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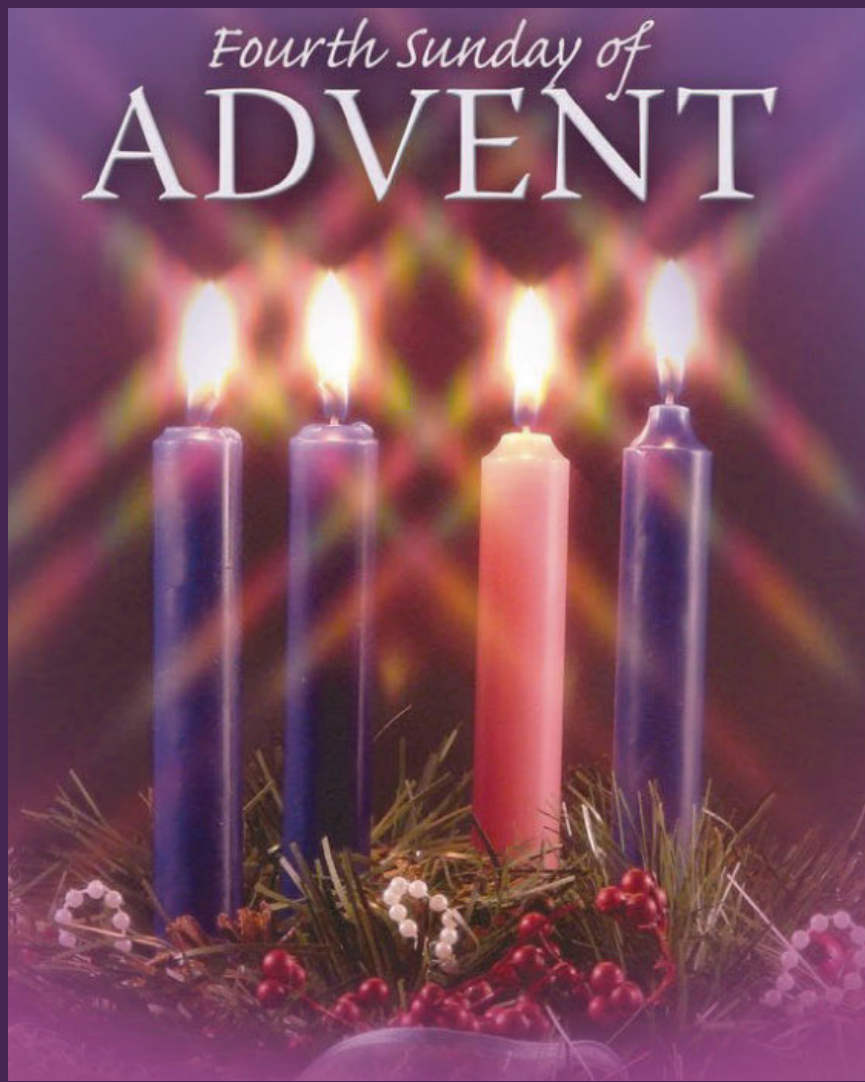
**Iglesia Católica**  
*de San Joaquín*

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Dec.  
22,  
2024

# 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/ 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

*Christmas. Anno Domini 2024*

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 2025!*



*Navidad. Anno Domini 2024*

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 2025!*

## WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week  
of December 22, 2024

### 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:

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

### Tues/Martes:

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

### Wed/Mier:

Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29  
(2a)/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 (Lk 2:11)/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14  
Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4,  
5-6 (3c)/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

### Thurs/Juev:

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

### Fri/Vier:

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

### Sat/Sab:

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

### Next Sun./Dom:

1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10  
(see 5a)/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

## THE WEEK AHEAD

Continuing through December 24th  
**5:30 AM** Simbang Gabi Novena — Daily Mass  
followed by a breakfast/reception in the gym.

Continuing through December 24th  
**7:00 PM** Las Posadas Novena, nightly in the  
gym.

