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**Second Sunday of Advent**

**December 6, 2015**

God has commanded

that every lofty mountain be made low.

*— Baruch 5:7*

**PUT ON JOY**

Today, Baruch speaks of the splendor that lies ahead for the city of Jerusalem and for all of us, regardless of where home is for us. Throw off strife, he tells us, and put on joy. Like a favorite old sweatshirt, joy fits, and how warm it keeps us, even when the winds blow cold.

Paul knows of this joy as he pens his letter to the Philippians, praying that they may grow in their ability to discern what is righteous and good. And Luke speaks to us of John, who was foretold by Isaiah and who sings a similar song—“Prepare the way of the Lord,” for salvation is at hand.

A man ahead of his time, Baruch spent his days joyfully awaiting a distant glory. On this Second Sunday of Advent, Paul and John know that this glory is upon us.

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**Question of the Week**

As the Jubilee Year of Mercy begins, what twists and turns do I need to let God untangle in my life? What rough edges smooth out? What mountainous of pride bring low? What valleys of indifference and neglect fill with mercy for others?

**SPECIAL OBSERVANCES WEEKLY READINGS AND MASS INTENTIONS**

12/5 Saturday: *First Saturday*

Readings: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6;

Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8

Mass Intention:   
 9:00am (AC) +Ruby Hagenston

5:00pm (M) Nancy Davis (SI)   
 4:00pm (AR) +Ed Gorey

7:00pm (AC)

12/6 Sunday: *Second Sunday of Advent*

Reading Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11;

Lk 3:1-6

Mass Intention:

8:30 (M) +Chuck Reich

8:30 (C) +Anna Porras

10:00 (AR)   
 10:15 (AC) Intentions of the Parish

12/7 Monday: *St. Ambrose*

Readings: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26   
 Mass Intention:

8:00am (AC) +Anna Porras

12/8 Tuesday: *The Immaculate Conception of the*

*Blessed Virgin Mary*

Readings: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6,

11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Mass Intention:

8:00am (AC) Intentions of the Parish

12/9 Wednesday: *St. Juan Diego*

Readings: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10;  
 Mt 11:28-30

Mass Intention:

8:30am (M) +Kenneth Griffin

12/10 Thursday:

Readings: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab;  
 Mt 11:11-15

Mass Intention:

8:00am (AC) Holy Souls in Purgatory

12/11 Friday: *St. Damasus I*

Readings: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

Mass Intention:

8:00am (AC) Holy Souls in Purgatory

12/12 Saturday: *Our Lady of Guadalupe*

Readings: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;

Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47,

or any readings from the Common of the

Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712

Mass Intention:   
 4:00pm (AR) +Beverly Fernandez

5:00pm (M) +Kenneth Griffin   
 7:00pm (AC) Fr. Rolly’s 38 yr. Ordination   
 Anniversary

12/6 Sunday:

Reading: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6;

Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

**Monday**

1:00 - 3:00pm St. Patrick’s Helping Hands Distribution,

Angels Camp

4:00 - 5:30pm Children’s Faith Formation, Murphys

(Sept.-May)

5:00 - 6:30pm High School Confirmation, Angels Camp

**Tuesday**

8:30 -12:00pm St. Patrick’s Preschool, Angels Camp

(Sept.–May)

9:00 -10:00am O.L.S. Helping Hands Distribution, AR

10:00 - 11:00am Perpetual Novena, Arnold

10:00 - 1:00pm Seniors Meeting, Angels Camp

**Wednesday**

8:30 – 12:00pm St. Patrick’s Preschool, Angels Camp

(Sept.–May)

4:00 - 5:30pm Children’s Faith Formation, K-8, Angels

Camp (Sept.-May)

6:00 - 8:00pm Youth Group, Angels Camp (2nd and 4th)

**Thursday**

8:30 -12:00pm St. Patrick’s Preschool, Angels Camp

(Sept.–May)

**FRIDAY**

8:30 - 4:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

**MONTHLY PARISH ACTIVITIES**

Angels Altar Society: 2nd Monday, 10am, Library,

Angels Camp

Arnold Women’s Club: 1st Friday after 11am

Rosary, Arnold Hall

Arnold Men’s Club: 4th Thursday, 7pm Arnold

BINGO: 3rd Saturday, 2pm Angels Camp Hall

FINANCE COUNCIL: 4th Friday, 5:00pm, Parish Office

FIRST SATURDAY MASS: 9am Chapel Angels Camp

Italian Catholic FEDERATION: 4th Sunday after

10:15am Mass Angels Camp Hall

Lay Carmelites: 1st Saturday, 9am Chapel, Angels

Camp. Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament Lay

Carmelite Community meets each month immediately

following Mass.

Liturgy Board: 1st Monday, 6:00pm Angels Camp

Classroom

Murphys Altar Society: 2nd Thursday 10am

Murphys Hall

Murphys Men’s Club: 2nd Thurs 5pm Murphys Hall

Parish Council: 2nd Monday, 6pm Angels Camp Hall

ST. PATRICK’S Angels CAMP/Murphys Helping

Hands: 1st Monday 11:00am Helping Hands Bldg.

