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**December**  
**5, 2021**

# Second Sunday of Advent

Luke 3:1-6

Prepare  
the Way  
of the  
Lord

## MASS SCHEDULES

### Sunday Mass in English

Saturday 4:30 PM

Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM & 12:15 PM

### Daily Mass in English

8:30 AM Monday—Saturday

### Misas en Español

Miércoles 7 PM

### Misas Dominicales en Español

Sábado 6 PM, Domingo 2 & 6 PM

### Mass Location

All masses inside the Church

### Reconciliation

Saturday 3-4 PM, Wednesday 6-7 PM

### Reconciliación

Miércoles 6-7 PM

### Adoration ~ Benediction/ Adoración ~ Bendición

Friday—9 AM till 1 PM

United in faith and guided by the Holy Spirit



## Simbang Gabi: Our “Aguinaldo” to God

By: Ariel Almazan Mayormita

Director of Music

St. Joachim Church

Every year, from December 16-24, churches and chapels in the Philippines are packed with people to attend the “Misa de Aguinaldo” or commonly called Simbang Gabi (pronounced: Seembang Guhbee) In the olden times, these novena Masses were celebrated before the sun rose, specifically for farmers who needed to be working in the fields at the start of day. This Filipino religious custom originated in Europe and was brought to the Philippines by the Spanish conquistadores who brought the Catholic faith to the Philippines in the 16<sup>th</sup> Century.

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”.

Filipinos around the world especially here in the United States brought this religious tradition into their parishes as their “Aguinaldo” or “religious gift” to their new community. At present, Simbang Gabi is considered one of the common celebrations during Advent and is participated in by different cultural and generational groups in the parishes.

Here at St. Joachim Church, Simbang Gabi has been celebrated for 21 years and counting. As the restrictions of the pandemic eases in our county, we will celebrate Simbang Gabi in person inside our church with a reception in the gymnasium. We will gather as one community of faith in praising God and preparing ourselves for Christmas.

We will also keep the tradition of offering our special “Aguinaldo” or “gift” to God for all the graces our families have received throughout the year or for a special petition. This “Aguinaldo” comes in the form of sacrifices for waking up in the morning and participating in the masses, or monetary offerings by being a Hermano/Hermana or Mass Sponsors. The money collected will be used to sustain the different ministries in our church especially during this time of pandemic when our church funds are running low.

The Filipino-American Ministry of St. Joachim Church is the lead organization of the Simbang Gabi celebration. We encourage each family in our parish to be a sponsor (Hermano/Hermana) for a Mass as our “gift/present” to God for all the blessings we have received from his bounty: our life, our health and our family. May we all come together and have a meaningful celebration of Simbang Gabi this year.

Please contact Ariel Mayormita at 510-5897555 leave your name and contact information for more details or through electronic mail: [stjoachimmusic1@gmail.com](mailto:stjoachimmusic1@gmail.com).

“Maligayang Pasko at Masaganang Bagong Taon Sa Inyong Lahat! Merry Christmas  
and a Prosperous New Year to All!”

## WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week  
of December 5, 2021

### Sun/Dom:

Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/  
Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

### Mon/Lunes:

Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14  
[cf. Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26

### Tues/Martes:

Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12,  
13 [cf. Is 40:10ab]/Mt 18:12-14

### Wed/Mier:

Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/  
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

### Thurs/Juev:

Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab  
[8]/Mt 11:11-15

### Fri/Vier:

Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6  
[cf. Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19

### Sat/Sab:

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16,  
18-19 [4]/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

### Next Sun./Dom:

Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/  
Lk 3:10-18

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Sunday Dec 5th—La Griteria

~ after the 6 Pm Mass—in the gym

### Guadalupe Novena continues

Daily Rosary followed by Mass through  
Dec 11th, begins at 6:30 pm daily  
except Sat. & Sun begins at 5:30 pm

