



Second Sunday of Advent
December 5, 2010

*The earth shall be filled with knowledge of
the LORD,
as water covers the sea.*

-- Isaiah 11:9

Pray for ...

December 4 — December 11, 2010

Saturday	5:15 p.m.	Francis Dillon +
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Charles Robinson +
	9:30 a.m.	Irene Hamilton +
	11:00 a.m.	Alfred Donato +
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Elizabeth & William Lane +
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Irene Hamilton +
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Francine & Jesse Petzold, Sp. Intention
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Holy Spirit Parishioners
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Ronald Beckley +

Advent Penance Service

Mark your calendar to remind you of our Advent Reconciliation Service on Monday, **December 13th**. The service will begin at 7 pm in the church and we will have a variety of confessors here to serve you. Please come and join us.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday:	Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday:	Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Thursday:	Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15
Friday:	Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday:	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday:	Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

Christmas Memorial Flowers

In Memory of

Donor Name

Amount Enclosed

Liturgical Ministries Alert!!

This year our Christmas celebration and our regular Sunday liturgies fall in the same weekend. Since many of our ministers travel to family or are on vacation we will have a special sign up for the Christmas ministers as well as those who are available to serve on **December 26th**. The sign-up sheets are in the library. Please sign up as soon as possible.

For Lectors: If you have not picked up your lector guide, please come to the sacristy and do so.

Two Special Feasts of Mary

This coming week the Church celebrates two special feasts of Mary. The first, **The Feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8th**, is a holyday of obligation which celebrates Mary's freedom from original sin. Masses for the feast day are: Vigil Mass, 7 pm Tuesday night; 8 am; and 9 am. The children's Mass at 9 is open to all parishioners. A second important feast of Mary is December 12th, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Since the feast day falls on the weekend, we will honor the occasion at the 5:15 Mass on Saturday.

FAITH FOCUS

Today you will notice that we are changing the manner in which our Lectors approach the altar for the proclamation of the Word. The first and second readers, cantor and Father proclaim a unified message drawn for the Sacred Scriptures. The solemn entry of all ministers into the sanctuary reminds us that it is time to open our hearts to receive God's living Word. The Jewish tradition spoke of our ears as the channel to our hearts. This Advent let us listen attentively.

Christmas Memorial Flowers

This year we will have memorial poinsettias. Christmas is a great time for celebrating the gift of family and friends who have graced our lives. We invite you to do this in a way that honors the spirit of the season by contributing a memorial poinsettia for our church environment. Flower donations may be placed in an envelope and put in our collection basket or dropped off at the rectory. We will accept donations for the flowers until **December 12th**. Suggested donation \$20.00



Breakfast With Santa

This Sunday is Holy Spirit's Annual Breakfast with Santa held at the school Gym. It's an opportunity to share in a great breakfast, support local crafters and participate in this traditional fundraiser for our school. If you missed a chance to buy a Christmas angel at the Guild sale, you have a second chance today at the event. Look for the parish table!!

Annual Holy Spirit Guild Luncheon

The Holy Spirit Guild will have their annual Christmas luncheon on Thursday, **December 9th** at 11:30 a.m. in McHugh Hall. All are welcome. Please respond to Patty Crowle 441-5807

Catholics Come Home

You have probably noticed our **Catholics Come Home** banner that has been hung on the church. This is a wonderful time to invite your inactive family members and friends to join us during the Advent and Christmas seasons. In January we will provide an "update" opportunity for those who have been away from the church and for those who would like to update their knowledge.

Got Scrip??

Purchase scrip and support HSPS while you do your holiday shopping at Macy's, Best Buy, Toys R Us and more! Starbuck's, iTunes, GameStop and Borders scrip cards also make great gifts! Our scrip table will be in the front of the church on Sunday after 9:30am Mass on December 12 and 19. Your purchases support Holy Spirit School.

For our Single Adults

Advent is the perfect time to spend a day focusing on "Deepening Your Prayer Life." All single, divorced, widowed and never-married Catholics are welcome. This retreat will be geared toward those 35+. Fr. Frank Velazquez will be the presenter. Join us Saturday, **December 11th** from 9:30 am to 5 pm at Mercy Center in Auburn. For more information and registration call: Department of Evangelization and Catechesis (916-733-0123)

Loaves And Fishes

Thursday, December 9th, our parish will serve lunch for needy persons at the Loaves and Fishes Dining Room. We welcome new volunteers. Please call 447-1737 or 447-2703 for information.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

WHOM DOES THE LORD ASK YOU TO WELCOME AS CHRISTMAS APPROACHES?

Can Science Prove the Existence of God?

Robert J. Spitzer, past president of Gonzaga University will address this question at the Sacramento Catholic Forum on **December 17th**. Reflecting on learnings from his book: *New Proofs for the Existence of God*, Fr. Spitzer will explore the rational foundation for faith. For reservations: SacCatholicForum.org. The event begins at 11:30 am.

More Precious Than Gold

In the midst of very busy lives, one of the most precious gifts we can give to anyone is our time. Giving time to build up the mission of the church is an important aspect of stewarding our faith. If you have a special talent or skill that you would like to share with the community, please let Father Dan or Sr. Katherine know. Many hands make for a vital and living parish! A special Thanks to Mary Kios for volunteering to drive the infirm when needed.

Catholic High School Entrance Exams

All the Catholic High Schools in the area hold their entrance exams on the same day, **January 22nd**. All our elementary school graduates are encouraged to consider the advantages of attending our schools. Be sure to check the websites of our schools for additional information and registration.

Plan Ahead for Kindergarten

Holy Spirit Parish School is accepting applications for grades K-8 for the 2011/2012 school year. Applications will be open from **Dec 1 through Jan. 28**. Our school is committed to a Christian education that promotes Christian values and service. It has a rigorous academic curriculum inclusive of music, Spanish, computer program and competitive sports program. Our fully accredited school provides an extended day and hot lunch program. Best of all, it provides a faith based education! Contact: 448-5663 or visit www.hs-ps.com

Senior Luncheon

Our monthly senior breakfast will be on **December 8th** at the Aviator at 11:30 a.m. Call 492-0762 or 442-1550. Be sure to bring a friend.

Mark Your Calendars for the school Christmas pageant, Dec. 14th and the CFF pageant

December 16th

Check on times in next week's bulletin

