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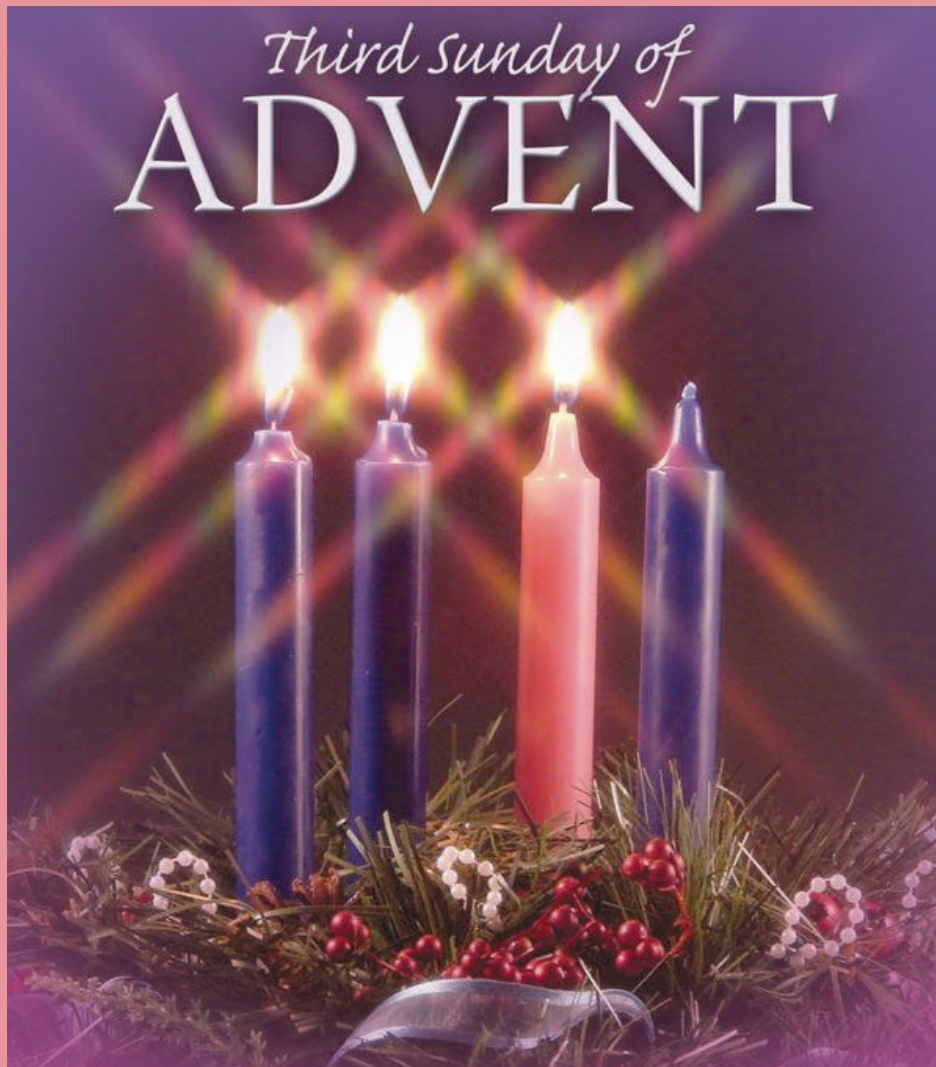


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Dec.
15,
2024

Third 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/ Adoración ~ Bendición

Every Friday—9 AM till 1 PM
First Friday ALSO 6 PM-9 PM

United in faith and guided by the Holy Spirit

Everyday Stewardship

I wish I were a better steward. I would like to think I am a pretty generous person, and I do work hard to cultivate the characteristics of a good Everyday Steward in my life. However, stewardship is about more than giving. It is also about prudence and wise planning. It is about storing up grain for the lean years and making sure there is enough oil to light your lamps when the power goes out. If I were a better steward, I would have that \$1,000 emergency fund to dip into when I need a car repair. I would save more for retirement and vacation. I would have more food in the garage freezer because I bought more on sale and prepared for when money was a little tighter. In a nutshell, I would be prepared for whatever comes my way, good or bad.

Advent is a time of preparation. We not only prepare for Christmas, but for the day when Jesus Christ returns again. Unfortunately, we too often act like this is the only time to prepare for such events. We should be preparing all throughout the year.

If we only focus on our spirituality at Advent and Lent, then we are poor stewards of our time the rest of the year. The wise steward is always cultivating their faith and working to improve their relationship with God. They know that they need to be prepared for anything at any time. They stand ready, waiting for the call of their God. —Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

La corresponsabilidad diaria

Deseo ser mejor discípulo. Quisiera pensar que soy una persona generosa, y sí trabajo para cultivar las características de un discípulo en mi vida. Sin embargo, la corresponsabilidad se trata más de simplemente dar. También se trata de la prudencia y la preparación responsable. Si fuera un mejor discípulo, tendría ahorrados los \$1,000 que quisiera tener en caso de una emergencia. Ahorraría más dinero para cuando me jubile o para ir de vacaciones. Tendría más comida en el refrigerador porque compré más en oferta cuando teníamos poco dinero. En pocas palabras, estaría preparado para lo que sea.