### Wednesday Dec 8th—Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin

Mary Holy Day of Obligation

English Mass — 8:30 AM & 5:30 PM

Misa Español— 7:00 PM

## OFFICE INFORMATION

### Parish Office

510-783-2766

### Parish Fax

510-783-2760

### Parish Email

office@saintjoachim.net

### Parish Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday –  
lunes, martes, jueves y viernes  
11:00 AM-5:00 PM  
Wednesday/ miercoles  
—1:00 PM– 7:00 PM

### Rev. Henry Noga, 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

Music Director/Director de Música

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### Flor Herce

Bookkeeper

### Pat Ludwig

Administrative Assistant

### St. Vincent de Paul

510-783-0344

### 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

510-785-1818

### Faith Formation Office Hours

Sunday/domingo — 8:30 AM-12:30 PM

Tuesday/martes — 6:00 PM– 8:00 PM

Wednesday/miercoles--5:00 PM-8:00 PM

Friday/Viernes — 5:00 PM-8:00 PM

### Bertha Cruz

Administrative Assistant

### St. Joachim School

Escuela de San Joaquín

510-783-3177

### Armond Seishas

Principal

### Sandra Garzon

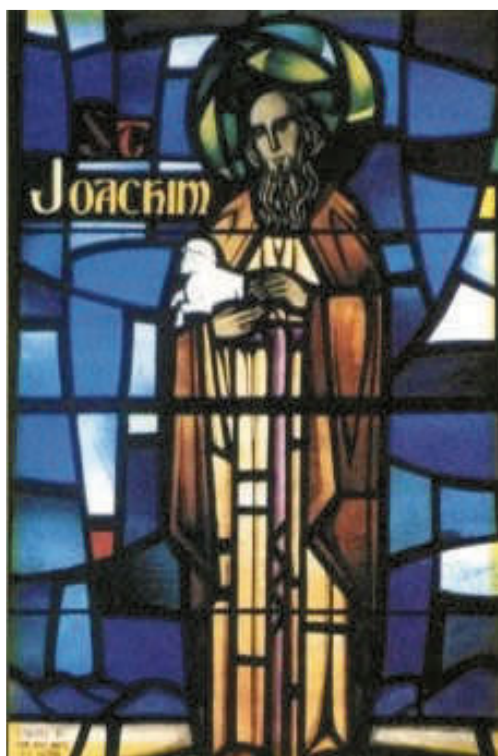
School Secretary

### St. Joachim Pre-School

510-783-0604

### Marisa Melgarejo

Director



# ¿QUIÉN CAUSA TANTA ALEGRÍA?

¡LA CONCEPCIÓN



DE MARÍA

EL grupo de “LA PURÍSIMA”  
de San Joaquín,  
le invita a la celebración de “LA GRITERÍA”,  
el domingo 5 de diciembre,  
en el gimnasio de nuestra parroquia,  
después de misa de seis de la tarde.  
Los esperamos y le  
agradecemos  
su asistencia.



## DONATIONS

### St Vincent de Paul

offering for next week:

Gently used/ new CLEAN  
blankets, jackets, sweaters or  
NEW socks

*Thank You*

Semi usados limpias / nuevos  
mantas, chaquetas, suéteres o  
calcetines NUEVOS



## PRAY FOR

Bernie Elizarde  
Virgilio Abar  
Michael Leotta  
Mary Tran  
Kinh Tran  
Brenda Tran  
Ruben Perez Jr.  
Selena Castellanos  
Erlinda Mercado  
Rosario Valentin  
Mary Hennessey  
Joycelyn Carminer  
Victor Jocson  
Jenny Salaysay  
Emmanuel Abellera  
Aileen Salaysay  
Celestina Enrique  
Leila Nocon

