



# SAN CARLOS CATHEDRAL

## Diocese of Monterey

December 14, 2025 - Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)

*Tercero Domingo de Adviento (Domingo de Gaudete)- 14 de Diciembre del 2025*

"THIS IS THE ONE  
ABOUT WHOM IT IS WRITTEN:  
BEHOLD, I AM SENDING  
MY MESSENGER AHEAD OF YOU;  
HE WILL PREPARE YOUR WAY  
BEFORE YOU." —MT 11:10



"PORQUE DE ÉL ESTÁ ESCRITO:  
HE AQUÍ QUE YO ENVÍO  
A MI MENSAJERO PARA QUE VAYA  
DELANTE DE TI Y TE PREPARE  
EL CAMINO". —MT 11,10

### CATHEDRAL HOURS

#### MONDAY – FRIDAY

7:00 AM – 3:00 PM

#### SATURDAY & SUNDAY

7:00 AM – 7:00 PM

### MASS SCHEDULE

#### WEEKEND SCHEDULE

##### SATURDAYS

4:00 PM Vigil

##### SUNDAYS

7:30 AM

9:00 AM

10:30 AM (\*)

12:00 PM *en Español* (\*\*)

5:30 PM

#### WEEKDAY SCHEDULE

##### MONDAY – FRIDAY

7:45 AM & 12:15 PM

\*Children's Mass on the Fourth Sunday of the Month

\*\*Bilingual Mass on the Second Sunday of the Month

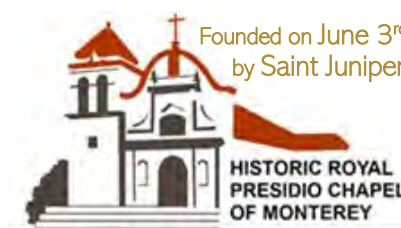
### PARISH OFFICE

#### MONDAY – FRIDAY

9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

#### SATURDAY & SUNDAY

CLOSED



## The Third Sunday of Advent (Year A) *by young-catholics.com*

Gaudete Sunday, the 3rd Sunday of Advent Year A, is a time of joyful anticipation. The readings focus on hope, patience, and recognizing God's presence among us.

- **Joy in God's Promise:** The readings show that God's promise brings joy. Isaiah speaks of the desert blooming, and Jesus points to His works as signs of God's presence.
- **Patience in Waiting:** James calls for patience as we wait for the Lord. Like a farmer waiting for crops, we must trust that God's timing is perfect.
- **Hope for Healing:** Isaiah promises healing for the blind, the deaf, and the lame. Jesus' miracles in the Gospel show that He fulfills this promise.
- **The Lord is Near:** The nearness of God brings hope. Jesus reminds John's disciples that He is the one they are waiting for.
- **Signs of the Messiah:** Jesus points to His works as signs of the Messiah. The miracles He performs fulfill the prophecies in Isaiah.
- **Encouragement in Trials:** James encourages us to stay strong through challenges. Like the prophets, we are called to endure with hope and patience.

Gaudete Sunday reminds us that our waiting is filled with joy and hope. As we prepare for Christ's coming, we trust in God's promises and His perfect timing.

### EXPOSITION & ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month  
(8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.)

&

Every Friday  
(7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.)

**(CANCELLED during ADVENT)**

### CONFESSIONS

Saturdays at 2:30 p.m.

At the RECTORY

(By the Carport next to restrooms)

Also available by appointment

### EVENING PRAYER

Mondays at 7:00 p.m.



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## Mass Intentions Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> – Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>

### Saturday, Dec 13 - Saint Lucy

**4:00 pm:** +Antonio & Maria Flores  
+William La Luz  
+Angelina Malfitano

### Sunday, Dec 14 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**7:30 am:** +Carol Aspesi  
+Giuseppa Maiorana  
+Alice Wabby

