

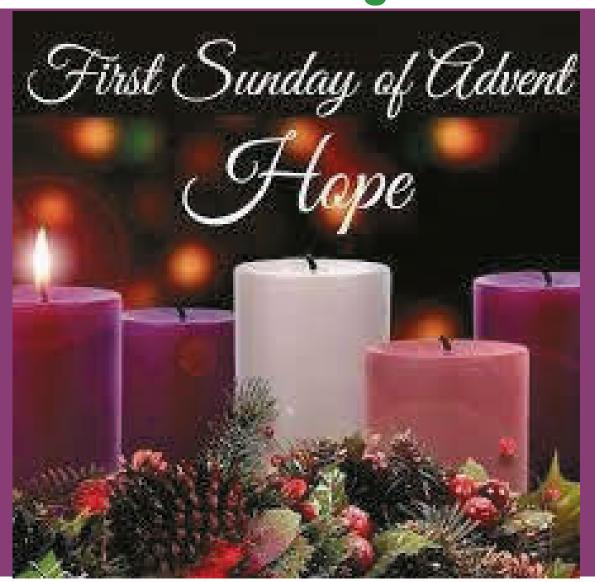




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Dec. 3, 2023

First Sunday of Advent





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

MASS SCHEDULES

Misas Dominicales en Español Sábado 6 PM, Domingo 2 & 6 PM

Reconciliation

Saturday 3-4 PM, Wednesday 6-7 PM

Reconciliación

Miércoles 6-7 PM

United in faith and guided by the Holy Spirit

Misas en Español

Miércoles 7 PM

Adoration ~ Benediction/ Adoracion ~ Bendicion

Every Friday—9 AM till I PM First Friday ALSO 6 PM-9 PM



Novenario Guadalupano 2023

Domingo 3. Rosario. 5:30pm Misa. 6:00pm

Danzantes

Lunes 4. Rosario 6:30pm Misa 7:00pm

Martes 5. Rosario 6:30pm Misa. 7:00pm

Miercoles 6. Rosario 6:30pm Misa 7:00pm

Jueves 7. Rosario 6:30pm Misa 7:00pm

Viernes 8. **Concepción de Maria** Rosario 6:30pm Misa 7:00pm bilingue

Sabado 9. San Juan Diego Rosario 5:45pm Misa 6:00pm Danzantes

Domingo 10 Rosario 5:30pm Misa 6:00pm

Lunes 11. Rosario 6:30pm en procesión alrededor del estacionamiento

Misa 7:00pm

Bendición de imágenes Serenata después de misa

MAÑANITAS

Martes 12 Rosario 4:00am

Mañanitas 4:30am Misa 5:30am

Desayuno en el Gym después de misa

Celebración de la tarde

Misa 6:00pm

Kermes en el gimnasio

Presentación de las apariciones de la virgen en el gimnasio

Banda la Peligrosa







WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of December 3, 2023

Sun/Dom:

Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

Mon/Lunes:

Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/ Mt 8:5-11

Tues/Martes:

Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/ Lk 10:21-24

Wed/Mier:

Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/ Mt 15:29-37

Thurs/Juev:

Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/ Mt 7:21, 24-27

Fri/Vier:

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

Sat/Sab:

Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sun./Dom:

Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

THE WEEK AHEAD

Saturday—December 2nd

La Purisima celebrates Le Griteria in the gym after the 6:00 pm mass

Starting Sunday December 3rd 5:30 PM nine day Guadalupe Novena with Rosary and

Mass daily in the evening

Friday —December 8th **Immaculate Conception**

Holy day of Obligation—English Mass at 8:30 AM bilingual mass at 7:00 pm

Friday —December 8th

Annual Tree Lighting At the Placita after the 7:00 pm mass.