Angels Camp

St. Patrick’s Preschool Parents Advisory

MEETING: 2nd Tuesday 12:00pm Confirmation Room,

Angels Camp

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Jacob Silva, Don & Linda Adams, Michelle Tsutsui, Hamid Rharbi, Danica Woodbury, Joshua Hegal, Ann Perez, Donelia Dooley, Jim Nathan, Jaylin Fluter, Jerry Shacklett, Julie Diedrick, Sun Starr, Jim Ramsayer, Sally Krier, Joe Symkowick, Michelle & Dave Elam, Cecilia Hegel, Amelia Orlonzit, Josepha Maza, Trevor Stotka, Sondra Clifford, Timothy Dahl, Anne Adams Helms, Lisa Lee, Sandra Juarez, Pat Stuth, L. J. Ybarra, Baby Alli Ybarra, Sam Marshall, Ellen Wiederlight, Cheyenne Jones, Theone Innes, Karan Newman, Alan Corell, Joel Rivera, Taylor Lowell, Tim Murray, Vernon Ratkovich, Jerry Hayner, Stephanie Dunn, Paul Mulvey, Randy McNurlin, Aurelia Meier, Amanda Soukup, Michelle Baker, Dave Finn, Karin Evans, Theresa Cummins, Peggy Rourke-Nichols, Siri Porovich, Leann Murray, Judy Robles, Fr. Lane Akiona, Chet & Lila Jaroch, Patty Chesnut, Norman Boydston, The Koval Family, Ben Quick, John Wade, Clell & Mary Grimes, Louise Larro, Mike Larro, Russ Wise, Michael Abeyta, Robbie Petterson, Mercedes Silvera, Eric Parker, Misha Larro, Kristine Camozzi, Peter Bailey, Bev Fernandez, Karl Christensen, Mary Frances Kelly, Azlyn Gates, Baby Jack Setzer, Velma Laver, David Wells, Justin Bates, Sonny Abalos, Al Arieta, Pam Alvey, Flo Vlnaty, Josh Kavanagh, Troy Williams, Aleida Robinson, Roman Maldonado, Jean Marie Peters, Grover M. Inks, Bradley J. Howard, Kelly Bloom, Nolan Hicks, Yvonne Porcella, Joshua and Colin Muilenburg, Rita Delisle and individuals on 12-step programs.

*(Notify the Parish Office of any Prayer List*

*changes – deaths, return to good health, etc.)*

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**11/29/15** **Last Sunday’s Collections**

Sunday Collections $ 4616

Preschool $ 1095

Campaign for Human Dev $ 25

Thanksgiving $ 631

Online $ 330

Weekly Total Collections **$ 6697**

**Thank you for your generosity!!**

**Penance Service**

December 14th at 6:30pm in the Church at Angels Camp.

[](http://www.clker.com/cliparts/B/z/J/A/n/s/priest-collar-shirt-md.png) Pastor’s Note

2nd Sunday of Advent

Dec. 6, 2015 Yr C

On this Second Sunday of Advent, we hear the compelling witness of John, the Baptist that announces and calls each and every one of us to “prepare the way of the Lord”. Whatever it was about him, the Gospel tells us “all Judea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him”. It was clear that John made an impact on the people who heard him. The people were captivated. His words ran deep into the soul, people were touched as they hear him so much, so that they received his baptism. St. John’s witness was so radical, so different, so compelling, that whoever saw or heard of him confessed their sins and returned home different.

We live in an era that is marred by uncertainty and doubt. We live in a time of wars and rumors of wars, and a year in, year out there appears more and more things to worry about. What does our world need? It needs consolation. In the “decadent west”, we have more than we could ever want for our comfort and ease. While it is true that not everyone is backing luxury, the lure of wealth, and the attractions of “the world that is passing away”, it seems to be the final goal of so many. Like Israel in the desert, we have bread, but it fails to satisfy.

As we begin the season of Advent, the Church calls us to hear the words of Isaiah and John, the Baptist that point to God here and now by proclaiming Christ by quiet conviction, firm hope, and inexhaustible charity and we will be surprised.

Let the proclamation of the Jubilee Year of Mercy by Pope Francis guide us through these tough times to discover the firm purpose of our earthly existence. Our home is in heaven.

I therefore invite each and every one of you to do something more in this Year of Mercy. Opportunities are just in front of us to do some corporal and spiritual works of mercy at least for our neighbors but especially for the least fortunate. Let us pray more fervently for the peace we desperately need. God bless you.

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**GREATNESS**

The measure of greatness is not the number of servants you have, but the number of people you serve.

