

## Saint Victor Catholic Church

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St. Victor Website address is: <http://www.stvictorchurch.org>

With the Church closed for indoor gatherings, in-person masses will all be **Outdoor Drive-In at the back parking lot**. Audio on **FM 101.9**

**Daily (Monday - Saturday) Mass :** 8:00 AM Livestream on Facebook & Zoom <https://dsj.zoom.us/j/488989641>

8:30 AM Outdoor Drive-In

**Saturday Vigil Mass :** 4:15 PM Outdoor Drive-In

**Sunday Masses :** 7:00 AM Outdoor Drive-In

4:15 PM Outdoor Drive-In

8:30 AM Outdoor Drive-In and Livestream on Facebook & Zoom <https://dsj.zoom.us/j/211884908>

10:00 AM Outdoor Drive-In and Livestream on Facebook & Zoom <https://dsj.zoom.us/j/335536807>

12:00 PM Outdoor Drive-In and Livestream on Facebook & Zoom <https://dsj.zoom.us/j/416862708>

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturday, 3:00 PM—4:00 PM

**BAPTISMS:** Contact the Parish Office to schedule

**MARRIAGES:** Arranged at least 6-12 months in advance

**LAST RITES :** Contact the Parish Office to schedule

# Live Hope. Promote Peace. Share Joy. Give Love.

A VOICE CRIES OUT:  
IN THE DESERT PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD!  
MAKE STRAIGHT IN THE WASTELAND A HIGHWAY FOR OUR GOD!  
EVERY VALLEY SHALL BE FILLED IN,  
EVERY MOUNTAIN AND HILL SHALL BE MADE LOW.

ISAIAH 40:3-4



## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 6, 2020

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# Second SUNDAY of Advent



December 6, 2020

John the Baptist appeared  
in the desert proclaiming a baptism of  
repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

Mark 1:4

## COMFORT

In 2020, we heard plenty of voices speaking out and sharing their opinions, but many of those words were not comforting or hope-filled. Sometimes, it was hard to know which expert or “instant expert” to listen to, and it is still difficult to hope as we struggle to regain our balance as a nation and as a Church. The Word of God offers us peace this day. All our readings remind us of a faithful God who always keeps the promises made. Isaiah prophesied about the end of Jerusalem’s time away from God, and the Psalm speaks of “seeing God’s kindness and hearing what God proclaims.” Second Peter explains that God’s timing may not be the same as ours, but good things await those who are alert. In the Gospel, John the Baptist reiterates and completes the prophecy of Isaiah by laying the groundwork and preparing the way for those who await the coming of the Messiah.

## THE BEGINNING

With COVID-19, much time is spent wondering “where did it start?” or “who passed it on to whom?” Though science can tell us much there are many unanswered questions. Today’s Gospel is about as concrete as sacred scripture gets. We know this is the beginning of the Gospel of Mark, which was the first Gospel to be written down in about 70 AD. Unlike Luke and John, Mark does not begin with an infancy narrative of Jesus. He starts by proclaiming the prophecy of Isaiah. This section was written six hundred years before Christ, in another time of great upheaval, as the Israelites were displaced from their homeland during the Babylonian Exile. The first words of Isaiah 40 are “Comfort, comfort, my people.” John the Baptist starts by explaining he is the go-between, sent to “Prepare the way.”

## DON’T SHOOT THE MESSENGER

While proclaiming the coming Christ is a thing of joy, John’s words are also harsh, reminding us to repent and prepare. People were threatened by them two thousand years ago, and some still are today. People can hear them and be turned off by “fire and brimstone,” and none of us like to be told what to do. But think about it. This year, we have all engaged in social distancing and endured hardships to protect our families and others.

Similarly, when you have company coming, you do house cleaning, meal prep, and lots of things to make the place ready for the arrival of your guests—necessary preparation. So we as individuals must make ourselves ready for the coming Christ to reside in us. This may mean repenting for sins, seeking the sacrament of penance, or taking time with a spiritual director. Perhaps it means carving out more times and places for Christ to be born in our hearts or taking on another spiritual practice. Maybe it means simply doing what the psalm asked and using our eyes and ears and mind and heart to seek Christ.

## TODAY’S READINGS

Isaiah 40:1–5, 9–11  
Psalm 85:9–10, 11–12, 13–14  
2 Peter 3:8–14  
Mark 1:1–8

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## NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

December 13, 2020  
Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11  
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24  
John 1:6-8, 19-28



### Weekly Stewardship Report

Week Ending	11/29/2020
Received in Office	\$ 8,244.08
Online Giving	\$ 1,783.70
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 10,027.78</b>
<b>Weekly Goal</b>	<b>\$ 12,360.00</b>
<b>% Received</b>	<b>81.13 %</b>
2nd Collection: St. Vincent De Paul plus Thanksgiving Donation	\$ 6,127.61

Previous Second Collections	Amount
Nov 1: Building & Maintenance	\$ 4,322.11
Nov 15: Our Lady Star of the Sea	\$ 1,229.05
Nov 22: Catholic Campaign for Human Development	\$ 904.20

