



St. Joseph Parish

St. Joseph Catholic Church – 9961 Elk Grove Florin Road, Elk Grove, CA 95624-2560
St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church – 14673 Cantova Way, Rancho Murietta, CA 95683

December 25, 2011

The Nativity of the Lord

Parish Priests: Fr. Rodolfo Llamas • Fr. Bony Arackal
Sunday Presider: Fr. David Klein, SJ • Deacon Dennis Merino • Deacon Ned Quigley

Sunday Masses

St. Joseph - Sat.: 4:30pm; Sun.: 7:30, 9, 10:45am, 1pm (Spanish)

Daily Masses, Eucharistic Adoration

8am Mass, Monday – Friday, followed by rosary

First Friday, Mass 7pm; Adoration to 11pm

Adoration after daily Mass every Friday

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, 2:30pm – 3:30pm

(2nd & 4th Saturdays: Bilingual - English & Spanish)

PARISH OFFICE - Msgr. O'Connor Social Hall

Office Hours: 9:00am - 4:30pm, Monday - Friday

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PARISH WEBSITE: www.stjoseph-elkgrove.net

Find us on Facebook:

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Elk Grove, CA)

Diocese of Sacramento website: www.diocese-sacramento.org/



Parish office will be closed for the holidays:
Friday, Dec. 23 through Monday, Jan.02.

We would like to express our gratitude as a parish staff in serving you throughout the year. We also thank you for your generous support towards your St. Joseph Parish, your parish family, your community, and the needy, who are all children of God. Because of you, many will come to know Christ through your kindness and your caring donations.

Please be careful in your holiday travels and enjoy your family and friends with love, while remembering that Jesus Christ, Our Savior, was born so that we may have Eternal Life in Heaven with Him.

We Wish You All A Blessed Christmas!!!

Christmas Mass Schedule St. Joseph Church - Elk Grove

Christmas Eve Mass

Saturday, December 24,
3:30, 5:30, 10:30pm (English)
7:30pm (Spanish)

Christmas Day Mass

Sunday, December 25,
10:00am (English)
12 noon (Spanish)



Dinner, Dance, & Raffle

St. Joseph Golden Anniversary Dinner, Dance & Raffle will be held **Saturday, January 14, 2012**. Tickets are on sale after weekend Masses for **\$18** per person. Tickets will not be sold at the door. If you are interested in donating a raffle prize, or would like more information on this event, please contact Paul or Mary Carrillo at (916) 686-5829.

Missed last week's bulletin or perhaps a bulletin of two or three weeks ago? Then check them out online at: stjoseph-elkgrove.net

Church Family

Daily Mass Intentions


Sat: 12/24	Christmas Eve Masses
	St. Joseph - English 3:30, 5:30, 10:30pm
	St. Joseph - Spanish 7:30pm
	St. Vincent de Paul..... 5:00pm
Sun: 12/25	Christmas Day Masses
	St. Joseph - English 10:00am
	St. Joseph - Spanish 12 noon
Mon: 12/26	Luis Cornejo † 8:00 am
Tue: 12/27	Subhas Chand † 8:00 am
Wed: 12/28	Manuel & Lucille Peters † 8:00 am
	People of SVDP (SI) RM 8:30 am
Thu: 12/29	All Women of FCCW (SI) 8:00 am
Fri: 12/30	Richard Vitorelo † 8:00 am
Sat: 12/31	Dominic & Betty Maita † 4:30 pm
	Gilbert Zimmerman † RM 5:00 pm
Sun: 01/01	Manuel & Lucille Peters † 7:30 am
	Calvin Barker † 9:00 am
	People of SVDP (SI) RM 9:00 am
	Thomas Ferguson † 10:45 am
	Feligreses de San José (SI) 1:00 pm

