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Rev. Chris Varghese, Parochial Vicar  
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Deacon Juan Vargas

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Diocesan website....www.stocktondiocese.org

Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30AM-12:00 PM and  
1:00 PM-7:00 PM

Saturday & Sunday: 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

## **MASS SCHEDULE**

### **Sunday Masses:**

Saturday Evening – English - 5:00 PM  
Spanish - 6:30 PM

Sunday – English - 8:00 and 10:00 AM  
Spanish - 12:00 Noon  
Vietnamese - 3:30 PM  
English - 6:00 PM

### **Daily Mass:**

Monday - Saturday - 8:00 AM English  
Tuesday & Thursday- 6:30 PM Spanish

### **Holy Days of Obligation:**

Vietnamese (Vigil)-7:30 PM  
English – 8:00 AM  
English – 9:00 AM  
English – 12:15 PM  
English – 6:00 PM  
Spanish – 7:30 PM

### **Sacrament of Penance (Confession):**

Saturdays – 3:00 to 4:00 PM

**Baptisms:** (From birth through six years old.) A pre-baptismal class is required for parents. Please call the Parish Center for an appointment. Baptisms are held Sundays at 1:30 PM. Baptisms in Spanish are on the first Sunday. Baptisms in English are on the fourth Sunday.

**Marriage:** Contact the Parish Center six months prior to the wedding date.

### **RCIA Inquiry:**

RCIA is the process by which adults (seven years and older) may become Catholic or complete their Sacraments of Initiation. Adults who would like to know more about their faith are welcome to come to our inquiry sessions. For more information, please call 491-3468.

School Office:.....524-4170  
Email: admissions@olfcatholicsschool.com  
Website:.....www.olfcatholicsschool.com  
Religious Education:.....491-3462  
RCIA:.....491-3468  
Music Ministry:.....491-3466  
Youth Ministry:.....491-3465

**How to Contact the Clergy:** Call the receptionist at the Parish Center Monday-Friday at 524-7421. The receptionist can help you make an appointment with a priest. If your need is extremely urgent, please make that clear, so that the priest on call can be contacted. Also, tell the receptionist if you need a Spanish or Vietnamese speaking priest. The priest on call should only be contacted for the dying or those in deep grief. Contact is made through the answering service at the parish phone, 524-7421.

### **CHURCH ETIQUETTE**

1. Please turn off or silence all cell phones and pagers.
2. Please keep respectful quiet in the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist before and after Mass.
3. Please remember appropriate clothing especially during the summer. Gentlemen, please remove hats and caps upon entering the church building.
4. Please no cups of coffee or other drinks.
5. Please remember, except in the case of true need, bottles of water are not needed.
6. Please, chewing gum by anyone (any age) is not acceptable ever, anytime in church.
7. Please refrain from reading the bulletin, emails, or TXT messages before and during Mass.
8. Please do not arrive late, leave after communion or before the Mass has ended.
9. Please participate in the Mass: body, mind, and spirit through singing, responding, praying, and attending with heart and mind.

# THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

**December 25, 2016**

The light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness has not overcome it.

— *John 1:5*



## TODAY'S READINGS

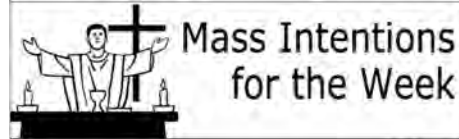
**First Reading** — All the ends of the earth will behold the salvation of our God (Isaiah 52:7-10).

**Psalms** — All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God (Psalm 98).

**Second Reading** — God has spoken to us through the Son, the very imprint of God's being (Hebrews 1:1-6).

**Gospel** — The Word became flesh; from his fullness we have all received grace (John 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]).

