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MASS SCHEDULE/Horario de Misas

Vigil (Saturday): 5:30p.m. (English)
7:30p.m. (Español)

Sunday (Domingo): 8:00a.m. (English)
9:30a.m. (Español)
11:15a.m. (English)
1:00p.m. (Español)
5:30p.m. (English)

Daily Masses/Misas Diarias: (solo en Inglés)

Monday - Friday: 6:45a.m., 9:00 a.m.
Wednesdays 6:30p.m.
Saturdays: 9:00 a.m.

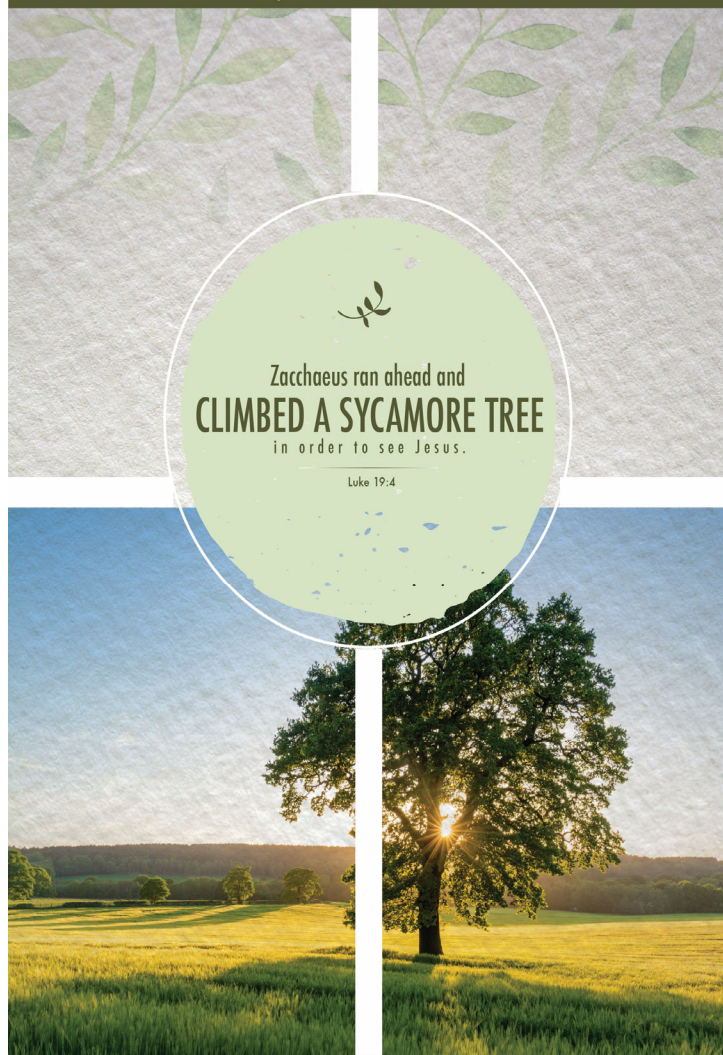
Holy Days: 6:45a.m., 9:00a.m.,
7:00p.m (Bilingual)

RECONCILIATION / CONFESIONES

Saturday/Sabado: 4:00 - 4:30 p.m. (English)
6:30 - 7:15 p.m. (Español o Inglés)

OR anytime by appointment with a priest/
También con cita.

NOVEMBER 3, 2019 | THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



SCRIPTURE READINGS
Wisdom 11:22-12:2 (153C)
Psalm 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13,14
2 Thessalonians 1:11-22
Luke 19:1-10

SAINT ATHANASIUS



Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's reading from the book of Wisdom presents an image of a patient God who "rebuke[s] offenders little by little" (Wisdom 12:2), an image endorsed by the psalmist, singing of how the LORD is "slow to anger and of great kindness, and compassionate toward all his works" (Psalm 145:8, 9). The crowd with Jesus, however, grumbles when they see Jesus's kindness and compassion extended to Zacchaeus, who was not just a tax collector, but the "chief tax collector"—a title that surely emphasizes his standing as a sinner to be scorned. In the second reading, Saint Paul urges the Thessalonians to be "worthy" of God's calling, so that "the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you" (2 Thessalonians 1:12); such people, unlike the crowd in the Gospel, would rejoice at Zacchaeus's determination to change his life after encountering Jesus.

"ZACCHAEUS, COME DOWN QUICKLY"

Why do good things happen to bad people? Does this question strike you as odd? Aren't we usually struggling with the *bad* things that happen to *good* people? True enough, but when good things happen to others, especially those we consider undeserving, it can seem natural to grumble. How do some people always seem to "get away with it," while we spend our lives trying to act as God would want? As a tax collector, Zacchaeus cheated and got rich off of his own people. Why does Jesus want to be so nice to him? It's just not fair!

"TODAY I MUST STAY AT YOUR HOUSE"

This problem of "good things for bad people" can cause as much distress as the problem of bad things happening to good people. Both touch on one of the deepest mysteries of human existence: Is the universe fair? Is God just? This is what is making the crowd grumble about Jesus favoring Zacchaeus. Why is Jesus befriending such a sinner?

