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

SAINT

# "EVERYONE WHO BELONGS TO THE TRUTH LISTENS TO MY VOICE." - JN 18:37

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ING OF THE UNIVERSE

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NOVEMBER 23 - 24, 2024

## **UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH**

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28 Thanksgiving Day Mass St. Katharine Drexel, 9:00 AM

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

> 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,

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As you may see in this Pastor's Column, it will involve a lot of pictures. I think it's just good for us to reflect on all of the ways in which God is working in our parish and building us up together as one community.

The last week and a half were quite busy. Our Sacred Heart Ladies Club hosted their first Paint and Sip and had a marvelous time.



It was exciting to see six of our people receive the sacrament of Confirmation and complete their initiation. Sacraments save, as Christ clearly revealed,



so it is powerful to see Him at work in our midst bringing about redemption.



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We also had a wonderful evening for women event with Mercedes Hollcroft speaking. Thank you to all the ladies who helped make it happen as well as everyone who attended.

As we reach the end of our liturgical year, we also reach the end of the Gospel of Mark (Year B) and move on to the Gospel of Luke (Year C) for this coming Advent. The different cycles of readings does not mean we will not hear from any of the other Gospels in this coming year, but our Sundays will have a lot more from Luke.

What do we know about the Gospel of Luke? Much! He was most likely the third of our Gospel writers. He was also not born a Jew so he gives us a Gentile perspective. He was a companion of St. Paul so he gives us a vision into the Gospel from his perspective. His Gospel in many ways is focused on mercy and compassion. Only in Luke do we get the parables of the Good Samaritan and the Prodigal Son for example. This Gospel was probably written around 65 AD. There is always debate about the writing of the Gospels, in part because certain experts of an earlier age thought that prophecy was impossible so they dated all the Gospels after the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem in 70 AD. Jesus predicts this destruction so because they did not believe it possible, they dated it after 70 AD.

We know prophecy is quite possible and honestly if the Temple was destroyed,

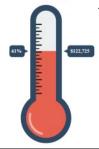
Luke would have mentioned this in his later work, the Acts of the Apostles. He would have also mentioned the martyrdoms of Peter and Paul in Rome, which also occurred before the destruction of the Temple. This is one reason why these Gospels are so accurate and trustworthy; they were written in the same generation that Jesus promised would not pass away. And each Gospel is rooted in apostolic eyewitness testimony. None of the Gospels are anonymous. They all come with a name like St. Luke. It will be a rich liturgical year with His Gospel.

Also, now is the time to prepare a good plan for growing spiritually in this Advent season. It is honestly my favorite liturgical season. I love the music, the time of the year, the decor, and the color purple. Even more so the sense of anticipation and hope just fills the air with joy. So what can or should you do? Why not take on a legit practice like reading one Chapter year day from the Gospel of Luke. It will give you a much better sense of the person of Christ. Or why not pray one of the joyful mysteries each day as a family? Or perhaps now is the time to make your devotion to Our Lord in the Eucharist more tangible and evident by spending time with Him each week. Or maybe it is time to get back to Confession and experience God's loving kindness. Whatever it may be, now is the time!

May Christ reign in your hearts,

The Parish Office will be OPEN Tuesday, November 26, and CLOSED Monday, and Wednesday through Friday for Thanksgiving.

GOAL: \$200,000



## Parish Campus Renovation Project Pledge Progress

Thank you to all who have made a pledge towards our Parish Campus Renovation Project. We have received \$122,725 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 interested 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 know a Catholic who has "fallen away" and is considering returning? Could that someone be you? We offer a year-round program called *Discovering Catholicism* that presents the richness of the

Catholic faith. More info? Call Ellen Waverly at 209-223-2970 or familylife@amadorcatholic.com.

#### Foundations of Faith

Foundations of Faith is an eight-week 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 Kirsten Lawrence at discipleship@amadorcatholic.com.