## CONTRIBUTIONS CONTRIBUCIONES

COLLECTION FOR  
November 21, 2021

1st Collection  
\$ 7,170.00

EFT Collection  
\$ 545.00

On Line Giving  
\$ 1,003.00

**1st Collection TOTAL  
8,718.00**

Second Collection—Christmas Flowers  
\$ 2,432.00

## CONTRIBUTIONS CONTRIBUCIONES

COLLECTION FOR  
November 28, 2021

1st Collection  
\$ 7,383.00

EFT Collection  
\$ 65.00

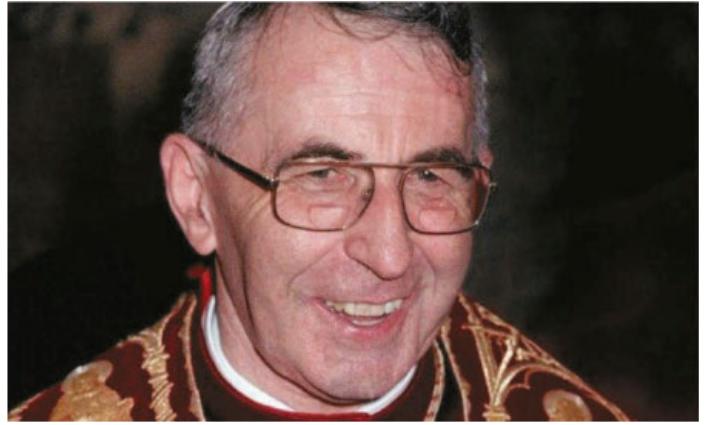
On Line Giving  
\$ 823.00

**1st Collection TOTAL  
\$ 8,271.00**

Second Collection—Catholic Campaign  
for Human Development  
\$ 2,449.00  
Thanksgiving Day Collection  
\$ 2,614.00

## VATICAN CORNER

Of the current total of 266 deceased popes, 83 have been canonized as saints, a ratio of about 1/3. They have been found to have an exceptional degree of holiness and closeness to God and considered worthy of greater honor or emulation. They can be asked to intercede or pray to God for persons still on Earth needing miracles. They are allowed public remembrance at liturgies throughout the Church, and churches can be dedicated to them without special Vatican permission. There is an additional group of 15 popes that are saints-in-waiting, who are at some stage of the canonization process. Starting with St. Peter, the first pope and leader of the Church after Christ's death, for the first 500 years, 52 of the first 54 popes became saints. The first 35 popes were martyred saints, killed for their Christian belief by the Roman Empire. In the last 1,000 years just 7 popes have been made saints. The most recent canonizations were Pope John Paul II and Pope John XXIII on April 27, 2014, and Pope Paul VI on October 14, 2018. So why after centuries of relative quiet, does there now seem to be a trend for popes to again become saints? Some have pointed out the recent inclination among popes to set in motion their predecessors' cause for sainthood. A current pope may have been inspired by a previous one. Also Vatican internal politics may play a part, canonizing a progressive pope to counterbalance a conservative one or vice versa. But whatever the causes recently for more papal saints, the procedure of becoming a saint is technically still a trial. These recent popes have passed that trial. They have been investigated and found to live lives with supreme holiness and heroic virtue, and been found to intercede with God on other's behalf resulting in miracles from God. On October 13, 2021, the Vatican announced Pope Francis' decision that Pope John Paul I will soon be beatified, the last step before canonization. The former Albino Luciani – was pope for just 33 days beginning on August 26, 1978. Even before he was proposed for sainthood, Cardinal Beniamino Stella, former prefect of the Congregation for Clergy, was convinced the “smiling pope” was a saint. He said “I knew him up close, and I have beautiful memories of him, his human virtues and his virtues as a priest and bishop. He is someone I have always carried in my heart.” Stefania Falasca a journalist and vice postulator for the saintly cause said the position paper arguing for Pope John Paul I's holiness is 3,650 pages long and is divided into five volumes. It includes a thorough biography from the day he was born; an analysis of how he lived the Christian virtues in an exemplary way; a collection of letters, homilies and documents he wrote as a priest, bishop, cardinal and briefly, pope and a summary of the testimony of almost 200 eyewitnesses, including retired Pope Benedict. She said this is not a beatification of a pontificate, but of a person. And there were no shortcuts; his cause was opened in 2003 – 25 years after his death.



