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ADVENT

"God of hope, I look to you with an open heart and yearning spirit. During this Advent season, I will keep alert and awake, listening for your word and keeping to your precepts. My hope is in you." ~ Matthew Kelly



What Is Advent? History & Meaning

Advent begins on Sunday, November 28. Think you know what Advent is all about? Read on; there's more to it than you think.

The word "Advent" is derived from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning "coming," which is a translation of the Greek word *parousia*. Scholars believe that during the 4th and 5th centuries in Spain and Gaul,

Advent was a season of preparation for the baptism of new Christians at the January feast of Epiphany, the celebration of God's incarnation represented by the visit of the Magi to the baby Jesus (Matthew 2:1), his baptism in the Jordan River by John the Baptist (John 1:29), and his first miracle at Cana (John 2:1). During this season of preparation, Christians would spend 40 days in penance, prayer, and fasting to prepare for this celebration; originally, there was little connection between Advent and Christmas.

By the 6th century, however, Roman Christians had tied Advent to the coming of Christ. But the "coming" they had in mind was not Christ's first coming in the manger in Bethlehem, but his second coming in the clouds as the judge of the world. It was not until the Middle Ages that the Advent season was explicitly linked to Christ's first coming at Christmas.

Advent Liturgy and Practice

To balance the two elements of remembrance and anticipation, the first two Sundays in Advent look forward to Christ's second coming, and the last two look backward to remember Christ's first coming. Over the course of the four weeks, Scripture readings move from passages about Christ's return in judgment to Old Testament passages about the expectation of the coming Messiah to New Testament passages about the announcements of Christ's arrival by John the Baptist and the Angels.

The Advent wreath first appeared in Germany in 1839. A Lutheran minister working at a mission for children created a wreath out of the wheel of a cart. He placed twenty small red candles and four large white candles inside the ring. The red candles were lit on weekdays and the four white candles were lit on Sundays. Eventually, the Advent wreath was created out of evergreens, symbolizing everlasting life in the midst of winter and death. The circle reminds us of God's unending love and the eternal life He makes possible. Advent candles are often nestled in the evergreen wreath.

The most common Advent candle tradition involves four candles. A new candle is lit on each of the four Sundays before Christmas. Each candle represents something different. The four candles traditionally represent hope, faith, joy, and peace. The first, second, and fourth candles are purple; the third candle is rose-colored.

CATCHING UP WITH MACKENZIE WAVERLY



When COVID hit, we all found ourselves with nothing but time. Needing something to fill my time, I started looking for a job, finding the perfect fit at Teresa's Place. Growing up, the restaurant was always an important part of my life: my parents had their wedding rehearsal dinner in the banquet room, Teresa was the first person outside my family to hold me, and every important moment in my life (such as First Communion) was celebrated there. As a high school sophomore, college was the furthest thing from my mind, only brought up in passing from my parents, who told me to remember to save up for the inevitable future. The future, I realized, was coming up quicker than I thought, and figuring out what I wanted to do for the rest of my life seemed to be the hardest question ever. The biggest thing weighing on my mind was the cost. College is the most expensive decision one makes, and starting out my life thousands in debt felt more burdening than the decision of college itself. The question plagued me: where could I get high quality education without the price tag? The answer presented itself in the military academies, however this presented a new problem: what would I ever do in the military?

One thing that was always my favorite, no matter my age, was flying. Whether that be the atmosphere of airports, the excitement of take-off, or the stunning views, flying was always the highlight of the year. Being a pilot seemed too much, too expensive, too time consuming, but if it was done through the

NEW IN THE NARTHEX AT OUR LADY OF THE PINES

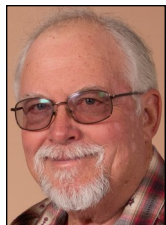
ET INTROIBO AD ALTARE DEI AD DEUM QUI LÆTIFICAT JUVENTUTEM MEAM

"And I go to the altar of God, to the God who gives joy to my youth."

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OUR LADY OF THE PINES SOCIETY

Kevin Darr, President



KEVIN DARR
President

I would like to thank everyone who attended the inaugural *Our Lady of the Pines Septemberfest International Food Fair* fundraiser. I feel I can truly say "a good time was had by all." It was great to see so many happy faces.

A big thank you and congratulations to all who took part from the great planning and preparation co-chaired by **Barbara Garcia** and **Connie Wright**, the 20 plus cooks adding great diversity in tastes, to those who helped set up, clean up, tend bar and greet our neighbors. Thanks also for all the thoughtful raffle and silent auction gifts, especially to **Barbara Garcia**, **Marilyn Alarcon**, **Laura Hankins**, and **Carmen Moreno**.

