



# December 16, 2018 Third Sunday Of Advent

## UPCOMING DATES

**Sun Dec 16, Parish Christmas Dinner 5 PM  
at the Highland Dell**

Tues Dec 25, Christmas Day

Tues Jan 1, New Years

Wed Jan 2, St. Elizabeth Guild Meeting 1 PM

(TBA) Finance Committee Meeting

(TBA) St. Colman Guild Meeting

## READINGS

Zep 3: 14-18a

Is 12: 2-3. 4. 5-6

Phil 4: 4-7

Lk 3: 10-18

## PRAY FOR OUR BROTHERS & SISTERS

**Who are ill or in pain:** Nilda Falero, Don Schaffert, Lawrence Peterson, Claudette West, Alan Barich, Ed & Eileen Copeland, Andrew Cebalo, Nina Cantacessi, Posie, William Donnellan, Ernest Souder, Robert Cebalo, Kathleen Sheridan, Sister Gabrielle, Virginia Loosli, David Cross, Helen Johnson, Billy Henthorn, Steve Arcia, Jim & Mary Crowther, Lorelie Fulwider, Fr. Andrew Metcalf, JoAnn Coules, Dinah Smith, Lorna Marie Hastings, Laverne Jones, Joanne & Bill Rodgers, John Breig, Linda Schmidt, Michell Jackson, Jim Ward, Nini Sanchez, Jacqueline Donovan, Art McNulty, Terry Devlin, Mary Hall Smith, Stan Moorman, Maggie Nelson, Stella Dunne, Nina Cantacessi, John Hoffman, Mary Tamargo, Don La Plante, Sarah & David, Ed Fulwider, Vicki Gonzalez, Jesus Chavez Torres.

**Who have been called to Eternal Life:** John Seymour, George Ayoob, Charlie Marbach, Joe Mercieca, Elaine Benson, Suzi Schaffert, Janet Guidotti, Keith Poulsen, Doris Porras, Helen Leseberg, Bette Campbell, Margaret Maher, Carole Williams, Fr. Philip Ryan, Joseph Kobler, Rebecca Jane Ruiz, Janine Bekker Carrig, Margie Sanchez, Matthew Gonzalez, Billy Ferree, Tom King, Tom Kelly, Axel Avera, Victor Theander, John Sanchez, Don Covello.

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Sat 4 pm:** All parishioners

**Sat 5 pm:** George Ayoob<sup>+</sup> requested by Eleanor

**Sun 9 am:** George Ayoob<sup>+</sup> requested by John Clifford;

John Anthony Seymour<sup>+</sup> requested by Fr. Luis

**Sun 11 am:** Sarah, Mila, Alan & Emilio [*health*]

**Tues-Fri 9am:** George Ayoob<sup>+</sup> requested by John Clifford; John Anthony Seymour<sup>+</sup>

## LITURGICAL MUSIC CORNER

by our Music Director, Rebecca Brown

## **Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> Third Sunday of Advent,**

*“Gaudete” Sunday*

*“Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say, rejoice!”*

*(Entrance antiphon)*

Gathering Song: Gathering Song For Advent

*“Come, Lord Jesus, come Lord Jesus, come and give us your peace.”*

*Isaiah 12: Cry out with joy and gladness, for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.*

*Preparation of the Gifts: People Look East BB # 40*

*Communion Hymn: O Come, O Come Emmanuel BB #38*

*Recessional Hymn: Let the King of Glory Come BB #62*

**BB: Breaking Bread Hymnal SS: Song Sheets**

*The choir has been rehearsing the beautiful Italian classic Christmas carol, Gesu Bambino, by Pietro Yon. We look forward to sharing it with you! Please join us for our Christmas caroling service at 4:00 pm on Christmas Eve, led by our beautiful choir and instrumentalists (including our cellist, Sean Brown, and his sister, Thérèse, on the violin) followed by Mass at 5 pm. Everyone is welcome!*

## PASTOR'S DESK

In an essay entitled, *“Overtaken by Joy,”* the author records a beautiful moment when she is overtaken by the *Mystery of God and Creation* – the mystery of what it’s all about. She writes...