El adviento es un tiempo de preparación. No solamente nos preparamos para la navidad, sino para el día en que Jesús volverá de nuevo. Desafortunadamente, muchas veces actuamos como si este tiempo es nuestra única oportunidad para prepararnos. Deberíamos estar preparados todo el año.

Si solamente nos enfocamos en nuestra espiritualidad durante el tiempo de adviento y de cuaresma, entonces no estamos viviendo una vida verdaderamente corresponsable. El discípulo sabio siempre está cultivando su fe y trabajando para mejorar su relación con Dios. Saben que deben estar preparados para cualquier cosa, a cualquier momento. Están firmemente listos para el llamado de Dios. —Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24, 2024

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

11:30 PM ~ Christmas Carols

Midnight ~ English Mass

December 25, 2024

9:00 AM ~ English Mass

11:00 AM ~ Spanish Mass

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week
of December 15, 2024

Sun/Dom:

Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 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/Mt 21:23-27

Tues/Martes:

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

Wed/Mier:

Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/
Mt 1:18-25

Thurs/Juev:

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

Fri/Vier:

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

Sat/Sab:

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

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

Monday December 16th– 24th
5:30 AM Simbang Gabi Novena — Daily Mass
followed by a breakfast/reception in the gym.

Monday December 16th– 24th
7:00 PM Las Posadas Novena, nightly in the
gym.

OFFICE INFORMATION

Parish Office

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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 to 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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510-783-0344

Office hours

1:00-2:30 PM ONLY
Monday-Friday
Gary Enos, President

Faith Formation

Formación de Fe

Baptism Preparation Classes—Eng/Sp
First Communion—Eng/Sp
Youth Confirmation—Eng
Marriage Preparation Classes—Sp
RCIA for Adults—Eng/Sp

Confirmation Coordinator

Gabriela Perez
Stjyouthconfirmation@gmail.com

Church Ministries

Amigos de Cristo
Bible Study—Sp
Fil-Am Ministry
Guadalupanos
Knights of Columbus—Eng/Sp
Lectors Eng/Sp
Legion of Mary—Eng/Sp
Ministry to the Sick—Eng/Sp
Music Ministry—Eng/Sp

~Contact the parish office for information
on any of the above ministries

~Comuníquese con la oficina de la rectoría
para obtener información sobre cualquiera
de los ministerios mencionados
anteriormente.

St. Joachim School Escuela de San Joaquín

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Dana Bayer

Principal

Sandra Garzon

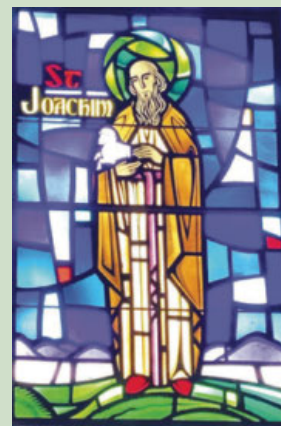
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Prayer for the Third Sunday of Advent

Dear Lord,

Give us boldness as we move through the motions of the holiday season, to reflect and remind those around us of Your deep and abiding love for them. Allow them to encounter Your love, through us. Amen.

Oración por el 3er Domingo de Adviento

Querido Señor,

Danos audacia mientras nos movemos a través de los movimientos de la temporada navideña, para reflexionar y recordar a los que nos rodean de Tu profundo y permanente amor por ellos. Permíteles encontrar Tu amor, a través de nosotros. Amén.



PLEASE PRAY FOR

Marissa Dela Cruz
Shawn Silva
Celestina Enrique
Lelia Nocon
Yesenia Oseguera
Malosi Meredith
Ruben Perez
Sally-Ann Thomas
Junior Thomas
Chaz Decoteau
Porfirio Loza
Ernie Alvarez
Andrew Nocon
Emil Oafsson
Josephine Alvarez
Crystal Clark
River Smith
Margie San Juan

DONATIONS

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December 1, 2024

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\$ 13,751.00

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On Line Giving
\$ 1,431.00

1st Collection
TOTAL

\$ 15,322.00

2nd ~ Religious Education — \$4,063 Donation amount for 12/8 not available at press time— will be reported in future bulletin

VATICAN CORNER

Traditionally every year

the pope invites an Italian town to create a nativity scene (or crèche) typical of its region to be displayed in Saint Peter's Square. For Christmas 2024, that town is Grado, a small island and adjacent peninsula, between Venice and Trieste in the northern Adriatic Sea. Knight officer Mr. Antonio Boemo of Grado had the original idea for a nativity scene featuring the lagoon of Grado. His proposal to the Vatican in 2016 was accepted, and he became the coordinator and leader of the project, while Mr. Andrea de Walderstein