 **Merry Christmas to our Military and their families!** 

 **Pray For Our Military Family**

Heidi Aguilar	Luis Freyre III	Dana Budd Mavy
Steven Alsop	Daniel Galvez	Nicholas McConnell
Ronald America	Larry Galvez	Mitch Medigovich
Jon Armstrong	Anthony Giordano	Russell Miller
Don R. Baker II	Tomas Gonzalez	Jared Mitchell
Joseph Benedetti	Serena Grandov	Dominic Peterson
Matthew Blair	T. J. Hart	Emmanuel Ramirez
Solomon Bolt	Graham Hebert	Jonathan Ramirez
Carl Ian Bravo	Kerr Hernandez	Arvie Jan Ramos
Ezonica Castellano	Matthew Huff	Michael Rossi
Stephen Cooney	Jeremiah Jones	Zachary Schiele
Benedict Coughlin	Val Keaveny Jr.	Jacob A. Starnes
Ivan Cruz	Freddie Koeller	Jordan Thompson
Mark Dollar	Chris Lindsley	Shawn Tostado
Bianca Douros	Dru Lopez	Martha Trujillo
Zachary Douros	Lenin Lopez	Brien Warfield
Benjamin Erwin	James Lovallo	Jaime Wong-Lopez
Meghan Erwin	Anthony G. Martin	Jordan Wood
		Jason Woodford

St. Vincent De Paul Society

 Merry Christmas to all here at St. Joseph's! May you be truly blessed this day. As you celebrate today, remember our Lord, Jesus Christ, and His special gift to all of us.

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Today's Readings

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

Readings For The Week

Mon: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22
Tue: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Wed: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Mt 2:13-1
Thur: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35
Fri: Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]
Sat: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18
Sun: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21



THE MESSAGE † EL MENSAJE

From the Pastor's desk... *MERRY CHRISTMAS!!*

Christmas!! The most tender season of the Liturgical Year; when God reveals himself to us in a most surprising way; when God open the doors of his Home so we can know Him closely; when we can see clearly the goodness and simplicity of God and we discover in awe that God wants us to be part of his Family! Today I don't have words to describe such reality... I invite you to **contemplate**. I guess you have a Nativity set in your house, so I invite you, there in the center of your home, to kneel and contemplate that scene, read the passage of Jesus' birth in the Gospels and let Baby Jesus, Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, the angels and the Magi talk to you about their experience.

Iwish that in the heart of your homes, the simplicity of God spreads and fills your hearts with His eternal peace. May the Baby Jesus satisfy your hearts with His endless Love and transform them to be the source of Eternal Life for all people who you may encounter in the paths of your lives. From the bottom of my heart, I wish you all A JOYFUL CHRISTMAS AND A NEW YEAR FULL OF GOD!!

... *Fr. Rodolfo Llamas*

Del Escritorio del Pastor... *¡¡FELÍZ NAVIDAD!!*

¡¡Navidad!! El tiempo Litúrgico más tierno del año. Cuando Dios se nos da a conocer de la manera más sorprendente. Cuando Dios nos abre las puertas de su Hogar para que le conozcamos de cerca. Cuando vemos claramente la bondad y la sencillez de Dios, y descubrimos con gran asombro que ¡Dios nos quiere hacer de su familia! Hoy no tengo palabras para describir semejante realidad... Les invito a **contemplar**. Espero que tengan un Nacimiento en sus casa, y les invito a que ahí en el seno de su hogar se arrodillen y contemplen la escena, lean el pasaje del Nacimiento de Jesús y dejen que el Niño Jesús, María, José, los pastores, los ángeles, los Reyes Magos les hablen de su experiencia.

Les deseo a todos que ahí en el corazón de su hogar, la sencillez de Dios invada y les llene de su paz eterna, que deje satisfechos sus corazones con la inmensidad de su Amor y los convierta en fuente de Vida Eterna para todos los que se encuentren con ustedes en el camino de sus vida. Desde lo más profundo de mi corazón deseo que tengan ¡¡UNA GOZOSA NAVIDAD Y UN AÑO LLENO DE DIOS!!

... *Padre Rodolfo Llamas*

Family Ministry Kings' Night

Save the date! Tickets go on sale soon for the St. Joseph's Family Ministry Kings' Night. We will attend the Sacramento Kings vs Atlanta Hawks game at **7pm, Sunday, March 11**. Tickets will cost **\$15** per person. That's a deep discount for our parishioners. The same tickets cost \$22 at the door. More information on ticket sales to come.

