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Mass: 8:45AM & 11:30AM Span.

SAN RAMON CHAPEL, SISQUOC
Foxen Canyon
Mass: 10:15AM

MASS SCHEDULE: 934-3172
Daily: 6:30AM, 8:00AM
First Fridays: 5:30PM
Saturday: 8:00AM
Vigil: 5PM Eng. 6:45PM Span.
Sunday: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30, 3:00 Span. & 6:00PM
Holy Days: Vigil 5:30PM, 6:45PM Sp.
6:30AM, 8AM, 12 Noon, 6:00PM
Liturgy of the Hours: M-F 6:55AM
Novena/Benediction: Thursdays 7PM
Adoration: 8:30– Noon –Mondays
For 1st Friday: 7PM Thurs. to 6:30AM Fri.
Confessions: Sat. 3:15-4:45PM & 8-9PM Bilingual

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BAPTISMS: Ages 0-6: 1st & 3rd Sundays at 1PM (Eng)
BAPTISM CLASSES: 2nd Sunday of the month at 1PM Pre-registration 10 days in advance.
BAUTISMO: edad 0-6 años: Cada cuarto domingo a la 1:30PM
CLASES BAUTISMAS: Segundo lunes del mes a las 7PM
Información: Rectoría 937-4555 o Félix González
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BODAS/QUINCEAÑERAS:
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MARRIAGES: By appointment at least 6 months in advance.
PREPARACIONES MATRIMONIALES:
Martes 7PM en los salones de la escuela #7 y #8
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St. Louis de Montfort Mission Statement
We are called to be and to become a loving family centered in Jesus. We acknowledge and accept that each of us is unique and has special gifts from the Holy Spirit. We wish to nurture, develop and share these gifts within and for the Body of Christ. Having been called by Baptism into that Body, we celebrate our relationship in Word, Sacrament and Family Celebration. We are then sent to call others to Christ through whom we are and what we do. We recognize Christ’s call to be one in Him and commit ourselves to his way of life.

Fr. Aidan Writes:
This 4th Sunday of Advent we are introduced to the title “Emmanuel” which means “God is with us” in the sense that he walks with us. That is fascinating, God, our eternal creator, wants to be with his creation. God desires relationship with us and offers us his support and company on life’s path so that we might be protected by him in times of trial, and rejoice and thank him for the plenitude of his graces. Yet this journey in Jesus Christ is for Him, from the hard wood of the crib to the blood stained wood of the cross, from the cold bleak winter’s night of his birth to the cold rock slab of his tomb. Jesus’s life with us is one that ends in suffering and death. He experiences these dark elements of human existence in order that they might be transformed through the salvific action of His death on the Cross and his rising to new life at the resurrection. Christmas and Easter are inextricably linked, we cannot think of one without the other. This is why Mother seemed to me to be so embarrassing at Carol Services: she would weep rather than rejoice because she would say, ‘But look what is going to happen to this baby, it’s dreadful!” My Mom, like all Moms - was right (ahem!) - but we should not get these things out of balance. We rejoice with the angels and shepherds in expectation that Emmanuel is with us. We weep in Holy week for the passion of Our Lord. But we rejoice again, this time in committed thanksgiving, for the new life given us by the resurrection of that Emmanuel who has become our Christ and loving savior and who tells us, just as the angels will tell the shepherds, “do not be afraid”.

Mass Intentions for the Week

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22
7:30am Marjorie & Eugene Silva +
9:30am Arthur D Smith +
11:30am Parishioners
3:00pm Miguel Guerra +
6:00pm Lolita & Domingo Singh +

LOS ALAMOS, ST. ANTHONY’S:
Connie & Bob Bumann +

SISQUOC, SAN RAMON CHAPEL:
Bozo Batinich +

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23
6:30am John Gapter +
8:00am Linda Zoumaya
5:30pm Anton Musev +

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24
6:30am Aurora Santiago
8:00am Cliff Courtney +
4:00pm Gabriel & Pearl Garcia +
6:00pm John Wondra Jr. +
Midnight Jacob Heybl +

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25
7:30am Philip Brady +
9:30am Marlett Siojo
11:30am Parishioners
6:45pm Javier & Graciela Vargas

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26
6:30am Scott Hunstad
8:00am Eleanore Marie Magazino +

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27
6:30am John F Neeson +
8:00am Ed LeClaire +

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28
8:00am Jack Hester +
5:00pm Parishioners
6:45pm Genise Coates

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29
7:30am Anton Musev +
9:30am Al Ceglia +
11:30am St. Monica Ministry
3:00pm Miguel Guerra +
6:00pm Wintroub & Singh Families

LOS ALAMOS, ST. ANTHONY’S:
Special Intention

SISQUOC, SAN RAMON CHAPEL:
Cliff Courtney +
Thank you, thank you, thank you to all those who participated in last weekends Family Day "It's a Boy". Our day was about family and fun and fellowship and was filled with refreshments, Christmas bingo, blessing of the nativities, and donations of baby items for the baby drive put on by one of our Girl Scout Cadets. We are truly a blessed parish. On behalf of the entire Faith Formation program, we want to wish each and every one of you a very blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year. There will be NO family day in January so our NEXT FAMILY DAY will be February 9.