### Christmas Masses

#### December 24th

4:30 PM English  
6:00 PM Spanish  
11:30 PM Christmas Carols  
Midnight English Mass

#### December 25th

9:00 AM English  
11:00 AM Spanish

### Mass Schedule

December 26th—no 8:30 AM Mass  
December 27th - no 8:30 AM Mass  
December 28th No 8:30 AM Mass

### Rectory Office Closed

Tuesday December 24th-Wednesday January 1st

## 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 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  
Phone Ext. #223  
stjoachimmusic1@gmail.com

### Flor Herce

Bookkeeper

### Pat Ludwig

Secretary

### 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

### 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

510-783-3177

### Dana Bayer

Principal

### Sandra Garzon

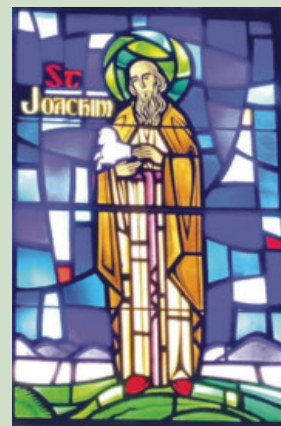
School Secretary

### St. Joachim Pre-School

510-783-0604

### Marisa Melgarejo

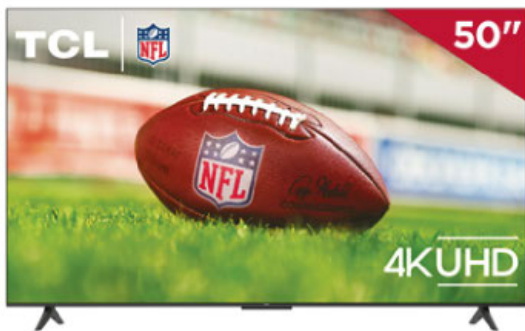
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## Prayer for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

Dear Lord,  
Visit our homes!  
Visit our families!  
Bring your goodness and light to every broken heart we've met on this journey of life.  
Your presence brings healing and rebirth.  
Come, Lord Jesus!  
Amen.

## Oración por el 4º Domingo de Adviento

Querido Señor,  
¡Visita nuestros hogares!  
¡Visita a nuestras familias!  
Trae tu bondad y tu luz a cada corazón roto que hemos conocido en este viaje de la vida.  
Tu presencia trae sanación y renacimiento.  
¡Ven, Señor Jesús!  
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

**St Vincent de Paul**

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**\$ 10,875.00**

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**\$ 90.00**

On Line Giving  
**\$ 1,386.00**

1st Collection  
**TOTAL**

**\$ 12,351.00**

2nd ~ Religious Retirement — \$3,397 Donation amount for 12/15 not available at press time— will be reported in a future bulletin

## VATICAN CORNER

In 1969, Pope Paul VI removed 93 saints

from the universal Catholic calendar and revoked their feast days. That action did not de-saint those saints, it just downgraded them. The Vatican explained the reason for doing so was “to clean up a crowded liturgical calendar” and “those (93) saints had origins shrouded in more mystery than manuscripts.” The Vatican said those names had only ever been alive as legends or not enough was known about them to determine their status. Also, the decree was aimed at putting more emphasis on the crucifixion and Christ. Saint Nicholas, a third