**9:00 am:** +Vincent Torrente  
+Frank Martin  
+Sgt. Ryan Kenedy

**10:30 am:** +Joseph & Vitina Pironi  
+Mateo & Ursula Ciolino  
+Catherine & Joe Ferrante

**12:00 pm:** *For All SCC Parishioners*  
**5:30 pm:** +Frank Donangelo

### Monday, Dec 15 -

**7:30 am:** Int. of William Henry Tienken  
Int. of Juan Barragan Aquino  
Int. of Barragan-Montry Family

**12:00 pm:** +Teodorico & Brigida Erguiza  
+Bernabe Erguiza  
Int. of Michael Koleszar

### Tuesday, Dec 16 -

**7:45 am:** +Anna Forster  
+Cortland Silverio Rodriguez  
+Maria Reyes

**12:15 pm:** +Paul Anthony Hartnett  
Int. of Kyong-Soo Yi  
Int. of Mi-hang Yi

### Wednesday, Dec 17 -

**7:45 am:** +Joe Anastasia  
+Remigio & Isabelita Guevarra

**12:15 pm:** +George Alkire  
+Msgr. Eamon McMahon  
Int. of John Hui-Yi

### Thursday, Dec 18 -

**7:45 am:** +Jose Jesus Gomez  
+Juan Fernando Gomez  
+Jose Reyes

**12:15 pm:** +Josephine Cutrufelli  
+Johnny Erguiza  
+Isabelo & Filomena Villanueva

### Friday, Dec 19 -

**7:45 am:** +Alice Wabby

**12:15 pm:** +Tom Dorney  
+Fred & Sara Smith  
+Pauline & Frank Hicks

### Saturday, Dec 20 -

**4:00 pm:** +Joseph Peter Rossi  
+Virginia Lucido  
+Giuseppe V. Spadaro

### Sunday, Dec 21 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**7:30 am:** +Brent Ingram  
+Pietro Maiorana  
+Alice Wabby

**9:00 am:** +Frank Hernandez  
+Joseph & Eleonora Sampognaro  
+Joe Sampognaro

**10:30 am:** +Giuseppe & Cristina Manugerra  
+Diego & Francesca Arancio  
Int. of Joel Ordaz-Hoang

**12:00 pm:** +Sgt. Ryan Kenedy  
+Francisco Bercovich  
+Roberto de Vera  
**5:30 pm:** *For All SCC Parishioners*



## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR A) *by Sr. Sharon McMillan, SNDdeN*

The Third Sunday of Advent has traditionally been marked by the note of joy, rooted in the two-fold character of this holy Season: the return of Jesus, crucified and risen, that we await at the end of time and the joyous events we recall of his incarnation. Today we hear the words of Isaiah the prophet about God's people returning from exile "singing, crowned with everlasting joy; they shall meet with joy and gladness, sorrow and mourning will flee." This is the joy no grief or loss can diminish that we find in the healing power of Jesus, our Messiah and Emmanuel. He proves to the world his divinity by his cures for all those in need. Today's opening prayer promises us that the same "God of glory and compassion at whose touch the wilderness blossoms" is the God incarnate in Jesus his Son by whose grace "broken lives are made whole and fearful hearts grow strong in faith." This is our Savior and Brother, Jesus, who waits at the door of our hearts to be invited to enter and dwell with us forever. Come, Lord Jesus! Come and do not delay!

**The First Reading Isaiah 35:1 – 6a, 10** Isaiah the Prophet proclaims the great joy that God comes to restore and save his people returning home after their exile. God's saving actions are evident in the human world, yes, but also in all of creation: all of nature will exult and rejoice. The desert, parched land, and the steppe will bloom abundantly. Our loving God provides the fertility of every land! No matter how daily life is experienced, God's people are to live in hope. The Prophet urges us to "strengthen the hands that are feeble and make firm the knees that are weak. Be strong, fear not! God comes to save us!" All around us God is healing the blind, the deaf, the lame, the mute. God is healing every diminishment within the human family and within the physical world. The God who has loved us and created us promises to bring all life to perfection. There is endless reason to rejoice; God's compassion will cause "sorrow and mourning to flee."

**The Second Reading James 5:7 - 10** St. James exhorts us to patience as we wait for the day not too far distant when God's kingdom will be fully established. James compares the patience we must have to that of a farmer. How vivid that model is for those of us who live on the Monterey Peninsula. Farmers do all they can plant carefully but then they wait for the land itself to produce the harvest. This is the message for us during this holy Season: wait in patience and mutual love. "Make your hearts firm because the coming of the Lord is at hand. Do not complain about one another." Whenever anxiety and fear arise, whenever hope seems hard to come by, whenever feelings of isolation surround us, let us remind one another that Jesus, once born in a manger, dwells now always in our hearts, present to us at every breath. Let us rely on the community of disciples to make our hearts firm: Jesus has come, comes now, and is coming again. Let us strengthen one another in patient waiting.

