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From the Pastor



From the end of a homily given by Pope St. John Paul II announcing the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe - I wish to entrust and offer the future of the continent to Blessed Mary, Mother of Christ and of the Church. For this reason, I have the joy now of announcing that I have declared that on 12 December Our Lady of Guadalupe faith of our brothers and sisters, so that in all areas of social, professional, cultural and political life they may act in accord with the truth and the new law which Jesus brought to humanity. Look with mercy on the distress of those suffering from hunger, loneliness, rejection or ignorance. Make us recognize them as your favourite children and give us the fervent charity to help them in their needs. Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, Queen of Peace! Save the nations and peoples of this continent. Teach everyone, political leaders and citizens, to live in true freedom and to act according to the requirements of justice and respect for human rights, so that peace may thus be established once and for all. To you, O Lady of Guadalupe, Mother of Jesus and our Mother, belong all the love, honor, glory and endless praise of your American sons and daughters!

**Confessions:** I will be offering confessions in Oakley on the 13<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 pm to 7 pm or until done. I hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to prepare your soul for celebrating our Lord's birth.

**St. Paul News:**

Please remember that on the 31<sup>st</sup> of December there will be a kickoff for the capital campaign. If your families are here visiting, please know they are more than welcome to attend I encourage it. Next weekend I will provide additional information on what will be requested to make this event possible. Also, if you have not RSVP'd from your invite, please do so. Thank you.

If someone happens to ask if online giving will be available for the campaign, it is available now. There are links on the home page of the church website as well as on the St. Paul page.

Singers, you are invited to join us to sing at the 8 am Mass on Christmas morning. We will practice in the church basement on December 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6 pm. If family singers might be visiting on Christmas, they are welcome to join us for warm-up at 7:15 am in the basement., and join us in the loft for Mass.

**St. Joseph News:**

I would encourage all who can either register your family online (especially if they have children in school) or sign up for online giving. Both links are available on the parish website. This will help fill in any information gaps that might exist in our database and make them that much more accurate. We will be moving more and more towards the Our Sunday Visitor (OSV) online platform for different areas. I am still learning how to efficiently use the platform, but I do look forward to how much time it can potentially save in various areas of the office. It will never be exclusively online, but it will allow for a more streamlined database, mode of communication, donations, and end-of-year stats. Thank you for taking the time to fill this out.

We were informed late last week that the envelope company is way behind in getting envelopes out this year. Normally we, and by we, I mean Teresa, would have them ready by next week at the latest. It does not sound like this will happen, and they might not even be here until the beginning of next year. If you are using checks, nothing else needs to be done, but if you put cash in your envelopes you will need to denote your name somewhere so we know who is giving what. Thank you for your patience and we will get the new ones out as soon as possible.

Memorial poinsettias are available for purchase at Everythings-A-Bloomin. We have already reserved what we need, and your donation will be taken off the final total. Thank you.

**Our Tithes from Last Week:**  
 Oakley: \$3520.00 Angelus: \$2013.00

**DAILY SCHEDULE**

Sat 10 – 5pm Mass + Parishioners  
 Sun 11 – 8am Mass (Angelus) + Clara Zimmerman  
 10:30am Mass + Chuck Anderson  
 Mon 12 – No Mass  
 School council at 6:15pm  
 Tues 13 – 8:30am Mass + George & Dorothy Ladenburger  
 5:30- 7pm - Confessions  
 Wed 14 – 7:30am Vigil Mass (Angelus) + Robert “Bob” Robben  
 Thur 15 – 8:30am Mass + Vesta Ostmeyer  
 5:30- 7pm - Confessions  
 Fri 16 – 7am Mass + Richard & Mary Anna Loftus  
 5:30- 7pm - Confessions  
 Sat 17 – 5pm Mass + Jack Ostmeyer Family  
 Sun 18 – 8am Mass (Angelus) + Boniface Fellhoelter  
 10:30am Mass - Parishioners

Confessions 30 minutes before Weekend Masses, by appointment, or if indicated on the schedule.

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Saturday, Dec 17 <sup>th</sup> 5 pm	Servers	Volunteers	Sunday Dec 18 <sup>th</sup> 10:30am	Servers	CYO
	Lectors	Wendy Glassman		Lectors	CYO
	Gifts	Terry & Betty Hockersmith		Gifts	CYO
	Hospitality	Terry & Betty Hockersmith		Hospitality	CYO

Sunday, Dec 18 <sup>th</sup> 8 am	Servers	Natalie Bixenman
	Lectors	Millie Baalman & Barney Dickman
	EMHC's	Elsie Rietcheck
	Gifts/Hosp.	Ron & Elsie Rietcheck
	Ushers	Bob Fellhoelter, Jim Fellhoelter, Jason Fellhoelter & Steve Fellhoelter