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NOVEMBER 8 - 9, 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH

THURSDAY - SATURDAY, November 13 - 15

Healing the Whole Person Retreat

St. Katharine Drexel

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Youth Ministry Friendsgiving

St. Katharine Drexel, 6:00 PM

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Memorial Mass

St. Katharine Drexel, 6:30 PM

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Thanksgiving Day Mass

St. Katharine Drexel, 9:00 AM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

Advent Bazaar

St. Katharine Drexel, After all Sunday Masses

Monday, December 8, 2025

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Holy Day of Obligation

St. Katharine Drexel, 8:00 AM & 6:00 PM (bilingual)

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR



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All glory to Jesus Christ, our Lord and our God.

I love Sacred Silence, especially during the Holy Mass. In a world filled with constant noise—the chatter of phones, the hum of traffic, the endless stream of information and news—silence has become rare, even uncomfortable. Yet, in the Sacred Liturgy, silence is not emptiness. It is presence. It is the quiet space where God speaks most deeply to the human heart.

The Mass is full of words: prayers, readings, responses, hymns that can easily feel routine, moving quickly from one thing to the next. But just as a beautiful song needs “rests” between the notes, so too the Liturgy needs moments of silence for its melody of grace to reach our souls. Silence in the Mass is not an absence of activity; it is a form of participation, a listening, a receptivity, a resting and sitting in and with God.

At the very beginning of the Mass, after the priest invites us to acknowledge our sins, there is a pause, a dramatic pause. This silence is an examination of the heart. It is the time to bring before God the ways we have failed to love Him and one another. Instead of rushing

through it, we can let that silence become a moment of honesty, humility, and trust. Trust that God’s mercy is greater than our weakness, but we must first acknowledge our weaknesses.

After the readings, we are again invited to silence. This is a sacred pause to let the Word of God sink in. Too often, we treat the readings as information to be heard rather than a message to be received. But God speaks personally through His Word. In the silence that follows, we can ask, “Lord, what are You saying to me today? What truth do You want to plant in my heart?”

The most profound silence comes after the homily and especially during the Eucharistic Prayer. As the bread and wine are lifted, heaven touches earth. In that moment, words fall short. Our silence becomes Adoration. It is the silence of Mary at the foot of the Cross, the silence of awe before Mystery. We do not need to say much; it is enough to be there, to let our hearts whisper the words of the Apostle Thomas, “My Lord and my God” (John 20:28).

After receiving Holy Communion, there should again be a deep and intimate silence. The Church calls this “Sacred

Silence”. It is the time to rest in Christ who now dwells within us. Too often, we hurry to fill that silence with song or movement or see what other people are wearing or what they’re doing. But if we sit or kneel quietly for a few moments and close our eyes, we can savor the gift we have just received, allowing His presence to heal, strengthen, and console us.

Silence, then, is not a break in the Liturgy, it is a very important part of the Liturgy. It allows the Word to echo, the Sacrament to take root, and the heart to respond. When we embrace silence, we learn to listen not only to God but also to one another, and even to our own souls.

So the next time the Mass grows quiet, do not be afraid. Let the silence speak. Let it draw you into the mystery. For in that stillness, we meet the God who is not far away, but closer than our breath, whispering in the depths of our hearts: “Be still, and know that I am God” (Ps 46:10).

O Most Immaculate Conception,
Pray for us.

Fr Ryan Patrick Mahar



CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION!