century saint whose legend as the patron saint of children grew in some countries into Santa Claus was reclassified at that same time but remains on the church calendar, however, Catholics no longer are obligated to honor him on his feast day on Dec. 6th in Western Christian countries or Dec. 19th in Eastern Christian countries. Vatican authorities stressed that there was no doubt of the authenticity of St. Nicholas, but his commemoration was made an option of local authorities throughout the world to remove the obligation to honor a saint not universally well know. Not a lot is known about Nicholas, who was bishop of Myra, a Greek city in modern-day Turkey. He was exiled and imprisoned under emperor Diocletian, and after being freed he attended the Council of Nicea in 325. He died in Myra on Dec. 6, 343. Many stories and legends gave him a reputation as a just and upright man, charitable gift-giver, a miracle-worker, and one who spent his life in service to the weak, the small and the defenseless. He was much admired for his devotion to God. It was said he gave away his inherited wealth and traveled the countryside helping the poor and sick. One of the best-know stories about him is the time he saved three poor sisters from being sold into slavery or prostitution by their father by providing them with a dowry so that they could be married. In both the east and west Christian churches, for nearly 1700 years St. Nicholas has been one of the most popular saints. There is a very large number of churches, chapels, religious institutions and altars dedicated to him throughout the Christian world. He is the patron saint of Russia, Greece, Germany and many other cities and regions. St. Nicholas is also the patron saint of children, unmarried people, fishermen, sailors, innkeepers, merchants, archers, repentant thieves, pawnbrokers, toymakers, students and the falsely accused. He is also the patron saint of brewers and barrel makers and the reason for this may be because of a grisly legend where three young boys were killed in a butcher’s shop and then put in a wooden barrel and brined, to be sold as “ham” during a famine. Nicholas worked a miracle and saved the boys. It is the Rev. Clement Clarke Moore (1779-1863) who is blamed for changing the image of the universally popular saint Nicholas with his poem originally title “A Visit from St. Nicholas,” to “Twas the Night Before Christmas.” With that poem, St. Nicholas was recast from a bishop of boundless charity and compassion into a spirit who flew about on Christmas Eve leaving gifts for children. In that poem, Moore used the names St. Nicholas and Santa Claus interchangeably. It was said that Dutch settlers called their patron saint Santa Claus. The poem has appealed to children and adults for almost 200 years, but it had unintended consequences. Catholics found it difficult to pray to a saint who was said in the poem to be “a right jolly old elf.” Although devotion to St. Nicholas in the West has lost its traditional appeal, both Catholic and Orthodox continue to visit the shrine of St. Nicholas which contains his relics, located in Bari a port city on the Adriatic Sea and the capital of southern Italy’s Puglia region. One recent pilgrim to the shrine was Russian president Vladimir Putin. Devotion to St. Nicholas in the West continues among the Austrians, Germans, Swiss, Belgians and Dutch to give candy and maybe a small gift to children on Dec. 6th, St. Nicholas Day, a sweet prelude to Christmas.

Sources: [vaticannews.va](http://vaticannews.va), [abc.news.go.com](http://abc.news.go.com), [stnicholascenter.org](http://stnicholascenter.org), [catholicnewsagency.com](http://catholicnewsagency.com), [Wikipedia](http://Wikipedia), [ncregister.com](http://ncregister.com)



**MASS INTENTIONS**  
December 21-28, 2024

**Saturday 4:30 PM**

Rufino & Concepcion Mangalindan  
(50th wedding anniversary)

**Saturday 6:00 PM**

Juan Bernal (cumpleanos)  
familia Martinez-Guzman  
(intencion especial)

Celina Jimenez † (aniversario)  
Josefina Iniguez Martin †

**Sunday 7:30 AM**

Arnold, Angel & Alan Sanchez †  
Anastacia Boehm †  
Paul Loc Kieu & Maria Ngai Do †  
Jim Hellwig †  
Stephen Hellwig †

**Sunday 9:00 AM**

David Tayco †  
Edgar Delos Angeles †

**Sunday 10:30 AM**

Cirineo Francisco Jr. †  
Christian & Dolores Reese †  
Wylar †

**Sunday 12:15 PM**

The Community of St. Joachim

**Sunday 2:00 PM**

The Community of St. Joachim

**Sunday 6:00 PM**

familia Martinez-Guzman  
(intencion especial)  
Ma. De Jesus Cano †

**Monday 8:30 AM**

Maricala & Manuel Rojas  
(wedding anniversary)

Roger & Vicky Gabriel (thanksgiving)  
Martinez Guzman Family  
(special intention)

Cynthia Cortez (healing)

**Tuesday 8:30 AM**

The Community of St. Joachim

**Tuesday 4:30 PM**

The Community of St. Joachim

**Tuesday 6:00 PM**

familia Martinez Guzman  
(intencion especial)

**Midnight Mass**

Maximiliano Lizarraga (healing)  
Luis & Maria Ormonde (healing)  
Jose Alberto Gonzales †  
Conchita O'Connor Steele †  
Felicitas Lizarraga †  
Almario P. Salta †  
Maria Silva †  
Sam, Juanita & John Anderson †  
Homer & Anita Ludwig †

