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de San Joaquín

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December
19, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Advent



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

Christmas, Anno Domini 2021

Dear Parishioners of St. Joachim Church,

This holy time of the year - filled with family togetherness, gift giving, and heartfelt sharing - is, in the deepest sense, a time of prayer and reflection. There are so many details that surround the celebration of Christmas that it is easy to miss the true meaning of Christmas.

Christmas is not about the parties, the presents or the poinsettias. It's not about the food, the festivities, or even about family. It's not about Christmas trees, Christmas cards or carols. That fact is this: Christmas is solely about God. Christmas is about God fulfilling his promises, saving his people, coming to us - as one of us - in Jesus. The truth can be so easily missed: Christmas is nothing but Jesus. And if Jesus is not in Christmas, then Christmas is nothing at all!

The miracle of Christmas is that God chose to come to be with us in Jesus Christ. The real meaning of Christmas is simple yet profound. God loves us so much that he decided to become one of us. Emmanuel, meaning "God with us".

The message of Christmas is a message of great joy to all people.

That night in Bethlehem when Jesus was born, the angel announced good news of great joy to all people. It was a message of the birthday of Jesus, the Son of God. The message of Christmas is a message of God's love, peace and good will.

It is my hope and prayer that we will focus on Jesus Christ not only in this year's celebration but also throughout the New Year. Let's pray that we all experience afresh and anew a celebration of Christ in our lives, that our celebrating makes us aware that He is always with us.

With joy and pleasure I wish you and your loved ones, a happy, healthy and Merry Christmas. May Baby Jesus shower you with warmth and peace throughout the New Year.

In love of the Newborn Christ,

Fr. Henry Noga, SVD

Pastor

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Navidad, Anno Domini 2021

Estimados feligreses de la iglesia de San Joaquín,

Esta época sagrada del año, llena de unión familiar, entrega de regalos y un sincero compartir, es, en el sentido más profundo, un tiempo de oración y reflexión. Son tantos los detalles que rodean la celebración de la Navidad que es fácil perderse el verdadero significado de la Navidad.

La Navidad no se trata de las fiestas, los regalos o las posaderas. No se trata de la comida, las festividades o incluso de la familia. No se trata de árboles de Navidad, tarjetas de Navidad o villancicos. Ese hecho es este: la Navidad se trata únicamente de Dios. La Navidad se trata de que Dios cumpla sus promesas, salve a su pueblo, venga a nosotros, como uno de nosotros, en Jesús. La verdad se puede perder fácilmente: la Navidad no es más que Jesús. Y si Jesús no está en Navidad, ¡entonces la Navidad no es nada en absoluto!



El milagro de la Navidad es que Dios eligió venir para estar con nosotros en Jesucristo. El verdadero significado de la Navidad es simple pero profundo. Dios nos ama tanto que decidió convertirse en uno de nosotros. Emmanuel, que significa "Dios con nosotros".

El mensaje de Navidad es un mensaje de gran alegría para todas las personas.

. Aquella noche en Belén cuando nació Jesús, el ángel anunció buenas nuevas de gran gozo a toda la gente. Fue un mensaje del nacimiento de Jesús, el Hijo de Dios. El mensaje de Navidad es un mensaje del amor, la paz y la buena voluntad de Dios.

Es mi esperanza y oración que nos concentremos en Jesucristo no solo en la celebración de este año, sino también durante el Año Nuevo. Oremos para que todos experimentemos de nuevo una celebración de Cristo en nuestras vidas, que nuestra celebración nos haga conscientes de que Él está siempre con nosotros.

Con alegría y placer les deseo a ustedes y sus seres queridos una feliz, saludable y Feliz Navidad. Que el Niño Jesús te colme de calidez y paz durante todo el Año Nuevo.

Enamorado del Cristo recién nacido,

P. Henry Noga, SVD

Pastor

¡Feliz navidad y próspero año nuevo!

