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**Iglesia Católica**  
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**February**  
**14,**  
**2021**

# Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



## MASS SCHEDULES

**Reconciliation**  
Saturday 6-7 PM, Wednesday 3-4 PM

**Reconciliación**  
Miércoles 6-7 PM, Sábado 3-4 PM

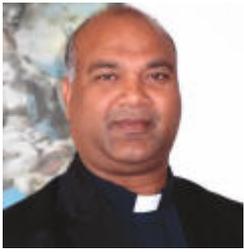
*Not at this time*

**Masses** Currently we have outdoor masses in English on Sunday at 9:00 AM and in Spanish on Sunday at 2:00 PM

### Mass Schedule

We have livestream Masses Monday—Saturday at 10 AM and Sunday at 10:30 in English and Sunday in Spanish at 12:30 PM. Follow mass on Facebook or our webpage live. You can receive communion after the Sunday livestream masses by coming to the placita immediately after mass.

**United in faith and guided by the Holy Spirit**



### From the Pastor's Desk:

In India, the low caste people were untouchables for high caste Hindus. Until the Civil Rights Movement, African-American heritage was such a social disability in the U. S. that white shopkeepers would slap a black

customer's change on the counter to keep from touching his/her hands. In some restaurants, dishes or glasses used by blacks would be broken immediately after they had finished eating. If a black swam in a public pool, it would immediately be closed, drained, and disinfected. Even in some of our Catholic parishes, black parishioners had to wait until all the white parishioners had received the Eucharist before presenting themselves at the altar for Communion. The issue, however, is not only a matter of race. It's a question of all people in our society who are "different" from us. Our modern society ostracizes the gays, the lesbians, the AIDS victims, the alcoholics, the drug addicts. We tend to marginalize the divorced, the cohabiting, the unemployed single mothers, Gypsies, the homeless, migrant workers and asylum seekers. People with AIDS also report that they don't get touched as much as they used to before they became HIV positive. Church workers and volunteers tend to steer clear of teenagers. It's hard to get people to work among them. Their awkward stage of development makes a lot of us uncomfortable. Their music, their dress, their attitudes and thoughts are viewed as alien. But such attitudes are unchristian. They have no place among Jesus' disciples, as He teaches us today by touching a leper with affection and healing him with compassion. We must open our hearts and minds to those outside the pale of society if we are going to truly follow Jesus.

In fact, one of the best ways to understand the history of America is to see it as a kind of "leper colony," or leper continent. For example, at different points in history: The Puritans who fled England to practice their faith were "lepers" to the hard-liners in the Church of England. The Irish immigrants, Catholic, mostly, were the "lepers" to those of English Protestant heritage. The eastern European immigrants were the "lepers" to the western Europeans. And leprosy, as ever, continues to be a "skin disease." Leprosy lets us single out and be fearful of whatever color skin is different from our own: black skin, white skin, brown skin, yellow skin, red skin. Since 9/11 it has been too easy to put the leper label on all Muslims. And it was the leper label that terrorists put on America which made it possible for 9/11 to happen. Within each of us are the germs – our own weaknesses, our pet hatreds, our obsessions, our fears, our desires, our diagnoses – of our own form of leprosy, prejudice which rises from our fear of our true selves by which we project onto others what we most fear or dislike in ourselves. We can't forgive others what we can't forgive in ourselves. What leprosy does God want to cure you of this morning? What part of yourself are you afraid of? What part of you are you hiding from?

