

St. Joachim
Catholic Church



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de San Joaquín

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December
12, 2021

Third Sunday of Advent

CELEBRATE

Advent

Preparing Our Hearts for Jesus

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 16th Century.

The “Aguinaldo Masses” were recognized by Pope Sixtus the V in the 16th 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.

“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 12, 2021

Sun/Dom:

Zep 3:14-18a/Is12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/
Lk 3:10-18

Mon/Lunes:

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc,
8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27

Tues/Martes:

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19
and 23 [7a]/Mt 21:28-32

Wed/Mier:

Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10,
11-12, 13-14 [Is 45:8]/Lk 7:18b-23

Thurs/Juev:

Is 54:1-10/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a, and
13b [2a]/Lk 7:24-30

Fri/Vier:

Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17
[cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17

Sat/Sab:

Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/
Mt 1:18-25

Next Sun./Dom:

Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/
Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday Dec 12th - Guadalupe

Feast Day

4:30 AM Mananitas, 5:30 AM Mass,
6:30 AM Breakfast in the Gym , 2:00 PM
Mass & festival following 6:00 PM mass
& festival following

Thursday Dec 16th—Simbang Gabi

Simbang Gabi begins 5:30 AM Mass with
reception following. Runs through Dec 24

Thursday Dec 16th—Los Posadas

Los Posadas starts at 7 PM in the Gym and runs
through Dec. 23rd

OFFICE INFORMATION

Parish Office

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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)

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1:00-2:30 PM ONLY

Monday-Friday

San Vicente de Paul

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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

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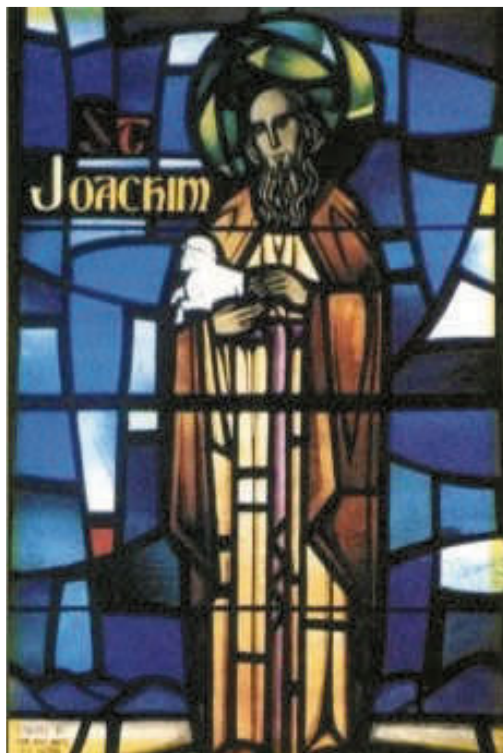
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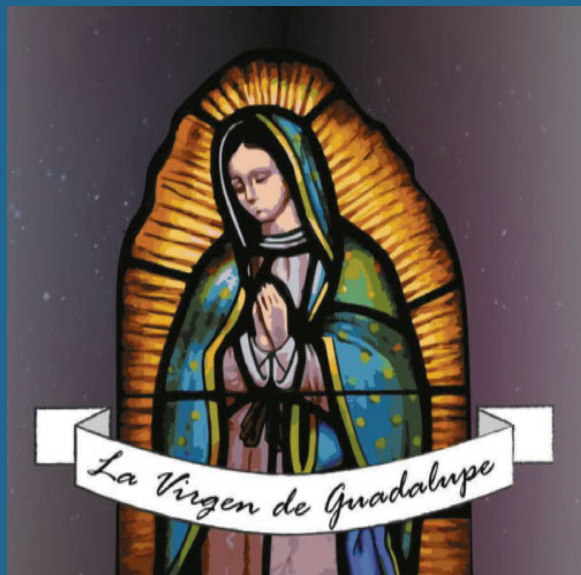
Marisa Melgarejo

