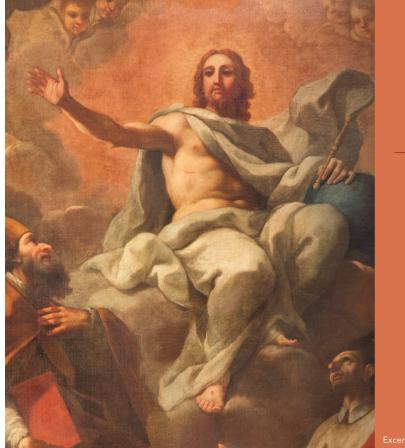
CATHOLIC PARISH
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ATHARINE DREXEL

**OUR PURPOSE** TO KNOW CHRIST AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN **CORE VALUES** WELCOMING ARMS • GENEROUS SERVICE • OPEN HEARTS

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# 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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"Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." - Lk 21:27-28

November 30, 2024 - December 1, 2024

### **UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH**

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3 Advent Confessions with Visiting Priests St. Katharine Drexel, 4:30 - 6:00 PM

TUESDAY - WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3 - 4 24-Hour Adoration St. Katharine Drexel, Tues 6:30 PM - Wed 7:30 PM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 Amazing Advent Bazaar & Gingerbread House Contest St. Katharine Drexel, After all Masses MONDAY, DECEMBER 9 Solemnity of Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation St. Katharine Drexel, 8:00 AM and 6:00 PM (bilingual)

> FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13 Graceful Gathering at the Vineyard Casino Mine Ranch, Plymouth, 4:30 PM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 Youth Ministry Christmas Extravaganza St. Katharine Drexel Youth Center, 6:00 PM

#### A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends in Christ,

Hopefully you survived your turkey feast and the turkey did not! Now Advent begins.

Strangely enough, Advent starts with more of the apocalyptic narrative from the last few weeks. This is in part because we start by reflecting on the three comings of Christ, that is, at the second and final glorious coming, at His first coming at Christmas, and at His coming in each Eucharist. For each we are invited to watch and wait with hopeful expectation and our 24 hours of Adoration are a great expression of this. So consider joining us this Tuesday and Wednesday. I would certainly welcome more company at 3:30 AM. It is a beautiful hour to pray. The Lord does not disappoint when we make space for Him in our hearts and lives.

This week is a great opportunity to go to Confession with a number of priests on Tuesday afternoon from 4:30-6:30 PM. This is a great way to heed the warning of the Lord in our Gospel this Sunday so that in our drowsiness from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, we may not be caught off guard when He comes.

A final piece of advice for this Advent season would be to encourage you to consider reading one chapter of the gospel of Luke each day in the season of Advent. The Chosen People looked to



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the Scriptures for hope and inspiration as they sought to understand the will of God. Our age should be no different. For Mass with you or to another parish the Word of God stands as a testament to His activity in our world and His plan for our salvation. Cut out some of the Netflix or new media or football, and make the time for Christ. I have never been more convinced of how necessary it is.

I would also like to remind you about our Core Values or critical behaviors that will make our parish continue to grow and come alive. One of these is Welcoming Arms: On the Lookout. We must always be asking ourselves if we are being present to others in our parish. There are always new faces and it is part of our entire parish to be the welcoming presence of Jesus Christ. If we rush in and out of Mass as if this is a one Please keep that in mind when you see If we only talk to the people we know before or after Mass, we are doing this faith wrong. If we only drop by the parish when we need something, we are doing this faith wrong. This is a family and just as when someone marries into the family, they are hopefully received with open and loving arms, how much more in the family that is the Church. A few penetrating questions can help ascertain if each of us have been living this Core Value well in the last months:

1. Have you met someone new at the parish in the last months and learned something about them?

2. Have you invited someone who does not regularly come to Church to come to event?

3. Have you come to any parish event or activity outside of attending Sunday Mass?

4. Have you reached out to a neighbor or friend that you know who has stopped practicing their Catholic faith or perhaps have never been to a church before?