**Nota de nuestro pastor:** En la India, la gente de casta baja era intocable para los hindúes de casta alta. Hasta el Movimiento por los Derechos Civiles, la herencia afroamericana era una discapacidad social tan grande en los Estados Unidos. Que los comerciantes blancos aventaban el cambio de un cliente negro en el mostrador para evitar tocar sus manos. En algunos restaurantes, los platos o vasos que usaban los negros se rompían inmediatamente después de haber terminado de comer. Si un negro nadaba en una piscina pública, se cerraría, drenaría y desinfectaría inmediatamente. Incluso en algunas de nuestras parroquias católicas, los feligreses negros tuvieron que esperar hasta que todos los feligreses blancos hubieran recibido la Eucaristía antes de presentarse en el altar para la Comunión. Sin embargo, el problema no es solo una cuestión de raza. Se trata de todas las personas de nuestra sociedad que son "diferentes" a nosotros. Nuestra sociedad moderna condena al ostracismo a los gays, las lesbianas, las víctimas del sida, los alcohólicos, los drogadictos. Tendemos a marginar a los divorciados, los convivientes, las madres solteras desempleadas, los gitanos, los vagabundos, los trabajadores migrantes y los solicitantes de asilo. Las personas con SIDA también informan que no las tocan tanto como solían hacerlo antes de ser VIH positivas. Los trabajadores de la iglesia y los voluntarios tienden a mantenerse alejados de los adolescentes. Es difícil hacer que la gente trabaje entre ellos. Su incómoda etapa de desarrollo nos hace sentir incómodos a muchos de nosotros. Su música, su vestimenta, sus actitudes y pensamientos son vistos como extraños. Pero esas actitudes no son cristianas. No tienen cabida entre los discípulos de Jesús, como nos enseña hoy al tocar a un leproso con afecto y sanarlo con compasión. Debemos abrir nuestro corazón y nuestra mente a los que están fuera del ámbito de la sociedad si realmente vamos a seguir a Jesús.

De hecho, una de las mejores formas de entender la historia de América es verla como una especie de "colonia de leprosos" o continente de leprosos. Por ejemplo, en diferentes momentos de la historia: Los puritanos que huyeron de Inglaterra para practicar su fe eran "leprosos" para los intransigentes de la Iglesia de Inglaterra. Los inmigrantes irlandeses, católicos en su mayoría, eran los "leprosos" de los de ascendencia protestante inglesa. Los inmigrantes de Europa oriental eran los "leprosos" de los europeos occidentales. Y la lepra, como siempre, sigue siendo una "enfermedad de la piel". La lepra nos permite distinguir y tener miedo de cualquier color de piel diferente al nuestro: piel negra, piel blanca, piel morena, piel amarilla, piel roja. Desde el 11 de septiembre ha sido demasiado fácil poner la etiqueta de leproso a todos los musulmanes. Y fue la etiqueta de leproso que los terroristas le pusieron a Estados Unidos lo que hizo posible que ocurriera el 11 de septiembre. Dentro de cada uno de nosotros están los gérmenes - nuestras propias debilidades, nuestros odios a las mascotas, nuestras obsesiones, nuestros miedos, nuestros deseos, nuestros diagnósticos - de nuestra propia forma de lepra, prejuicio que surge de nuestro miedo a nuestro verdadero yo por el cual proyectamos sobre otros lo que más tememos o nos disgusta de nosotros mismos. No podemos perdonar a los demás lo que no podemos perdonar en nosotros mismos. ¿De qué lepra quiere Dios curarte esta mañana? ¿A qué parte de ti mismo tienes miedo? ¿De qué parte de ti te estás escondiendo?

## WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week  
of February 14, 2021

### Sun/Dom:

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/  
1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

### Mon/Lunes:

Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21  
[14a]/Mk 8:11-13

### Tues/Martes:

Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4,  
3b and 9c-10 [11b]/Mk 8:14-2

### Wed/Mier:

Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and  
17 [cf. 3a]/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

### Thurs/Juev:

Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/  
Lk 9:22-25

### Fri/Vier:

Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/  
Mt 9:14-15

### Sat/Sab:

Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/  
Lk 5:27-32

### Next Sun./Dom:

Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/  
1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Tuesday - Feb 16th

6:00 Burning of the Palms

### Wednesday - Feb 17th

#### Ash Wednesday

~~~ English Mass - 7:00 AM

~~~ Spanish Mass - 8:30 AM

Drive Thru Distribution of Ashes

7:00-8:00 AM

8:30-9:30 AM

12:00 - 1:00 PM

3:00 - 4:00 PM

5:30 - 8:00 PM

## OFFICE INFORMATION

### Parish Office

783-2766

### Parish Fax

783-2760

### Parish Email

office@saintjoachim.net

### Parish Office Hours

Mon- day-Friday 10 AM-7:30

PM

Bi-

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7:30 PM

Saturday 10 AM- 4 PM

Bilingual available 10 AM-4 PM

Sunday 12 PM -4 PM

Bilingual available 12 PM-4 PM

Office Closed  
till further notice

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### Rev. Joseph Antony Sebastian, SVD

