

Catholic Community of Saint Patrick

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT: DECEMBER 17, 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 19 de enero
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.

REASONS TO REJOICE

Saint Paul seems to be throwing out a handful of sayings that may sound overly optimistic, but are actually very practical. "Rejoice always? Who can do that?" It sounds absurd, but the next two lines give it context: If we pray constantly and thank God for all that happens to us, we have reason to rejoice. Whatever happens is the will of God for us. Even the bad things, things we don't like, can be allowed by God, so that God can bring good out of them. God allows sin because it leads to forgiveness, an experience of God's love for us. And God allows even death, because God can bring us to eternal life.

The next two sayings may be a little obscure. When Paul tells us not to quench the Spirit, he means we should be open to what the Holy Spirit moves us to do. "Prophetic utterances" refer to things that other people were inspired to proclaim. If we pray constantly (1 Thessalonians 5:17) we won't be so distracted by the things of this world that we cannot hear the promptings of the Holy Spirit in us. We won't be so critical of others that we miss what the Spirit is telling us through them.

How do we know if something really is from the Spirit? The next phrase helps with that: Test everything. Retain what is good (1 Thessalonians 5:21). Use the scriptures, the teachings of the Church, and your conscience to decide whether the Spirit is moving you, or if advice you hear is worthwhile. And most of all trust God to help with all this because God wants us to be holy. God will make us holy if we only allow it. Then we will be ready for the coming of the Lord, whether through the sacraments, the celebration of Christmas, or God's final coming in glory. I'd say that's a reason to rejoice.

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SAINT JAMES CHURCH

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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

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. Any updates or changes to the above information can be found in the weekly Grapevine insert.

NEWS FROM FAITH FORMATION

*Please join us for the beautiful
~ Family Mass ~
4:00 pm on Sunday, December 24th*

*A special Christmas reading will be presented at
3:45pm for those who arrive early.*



Third Sunday of Advent



**The Faith Formation Christmas Schedule:
El horario de Navidad para el catecismo:**

Sunday / el domingo

No class on 12/24 and 12/31

Wednesday/el miércoles

No class on 12/27 and 1/3