#### GROW

#### 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 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.





## 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.

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## 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,

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

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

you get), the unwrapping of the purgato-

rial gifts, and more. All of our teens, 7th

through 12th grade, are welcome to join us. For more information contact the

## **Expanded Bookstore Hours**

Beginning in December, the bookstore will be open every first Saturday before and after the evening vigil Mass.

## Advent Resources

#### **Tools to Make your Advent Fruitful**

1. Pick up a copy of the Magnificat Advent Companion; 2. Check out this amazing daily retreat for Advent from IPF called Theotokos - https://priestlyformation.org/resources/advent/theotokos.html; 3. Consider joining some of the men of the parish for Advent Exodus; 4. Go to Confession; 5. Find time for Adoration; 6. Read one of the Gospels from beginning to end, one day at a time; 7. Pray a decade of the Rosary each evening with family and light a candle on the Advent Wreath.

## **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.

## SHOP WITH SCRIP

"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. Break Bread With Friends. BBWF is an 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 ecumenical ministry, providing dinner and fellowship every Thursday.

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 23	5:00 PM	SKD	All Souls
Sunday	Nov 24	8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM	SKD <b>English</b> SKD <b>English</b> SKD <b>Spanish</b>	All Souls <i>Pro Populo</i> All Souls
Monday	Nov 25	7:00 AM	SKD	All Souls
Tuesday	Nov 26	6:00 PM	SKD	No Mass
Wednesday	Nov 27	11:30 AM <b>5:00 PM</b>	Our Lady of the Pines <i>Pionee</i> SKD	er <b>No Mass</b> All Souls
Thursday	Nov 28	9:00 AM	SKD	All Souls (Thanksgiving Day)
Friday	Nov 29	8:30 AM	Sacred Heart Ione	All Souls
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>	<i>Pro Populo</i> Colin Hood † Roberto Cardona †

### **Sunday Scripture Readings**

November 24: Dn 7:13-14 • Rv 1:5-8 • Jn 18:33b-37 December 1: Jer 33:14-16 • 1 Thes 3:12-4:2 • Lk 21:25-28, 34-36



### **Please Pray For**

Marilyn Alarcon, Caitlin Faythe Arceo, Randy Cantrell, Fernando Lopez Cardenas, Troy Claveran, Keith Davie, John Edwards, Deacon Jaime Garcia, Linda Gardiner, Kathy Gascon, Kerri Gray, Lee Hilbert, Nancy Joyner, Peggy Mallyon, Barbara Miller, Paul Miller, Barbara Nichols, Todd Ohm, Tate Ramage, Gene Riddle, Alex Smylie, Linda Smylie, **Jackie Stornetta**, Adelina Cardenas Valencia, Richard Vinson, 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 No Confession Thursday No Confession 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 No Adoration Thursday No Adoration

#### **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

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**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

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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*  Liz Powers 209-256-3868

Hispanic Prayer Group Every Friday, 7- 9 PM, SKD

**Respect Life Committee** *Call for meeting info*  Beatriz Mora 209-242-5320

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

svdp@amadorcatholic.com

St. Vincent de Paul Society

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

**Committee of Gente Puente** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, 1 PM, SKD Soledad Pineda 209-781-5094

Barbara Garcia

Jeannine Crew

Carmen Moreno

209-296-6750

209-223-3623

**Our Lady of the Pines Society** Dates vary, 12:30 PM, OLOP

**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 209-223-2970 Sarah Felix

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



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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 NEWS**

## **Giving Tuesday, December 3**

The St. Vincent de Paul Society will take part in the Giving Tuesday charity showcase presented annually by the Amador Community Foundation on Tuesday, December 3, from 4:00 to 6:30 PM. Over 50 local non-profits will be here at St. Katharine Drexel to share what they do. A single check written to ACF will let you designate as many charities as you wish or you can give online at giveamador.org. A partial match will be made for all checks dated December 3.



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