

# SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 10, 2017

## News of Comfort

In a time of preparation, much of it having to do with material things, it is good to hear the words of Isaiah, "Comfort, give comfort to my people, / says your God" (Isaiah 40:1). In a time of such stress and rush, when our usual burdens are augmented by piles of Christmas preparations, we can choose to slow down, take some time to heal, and appreciate the enormous gift we are about to receive. Christ, the Son of God, has become one of us, and knows our human limitations. Yet God, even now, is freeing us from the burdens that our inattentiveness to our God and to our deepest inner longings have heaped upon us. The Lord comes, not as a king with mighty armies, but as a shepherd leading the flocks with care and tenderness. Isaiah prophesies good news: our oppression is over, our sins forgiven. The savior we have awaited is coming, not the first time, but in the end times, as our salvation. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

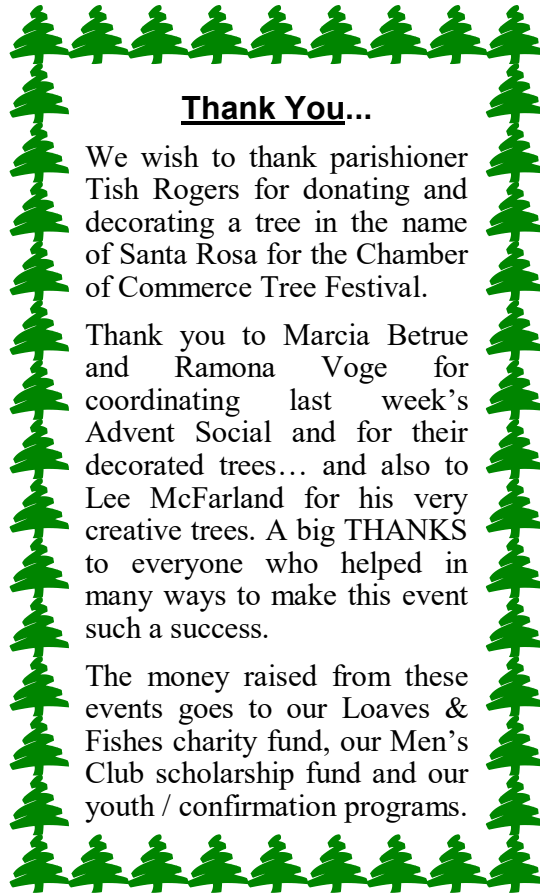


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## Parish Offerings

Plate Collection (Dec. 2/3): \$3,605.00  
Facility Repairs: \$1,956.00

**God Bless You for Your Support!**



## Thank You...

We wish to thank parishioner Tish Rogers for donating and decorating a tree in the name of Santa Rosa for the Chamber of Commerce Tree Festival.

Thank you to Marcia Betruie and Ramona Voge for coordinating last week's Advent Social and for their decorated trees... and also to Lee McFarland for his very creative trees. A big THANKS to everyone who helped in many ways to make this event such a success.

The money raised from these events goes to our Loaves & Fishes charity fund, our Men's Club scholarship fund and our youth / confirmation programs.



## Christmas Flowers

Envelopes for Poinsettia donations are on the tables near the church entrance. We will use the money collected to buy the poinsettias. The envelopes with the names of your loved ones will remain on the altar throughout the Christmas season.

## MASS INTENTIONS

(Dec. 9-15)

Sat., 5:00 pm- +Allura Doctor  
+Michael Doctor  
+Esperanza Montero  
Sun., 9:00 am- Int. Tala Romero  
+Charles Evans  
+Roy Anthony Evans  
Sun., 6:00 pm- People of the Parish  
Mon., 9:00 am- Communion Service  
Tues., 9:00 am- Communion Service  
Tues., 6:00 pm- +Don Woodard  
+Richard Goforth  
Wed., 9:00 am- Int. Consuelo Macedo  
Int. Ed Simpson  
Thurs., 9:00 am- Int. Gloria Villalvazo  
Int. John & Patti Gocke  
Fri., 9:00 am- Int. Dr. Thomas Meek  
Int. Dr. Robert Angel

## From the Diocese of Santa Rosa...

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Santa Rosa has sent us a letter of appreciation for our gift of \$3,400 to their Community Relief Fund in response to the recent wildfires.

## In Need of Prayer...

Tommye Brennan, Alice Blankenship, John Pollock, Althea Soto, John Chisler, Ryan Kelez, Gloria Villalvazo, Karen Gallagher, Mike Walsh, Toni Martinez, Melissa Rodriguez.

## Our Lady of Guadalupe- Dec. 12



To celebrate Mary's place as queen of the Americas, we will honor her as Our Lady of Guadalupe on Tues., Dec. 12th. The day begins early at 5:00 am with the tradition of manañitas (songs). There will be a 6:00 pm Spanish Mass with mariachis, followed by a potluck in the hall. You are invited to any or all of these celebrations.

## Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: International Human Rights Day  
Monday: St. Damasus I  
Tuesday: Our Lady of Guadalupe; Hanukkah begins at Sunset  
Wednesday: St. Lucy  
Thursday: St. John of the Cross



## Christmas Schedule

### 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sat., Dec. 23rd, 5 pm- Vigil Mass  
Sun., Dec. 24th, 9 am- Last Advent Mass

### CHRISTMAS EVE- DEC. 24th

4 pm- Family Mass

6 pm- Spanish Mass

### CHRISTMAS DAY- DEC. 25th

9 am- Christmas Mass