

St. Joachim
Catholic Church



Iglesia Católica
de San Joaquín

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Dec. 18,
2022

Fourth Sunday in 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

A Tough Catholic Quiz—part two

11. The sacrament of confession...

- A. Must be received before receiving Communion by anyone guilty of a mortal sin since his last confession.
- B. Is entirely superfluous if you privately and sincerely confess your sins to God.
- C. Must be received by all Catholic adults at least once a year (This is one of the six precepts of the Church).
- D. Was done away with by Vatican II, except in cases of the three sins which "cry out to God for vengeance": murder, adultery, and sexism.
- E. None of the above.

12. At the Crucifixion...

- A. Jesus' human nature died on the cross.
- B. Only the human person of Jesus, not the divine person of Jesus, died on the cross.
- C. God died on the cross.
- D. Jesus' human and divine natures both died on the cross, but the universe was kept going by the Father and the Holy Spirit until Jesus' Resurrection.
- E. None of the above.

13. Purgatory is...

- A. A state of natural happiness where souls of unbaptized infants and morally good non-Christians will wait until they are judged on the Last Day.
- B. A state of mild punishment for people who were not bad enough to go to hell and who were not good enough to go to heaven.
- C. A state of purification for people who die in the state of grace but who do not die with complete love for God.
- D. A temporary state where sincere people who do not die in the state of grace get a second chance to do good and thus avoid going to hell.
- E. None of the above.

14. An annulment is...

- A. The canon law equivalent of a divorce under the civil law.
- B. A Church-authorized dissolution of a marriage which has failed through the infidelity of one of the spouses.
- C. A declaration that no valid marriage existed in the first place, even if there are children born during the relationship.
- D. A declaration that children born in a failed marriage are not illegitimate.
- E. None of the above.

15. Parish councils...

- A. Were set up by Vatican II to oversee the work of parish priests.
- B. Prevail against the opinions of pastors if at least two-thirds of the council members agree on an issue.
- C. Advise the pastor and relieve him of administrative duties, but have no authority over him.
- D. Were instituted by Vatican II because the Church is now a democracy, not a monarchy.
- E. None of the above.

16. Mortal sin...

- A. Is nowhere mentioned in Scripture.
- B. Is a theological construct from the Church of the Middle Ages, and since Vatican II we recognize that there are only two kinds of sins, venial and serious.
- C. Is the same as serious sin; only the words are different.
- D. Makes it impossible for you ever to get to heaven, no matter what you do.
- E. None of the above.

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Prueba Catolica dificil

11. El sacramento de la confesión...

- A. Debe ser recibido antes de recibir la Comunión por cualquier persona culpable de un pecado mortal desde su última confesión.
- B. Es completamente superfluo si confiesas tus pecados a Dios en privado y con sinceridad.
- C. Debe ser recibido por todos los adultos católicos por lo menos una vez al año (Este es uno de los seis preceptos de la Iglesia).
- D. Fue abolido por el Concilio Vaticano II, excepto en los casos de los tres pecados que "claman venganza a Dios": asesinato, adulterio y sexismo.
- E. Ninguna de las anteriores.

12. En la Crucifixión...

- A. La naturaleza humana de Jesús murió en la cruz.
- B. Sólo la persona humana de Jesús, no la persona divina de Jesús, murió en la cruz.
- C. Dios murió en la cruz.
- D. Tanto la naturaleza humana como la divina de Jesús murieron en la cruz, pero el Padre y el Espíritu Santo mantuvieron el universo en marcha hasta la resurrección de Jesús.
- E. Ninguna de las anteriores.

13. El purgatorio es...

- A. Un estado de felicidad natural donde las almas de los infantes no bautizados y los no cristianos moralmente buenos esperarán hasta que sean juzgados en el Último Día.
- B. Un estado de castigo leve para las personas que no eran lo suficientemente malas para ir al infierno y que no eran lo suficientemente buenas para ir al cielo.
- C. Un estado de purificación para las personas que mueren en estado de gracia pero que no mueren con pleno amor a Dios.
- D. Un estado temporal donde las personas sinceras que no mueren en estado de gracia tienen una segunda oportunidad de hacer el bien y así evitar ir al infierno.
- E. Ninguna de las anteriores.

14. Una nulidad es...

- A. El derecho canónico equivalente a un divorcio según el derecho civil.
- B. Una disolución autorizada por la Iglesia de un matrimonio que fracasó debido a la infidelidad de uno de los cónyuges.
- C. Una declaración de que no existió matrimonio válido en primer lugar, incluso si hay hijos nacidos durante la relación.
- D. Una declaración de que los hijos nacidos en un matrimonio fallido no son ilegítimos.
- E. Ninguna de las anteriores.

15. Consejos parroquiales...

- A. Fueron creados por el Vaticano II para supervisar el trabajo de los párrocos.
- B. Prevalecer contra las opiniones de los pastores si al menos dos tercios de los miembros del consejo están de acuerdo en un asunto.
- C. Aconsejar al párroco y relevarlo de deberes administrativos, pero no tener autoridad sobre él.
- D. Fueron instituidos por el Vaticano II porque la Iglesia ahora es una democracia, no una monarquía.
- E. Ninguna de las anteriores.