**Wednesday 9:00 AM**

Billardo Family (thanksgiving)  
Rodriguez & Cuayzon Family (thanksgiving)  
Jakob Rolando Lopez †  
Vicente & Teresita Evangelista †  
Elmer & Maryann Kriewaldt †  
Margaret Strelow †  
Walter Fernandez †  
Rosemarie Parras †  
Immanuel Dizon †  
Arnold Sanchez †  
Souls in Purgatory †

**Wednesday 11:00 AM**

Manuel Fajardo (cumpleanos)  
familia Martinez-Guzman  
(intencion especial)  
Alberto Ortega †

CLASES DE BIBLIA (ESPAÑOL)	
HALL (Salón Social) de San Joaquin	
DÍA	HORA
LUNES*	7:00PM - 9:00PM



Simbang Gabi Novena continues each Morning at 5:30 AM ending December 24th.



Las Posadas continues nightly in the gym at 7:00 PM until December 24th

**Christmas Mass Schedule**

December 24, 2024

4:30 PM ~ English Mass    6:00 PM ~ Spanish Mass  
11:30 PM ~ Christmas Carols  
Midnight ~ English Mass

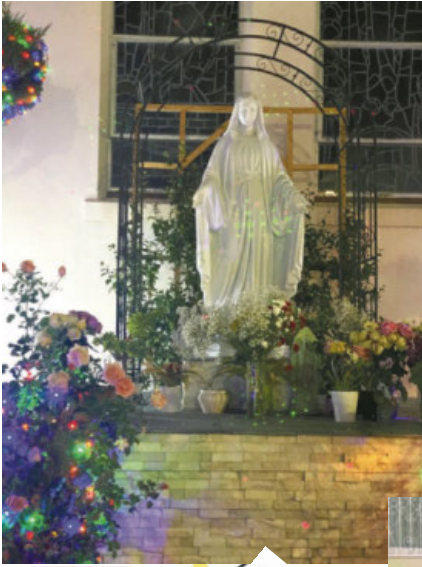
December 25, 2024

9:00 AM ~ English Mass  
11:00 AM ~ Spanish Mass





# Annual Christmas Tree Blessing And Lighting



Music

Lights

Lights

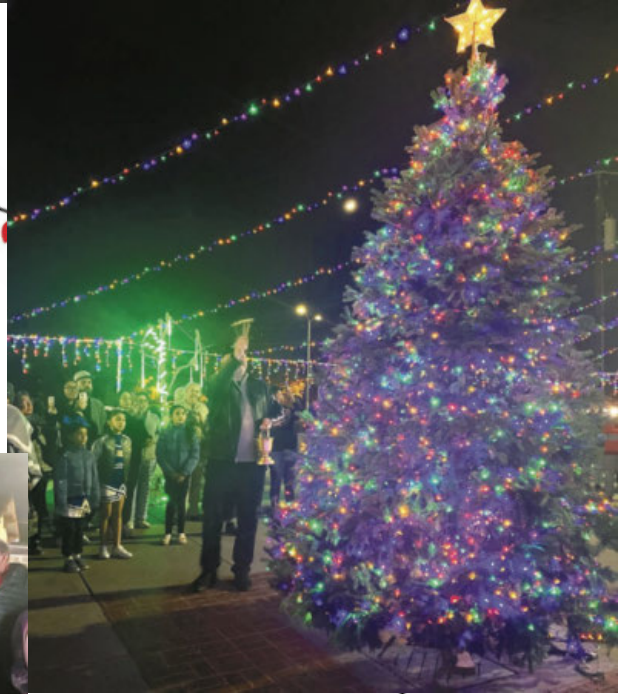
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Blessings & Prayers



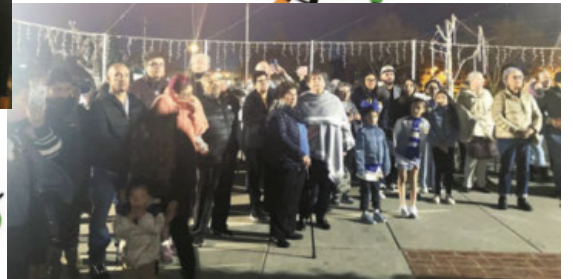
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