We greatly appreciate your financial support. You can send them through the following ways :

- **Mail your Sunday envelopes to the parish office**  
OR
- **Drop off your donations at the side door of the parish office.**

OR

- **Sign-up to our online giving (WeShare)**  
*An alternate means of Sunday and Holy Day giving to St. Victor Church. Instead of weekly envelopes, WeShare collects contributions from your checking, savings, or credit card account (on the 5th day of each month). There is NO COST to you for using Donate Online. You are in full control and can adjust your giving or cancel any-time.*

There are two ways to enroll in WeShare :

- ◇ <https://stvictorchurch.churchgiving.com/> OR
- ◇ Call WeShare toll-free at 1-800-950-9952 and give them the information over the phone.

**This Weekend's Second Collection is for  
BUILDING & MAINTENANCE FUND**

**IMPORTANT  
NOTICE**

## TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF THE PARISH OFFICE

- Following the Stay-at-Home orders from the County and our Diocese, our **office will be closed beginning Monday, December 7** until further notice.
- For questions and assistance, you may call the Parish Office and leave a message. We will return your calls as soon as we can and will continue to serve you and respond to your needs to the best of our ability.
- We continue our celebration of the Eucharist thru Live Streaming and Drive-in Masses. Please take note of our Christmas Drive-in and Live Stream Celebrations in the next pages.
- Mass intentions may be dropped off at the mail slot by the side door of the Parish Office. Please include your name, phone number, the mass intention offered, and your donation. We will do our best to ensure your mass intention is offered on the date requested. We will call you if this is not possible.
- In preparation for Christmas, confessions are on Saturdays between 3-4pm at the Parish Center. Confessions can also be done by appointment but it will take place outdoors.

*Thank you for your patience and understanding.*



*Through your generosity in giving to St. Victor Parish Outreach in the **month of November** we were able to provide rental assistance, tuition assistance, travel assistance, food pantry supplies, care package for homebound seniors in our community, and volunteer lunches. Outreach also supports Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish monthly.*

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE NEEDY!**



## REVISED HOURS SATURDAYS

**10:30am - 12:00pm**

**at the Parish Hall for those in need.**

Contact the Parish Office at 408-251-7055 for details. Please wear a mask and gloves during pick-up and observe 6 feet social distancing.

[Visit http://bit.ly/svpantry](http://bit.ly/svpantry) to volunteer.

**Next Weekend's Second Collection is for  
RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS**



## School and Development News

K-8 Core Curriculum  
Religion, Science, Math, Music, Language  
Arts, Physical Education, Social Studies, Art  
the 2020/2021 School Year for our Preschool  
through 8th Grade.



You can find applications on our school website,  
[www.stvictorschool.org](http://www.stvictorschool.org)

**We are accepting applications NOW**

Private tours can be scheduled  
through the school office.

Please call 408-251-1750 or email Mary Merten at  
[mmerten@stvictor.org](mailto:mmerten@stvictor.org).

*Forming Children of Faith, Lifelong Learners and Caring  
Responsible Citizens in a Caring and Loving  
Environment for almost 60 years!*

Join the Our Lady of Guadalupe Hope  
Society in its **Rosary and Faith Talk on  
Friday, December 11 at 11:30am—  
1:00pm with Fr. Michael Hendrickson**  
leading the Rosary and giving a reflection  
on Our Lady of Guadalupe.

This virtual event is free to attend.

[Click to sign-up and get the zoom access information.](#)



## Retirement Fund for Religious

**Please give to those who have given a lifetime.**

**Please donate at your local parish or by mail at:**

National Religious Retirement Office

3211 Fourth Street NE

Washington DC 20017-1194

Make check payable to Retirement Fund for Religious.

[retiredreligious.org](http://retiredreligious.org)

Above, from left: Sister Alice Garcia, SSCJ, 91; Brother Martin Gonzales, OCSO, 95; Sister Theresa McGrath, CCVI, 86;  
Sister Anne Cecile Muldoon, OSU, 93; Abbot Emeritus Peter Eberle, OSB, 79.  
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## PICK OF THE WEEK

December 6, 2020

WATCH

### GUADALUPE: THE MIRACLE AND THE MESSAGE

As we celebrate the patroness of the  
Americas this week, enjoy this film  
narrated by Jim Caviezel that walks  
us through our Mother's miraculous  
appearance to Juan Diego—an  
encounter that has converted  
millions.

## GUADALUPE THE MIRACLE AND THE MESSAGE



# FORMED Now!

### FORMED NOW! DO WE MAKE TOO MUCH OF MARY?

Throughout our Marian feast days,  
you might wonder why Catholics  
think so highly of Mary. Join Dr. Tim  
Gray and Dr. John Sehorn as they  
discuss our Lady's esteemed place  
among the saints.

