

# Catholic Community of Saint Patrick

Saint Patrick Church • 3109 Sacramento Street • Placerville  
Saint James Church • 2831 Harkness Street • Georgetown

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT: DECEMBER 10, 2017

### Mass Schedule

Saturday • 4:00 PM  
Sunday • 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM  
Monday - Friday • 8:30 AM

### Children's Liturgy of the Word

Sunday • 10:00 AM/12:30 PM  
SPANISH MASS

### Misas en Español

Domingo • 12:30 PM • Placerville  
Miércoles • 6:30 PM • Placerville

### Youth Mass

Second Sunday of the Month • 10:00 AM

### Reconciliation

Saint Patrick Church, Placerville  
Saturday • 3:00-4:00 PM  
Saint James Church, Georgetown  
Sunday before 10:00 AM Mass

### Baptism

Must be registered in parish.  
Parents and godparents are required  
to attend a pre-Baptism class. Please RSVP to  
the Parish Office before attending the class.

### English class:

The class will be held on Sunday,  
December 17th at 5:00 PM in Room 3

### Clase en Español:

Clasé el 15 de diciembre  
a las 7:00 PM en el salón 3

### Sacrament of Marriage

A couple wishing to be married  
in Saint Patrick Parish  
must contact the parish six months  
prior to the intended wedding date.

### Our Mission

As an assembly empowered by the glory  
of the Resurrection, we are committed  
to one another and to the tradition of  
the Catholic Church in celebrating the Seven  
Sacraments, the Sacred Liturgy, proclaiming  
the Good News through Education,  
sustaining the community of Faith, and  
promoting Charity, Peace and Justice  
for all people, now and forever.



## PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD

Saint Peter shows us a characteristic of God that we normally do not think about. He tells us that for God, "a day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day" (1 Peter 3:8). Somehow, God is not restricted by time as we are. Taken literally, that seems to violate the laws of physics. Of course, God made those laws, so if anyone can ignore them, God certainly could. More likely, because early Christians sometimes complained that Jesus' second coming had been delayed, Peter is trying to tell us that what seems like a long time to us is nothing to God.

Like the early Christians, we may wonder how long it will take for God to answer our prayers. We may be praying for someone who is looking for a job, a sick relative, an end to abortion, or world peace. Some prayers just take time to be answered, especially if a large number of people need to change their hearts to make it happen. Some prayers require us to change, and we may not be ready.

What Peter means is that a thousand years is not too long for God if someone needs that long to repent. God is far more patient than we are. If someone had been fighting me for months or years, I would probably give up on them. But God can wait till we are mature enough to face our sins and be sorry for them. In the same way, God has been "waiting" over two thousand years for us to preach the gospel to all nations. God has been waiting for millennia for people to give up war as a means for solving our problems. God has been waiting since the beginning of the human race for us to learn how to love our neighbor.

We might not be as patient as God but we can help. Saint Peter says that we are not just waiting for the Lord's return, we are hastening it. When we make a choice that is based on faith rather than selfishness, we make it a little easier for people to believe in God. Jesus is the light of the world; he asks us to let our light shine, so that people can see Jesus in us. May our light "prepare the way of the Lord" (Mark 1:3).

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# SAINT JAMES CHURCH

2831 Harkness Street / P. O. Box 186 / Georgetown, CA 95634  
(530) 333-9432

**Mass & Confessions:** Mass is held on Sunday at 10:00 a.m. Confessions are held directly before Mass each Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

**Donut Sunday:** The first Sunday of the month is also "Donut Sunday". For a donation of only \$1.00 you can enjoy a fresh delicious donut. All proceeds benefit the Saint James Faith Formation.

**St. James Society Meetings:** Monthly meetings of the Saint James Society are held directly after Mass on the second Sunday of each month. If you wish to address the Board or have an item placed on the agenda, it must be received by our President Craig Davis *in writing* no later than the Friday before the meeting. For information call Craig at 333.2946 or [bearstate@hughes.net](mailto:bearstate@hughes.net)

**Baked Goodies:** are available on the third Sunday of each month, after Mass – all donations benefit the Saint James Faith Formation.

**Breakfast:** Stay tuned regarding details of our next breakfast. We wish it weren't so, but due to rising costs, we must increase prices- \$5.00 per person or \$15.00 for families.

**Scrip:** Please stop by the scrip table in Mathias Hall after Mass – you will be pleasantly surprised at the wide variety of gift cards available. Don't forget – any time you shop at MarVal have them swipe your Community Card! Don't have a card? See any cashier at MarVal to sign up.

**Adoration:** Takes place each Wednesday from 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. here at Saint James. Prayer requests written in the ledger in the foyer are acted upon each week. Please contact Mark Spaugh if you have questions.

**Devotional Candles:** St. James Church now has candles located on the left side of the church under the Divine Mercy picture. Please feel free to say a prayer and light a candle at any time. Suggested donation is 50 cents for small candles and \$4.00 for large candles.

**RCIA** – Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults – Please see Ann Marie or Craig Davis for information.

**To schedule the following events at Saint James please contact:**

**Baptisms:** Carmen Krizl @ 333-0832

**Weddings:** Fely Hayes @ 333-4486

**Funerals:** Carole Silva @ 333-0463

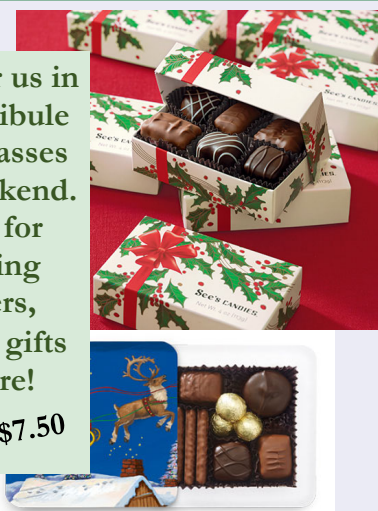
**RCIA:** Craig & Ann Marie Davis @ 333-2946

*If you wish to place an announcement in this bulletin, please contact Michele Wagstrom at 333.1977 or [mwagstrom@gtusd.org](mailto:mwagstrom@gtusd.org). Any updates or changes to the above information can be found in the weekly Grapevine insert.*

## NEWS FROM FAITH FORMATION

Look for us in the vestibule after Masses this weekend. Great for stocking stuffers, hostess gifts and more!

Only \$7.50



### All are invited!

Please join us next Sunday, December 17th, as the children present their special performance:

### CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD

11:30 A.M. in Gurnell Hall.

- \* The Ladies Society will be serving Hot Cocoa and hosting their holiday bake event.
- \* The Knights of Columbus will be serving their delicious pancake breakfast.
- \* Santa will stop by afterward for a chance to hear the children's special Christmas wishes.

**May your holidays be blessed with all that is good... and delicious! :)**