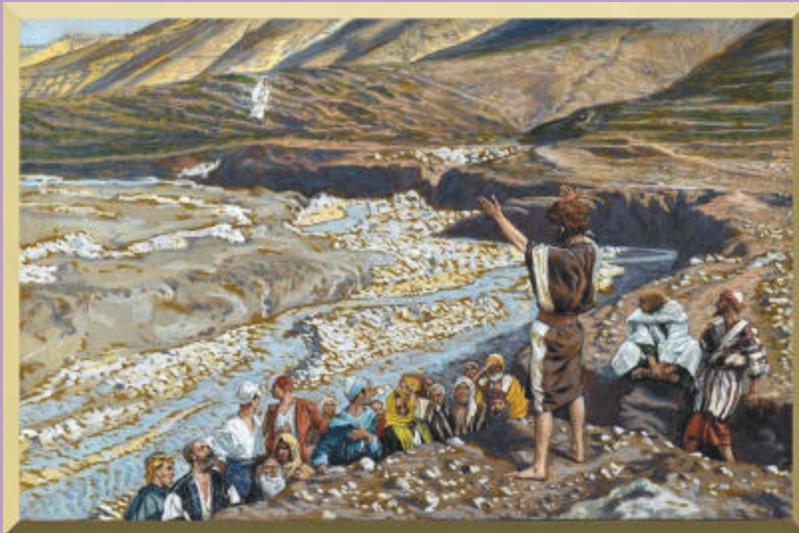


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## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 13, 2020

*“ Make straight the way of the Lord.”*

*(John 1: 23)*

**Fr. Peter Dung Duc Ngo, Pastor**  
**Deacon Loc Nguyen**

### Office Hours

Monday – Friday: 9:00AM - 1:00PM

### Masses

Saturday Vigil: 5:00PM (English Indoor)

Sunday 9:00 am (English Outdoor) and  
12:00 Noon (English Indoor)

Weekdays: Mon-Fri. 7:30AM, Sat. 8:00AM  
First Friday: 7:30PM

### Devotions

Adoration & Benediction: Fridays 6:00PM- 7:30PM  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena:  
Wednesdays after morning mass  
Chaplet of the Divine Mercy: Mondays &  
Fridays after morning mass

### Confessions

Saturday 3:30PM to 4:30PM or by appointment

### Baptisms

Pre-Baptism classes for parents and godparents held every second Tuesday of the month. Contact the parish office.

\* **Spanish Classes**, contact Hilda Avelar at 925-642-3058.

\* **Vietnamese** baptisms, contact Fr. Peter Dung D. Ngo at the parish office.

### Marriage

Contact the parish office at least six months in advance.

**Rene Asuncion**, Director of Rel. Ed.

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### ● Religious Education

**RCIA** Adults seeking Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, or membership in the Catholic Church.

### ● St. Vincent de Paul

Food pantry opens Mondays 9:30AM -11AM in the Parish hall

## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



### Monday, December 14

7:30 am Lucio Rivera

### Tuesday, December 15

7:30 am Mercy Asuncion

### Wednesday, December 16

7:30 am Carmencita Leonas

### Thursday, December 17

7:30 am Raymundo Millare

### Friday, December 18

7:30 am Maria & Vicenta Purino

### Saturday, December 19

8:00 am Anna Tran Hang & Paul Hoang  
Pham

### Sunday, December 20

9:00 am Frances Hill  
Louis Swami  
Madeline Arias  
Carlos & Rosario Baltazar



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## GOSPEL READING JN 1:6-8, 19-28

A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. And this is the testimony of John. When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to him to ask him, "Who are you?" He admitted and did not deny it, but admitted, "I am not the Christ." So they asked him, "What are you then? Are you Elijah?" And he said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No." So they said to him, "Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us? What do you have to say for yourself?" He said: "I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'make straight the way of the Lord,'" as Isaiah the prophet said." Some Pharisees were also sent. They asked him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." This happened in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