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week
of December 19, 2021

Sun/Dom:

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

Mon/Lunes:

Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38

Tues/Martes:

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45

Wed/Mier:

1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-56

Thurs/Juev:

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66

Fri/Vier:

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79

Sat/Sab:

Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14
Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Next Sun./Dom:

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

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

Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24th —

4:30 PM English

6:00 PM Spanish

11:30 PM Carols and Midnight Mass

December 25th —

9:00 AM English & 11:00 AM Spanish

OFFICE INFORMATION

Parish Office

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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*)

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Sunday/domingo — 8:30 AM-12:30 PM

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

Friday/Viernes — 5:00 PM-8:00 PM

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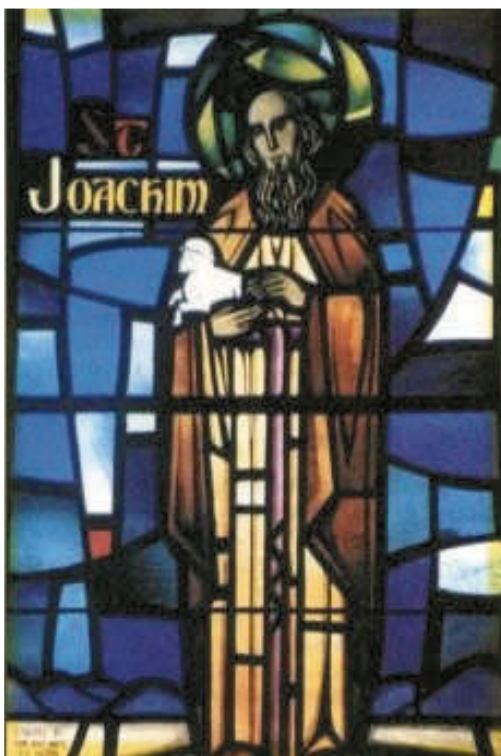
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Marisa Melgarejo

Director





Simbang Gabi: A Pilgrimage to the Birth of Jesus Christ

by: Ariel Mayormita

Music Director and Member, Fil-Am Ministry of St. Joachim Church

Simbang Gabi is a novena of masses celebrated in preparation to the Birth of Jesus Christ. This is a common Filipino tradition that started in Europe and was introduced to the people in the Philippine Islands by the friars who joined the conquistadores in their search for new lands. The word "novena" means nine days and each day is a

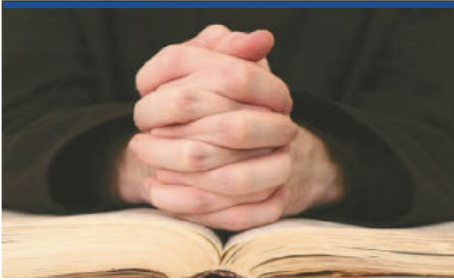
chapter in this celebration; a journey, a pilgrimage in our lives that we experience as we prepare and commemorate the Birth of Jesus Christ. Simbang Gabi which literally means "going to church or going to mass at night or while it is still dark" is also called Aguinaldo Masses or Mass of the Gift; Aguinaldo means Christmas gift. It is focused on the most precious gift of God to us, Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Savior, our Messiah, our Emmanuel (God with us). In thanksgiving for God's gift, we offer our sacrifice, our love for Him in the celebration of the liturgy/Mass which is the "source and summit of 'our' Christian life and the font from which all of 'our' power flows" (Constitution in Sacred Liturgy #10).

As we continue in our celebration of Simbang Gabi here at St. Joachim's Church this year, we ask ourselves: what has changed in us, what did the revelation of God through the proclamation of the Sacred Scriptures and the homily affected our lives and experiences so far, how did the liturgical music through our participation in the singing enhanced our engagement in the celebration and as we receive the Body of Christ during communion transformed us into a better person for others. These are things that reminds us of the importance of our celebration of Simbang Gabi beyond the cultural aspect of it; as a Filipino tradition but more so the spiritual and personal encounter that we experience with God.

Here at St. Joachim Church, Simbang Gabi has been celebrated for 21 years and counting. Every year we continue this pilgrimage, this journey of our faith. We encounter trials and challenges but above all, we have encouraging successes and reasons to rejoice upon because God is with us. We are all called to the instruments of God to bring people together and celebrate in thanksgiving for all His gifts/ His Aguinaldo to us.

