

ST. PASCHAL BAYLON, ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE  
ST. CYRIL CATHOLIC PARISH

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
DECEMBER 2, 2018

*Immaculate  
Conception*



Mass this Friday  
December 7th  
@ 6:30 p.m.  
3725 High St.

*Christmas  
Tree Lighting*

**This Friday @ 7:30 p.m.**

**St. Lawrence O'Toole Church**  
3725 High St. Oakland



**Neighborhood Gathering**  
**Christmas Carols & Hot Chocolate**

PARISH OFFICE: 510-530-0761 OFFICE HOURS: 9:00-3:00 SUNDAY-THURSDAY  
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# ADVENT BEGINS WITH A PROMISE

We are in fairly good company when we ask God for justice. Often enough we hear and agree with the lament of the people of Israel asking God why the wicked prosper. However, when we call out for justice, we usually want someone to get his or her comeuppance. God's justice is something other than this, of course. God's justice comprises a wonderful rightness between God and humankind.

Today, Jeremiah looks ahead to a time when a just one will sprout from the shorn-off stump of Jesse of the house and family of David. Life was not fair in Jeremiah's time. Israel's kings held the promise of God's fidelity, but it was difficult to see how God's promise could be realized through them.

Nevertheless, Jeremiah lifts his voice and announces that the Promised One will come. Luke's Gospel echoes that announcement, and Paul is filled with sturdy encouragement. And so Advent begins with a promise.

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## SENIOR LUNCHEON DEC 4TH

All seniors and their caregivers are invited for a potluck luncheon this Tuesday, December 4th in the Holy Family Room. Please sign up so we have enough places for everyone. Contact Sister Mario at 510-530-0761 or see her after the 10:30 Mass.



Thank you for taking a gift tag ornament from our Giving Tree. We are helping several families have a Christmas gift this year. Please be sure to return the gifts in a gift bag with the tag taped to the outside. You can drop the gift off at the church office or under the tree when you come to Mass. All gifts must be returned by December 2nd so we can organize and deliver those items. Thank you for sharing your Christmas with people in need.

## GIFTS DUE TODAY!

## DIVINE MERCY CORNER

### St. Luke: The Gospel of Mercy

By Robt. Stackpole, STD (Sep 28, 2005, [thedivinemercy.org](http://thedivinemercy.org))

One gospel in particular, the Gospel According to St. Luke, has traditionally merited the title "the Gospel of Mercy." First of all, the theme of God's merciful love really ties the whole book together from beginning to end: Mercy is its "leitmotif," one might say. Secondly, the gospel contains a cluster of parables in chapter 15 which are unique to St. Luke's gospel, and which especially highlight the merciful love of God. Finally, St. Luke places special emphasis on the universal scope of Divine Mercy, portraying it as a distinctive characteristic of the Kingdom of God dawning upon the world through Jesus Christ. Let us begin with a look at how the theme of God's merciful love runs through the entire book.

In its opening chapter, St. Luke's gospel begins with two great canticles in praise of Divine Mercy: the Magnificat and the Benedictus. The Magnificat is essentially a hymn of thanksgiving to the God of hesed-mercy: A god of steadfast love and faithfulness. In verses 46-50, for example, Mary praises God for showering His mercy upon her:

My soul magnifies the Lord,  
And my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,  
For He has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden.  
For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed;  
For He who is mighty has done great things for me,  
And holy is His name;  
And His mercy is on those who fear Him  
From generation to generation.

(continued in next Bulletin)

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Sat. Vigil, December 1

4:00 STPB Esther Alvair †  
5:30 SLOT Pauline Muller †

### Sunday, December 2

8:30 STPB Alfred Le Blanc †  
10:30SLOT Ted Franz

1:00 SLOT People of the Parish

### Monday, December 3

8:30 SLOT Theresa Da Silva

### Tuesday, December 4

8:30 SLOT Raul A. Ortega †

### Wednesday, December 5

8:30 STPB

6:30 SLOT Jose & Juana Ballesteros †

### Thursday, December 6

9:00 SLOT Jeremiah Means

### Friday, December 7

8:30 STPB

8:30 SLOT Tina Soublet

6:30 SLOT Kathy Ditlefsen

### Saturday, December 8

4:00 STPB

5:30 SLOT People of the Parish

### Sunday, December 9

8:30 STPB

10:30SLOT Thanksgiving

1:00 SLOT Luther Nelson †  
Richard Chavez†

## STEWARDSHIP

### St. Lawrence-St. Cyril

November 25	\$ 4,857
Christmas Flowers	\$ 756
Bishop's 2018 Goal	\$18,200
104% to Date	\$18,879

### St. Paschal Baylon

November 25	\$1,674
Thanksgiving	\$ 270
Bishop's 2018 Goal	\$7,900
96% to Date	\$7,594

Thank you for your generosity!