became the architect, designer and construction manager. The ambitious display turned out to be nearly 100 feet long, over 45 feet wide, and is the first time that a Vatican nativity scene featured a large body of water. The perimeter is formed with 102 Styrofoam bricks with a liner inside forming the lagoon. The Nativity scene depicts the first years of the last century where fishermen used to live in reed huts called "casone" on the islands, and the traditional figures of Mary, Joseph and the child Jesus are inside one of the huts. There is a beach, islands, traditional flat-bottom boats, fishing nets, wise men arriving, animals, birds and statues of the people of the town. Mr. Boemo said "What we are interested in is that people will admire, become curious, and understand the feelings that we have when we go to the lagoon. The project tries to capture the essence of the town's heritage. He said the project to create this Nativity involved the whole community of Grado, with 40 volunteers being physically involved in its construction and approximately 500 people from the town are expected to attend the unveiling. The funding for the purchase of material came from the Friuli Venezia Giulia Region and the Municipality of Grado along with the Diocese of Gorizia and Grado's archpriestly parish. A big concern that the Vatican had with a large body of water brought to St. Peter's Square was the attraction it would have to Rome's seagulls, turning it into a giant birdbath. The solution found was a system of ultrasonic machines to keep the gulls away. Architect de Walderstein said after being originally brought on just to design the project, he got



involved also with the building of it with his own hands. He said he was really happy with this adventure. On Saturday December 7, Pope Francis will attend the traditional inauguration of the Nativity and illumination of the Christmas tree in Saint Peter's Square. As this article goes to print they are still working on completing this and the picture reflects the work in progress. ---

Sources: americanmagazine.com, zenith.org, press.vatican.va, google.com, catholicnewsagency.com, vaticanstate.va

MASS INTENTIONS

December 14-21, 2024

Saturday 4:30 PM

David, Stella & Terence Pereira †

Saturday 6:00 PM

Sagrado corazón de Jesús

(accion de gracia)

familia Martinez-Guzman

(intencion especial)

Maria Marcela Rossmann Dela Cruz †

(aniversario 6 meses)

Marvin Alberto Mendoza †

Arbizo †

Romelia Quintanilla †

Sunday 7:30 AM

Arnold Sanchez †

Honorio Fernandez Gerez †

Sunday 9:00 AM

Rio Cuayzon (42nd birthday)

Anna's Ancestor's †

David Tayco †

Papang Macapugay † (anniversary)

Edgar Delos Angeles †

Manuela Rara †

Guillerma Rara †

Sunday 10:30 AM

Christian & Dolores Reese †

Wylar †

Sunday 12:15 PM

The Community of St. Joachim

Sunday 2:00 PM

Manuel, Paula & David Cruz †

Sara Gonzalez Aguilar † (aniversario)

Carmen Guzman † (aniversario)

Sunday 6:00 PM

Frances Hernandez (cumpleanos)

familia Martinez Guzman

(intencion especial)

Maria Marcela Rossmann Dela Cruz †

(aniversario 6 meses)

Jesus Hencke De Olivares †

(aniversario 9 meses)

Monday 5:30 AM

Simbang Gabi Novena

Monday 8:30 AM

Martinez Guzman Family

(special intention)

Manuel Aguilar †

Tuesday 5:30 AM

Simbang Gabi Novena

Tuesday 8:30 AM

Jaypee Diaz (birthday)

Nita Harandes (birthday)

Martinez Guzman Family

(special intention)

Wednesday 5:30 AM

Simbang Gabi Novena

Wednesday 8:30 AM

Christopher Delos Angeles (birthday)

Francis Carlo Salta (healing)

Wednesday 7:00 PM

familia Martinez-Guzman

(intencion especial)

Luis Miguel Diaz † (aniversario 3rd)

Thursday 5:30 AM

Simbang Gabi Novena

Thursday 8:30 AM

Martinez Guzman Family

(special intention)

Susie Jane Guiao (healing)

Friday 5:30 AM

Simbang Gabi Novena

Friday 8:30 AM

Martin & Ruth Perez

(10th wedding anniversary)

Elijah Orlina (birthday)

Leonardo Rojas (birthday)

Martinez Guzman Family

(special intention)

Luis Miguel Diaz † (3rd anniversary)

Saturday 5:30 AM

Simbang Gabi Novena

Saturday 8:30 AM

Don Pascrella (birthday)

John Lee (thanksgiving)



PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND

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of Saint Pope John Paul II

September 7 - 17, 2025

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| LUNES* | 7:00PM - 9:00PM |
| VIERNES | 5:30PM - 7:00PM |
| VIERNES | 7:15PM - 8:30PM |
| * Clase de iniciación | |





**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.

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.

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 24 years now and counting. We gather for mass as one community of faith every 5:30 in the morning from December 16th to the 24th and continue our celebration in the gymnasium with a breakfast reception.

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.

As part of our projects this year, we are so excited to host the **Loboc Children’s Choir from Bohol, Philippines**. In cooperation with the Bohol Circle, Inc., we will present this world-renowned children’s choir with their angelic voices as they tour the whole United States. They are scheduled to perform at St. Joachim Gym on January 10, 2025 at 7PM. We look forward to see you in the concert. Tickets will be available soon.

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) 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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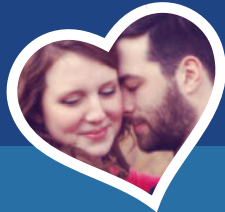
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