These are all good questions to ponder. Part of my work on Sunday as Pastor is to focus not on the administrative tasks of the parish and answering questions about parish management but pastoral presence. That is, speaking and blessing and praying with new and old parishioners who need a touch of God's grace. stop shop, we are doing the faith wrong. me as at times we can forget this. This is my role on Sunday. I want to pray with people and meet and speak with new and returning Catholics. If we all keep this in mind I do believe our parish will be more fruitful. I would encourage all of us to be more intentional about living this Core Value of Welcoming Arms, especially on Sundays, so we are more known for the hospitality of Jesus Christ, whose charity we are called to imitate.

May God bless you this week,

#### GOAL: \$200,000

\$124,675

#### Parish Campus Renovation Project Pledge Progress

Thank you to all who have made a pledge towards our Parish Campus Renovation **Project.** We have received \$124,675 in pledges toward our goal of raising \$200,000 to help pay for a portion of this first phase. This is an excellent start, and I am hopeful that more of you will be willing to join in this seminal effort to beautify the St. Katharine Drexel campus. Our ability to raise funds will impact how soon we can start the next phase of the renovation. Please prayerfully consider how you can help us make this pledge drive successful. As always, if you have any questions, please reach out to Beth or Fr. Colin at the Parish Office.

## THE CLEAR PATH OF DISCIPLESHIP

The Clear Path of Discipleship lays out our parish plan for how each of us can move through the stages of spiritual development to becoming a fruitful and missionary disciple and fulfill our parish purpose - To know Christ and to make Him known. **Connect — Encounter — Grow — Thrive** 

#### CONNECT

#### **Amazing Advent Bazaar: Sunday, December 8**

The Amazing Advent Bazaar and Gingerbread House Contest is coming to SKD on Sunday, December 8, following all Sunday Masses. Activities include a Gingerbread House Contest, face painting, Christmas tree silent auction, shopping, games, and crafts. Warm up with delicious tamales, hot chocolate, and mulled wine. All proceeds benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society and their

charitable works. Be sure to bring your gingerbread house creation before the Mass you usually attend. Call or text Kirsten Lawrence at 916-213-4666 for more details.

#### Graceful Gathering at the Vineyard: December 13

Ladies of SKD, join us for the *Graceful Gathering at the Vineyard* at Casino Mine Ranch in Plymouth on Friday, December 13, from 4:30 to 6:30 PM. The cost is \$15 per person. This is an opportunity for all the ladies of SKD to get to know each other better in a beautiful setting over a glass of wine. Wood-fired pizza will be provided through the winery and wine by the glass or bottle will be available for purchase. There will also be an optional white elephant gift exchange. If you'd like to participate in the gift exchange, please bring a wrapped gift valued at \$20 or less. Tickets will be for sale after each Mass.

Please contact Kirsten Lawrence with any questions at 916-213-4666 or discipleship@amadorcatholic.com.

#### ENCOUNTER

#### Want To Know More About Becoming a Catholic?

	Do you know someone who is interest- ed in becoming Catholic or who might be interested in learning more about the Catholic teachings and what the Catholic Church is all about? Do you <b>Foundations of Faith</b>	know a Catholic who has "fallen away" and is considering returning? Could that someone be you? We offer a year-round program called <i>Discovering Catholicism</i> that presents the richness of the	Catholic faith. More info? Call Ellen Waverly at 209-223-2970 or familylife@amadorcatholic.com.
Foundations of Faith is an eight-week		Good News and personally encounter	For more information contact Kirsten

experience where anyone and everyone, from the baptized in the pews to the unbaptized, is invited to hear the Good News and personally encounter Jesus Christ. Our next Foundations of Faith starts February 6, 2025. For more information contact Kirste Lawrence at discipleship@amadorcatholic.com.