**The Gospel Matthew 11:2 - 11** This dialogue between Jesus and John the Baptist's disciples is such a poignant one: "Are you the one to come or should we look for another?" Are you, Jesus, the Messiah we are longing for? How will we know? Jesus immediately responds by pointing to all the signs that Scripture identifies as proof for the presence of the Messiah: concern for the poor and for all those who are in need of God's healing power. It is God's power that is at work in the ministry of Jesus: he is trustworthy; he is the Word made flesh and splendor of the Father. He is the incarnation of God's healing power. But he comes not with military might, not with worldly, political power. Those who expect that kind of a Messiah will be very disappointed. Jesus says, "Blessed is the one who takes no offense at me." He is the Messiah who comes as the Suffering Servant, who is born in a manger, and who comes to heal and raise up the most vulnerable and the most needy. He hears the cries of the poor. Let us bring our poverty and our neediness to his loving heart this Advent Season.

### PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE IN NEED OF HEALING ESPECIALLY FOR:

Eloise Sierra, Rosa Caruso, Harold Jackson, Madeline Gourel, Christa Erlat, Jeannine Beaumont La Force, Christina Mora, George Terrell, Laura Hastings,, Lisa Guidone, Diane Davies, Linda Gnipp, Cathy Shelton, Kevin Ferguson, Maureen Ferguson, Lynn Hammond, Sharron & Peter Erickson, Kelemete Fanene, Amelia Battistella, Debra G. Bomactao, R.C., Charlotte Lombardi, Shirley Stagar, Meredith Tibbey, Natalie Hinojosa, Bill Martinez, Margaret Pittelkow, Terry Nance, Anna & Joe Smith, Katrina Lund Madison, John Wallingford, Reyna Castellanos, Ana Flores Hernandez, Carol Clayton, Marisa Martinez, Michael Leonard, Nick Venturino, Sophia Isabella Carlson, Ryan Braff, Roger Thorsnbury, Bill Martinez, Marlyn Padilla, Lenice Bleckbee, LuLuBelle Johnson, Jacob Jenkins, Marita Esteban, Ellen Barrett, Lieland Axel Hensley, Oscar Brown, Desmond Fischer, James Yoshida, Jeff Devens, Mary & Jackson, Mary Ann Cutino, Janice Rayman, GiGi Andrada, Angelina Diaz, Dolores Billa, Benny Benedictos, Edward Hanratty, Vicky Juarez, Estrellita Quindara, Arthel Cake, Maryellen Aisenberg, Kian Anabo, Gabriel Hernandez, Sandra Ontiveros, Angie & Rosario Favalora, Delgado Family, Danny Aliotti, Anna Fierro, Marlyn Padilla, Gary Giboney, Jeremiah Mekhael, Matthew Ferguson, Jim Kern, Jesus Villa, Dee Powell, Nguyen Family, Alan Dougherty, Chris Wallingford, Juanita Escovido, Lesley Anne Stephens, Mary Spry, Mia Gatagna, Diane Wallingford, Eduardo Perez, Ernie Damasco, Susan Barron, Alex Ponce, Dolores Howard, Amelia Davila, Tuney Panggat, Eugene Merkel, Alice Alado, Ryan Cahallan, Colleen Kahn, Matt Ferguson, Jayme Layman, Ninfa Mineo, Phil Maestas, Kaitlyn Williams, John Mulchaey, Paul Naewman Lee, Anthony Campo, Lia Nevoloso, Baldo Amato, Hailey Mann, Jenna Roscelli, Tony Davi, Susan Luke, Joanne Reyes, Kontrena McPherson, Doug Wachter, Gary Kuennen, Allegra Scarano, Sherry Tyler, Susan Dodds, Demetrio Santiago, Sebastian Saldana, Jasmin Reate, Martha Rodriguez, Maria Valtierra, Tom Ghigliotto, Loretta Manjor, Most Rev. Sylvester Ryan, Richard & Penny Cruickshank, Denis Marie Martin, Gary Kress, Nina Andrada, Sandra Logsdon, Philippos Savvas Christoforou, Irving Argüello, Sonia Sharp, Erik Elken, Nora Dial, Judy Fisher, Louise Demateo, Anne Roberts, Randy Riddle, Romulo Uy, Julie Jordan, Leigh Franklin, Lynette Puccinelli, Sheila Bowman, Bonnie O'Brian, Jose Ordaz, Jerry Simonich, Arturo Bazaldua, Margie Pruitt, Eilene Troncatty, Gary Barlettani, Gill Berger, Ellen Ladd.