As I write this article, hopefully many of you have received a phone call asking questions concerning any needs that you may require in being able to attend weekend Mass at SKD especially during winter weather conditions. The questionnaire also attempts to identify those who could possibly help in that respect by providing a ride or ride sharing. Additionally, identify those who are now or wish to be included on the "Homebound" list requesting holy communion be brought to their homes. We are also gathering names of those who can possibly help with our rummage sale slated for the May/June 2022 time frame.

The goal is to have that information shared at the November OLOP meeting. Thank you for providing that information.

May God bless you,
Kevin

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS

Kevin Darr

Saturday, September 25th, the St. Katharine Drexel Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society held its 4th annual local *Walk for the Poor* to coincide with the feast day of St. Vincent de Paul where many walks are held throughout the U.S. We wish to thank and acknowledge those who joined us for the morning walk at SKD as well as those who generously donated towards helping those in need in our community.

BITS AND PIECES

Joan Nikolai

Ideas for my articles often come in bits and pieces, random thoughts that lead to a longer article. Sometimes they remain bits and pieces. This is one of those times.

God Moments — unexpected experiences that bring a smile, lift your spirit, give you hope. Stopped in traffic and the child in the car next to you waves and smiles. As you get to the door at the Dollar Store the person in front of you steps aside and holds the door open for you. You receive a thinking-of-you note from someone you weren't even aware remembered you. **God Moments**, pay attention, you may be surprised.

An Attitude of Gratitude — do we have it? With Thanksgiving just around the corner, we are gearing up for our annual celebration of counting our blessings. Of course we are thankful throughout the year, but do we have a 365-day *Attitude of Gratitude*? What if each day we chose one specific thing for which we are thankful? Who knows, in a few months we might find we have developed an *Attitude of Gratitude*.

SUNSHINE MINISTRY



We thank **Tom Stapleton** for serving as our Sunshine Person for the past year+. Parishioners in need of a little sunshine were pleasantly surprised with cards of cheer, comforting condolence cards, and Mass intentions. Tom now hands over the reins to **Joann Drake**, our new Sunshine Person. Thank you, Joann, for taking over this rewarding ministry!

If you know of someone who can use a little sunshine, contact Joann at djali51@yahoo.com or 209-295-4243.



FROM PAGE 1

WAVERLY

military academy, it wouldn't cost me anything, would give me work experience before entering the general workforce, and give me the highest level of training possible.

Last week, I sent off my application to Senator McClintock for academy nomination, and excitedly await an interview appointment. Hopefully, this June, I'll be off to Colorado Springs for basic training, starting my future in aviation.



IN MEMORIAM

Art Cavalli

1937 - 2021



*Rest in the
Peace of Christ*

REMEMBERING ART CAVALLI

Arthur (Art) and Dale Cavalli left our fair Pioneer in late 2020 and moved to El Dorado Hills to be closer to family. Sadly, Art went to be with God on October 5, 2021, at the age of 84.

Art is survived by his wife, Dale, and kids: Chris, Denise, Kathleen, Karen, Vickie, Lori, Julie, Arnie, Tony and David, his 15 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Born September 23, 1937, he was raised in East San Jose and later spent his years in Livermore, California, with his first wife Anne (married 9 years) and children Chris, Denise, Kathleen and Karen.

Art and Dale met through work and were later married in 1985. Their first celebration of vows was on the Tahoe Queen and they were later married in the Church, at St. Joseph's in San Jose. Art was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. Dale and Art were married for 36 years. They began their life together in Pleasanton, where they met the **(Larry and Maureen) Malone** family and became life-long fiends. Dale and Art retired to their slice of heaven in the mountains where the Malones followed a few years later.

Art loved cars, cooking, the Raiders, boxing, poker and cribbage. He was a devoted Catholic and loved helping the church where he could. Art loved to make you laugh as well as have discussions that would challenge you and make you think outside the box. Above all else, he loved family time. He loved family dinners, spending time with his grandchildren, teaching them everything he had to offer and joking around.

At Our Lady of the Pines, Art faithfully helped clean the church for 18 years. During the annual rummage sale, he could be counted on to assist with pickups of the many donations. He and Dale, along with the Malones, were fixtures in the back pew of the church every Sunday. We miss you already, Art. Rest in the peace of Christ.

Thanks to Art and Dale's granddaughter Ashley Garcia for contributing to this obituary.