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## December 24, 2016—January 1, 2017

Saturday	All Masses	Parishioners
Sunday:	All Masses	Parishioners
Monday:	8:00 AM	John & Lydia Florest†
Tuesday:	8:00 AM	Jan Carlos†
	6:30 PM	Francisca & Cristobal Anaya†
Wednesday:	8:00 AM	Custodio Silveira†
Thursday	8:00 AM	Patricia Galloway†
	6:30 PM	Salvador Alcala Espinoza†
Friday	8:00 AM	Eduardo Ramirez (Sp Int)
Saturday	8:00 AM	Sharon Austin (Sp Int)
	5:00 PM	Robert Duckart†
	6:30 PM	Raquel Ramirez—Happy Birthday
Sunday:	8:00 AM	Parishioners
	10:00 AM	Parishioners
	12:00 PM	Parishioners
	3:30 PM	Parishioners
	6:00 PM	Parishioners

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
Tuesday:	1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Wednesday:	1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18
Thursday:	1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:36-40
Friday:	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
Saturday:	1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
Sunday:	Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

## THE STEWARDSHIP OF OUR TREASURE

**12/11 & 12 offertory.....\$15,446.50**

Give back to the Lord a sacrifice, a share of what the Lord has so generously given to you.



## MARY MOTHER OF GOD

This Marian feast, celebrated on January 1st, falls on a Sunday this year. It is a particular day to honor Mary as our mother.



Please remember in your prayers

*those who have died...*

*Christa M Anshutz*

*and all the faithful departed.*



Our Christmas Mass schedule is:

Christmas Eve:

- 5 pm English
- 6:30 pm Spanish
- 8:30 pm Vietnamese
- 10:30 Christmas Carols & Night Mass

Christmas Day:

- 8 am English
- 10 am English
- 12 noon Spanish

There is no 3:30 pm or 6 pm Mass on Christmas Day

## LEARNED AT HOME

The mind of Christ is to be learned in the family. Strength of character may be acquired at work, but beauty of character is learned at home. —Henry Drummond

**WELCOME BACK**

Deacon John Ngo is here with us to celebrate Christmas. We wish you the best as you return to complete your studies and prepare for ordination to the priesthood.



**OFFICES CLOSED**

The Parish Offices will be closed Friday, December 23 at noon through Monday, December 26, also Friday, December 30 at noon until Tuesday, January 3.

**NO CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

Children’s Liturgy of the Word is taking a break on December 25 and January 1. We will resume on January 8.

**CAN YOU SPEND ONE HOUR WITH ME?**

Jesus asked His Apostles, “Could you not keep watch with me for one hour?” This is a beautiful way to spend quiet time in the presence of our Lord. Hours for exposition are: **12 noon to 5:00 pm, Thursdays.**



**LOVE**

Let those who never loved before, love now:  
Let those who always loved, love the more.—Anonymous



**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

An old joke asks, “What time is Midnight Mass?” The answer is not really obvious, since Christmas is unique in having several distinct celebrations. The readings and prayers vary greatly from hour to hour. The Vigil Mass hinges on the family heritage of Jesus and his origins. The concept of “midnight” predates clock time, and really has to do with a celebration in the hours of darkness. Years ago, it was not possible to receive Communion without fasting for a full day, so the late hour of this Mass made it possible for the people to receive. The first Mass after sunrise, the Mass at Dawn, was once known as “The Shepherds’ Mass,” and later Masses set aside stories of Jesus’ birth to focus on the key to the day’s celebration: John the Evangelist’s majestic theology of Christ’s identity as the Word made flesh, dwelling among us. One feast, four separate Masses. Only monasteries manage the whole round. Parishioners typically take just one entry point into the mystery. Yet there is much to savor and celebrate in the coming of Christ into the world. Christmas is not a day, but a season. You still have two weeks to send those Christmas cards before you’re officially late!

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**SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY CORNER**

As we approach the holiday season it is a good time to assess our personal buying habits. Excessive consumerism in developed countries has led to unsafe water, polluted air, and depletion of resources particularly affecting the poorest areas of the world. Pope Francis tells us that “Consumerism has brought us anxiety.” During this busy time of the year he encourages us to “play with your children, and turn off the TV when they sit down to eat.”