LEARN

LISTEN

### MARIAN DOGMAS WITH MATT FRADD & BRANT PITRE

Listen in as Matt Fradd and Dr. Brant  
Pitre explore the Church's  
understanding of Mary's role in the  
Church.

## MARIAN DOGMAS WITH BRANT PITRE



### GRIEF BOOT CAMP 2020

Monday Evenings

November 9<sup>th</sup> – December 14<sup>th</sup>

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM on ZOOM

Join us on Zoom:

<https://dsj.zoom.us/j/976090826265>

Grief can be difficult to navigate. In today's  
environment, it can be overwhelming. We  
invite you to intently block out an hour on  
Monday evenings to join us and share the  
journey. Each week a new topic will be  
explored.

Facilitator: Candee Lucas, CFCS San Jose  
After Care Coordinator. For questions, con-  
tact: [candee.lucas@dsj.org](mailto:candee.lucas@dsj.org) (650)-288-1506

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## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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Sister Sara is available for interviews with anyone interested in becoming Catholic or completing their initiation sacraments.

Unbaptized children between ages of 7-14 years old may also register for the Children's Catechumenate. If interested, please call the Parish Office for an interview at (408) 251-7055.



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Please pray for the sick, seriously ill and hospitalized members of our parish family, including those preparing for or recovering from surgical procedures and tests, especially:

**Maria Augusto, Divino Sobejana, Grace Valdez, Brandi Gonzalez, Eleanor Datu, Maria Aurora Lopez, Richard Jaramillo, Harold Ellner, Janet Azevedo, Ariana Alfaro, Elizabeth Dionisio, Liza Convento, Edwin Bell, Abraham Serrano, Carmen Corpus, Nenette Mendoza, Azucena Balo-dong, Carmen Bautista, Joe Sardinha, Shirley Miller, Augusta Wilson, Grace Rodriguez, Katie Jurgens, Margaret Fitch, Ruby Rivera, Letty Silverio-Petty, Sally Montoya, Ruby Luisking Bautista, Victorio Bernardino, Sam Gliozzi, Valentino Felipe Sr., Andy Dizon, Robert Montour, Don Richardson, Emilio De Villa, Briana Shull, Nicole Bernadette Ramirez, Ariel Javelo Flandez, Maria Theresa Luong Vien, Charley Wilson, Frank Fitzpatrick, Richard Albano, Ditas Saluta, Dominic Carpio, Elizabeth Anne Martin, Pat Smith, Christina Wilson, Rose Hallare, Rosenna Carpio, Jose Carpio III, Gracie Burket, Kristine La-laquit, Socorro Ramirez, Becky Quedado, Poi Buenaventura, Chloe Bermudez, Rolina Castillo, Hinh Van Nguyen, Jake Ignacio, Janai Sambrano, Bill Brady, and Bill Burket.**

We welcome the newest members of our Parish family who were recently baptized :  
**Cassandra Khalia Sales**  
**Riley Brielle Macasaet**  
**Kiara Reign Kha-ai Castro**



## St. Victor Church Christmas Giving Tree

Each year the Society of St. Vincent de Paul's St. Victor's Conference raises funds for our parish's Christmas Giving Tree. In the past, our parishioners have provided gifts for our neighbors in need and we then organize, wrap and distribute those gifts.

But this year, due to Covid, we had to change our process. So rather than gifts, we are asking for monetary donations to this fund so we can purchase gift cards for each member of our families.

Our desire is to continue our tradition of providing needy families with a little something to open at Christmas. Since 1946 The Society of St Vincent de Paul has been helping the needy of Santa Clara County. We help anyone and everyone regardless of race, creed, religion or sexual orientation. All proceeds donated will be used exclusively to directly provide to the needy and all donations are tax deductible. Help us help others during this Christmas season.

[Click HERE to donate online or drop your donation at the Parish Office.](#)



## KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST

Open to Catholic students in grades K-8  
Entries due by December 15, 2020

For contest information visit:  
<https://www.stvictorchurch.org/knights-of-columbus-contests>

Sponsored by:



Knights of Columbus  
St. Victor Council 4112

Questions?

email  
[kofc4112contests@gmail.com](mailto:kofc4112contests@gmail.com)

or call (408) 806-5314



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## CATHOLIC CITIZENSHIP ESSAY CONTEST

Open to Catholic students in grades 4-12

For contest information visit:  
<https://www.stvictorchurch.org/knights-of-columbus-contests>

Questions?