**Please call the office to Add, Remove OR Update names in our prayer list. Thank you! 831-373-2628 x10**

*Advent*  
Reconciliation Service



**Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
7:00 pm at San Carlos Cathedral

**SERVICIO DE RECONCILIACION DE ADVIENTO**  
*Lunes, 15 de Diciembre a las 7:00pm*

**San Carlos Cathedral**

— 2025 —

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

***Christmas Eve: WEDNESDAY, DEC. 24<sup>TH</sup>***

**4:00PM — *Family Mass***  
at SCC HALL

**6:00PM — *Posada Final &***  
***Misa de Noche Buena***  
in the CATHEDRAL

**9:00PM — *Mass with Carols***  
in the CATHEDRAL

***Christmas Day: THURSDAY, DEC. 25<sup>TH</sup>***

**7:30AM — *Mass* in the CATHEDRAL**

**10:30AM — *Mass* in the CATHEDRAL**

**12:00PM — *Misa (Bilingual)***  
in the CATHEDRAL



**December 6 & 7:**

**Plate Collection: \$**

**Online: \$**

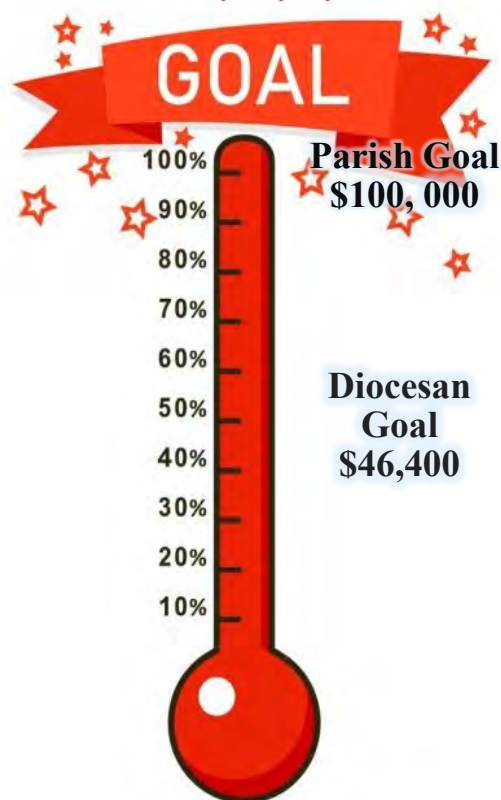
**Total: \$**

***THANK YOU for your generous support!***



**Diocese of Monterey**

**A.M.A.**



**AMA 2025:** (as of 11/10/2025)

**Parish Goal: \$ 100,000**

**Diocesan Goal: \$ 46,400**

**Pledged: \$ 101,015.00**

**Received: \$ 99,313.31**



# December



| <b>DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup></b><br><b>SOLEMNITY</b><br><b>OF THE</b><br><b>IMMACULATE</b><br><b>CONCEPTION</b><br><b>—PATRONESS—</b><br><b>OF THE</b><br><b>UNITED STATES</b> | SUNDAY                                                                                                                                                                | MONDAY                                                                                                                                               | TUESDAY                                                                                                                                  |
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|                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>I ADVENT (YEAR A)</b> <b>30</b><br>7:30am—Mass<br>9:00am—Mass<br>10:30am—Mass<br>12:00pm— <i>Misa</i> (Español)<br>5:30pm—Mass                                     | <b>DECEMBER 1</b><br>7:45am—Mass<br>12:15pm—Mass<br>7:00pm— <i>Evening Prayer</i>                                                                    | <b>2</b><br>7:45am—Mass<br>12:15pm—Mass                                                                                                  |
|                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>II ADVENT</b> <b>7</b><br>7:30am—Mass<br>9:00am—Mass<br>10:30am—Mass<br>12:00pm— <i>Misa</i> (Español)<br>5:30pm—Mass<br>7:00pm— <i>Novena: Guadalupe 5/9</i>      | <b>IMMACULATE CONCEPTION</b> <b>8</b><br>7:30am—Mass<br>12:00pm—Mass<br>6:00pm— <i>Misa (Novena: Guadalupe 6/9)</i><br>7:00pm— <i>Evening Prayer</i> | <b>Saint Juan Diego</b> <b>9</b><br>7:45am—Mass<br>12:15pm—Mass<br>6:00pm—Holy Hour for Migrants<br>7:00pm— <i>Novena: Guadalupe 7/9</i> |