Congratulations to these four new adult, mid-year members of the Body of Christ on 11/1

THE CLEAR PATH OF DISCIPLESHIP

The Clear Path of Discipleship lays out our parish plan for how each of us can move through the stages of spiritual development to becoming a fruitful and missionary disciple and fulfill our parish purpose -

*To know Christ and to make Him known. **Connect — Encounter — Grow — Thrive***



CONNECT

OLOP Grounds Cleanup: Saturday, November 15

Seeking volunteers to help with Our Lady of the Pines grounds cleanup, November 15. Please arrive prior to 9:00 AM when we will gather in prayer and gratitude for this occasion to serve our

Lord and to ask His blessing on our work. Coffee, tea, and donuts will be served at 8:30. The collected tree litter will be trucked 1.8 miles and dumped at the Upcountry Recycling Event. A pizza/

salad social rounds out our morning work. Participants will be contacted by phone and provided with further information. Sign-up sheet at the Welcome Table. Questions, call 209-419-0815.



ENCOUNTER

Want To Know More About Becoming a Catholic?

Have you ever felt drawn to the Catholic faith, or wondered what the Church truly teaches and why? Do you know someone who is exploring the idea of becoming Catholic, or perhaps a Catholic who has been away from the Church and is now feeling called to

return? Maybe this is even your own journey. At St. Katharine Drexel, we invite you to join our year-round program, *Discovering Catholicism*. This program provides a friendly and supportive place to ask questions, grow in understanding, and experience the

richness of the Catholic faith. All are welcome here. For more information, please contact Ellen Waverly at 209-223-2970 or email familylife@amadorcatholic.com.

Foundations of Faith Winter Session

Looking for deeper meaning in life? Hoping to grow stronger in your faith? Thinking about returning to the Catholic Church? Join us for *Foundations of Faith*, an eight-week journey open to everyone—whether you are exploring

Catholicism for the first time, returning after some time away, or simply seeking to deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ. Each evening begins with a home-cooked meal and fellowship, followed by an engaging presentation and time

for open conversation. The Winter Session starts on January 22.

For questions, contact Kirsten Lawrence at 916-213-4666 or email discipleship@amadorcatholic.com.



GROW

Be Part of a Small Group like “Endow”

There are currently two ENDOW book studies in the parish. ENDOW stands for Educating on the Nature and Dignity of Women and is a Catholic series of studies for women on Saints, their writings, and the teaching of the

Church. In this small group there is no “homework”, all reading is done together at the meeting. It is a great program to grow your faith, have fellowship with other women, and learn about the Church. www.endowgroups.org.

Interested? There are over 19 groups to choose from that meet at different days and times throughout the week.

Contact our Small Group Coordinators: Stan Renzelman 209-781-5809 Linda Renzelman 916-217-5654.



THRIVE

Join a Discipleship Quad



If you want to grow deeper in faith with others, prayerfully consider a

Discipleship Quad. Through reading, praying and weekly meetings, you will grow your relationship with Christ, His Church, and your three faithful Quad members.

For more information, contact Ellen at 209-223-2970 or familylife@amadorcatholic.com.

EVENTS

Vocations Awareness Week - God Has a Plan for Our Lives!

As Catholics, we firmly believe that God has a plan for our lives! He calls some to marriage, some to the priesthood, and others to religious life or to live as generous single people. Fully living our own vocations—and teaching young

people how to discern God's call—is a serious duty, but also a joyful one. During this week, please pray about how God is calling you to live your vocation more deeply. Encourage the young people in your life—children, grandchil-

dren, students, and friends—to be open if God calls them to priesthood or religious life.

If Jesus is calling you to the priesthood? Visit www.gopriest.com

Healing the Whole Person Retreat: Thursday - Saturday, November 13 - 15

Join us November 13 - 15 at SKD for this 3-Part Series, where you will encounter Christ's love through the transformative teachings of Dr. Bob Schuchts. Journey through videos and discover the healing God deeply desires for you. This series,

presented by Dr. Schuchts and Sr. Miriam James Heidland, is for anyone desiring wholeness, freedom, and an encounter with a loving Creator. Looking for a deeper experience of God's love and the healing of your own story, this is

for you. Thurs & Fri, 6 - 9 PM, Sat, 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM.

Contact Deacon Ray or Sarah Felix at skdhministry@gmail.com for more information.