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or call (408) 806-5314



# St. Victor Catholic Church Schedule of Services

## Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday, December 8

8:00 AM Livestream Zoom ID: 488 989 641 AND 8:30 AM Outdoor Drive-In

## Simbang Gabi, December 15th-23rd

5:30 PM Outdoor Drive-In

## Christmas Eve Masses, Thursday, December 24th

3:00 PM (Children's Liturgy) Outdoor Drive-In

4:30 PM Outdoor Drive-In

7:00 PM Livestream Zoom ID: 416 862 708

12:00 Midnight Recorded Livestream Zoom ID: 416 862 708

## Christmas Day Masses, Friday, Dec 25th

7:00 AM Outdoor Drive-In

8:30 AM Outdoor Drive-In AND Livestream Zoom ID: 211 884 908

10:00 AM Outdoor Drive-In AND Livestream Zoom ID: 335 536 807

12:00 Noon Outdoor Drive-In AND Livestream Zoom ID: 416 862 708

## Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Thursday, December 31st

8:00 AM Livestream Zoom ID: 488 989 641 AND 8:30 AM Outdoor Drive-In

Vigil Mass at 4:15 PM Outdoor Drive-In

Friday, January 1st

8:00 AM Livestream Zoom ID: 488 989 641

8:30 AM Outdoor Drive-In

10:00 AM Outdoor Drive-In



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SAN JOSE**

### FAMILY LIFE RESOURCES

**Discerning Marriage** is a weekly podcast to help you discover if marriage is God's will for you!

HOST: Elizabeth Busby, MTS, MS, LMFT  
presented by Theology of the Body Institute  
For more information and web details [click here](#)

### Marriage & Family Virtual Teaching Series:

This virtual series is hosted by the Office of Family Life & Spirituality and Couples for Christ.

**When:** Wednesdays (Aug 12 – Dec 30) at 7:00P

**Where:** Diocese of San Jose Family Life

Facebook Page You are invited!

[Click here](#) to view Topics and Couples Speaking

**Married Couples:** *Want to give each other something really special this Christmas?* How about a gift filled with Romance and Excitement? That's just the beginning of what you will receive on a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend**. The next Marriage Encounter

Weekends include: Feb 19-21, 2021 in DANVILLE, CA and Apr 23-25, 2021 in SACRAMENTO, CA. For more information and/or to register for a Weekend, visit our website at: [sanjosewwme.org](http://sanjosewwme.org) or contact Ken & Claranne at [applications@sanjosewwme.org](mailto:applications@sanjosewwme.org) or 408-782-1413.



**Simbang Gabi at St. Victor Church starts Tuesday, December 15 until December 23 with the Drive-In Outdoor Mass being celebrated at 5:30 pm .** Come

and celebrate with us in this Novena of Masses in preparation for the coming of Jesus as we look forward to the joyful commemoration of Christ's birth on earth. It is a time to reflect on and remember Jesus' presence in our daily lives. It is a time of spiritual renewal as we deepen our commitment to follow Jesus and to live in hope of His return. It is a time of peace for families as they draw closer together by sharing special activities of the season, sharing thoughts and insights, prayers of praise and thanksgiving, living joyfully in faith, hope, and love.

*If you would like to donate flowers for the Altar in memory of a loved one or in celebration of any event, please call Kitty Brady at 408-259-8846 for details. Suggested donation is \$125-150.*





## CHAPTER 12: 04

### IF I EVER SURVIVE THIS, LORD, I WILL NEVER...! (BIRTHDAY 2020)

We welcome each New Year with excitement, confidence, and hope regardless of the previous year's fortunes or maladies. The year 2020 is almost over, but the memories will surely linger for some time. The year left scars with indelible imprints that are equally excruciating. Even at the eleventh hour of the year, there are still tensions and anxieties everywhere. However, amidst the scary descriptions of the consternation and precariousness, there are still situations of extreme inflammation as survivors' stories and deliverances from near-death experiences abound.

In the last eight years, I have the habit of cracking fireworks to welcome the New Year in my home town Ikenga, Nigeria. The neighborhood waited for it, and my family members looked forward as well, I assumed. My sincere belief was that everybody enjoyed it, until one year in the euphoria I extended it through some days in January. My mom couldn't tolerate it any longer. She got distraught and irritated. Little did I know that most people around were managing to tolerate my little quirk.

"How much does each of these fireworks cost?" Mom had asked, paradoxically.

I did not utter a word. I instead made a face like 'nervous and excitement' at the same time.

She also pointed out that it could constitute health hazards to domestic birds' lives, stressing that it causes coccidiosis and fowl pox in chickens. She had continued complaining, piecing countless reasons together.

Finally, she said frantically, "It is an ostentatious act that can expose the family to kidnappers and the men of the underworld."

I shuddered. Something had struck me sharply at the mention of the last statement. I got the message as I recalled a traumatic incidence of an armed robbery attack we experienced a few years back at Fegge, Onitsha.

Kata kpom, kaka, ka ka, ko ko ko, kodum, kodum dum! The sound was horrific and terrifying. Robbers were robbing All States Bank along Iweka by Ozomagala, the penultimate street where my brother lived. Everything was speculation at that moment because no one could give an on-spot report. The gunshots increased tremendously in a most harassing manner. The streets suddenly went quiet. People rushed into their apartments, and you could hear doors, windows, and iron bars banging as people put them on locks. Inside the rooms, we laid as though we were lifeless, so frightened to move an inch. Nobody knew the particular corners and junctions the robbers stationed as gunshots' sounds were coming from different directions. It was a long and dark night.