### PRAY FOR THE SICK

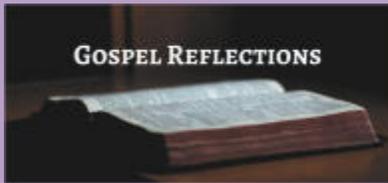
Connie Trias, Claire Luna-Fernandez, Mario & Emma Dolor, Bertha Baldauf, Jovita Domingo, Carol Wagner, Julian Martinez, Virginia Cabaddu, Nena Davi, Danny Muly, Michelle McLaughlin, Miguel Ortiz, Michael Regello, Adele Discipulo, Virgilio Constantino, Jeremy Gallegos Walker, Francisco Arias, Pacita Grabek, Rosalina Masangcay, victims of the Coronavirus, all those in the Parish who are sick and all those listed in the Book of Intention.

*If you would like a name added to the prayer list, please call the rectory 458-4718.*

### STEWARDSHIP/FINANCE

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This Sunday's Gospel invites us to continue our reflection on the person and mission of John the Baptist. Today we depart from the Gospel of Mark and read a selection from the Gospel of John.

The Gospel for today combines a brief passage from the prologue to John's Gospel with a report about John the Baptist. As in Mark's Gospel, the Gospel of John contains no birth narrative. Instead, John's Gospel begins with a theological reflection that has come to be called the "prologue." This prologue places the story of Jesus in its cosmological framework. It speaks of Jesus' existence with God since the beginning of time. In John's Gospel, Jesus is presented as the fulfillment of the Old Testament and the culmination of the Word, the light that is coming into the world's darkness.

Following this prologue, John reports on the ministry of John the Baptist. We learn about the attention that John the Baptist received from the Jewish authorities. Messengers from the Jewish priests, the Levites and the Pharisees question John about his identity and the meaning of the baptisms that he is performing. John's Gospel uses these questions to establish the relationship between Jesus and John the Baptist. John the Baptist is not the Messiah, nor is he Elijah or the Prophet. In John's denials, we hear echoes of the kind of messianic expectations that were common in first-century Palestine.

The only affirmative response that John the Baptist gives is when he quotes the prophet Isaiah. Upon answering the next question, John announces that the savior they seek is already among them, but as yet unrecognized. John's response highlights for us an important Advent theme: Jesus has already come into the world as our savior. During Advent, we pray that we will be able to recognize Jesus' presence in our midst. Advent also reminds us that Jesus will come again to fulfill the promise of salvation. We pray that we will continue to be watchful as we anticipate that great day.

The third Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete, a Latin word which means "rejoice," is taken from the entrance antiphon for Sunday's Mass. This theme is echoed in today's second reading from the first Letter to the Thessalonians. It is a reminder that Advent is a season of joy because our salvation is already at hand.

### Alexis Castillo

I was born to a Hispanic family with two sisters and presently live with my mother. I am currently attending Liberty High School in Brentwood. I am in the RCIA program to continue my studies to learn more about God and His plans after I have received my First Holy Communion seven years ago. I expect to know more about St. Joseph, my chosen Patron saint and learn the prayer to him for guidance.

I am preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation because I know it will strengthen my connection to God. This will also complete my Initiation Sacraments.

### Rosalve Gallo

A long time ago I was part of this church with my mother, brother, and sister. We were regularly active in the church when I was younger, but sometimes life can become overwhelming, hectic, and did not have much guidance or resources to continue going to this church. Thankfully, my godmother started taking me to her church, but as I got older, I separated from the church and started questioning everything. Now that a couple of years have passed and have settled down, we have returned, and I am grateful to have picked up where we left off and for the church to welcome me back. I joined this program to complete my confirmation. It is the last step, and I am close. The community can expect me to volunteer, be involved in any way I can, and even after completing my confirmation continue to be part of this church. From this I hope to surround myself with good people, sometime next year become a godmother or a wife. Just an all-around connection with God and Jesus again. I had lost myself for a moment, but I would like to think that I am slowly finding myself.