IN MEMORIAM



Bill Dyer
1946- 2021



Cheryl Dyer
1944 - 2021



Rest in the Peace of Christ

REMEMBERING BILL AND CHERYL DYER

Bill and Cheryl Dyer tragically lost their lives on September 8th. We mourn the passing of these two fine people who gave so much of themselves to the parish and the community.

Cheryl was born in Albany and grew up in El Cerrito. She worked most of her career in Napa before moving to Pine Grove where she and Bill married in 2005. She was an artist who loved working with her hands, whether it was sculpting wood and leather, gardening, or working with animals. Her love for horses is legendary, and she was a long-time member of the Napa Horseman's Association. Cheryl loved people, always finding the good in everyone, making friends easily, and spreading her own happiness to others. She lived in the moment, neither worrying about the future nor agonizing over the past. She and Bill enjoyed RV-ing in California and Oregon and were members of the Golden Nugget RV Club.

Bill was born in San Jose and grew up in Fremont. He worked for years as a professional truck driver. As well, he enjoyed riding and driving motorcycles, ATVs, jet skis, three-wheelers, and RVs. Those driving skills served him well when he volunteered for Amador County's STARS, both driving and training other drivers. Bill's retirement was dedicated to helping others, always lending a helping hand to friends and neighbors, particularly when someone lost a spouse. He was of invaluable help to **Fr. George Thomas** in Father's declining years. He was an active member of Sons in Retirement and the Elks Club.

Bill and Cheryl were members of the St. Bernard and Our Lady of the Pines faith communities, as well as Our Lady of Fatima Church in West Point. They are sorely missed by all who knew them.

COME TO ME

Jacqueline Henss

The Memorare

We are told that, at about the age of three years, our Blessed Mother was presented by her parents to God in the Temple, where she lived until betrothed to St. Joseph. The Church usually celebrates this event, November 21, but this year it falls on Sunday. Then, on December 8 we celebrate the *Immaculate Conception of Mary*, a holy day of obligation. It seems an ideal time to highlight an intercessory prayer of Mary, the *Memorare*. Coming through Jesus' Mother is the pathway to His Sacred Heart.

For those who haven't worked the *Memorare* into their daily prayers, either of these celebrations is an ideal time to begin. Always remember that the *Memorare* contains the promise that no request will go unanswered. *Memorare* is the Latin word for remember, the opening word of the prayer.

St. Teresa of Calcutta, the prayer's champion, confirmed the forthcoming of a reply to anyone who prays the *Memorare* with complete trust in Mary's help. The circumstances matter not, as shown by the following.

In Rome during the Holy Year (1984) thousands of people gathered in the pouring rain awaiting the celebration of Mass by the Holy Father. Mother Teresa and her sisters began to pray a novena of *Memorares* in thanksgiving for beautiful weather. She relates, "As we said two, it started to pour more rain. We said the third ... sixth ... the eighth, and when we finished the ninth, we saw that all the umbrellas were closed."

St. Francis De Sales, while a student in 1580, was experiencing spiritual torments which disappeared after imploring Mary's help through the *Memorare*. He later authored the *Introduction to a Devout Life*, beloved by many.

I know of a couple who began praying the prayer together while dating. Now married, they have adopted the *Memorare* as their bedtime prayer; the last words they speak to each other before sleep is this prayer.

Due to limited space, please find a copy of the *Memorare* online. For anyone without internet? I can provide you a copy.

VARIETY SHOW 2021

C. Wright & P. Magee

This year's Variety Show was produced by **Jack Magee** and emceed by **Paulette Magee**. The show featured some very gifted performers who entertained us with magic, comedy, story-telling, hula, singing, guitar playing, a cappella gospel music, and bluegrass. The Magees, **Linda Boot** and **Cat Betterley**, **Phil Fondale**, **David De La Rosa**, and **Austin Ford** are all parishioners – a testament to the talent within our own parish. One fun 'new' act consisted of Jack and comedian **Dan Edwards** performing the classic Abbott and Costello routine *Who's on First?* It was one of those sketches that is so old it's new again. The bluegrass band *Upper Fiddletown* ended the evening with a singalong of *I'll Fly Away* – they had the hall a-rockin'!

During the intermission, the YMI's Golden Ticket Raffle drawing took place. The 'Golden Ticket' prize of \$100 cash was wrapped inside one of 8 candy bars attached to one of the raffle prizes. The 8 winning tickets drawn belonged to **Gary Sims**, **Virgie Bickman**, **John Laurent**, **Rosemarie Shelton**, **Dolores Larrigan**, **Dianne Aldine**, **Art Wright**, and **Kevin Darr**. The lucky winner of the \$100 – **Art Wright** – congratulations!



