

St. Joachim
Catholic Church



Iglesia Católica
de San Joaquín

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Dec. 24,
2023

Fourth Sunday of Advent

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 Dominicales en Español

Sábado 6 PM, Domingo 2 & 6 PM

Reconciliation

Saturday 3-4 PM, Wednesday 6-7 PM

Reconciliación

Miércoles 6-7 PM

Misas en Español

Miércoles 7 PM

**Adoration ~ Benediction/
Adoracion ~ Bendicion**

Every Friday—9 AM till 1 PM

First Friday ALSO 6 PM-9 PM

United in faith and guided by the Holy Spirit

Christmas, Anno Domini 2023

Dear Community of St. Joachim,

At this special and sacred time of the year, I wish to extend to you and all your loved ones, a happy, healthy and Merry Christmas.

As we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ this Christmas, let the joy be born in our hearts.

Let us be inspired with the light of Christ. May all darkness in your lives be removed by the light of Christ. May your hearts be filled with the Joy of Christ's birth and may you become the missionaries of that joy.

Thank you all for your prayers, generosity and support to St. Joachim Church.

May our Lord Jesus Christ, born in Bethlehem, bless you, your families and loved ones at this blessed time of hope, joy and grace. May Mary, the Mother of the Child Jesus and our Mother, watch over you now and throughout the New Year.

Fr. Henry Noga, SVD

Pastor

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year of 2024!



Navidad, Anno Domini 2023

Querida Comunidad de San Joaquín,

En este tiempo del año sagrado y especial, deseo extenderles a ustedes y a todos sus seres queridos, una feliz, y sana Navidad.

Al celebrar el nacimiento de Jesucristo esta Navidad, dejemos que el gozo nazca en nuestros corazones.

Que seamos inspirados por la luz de Cristo. Que toda oscuridad en nuestras vidas sea removida por la luz de Cristo. Que sus corazones se llenen con el gozo del nacimiento de Cristo y que se conviertan en misioneros de ese gozo.

Muchas gracias por todas sus oraciones, generosidad y apoyo a la Iglesia de San Joaquín.

Que nuestro Señor Jesucristo, nacido en Belén, los bendiga a ustedes, sus familias y seres queridos en este bendito tiempo de esperanza, gozo y gracia. Que María, la Madre del Niño Jesús y nuestra Madre, los cuide ahora y a lo largo del Año Nuevo.

Pd. Henry Noga, SVD

Pastor

¡Feliz Navidad y Feliz Año Nuevo de 2024!

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week
of December 24, 2023

Sun/Dom:

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5,
27, 29/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

Mon/Lunes:

Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29/
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/
Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12/
Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 Day:
Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6/Heb 1:1-6/
Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Tues/Martes:

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and
8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22

Wed/Mier:

1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a,
2-8

Thurs/Juev:

1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8/
Mt 2:13-18

Fri/Vier:

1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/
Lk 2:22-35

Sat/Sab:

1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/
Lk 2:36-40

Next Sun./Dom:

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/
Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6,
8-9/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8,
11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday December 26th—

Saturday December 30th No Daily Mass

December 26th –29th Rectory Office closed

Friday December 29th

7:00 PM Christmas Concert in the Gym

OFFICE INFORMATION

Parish Office

510-783-2766

Parish Fax

510-783-2760

Parish Email

stjoachimoffice@gmail.com

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*)

Ariel Mayormita

Music Director/Director de Música

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Bookkeeper

Pat Ludwig

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Fabiola Ordaz

Bilingual Receptionist

St. Vincent de Paul

510-783-0344

Office hours

1:00-2:30 PM ONLY

Monday-Friday

Gary Enos, President

Faith Formation Office

Oficina de Formación de Fe

Faith Formation Office Hours

Currently no regular office hours

Confirmation Coordinator

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Stjyouthconfirmation@gmail.com