### Jeff Huynh

I am the youngest of 8 children. My family grew up Buddhist but did not push religion on us. After meeting my girlfriend, it was made known to me that she and her family follow Catholicism, and it was hinted that I should convert. I hope to learn about the religion and understand the beliefs that the woman I love follows. I hope to contribute to the community in many ways, donations or volunteer work. After living a large part of my life with just the thought of being a good person, maybe learning more about something that is important to my significant other can lead to a more fulfilling life for both of us.

## PARISH EVENTS

### CONFESSIONS:

**Father Peter will be offering  
Outdoor Confessions on  
Saturdays from 4:00 pm at the  
Divine Mercy Shrine.**

**All indoor masses have been  
cancelled until further notice.**

**We will still have our outdoor  
parking lot mass on Sundays @ 9:00  
am .The outdoor mass will  
also be LiveStream on our  
Facebook page.**

**The list of readings and songs for the  
Mass may be seen on our  
Facebook Page.**

**Adoration and Benediction  
are ongoing at 6:00 pm every  
Friday. There will be  
Mass on the first Friday of each month  
at 7:30 pm.**

### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULES



**December 24th: Christmas Eve  
(Also Livestream)  
7:30 pm Carols  
8:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass**

**December 25th: Christmas Day  
10:00 am English (Also Livestream)  
12:00 pm Vietnamese  
2:00 pm Spanish**

### OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

**Please drop your Sunday Envelopes in the wooden  
box in front entrance of the Church or the rectory  
mail box or mail it to the Church. You can also go  
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## SIMBANG GABI SCHEDULE

Simbang Gabi will be from December 15th to December 23rd . Masses will be held outdoors at 7:00 pm. Please dress warmly and observe social distancing.

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

### FOOD DRIVE



We will maintain a donation barrel for non-perishable foods in the church foyer; please be generous. Our groups of volunteers are here every Monday, and they always need groceries to help the needy in our community. The demand has been much greater!

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank all those who contributed in any way to the Thanksgiving Food Drive.

Because of your generosity there were 112 turkeys donated and through Thanksgiving day we were able to support 93 families with additional food donated by our parish St. Vincent de Paul Society. God bless you.

### GIFT GIVING TREE

The Knights of Columbus will be distributing Visa or Master Gift Cards to help bring a little Christmas to children ages 12 and under that are in need on December 22, 2020 in the Fr. Palis Hall from 9am – 12 noon. Families must register at the church office (925-458-4718). This will replace our annual Gift Giving Tree event due to the COVID-19 restrictions.

The Knights will be accepting \$20 gift cards or cash donations starting December 6<sup>th</sup> after each 9am Sunday mass or at the office through December 20<sup>th</sup>.

For additional information please contact Manuel Rosario at

[mnrosario@comcast.net](mailto:mnrosario@comcast.net) or call 925-595-4358.

### SOLAR SYSTEM

The Maintenance Fund 2nd collection will be for the Solar System. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.  
Thank you.



## CATHOLICSCARE SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES

During this time of uncertainty and anxiety, CatholicsCare provides opportunities for Caregivers to receive support and spiritual nourishment. To learn more and join the daily LIVE Zoom calls, please visit <https://oakdiocese.org/catholics-care>.

## DISCERNING RELIGIOUS LIFE

Do you want to be a Catholic religious sister? Do you feel God tugging at your heart? If you are a single, Catholic woman between the ages of 18 to 40, consider spending a day or a weekend with the Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose. Come and learn about religious life!

Due to the shelter-in-place restrictions, our Come and See retreats and individual visits will be on Zoom.