|                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>III ADVENT</b> <b>14</b><br>7:30am—Mass<br>9:00am—Mass<br>10:30am—Mass<br>12:00pm— <i>Misa</i> (Bilingual)<br>5:30pm—Mass<br>6:45pm— <i>Advent Talk#3@SCC Hall</i> | <b>15</b><br>7:45am—Mass<br>12:15pm—Mass<br>7:00pm— <i>Advent Reconciliation Service</i>                                                             | <b>16</b><br>7:45am—Mass<br>12:15pm—Mass<br>7:00pm— <i>Las Posadas 1/9</i>                                                               |
|                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>IV ADVENT</b> <b>21</b><br>7:30am—Mass<br>9:00am—Mass<br>10:30am—Mass<br>12:00pm— <i>Misa</i> (Español)<br>5:30pm—Mass<br>7:00pm— <i>Las Posadas 6/9</i>           | <b>22</b><br><b>(OFFICE – CLOSED)</b><br>7:45am—Mass<br>12:15pm— <b>(NO MASS)</b><br>7:00pm— <i>Las Posadas 7/9</i>                                  | <b>23</b><br><b>(OFFICE – CLOSED)</b><br>7:45am—Mass<br>12:15pm— <b>(NO MASS)</b><br>7:00pm— <i>Las Posadas 8/9</i>                      |
|                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>HOLY FAMILY</b> <b>28</b><br>7:30am—Mass<br>9:00am—Mass<br>10:30am—Children's Mass<br>12:00pm— <i>Misa</i> (Español)<br>5:30pm—Mass                                | <b>29</b><br><b>(OFFICE – CLOSED)</b><br>7:45am—Mass<br>12:15pm—Mass<br>7:00pm— <i>Evening Prayer</i>                                                | <b>OUR LADY OF BETHLEHEM</b> <b>30</b><br><b>(OFFICE – CLOSED)</b><br>7:45am—Mass<br>12:15pm—Mass                                        |

**8 DICIEMBRE**  
**SOLEMNIDAD**  
**DE LA**  
**INMACULADA**  
**CONCEPCION**  
**—PATRONA—**  
**DE LOS**  
**ESTADOS UNIDOS**

God our Father, source of all goodness and grace,

## PRAYER FOR A NEW BISHOP

we open our hearts in trust as we await the selection of a new bishop for our Diocese of Monterey.

Bless those chosen to make this decision, giving them the Spirit of Wisdom to discern your will.

May Our new bishop be a loving Shepherd blessed with a compassionate heart.

May our prayers, respect, and enthusiasm support him in his ministry to serve your people with joy; challenging and collaborating with us as together we celebrate the Sacred Mysteries of Christ.

May our desire to humbly accompany him, serving together as witnesses of your love in our world, bring him courage and peace.

We ask this through the intercession of our Lady of Bethlehem and Saint Junipero Serra. Amen.