Pastor

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday

10 AM to 12 PM

5 PM to 8 PM (with appointment)

lunes, martes, miércoles, y viernes

10 AM a 12 PM

5 PM a 8 PM (con cita)

### Rev. Ricardo Gonzalez, SVD

Parochial Vicar

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday

10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

5 PM a 8 PM (with appointment)

lunes, miércoles, jueves y viernes

10:00 AM a 12:00 PM

5 PM a 8 PM (con cita)

### Ariel Mayormita

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### Flor Herce

Bookkeeper

### Pat Ludwig

Administrative Assistant



### St. Vincent de Paul

783-0344

### Office hours

1:00-2:30 PM ONLY

Monday-Friday

### San Vicente de Paul

Gary Enos, President

### Faith Formation Office

Oficina de Formación de Fe

785-1818

### St. Joachim School

Escuela de San Joaquín

783-3177

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Principal

### Sandra Garzon

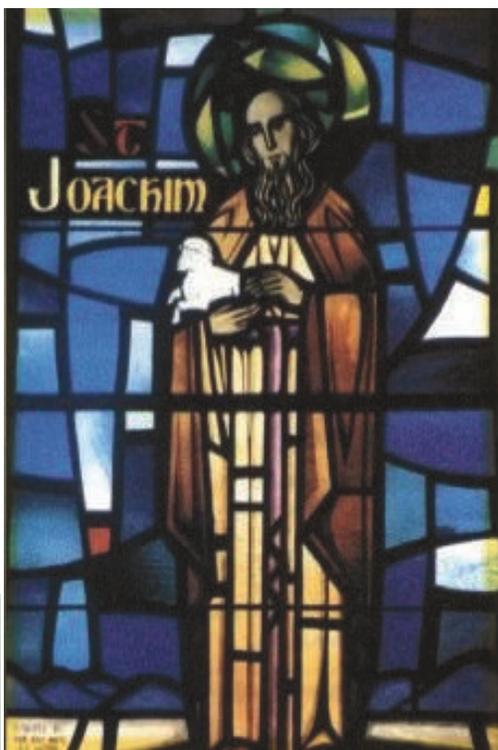
School Secretary

### St. Joachim Pre-School

783-0604

### Marisa Melgarejo

Director



# Ash Wednesday February 17, 2021

Live Stream Mass—English—7:00 AM

Live Stream Mass—Spanish—8:30 AM

*(reserve your space at mass through sign up genius, or call the office to reserve your seat. You MUST sign up to attend mass )*

Ashes will be distributed as a drive through

*(you will receive ashes as you remain in your vehicles)*

*Times for Distribution of ashes are:*

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

12:00 PM—1:00 PM

3:00 PM—4:00 PM

5:30 PM—8:00 PM



**ASH**  
WEDNESDAY  
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## PRAY FOR

Ruben & Altigracia Perez  
Jerome Aguiar  
Jennie Harling  
Ivan Benin  
Melanie Fabio  
Jennifer Bliss  
Nelle Esguerra  
Herminigilda Manuel  
Rodelio Manuel  
Florencio Rodriguez  
Albert Gonzales Jr.  
Albert Gonzales III  
Brenda Gonzales  
Gabby & Giselle Gonzales  
Kristina & Angelita Gonzales  
Edgar Delos Angeles  
Hali & Hunter Bubon  
Beatriz Perez

## DONATIONS

St Vincent de Paul  
offering for next week:

**Canned Meat  
or Juice**

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enlatado*

Donations are very much appreciated—but please no expired food. ~ Thank You

## CONTRIBUTIONS CONTRIBUCIONES

COLLECTION FOR  
February 1-7, 2021

The Plate Collection

**\$ 3,527.00**

EFT Collection

**\$ 65.00**

On Line Giving

**\$ 1,210.00**

**TOTAL**

**\$ 4,802.00**

Bank or (IOR) is a comparatively recent institution, but its roots can be traced back to 1887 when Pope Leo XIII would keep the gold coins of the Vatican's operating capital in a trunk under his bed. Today this private Bank's customers are mostly all part of the Catholic Church. Many are religious orders who are active in missionary activity or perform charitable works at institutions such as schools, hospitals or refugee camps. These religious orders are too small to have their own finance departments, but together they own about 85% of the bank's assets. The Bank is