Laid down there, death occupied my mind and I decided that the only thing left to do was to say some prayers – my last prayer, perhaps! I froze. I could not reach out to my Rosary beads for fear of attracting their attention to our apartment. When I started saying the prayers, counting the numbers of Hail Mary with my fingers, and intending to finish fifteen decades that night there were distractions from a crying baby in the next apartment and a voice calling out, "who goes there? Hot pee and feces rushed to my genitals and I felt like fleeing, but I dared not move. I could no longer focus on the prayers, missing counts at the sound of every gunshot. Quickly, I started General Confessions of all my sins. I made a '*Fiat Voluntas Tua*' (total submission to the will of God). Also, I made an overwhelming promise to God that if I ever survive this experience, or if I ever have another chance to live even for one extra day, I will never... and I will forever... (Some tough personal resolutions). It is hard to tell if sleep crossed my eyes that night.

In the morning, I realized that I was alive. We survived it. We were all happy, but then, how about those resolutions? By the time I came out to the corridor around 7 am, neighbors already circled near the public, commercial water tank by the next apartment, No.16 Lagos Street, Fegge. I could sight Chikwado gesticulating with his hands, and I could guess that he was narrating last night's experience. He was a street champion who knew something about almost everybody and every apartment in Lagos Street, also in Basden, Uga junction, Bolingo, Playground, Ochanja, Zik Avenue, and Port Harcourt Road, Fegge, including world news with some bits of innuendos. Coming closer, I overheard him likening the shootings of last night to the American action movies – Commandos and Equalizer 2000.



People around him laughed so hard, and they shouted Kwado Man! The Man Kwadooo at intervals. He waved at them and spit off some saliva, still gnawing on a long white chewing stick. He would adjust his wrapper between his stunts and pull down his long, creamy white net singlet to cover the big knot that he made out of the wrapper around his waist. I gesticulated at the people gathered around him with astonishment and wondered if they were not the same people who ran helter-skelter into their apartments in fear and trembling. I thought about my trauma and the resolutions and wondered if these people had the same experience as I had. Why were they so relaxed to the extent that they made jokes about the whole thing right away? Not even a day had passed. Yet, it was a survival from a near-death experience.

A near-death experience is usually a moment of sincere and thorough confession. In Christian theology, it is called General Confession, described as a lengthy meeting between the penitent and the priest where confessors reflect on all the sins of their life. General Confession can take several hours and require the penitents to spend a significant amount of time preparing and examining their consciences. It often happens when one needs intense reconciliation and a perfect reunion with God.

Resolutions are the aftermath of General Confessions, leaving one hoping for better, happier, and fulfilling days. On the other hand, many people have the habit of making New Year resolutions to face the New Year with profound enthusiasm and vigor. Some people create lists of addictions they would drop as well as new virtues they would imbibe. The question remains, how many have the strong willpower to execute their resolutions? I remember my late brother Barna announced to us in the family on a New Year's Eve that he was giving up smoking the cigarette. Everybody was excited until we saw him smoking on the 4th of January. When we queried him, he told us that he gave up Rothmans, not Saint Moritz. Impressions do not last.

The year 2020 is remarkable and memorable for some apparent reasons. Indeed, one of the first things that come to mind is COVID – 19 and other political upheavals and some chaotic social disorder world over. But even as scientists are working hard to find a cure for or protection against coronavirus, comedians are busy making jokes out of it, musicians writing songs, and task forces exerting abusive authorities. People are busy creating conspiracy theories. And many thoughts divert attention from the painful reality.

In all, there is no balance in life. No situation holds the same effect for everybody. One lousy experience becomes the most fantastic opportunity for some other people. Some people believe that there is no such thing as failure; instead, only learning exists. One man's food is another man's poison.

As I mark the beginning of another chapter in my life, I echo the scripture saying that everything happens for a reason, as there is no useless experience. I give glory to God that this is a year of abundance of discoveries and achievements. It is a year I realized some of my life's precious dreams. I'm alive, healthy, blessed in numerous ways, surrounded by beautiful friends, role models, and loyal followers. It is a year I stand boldly to make some resolutions. I can boast of some unimaginable liberation. I cannot but say, "Thank you, Lord, for the new unit in my life. Help me to keep my promises. You have been my strength. Chukwubuike!"

Fr. John Chibuike Offor



**Happy Birthday, Fr. John !**

**The St. Victor Parish Family join together to wish you  
all the very best in the years to come !**

**We thank God for the blessing of having you in our  
parish. May God abundantly bless you and  
all your undertakings!**





# Youth & Young Adult Ministry Newsletter



December 2020 Issue

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Fr. Mark Gazzingan

Director of Catechetical  
Ministry (CM) &

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Janine Pascual



Youth & Young Adult  
(Y&YA) Ministry

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Youth & Young Adult

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5:00 pm Sunday Mass

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Nate & Joseph Felix



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<http://www.stvictorchurch.org/#!youth-and-young-adult/clxz1>

St. Victor Parish \*

## DECEMBER 2020 U.N.I LORD EVENTS

(pronounced You 'n I)

- **Virtual Adoration, Friday, December 4, starting at 7:00 pm.** A free event for all ages sponsored by our Young Adult Ministry as we celebrate the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of Advent.
  - Meeting ID: 974 7318 3328 / Password: UnILordYAM
- **Youth Ministry Sunday Zoom Gatherings, Sunday December 6, 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm – Christmas activities.** We will be merging with other youth from St. John Vianney having Christmas fun. This is a free event open to all students in the 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades.