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

By now, trees are beginning to appear in living rooms throughout the parish. To a complete outsider to our culture, it must seem an odd thing indeed. The “roots” of this custom are in liturgical drama: religious plays performed in the churches and town squares of medieval Europe. The favorite theme for this time of year was the “Paradise Play,” a dramatic history of the human race from the Garden of Eden to the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. The language and music varied from place to place, but one feature was always in place: a great tree decorated with apples. As a prop, it provided lots of material for the actors: the temptation, shelter for the manger, and a reminder of the wood of the cross. Soon people began to bring “paradise trees” into their homes, decorating them with gifts and lighted candles.

Many Germans give credit to Martin Luther for transforming the “Paradise Tree” into the evergreen Christmas tree. Walking home on a starry Advent night, he was so awed by the beauty of the night that he hauled a pine tree inside and decorated it with lighted candles. Americans were holdouts. It took until 1856 for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to decriminalize Christmas decorations, the old Puritan dislikes falling before the waves of Irish and German immigrants with traditions firmly in hand!

***DECEMBER 2nd Collections***

December 6 Maintenance & Repair

December 13 Retirement Fund for Religious

December 27 Helping Hands

*Please give generously!!*

**Lay Carmelites**

St. Patrick’s Lay Carmelites meet the 1st Saturday of each month after the 9:00am Mass. If anyone is interested in becoming a Lay Carmelite, please contact Ann Kelly at 728-3576 or Marilyn Hicks at 728-3549

***ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS***

***On Saturday, December 19th in Angels Camp at 10:30am, we will be having a clean-up day to prepare our church for Christmas. Please come and help.***

**A BUSY MOTHER**

Only after the Last Judgment will Mary get any rest; from now until then, she is much too busy with her children.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Every Friday 8:30am - 4:00pm  
Evening Prayer/Benediction 4:00 p.m.

St. Patrick’s Angels Camp Chapel

**“I encourage you to make your Holy Hour through Mary, the cause of our joy, and you may discover that no where on earth are you more welcomed, no where on earth are you more loved, than by Jesus, living and truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time that you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in Heaven, and will help bring about an everlasting peace on earth." - *Blessed Mother Teresa***

**“I understand that, each time we contemplate with desire and devotion the Host in which is hidden Christ’s Eucharistic Body, we increase our merits in heaven and secure special joys to e ours later in the beatific vision of God.”**

**–St. Gertrude**

***PARISH HELP INFORMATION***

[**www.CatholicsComeHome.org**](http://www.CatholicsComeHome.org)

***\*Helping Hands Angels Camp***

***(Food & Clothing) Monday 1:00-3:00pm***

***\*Helping Hands Arnold***

***(Food & Clothing)* Tuesday 9:00-10:00am**

**\**Diocesan Respect Life Office:* *209-465-5433***

***\*Catholic Charities 24-hr Friendship Line***

**1-800-971-0016**

***\*Natural Family Planning*** [*www.CCLI.org*](http://www.ccli.org/)

***\*www.HopeAfterAbortion.com***

***\*Crisis Pregnancy Helpline 1-888-4-OPTIONS***

***\*Door of Hope Crisis Pregnancy Helpline 754-5100***

***\*Foothill Pregnancy Center 209-536-9262***

***\*Common Grounds Senior Services***

***(Meals on Wheels) 209-223-3015***

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**Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration**

**December 12, 2015**

**5:00am – Mañanita**

**8:00am – Mass (English)**

**6:30pm – Procession**

**7:00pm – Mass (Spanish)**

Walk for Life 2016

REGISTER EARLY!

Save the date!

Saturday, January 23, 2016

Registration Forms will be in the Bulletin in November—Deadline to register will be December 18th 2015! Mass at 8am, Bus leaving at 8:30am and returning after the day around 8:00pm. Bus tickets are $20.00 for everyone. Contact Josie Barnes at 209-736-2985 to register.

**Let us offer our prayers for our**

**Pastor, Rev. Fr. Rolly C. Petronio**

**On the occasion of the anniversary of his Priestly Ordination December 12, Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe. Fr. Rolly celebrates his 38th year as a priest and eight of those years were spent in service to St. Patrick’s Catholic Parish.**

**Let us wish Fr. Rolly a Happy Anniversary. Thanks for being a Priest for us.**

**Italy & Spain Pilgrimage**

**Travel with Fr. Rolando Petronio**

**Pastor of St. Patrick’s, Angels Camp, CA**

**To: Italy and Spain**

**Where: Rome, Assisi, Tuscany, Florence, Venice, Barcelona, Zaragoza and Madrid**

**Trip Dates: July 2-14, 2016**

**Cost: $4,599.00 Airfare and ALL-Included**

**To register, please contact (855) 842-8001 or (508)**

**340-9370. You can also register online at** [**www.proximotravel.com**](http://www.proximotravel.com)**.**

**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

**The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is Tuesday, December 8. The Mass Schedule for this day as follows:**

**8:30am Murphys   
11am Arnold**

**5pm Angels Camp Hour of Mercy**

**6pm Angels Camp**