considered a trusted institution throughout the world when it comes to providing on-site banking services, even in geographic areas which are highly unstable politically. But the Bank has been the center of numerous scandals involving rumored associations with organized crime, accusations of law violations, fraud, embezzlement, money laundering and mismanagement. The Bank is a natural tax haven, like an offshore bank in the middle of Rome. After the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 in the U.S., the U.S. and international authorities steadily increase the pressure on private banks that failed to comply with the new standards intended to stop the funding of terrorism. In 2009, the Vatican Bank authorities refused to cooperate and identify several of its unnamed account holders transferring huge amounts very suspiciously. In 2009, Pope Benedict XVI aware of the problems at the Bank, established the Vatican's first "financial watchdog" (AIF) and instituted its first anti-money laundering rules in coordination with the European Union. But, Benedict was outmaneuvered by those in the Vatican that wanted no change, and the "financial watchdog" lost its independence and bite. In 2012 more external pressure closed the Vatican Bank's account in the US, Italy and closed the Bank's cash machines managed by Germany. The Vatican bank was on the brink of collapse. Pope Benedict stepped down in 2013, and at the conclave to select the new pope, cardinal after cardinal criticized the Bank and the secretary of state for inadequate supervision. It was made clear by the cardinals that they wanted bank reform. Within weeks of taking office, Pope Francis began to tackle the problem of the Vatican Bank and wider financial problems. He stripped the Bank's five supervisory cardinals of their 25,000 euro annual stipend. He strengthened existing organizations and brought five firms of top-level management consultants in to investigate every aspect of Vatican operations. Francis set up a commission of external secular financial and legal experts to work out the next steps. He then set up a second group of outsider financiers to look at every aspect of the rest of the Vatican finances. The two groups of consultants were told to think the unthinkable, including if the Vatican Bank should be shut down. Elizabeth McCaul, a Roman Catholic, mother of seven, and partner-in-charge of the New York office of a management and regulatory compliance experts firm was made president of the Vatican Bank. She pushed all the fine furniture and rugs to one side and brought in 25 regulatory specialists from the U.S. and gave them six months to exam every one of the 19,000 accounts, in order to make the Bank compliant with Vatican law and international standards... to be continued Sources: theguardian.com, occrup.org, vaticannew.va

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2. ~Drop your donation in the mail slot near the front Rectory door
3. ~Donate on line — the easy way . Go to our website [saintjoachim.net](http://saintjoachim.net) , in the upper right corner of the home page of the page click on donate/pay, select weekly/monthly donation and complete the form. It is easy to update and change as you want to. If you need assistance with this call the office and leave your name and phone and we will call you back and assist you. *We understand these hard times and appreciate you helping the church.*

## MASS INTENTIONS

February 14-20, 2021

### Weekend English Masses

Leo Delos Angeles (*birthday*)  
Michael Reyes Family (*birthdays*)  
Michelle Reyes Abar (*birthday*)  
Angelique Salomone (*thanksgiving*)  
Princess Mary Villavicencio (*thanksgiving*)  
Roberto & Julieta Rimando (*thanksgiving*)  
Melinda Bravo (*healing*)  
David A. Tayco †  
Francisco Camaclang †  
Oca Mario Ong-iko †  
Jason Nick Ong-iko †  
Gary Renarata †  
Carl Macapagal †  
Manuel Berena †  
Alfred Di Grazia †  
Dorene Rogers-Barnhart †  
Corine Botelho †  
Maria Silva †

### Weekend Spanish Masses

Jorge Alberto Castro (*cumpleanos*)  
Paula & David Cruz †  
Everardo Anaya Alvarez †

### Monday 10:00 AM

Cary Paul (*birthday*)  
Milagros & Guillerma Garcia †  
Doroteo & Felicidad Carrascot †

### Tuesday 10:00 AM

Joshua Kevin Estavillo †

### Wednesday 7:00 AM

Georgie Dwonch (*birthday*)  
Sam King † (*anniversary*)

### Wednesday 8 :30 AM

The Community of St. Joachim

### Thursday 10:00 AM

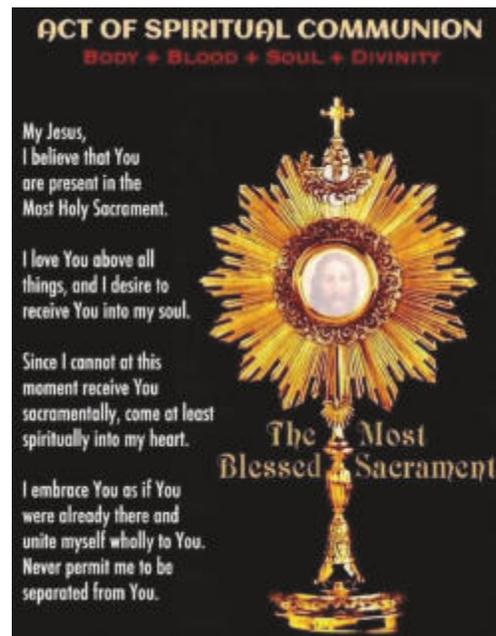
Libunao Family (*special intention*)  
Lucien Libunao † (*6th anniversary*)