16. Pecado mortal...

- A. No se menciona en ninguna parte de las Escrituras.
- B. Es una construcción teológica de la Iglesia de la Edad Media, y desde el Concilio Vaticano II reconocemos que sólo hay dos clases de pecados, veniales y graves.
- C. Es lo mismo que pecado grave; sólo las palabras son diferentes.
- D. Le impide llegar al cielo, sin importar lo que haga.
- E. Ninguna de las anteriores.

~~ respuestas en la pagina 5

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week
of December 18, 2022

Sun/Dom:

Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7c, 10b]/
Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

Mon/Lunes:

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab,
16-17/Lk 1:5-25

Tues/Martes:

Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

Wed/Mier:

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

Thurs/Juev:

1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/
Lk 1:46-56

Fri/Vier:

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and
14/Lk 1:57-66

Sat/Sab:

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

Next Sun./Dom:

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

THE WEEK AHEAD

Saturday December 17th-

7:00 PM Las Pasadas

Sunday December 18th-

5:30 AM Simbang Gabi Mass & Reception

7:00 PM Las Pasadas

Monday December 19th-

5:30 AM Simbang Gabi Mass & Reception

7:00 PM Las Pasadas

Tuesday December 20th-

5:30 AM Simbang Gabi Mass & Reception

7:00 PM Las Pasadas

Wednesday December 21st

5:30 AM Simbang Gabi Mass & Reception

7:00 PM Las Pasadas

Thursday December 22nd-

5:30 AM Simbang Gabi Mass & Reception

7:00 PM Las Pasadas

Friday December 23rd-

5:30 AM Simbang Gabi Mass & Reception

7:00 PM Las Pasadas Guadalupano

Saturday December 24th

5:30 AM Simbang Gabi Mass & Reception

OFFICE INFORMATION

Parish Office

510-783-2766

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510-783-2760

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office@saintjoachim.net

Parish Office Hours

Monday & Friday (*lunes y viernes*)

11:00 AM—7:00 PM

Tuesday & Thursday (*martes y jueves*)

— 11:00 AM—5:00 PM

Wednesday (*miercoles*)

— 1:00 PM—7:00 PM

Bilingual available Mon., Wed, Fri

(*lunes, miercoles y viernes*)

— 3:00 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. Emilio Reyes, 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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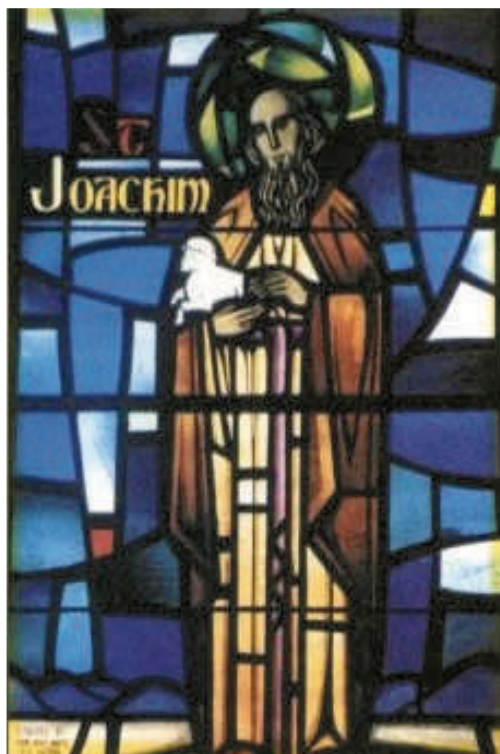
School Secretary

St. Joachim Pre-School

510-783-0604

Marisa Melgarejo

Director



Win this 48" LG Television

Raffle Tickets are \$5 each or 4 for \$20
Support the Confirmation Students – Raffle Ticket Sales help them pay for their Retreat



Retail value
\$1,299.99



**Our Second Year Confirmation Students are organizing this Raffle,
the proceeds will help them pay for their February Retreat**

~ This is **the raffle** that will help our Confirmation students families pay for this weekend retreat



~ This is the **only raffle** that our students will organize this year

~100% of the sales from **this raffle** will go towards their retreat fees

~ **This raffle** has 100% approval from the pastor to run as it supports our families

We ask that you support the Youth of our parish that are raising money to subsidize their weekend retreat expenses



PRAY FOR

Roberto Suniga
Mary Hennessey
Celestina Enrique
Leila Nocon
Daniel Sarinas
Garrie Louie Enrique
Luisito S. Enrique
Fernando Silva
Kinh Tran
Tom Prado
Melia Perrizo
Manuela Nabong
Carmelita Jante
Paul F. Hennessey
Rosario Valentin
Adrienne Amaya
Delia Cerna
Leonar Enrique

DONATIONS

St Vincent de Paul

offering for next week:

**Socks, Hats and gloves
for adults**

*calcetines, gorros y guantes
para adultos*

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

CONTRIBUTIONS CONTRIBUCIONES

COLLECTION FOR
December 11, 2022

1st Collection

\$.00

EFT Collection

\$.00

On Line Giving

\$.00

1st Collection TOTAL

\$.00

Second Collection ~

Retirement Fund for the Religious

\$.00

Collection amounts were not available at press time but will be reported in a future bulletin

VATICAN CORNER

The 200-year-old - 98 foot high - silver fir tree that had been selected for this years' Christmas centerpiece decoration in St. Peter's Square received a last-minute reprieve, and it may now live on to see the next century. Back in 2019 the small mountain village of Rosello in the central Abruzzo region of Italy donated the tree to Pope Francis for Christmas 2022.