Director



Nuestra señora de guadalupe

Our Lady of Guadalupe



Hoy, 12 de diciembre

Por La Manana / In the Morning

4:30 AM Mananitas con Mariachi

5:30 AM Misa / Mass

6:30 AM Desayuno en el Gimnasio / Breakfast in the Gym

Por la Tarde / In the Afternoon

2:00 PM Misa / Mass

3:00 PM Representacion de las Apariciones

3:30 PM Grupo Folklorico Alike Del Nayar / Dance Group

Por la Noche / In the Evening

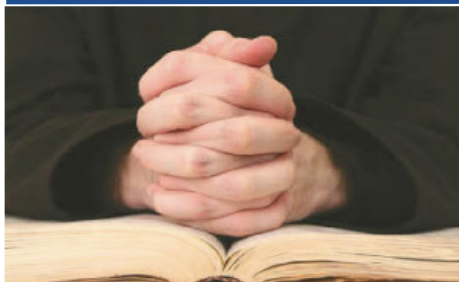
6:00 PM Misa / Mass

7:00 PM Representacion de las Apariciones

7:30 PM Banda " La Peligrosa" / Band

Todos son bienvenidos /All are welcome

Today—December 12th



PRAY FOR

- Michael Leotta
- Mary Tran
- Kinh Tran
- Brenda Tran
- Selena Castellanos
- Erlinda Mercado
- Rosario Valentin
- Mary Hennessey
- Joycelyn Carminer
- Victor Jocson
- Jenny Salaysay
- Emmanuel Abellera
- Aileen Salaysay
- Celestina Enrique
- Leila Nocon
- Shanae Washington
- Josephine Bilan-Gaspar
- Wendy Van De Veer

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

CONTRIBUTIONS CONTRIBUCIONES

COLLECTION FOR
December 5, 2021

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**1st Collection TOTAL
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VATICAN CORNER

Cyprus is an island in the eastern Mediterranean Sea of 1.2 million people, and it is located 44 miles South of Turkey, 65 miles West of Syria and 480 miles southeast of Greece. It is the most easterly/southeasterly point of Europe and has been influenced historically by many conquerors, pilgrims, and travelers. It is today both



cosmopolitan and provincial. Since ancient times it has been known for its mineral wealth, excellent wines / produce and natural beauty. It is a land of tall mountains, fertile valleys and wide beaches. It is said to be the home of the ancient Greek goddess Aphrodite, goddess of love, and it is a popular tourist destination, especially honeymooners from Europe. In 1974 a coup took place by a Greek-military junta to seize the government of Cyprus and Turkey answered with a military intervention of troop taking control of 37% of the island. Forty percent of the Greek Cypriot population was forced to leave their homes in the occupied area. Since 1974, the island has been divided with UN peacekeepers maintaining a buffer zone between the Turkish Cypriots in the North and the Greek Cypriots in the South. The United Nations and the European Union are working to reunite the island under a federal structure. Cyprus has a large Christian Eastern Orthodox majority but there are also Maronite Christians and Latin-rite Catholics whose numbers have grown because of foreign workers, especially from the Philippines, Vietnam, Sri Lanka and India. Pope Francis visited Cyprus on Dec. 2 - 4, 2021 holding a meeting with bishops, priests, religious and seminarians in the Maronite Cathedral, rather than meeting with government officials. He described Cyprus as “a land of golden fields, an island caressed by the waves of the sea, but above all else a history of intertwined people, a mosaic of encounters.” “The Church as catholic, universal, is an open space in which all are welcomed and gathered together by God’s mercy and invitation to love.” “Walls do not and should not exist in the Catholic Church. For the Church is a common home, a place of relationships and of coexistence in diversity.” Francis encouraged the bishops and priests to be patient with their people and sensitive to their cultural differences. “Guiding and correcting people is one thing, but must be done gently and with great mercy. He also encouraged the Catholics to show “respect and kindness” for the nation’s other Christian communities. Pope Francis said “we are brothers and sisters loved by a single Father.” “Arguing is normal” adding that he and his four siblings argued almost every day when he was growing up, but they still came together as a family around the dinner table. “This is what fraternity in the Church means: We can argue about visions, sensibilities and different ideas, yet let us always remember: We argue not for the sake of fighting or imposing our own ideas, but in order to express and live the vitality of the (Holy) Spirit, who is love and communion.”

