First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2017

Waiting

O God, you are the maker of heaven and earth,
the potter who fashioned all of creation.
Come and rouse our hearts from despair
and fill us with the light of faith as we await your return.
Grant us patient perseverance during this period of waiting
so that, having been enriched by Christ Jesus,
we may joyfully and faithfully live in this world.
Keep us vigilant in our daily living.
Wipe away all darkness so our hearts may be made holy and pure.
Like our ancestors in faith, we cry out to you to come and save us!
Filled with hope, we trust that all creation will be
made new on the day of your return.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.
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Our Mission

The Cathedral Parish of Annunciation is a Community of Disciples called to WELCOME all to CELEBRATE God’s love in Eucharist and Sacrament, and to GROW in our faith and commitment in order to SERVE others in justice and love.

Nuestra Misión

La Catedral de la Anunciación es una Comunidad de Discípulos llamados a ACOGER a todos, a CELEBRAR el amor de Dios en la Eucaristía y los Sacramentos, y a CRECER en nuestra fe y compromiso para SERVIR a los demás en la justicia y el amor.

Stewardship

Ask yourself where you spend your time, your thought, and your money, and you can gauge, for yourself, where your treasure is, and how responsible a disciple you are with respect to stewardship. Stewardship is more than money.

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### Monday, December 4, 2017
- 6:00 pm: RICA: Casa Parroquial
- 6:30 pm: RCIA for Children: School
- 6:30 pm: H.S. Youth Group: Gym
- 7:00 pm: Grupo de Oración: Salon del Coro
- 7:00 pm: Scriptures Study: Parish House

### Tuesday, December 5, 2017
- 6:00 pm: Second-Year 1st Communion Meeting: Gym
- 6:30 pm: Legion de Maria: Escuela Parroquial
- 6:30 pm: RCIA Pre-Inquiry: Parish House
- 6:30 pm: RCIA Inquiry: Choir Room
- 6:30 pm: RCIA Catechumenate: Parish House
- 7:30 pm: Junta de 1a Comunión: Gimnasio

### Wednesday, December 6, 2017
- 6:15 pm: Jr. High Youth Group: Gym
- 6:45 pm: Cathedral Choir Rehearsal: Choir Room
- 7:00 pm: Young Adult Group: Parish House
- 7:00 pm: Clases Bautismales: Escuela Parroquial

### Thursday, December 7, 2017

### Friday, December 8, 2017
- 7:00 pm: Grupo de Crecimientos: Casa Parroquial
- 7:00 pm: Platicas para parejas: Escuela Parroquial
- 7:30 pm: Practica del Coro (Niños): Salon del Coro

### Saturday, December 9, 2017
- 11:00 am: Practica del Coro (Niños): Salon del Coro
- 2:00 pm: Bodas Comunitarias: Iglesia
- 7:00 pm: Triduo Guadalupano: Iglesia

### Sunday, December 10, 2017
- 10:30 am: Sesión de Formación de Fe: Gimnasio
- 2:30 pm: Bautizos: Iglesia
- 7:00 pm: Triduo Guadalupano: Iglesia

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**Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

All are invited to join us at Mass on Friday, December 8, 2017

Mass times are as follows:

**6:30 am, 8:30 am (School Mass), 5:30 pm, and 7:00 pm (en Español)**

"We have need of your immaculate heart, to love freely, without secondary aims but seeking the good of the other, with simplicity and sincerity, renouncing masks and tricks."

- Pope Francis

**Fiesta de la Inmaculada Concepción de la Santísima Virgen María**

Todos están invitados a acompañarnos a Misa el Viernes, 8 de Diciembre, 2017

Horarios de Misa son las siguientes:

**6:30 am, 8:30 am (Misa con la escuela), 5:30 pm, and 7:00 pm (en Español)**

"Tenemos la necesidad de tu inmaculado corazón, para amar libremente, sin objetivos secundarios pero buscando el bien de los demás, con sencillez y sinceridad, renunciando a máscaras y trucos."

- Papa Francisco

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**Celebraciones de la Virgen de Guadalupe en la Catedral de la Anunciación**

**Novenario Guadalupano en la Iglesia:** El 4, 5, 6, 7 de Diciembre a las 7:00 pm

**Triduo Guadalupano en la Iglesia**

- Sábado, 9 de Diciembre: 7:00 pm
- Domingo, 10 de Diciembre: 1:00 pm
- Lunes, 11 de Diciembre: 7:00 pm

**Martes, 12 de Diciembre**

Mañanitas: 5:00 am, Santa Misa: 5:30 am, Convivencia en el gimnasio: después de Misa. Misa en la tarde: 7:00 pm
Schedule of Masses / Horario de las Misas
Saturdays/ Sábados: 5:30 pm
Sundays/Domingos: 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00 pm Español
Weekdays/ Entre Semana: 6:30 am

Our Family

- Congratulations and blessings to the families of Mateo Sebastian Castellon who was baptized last week.
- Please pray for those in our community who are ill, especially Guy Lemoine and Sue Stalcup. (Prayer intentions will be renewed at the beginning of each month. If you’d like to be placed on the prayer list, please call the parish house and we’ll be happy to help.)
- Please pray for those who have passed through death into a new life with Christ, especially Michael Khan, Beatriz Silva and Kryszynik Pietruczynik.