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Dana Bayer

Principal

Sandra Garzon

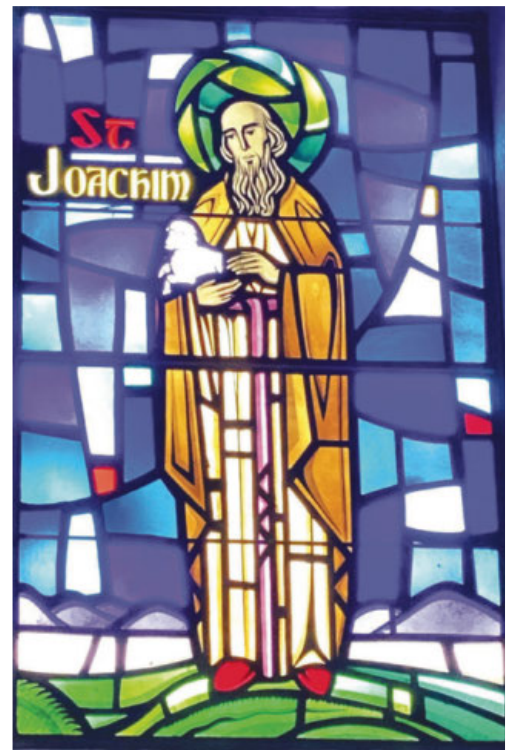
School Secretary

St. Joachim Pre-School

510-783-0604 Rosary—

Marisa Melgarejo

Director



Church and Rectory Office
Closed for the Holidays

We WILL NOT have Daily Mass

December 26th thru December 30th

Includes ALL 8:30 AM & 7:00 PM Masses

Masses will resume with the weekend Masses
for Dec 30-31 weekend (masses start with the
4:30 PM Mass & confessions at 3:00)

The Rectory Office will be closed December
22nd—January 1st (opening January 2nd)

Christmas Concert!!!

Come and enjoy a Christmas Concert
in the gym on December 29, 2023 at
7PM featuring the ANAP Performing
Arts Group from the Philippines and
our very own church musicians. Get
your tickets now from the Rectory or
from any member of the Fil-Am

Ministry
Merry
Christmas
and a Blessed
New Year!



PRAY FOR

Ernie Alvarez
Shawn Silva
Paul Hennessey
Carmelita Jante
Manuela Nabong
Pamela Enrique
Emmanuel Enrique
Brian Advincula
Ramon Perez Jr.
Selena Castellanos
Melia Perrizo
Mary Hennessey
Nini Bolinger
Porfirio Loza
Greg Komendanchik
Eduardo Gutierrez
Rony Yambao
Geri Coelho

DONATIONS

St Vincent de Paul

offering for next week:

Peanut Butter

mantequilla de maní

Donations are very much
appreciated—but please no ex-
pired food. ~ Thank You

CONTRIBUTIONS CONTRIBUCIONES

COLLECTION FOR
December 10, 2023

1st Collection

\$ 9,652.00

EFT Collection

\$ 150.00

On Line Giving

\$ 1,116.00

1st Collection TOTAL

\$ 10,918.00

Second Collection

Religious Education \$ 2,875 .00

Dec. 17th donation amount not

available at press time—will be
reported in future bulletin

VATICAN CORNER

The Nativity scene, also known as the manger, or presepio, or crèche is a tradition handed down from Italian generation to Italian generation. It is a replica of the scene of the birth of Jesus, and is one of the main Christmas decorations in Italy. It is found in almost every church and in many homes. It is usually prepared on December 8, the feast of the Immaculate Conception, and is on display for a month. During St. Francis' time in 1223, the Nativity scene consisted of Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus, and with two live animals – an ox and an ass. Over time the cast of characters has grown to include shepherds and three wise-men, angels, cattle and other farm animals. However, of the four gospels of the New



Testament, only Matthew and Luke describe Jesus' birth. Matthew mentions wise-men and Luke writes of shepherds but nowhere are shepherds and wise-men described together, and no animals are mentioned at all. The number of wise-men visiting baby Jesus is not stated in the Bible and only what is said is that they brought 3 gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The wise-men were probably a class of priests from Persia who studied astrology and noticed the star in the sky, and were not kings as they are depicted today. Songs and poems, paintings and stories over the centuries have understandably added artistic interpretations to the nativity scene and broadened the telling of the story from what was in the Bible. Some replica Nativity scenes are now very elaborate, showing an entire village from everyday life with characters and components mostly made from hand, from wood, ceramics, papier-mache, terracotta and fabrics. Some scenes are so detailed that they include waterfalls, fountains, buildings, mountains, trees, vendors and livestock. These elaborate scenes have introduced new characters which have become essential to the traditional scene. Benino the shepherd is one character that represents the "sleeping people whom the angel announces the coming of Christ." He is often sleeping with 12 sheep which represent the 12 apostles or the 12 months of the year. Another character is the fisherman, who symbolizes a "fisherman of souls". Uncle Vincenzo and Uncle Pasquale represent Fat Tuesday and the Death, the two moments that open and close the remembrance of the death of Jesus before Easter. The Young Gypsy Woman is another character who is able to predict the future. She is a sign of the misfortune and pain yet to come for Jesus. The Harlot is a symbol of the carnal, as opposed to the purity of the Virgin Mary. She is placed near the tavern, opposite the manger. Pope Francis in his 2019 letter said that with the manger, "great imagination and creativity is always shown in employing the most diverse materials to create small masterpieces of beauty." "As children, we learn from our parents and grandparents to carry on this joyful tradition, which encapsulates a wealth of popular piety. It is my hope that this custom will never be lost and that, wherever it has fallen into disuse, it can be rediscovered and revived." Pope Francis in his December, 2023 speech said "every nativity scene, including the creches in our homes, should awaken in us sentiments of nostalgia for silence and prayer, in our often hectic life" Silence allows us to "listen to what Jesus tells us from that unique 'chair' which is the manger." Prayer on the other hand, enables us "to express the grateful wonder, the tenderness, perhaps the tears that the Nativity scene arouses in us." Mary is our model: "She says nothing, but contemplates and adores."