The Filipino- American Ministry of St. Joachim Church continue to invite everyone to participate in the celebration of Simbang Gabi by participating in the Mass at 5:30 in the morning and by partaking in the reception afterwards. As we build our community, we also support the ministries and sustain the works of our beloved St. Joachim Church by being a sponsor (Hermano/Hermana) for each of the Masses. Please approach any member of the Simbang Gabi Committee to inquire about being a Hermano/Hermana or go to our website at saintjoachim.net

Let us all be an "Aguinaldo" or "gift" to one another, to our church and to our whole community today and every day.



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

CONTRIBUTIONS CONTRIBUCIONES

COLLECTION FOR
December 12, 2021

1st Collection

\$.00

EFT Collection

\$.00

On Line Giving

\$.00

1st Collection TOTAL

.00

This collection was not available at press time, but will be reported in later weeks

CONTRIBUTIONS CONTRIBUCIONES

COLLECTION FOR
December 5, 2021

1st Collection

\$ 8,779 .00

EFT Collection

\$ 340.00

On Line Giving

\$ 1,370.00

1st Collection TOTAL

10,489.00

**Second Collection
-Religious Education
\$ 2,161.00**

VATICAN CORNER

A Christmas tree in St. Peter's Square is a tradition started in 1982 by Pope Saint John Paul II. This year's is the 40th tree and it is an eight ton, 113 foot tall red fir, from the Paganella area of the Dolomite Mountains on the Italian border with Austria. For the next fifteen years, the origins of the Christmas trees destined for the Square have already been determined. Coming along with the tree were handmade wooden Christmas decorations and a certification that the tree was harvested according to a sustainable forest project. Low-energy LED lights are being used on the tree per Vatican government policy. The tree is next to the Nativity Scene (crèche) which is from Peru this year. In 2011 the Vatican found that its cost to build the Nativity Scene each year was running in the hundreds of thousands of dollars. So at that time, Pope Benedict adopted the suggestion that different regions of Italy donate a Nativity. The Nativity Scene from the town of Chopcca, Peru, located in the Andes Mountains, over 12,000 feet high, was chosen by the Vatican, in part, to mark the 200th anniversary of Peru's independence. The Scene has 30 pieces and they were made by five renowned artists from Huancavelica located halfway between Lima and Cusco. The images of the Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph, the Child Jesus, the Magi and the shepherds are made on a realistic scale out of materials such as ceramics, maguey (natural fiber), wood, and fiberglass, and wear bright multicolored garments typical of the Chopcca people. The Child Jesus is wrapped in a "chumpi" or woven belt and covered with a typical Huancavelica blanket. The Three Wise Men (Magi) accompanied by llamas bear gifts of popular foods in their saddlebags or woven sacks. The foods are quinoa, kiwicha, cañihua, corn and potatoes. An angel plays a flute with one hand and a drum with the other. There are Peruvian animals such as alpacas, vicuñas, sheep, vizcachas (related to rabbits), Andean flamingos and a condor atop a tree, the country's national symbol. Peruvian Bishop Salcedo told reporters on December 9, 2021 that the Nativity Scene "represents the Chopcca people's faith in Jesus" as well as the hope they share "despite the difficulties, such as the pandemic as well as the other 'pandemics,' like poverty, corruption or neglect of government authorities." Salcedo was appointed bishop by Pope Francis in May to lead the Diocese of Huancavelica. Salcedo said "The people are happy and celebrate their faith with joy, and it is expressed in their community life."



"That is something very beautiful, and as a new bishop, little by little, I am learning more." Peru's ambassador to the Vatican said it is an honor for Peru to be represented here in St. Peter's Square this Christmas, after we, and the whole world, have been closed." It is expected that more than 100 million tourists and media followers will see the Christmas celebrations at the Vatican and see its Andean manger, and as Pope Francis has said in the past, the baby Jesus nestled there is a much-needed reminder that God gives the world the gift of hope in troubled times.

Sources: vaticannews.va, catholicnewsagency.com, pauldal.com, catholicnews.com, americanmagazine.org



Week 4: Purple colored Advent Candle, Love

The fourth week of Advent is the **candle of love**. Also known as the "angel candy", it is in this fourth week of Advent that we reflect on the ultimate gift of love - Jesus Christ. Jesus is our true example of love and it is He that came to teach us to love God and love others.