OFFICE INFORMATION

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(lunes, miercoles y viernes) 3:00 PM- 7:00 PM

Rev. Henry Noga, SVD

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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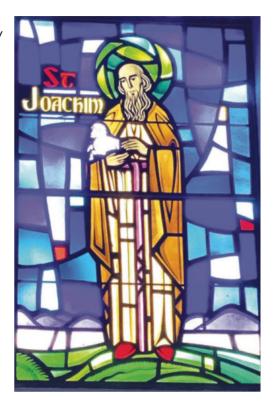
School Secretary

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Director







CONTRIBUTIONS

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COLLECTION FOR November 12, 2023

1st Collection \$ 9,385.00 EFT Collection \$ 150.00 On Line Giving \$ 971.00 1st Collection TOTAL \$ 10,506.00

2nd Collection — Liturgical Needs \$ 2.496.00

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COLLECTION FOR November 19, 2023

1st Collection \$ 10,144.00 EFT Collection \$ 550.00 On Line Giving \$ 1,301.00 1st Collection TOTAL \$ 11,995.00

2nd Collection— Camp. Human develop. \$ 2,560.00

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COLLECTION FOR November 26, 2023

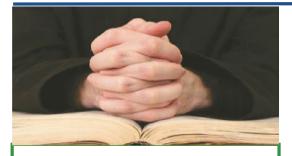
1st Collection \$ 10,207.50 EFT Collection

\$ 130.00 On Line Giving

\$ 1,136.00 1st Collection

TOTAL \$ 11,473.50

2nd Collection— Christmas Flowers \$ 3,345.00



PRAY FOR

Malosi Meredith Carlos Jose Alegre Amanda Dazo **Ernie Alvarez** Shawn Silva **Paul Hennessey** Carmelita Jante Manuela Nabong Pamela Enrique **Emmanuel Enrique Brian Advincula** Ramon Perez Ir. Selena Castellanos Melia Perrizo **Mary Hennessey** Nini Bolinger Porfirio Loza **Greg Komendanchik**



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intentions

for all of

2024



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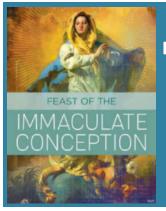
year old spruce tree

from the Italian Alps, in the Macra area of the Piedmont region, is this year's Vatican Christmas tree. It came by special transport provided by the Viberti company, a producer of transport vehicles. Alberto Cirio, President of the Piedmont Region explained that "In Piedmont, trees are important, we do not cut them down haphazardly. This tree had to be felled because the fire brigade had found that



it was at risk of collapse. Mr. Cirio also said, "When Christmas is over, the tree will not go to waste, but will be sent to a company that will turn it into toys for children (in need)". The toys will be distributed through Caritas the Catholic relief agency. The tree will be decorated with lights and a canopy of over 7,000 dried edelweiss flowers (the same sung about in the Sound of Music). Edelweiss grows in the wild in the region's high mountains but these were grown and donated by a Piedmontese nursery. The flowers will give the effect of snow on the branches. Saturday December 9, 2023 will be the tree lighting ceremony, and it will be the first time that the tree lighting and the unveiling of the Vatican Nativity scene will be done at the same event. Every year, the Vatican receives a different nativity scene (or Presepe), donated from a region of Italy. The Nativity scene this year will celebrate the anniversary of the first-ever live manger which was created by St. Francis of Assisi in the town of Greccio, Italy, 800 years ago, in 1223. . According to St. Bonaventure's historical account, after St. Francis returned from a trip to the Holy Land, he wanted to commemorate the birth of Christ. The small town of Greccio in the Rieti Valley in central Italy reminded him of Bethlehem. St. Francis got permission from Pope Honorious III to set up a manger with hay and two live animals, an ox and a donkey in a cave in Greccio. He then invited villagers to come and gaze upon the scene while he preached about "the babe of Bethlehem." The popularity of the Nativity scene took off from there, and within two centuries it had spread throughout Europe. The 2023 Vatican Nativity is donated from the people of the Rieti valley, and it has life-size terracotta figures, with a Franciscan figure celebrating Mass in the presence of St. Francis who is carrying Baby Jesus and the Virgin Mary. Next to him is St. Joseph in adoration, as well as a donkey and an ox. On December 9th, delegations from Rieti and Macra will make their official presentation of the gifts to the Vatican and will meet with Pope Francis before the ceremony.