### Friday 10:00 AM

Loreto & Rachel Garcia (*birthday*)

### Saturday 10:00 AM

The Community of St. Joachim



### Are you planning on Attending Mass inside the Church?

Please remember :

~~ Make a reservation by either clicking on the text you will receive if have registered for Flocknote, or following the link on our Facebook page to make a reservation, or by calling the Rectory office and leave your name, phone number, which mass you will attend and how many in your household will be attending.

~~Everyone coming to mass must come together and no one feels sick.

~~enter through the placita glass doors only

~~ We will take your temperature

~~` The ushers will seat you

~~ Follow ushers guidelines at communion (lining up will be a little different than before)

~~ Wear a mask at all times

~~ Exit after mass out the side doors only

# The Fil-Am Report: Simbang Gabi 2020

Every year, from December 16 to 24 (for others, December 15 to 23), churches and chapels teem with people from all walks of life for a pious exercise that has become so popular among Filipino Catholics all over the world. This is a form of popular piety that is known as “Aguinaldo Masses” and is commonly called “Simbang Gabi” or “Misa de Gallo”. This is a novena in preparation for the commemoration of the birth of Jesus Christ, the Savior. This Filipino religious custom originated in Europe brought to the Philippine islands by the Spanish conquistadores in the 16<sup>th</sup> century, who brought the Catholic faith to the Philippines.

The “Aguinaldo Masses” were recognized by Pope Sixtus the V in the 16<sup>th</sup> century when he granted a plenary indulgence to those who participated in it. “Aguinaldo” is a Spanish word which means “Christmas gift”. The Catholic faithful offer to God nine (9) Masses as a gift on the occasion of the Birth of Jesus Christ as the whole Church rejoices at receiving from God, the gift of His Son. Because, these Masses are celebrated before daybreak or at dawn, “Aguinaldo Masses” are also called “Misa de Gallo” (gallo: Spanish word for rooster) and since these Masses are celebrated before the sun rises; when it is still dark, they are also referred to as “Simbang Gabi” or “Mass at Night”.

For the first time since we celebrated Simbang Gabi here at St. Joachim Church 20 years ago, it was celebrated totally virtual because of the pandemic. We kept the Mass at 5:30AM as we always do and it’s amazing to know that we were able to gather an average of 300 Mass attendees every day. As one community, we prayed and offered our sacrifices, our “Aguinaldo” to Jesus through our church in thanksgiving for all the gifts and graces we have received in spite of the trials and challenges we encountered. I am happy to report to you that we were able to offer \$12,235.00 to our church’s general fund for the upkeep of our church and its ministries. A special thank you to all who donated their time, talent and treasure for the success of our 2020 Simbang Gabi celebration.

The Filipino-American Ministry of St. Joachim Church through its committees is the lead organization of the Simbang Gabi celebration and other events. The year 2021 is the year when we celebrate the 500 Years of Christianity in the Philippines. In connection to this, the combined Filipino-American Communities and the Filipino Clergy of the Diocese of Oakland will be celebrating a novena beginning on March 7-15 and will culminate with a Jubilee Mass in the Cathedral of Christ the Light on March 16, 2021. I invite you to once again gather as one community in thanksgiving for the gift of faith that was handed on to all of us 500 years ago and always going strong and kept alive. More information to come as we come closer to the dates.

**“Mabuhay!”** Long live! “Viva” to all of you and let us continue praying for the end of this pandemic, for our health and for everyone’s safety. Let us always thank God for the gift of faith that keeps us going in spite of our challenges. We are a people of hope because we are with Jesus Christ who is the Way, the Truth and the Life and our Blessed Mother Mary who is always guiding us. Let us keep the Light of Christ shining brightly in our hearts and in our lives. Blessings to all of you. **Please contact Ariel Mayormita at [stjoachimmusic1@gmail.com](mailto:stjoachimmusic1@gmail.com) regarding the St. Joachim Church Fil-Am Ministry.**

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