## FREE ADVENT JOURNEY RIGHT TO YOUR INBOX!

Receive daily Advent video reflections delivered to your inbox. You can also add children's content. Go to [oaklandcatholic.formed.org](http://oaklandcatholic.formed.org) and launch into our Community where you'll find the link to sign-up. Perfect for families or adults on the go! Check out the pick of the week: Brother Francis series brings us [The Saints: Our Heavenly Friends](#). It's Free!

# FORMED®

## ART CONTEST

All parishioners including children are invited to submit an 8.5"x11" colored drawing or painting based on Matthew 19:14.

...Jesus said, "Let the children come to me..."

Drop your artwork off at the parish office at 3725 High St. on or before the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, December 12, 2018. Please be sure to include your name, phone number and age. If you're under the age of 18 please be sure to include your parent name and phone number. The winner will receive a \$100 gift card to Michael's along with their artwork displayed in the Sunday Bulletin, on our website, Facebook page, and around the campus. Crayon drawings are welcome!

## CHRIST CHILD SHOWER



St. Paschal is running the Christ Child Shower program to support Wisdom Path, a developmentally delayed adult day care center. Look for the trees with the ornament tags next weekend. Please take an ornament gift request tag from the tree in the Narthex/entryway at 3700 Dorisa Ave. and return the gift with the tag attached by Dec 16th at the latest.

## OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CELEBRATION

Join us in St. Lawrence church on December 12th at 5:30 a.m. for mañanitas followed by Spanish Mass and then a warm breakfast in the gymnasium. We will have a bilingual Mass in the evening at 6:30 p.m. followed by hospitality in the narthex/entry. Please join us as we celebrate Our Blessed Mother, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas! We need a lot of helpers, too, at varying times. Please contact Berta to inquire as to how you can serve. Thank you and God bless you.

*Two criminals were crucified with Christ. One was saved; do not despair. One was not; do not presume.*

—St. Augustine

## DIVINE MERCY: THE 2ND GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD

This study runs every Monday at 7:00 p.m. through December 17, 2018. We will discover the merciful heart of Jesus through a dynamic study produced by Fr. Michael Gaitley that weaves Scripture, church history, the apparitions of Fatima, and the spiritual insights of St. John Paul II, St. Faustina and St. Maximilian Kolbe. Free - come as you are!

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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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Monday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;  
Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Ps 100:1b-5;  
Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4;  
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11;  
Lk 3:1-6

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### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

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Sunday: First Sunday of Advent; Hanukkah begins

Monday: St. Francis Xavier

Tuesday: St. John Damascene

Thursday: St. Nicholas

Friday: St. Ambrose; First Friday  
Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

Saturday: The Immaculate Conception of  
the Blessed Virgin Mary

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### PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND:

Robert & Barbara McNair, Ulysses Collins, Marie Dezani, Rhea Rodgers, Father Richard Hinkley, Anna Alberti, Claudia Blancher, Herbie Price, Rowena Baca, Joanne Tornatore-Pili, Betty Tully, Cathy Weaver, Sue Ann Dunford, David Pantalone, Jonathan Pantalone, Marilyn Yager, Richard Selby, Scott Hall, Bill Slon, Kathie Slon, Angie Orante, Kathy Ditlefsen, Castora Vivit, Bob Dianda, Helen Weber, Dakota Souplet, Norma Perry, Helen Cruz, Denise Sanford, Guadalupe Zaragoza, and Felix Mba

Bishop Robert Morlino +  
Carlos Leon +

Please note the prayers for the sick will be refreshed every three months. If anyone listed on Ministry to the Sick would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact Sister Mario at 510-530-0761 x104.

## MASS SCHEDULE

### **ST. LAWRENCE—ST. CYRIL**

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday 6:30 p.m.

Vigil Saturday 5:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. (Vietnamese)

Sunday 10:30 a.m. & 1 p.m. (Spanish)

### **ST. PASCHAL BAYLON**

Wednesday 8:30 a.m.

1st Friday 8:30 a.m.

Vigil Saturday 4 p.m. and Sunday 8:30 a.m.

### **DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION**

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Mass & Devotion  
(St. Lawrence Church)

Pray the Chaplet in song, Confessions,  
and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**BAPTISMS:** Please contact the office to discuss the steps to Baptism for your children. We offer Baptism preparation classes in Spanish 1st Monday of the month; in English 2nd Monday @ 7:00 p.m.

**MARRIAGE:** Engaged couples should contact the pastor at least 6 months prior to desired wedding date. Marriage Preparation is required.

### **BECOMING CATHOLIC (R.C.I.A.)**

Call or email Fr. Brandon

### **SACRAMENT OF PENANCE:**

Before Masses or Wednesday 7-8:00 p.m. at SLOT-SC or call the office for an appointment

### **CONTACT US!**

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**Rev. Luis Lopez**, Parochial Vicar x102;  
luislopezsp@me.com

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