MASS INTENTIONS

December 18-25, 2021

Saturday 4:30 PM

Danilo Joyosa (*birthday*)
Arsenio M. Reyes Sr. (*birthday*)
Rubie Fabia –Enrique (*birthday*)
Robert Cunningham †
Paul Daniel Veridiano
Pablo Veridianbo Jr. †

Saturday 6:00 PM

Abelardo & Maria Viveros
(*32nd aniversario de boda*)
Alicia Montano †
Anjelina Ramirez †
Taide Cruz †

Sunday 7:30 AM

Thomas Lent (*healing*)

Sunday 9:00 AM

Edgar Delos Angeles †
Randy Dela Torre † (*21st anniversary*)
David A. Tayco †
Antonio & Odete Quadros †
Frank Regina & Mary Sousa †

Sunday 10:30 AM

Selena Castellanos (*thanksgiving*)
Luz Manalo (*healing*)
Vicente & Jocelyn Alcantara †
Maria Silva †
Eduina Silva († *birthday*)

Sunday 12:15 PM

Silas Macking †

Sunday 2:00 PM

Paula & David Cruz †
Alicia Montano †
Rafael Aurora & Juvenal Torres †
Juan & Nallely Ponce †
Juana Hernandez Barajas †
Martin Napoles Zarragoza †
Sofia Montoya Herrera †

Sunday 6:00 PM

Hilario Lopez (*accion de gracia*)
Familia Valadez-Lopez (*accion de gracia*)
Familia Vilalpando-Valadez
(*accion de gracia*)

Anjelina Ramirez †
Taide Cruz †
Agapito Lopez & Maria Valadez †

Monday 5:30 AM

Simbang Gabi Mass

Monday 8:30 AM

Ramil Dela Cruz (*56th birthday*)
Alicia Montano †
Anjelina Ramirez †
Taide Cruz †

Tuesday 5:30 AM

Simbang Gabi Mass

Tuesday 8:30 AM

Alicia Montano †
Anjelina Ramirez †
Taide Cruz †

Wednesday 5:30 AM

Simbang Gabi Mass

Wednesday 8 :30 AM

Juan Salazar Laustanau †
Carlos Salazar Tenorio († *birthday*)

Wednesday 7:00 PM

Guillermina Velasquez † (*1st aniversario*)
Alicia Montano †
Anjelina Ramirez †
Taide Cruz †
Jose Benjamin Arteaga Covarrubias †

Thursday 5:30 AM

Simbang Gabi Mass

Thursday 8:30 AM

Alicia Montano †
Anjelina Ramirez †
Taide Cruz †

Friday 5:30AM

Simbang Gabi Mass

Friday 8:30 AM

Clem Paraiso (*birthday*)

CHRISTMAS EVE/CHRISTMAS DAY

Friday 4:30 PM

Francisco Camaclang †

Friday 6:00 PM

Alicia Montano †
Anjelina Ramirez †
Taide Cruz †

Friday 11:30 PM

Christmas Carols

MIDNIGHT MASS

Maria Silva †
Robert Cunningham †
Romeo S. Laureta †

Saturday 9:00 AM

Rodriguez & Cuazon Family (*thanksgiving*)
Eric & Rosemarie Parras (*thanksgiving*)
Eufrocina Joyosa (*thanksgiving*)
Margaret Strewlow †
Elmer & Mary Ann Kriewaldt †
Walter Fernandez †
Conchita O'Connor †
Edgar Delos Angeles †
Almario P. Salta †

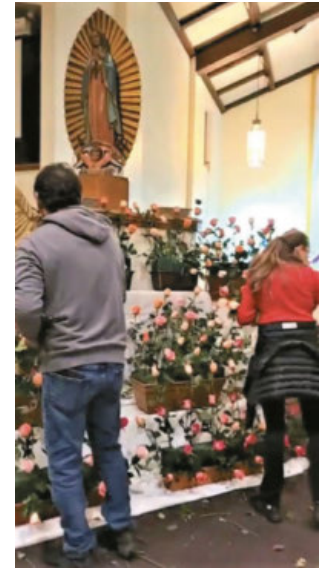
Saturday 11:00 AM

Alicia Montano †
Rafael Aurora & Juvenal Torres †
Juan & Nallely Ponce †
Anjelina Ramirez †
Taide Cruz †





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