Parish Membership Forms

If you have not been receiving your offertory envelopes, or have had a change of address, a change of phone number, an addition to the family, or you are new to our parish, please fill out a membership form, so that we may update our records. Thank you.

Youth Ministry News

St. Joseph High School Youth Group meets on the **2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays** of each month in the **St. John room**. If you are in High School and would like more information find us on Facebook or contact Jen at jennifer.campbell@parishmail.com.

Parish Online Giving

If you manage your bills online, we're sure you will like the convenience of giving to your church online. It's safe and secure. Check out Online Giving - to make a one-time or recurring donation. To get started - just visit our website: stjoseph-elkgrove.net and click on **Welcome to Online Giving**. Thank you!

Please use the laminated response cards in the pews to help you with the new Roman Missal, 3rd Edition language or you can follow along in the New Missal. Please note: the laminated response cards are to remain in the pews to be used at all Masses.

Serving The Church

Catholic Faith Formation at SJ

And the Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us...

Jn 1: 14

“Joy is the true gift of Christmas, not expensive presents that demand time and money. We can transmit this joy simply: with a smile, with a kind gesture, with some small help, with forgiveness. Let us give this joy and the joy given will be returned to us.” ---Pope Benedict XVI, Homily at Mass, Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 18, 2005

Wishing all the families in faith formation, the catechists, assistants and all who serve in ministry, a blessed and joyous Christmas Season!

The liturgical season of Christmas begins with the vigil Masses on Christmas Eve and concludes on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. During this season, we celebrate the birth of Christ and reflect on the meaning of his gift of salvation.

Question of the Week... Christmas dawn:

Adult What will you do during this Christmas season to reflect in your heart, as Mary did, on God's gift of the Savior?

Child What would you say to Jesus as you stand before the nativity scene in our church?

Calendar Reminders

Dec 20-Jan 4: Christmas break – No Sessions. Sessions resume the week of January 8.

Sunday, Jan 8: Parent and Teen session for Confirmation Year Two at 3:30pm, church.

Sunday, Jan 8: Parent and Child session for Eucharist Families at 4:00pm, Social Hall.

Sunday, Jan 22: Rite of Enrollment for Confirmation Year Two candidates, candles.

Walk For Life Update

Come walk with us **Saturday, January 21, 2012**, in San Francisco, as we continue to peacefully proclaim our message in ever greater numbers. Walk with us to CHALLENGE the belief that abortion is a choice for women. Activities at San Francisco begin at **11am** with informational booths at the Civic Center Plaza. The rally will follow at **12:30pm** in the Plaza, with several Pro-Life speakers and testimonials. We will begin the "Walk" at **1:30pm** and end up at Justin Herman Plaza. Please come and join us. If you need more information, please call Dee or Joe Madruga at 685-5679.

Christ the King Retreat - Jan. 2012

Does God Seem Far Away Lately? If He does, who do you think moved. Renew your inner life at our parish weekend retreat for women on **Jan. 13 - 15, 2012** and for men on **Jan. 20 - 22, 2012** at Christ the King Retreat Center. You'll be amazed how much the retreat will help you find God in your daily surroundings and what peace this awareness of Him can bring your. Call Paula Hopper 687-6183 or Pat Evans 686-5977 for the women's retreat and Niel Evans 686-5977 or Larry Joerger 685-2044 or Daniel Wayne 682-5059 for the men's retreat. View the center at: **www.passionist.ort/retreats/christtheking**.

Catholic High Scholl Placement Tests

On **Saturday, January 21, 2012** all Sacramento Area Catholic High Schools will be holding their Placement Testing. You must register prior to the test date at the school of your choice. Please register early. Each student should bring two #2 pencils. Calculators are not permitted.

Christian Brothers High School: www.cbhs-sacramento.org, **St. Francis High School:** www.stfrancis.org.

Jesuit High School: www.jhssac.org. **Cristo Rey High School:** Call the Admissions Office at (916) 400-3478.

Around The Church

Used Stamps & Cell Phones

Please remember when cleaning up during and after the Christmas Season, to save the cancelled stamps from your Christmas cards, and place them in the **Stamp Collection** box in the vestibule.

