St. Joseph Parish and St. Patrick Mission

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Diocese of Santa Rosa, California
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Saint Patrick

Saint Joseph Parish
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Saint Patrick Mission
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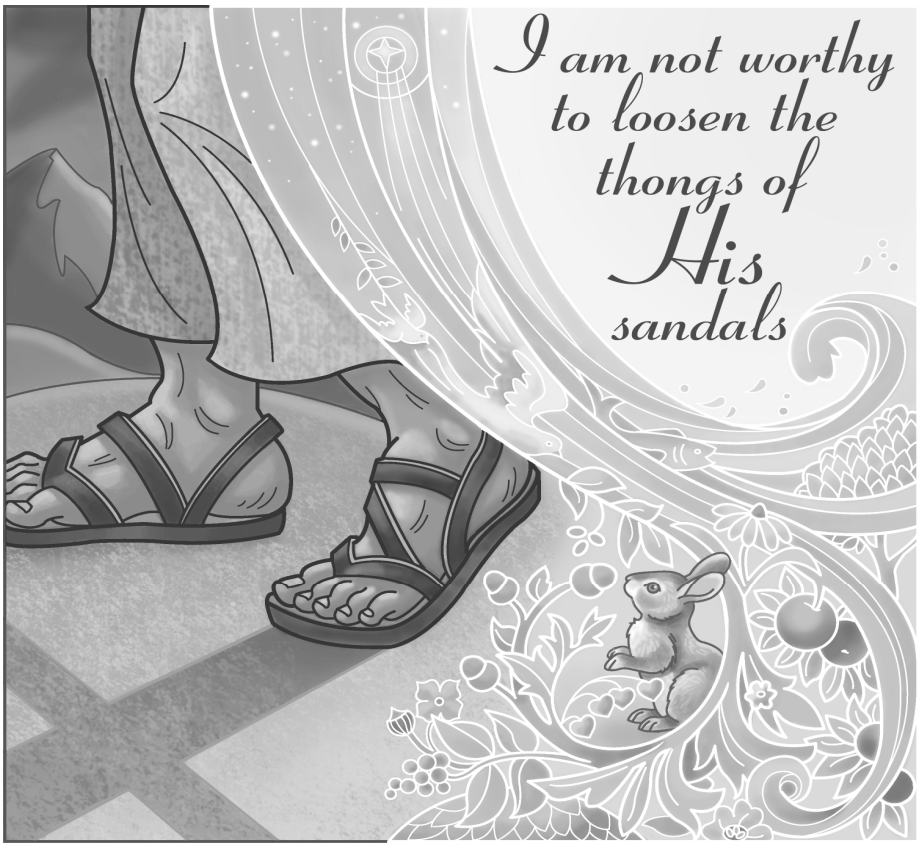
Sunday, December 16, 2018
Third Sunday of Advent



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Mass Schedule Su- **Horario de Misas**
Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 a.m. (at St.Patrick's, Loleta)
Sunday: 10:00 a.m.
Domingo: 12:00 noon (Spanish)
Daily Mass
Redwood Memorial Hospital
Monday - Friday: 12:00 noon
Benediction and
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
First Friday after noon Mass
Reconciliation: Saturday 4:15-4:45 or by appointment
Parish Office - Oficina Parroquial
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Parish Activity Center (PAC) 2292 Newburg Rd.
Parish Staff:
Fr. Edilberto Ramon, Parochial Administrator
Deacon Thomas Silva, Deacon Francisco Núñez
Deacon Abraham Castillo, Deacon Rafael Meraz,
Deacon Craig Brown. Secretary—Gloria Boots

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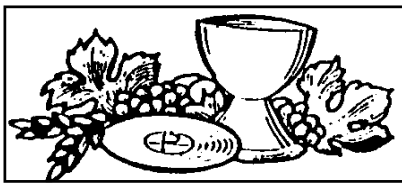
The King of Israel, the LORD,
is in your midst,
you have no further misfortune to fear.
-- Zephaniah 3:15b



Mass Intentions

Sunday, Dec 16
8 AM
+Catherine Sweeney and Tom Thomas
Req. by Adele Thomas
12 PM
+Francisca Gabrera-Martinez
Req. by Fernanda Gabrera

The Loleta Alter Society will be decorating the Church for Christmas on December 22 @10:00. All members are to help. If the Knights could please help bring down the decorations on December 16 it would be greatly appreciated.
Thank you Peggy Colina, President

PANCAKE BREAKFAST
YUM!
THIS WEEK!