Thank you for your donations to the SLDM School Christmas Store & more…It was a fun filled day for our students who had a great time shopping for gifts for family and friends. Over $1,250.00 was raised for the Alzheimer's Association. Thank you to everyone who dropped off donations at the school for us to sell at the store. Your generosity was overwhelming. We appreciate your support! Merry Christmas from Saint Louis de Montfort School. God Bless!

NEW YEAR’S RESOLUTION!
It is never too early to make a New Year’s resolution! 2020 is an excellent time to get into God’s Word, so St. Louis de Montfort is announcing a new bible study. “Prophecy and the Bible: The Book of Daniel”, is being presented every Thursday night from 7pm to 8:30pm, January 9 through March 26. There is NO charge. Just bring your bible!

Magnificat invites all women to attend its quarterly Prayer Breakfast. Dr. Cynthia Hunt, a wife, mother, and physician, will share the humbling “transfiguration” Our Lord has been working in her soul. Come and hear this multi-talented woman’s inspirational story. Date: Saturday, January 11, 9:30 am – 12:30 pm Place: Santa Maria Inn Cost: $25/person Reservations: Dolly Van Horn (878-0420 or 934-1857).

ROSEMARY HILL PANTRY is moving to a new location (from one room to another)
The pantry is in need of the following:
soup  jelly  saltine crackers
Please check expiration dates! Thank You
My body, my rules
In all the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season, it can be easy for children to get overwhelmed — with parties and holiday get together, they may be seeing lots of new or unfamiliar family members and friends. It’s important to remind children that they can say no to hugs, kisses, and other physical signs of affection if they are uncomfortable. Review “my body, my rules,” and give children polite ways to decline any signs of affection that they don’t want to give or receive. A simple “no thank you” to a request for a hug, or deflecting to a high-five, gives a child important control over who touches him or her, and how he or she feels in any situation. For more information, visit https://www.parents.com/parenting/better-parenting/advice/reluctant-hugs-why-you-shouldnt-force-kids-to-show-physical/

MANTENLOS A SALVO
Mi cuerpo, mis reglas
Con todo el movimiento y bullicio de la temporada navideña, puede ser fácil para los niños sentirse abrumados con las fiestas y reuniones navideñas, y al conocer a nuevos o desconocidos miembros y amistades de la familia. Es importante recordar a los niños que ellos pueden decir no a abrazos, besos u otras formas físicas de afecto si ellos se sienten incómodos. Revise “mi cuerpo, mis reglas”, y enseñele a los niños formas educadas de rechazar cualquier forma física de afecto que ellos no quieren dar o recibir. Un simple “no, gracias”, a una solicitud de un abrazo, o a un “chocar los cinco”, le da al niño o niña un control importante de quién él o ella dan autorización para que los toquen, y de cómo él o ella se siente en cualquier situación dada. Para más información, visite https://www.parents.com

TOGETHER IN MISSION UPDATE
Parish Goal: $92,500.00
Amount Pledged: $120,210.00
Amount Paid: $107,726.00
Thank you for your continued generosity.

SUMMONED BY GOD
As Christmas draws near, Advent’s scriptures lure us into a world of dreams, signs, wonders, and the miracle of the virgin birth. Too often we allow the great stories of our faith, the ones that are most familiar, simply to wash over us. Today’s Gospel account of the events leading up to the birth of the Lord reads like a present-day soap opera. Yet Joseph’s courage, even in the midst of what must have been an incredibly confusing time, provides a model for us. Each week, we are summoned by God to embrace the way of goodness and truth through the proclamation of God’s holy word. Like Joseph, we are called to do as the Lord commands us. As we stand at the threshold of Christmas, let us have the courage to be open to whatever it is that the Lord will require of us as we celebrate the miracle of Bethlehem.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26
**Tuesday:** Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ae, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14
**Wednesday:** Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
**Thursday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
**Friday:** Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
**Saturday:** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
**Sunday:** Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**
By now, the first Christmas carols are heard in the home, but usually not yet in church. What is a “carol” anyway? Originally, a carol was any kind of communal song sung at a festival such as a harvest. By the thirteenth century or so, carols were associated with household celebrations. “Carol” comes from the Old French camula, meaning a circular dance. Carols weren’t for church, since the language of liturgy was Latin and the carols were in the common language. Their characteristic sound comes from medieval chord patterns, and they often have strong refrains for everyone to sing. Even in the churches of the Reformation, carols didn’t make it into church services until the 1870s or so, since there was a preference for psalms. Anglicans resisted popular carols; most of our beloved carols came via the Methodists, an offshoot of the Church of England. The Catholic Church generally didn’t admit carols to liturgy either, but we didn’t make laws against them.

We are told that the beloved carol “Silent Night” comes from Catholic Austria and a harried parish music director. Joseph Mohr, the priest of St. Nicholas in Oberndorf, had written the words in 1816, but offered them to his music director, Franz Gruber, when the church’s organ broke. Mohr asked him to write a melody that could be played on guitar as a prelude to Mass. Gruber finished the tune just hours before midnight Mass in 1818. The people were shocked to hear a guitar in church, but were charmed by the sweet lullaby. The church was swept away by a flood in the 1990s and the village later relocated, but the townspeople have set up the “Silent Night Memorial Chapel” at the site. Today the carol is in print in some three hundred languages. How wonderful that the pipe organ broke on that night!