

Third Sunday of Advent
Zephaniah 3:14-18

Philippians 4:4-7

December 13, 2009
Luke 3:10-18

“He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and Fire”

The privilege of the prophets is to make people open their hearts to the word of God. God teaches the heart that is open, awaiting His coming in the same way the sun touches with its stimulating rays, warmth and life that the flower that opens before His presence. The word of God must be transmitting human beings, sins God has revealed it to his prophets. Because this is divine word, it carries the anointment of the Holy Spirit and the power to touch the heart.

Our Weekly Offering:

Thank you **Regular \$**
Maintenance \$

Requested Donations when possible are \$10.00 for each Mass said.

Mass Schedule and Intentions for the week:

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| Saturday | Dec. 12 th | 5:00pm | Rose Johnson |
| Sunday | Dec. 13 th | 9:30am | Mass for the Parish Living and Deceased |
| Monday | Dec. 14 th | 8:30am | Pat Guibault |
| Tuesday | Dec. 15 th | 8:30am | |
| Thursday | Dec. 17 th | 8:30am | Vicki Carrera |
| Friday | Dec. 18 th | 8:30am | Jim Jimenez |

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Adelle Mini, Jo Villalovos,
Paula Bethard, George
Hawkins, Jr. Anna Mae
Giannotti, John Cozort, Olga
Golden, Rose Johnson, Gerrie
Kirouac, Shirley Fichera, Jim
& Peggy Easterling, Barbara
Ward, Fran Moale, Nancy
Caeglio, Pat Guibault, Marty
Munoz & Keith Ricci.
(Call 258-2101 to take names
list) If you would like a visit or
ng (either at home, hospital or
an operation) Call Father at 256-

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS & LECTORS

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| Saturday | 5:00am | Patty Parker | Nita Jimenez |
| Sunday | 8:00am | Vernon Burgess | Luci Burgess |

Welcome!! Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate with us, whether long time residents or newly arrived in the Parish. We thank God for you. If you are not yet registered in the Parish, please fill out this form and place it in the collection basket or mail it to the rectory. We have offertory envelopes if wanted. Thank you.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ **Zip** _____ **Phone #** _____

Mass & Confessions Current times

Westwood Vigil Mass Saturday at 5:00pm

Westwood confessions Saturday at 3:30 –

4:30pm. Westwood weekday Mass at

8:30am Monday through Friday in the

Rectory for the winter months.

Chester Sunday Mass at 9:30am.

Confessions before Mass each Sunday

Please don't forget to come to the Advent Penance Service: On Dec. 16th we will be having a Advent Penance Service in Westwood at 3:00pm and in Chester at 5:00pm. The Penance Service gives you an opportunity to receive God's forgiveness and strengthening grace of the sacrament.

Angel Tree: The Angel Tree is up and we are asking you to buy a gift for a baby. The gifts will go to MAMA'S Org. in Susanville for the needy babies. Please take a tag from the tree that has a suggested item on it and bring the gift back wrapped and put under the tree. We ask you to be generous to God's little ones. Last date to receive the gifts will be Dec. 20th.

We would appreciate your bringing a Poinsettia in memory of a loved one for the altar at Christmas. Please bring the Poinsettia on Dec. 19th in Westwood and Dec. 20th in Chester. They will be placed around the altar with prayers for your loved one.

Retirement Fund for Religious this weekend's special collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your generous commitment today will help ensure appropriate care for our 37,000 elderly Catholic sisters, brother, and religious order priest. Their institutes face critical economic challenges as the costs of health care escalate. Your gift makes a difference. Please share in the care by giving generously. Please make your check payable to "name of parish."

Christ the King Altar Society Ladies are reminded to come and help clean the church for Christmas on Dec.22nd at 10am. The more hands we have the quicker we can make our church beautiful for the coming of Baby Jesus.

Westwood Altar Society will be cleaning Our Lady of the Snows Church on Dec. 20th at 10am for Christmas. All the Ladies are asked to come and help make the church beautiful for the coming of the Christ Child.

Powerful Ads to Air on Local TV

Starting on Dec.18, the Diocese of Sacramento will be airing more than 5,000 ads on TV in English & Spanish designed by non-profit charity, Catholics Come Home. These will appear on Sacramento and Chico/Redding stations every day, six weeks on all the popular stations and many other cable stations. (Unfortunately, funding was not adequate to extend coverage to a few areas of the diocese, particularly in our parish for those who live in the Westwood area.) Each ad points viewers to Web sites (English: CatholicsComeHome.org & Spanish: CatholicosRegresen.org.) where, in turn they can get in contact information for their local parishes. This campaign promises to be an exciting time of evangelization for our parish family, and we encourage you to help us welcome returning Catholics and new parishioners with enthusiasm, love & joy.

The 2010 Calendars (both in English & Spanish) and donation envelopes are in the back of each church. If you do not find your envelopes please tell Nancy in Westwood and Pat in Chester and they will check and get them for you. If you are new take a blank box and put your name on the envelopes for a few times to be registered.

Life & Dignity Sunday – How Many

Registered from Our Parish? Last Sunday 30 people from our parish registered for the Catholic Legislative Network. More than 12,500 Catholics registers last Sunday throughout the Diocese! We are very pleased with these results. Thank you for agreeing to participate in this network which will be successful in helping to create public policy in our state based on gospel values. If you did not get a chance to register, cards are available in the back of the churches. Please complete the cards and put in the collection basket or give directly to the priest. Thank you.