# Hope + Peace + Joy + Love

| WEDNESDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | THURSDAY                                                                                                                                                                  | FRIDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | SATURDAY                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| <i>Saint Francis Xavier</i> <b>3</b><br><b>7:45am</b> —Mass<br><br><b>12:15pm</b> —Mass<br><br><b>7:00pm</b> — <i>Novena: Guadalupe 1/9</i>                                                                                              | <b>4</b><br><b>7:45am</b> —Mass<br><br><b>12:15pm</b> —Mass<br><br><b>7:00pm</b> — <i>Novena: Guadalupe 2/9</i>                                                           | <b>5</b><br><b>7:45am</b> —Mass<br><b>8:30am</b> — <i>Exposition</i> (First Friday)<br><br><b>12:15pm</b> —Mass<br><br><b>7:00pm</b> — <i>Novena: Guadalupe 3/9</i>                                                          | <i>Saint Nicholas</i> <b>6</b><br><b>9:00am</b> — <i>FIRST Reconciliations</i><br><br><b>2:30pm</b> —Confessions<br><b>4:00pm</b> —Mass<br><b>7:00pm</b> — <i>Novena: Guadalupe 4/9</i> |
| <i>Our Lady of Loreto</i> <b>10</b><br><b>7:45am</b> —Mass<br><br><b>12:15pm</b> —Mass<br><br><b>7:00pm</b> — <i>Novena: Guadalupe 8/9</i>                                                                                               | <b>11</b><br><b>7:45am</b> —Mass<br><br><b>12:15pm</b> —Mass<br><br><b>7:00pm</b> — <i>Novena: Guadalupe 9/9</i>                                                          | <i>OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE</i> <b>12</b><br><b>4:00am</b> — <i>Las Mañanitas</i><br><b>5:30am</b> — <i>Misa: Guadalupe</i><br><b>7:45am</b> —Mass<br><br><b>12:15pm</b> —Mass<br><b>7:00pm</b> — <i>Advent Talk#1@SCC Hall</i> | <i>Saint Lucy</i> <b>13</b><br><br><b>2:30pm</b> —Confessions<br><b>4:00pm</b> —Mass<br><b>5:15pm</b> — <i>Advent Talk#2@SCC Hall</i>                                                   |
| <b>17</b><br><b>7:45am</b> —Mass<br><br><b>12:15pm</b> —Mass<br><br><b>7:00pm</b> — <i>Las Posadas 2/9</i>                                                                                                                               | <b>18</b><br><b>7:45am</b> —Mass<br><br><b>12:15pm</b> —Mass<br><br><b>7:00pm</b> — <i>Las Posadas 3/9</i>                                                                | <b>19</b><br><b>(OFFICE – CLOSED)</b><br><b>7:45am</b> —Mass<br><br><b>12:15pm</b> —Mass<br><br><b>7:00pm</b> — <i>Las Posadas 4/9</i>                                                                                       | <b>20</b><br><br><b>2:30pm</b> —Confessions<br><b>4:00pm</b> —Mass<br><b>7:00pm</b> — <i>Las Posadas 5/9</i>                                                                            |
| <b>24</b><br><b>7:45am</b> —Mass<br><b>12:15am</b> — <b>(NO MASS)</b><br><br><b>CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES</b><br><b>4:00pm</b> —Family Mass @SCC Hall<br><b>6:00pm</b> — <i>Misa &amp; Las Posadas 9/9</i><br><b>9:00pm</b> —Mass with Carols | <b>25</b><br><b>NATIVITY OF OUR LORD</b><br><b>7:30am</b> —Mass<br><br><b>10:30am</b> —Mass<br><b>12:00pm</b> — <i>Misa</i> (Bilingual)                                   | <b>26</b><br><i>Saint Stephen</i><br><b>(OFFICE – CLOSED)</b><br><b>7:45am</b> —Mass<br><br><b>12:15pm</b> — <b>(NO MASS)</b>                                                                                                | <b>27</b><br><i>Saint John</i><br><br><b>2:30pm</b> —Confessions<br><b>4:00pm</b> —Mass                                                                                                 |
| <b>31</b><br><b>(OFFICE – CLOSED)</b><br><b>7:45am</b> —Mass<br><br><b>12:15pm</b> — <b>(NO MASS)</b><br><b>6:00pm</b> — <i>Misa</i> (Bilingual)<br><b>7:00pm</b> —Holy Hour of Gratitude                                                | <b>1</b><br><b>MARY MOTHER OF GOD JANUARY</b><br><b>(OFFICE – CLOSED)</b><br><b>7:45am</b> — <b>(NO MASS)</b><br><b>9:00am</b> —MASS<br><b>12:15pm</b> — <b>(NO MASS)</b> | <b>2</b><br><b>(OFFICE – CLOSED)</b><br><b>7:45am</b> —Mass<br><br><b>12:15pm</b> —Mass                                                                                                                                      | <b>3</b><br><br><b>2:30pm</b> —Confessions<br><b>4:00pm</b> —Mass                                                                                                                       |

Dios Padre nuestro, fuente de toda bondad y gracia,

abrimos nuestros corazones confiadamente en la espera de la elección de un nuevo obispo para nuestra Diócesis de Monterey.

Bendice a los elegidos para tomar esta decisión, concédeles el Espíritu de Sabiduría para discernir tu voluntad. Que nuestro nuevo obispo sea un pastor amoroso, bendecido con un corazón compasivo.

Que nuestras oraciones, respeto y entusiasmo lo respalden en su ministerio para servir a su pueblo con alegría; aceptando los retos, colaborando y celebrando con nosotros los Sagrados Misterios de Cristo.

Que nuestro deseo de acompañarlo humildemente, sirviendo juntos como testigos de tu amor en nuestro mundo le conceda valor y paz.

Te lo pedimos por intercesión de Nuestra Señora de Belén y San Junípero Serra. Amén.

## ORACION POR UN NUEVO OBISPO



**Sunday, DEC. 14<sup>th</sup>**  
Meeting with Parents

**Domingo, 14 DIC.**  
Junta con Padres

NEXT  
**Sunday, DEC. 21<sup>st</sup>**  
NO CLASS

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## 2026 Parish Calendars



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Cathedral doors



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Will be distributed at the end of  
Mass next weekend (Dec. 20 & 21).