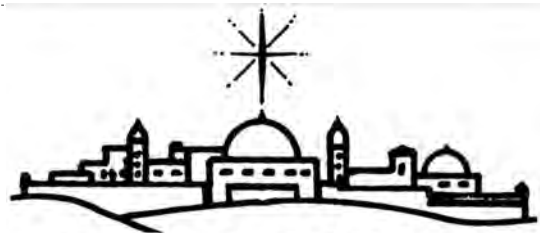
**9 DAYS FOR LIFE**

Join the bishops and thousands of Catholics across the country for a nine day novena, January 21-29, 2017, to promote a “culture of life.” You can register to receive daily prayer intercessions and reflections via the app, text message, email or online. Go to <http://www.Uscceb.Org/9days> for more information

**LINEN MINISTRY**

Could you find time to help out in a wonderful ministry of service in the parish? Our **Linen Ministry** cares for the altar linens—such as the corporals, purificators and hand towels from each Mass. With over 12 weekly Masses celebrated, many hands are needed. We are losing 2 helpers and need new volunteers. Would you be willing to volunteer a few hours per month? Call Lisa Rego at 872-1995. **Thanks be to God for our volunteers.**

Our parish St. Vincent de Paul Society has no place to store clothing. We also have NO refrigerators to store perishable foods such as eggs and milk. We appreciate your generosity, but please do not place these items in the food barrel.



**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

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**ATTN.: ALL COMMUNION MINISTERS**

There is AN URGENT need for more Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to take Communion to the homebound, to those in hospitals & convalescent & rehab facilities.

If you feel called to serve in this Ministry please call Kathy Sbragia at 545-1896.



**MARY MOTHER OF GOD MISSION SOCIETY**

Reviving the Roman Catholic Church in Eastern Russia has opened their new National office and Modesto area's newest Catholic Book and Gift store, **Gifts of Faith**. Art, gifts, clothing, home décor, bibles, monastery crafts, jewelry, statues, libros en Español, and more! Proceeds benefit the mission churches in Vladivostok. The National office and store are located in McHenry Village, 1700 McHenry Ave. Ste 80, Modesto. For more information, please call 209-408-0728

**A PATHWAY TO GOD**

Join us for a three year, Spirituality & Spiritual Direction training program, approved by the Bishop of Stockton, facilitated by the Verbum Dei sisters, the Jesuit School of Theology, and the ICSSD Team. Starting January 29<sup>th</sup> 2017, classes will be held the last Sunday of each month at the Seeds of Life Spirituality Center 31448 Hwy 33, Tracy, CA 95304. For more information please contact Wilma 209-541-7996 or Vicki 209 968-1821 or visit [www.ICSSD.org](http://www.ICSSD.org), or email [info.icssd@gmail.com](mailto:info.icssd@gmail.com)



**WALK FOR LIFE WEST COAST**

January 21, 2017, 12:30 pm  
Civic Center Plaza, San Francisco  
Be one of the over 50,000 people who walk for life in San Francisco! Pre-walk rally begins at 12:30 pm in the civic center plaza. Go to <https://stocktondiocese.org/walk-for-life> for a list of participating parishes or [www.Walkforlifewc.com](http://www.Walkforlifewc.com) for information on speakers, times and public transportation.



**MODESTO CATHOLIC PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS CLUB**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2017**

**Speaker:** Jerry Begen, retired Stanislaus County Deputy District Attorney, with his wife Lori, are parishioners at Our Lady of Fatima. Presently, he pursues his passions: flying, Central Catholic football (he blamed this addiction on his two sons, Sean and Michael, who are former "Raiders") and traveling with Lori. He is grateful for the many blessings the Lord has bestowed upon him and acknowledges that most of the large decisions he has made have been influenced by the Holy Spirit.

RSVP at [cpbcmodesto@gmail.com](mailto:cpbcmodesto@gmail.com), at <http://www.cpbc-modesto.org/> or Cathy (209) 968-8086

Networking: 7 AM, Breakfast and Speaker: 7:15 AM **Old Mill Café, 600 9th St .**

\$15 members & guests, \$20 non-members. All are welcome to this meeting, we seek ways to live our Catholic faith in our workplaces and the world.



**SAVE THE DATE!**

Join us for OLF's Annual Crab Feed which will be held on Saturday, February 4, 2017. Our feast includes all-you-can-eat fresh crab, salad, pasta, and dessert. Your evening will be completed with a raffle, dancing and entertainment. Our Supplier assures us that their crab is thoroughly inspected by the USDA and is perfectly safe to enjoy. Tickets are now on sale in the parish and school offices. All proceeds will go to our multi-purpose facility project. Don't miss the best Crab Feed in town!!