#### Interested in a Small Group?

A *Small Group* is a gathering of 4 to 10 people who gather at least monthly to grow as Christian disciples, live life together, and learn more about their

Catholic Christian faith. Christianity is not meant to be lived alone and small groups are excellent places to grow once we have made a decision to follow

GROW

Christ and want to make Him the center of our lives. Feel free to reach out to Stan and Linda Renzelman at 209-781-5809 to find a Small Group for you.

#### THRIVE

#### Interested in a Discipleship Quad?

A *Discipleship Quad* is a group of four people who journey together as disciples through weekly gatherings of fellowship, ongoing conversion, and learning. This 12-month path of accompaniment fosters growth through prayer, accountability, and authentic relationships. For more information you may contact Ellen at familylife@amadorcatholic.com or call 209-223-2970.

#### EVENTS



#### 24 hours of Adoration December 3 & 4

Join us for our 24 Hours of Adoration from Tuesday, December 3, at 6:30 PM to Wednesday, December 4, at 7:30 PM. Sign up at the Welcome Table to cover an hour or call the Parish Office. There will also be an opportunity for Confession from 4:30-6:00 PM on Tuesday, December 3, with a couple of visiting priests.

#### Las Posadas: December 7

Las Posadas will be held in Sutter Creek on Saturday, December 7, at 6 PM. We need your help to make this event happen. Drop by the Welcome Table to see how you can volunteer as a Shepherd, as part of the Choir, or to bake cookies or contact Becky Olvera at 209-642-6820.

#### Youth Ministry Christmas Extravaganza: December 15

Thanks to all those teens who joined us for our Friendsgiving celebration. Up next is our Christmas Extravaganza on Sunday, December 15, at 6 PM in the Youth Center space. We will have our traditional gift exchange, with much joy

and disappointment for the participants (depending on what

#### Help Needed

There are many ways to serve in the life of the parish. We are and Communion to the Homebound members of our parish. especially in need of those willing to cover or sub for an hour of Eucharistic Adoration on Thursdays, Church Cleaning on Wednesday or Saturday, the Funeral Reception Committee,

YOI TH you get), the unwrapping of the purgatorial gifts, and more. All of our teens, 7th through 12th grade, are welcome to join us. For more information contact the

Parish Office at office@amadorcatholic or call 209-223-2970.

If you are interested in any of these ministries, please call the Parish Office.

#### Parish Night at the Movies: December 16

Join us on Monday Dec. 16 at 6:30 PM at D'Place Movie Theater in Jackson to watch the movie - The Greatest Christmas Pageant Ever. Tickets are \$10 and include admission as well as popcorn

and a drink. Buy your tickets after Mass or at the Parish Office.

#### Posada & Simbang Gabi Celebration: December 20

Join us for a celebration of two cultural traditions, Simbang Gabi with Mass at 6pm and Las Posadas with prayer and song that follows and then some time to eat and socialize.

#### **CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY**

#### Be Merciful, Just as Your Father is Merciful — Luke 6:36

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Works of Mercy give

us a model for how we should treat others with their bodily needs, as if we were Christ in disguise. Our parish has several outreach ministries that demonstrate Corporal Works of Mercy. All groups welcome new volunteers.

The Corporal See the list of Ministries and Groups on page 6 for more information or to help. Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Vincentians see the face of Christ in all whom they serve, offering person-to-person services to the needy and suffering. The organization invites all parishioners who may feel the call to help others.

ecumenical ministry that serves breakfast to anyone needing a morning meal. Bag lunches and fellowship are also freely given. St. Pat's Pantry. This is another ecu-

menical ministry, providing dinner and fellowship every Thursday.

Break Bread With Friends. BBWF is an

"Fall" into the good habit of buying SKD SCRIP. Doing so supports the youth of our parish. SCRIP is available for purchase at the Reception Desk in the Parish Center Tuesday-Friday, 9 AM to 4 PM, after Sunday Mass, by contacting Linda at 209-223-1156, or emailing scrip@amadorcatholic.com.