Sources: *Britannica.com, nationsencyclopedia.com, nationsonline.org/ catholic news.com, nytimes.com*

Reconciliation



Wednesday December 15th —- 6:00-7:00 PM ~

English and Spanish

Saturday December 18th - - 3:00—4:00 PM ~~

English and Spanish

MASS INTENTIONS

December 11-18, 2021

Saturday 4:30 PM

Jessa Marie Reyes (*birthday*)
Robert Cunningham †
Alfonso Castaneda † (*1st anniversary*)

Saturday 6:00 PM

Guadalupe Novena Intentions

Sunday 7:30 AM

Thomas Lent (*healing*)
Taide Cruz †
Anjelina Ramirez †

Sunday 9:00 AM

Aries & Katrina Dacir & Family

(*thanksgiving*)

Edgar Delos Angeles †
David A. Tayco †
Antonio & Rosita DeVilla †

Sunday 10:30 AM

Lourdes De Castro (*healing*)
Niccole Ortega (*healing*)
Arnobit Family (*thanksgiving*)
Munar Family (*thanksgiving*)
Nuguid Family (*thanksgiving*)
Maria Silva †
Vicente & Jocelyn Alcantara †
Ambrosio Asombrado († *birthday*)
Souls in Purgatory †

Sunday 12:15 PM

Florencio Marquez († *anniversary*)
Alicia Montano †

Sunday 2:00 PM

Guadalupe Novena Intentions

Sunday 6:00 PM

Guadalupe Novena Intentions

Monday 8:30 AM

Mark Delos Angeles (*birthday*)
Alicia Montano †
Ramon G. Garcia †
Anjelina Ramirez †
Taide Cruz †
Florentina San Gabriel †

Tuesday 8:30 AM

Faustino P. Juan Jr. (*thanksgiving*)
Alicia Montano †
Anjelina Ramirez †
Taide Cruz †

Wednesday 8 :30 AM

Rio Cuayzon (*birthday*)

Wednesday 7:00 PM

Alicia Montano †
Anjelina Ramirez †
Taide Cruz †
Jose Benjamin Arteaga Covarrubias †
Ramon & Consuela Villanueva †
Celi Lay † (*aniversario*)

Thursday 5:30 AM

Simbang Gabi Mass

Thursday 8:30 AM

Alicia Montano †
Anjelina Ramirez †
Taide Cruz †

Friday 5:30 AM

Simbang Gabi Mass

Friday 8:30 AM

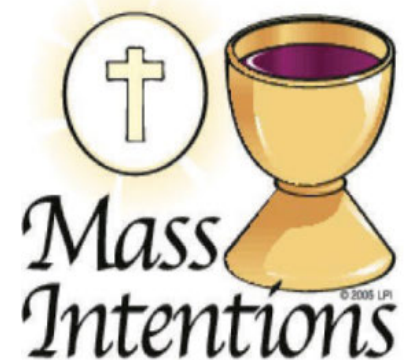
Alicia Montano †
Anjelina Ramirez †
Taide Cruz †

Saturday 5:30 AM

Simbang Gabi Mass

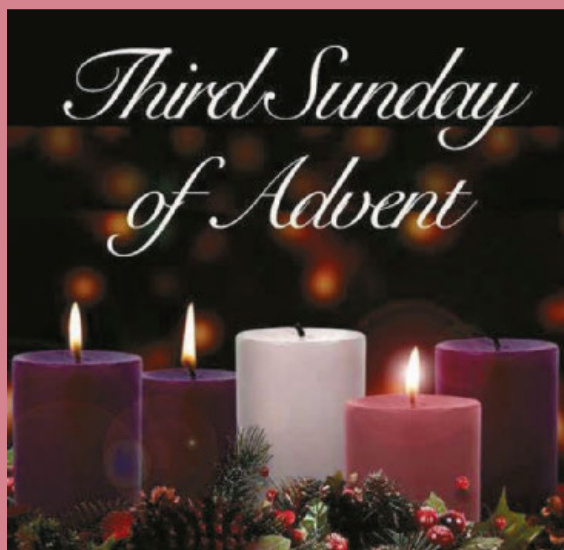
Saturday 8:30 AM

Zosimo Alfonso Christopher (*80th birthday*)
Christopher Delos Angeles (*birthday*)



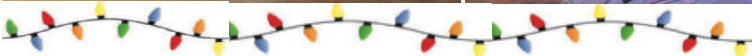
Week 3: Rose colored Advent Candle, Rejoice

The Third Week of Advent. **Gaudete** means “rejoice” in Latin. It comes from the first word of the Entrance antiphon on Sunday. The spirit of joy that begins this week comes from the words of Paul, “The Lord is near.” This joyful spirit is marked by the third candle of our Advent wreath, which is rose colored, and the rose colored vestments often used at the Eucharist.





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