Mass Readings for Sunday, December 10, 2017
Second Sunday of Advent
Reading 1: Is 40:1-5, 9-11
Reading 2: Pt 3:8-14
Gospel: Mk 1:1-8 (5)

El Ministerio de Compartamos Nuestro Pan:
Nuestra colecta mensual de alimentos, tendrá lugar el próximo Sábado y Domingo, 9 y 10 de Diciembre, en todas las Misas. Favor de traer alimentos que no se estropees a Misa el próximo fin de semana. Gracias!

Mass Intentions/Misa de Intención:
12/04/17: 6:30 am: Juan Porras
12/05/17: 6:30 am: Beth Noronha
12/06/17: 6:30 am: Aurora Takikawa
12/07/17: 9:00 am: Aurora Takikawa
12/08/17: 6:30 am: For all the people of the parish.
12/09/17: 5:30 pm: Luis Garcia

Choose Life...Words to live by...
"There may be a legitimate diversity of opinion even among Catholics about waging war and applying the death penalty but not, however, with regard to abortion and euthanasia." - Pope Benedict XVI

Give Us This Day, Our Daily bread:
Our regular monthly food drive will take place next Saturday and Sunday, December 9 and 10 at all the Masses. Please continue to be generous in sharing with our community's hungry families. Please bring non-perishable food items to Mass next weekend. Thank you!

November and Thanksgiving Day Results
We extend a heartfelt thank you to the parish for their generosity in sharing its daily bread in the form of a variety of nutritious non-perishable food items with those in our community that experience from food insecurity.

The results from November are: 85 bags, 13 cases/multi-packs, 2 boxes, 25lb beans, and 2 turkeys.
Thanksgiving Day results: 70 bags, 10 cases/multi-packs, 7 boxes, and 2 of 25lb bags of beans.

Additionally, generous monetary donations to be used for the Catholic Charities food pantry were received from the Thanksgiving Day Mass collection and the Annunciation student council and students. A special thanks to all those persons that dropped off their food donations before going out of town.

Resultados de Noviembre y Día de Acción de Gracias
Muchas gracias a la comunidad parroquial por su generosidad compartiendo alimentos de cada día que apoyan a los de nuestra comunidad más necesitada.

Los resultados de Noviembre: 85 bolsas, 13 cajas multi-pack, 2 cajas, 25lb de frijoles, y 2 pavos.
Resultados del Día de Acción de Gracias: 70 bolsas, 10 cajas multi-pack, 7 cajas, y 2 bolsas de 25lb de frijoles.

También se recibieron generosas donaciones monetarias para la despensa de alimentos de Caridades Católicas de la colecta de la Misa de Acción de Gracias y el Consejo Estudiantil de la Anunciación. Un sincero agradecimiento a todas aquellas personas que dejan sus donaciones antes de salir fuera de la ciudad.
**CRECER**

**Formación de Fe**  
Junta para padres de niños de Segundo año de Primera Comunión

Tendrá lugar el Martes 5 de Diciembre del 2017 a las 7:30 pm en el Gimnasio. Recibirá un paquete que contiene información importante incluye fecha y horario de la Primera Comunión. Por favor comuníquese con Liliana a la Casa parroquial al (209) 463-1305 si tiene dudas o preguntas.

**GROW**

**Faith Formation**  
Parent Meeting for children in their second year First Communion

Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at 6:00 pm in the Parish Center (GYM). You will be receiving the informational packet that contains important information including communion dates and times. Please contact Liliana at the parish house (209) 463-1305 if you have questions or concerns.

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**Annunciation School: “Saint Strong”**

**Visita de Acreditación**

Nuestra escuela se está preparando para la visita de acreditación del WCEA/WASC que será en Marzo. Invitamos a nuestra comunidad parroquial, a que visite nuestra pagina web y vea nuestro documento de autoestudio que muestra nuestros logros y futuras metas.

**Accreditation Visit**

Our school is currently preparing for our WCEA/WASC accreditation visit in March. We invite our parish community to visit our website and review our self-study document which highlights our accomplishments and future goals.

