

# SAINT ROSE

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## PARENT NEWSLETTER

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### Principal's Message



Dear School Families,

In the prayer book, "Living Faith," St. Augustine is quoted asking, "What does love look like?" His answer was not in flowery language or theological text. He simply said, "Love has hands to help others. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of others. That's what love looks like."

Advent is a great season of hopefulness and love as we prepare to remember and celebrate the birthday of Jesus. **Advent is truly a time when God calls us to respond to the needs of our brothers and sisters.** It challenges us to live and speak the word of God in our daily lives, and to see the love of Christ shine through us as we are.

During the Season of Advent, we pray that this holy time will help us to come closer to God and recognize His existence and purpose in our lives. It is a time of reflective preparation to receive the gifts of faith, hope, love and peace. It is true that at this time of year most of us joyfully prepare to give and to receive gifts. Furthermore, we should prepare ourselves to receive God's most abiding gift, that of the birth of Jesus. During Advent and Christmas we need to relearn how to accept each other with full hearts. We strive to welcome the outsider, heal family divisions and spend quality time with family and friends.

It can be easy to lose the season of Advent in the time before Christmas, especially with the ever-greater commercialization of the holiday. As Christians it is important that we be more intentional in observing this "forgotten season." I encourage everyone to consider taking on an additional spiritual exercise during these coming weeks, whether this be attending Mass at some point during the week, making a visit to our Adoration chapel, or something else along these lines. Confessions will be heard followed by a time of meditations and silent prayer I hope you can join us and get Advent off on the right

Sister Rebeca Muñoz, SJS  
Saint Rose Catholic School Principal



## Advent Family Prayer



*Heavenly Father, you were born into a sinful, restless world looking for answers and desperate for peace.*

*Our world today may not look like that of ancient Bethlehem, but it is an equally broken place filled with anxious hearts eager to discover purpose and lasting hope.*

*We are so thankful that you demonstrate over and over that your heart's desire is to connect with your creation, offering authentic joy, peace and love to all that call on your great name.*

*This Advent season, may our world see your son's birth as an olive branch of peace. No matter what their circumstances, may their minds be opened to the fact that you give us an incredible peace that cannot be shaken or taken away.*

*Thank you for being the path to peace. We rejoice in your amazing peace today as we celebrate your son's birth!*

*May you and your family re-encounter the living God in an exciting new way this Advent season!*

# MONTHLY CALENDAR



## UPDATED DECEMBER CALENDAR

Tuesday, December 5th	Poinsettias Pick Up
Wednesday, December 6th	Principal's Meeting P.T.O. Board Meeting at 8:15 a.m.
Friday, December 8th	School Mass at 8:30 a.m. Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception  Mary as the Immaculate Conception is the Patron Saint of United States  Quarter 2 Progress Reports  Middle School Winter Dance from 6:00p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 9th	Choir are looking forward to our caroling again at the Vine Street Victorian Showcase at the Chase Home (1530 Vine St.) at 7:00 PM.
Tuesday, December 12th	Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass at 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday, December 13th	Sacrament Preparation Parent Meeting 6:15 – 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 14th	SAC Board Mtg. at 5:30 p.m. 50th Anniversary of the Diocese of Monterey (Madonna el Sasso Pro Cathedral Mass at 11:00 a.m.)
Tuesday, December 19th	Christmas Pageant at 6:00 p.m. at the Parish Hall.
Friday, December 22nd	Gospel Awards (Students will wear Christmas colors clothes)
December 25th – January 6th	Minimum Day. Extended Care closed Faculty and Staff Christmas Luncheon  Christmas Break
Monday, January 8th	Class Resumes





# RECOGNITIONS

*Thank You!*

Thanks to all of you for taking the time to meet with the teachers during conference week! It was a busy week and it was wonderful to spend time with each of you. You are all very important to us. Thank you again for trusting us with your child's education. Together, as partners, we are working together to help your child become his/her best.

## Thanksgiving Baskets

1<sup>st</sup> Grade coordinated the Thanksgiving Food Baskets to feed needed families in the community, thanks to your generous heart they were able to accomplish this important Service Project.

## Santa's Workshop

I want to thank Lobo's Family for all the dedication and beautiful work done for this Children's Event.



## Special Thanks to Mr. Warren

Mr. Warren has years preparing our Music choirs, Orchestra Night Concert. I want to thank him for including SRS choir in this important community event yesterday Sunday at Trinity Church.