YMI NEWS

Ted Novelli

On Veterans Day, Thursday, November 11, we will be putting flags up at

Pioneer Cemetery at 0700 hours. We also take them down at 1700 hours (5 pm). If you would like to help, please contact me (209-295-1302). Don't forget the "Hour of Memory" on the 17th of November, when the Grand President visits us at OLOP. Thank You.

THANKSGIVING CRAFT IDEA PINE CONE TURKEY

Joan Nikolai

This is a kid craft or adult icebreaker. Supplies: 1 non-sticky pine cone, scissors, colored paper, glue, and a pen. Set the cone on a flat surface with the stem end facing you. Cut out a turkey face and glue it to the cone. Cut out 5 feathers. On each feather print a blessing add a little glue and place it in the cone. Happy Thanksgiving.



SEPTEMBERFEST 2021

Connie Wright

If you missed attending the inaugural *Septemberfest International Food Fair* at Our Lady of the Pines, you missed something very special. A good idea that sounded like fun and something different turned out to be a GREAT idea that was full of delicious eats, laughter, and fine fellowship – a homecoming of sorts, since it had been many months since we'd had such a gathering in Haran Hall.

Twenty-six cooks from around the parish whipped up entrees and desserts from seventeen countries around the world. We enjoyed popular foods like spaghetti and fried rice to more exotic fare like *shawarma*, *kalua pig*, *flamnekueche*, and a host of other items in between. The hall was filled with tantalizing aromas and was stretched from end to end with tables of hot food being cooked on griddles and warmed in chafing dishes to *schaum torte*, a refreshingly cool dessert prepared on-site with meringues, fresh strawberries, and whipped cream. We even enjoyed international beer, wine, and hand-made chocolates.

The raffle was equally inventive with, among other items, creative prizes donated by our parishioners, featuring numerous handmade and handwoven items by **Laura Hankins** and **Carmen Moreno**. **Barbara Garcia** donated a stunning hand-made flannel quilt and pillows for a silent auction. In addition to the usual selling of raffle tickets (thank you, **Kevin**), we employed an innovative idea of giving away five free raffle tickets if you tasted foods from eight different food stations and got your 'passport' stamped at each station. The idea proved very popular!

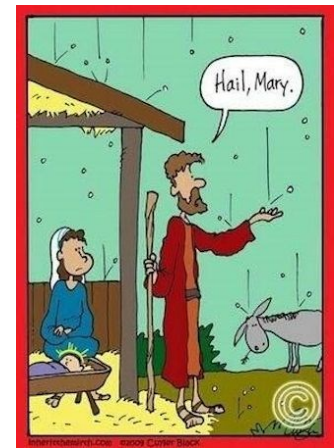
One of the most heart-warming stories that came out of the event was from a raffle winner. SKD parishioner **David De La Rosa** tragically lost his home and all its contents in the Santa Cruz fire last year and subsequently moved to Amador County. At Septemberfest, as he eyed the raffle prize statue of the Blessed Mother, he thought it would be perfect for the garden he was designing at his new Jackson home. He was the lucky winner! Our Blessed Mother clearly knew where she wanted to be.

The successful Septemberfest brought in about \$3,000, a boost to the OLOP treasury, particularly since the Rummage Sale has been on hold for the last two years. The Society is indebted to the members of the hard-working committee, the cooks, the volunteers who helped in other ways, and all the people who tasted their way through the day. Thank you! You all know who you are!



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More Septemberfest photos at: <https://tinyurl.com/3apzpytd>



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Our local chapter of the St. Vincent de Paul Society continues to fulfill its mission of helping the poor, even through the pandemic. Your Beggar's Sunday donations are most appreciated! If you haven't already, consider donating via the parish's Electronic Giving or Text2Give programs. Visit our website for more information.

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OLOP MEETINGS

Our Lady Of the Pines Society meets on the first Wednesday of every month, following the 11:30 AM Mass. **All parishioners of OLOP are members of the Society.** There are no dues. We welcome your participation and look forward to seeing some new faces at the meetings!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you need an announcement placed in the parish bulletin or a name placed on the parish prayer list, please contact the Bulletin Editor at the Parish Center, at 223-2970 or bulletin@stkatharinedrexel.com. Deadline is Tuesday for the following weekend's bulletin.

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