdom of St. Agnes as depicted by Zampieri Domenico.

January 21st, 2026 The Restoration

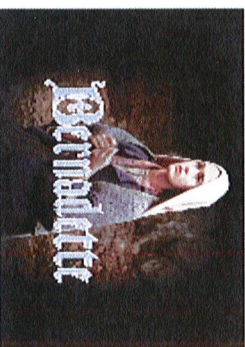
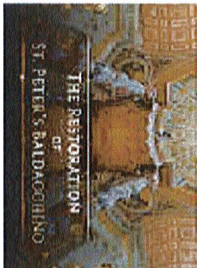
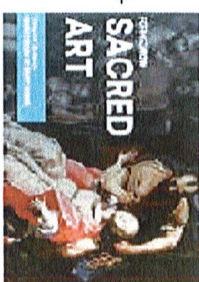
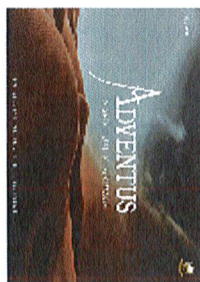
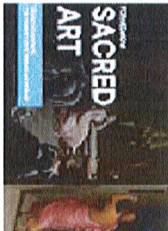
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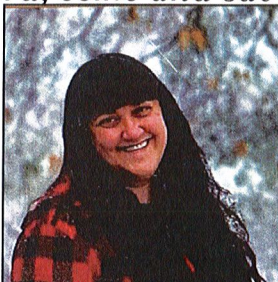
The Baldacchino of St. Peter's Basilica rises over the tomb of Saint Peter. This monumental structure is undergoing a meticulous restoration. This effort, supported by the knights of Columbus, honors a timeless link to Christianity's roots and preserves a spiritual landmark for future generations. (11min.)

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 Lesaffre and Michele Simonnet. 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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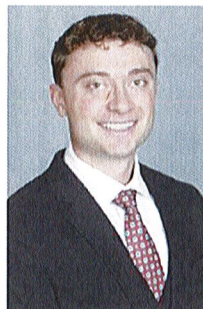
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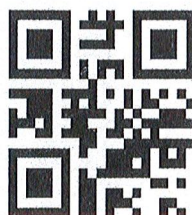
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