**Our Lady of Fatima  
Priest Visitation Request**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate any special needs connected with your visitation request i.e.: Anointing of the Sick, House blessing, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Best day of the week \_\_\_\_\_ Best time of day \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please, no hospitality is necessary.  
Drop in collection basket or at the Parish Office



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## LA NATIVIDAD DEL SEÑOR

25 de diciembre de 2016

La luz brilla en la tinieblas,

y las tinieblas no la recibieron.

— Juan 1:5



## LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

- Lunes: Hch 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Sal 31 (30):3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
- Martes: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Sal 97 (96):1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
- Miércoles: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Sal 124 (123):2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18
- Jueves: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Sal 96 (95):1-3, 5b-6; Lc 2:36-40
- Viernes: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 o Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Sal 128 (127):1-5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
- Sábado: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Sal 96 (95):1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
- Domingo: Nm 6:22-27; Sal 67 (66):2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gál 4:4-7; Lc 2:16-21

## MARÍA MADRE DE DIOS

Esta Fiesta Mariana, que se celebra en Enero 1, cae en Domingo este año. Es una día muy especial para honrar a María como nuestra madre.



## 9 DÍAS POR LA VIDA

Únase a los Obispos y a miles de Católicos en todo el país para una novena de promoción de una "Cultura de la Vida", del 21 al 29 de Enero 2017. Puede inscribirse para recibir diariamente oraciones y reflexiones por medio de la app, mensaje de texto, correo electrónico o internet. Para mayor información vaya a <http://stocktondiocese.org/9days>

## CAMINATA POR LA VIDA DE LA COSTA OESTE

Enero 21, 2017, 12.30 pm

Civic Center Plaza, San Francisco

Sea uno de los 50.000 que caminarán por la vida en San Francisco! la reunión comienza a las 12.20 pm en la Civic Center Plaza. Vaya a <http://stocktondiocese.org/walk-for-life> para una lista de las parroquias que tomarán parte or vaya a [www.walkforlifewc.com](http://www.walkforlifewc.com) para información sobre oradores, horarios y transporte publico.

## LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Todos a una gritan alborozados. Verá la tierra entera la salvación que viene de nuestro Dios (Isaías 52:7-10).

Salmo — Los confines de la tierra han contemplado la victoria de nuestro Dios (Salmo 98 [97]).

Segunda lectura — Dios nos ha hablado por medio de su Hijo, la imagen fiel de su ser (Hebreos 1:1-6).

Evangelio — El Verbo se hizo carne; y todos recibimos de él en una sucesión de gracias sin número (Juan 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]).

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La despensa de San Vicente de Paul esta necesitando pollo enlatado, fruta enlatada, Hamburger/Tuna/Chicken Helper, comidas enlatadas, acompañamientos en caja, harina par panques y miel, . Gracias por ayudar a los mas necesitados de nuestra parroquia.



## EDUCADOS EN CASA

La mente de Cristo se aprende en la familia. La fuerza de la personalidad se puede adquirir en el trabajo, pero la belleza de la personalidad se aprende en la familia.—Henry Drummond

## ¡MARQUE SUS CALENDARIOS!

La cena anual de Jaiba para la parroquia de Nuestra Señora de Fátima pronto estará aquí! Marquen sus calendarios para el sábado, 04 de febrero 2017 para nuestra deliciosa fiesta de fresca, todo lo que puedas comer, jaiva, ensalada, pasta y postre. Su velada se completará con una rifa, baile y entretenimiento. Los boletos están ya a la venta en las oficinas de la parroquia y de la escuela. Todos los réditos irán a nuestro proyecto salón de usos múltiples. No te pierdas la major cena de jaiba de la ciudad!



## MINISTERIO DE LINO

Un ministerio maravilloso en nuestra parroquia es el Ministerio de Lino, que cuida de todos los linos del altar que se necesitan para cada Misa. Siendo que hay más de doce Misas por semana, se necesitan muchas manos. ¿Le gustaría donar su tiempo para ayudar unas cuantas horas al mes en este ministerio? Favor de llamar a Lisa Rego al 872-1995.