Sources: catholicnewsagency.com, vaticannews.va, aleteia.org, smithsonianmag.com



Feast of the **Immaculate Conception Friday December 8th** English Mass—8:30 AM **Bilingual Mass 7:00 PM** Holy Day of Obligation



MASS INTENTIONS

December 2-9, 2023

Saturday 4:30 PM

Jose Vergara Sr. †
Bibiana Anore († birthday)

Saturday 6:00 PM

Feliciana Bernardino (salud)
Salvador Martinez † (7th aniversrio)
Moises & Maria Dolores Huerta †
Lola Martin †
Bertha Evangelista † (5th aniversario)
Gabina Ramirez & Mercedes Cortes †
Rafael, Aurora & Juvenal Ponce †
Nallely & Juan Ponce †

Sunday 7:30 AM

Paul Dung Kieu † Victoria Andola †

Sunday 9:00 AM

J. Paulo Salta (birthday)
Ernesto Salta (healing)
Francis Carlo Salta (healing)
Anthony's Ancestors †
Maria Brenda Tran †
Edgar Delos Angeles †
David Tayco †
Cristina de Villa †

Sunday 10:30 AM

Porfirio & Maria Luisa Loza

(57th wedding anniversary)

Josiah Loza (13th birthday)
Christian & Dolores Reese †
Armanda Valente †
Henry Santos †
Luz Casimiro Manalo † (40th day)
Brian Anguihon †
Stella Ulibarri († birthday)

Sunday 12:15 PM

David Perez (birthday)

Sunday 2:00 PM

Gabina Ramirez & Mercedes Cortes †
Adrian Sanchez †
Angelica Portillo †
Manuel Diaz †

Sunday 6:00 PM

Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena

Monday 8:30 AM

Paolo Rodriguez (birthday) Erus O'Connor Matanguiltan

(† birthday)

Gabina Ramirez & Mercedes Cortes †
Alfonso & Rosa Gabriel †
Souls in Purgatory †

Monday 7:00 PM

Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena

Tuesday 8:30 AM

Gabina Ramirez & Mercedes Cortes † Nicolas & Aurea Poblete†

Tuesday 7:00 PM

Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena

Wednesday 8:30 AM

Conchita O'Connor Steele († birthday)
Norma de Guzman († 40th day)
Gabina Ramirez & Mercedes Cortes †
Alex Tecson († 40th day)

Wednesday 7:00 PM

Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena

Thursday 8:30 AM

Gabina Ramirez & Mercedes Cortes †
Bienvenida Ballestros †
Marina O. Nunez † (anniversary)

Thursday 7:00 PM

Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena

Friday 8:30 AM

Garrison Salta Ramos (birthday)
Sol Salta (birthday)
Erico & Rosemarie Parras (thanksgiving)
Heldo Advincula († anniversary)
Lazaro Arquero †
Guadalupe Santos Viernes († birthday)
Florentino & Luisa Mendoza †
Joseph Michael Santos †
Lawrence Leo Lobo †

Friday 7:00 PM

Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena

Saturday 8:30 AM

Rheynar Guiao (healing)

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Drawing to be held Sunday January 7th after the 12:15 Mass





Simbang Gabi: Our "Aguinaldo" to God

by: Ariel A. Mayormita Director of Music/Fil-Am Ministry



Simbang Gabi is one of the traditions of the Filipinos in preparation for Christmas. It starts on the 16th of December to the 24th. Simbang Gabi is a novena of masses commonly held before sunrise and for pastoral reasons, may also be celebrated at night.

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m 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 aift of His Son.

 ${f F}$ ilipinos 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.

 $oldsymbol{H}$ ere at St. Joachim Church, Simbang Gabi has been celebrated for 23 years now and counting. We gather for mass as one community of faith every morning at 5:30 from December 16th to the 24th and continue our celebration in the gymnasium with a breakfast reception.

m We 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 and the upkeep of our facilities.

 $oxed{\Gamma}$ his year, we are blessed to host a performing arts group from the Philippines, called GANAP in a concert on December 29 at 7PM together with some of our church musicians. This will be a special Christmas treat for all of us as they will perform Filipino music and carols. We will announce when the tickets become available.

 ${f T}$ he 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) of 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 and Christmas Season 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.

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