Sources : [carholicreview.org](http://carholicreview.org), [proclaim.dioceseaj.org](http://proclaim.dioceseaj.org), [Wikipedia.org](http://Wikipedia.org), [ncregister.com](http://ncregister.com), [bbc.com](http://bbc.com), [washingtonpost.com](http://washingtonpost.com)



## The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday December 8, 2021

English Mass — 8:30 AM & 5:30 PM

Spanish Mass — 7:00 PM

*Holy Day of Obligation*

## MASS INTENTIONS

December 4-11, 2021

### Saturday 4:30 PM

Robert Cunningham ( † birthday)

### Saturday 6:00 PM

Guadalupe Novena

### Sunday 7:30 AM

Thomas Lent (*healing*)

### Sunday 9:00 AM

Ambrocio Hibaya (*70th birthday*)

Marc Jaral Salamida (*birthday*)

Vicente Hibaya (*69th birthday*)

Edgar Delos Angeles †

David A. Tayco †

### Sunday 10:30 AM

Maria Silva †

Vicente & Jocelyn Alcantara †

Deceased Enos Family Members †

### Sunday 12:15 PM

The Community of St. Joachim

### Sunday 2:00 PM

Paula & David Cruz †

Rafael Aurora & Juvenal Torres †

Juan & Nallely Ponce †

Alicia Montano †

Blanca Martinez † (*3rd aniversario*)

Anjelina Ramirez †

Taide Cruz †

Almas del purgatorio †

### Sunday 6:00 PM

Guadalupe Novena

### Monday 8:30 AM

Conchita O'Connor ( † birthday)

Alicia Montano †

Anjelina Ramirez †

Taide Cruz †

### Tuesday 8:30 AM

Dalinacio Solis ( † birthday)

Alicia Montano †

Anjelina Ramirez †

Taide Cruz †

### Wednesday 8 :30 AM

Sol Salta (*birthday*)

Garrison James Ramos (*birthday*)

Eric & Rosemarie Parras ( *thanksgiving*)

Thomas Lent (*healing*)

Heldo Advincula † ( *anniversary*)

Lazaro Arquero †

Alicia Montano †

Anjelina Ramirez †

Taide Cruz †

### Wednesday 5:30 PM

Balayan Batangas (*thanksgiving*)