Also, if you receive a new cell phone as a gift, please consider donating your old cell phone and putting it in the **Cell Phone Collection** box. The collection of these items is how we fund most of the military mailings. Thank you! - Pat Evans

Parish Ministries

Altar Servers: Minister at Mass by serving with the priest, deacon, lector, Eucharistic ministers, etc. Training provided.

Catholic Faith Formation: Catechists and assistants working together to guide the children of our parish in the Catholic faith.

Environment and Art Committee: Work together with our team to serve the action of the liturgy; reflecting the seasons, feasts, and traditions of our church throughout the interior of our church, and the exterior of the parish grounds.

Eucharistic Ministers: For those who have celebrated ALL the sacraments of initiation; the EM assists in distributing the Body & Blood of the Lord at Mass; and taking Communion to the sick and homebound.

Fellowship of Catholic Christian Women: Fosters fellowship for the purpose of evangelization, promoting spiritual development and group ministry for women. Meets bi-monthly.

Greeters/Ushers: Minister at the Masses, providing hospitality to others as well as assisting with the collection.

Knights of Columbus: Men's Christian service organization promoting Church and family. Meets the second Thursday of each month.

Lectors: For those who have celebrated ALL the sacraments of initiation, the lector proclaims the Word of God at our Masses. Training is provided.

Ministry of Consolation to the Bereaved: Meeting the needs of those who Minister to the Bereaved, to Comfort those who Mourn.

Parish Youth Groups: Program for teens grades 7-12 incorporating social and service themes; meets each week. English: Meets on Sunday evenings.

St. Vincent de Paul Society: A service organization working to meet the needs of those less fortunate in our parish. Meets monthly.

Please call the parish office if you are interested in joining one of these ministries: (916) 685-3681

Shoot For The Stars

On **Saturday, January 21, 2012** at **1pm**, the Msgr. Renwald Council of the **Knights of Columbus** here at St. Joseph will hold in the gym of the Msgr. O'Connor Social Hall the council level competition of the **Annual K of C Free Throw Championship**. Participation is open to boys and girls who are **10-14** years of age, with age eligibility determined as of based on their age on **January 1, 2012**. Registration will begin at **1pm** in the Social Hall and close at **1:30pm** and **2pm** respectively for the age groups **10-12** and **13-14**. Remember you must have a copy your proof of age, no originals please. Participants must also have a parent or guardian present to sign the entry form. Entry forms will be available in the church vestibule beginning the weekend of **January 1, 2012**. For more information, please contact Bill DuVal - 682-4552.

Sacraments

Anointing of the Sick: This Sacrament should be celebrated when someone is acutely ill, going in for surgery, etc.; it is also celebrated twice a year at Sunday Masses. Also, when possible as ministers are available, we will bring Holy Communion to our sick, and our homebound seniors.

Baptism: Baptism is the initiation of the child into our community and the practice of our faith. Thus, the Sacrament is celebrated after the parents have reflected on their commitment to live the faith, and are doing so, and have participated in a preparation process.

Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): For those not-baptized, or a baptized non-Catholic, who wish to become Catholic, this is a reflective, inspirational, and informative journey in the faith.

Confirmation: The Sacrament of Confirmation is a two-year preparation process for our teens, and a formation process reflecting on the faith, of what it means to be a disciple of Christ, and the commitment to live in His Name in our Church.

Marriage: As members of our parish, *at least* six months in advance of your wedding, you will be invited to participate in a preparation process with the priest or deacon of your choice. If you are a member of another parish, please contact the parish where you practice your faith for guidance about the preparation process. Also, for more information, please see the diocesan website: www.diocese-sacramento.org/evangelization_catechesis/marriage_prep_guidelines.html

Penance: The priests are honored to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance when they are available; please call for an appointment.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH

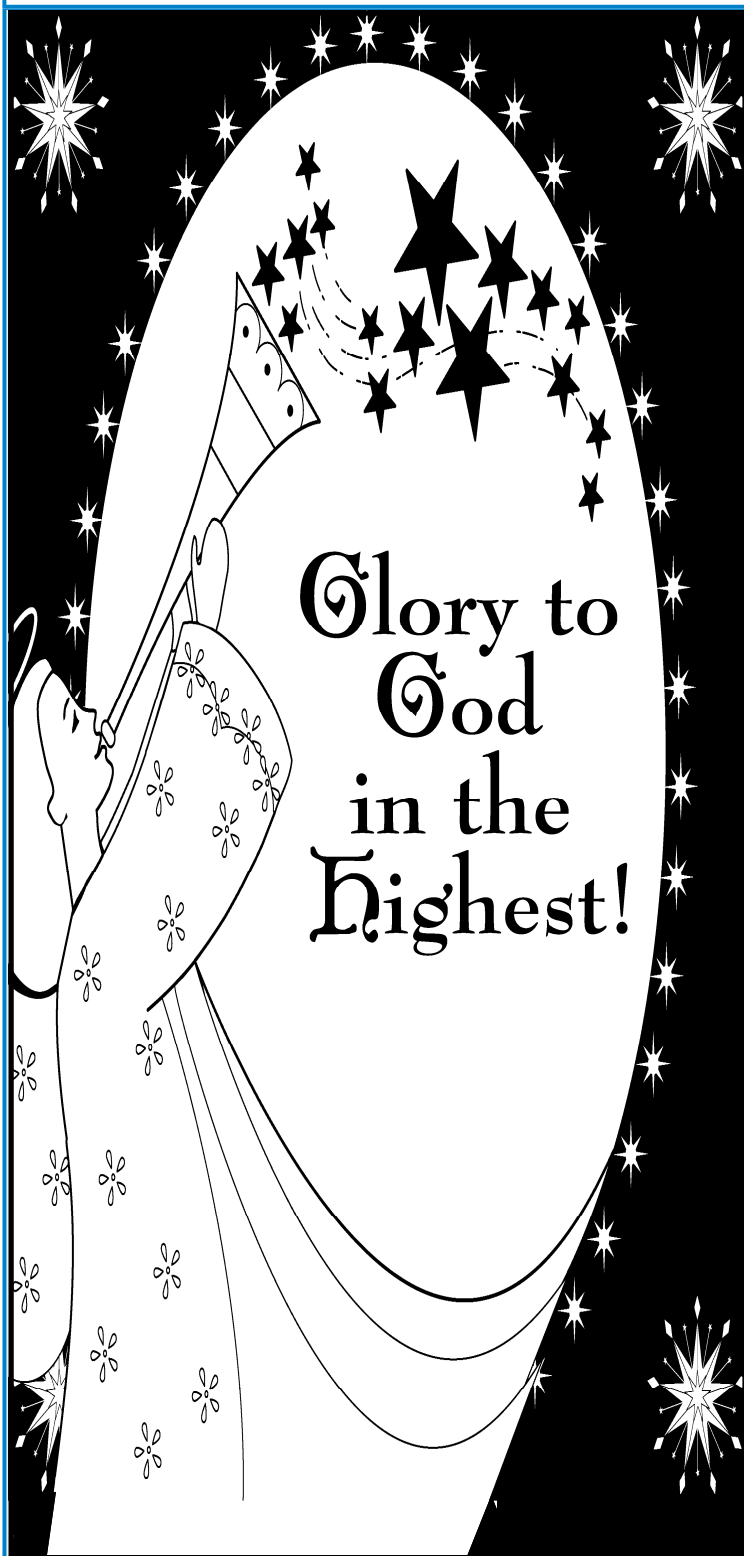
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Weekday Mass - Wednesday, 8:30am
Liturgical Service - Friday, 8:30am
Sacrament of Reconciliation - Saturday, 4pm



Glory to
God
in the
Highest!

Thoughts of Thankfulness

for the greatest Gift

God gave.....

Jesus,

May this Love bring

Peace and Hope

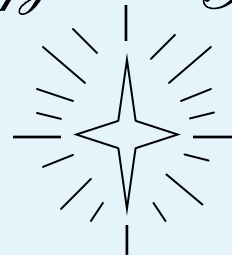
To our Church Family

this coming year

Have a Blessed Christmas

And a

Happy New Year!



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