Se distribuirá al final de la Misa  
el próximo fin de semana.

## Christmas Office Schedule & Special Mass Schedule

The parish office will **CLOSE** on **December 19th**  
through **January 2nd** for Christmas break.

The office will re-open on **Monday, January 5th**  
at **9:00 am**. **PLEASE NOTE THE**  
**EMERGENCY PARISH PH. #: 831-646-5517.**

**\*\*The week of December 22-26th, there is only  
ONE Mass at 7:45 am—NO 12:15 pm Mass.\*\***





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### San Carlos Children's Liturgy of the Word



*"Let the children come to Me!"* (Mt 19:14)  
Bring your child to Christ!

Children are invited to come forward and participate in the reading and sharing of Sacred Scripture, every Sunday during the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

### DID YOU KNOW THAT...?

The word **Posada** in the English language literally means: "Inn" or "Lodging". "Las Posadas" is a nine-day Advent tradition that re-enacts the journey of Mary and Joseph as they looked for a place to stay in Bethlehem, and give birth to Baby Jesus.



### ¿SABÍAS QUE...?

La palabra **Posada** en español también significa "alojamiento". "Las Posadas" es una tradición de Adviento de nueve días que recuerda el camino de María y José en busca de un lugar donde quedarse en Belén y dar a luz al Niño Jesús.

## Church Chuckles

"What is St. Joan of Arc's favorite Christmas carol?"



**"O, Holy Knight!"**



St. Joan of Arc led the French to victory in 1429, a valiant soldier for Jesus. (Being French, she probably preferred French carols, though).

### 32 SUNDAY OF ADVENT



# Las Posadas 2025

**December**

**16 – 24**

**Diciembre**

**12/16 — Fam. Beardsley — 491 Webster Street, Monterey, CA 93940**

**12/17 — Fam. Perez — 3051 Eddy Circle, Marina, CA 93933**

**12/18 — Fam. Pineda — 13365 Cuesta Verde, Salinas, CA 93908**

**12/19 — Fam. Vidal Cruz — 230 Montecito #14, Monterey, CA 93940**

**12/20 — San Carlos Cathedral — 500 Church Street, Monterey, CA 93940**

**12/21 — Fam. Angeles — 3248 Vista del Camino Circle, Marina, CA 93933**

**12/22 — Fam. Panzetta — 3272 Cove Way, Marina, CA 93933**

**12/23 — Fam. Perez — 55 Wisteria Way, Seaside, CA 93955**

**12/24 — San Carlos Cathedral — 500 Church Street, Monterey, CA 93940**

**\* 6:00 PM** (with Christmas Eve Mass / con Misa de Noche Buena)

Come & Join Us

**Every Evening**

**7:00 PM**

**Cada Noche**

Ven y Acompáñanos



Dear San Carlos Parishioners,

In the late 16th Century, the first Spanish missionaries in Mexico tried to teach the natives the mysteries of faith through theatrical performances similar to the "*Actos de Fe*" ("Acts of Faith") from their country of origin. Being attributed to Friar Diego de Soria, the first "journeys" (as they were then called) were held, in the convent of St. Augustine Acolman, to remember the way of Joseph and Mary from Nazareth to Bethlehem. The celebration was enriched by the Franciscan custom of depicting Joseph and Mary with images.

From these celebrations and the European "Acts of Faith" came the *Pastorelas*, and the songs to ask for an inn. These celebrations were also called *aguinaldo* ("bonus") parties, perhaps for the small gifts that were given to the natives who participated. Little by little, the celebration moved from the Churches to the homes, and the religious song was replaced by the popular music. The liturgy was mixed with popular folklore, making these parties take root in the heart of the people of Mexico. It was at this time when the name of *Posadas* prevailed. During the rest of the Colonial Period, the custom subsisted without many variations; thus it remained after Mexico's independence, in which even the crises of the country gave in to the joy of the holiday season.

The *Posadas* (or "Inns") are nothing other than a Christmas Novena. They begin on December 16<sup>th</sup> and end on the 24<sup>th</sup>. The celebration consists of a procession from the Churches or the private homes where the Holy Pilgrims are carried; the images of Mary and Joseph sometimes accompanied by a donkey or guided by an Angel. In some places, several families with anticipation delegate the *Posadas*; that is to say, each night a different family organizes the *Posada* and the Pilgrims will be traveling from one house to another.