Youth Ministry Friendsgiving Sunday, November 16

Youth Ministry will be having Friendsgiving again this year

on Sunday **November 16 from 6 - 8 PM** in the Casa Carlo Youth Center. There will be a potluck feast! Everyone is invited. Feel free to bring a dish to share.

Sign up at "our friendsgiving potluck" on Flock Notes.

Tabletop Game Day: Tuesday, November 18

Join fellow seniors for some friendly competition at our monthly Tabletop Game Day on Tuesday, November 18, from 12:30–3:00 PM in the SKD Social

Hall. We'll have plenty of games to choose from, with instructions available if you need them. Just drop in—no RSVP required! Questions? Contact Linda at

209-223-1156 or Francine at 209-256-6216. Bring a snack to share if you would like.

**Las Posadas: December 6**

Las Posadas will be held in Sutter Creek on Saturday, December 6, at 6 PM. Join us in making this event a success. Drop

by the Welcome Table to see how you can volunteer with traffic control, as part of the Choir, or to bake cookies.

Contacts are:
Becky Olvera at 209-642-6820. Or
Dan Olenchuk 530-391-1988

**24 Hour Adoration December 9 & 10**

Join us for our 24 Hour of Adoration from Tuesday, December 9, at 6:30 PM to Wednesday, December 10, at 7:30 PM. Sign up at the Welcome Table to cover an hour or call the Parish Office.

CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

Blessed Are the Merciful, for They Will Be Shown Mercy — Matthew 5:7***Outreach***

Our parish has several outreach ministries that demonstrate Corporal Works of Mercy. All groups welcome new volunteers. See the list of Ministries and Groups on page 6 for more information or to help.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Vincenians see the face of Christ in all whom they serve, offering person-to-person services to the needy and suffering. The organization invites all parishioners who may feel the call to help others.

Break Bread With Friends. BBWF is an ecumenical ministry that serves break-

fast to anyone needing a morning meal. Bag lunches and fellowship are also freely given.

St. Pat's Pantry. This is another ecumenical ministry, providing dinner and fellowship every Thursday.

PRAYER

Mass Schedule and Intentions for this Week

DAY	DATE	MASS	CHURCH	INTENTION
Saturday	Nov 8	5:00 PM	SKD	All Souls
Sunday	Nov 9	8:00 AM	SKD <i>English</i>	All Souls
		10:00 AM	SKD <i>English</i>	All Souls
		12:00 PM	SKD <i>Spanish</i>	All Souls
Monday	Nov 10	7:00 AM	SKD	All Souls
Tuesday	Nov 11	6:00 PM	SKD	All Souls
Wednesday	Nov 12	7:00 AM	SKD	All Souls
		11:30 AM	OLOP <i>Pioneer</i>	All Souls
Thursday	Nov 13	12:00 PM	SKD	All Souls
Friday	Nov 14	8:30 AM	Sacred Heart <i>lone</i>	All Souls
Saturday	Nov 15	5:00 PM	SKD	All Souls
Sunday	Nov 16	8:00 AM	SKD <i>English</i>	All Souls
		10:00 AM	SKD <i>English</i>	All Souls
		12:00 PM	SKD <i>Spanish</i>	All Souls

Sunday Scripture Readings

November 9: Ezekiel 47:1-2 • 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17 • John 2:13-22
November 16: Malachi 3:19-20a • 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12 • John Luke 21:5-19



Please Pray For

Names will only stay on the prayer list up to three months

Suzan Chain, Kathy Gascon, Bonna Gerding, Lynette Headings, Lisa Heussner, **David Holob**, Linda Mancilla, Linda Poremba, Michael Poremba, Alex Smylie, Marion Smylie, Lary Thomas, Katherine (Kate) Trassare, Richard Wagstaff

Pray for these men and women serving our country. We thank them for their service:

Brett Cleary, Thomas Condon, Samantha Corner, Zach Davenport, Glen Getz, James Kapp, Stephen Oneto, John Pent, Eric Perez, James William Porter, Rey Del Rosario, Sam Ruttschow, Abby Schmidt, Matt Schmidt, Miguel Serrato, CDR Samuel Trassare, Tyler Vinson, Brett Wade, Keith Young, Tyler J. Young

Repose of the Soul
Katherine Hagyard

HEALING

CONFESSION

Tuesday 5:00 - 5:45 PM
Thursday 11:15 - 11:45 AM
Saturday 3:30 - 4:30 PM

ADORATION

Monday - Saturday 5:30 - 6:30 AM
Tuesday 5:00 - 6:00 PM
Thursday 5:30 AM - 5:30 PM
1st Thurs Family Friendly 10:00 - 11:00 AM

UNBOUND

If you are interested in deeper healing of wounds and lies, consider learning more about Unbound Ministry by picking up the *Unbound* book in the parish gift store or by speaking with Deacon Ray.

HEALING PRAYER

If you desire healing in body and spirit, the parish offers healing prayer opportunities with our prayer teams on the first weekend of the month following the 5 PM Vigil and 10 AM Sunday Masses.

PARISH INFORMATION

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Parish Office Hours
Tuesday - Friday 9 AM-5 PM

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bulletin@amadorcatholic.com

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Our Lady of the Pines
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Sacred Heart of Jesus
20 Relihan Drive, Ione

St. Patrick
115 Court Street, Jackson

PARISH MINISTRIES & GROUPS

Eucharist for the Homebound Liz Powers
Call to volunteer or to arrange 209-256-3868

Hispanic Prayer Group Beatriz Mora
Every Friday, 7- 9 PM, SKD 209-242-5320

Respect Life Committee Deacon Ray Moreno
Call for meeting info 209-223-2970

Break Bread with Friends John Murphy
Saturdays 8:00-10:00 AM, St. Patrick Hall 650-670-2680

St. Pat's Pantry John Murphy
Thursdays 4-6 PM, St. Patrick Hall 650-670-2680

St. Vincent de Paul Society Help Line
svdp@amadorcatholic.com 209-223-5865

Sacred Heart Ladies Club Maureen Curran
Call for meeting info 209-304-1922

YLCI #258 Our Lady of Hope Marilyn Bustillos
1st Monday, 6 PM (business mtg) 209-296-4828

Knights of Columbus #1849 Matthew Waverly
2nd Tue, 6:30 PM, SKD (business mtg) 209-223-2970

Committee of Gente Puente Soledad Pineda
3rd Sunday, 1 PM, SKD 209-781-5094

Our Lady of the Pines Society Connie Wright
1st Wed of every other month, 12:30 PM, OLOP 209-419-0676

St. Patrick Society Jeannine Crew
4th Tuesday, 9 AM, St. Patrick Church 209-304-8265

St. Katharine Drexel Gift Shop Carmen Moreno
Open after Sunday Masses 209-223-2970

SKD Homeschool Community Sarah Felix
For more information call 209-304-2204

SKD Homeschool Co-Op Kirsten Lawrence
Ages 2-14, Thursdays 916-213-4666

Pastoral Council Chair: Chris Fenton
Members: Shirley Coombs, Mercy Figueroa, Keith Hamilton, Raquel Klaproth, Juan Lara, Brian Lawrence, Shawn Simpson, Shannon Taylor

Finance Council Chair: Linda Renzelman
Members: Patrick Crew, Bill Klaproth, Francine Pogue, Vincent Signorotti

A GLANCE AT OUR WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

40 people attended the Knights of Columbus showing of "A Man for All Seasons"

TIME

3 Knights coordinated everything for the special screening of "A Man for All Seasons"

TALENT

OFFERTORY

Budgeted Offertory for November 2025	\$47,500
Offertory Received as of November 5	\$16,021

TREASURE

OTHER WAYS TO GIVE

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