However, local activists questioned the donation and the lack of an environment impact study. Dario Rapino, a lawyer and nature photographer raised concerns about the proposed tree since it was located in a nature preserve, the home of some of the oldest silver fir trees in Italy. Also Mr. Rapino came to realize that this tree was not actually located in the Abruzzo region that was donating the tree, but instead in the neighboring region of Molise. Also he realized that being a protected species, it would take special permission to cut it down. Therefore a local battle began over saving the tree and the media called it “albericidio” or tree-homicide. Dario Rapino even wrote to Pope Francis, referring to the Pope’s encyclical letter “Laudato Si” on Care for Our Common Home. That letter is the Pope’s 2015 teaching on ecology and care for the world that was created by God. Mr. Rapino asked the Pope “to intervene so as to not allow a centuries-old tree be taken away from its land,” especially because of all the functions it performs in the ecosystem, and because of the importance of avoiding any unnecessary human impact on the environment as taught in the Pope’s encyclical letter. But Mr. Rapino did not receive an answer from the Pope. Also chiming in on Nov. 7, 2022 was the Italian branch of the World Wildlife Fund (WWF), issued a statement calling for the village of Rosello not to cut down the tree. They stressed that the tree in question was protected by the Habitats Directive which ensures the conservation of a wide range of rare, threatened or endemic animal and plant species in the European Union. Then on Nov. 14, 2022 when workers were preparing to cut the tree down, forest rangers from the Molise region stopped the operation saying the necessary paperwork was missing, and the tree was in a protected area. To avoid the prospect of leaving the Vatican without a Christmas tree, forestry officials came up with a last-minute solution by offering the Village of Rosello a different tree that was located in their region of Abruzzo, but from a tree farm in the City of Palena. That tree could be donated to the Vatican. The replacement tree was 85 feet high and 62 years old. So the replacement tree was donated and the precious original tree was spared, and the Pope was not given a tree from the Molise region passed off as being from the Abruzzo region and all ended well in the end. “Trees give peace to the souls of men”- Nora Waln.

Sources: catholicreview.org, aleteia.org, wantedinrome.com, americamagazine.org, vaticannews.va



December 24, 2022

4:30 PM English Mass 6:00 PM Spanish Mass

11:30 PM — Christmas Carols

MIDNIGHT—12:00 AM English Mass

December 25, 2022

7:30 AM—English Mass 9:00 AM English Mass

10:30 AM English Mass 12:15 PM English Mass

2:00 PM Spanish Mass 6:00 Spanish Mass

MASS INTENTIONS

December 17-24, 2022

Saturday 4:30 PM

Lino Mejorda †

Saturday 6:00 PM

Abelardo & Maria Viveros
(*aniversario de boda*)
Anita Platero †

Sunday 5:30 AM

Simbang Gabi Mass

Sunday 7:30 AM

The Community of St Joachim

Sunday 9:00 AM

Christopher Delos Angeles (*birthday*)
Edgar Delos Angeles †
David Tayco †
Teodoro Caponpon †

Sunday 10:30 AM

Vicente & Jocelyn Alcantara †

Sunday 12:15 PM

Ofelia Fernando (*healing*)
Edwin Ventura †

Sunday 2:00 PM

Aurora, Juvenal & Rafael Torres †
Nallely & Juan Ponce †

Sunday 6:00 PM

Flavio Iniguez †

Monday 5:30 AM

Simbang Gabi Mass

Monday 8:30 AM

The Community of St Joachim

Tuesday 5:30 AM

Simbang Gabi Mass

Tuesday 8:30 AM

Elijah Orlina (*birthday*)
Luis Miguel Diaz † (*1st anniversary*)

Wednesday 5:30 AM

Simbang Gabi Mass

Wednesday 8 :30 AM

Robert & Annetta Cunningham
(† *wedding anniversary*)

Wednesday 7:00 PM

Luis Miguel Diaz † (*1st aniversario*)

Thursday 5:30 AM

Simbang Gabi Mass

Thursday 8:30 AM

The Community of St Joachim

Friday 5:30 AM

Simbang Gabi Mass

Friday 8:30 AM

The Community of St Joachim

Saturday 5:30 AM

Simbang Gabi Mass

Saturday 8:30 AM

The Community of St Joachim



2nd
Annual

Christmas Tree Blessing and Lighting



Simbang Gabi:

Our “Aguinaldo” to God

by: Ariel A. Mayormita

Director of Music/
Fil-Am Ministry



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: Seem-bung 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 most 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 22 years and counting. As the restrictions of the pandemic ease down 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 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 510-589-7555 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!”⁷

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