Each day of the novena begins with the prayer of the Holy Rosary and meditating on the Mysteries of our Salvation. At the beginning of the prayer of the *Litaniae Lauretane* (commonly prayed or chanted in Latin), the procession with the Holy Pilgrims commences. All the participants illuminated by small candles walk behind the Holy Pilgrims. At the conclusion of the litanies and the procession, the first door is reached and all participants start to intone a sung dialogue requesting lodging again and again (preferably at different houses) until the door is opened giving welcome to the Holy Pilgrims.

Then in the atriums or in the patios, *piñatas* (decorated pots that with paper in multiple shapes; filled with fruits, peanuts, and sweets) are hung and broken. The most common shape of *piñatas* is the seven-pointed star. The points of the star represents each of the *capital sins*; striking and breaking each point represents triumphing over sin and receiving the gifts of God represented by fruit and sweets. Later, the celebration continues when the guests are offered a rich snack of traditional dishes of the time. And the music softens the celebration.

The above description is a traditional way to celebrate the *Posada*, since there is no prescribed model. We may see, especially in different regions, elements of the *Posada* being removed or added; however, its communal and festive character, as well as its spirit of prayer, must be preserved, in direct reference to the mystery of Christmas.

Queridos feligreses de San Carlos:

A finales del siglo XVI, los primeros misioneros españoles en México trataron de enseñar a los indígenas los misterios de la fe mediante representaciones teatrales similares a los "Actos de Fe" de su país de origen. Atribuidas a Fray Diego de Soria, las primeras "jornadas" (así se llamaban entonces) se realizaron en el convento de San Agustín Acolman para recordar el camino de José y María desde Nazaret hasta Belén. La celebración se enriqueció con la costumbre franciscana de representar a José y María con imágenes.

De estas celebraciones y de los "Actos de Fe" europeos surgieron las *Pastorelas* y los cantos para pedir posada. A estas también se les llamaban "fiestas de aguinaldo", quizás por los pequeños regalos que se entregaban a los indígenas que participaban. Y así, la celebración se fue trasladando de las iglesias a los hogares, y el canto religioso fue reemplazado por música popular. La liturgia se mezcló con el folklore popular, haciendo que estas fiestas se arraigaran en el corazón del pueblo mexicano. Fue en esta época cuando prevaleció el nombre de *Posadas*. Durante el resto del Periodo Colonial, la costumbre subsistió sin muchos cambios; así pasó al México independiente, en el que hasta las crisis del país cedían ante la alegría de la fiestas navideñas.

Las *Posadas* son la novena de Navidad. Comienzan el 16 de diciembre y terminan el 24. La celebración consiste en una procesión desde las iglesias o casas particulares donde se llevan cargando a los Santos Peregrinos; las imágenes de María y José, a veces acompañados por un burro o guiados por un ángel. En algunos lugares, varias familias se reparten con anticipo las *Posadas*; es decir, cada noche una familia diferente organiza la *Posada* y los Santos Peregrinos irán peregrinando de una casa a otra.

Cada día de la novena comienza con el rezo del Santo Rosario y meditando en los Misterios de nuestra Salvación. Al inicio de las Letanías Lauretanas (comúnmente rezadas o cantadas en latín), comienza la procesión con los Santos Peregrinos. Todos los participantes, iluminados por velas, caminan detrás de los Santos Peregrinos. Al concluir las Letanías y la procesión, se llega a la primera puerta y todos los participantes comienzan a entonar un diálogo cantado que solicita posada una y otra vez (preferiblemente en diferentes casas) hasta que se abre la puerta dando entrada a los Santos Peregrinos.

Luego, en los patios se cuelgan y rompen piñatas (ollas decoradas con papel en múltiples formas, llenas de frutas, cacahuates y dulces). La forma más común de piñata es la estrella de siete picos. Cada pico representa los siete pecados capitales; golpear y romper cada pico representa vencer al pecado y recibir los dones de Dios, representados por frutas y dulces. Despues, la fiesta continúa con una rica merienda de platillos tradicionales, amenizada por la música.

La descripción anterior es una forma tradicional de celebrar La Posada, ya que no existe un modelo prescrito. Podemos ver, especialmente en diferentes regiones, que se eliminan o añaden elementos a La Posada; sin embargo, su carácter comunitario y festivo, así como su espíritu de oración, deben preservarse, en referencia directa al misterio de la Navidad