For more information:  
Contact Sr. Mary Yun, OP  
[mary@msjdominicans.org](mailto:mary@msjdominicans.org)  
213-760-3085 for individual visits.  
[www.msjdominicans.org](http://www.msjdominicans.org)

## THE LIGHT OF HOPE: LUMEN CHRISTI ACADEMIES VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT BENEFIT

Join us on **Friday, December 18th at 6:00 pm** as we celebrate "**The Light of Hope**", Lumen Christi Academies' first ever virtual Christmas concert. Joining us for this very special event are the world-renowned choirs from the [University of Notre Dame](http://www.univ-notre-dame.edu) and [Loyola Marymount University](http://www.loyola-marymount.edu). We are also excited to present a special performance by Hawaiian Slack Key guitarist [Patrick Landeza](http://www.patrick-landeza.com). Throughout the evening Lumen Christi Academies students will proclaim the Gospel, share powerful reflections and sing a medley of carols to parallel the Living Nativity being assembled at the Cathedral of Christ the Light in the Diocese of Oakland.

To purchase tickets please visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-light-of-hope-tickets-129903297259>

## *An Act of Spiritual Communion*

My Jesus, I believe that You are truly present in the Holy Eucharist. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

## PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

O Jesus, I pray for your faithful and fervent priests; for your unfaithful and tepid priests; for your priests laboring at home or abroad in distant mission fields; for your tempted priests; for your lonely and desolate priests; for your dying priests; for the souls of your priests in purgatory.

But above all, I pray for the priests dearest to me; the priest who baptized me; the priests who absolved me from my sins; the priests at whose Masses I assisted and who gave me Your Body and Blood in Holy Communion; the priests who taught and instructed me; all the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way.

O Jesus, keep them all close to your heart, and bless them abundantly on earth and in eternity. Amen!

## *Pope Francis' Prayer to Mary during Coronavirus Pandemic*

**O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope.**

**We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.**

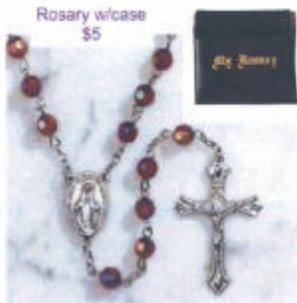
**You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial.**

**Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.**

**Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.**



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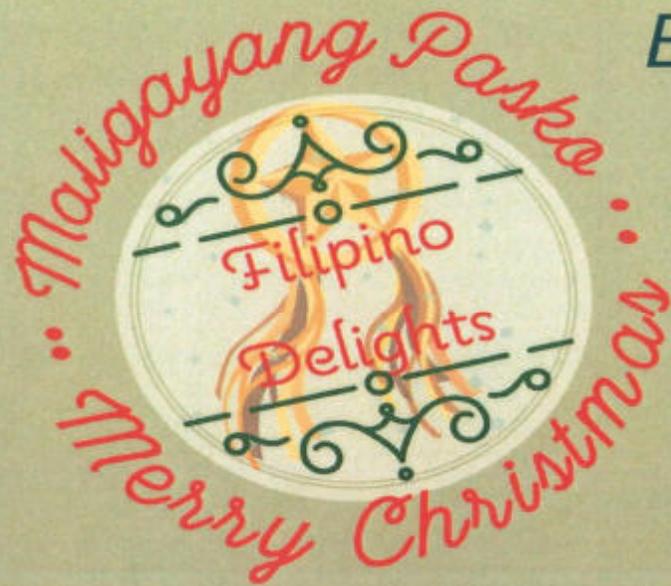
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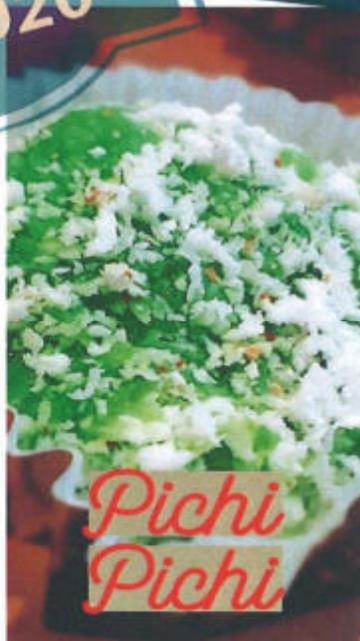


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