Romeo G. Cruz †

### Wednesday 7:00 PM

Guadalupe Novena

### Thursday 8:30 AM

Alicia Montano †

Anjelina Ramirez †

Taide Cruz †

### Friday 8:30 AM

Alicia Montano †

Anjelina Ramirez †

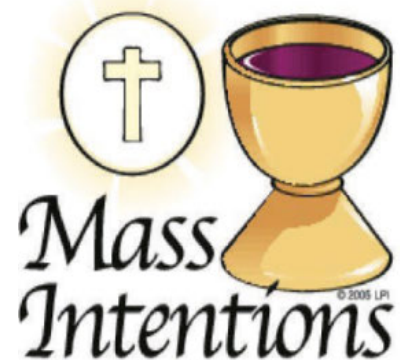
Taide Cruz †

### Saturday 8:30 AM

Alicia Montano †

Anjelina Ramirez †

Taide Cruz †



ADVENT  
PRAYER

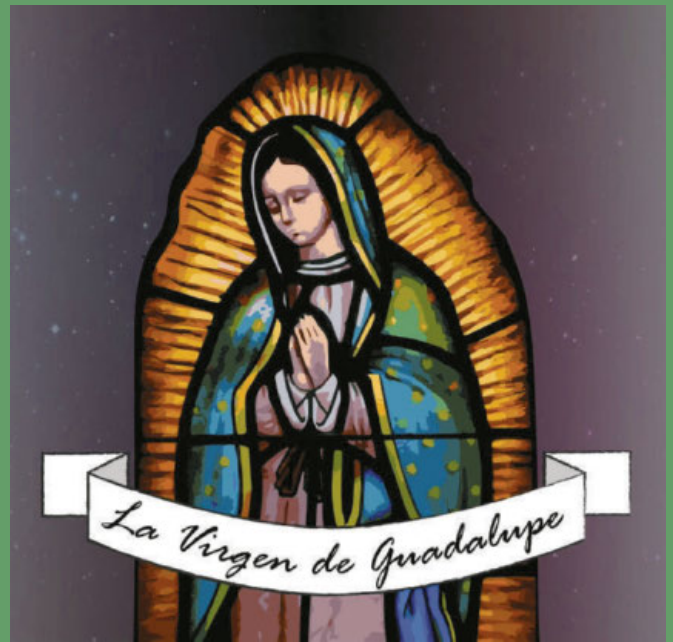


## Week 2: Purple Advent Candle, Faith

The second candle to be lit is also a purple candle. This candle symbolizes faith and the journey of Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem. It calls you out to prepare the way of the Lord. A perfect way to prepare yourself is to focus on your prayer life. Finding a special prayer time is an important part of your life, and prayer is a wonderful way to help cut away from distractions of the season and open your heart to prepare for the joy and hope of Christ's birth.

El grupo guadalupano ha comenzado a trabajar en la celebración en honor a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe y te están invitando a ser parte de esta maravillosa tradicional celebración. Te gustaría saber más sobre esto y descubrir cómo puedes ayudar a ser parte de esta hermosa celebración? - Si es así, comuníquese con cualquier miembro del grupo o envíele un mensaje en su página de Facebook y ellos se comunicarán con usted. Su página de facebook es guadalupano San Joaquin. Esperan tener noticias tuyas.

The Guadalupano group has begun working on the celebration to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe -- and they are inviting you to be a part of this wonderful traditional celebration Would you like to know more about it and find out how you can help be a part of this beautiful celebration -- If so please contact any member of the group or send them a message on their facebook page and they will contact you. Their facebook page is guadalupano San Joaquin They look forward to hearing from you.



## Schedule for Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena

Saturday/sabado December/ *Diciembre* 4th  
 — 5:30 pm Rosary and Mass

Sunday / domingo December/ *Diciembre* 5th  
 — 5:30 pm Rosary and Mass

Monday / lunes December/ *Diciembre* 6th  
 — 6:30 pm Rosary and Mass

Tuesday / martes December/ *Diciembre* 7th  
 — 6:30 pm Rosary and Mass

Wednesday /miercole December/ *Diciembre* 8th  
 — 6:30 pm Rosary and Mass

Thursday / jueves December/ *Diciembre* 9th  
 — 6:30 pm Rosary and Mass

Friday December/ *Diciembre* 10th  
 — 6:30 pm Rosary and Mass

Saturday December/ *Diciembre* 11th  
 — 5:30 pm Rosary and Mass

— 7:00-9:00 pm Serenade & Mariachi

Sunday December/ *Diciembre* 12th  
 4:30 am Mananitas

5:30 am Mass

6:00 am Breakfast

2:00 pm Mass

6:00 pm Mass

Festival in the gym

after the 2:00 and 6:00 masses

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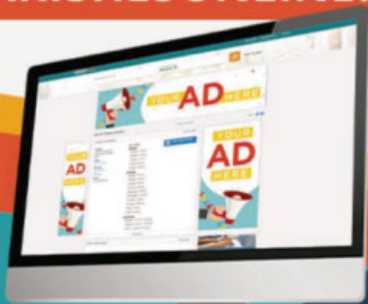
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