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First-time orders must be paid with cash or debit card.



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#### PRAYER

#### Mass Schedule and Intentions for this Week

DAY	DATE	MASS	CHURCH	INTENTION
Saturday	Nov 30	5:00 PM	SKD	All Souls
Sunday	Dec 1	8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM	SKD <b>English</b> SKD <b>English</b> SKD <b>Spanish</b>	Pro Populo Colin Hood † Roberto Cardona †
Monday	Dec 2	7:00 AM	SKD	Barbara Edmonds †
Tuesday	Dec 3	6:00 PM	SKD	Caitlin Faythe Atceo †
Wednesday	Dec 4	7:00 AM 11:30 AM	SKD OLOP	<i>Souls in Purgatory</i> Fr. Relihan †
Thursday	Dec 5	12:00 PM	SKD	Mass Intentions for October
Friday	Dec 6	8:30 AM	Sacred Heart Ione	Marcella Lara & Felix Lara ++
Saturday	Dec 7	5:00 PM	SKD	Sophia Sage (L)
Sunday	Dec 8	8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM	SKD <b>English</b> SKD <b>English</b> SKD <b>Spanish</b>	Pro Populo Jesus & Socorro Tores †† Socorro Barron Tores †

#### **Sunday Scripture Readings**

December 1: Jer 33:14-16 •1 Thes 3:12-4:2 • Lk 21:25-28, 34-36 December 8: Bar 5:1-9 • Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 • Lk 3:4, 6



#### **Please Pray For**

Marilyn Alarcon, Caitlin Faythe Arceo, Randy Cantrell, Fernando Lopez Cardenas, Troy Claveran, Keith Davie, Deacon Jaime Garcia, Linda Gardiner, Kathy Gascon, **Tom Herlihy**, Nancy Joyner, Barbara Miller, Paul Miller, Barbara Nichols, Todd Ohm, Gene Riddle, Adelina Cardenas Valencia, Darus Zahm Names will only stay on the prayer list up to three months

#### SERVING IN THE MILITARY

*Pray for these men and women serving our country. We thank them for their service:* 

Brett Cleary, Thomas Condon, Samantha Corner, Zach Davenport, Glen Getz, James Kapp, Christian Mullan, William Mullan, Stephen Oneto, John Pent, Eric Perez, James William Porter, Rey Del Rosario, Sam Ruttschow, Abby Schmidt, Matt Schmidt, Miguel Serrato, CDR Samuel Trassare, Tyler Vinson, Brett Wade, Keith Young, Tyler J. Young

#### HEALING

#### CONFESSION

Tuesday 5:00 - 5:45 PM Thursday 11:15 - 11:45 AM Saturday 3:30 - 4:30 PM

#### UNBOUND

If you are interested in deeper healing of wounds and lies, consider learning more about **Unbound Ministry** by picking up the Unbound book in the parish gift store or speaking with Deacon Ray.

#### ADORATION

Monday-Saturday 5:30 - 6:30 AM Tuesday 5:00 - 6:00 PM Thursday 5:30 AM - 5:30 PM

#### **HEALING PRAYER**

If you desire healing in body and spirit, the parish offers healing prayer opportunities with our prayer teams on the first weekend of the month following the 5 PM Vigil and 10 AM Sunday Mass.