Meeting ID: 966 5067 8101 / Password: UnILordYM



Silent Night Oh Holy Night.

prepare to receive Jesus in our lives.

What is one small way that we can

change our hearts with peace during

Advent? We also need to be reminded

that God is doing great things for us, so

how can we joyfully show others we are

Christians? And God's Spirit comes to us

when we least expect. When can you

show love to someone in need or who is

alone this Advent Season? Now more

than ever do we all need to feel more

connected with others. Now more than

ever is our chance to share our love of

God by listening to the Holy Spirit, share

how we prepare His birth and why we

glorify Him with others. Maybe you can

share your faith and love of Jesus with

others this Advent and be the light in the

life of others.

Thank you to everyone who continues to

support our Youth Sunday Zoom

Gatherings (SZG). We've been having a

fun time on our SZG's as we virtually

shared desserts, learned to build

teamwork playing "Among Us" and

listening to Fr. Victor Trinidad speak

about being grateful. Our next, and last,

SZG for 2020 will be on Sunday,

December 6, as we have fun Christmas



activities led by our Student Youth Leaders. We'll also join our afternoon with the youth at St. John Vianney. We have had great turnout with our SZG's and we look forward to more youths to login and join us. I hope you can join us for our next Virtual Mixology Hour in January. Our November Mixology was filled with making new friends and playing online Bingo as we shared a drink (or 2) together to unwind from our busy days. Keep a look out next month on what our Mixology will entail in January. Take time to center yourself and embrace Advent in front of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday, December 4 starting at 7:00 pm as we host Virtual Adoration.

Have a blessed 4 weeks and a peaceful Christmas celebration. I am humbled to be ministering alongside you. Merry Christmas!

Joyfully yours,

*Debbie Rino Santos*

Youth & Young Adult Ministry Coordinator

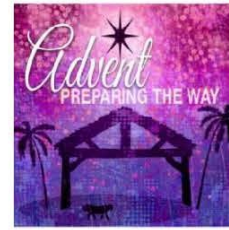


*"One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit" – Mark 1: 7-8.* Here we are. Another season of Advent is upon us. And this year we all know how different everything that was "usual" in our lives is now "unusual". But, what should still be "usual" for us is how we prepare for the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ – just maybe in a different way. As we prepare and wait for the birth of Jesus, we can focus on the 4 themes of our Advent Season – hope, peace, joy and love. How can we incorporate each of these themes into our hearts and into our homes this Advent? We should be anxiously waiting for Jesus' birthday – how can we remember with hope to celebrate His birthday? We





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Just a  
reminder...

*Pre/Confirmation 1 Schedule: Monday,  
December 14, 2020 from 7:00 pm -  
8:30 pm; Parent Night with students  
from 8:00 pm - 8:30 pm*

*Confirmation 2 Schedule: Monday,  
December 14, 2020 from 7:00 pm -  
8:30 pm; Parent Night with students  
from 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm*

*All classes will be held via Zoom*

**Prayer During the Coronavirus  
Outbreak**

Lord Jesus, when you walked with us  
on earth you spread your healing  
power. We place in your loving care  
people affected by Coronavirus. From  
the forests of fear and death, we cry  
out to you. Keep us strong in faith,  
hope and love. Bring relief to our sick,  
console our bereaved; protect those  
who care for us. We lift our prayer to  
you Lord, and trust in your infinite  
mercy, as we wait for the daybreak.  
Amen.



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## Events Outside Our Parish