The Knights of Columbus will be having their monthly breakfast on Sunday, **December 16** from 9 to noon at the PAC. Breakfast consists of pancakes, your choice of ham, bacon or sausage, eggs, juice and coffee or tea.

This month's special:
Cyclops (Egg in a Hole)

Come one, come all! There will be a special visitor from the North Pole!

Adults, $6.00 , children 12 and under $4.00.

GOOD FOOD, GOOD FRIENDS AND FUN GUARANTEED!

Patty Hamlin, Ray Kirkman, John Raymond, Bonnie Nelson, Ernestine Porro, Kevin, Barbara and Sabrina Goston, Mary & Douglas Griffiths, Rosa Roete, Richard Summerfield, Raquel Reyna, Ofelia Madrigal, Cindy George, Barbara Laplace, Lynn & Fred Duffin, Roberta Clark, Cori Brito, Frances Henry, Mary Salazar, Judith Pankratz, James Coleman, Jace Halverson, Henry & Angie Silva, Alberta Johnson, Amy Toroni, Craig Jacob, John Wunderlich, Gina Dillard, Alice Kiler, Carol Palasek, Denise Anaya, Evie Colivas, Bob & Marie Martin, Ryan Hiatt, Shirley Dowd, Dorothy Perez, Larry Biondini, Manny Hernandez, Kendra Hancock, Richard Phillipsen, Dennis Blake, Kathleen Swithenbank, Sarah Albin, Marilyn McKay, David Paine, Frank Shea, Denise Grant, Rosa Maria Santos, Gene Murray, Carol Zimser, Fred Thurston, Karen Kell, Anna Toste, Marian Baker

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Tis the Season!
As we prepare our hearts during this season of Advent, we are mindful of the severe loss that so many have suffered in the fires in Paradise. In a spirit of giving, we will be selling simple, child-made Christmas ornaments after Mass Dec. 15 and 16. All proceeds will go to those affected by the fires.

REJOICE!
Today has traditionally been called Gaudete Sunday. The Latin tag is derived from Pauls appeal in the second reading to rejoice always in the Lord, and the Latin Mass text based on that reading. The irony and paradox of this Christian joy is underlined by the fact that Paul wrote those words in prison. But from there he could see the progress of Gods work.
Is it obvious to us? We feel that this is not the time for joy when there is so much suffering and moral evil. It is interesting, then, that the first reading is from the prophet Zephaniah, who is almost exclusively concerned with gloomy visions of Judgment Day. Today the Church selects the only optimistic text in Zephaniah, in which the prophet has been touched by the spirit of joy.
This, we are assured on all sides, is the season of joy. Let us recapture that feeling of joy in our lives and reflect it to those who are joyless.
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KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS
The Knights will be selling Religious Christmas cards again this year. Look for us after Mass and at our Pancake Breakfast.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION
Years ago, the trick question on religion quizzes would be to name all the liturgical colors, or the colors of the vestments worn at Mass. Rose is a color seldom seen, used at most two days a year. Today, Gaudete Sunday, is one of those days. The name of the day is drawn from an opening verse in the old Latin Mass texts: Gaudete is Latin for Rejoice! This year s Gospel certainly reflects that mood as Elizabeth feels her infant within her leaping for joy at the presence of Mary. Mary s visit to her aged cousin is an act of compassion between women, as two kinswomen who are bearing children into the world share their joy.
Some churches retain the custom of having the priest wear rose vestments today, and many will use a rose candle in the Advent wreath. Violet is the official color for Advent and Lent, but many parishes employ different hues for each season, trying to keep them distinct. In medieval times, dye was costly, and poor parishes used unornamented plain cloth for vestments. Dyes were expensive and some colors, particularly purple, difficult to achieve. In England, purple dye was made from mollusks, yielding at best a deep indigo or blue and not the desired violet. Thus, the color of Advent in the British Isles has long been a deep blue, reminding many people of Mary s presence at the heart of the Advent mystery. That theology is largely unplanned: it s all because of the clams!
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