Sources: ncronline.org, vaticannews.va, ewtnvatican.com, smithsonianmap.com, theatlantic.com, granvoyageitaly.com

Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24th	~~ 11:30 PM	Christmas Carols
December 24th	~~ MIDNIGHT	Mass, English
December 25th	~~ 9:00 AM	Mass, English
December 25th	~~ 11:00 AM	Mass, Spanish



MASS INTENTIONS

December 23– 30, 2023

Saturday 4:30 PM

The Community of St. Joachim

Saturday 6:00 PM

Moises & Maria Dolores Huerta †
Rafael, Aurora & Juvenal Torres †
Nallely & Juan Ponce †

Sunday 5:30 AM

Simbang Gabi Novena

Sunday 7:30 AM

Arnold & Immanuel Dizon family †
Maria Dieu †

Sunday 9:00 AM

Francis Carlo Salta (*healing*)
Maria Brenda Tran †
Edgar Delos Angeles †
David Tayco †

Sunday 10:30 AM

Christian & Dolores Reese †
Armanda Valente †
Binh Nguyen †
Helen K. Levakis †

Sunday 12:15 PM

Orlando Ebalo Jr. (*healing*)
Bienvenida Ballesteros †
Jakob Roland Lopez †

Sunday 2:00 PM

Abraham & Paula Rosas †
José Silva († *cumpleaños*)
Herminia Silva († *cumpleaños*)

Sunday 6:00 PM

familia Gómez Flores & Buendía Gómez
(*acción de Gracia*)

Josefina Iñiguez †
Fredesvinda Navarrete † (*3rd aniversario*)

Sunday MIDNIGHT

Christine Espanola Labay (*thanksgiving*)
Orlando Ebalo Jr. (*healing*)
Maria Silva †
Jesus Mandreza († *birthday*)
Jesus Fuentes L. †
Romeo Laureta †

Monday 9:00 AM

Rodriguez & Cuayzon Fmily (*thanksgiving*)
Billardo Family (*thanksgiving*)
Erico & Rosemarie Parras (*thanksgiving*)
Cabigao Family (*thanksgiving*)
Almario P. Salta †
Elmer & Mary Ann Kriewaldt †
Margaret Strelow †
Conchita O'Connor Steele †
Walter Fernandez †

Monday 11:00 AM

La Comunidad de San Joaquín



Annual Tree Lighting December 8, 2023



Win this 55" Samsung Television



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Second Year Confirmation Students are selling the Raffle Tickets — Don't miss your chance to own this great Television and help our students in attending their retreat !! Tickets are available from the students, their leaders or the Rectory office.

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

Thank You - Knights of Columbus!!!



The Knights of Columbus Council number 15317, Saint Joachim Church in Hayward donated and distributed 85 Bible books for Kids on December 03, 2023. This is to support Faith

Formation 1st year and 2nd year students in preparation for their first communion catechism for the year 2023-2024. Knights of Columbus council 15317 is involved in many church activities and various programs such as Basketball Tournaments, Casino Trip, 1st Friday Eucharistic Adoration, and leads the weekly Holy Rosary (every Thursday). The council are always first to offer service whenever there's



need within the Diocese and co-brethren's. In everyday life, the Knights continue to strive and achieve the importance of Charity, Unity, Brotherhood, and Patriotism. Family, Faith and Friendship are core values in which The Knights are built on.



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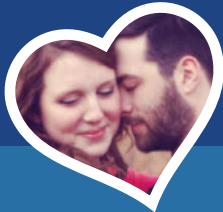
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