**Misiones de California**

Para mejorar su conocimiento de las misiones de California, la clase del cuarto grado regresó el tiempo para experimentar cómo era la vida de las personas que vivían dentro de las misiones al principio del siglo XIX. Con su atuendo de época, los estudiantes pasaron el día en el campo para participar en diversas actividades como, tejiendo canastas, haciendo velas, moliendo maíz y haciendo tortillas. ¡Una divertida oportunidad de aprendizaje!

**California Missions**

To enhance their study of California missions, the fourth grade class stepped back in time to experience what life was like for people who lived inside the missions in the early 1800’s. Wearing their period attire, students spent the day on the ranch participating in various hands-on activities; basket weaving, candle making, corn grinding, and tortilla making. A fun learning opportunity!

**Misa de la Inmaculada de Concepción**

No habrá Misa escolar el Miércoles, 6 de Diciembre. Los invitamos a acompañarnos en la celebración de la Misa de la Inmaculada Concepción el Viernes, 8 de Diciembre a las 8:30 am en la Catedral.

**Immaculate Conception School Mass**

There will be no school Mass on Wednesday, December 6. Instead, we invite you to join us in celebrating the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on Friday, December 8 at 8:30 am in the Cathedral.

**Box Tops**

¡Gracias a todos los que recortaron los Box Tops! Está ultima ves se recaudaron $270 debido al apoyo de nuestra comunidad escolar y parroquial. Por favor continue buscando el logo de los Box Tops y entregue lo a la oficina parroquial o escolar. ¡Agradecemos su apoyo!

**Box Tops**

Thank you to all our Box Tops clippers! Our most recent Box Top submission earned us $270 because of the combined efforts of our school and parish community. Please continue to search for the Box Top logo and return to the parish or school office. We appreciate your support!
Cathedral of the Annunciation and Community

Advent Giving Tree
Advent has begun! As you may have noticed, there is a Christmas Tree near the statue of St. Joseph. This is our Advent Giving Tree. Traditionally, each year during the Christmas season, the Cathedral reaches out to help families experiencing difficult times in our community, other parish communities and several agencies. The Cathedral cannot do this without your help. How can you help? Here's how...

There are ornaments on the Advent Giving Tree with the age and gender of the recipients who will receive the gifts. We invite you to reflect on the many blessings you have been given. Perhaps you may want to discuss this with your family, a group of co-workers, or individually. We invite you to take as many ornaments as you'd like. Gift cards are welcomed. We ask that all items are new. Please bring the unwrapped items with the ornament attached to Mass the following Sunday. You are invited to process up to the altar during the offertory procession. The Advent Tree works by referral. If you would like to refer a family from our parish, please call Alma or Mari at the Parish House at (209) 463-1305. Thank you for your generosity. Please bring gifts with you to Mass or to the parish house no later than December 17, 2017.

Altar Guild News
The Annunciation Altar Guild will hold its members’ Christmas luncheon at Papapavlo’s in the Cabernet Room on Thursday, December 7, at 11:00 am. Members are reminded to bring new children’s books, gloves, hats, or socks to be donated to the New Hope Family Shelter, Gospel Rescue Mission.

Officers for the 2017-2018 year are:
President: Anita Garcia, Vice-President: Kathleen Equinoa,
Secretary: Paula Almaas, Treasurer: Bert Davis

If you are interested in learning more about the Altar Guild or becoming a member, please contact Anita Garcia at (209) 351-0820.

Simbang Gabi
The Filipino-American Community of Annunciation Cathedral invites all parishioners to join the celebration of SIMBANG GABI, a series of nine (9) days of Novena Masses prior to Christmas. This starts on the evening of December 16th at 5:30 pm and ends at 6:30 on the morning of December 24th, in preparation for the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Please see insert for all dates and times.)

Cathedral Concert Series, Special Sponsorship Opportunity!
The Diocesan Festival Choir in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Stockton will be performing “Gloria in D Major” by Antonio Vivaldi on Friday, April 20 at 7:00 pm. This performance is part of the “Cathedral Concert Series” hosted by the Cathedral of the Annunciation. In order to provide a rich, musical experience for the community, this musical work is best performed with chamber orchestra to accompany the choir. We are looking for generous sponsors (groups, organizations, or families) to donate $250 towards funding a “chair” for each chamber orchestra member for this event. There are seven chairs in total: two violins, a viola, a cello, a string bass, an oboe, and a trumpet. Chair sponsors will receive free advertising space in the concert program, reserved seating in the front rows (one pew per sponsoring group), and verbal recognition during the concert. This is an amazing opportunity to be a part of a magical evening of music and community. Thank you for considering being one of our chamber orchestra “chair” sponsors. In-kind donations are also welcome and all donations are tax-deductible. For more information regarding donations and reserving your sponsorship, please contact Geremie Rebustillo at geremieromeo@gmail.com or (209) 607-1822.
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