#### PARISH INFORMATION

**Rev. Colin Wen**, Pastor pastor@amadorcatholic.com

Ray Moreno, Deacon deaconray@amadorcatholic.com

Jaime Garcia, Deacon (retired) deaconjgarcia@amadorcatholic.com

Erica DeBenedet, Parish Secretary office@amadorcatholic.com

**Ellen Waverly,** Director of Family Life familylife@amadorcatholic.com

Kirsten Lawrence, Coordinator of Discipleship discipleship@amadorcatholic.com

Beth McCarty, Bookkeeper bookkeeper@amadorcatholic.com

Anna Blankenheim, Music Director music@amadorcatholic.com

Amador Catholic Cemeteries office@amadorcatholic.com

Natural Family Planning (NFP) Jennifer Olenchuk, RN, BSN 916-220-3625 jennifer.olenchuk.jo@gmail.com

Parish Office Hours Tuesday - Friday 9 AM-5 PM

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Our Lady of the Pines 26750 Tiger Creek Road, Pioneer

Sacred Heart of Jesus 20 Relihan Drive, Ione

**St. Patrick** 115 Court Street, Jackson

#### **PARISH MINISTRIES & GROUPS**

**Eucharist for the Homebound** *Call to volunteer or to arrange* 

Hispanic Prayer Group Every Friday, 7- 9 PM, SKD Liz Powers 209-256-3868

Beatriz Mora 209-242-5320

**Respect Life Committee** Call for meeting info Deacon Ray Moreno 209-223-2970

Break Bread with FriendsDolores LarriganSaturdays 9:30-10:30 AM, St. Patrick Hall209-610-9415

**St. Pat's Pantry** *Thursdays 4-6 PM, St. Patrick Hall* 

Help Line 209-223-5865

Sacred Heart Ladies Club Call for meeting info

St. Vincent de Paul Society

svdp@amadorcatholic.com

Maureen Curran 209-304-1922

Terry Smithson 916-300-9064

YLGI #258 Our Lady of HopeBarbara Magpusao-Outland1st Monday, 6 PM (business mtg)209-296-4672

**Knights of Columbus #1849** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tue, 6:30 PM, SKD (business mtg) Matthew Waverly 209-223-2970

Soledad Pineda

Jeannine Crew

Carmen Moreno

209-223-3623

209-223-2970

Sarah Felix

**Committee of Gente Puente** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, 1 PM, SKD

209-781-5094 Barbara Garcia

Our Lady of the Pines SocietyBarbara GarciaDates vary, 12:30 PM, OLOP209-296-6750

**St. Patrick Society** 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 9 AM, St. Patrick Church

**St. Katharine Drexel Gift Shop** Open after Sunday Masses

**SKD Homeschool Community** For more information call

**SKD Homeschool Co-Op** Ages 2-14, Thursday 209-304-2204

Kirsten Lawrence 916-213-4666

Pastoral Council Chair: Chris Fenton Members: Shirley Coombs, Mercy Figueroa, Raquel Klaproth, Mark Koenig, Brian Lawrence, Beatriz Mora, Shawn Simpson, Shannon Taylor

**Finance Council** *Chair:* Doug Ferreira *Members:* Patrick Crew, Francine Pogue, Linda Renzelman, Vincent Signorotti

## A GLANCE AT OUR WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP



#### **SIGN UP FOR E-GIVING**

1.Go to our parish website, amadorcatholic.com. 2.Click on the GIVING tab. 3. Choose ELECTRONIC GIVING or TEXT2GIVE and follow the easy instructions.



#### **PLANNED GIVING**

Remember St. Katharine Drexel Parish in your Will or Trust. A small contribution from your overall estate could make all the difference to help the work of our Parish. Contact The Catholic Foundation at 916-733-0274 or call the Parish Office at 209-223-2970.

#### **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL was born on April 2, 1581 and his feast day was celebrated last month on September 27. St. Vincent de Paul is the patron saint of the St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVDP) and other charitable organizations, hospitals, prisoners, and spiritual works. He is known as the "Apostle of Charity" and "Father of the Poor" for his good works which the St. Katharine Drexel Conference tries to replicate. How do we assist those who have an eviction or power shutoff notice or the disabled who have little income and need almost everything? God guides us and it's truly overwhelming to see the impossible things that can be done with limited funds or by just listening and caring. Thank you, dear parishioners, for making this possible for them!



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