Office Of Youth & Young Adults  
**Journey in Hope  
Eucharistic Adoration**

**Friday**  
December 4, 2020

**8pm – 9pm**

**Location:**  
**Our Lady of Refuge**

**Registration Coming Soon**

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Join the National Leadership Forum on  
Ministry with Young Adults (NATYAM).  
Equip yourself for innovative formation  
with young adults. December 7-11, 2020  
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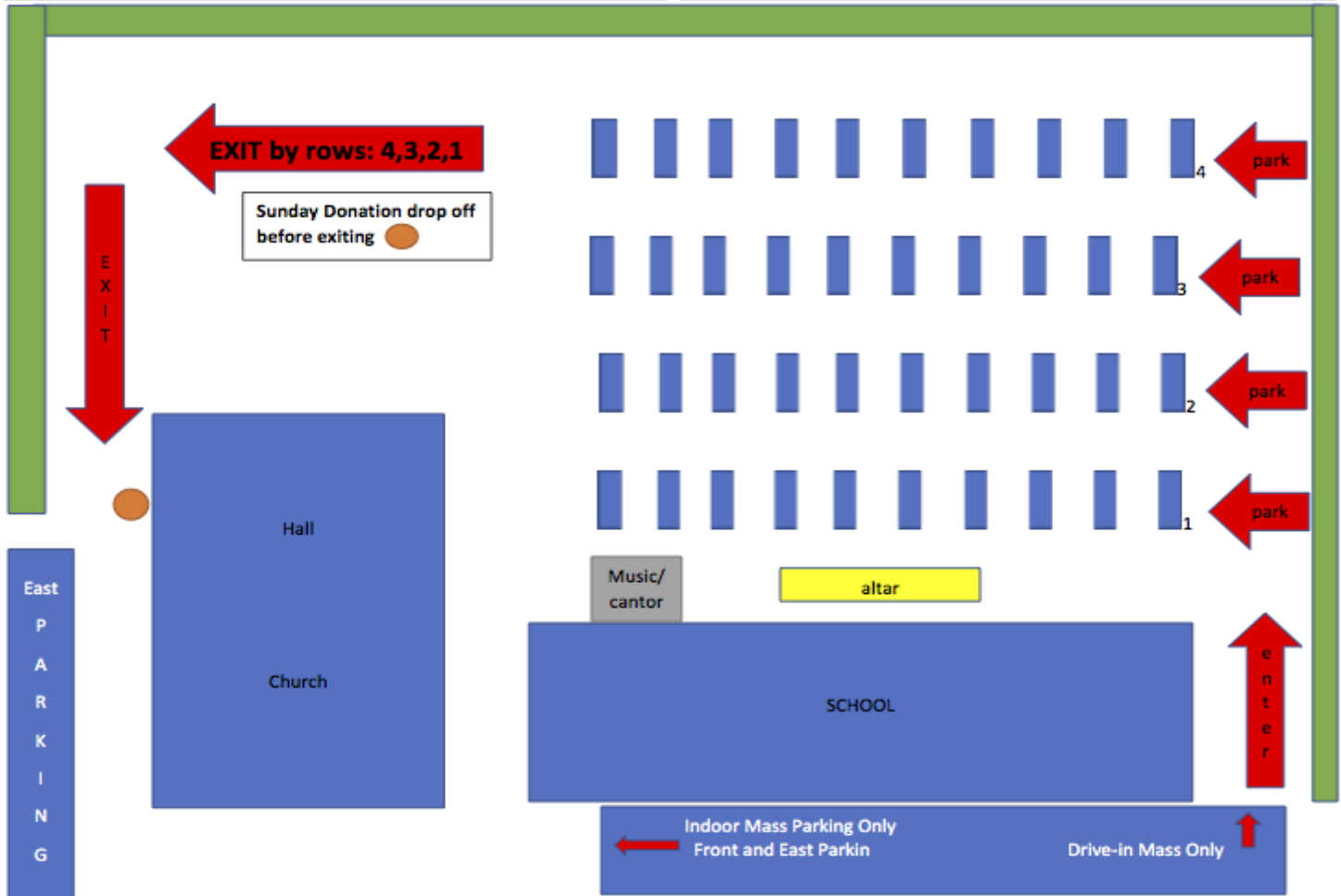
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Daily (Monday - Saturday) - 8:30 am  
Saturday Vigil - 4:15 pm  
Sunday - 7:00 am, 8:30 am, 10:00 am,  
12:00 noon, and 4:15 pm

- ⇒ **Observe proper dress codes when attending drive-in Mass**
- ⇒ **Arrive at least 15 minutes before mass begins**
  - Gates will be closed once mass starts to avoid distraction
  - Be on time
- ⇒ **Follow traffic flow and directions**
  - Park by rows beginning from Row 1,2,3,4
- ⇒ **All vehicles must be facing one direction as in a drive-in format facing the worship area**
- ⇒ **Park at the marked lot only**
- ⇒ **Once parked**
  - Tune in to **FM 101.9** for audio
    - \* *No outdoor speakers set up for drive-in mass*
  - Do not leave car – no restroom access
  - Roll window down if desired
  - Turn off engine
  - Avoid chatting with neighboring vehicles

- ⇒ **Respond at Mass parts as usual**
- ⇒ **Communion**
  - Stay inside your car
  - Turn on car Hazard flasher if you desire to receive communion
  - Lower windows
  - Wear mask; sanitize hands before receiving communion
  - Turn off Hazard flasher after receiving communion
  - Only ministers will hand communion to everyone inside the car
  - Flow of communion
    - \* *Driver's side first – front to back*
    - \* *Passenger's side – back to front*
  - Do not leave/drive off after receiving communion
    - \* *Exit gates will be opened only at dismissal*
- ⇒ **After final blessing**
  - \* *Follow instructions to exit*
  - \* *Row 4, 3, 2, 1*
  - \* *Drop your donation at the basket by the exit gate*
- ⇒ **Drive safe home**