*I had been working all night on a manuscript. It would not come right, and I felt I could never finish it. But as the clock struck five, the last sentence fell into place, and I put down my pen, opened the door, and stepped out onto the lawn. The stars were thinning out, and the sky in the east had that "light-is-coming" look. A few birds began to sing, tentatively trying out their voices, each seemingly waking the next. The trees, dark shapes on the horizon, began now to take on form and configuration. A stream of light caught the weeping willow across the street and sharply etched one branch of our birch tree. The sky lightened all along the eastern horizon. More trees appeared one-by-one. The great maple lighted with brilliance like a candelabra in the dark. The sun was up! There was a golden blaze behind the dark trees, a quickened freshness in the air. Twig by twig the sun set fire to every branch and leaf. The birds were now singing wildly, as though they had just been created by the morning itself; and I, too, felt newly created, so full of joy that it seemed I could not hold it.*

According to a world-renowned psychologist, *Dr. Abraham Maslow*, the most important thing that happens in a profound experience of that kind is *"the feeling of having actually glimpsed the essence of things, the secret of life, as if veils had been pulled apart."* In other words, a revelation from God: *the person's feeling of actually having had a glimpse of God's majesty.*

That's what this coming holiday is all about: our celebration of a *revelation from God* in which He actually gives us an awesome glimpse of His Power and Majesty; our celebration of a revelation from God in which we are overtaken by the experience of His tremendous Love in our midst.

So, there is Good News today. You won't find it in the morning headlines, but we've already heard it in our Gospel text. It tells us that when Jesus was about to begin His public ministry, John the Baptist preached this Good News to the people. *"someone is coming who is more powerful than I am ... He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire" (Lk. 3:16).* And soon his followers will be part of the most extraordinary event in human history; God Himself will be among them in the Person of Jesus Christ -a glorious Mystery beyond their human understanding.

Have a reflective and insightful Advent

Fr. Luis

**PS: Christmas party Sunday 5 pm at the Highland Dell, Merry Christmas and we will see you there!**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**We have received \$500.00 from the Catholic Community foundation of Santa Clara County.** recommended by one our summer parishioners. The grant went to St. Catherine in Monte Rio for \$250.00 and St. Elizabeth for \$250.00. It is wonderful that the Stallman family remember us, especially in the winter time when our collection is down. And as always I thank God for our summer parishioners who sustain us financially during the winter months.

**Reminder to return your gingerbread men gifts to River to Coast Child Care by Tuesday** as they plan early distribution to families. The River Coast Child Care office is at First and Church Streets in Guerneville (building with white picket fence, kitty-corner from the Vets Hall).

**Thank you to all our parishioners from all our parishes for your support of the Cissell family's fundraiser! God bless!**

The Catholic Cursillo Movement of the Diocese of Santa Rosa invites all Catholic Cursillistas to an Ultreya from 2 to 4 p.m. January 19 at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4595 Snyder Lane, Rohnert Park. If you are a Catholic who has ever lived a Cursillo weekend, or if you are interested in learning about the Catholic Cursillo Movement, you are welcome to attend this Ultreya. Gathering 2:00, Small group sharing 2:15, Witness Rollo and Reflection 2:45, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction 3:15, Refreshments and Social 3:30.

For further information call:

Molly Touchette at 707-292-8389

Olga Dorado at 707-755-0022

## PARISH DONATIONS

Period reflected: Dec 8 – Dec 9

St. Elizabeth 1 <sup>st</sup> collection	\$955.00
St. Elizabeth 2 <sup>nd</sup> collection	\$159.00
St. Catherine 1 <sup>st</sup> collection	\$245.00
St. Catherine 2 <sup>nd</sup> collection	\$0.00
St. Colman 1 <sup>st</sup> collection	\$53.23
St. Colman 2 <sup>nd</sup> collection	\$110.00

*Thank you for your generosity!* \$1,522.23

## **Have you remembered the St. Elizabeth church in your will?**

**To be placed on our Sunday Bulletin email list, send your request to: [ChurchElizabeth@comcast.net](mailto:ChurchElizabeth@comcast.net)**

The deadline for Bulletin submissions is Wednesday at 5pm. Submit them (proofread and spell-checked) via email or the following meetings at St. Hubert's Hall:

**St. Elizabeth Guild Meeting (1st Wednesday at 1 pm)**

**Finance Committee Meeting (3rd Wednesday at 4 pm)**

**St. Colman Guild Meeting (4th Tuesday at 12 pm)**