**St. Victor Church is inviting you to  
Daily & Sunday  
Livestream Zoom Mass**



Masses are livestreamed on  
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**ZOOM MASS SCHEDULES**

**8 AM Daily Mass Monday - Saturday**

Please click to participate at 8 AM Daily Zoom

Mass <https://dsj.zoom.us/j/488989641>

Meeting ID: 488 989 641

**8:30 AM Sunday Mass**

Please click to participate at 8:30 AM Zoom Mass

<https://dsj.zoom.us/j/211884908>

Meeting ID: 211 884 908

**10 AM Sunday Mass**

Please click to participate at 10 AM Zoom Mass

<https://dsj.zoom.us/j/335536807>

Meeting ID: 335 536 807

**12 Noon Sunday Mass**

Please click to participate at 12 Noon Zoom Mass

<https://dsj.zoom.us/j/416862708>

Meeting ID: 416 862 708

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**St. Victor Etiquette in Participating  
Live Stream Eucharistic Celebrations  
(COVID-19 adaptations)**

- Prepare as if you are going to Mass physically
  - ◇ Wear a decent clothing
  - ◇ Designate a prayer room  
(free from phone ringing, animal noise,  
or other distractions )
  - ◇ Invite family members to participate
  - ◇ Be still and be quiet
  - ◇ Respond to all parts of the mass  
(you may be on mute, I hope that you  
still respond)
- Download the zoom application or  
go to <https://zoom.us/>. On the upper right  
screen click join meeting enter meeting ID when  
prompted click join. There is no password re-  
quired.
- Upon logging in, make sure that
  - ◇ You mute your zoom screen (not de-  
vice as this will turn off your audio
  - ◇ Your Video can either be turned ON or  
OFF
  - \* you should be able to see and hear the  
presider as well as the lector.
- During Communion, the presider will ask you  
to recite a Spiritual Communion Prayer:  

*My Jesus,  
I believe that You  
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
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.*
- After Mass, take about 5 minutes to be with  
your family in that designated prayer room and  
talk about the Readings and or the Homily.



**Monday, December 7, 2020**

8:00am † Leoncio D. Cardema  
 † Louis Thai Quoc Dung (2<sup>nd</sup> death anniversary)  
 † Souls of those who passed away at Pearl Harbor,  
 on December 7, 1941  
 Gracie Burket (healing)  
 Jason Jaug (successful surgery)  
 Ali Dumanig (thanksgiving)  
 Claire A. Samson (birthday)

**Tuesday, December 8, 2020**

8:00am † Bernardina Barros † Alphonso Tin Vu  
 † Rufino & Eva Rebong † Leoncio D. Cardema  
 † Giovanni & Angela Barbieri  
 † Deceased members of Dominic Nguyen family  
 † Purificacion Medina (birthday memorial)  
 † Nerlita Andres (death anniversary)  
 † Paulina Abitago (1<sup>st</sup> year death anniversary)  
 † Praxedes, Rodolfo, & Leocadio Nano Jr.  
 Kimberly & Jared Rodriguez (special intention)  
 Matthew Valdez Jacobs (20<sup>th</sup> birthday)  
 Maryam Iqbal (birthday)  
 Hoang Nguyen (birthday)

**Wednesday, December 9, 2020**

8:00am † Leoncio D. Cardema † Tony Cabeca  
 † Delfina Lepe Jones (death anniversary)  
 † Paul A. Burket (10<sup>th</sup> year death anniversary)  
 Grace Casayuran-Valdez (healing)  
 Remedios Sobejana (90<sup>th</sup> birthday)  
 Tranquilino Lozares (birthday)

**Thursday, December 10, 2020**

8:00am † Rosemarie Daquina (death anniversary)  
 † Paul A. Burket (10<sup>th</sup> year death anniversary)  
 Thuy Anne-Marie Nguyen  
 Maria (101<sup>st</sup> birthday)

**Friday, December 11, 2020**

8:00am † Evelyn Gabua † Amalia Torio  
 † Dominic Houg Pham  
 Andrew Caday (birthday)

**Saturday, December 12, 2020**

8:00am † Gilbert Yanez Doria & Munoz Family  
 Children of Dominic Nguyen (special intention)  
 Jason Jaug (healing)  
 Salvador & Noregen Noble (birthday &  
 10<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary)  
 Alvin & Myrna Sare (wedding anniversary)

5:00pm † Joseph Can Dinh

**Sunday, December 13, 2020**

7:00am Parishioners of St. Victor Church  
 All Priests  
 8:30am † Anthony Quidachay  
 Jonas & Heather Bernardino (wedding anniversary)  
 10:00am † Lynette Rodriguez  
 † Elvira Villanueva  
 † Helen Ledesma  
 † Louis Thai Quoc Dung  
 Jason Jaug (healing)  
 12:00pm † Darwin Domingo  
 † Mario Borges  
 5:00pm Peace & Healing

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