This is the third such complaint about Jesus in Luke's Gospel (see Luke 5: 27–33 and 5:25–15). However, the encounter with Zacchaeus is different. In the other accounts, Jesus responds to his critics himself, but here, it is Zacchaeus who speaks up. Not only does Zacchaeus announce compensation for those he has cheated, he vows to give away half of his goods to the poor. At this point in the Gospel, Jesus is traveling to Jerusalem, where he knows he will be put to death. No one else that Jesus meets on this journey has responded as readily as Zacchaeus to his summons—first, to come down from the tree, then to "come down" from his wealthy lifestyle and the corruption that supported it. Although he did not travel to Jerusalem with Jesus, Zacchaeus clearly understood the demands of discipleship.

This story gives us a hint as to why good things might happen to bad people: it is God's patience, with Zacchaeus and with us as well, as God awaits our response, for us to become the disciples God is calling us to be.

Today's Readings: Wis 11:22 — 12:2; Ps 145:1–2, 8–9, 10–11, 13, 14; 2 Thes 1:11 — 2:2; Lk 19:1–10



This Weekend's 2nd Collection is for our
PARISH MAINTENANCE FUND
Thank you for your generosity and support!

Mass Intentions For The Week



- Sat (02) 9:00** _____
5:30 _____
- Sun (03) 8:00** John & Deolinda Avila -- 51st Wedding Anniv. (T)
11:15 Vidal Preciado -- Birthday (B)
Carlos and Samuel Rodriguez -- Birthday (B)
5:30 _____
- Mon (04) 6:45** _____
9:00 Glynita R. Repoldo -- Birthday (B)
- Tue (05) 6:45** _____
9:00 _____
- Wed (06) 6:45** Edgardo Velasquez -- Deceased (†)
9:00 Fernandez Family -- Spec. Intentions (S.I.)
- Thu (07) 6:45** Fidel A. Avanzado, Jr. -- Birthday/Deceased (†)
9:00 _____
- Fri (08) 6:45** _____
9:00 _____

†—Deceased; T—Thanksgiving;
S.I.—Special Intention; B—Birthday; S—Sick

Death Anniversary Remembrance Week of November 3

Helen Bunker	Joe Pasqual
Henrietta Barron	Samuel M, Dolan
Lewis Bohnstedt	James G. Fort
Richard Frits	Augustina Jovez
Maria Fuentes	Felisa Carino
Harry Lowman	Rose De Vito
Beth C. Farrell	Teodora Alcazar
Tito Peraino	Santos Manuel Cabrera
August Bettencourt	Luis Corteez R.
Mary Luz Garcia	Barbara Hogan
Maria Hally	Mary Straub
Wilda Layug	

REST IN PEACE



Please Pray for the Sick

Jim Cesano, Julie Hidalgo, Gloria Ramirez, Ellen Poso, Soledad Jara, Danilo Fidel, JoAnne Arnold, Lucile Bianco, Isaura Aguilar, Romulo Prieto, Bernie Barron, Richard Sanchez, Henry Sanchez, and Joel Villareal .

REMINDER:

- ◇ Our Parish Office is always CLOSED on Mondays.
- ◇ Please reserve your MASS INTENTIONS ahead of time, preferably **two weeks in advance**.

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 3, 2019



Next Weekend's 2nd collection is for the **Archdiocese for the Military Services**
Thank you for your generosity!

"Give to the Most High as he has given to you, generously, according to your means. For the Lord is one who always repays, and he will give back to you sevenfold" (Sirach)

Friday/Viernes October 25	
6:45 AM	\$60
9:00 AM	\$160
Saturday/Sábado October 26	
5:30 PM	\$609
7:30 PM	\$417.51
Sunday / Domingo October 27	
8:00AM	\$976
9:30AM	\$939.40
11:15AM	\$722
1:00 PM	\$2,690.46
5:30 PM	\$416
Mail In / Por Correo	\$200
Online Giving	\$82
Total	\$7,190.37
Goal / Meta	\$7,600
Variance/ Diferencia	<\$409.63>



Please join us for **HOSPITALITY**
at the Parish Hall
on Sunday, November 10, 2019
after the 11:15 AM Mass.



SENIORS LUNCHEONS ARE BACK!!
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12
(55 years or older)
from 11:30 AM - 2PM at the Parish Hall

Reconnect with your friends and enjoy this new season. We hope to see you there.

Saint Athanasius is now offering Online Giving!

It's safe and secure, and you decide exactly when your gift is made and where it goes. Please check our website at www.stathanasiusparish.com to find out how to give online.

Donate Online Now!
www.stathanasiusparish.com

Remember to honor our advertisers listed in the back of the Sunday Bulletin. Remember to tell them you saw their Ad in St. Athanasius Bulletin!



THANKSGIVING DAY AT ST. ATHANASIUS

As grateful people, once again we will come together on **NOVEMBER 28** to give thanks to God for all the blessings we have received during the year.

The Bilingual Mass will be at

9:00AM (ONLY Mass of the day)

You are invited to bring up during the offertory procession, gifts for the poor such as monetary donations and non-perishable food items such as canned fruits, tuna, packed rice, pasta, beans, etc. May the Lord continue to bless this community for its generosity and care for his people.



SIMBANG GABI 20189 (Masses at Dawn)

Our FILAM Association will sponsor this novena of Masses from: **December 16 - December 24**. The Masses are at **5:30AM** with a light breakfast after each Mass. To sponsor a breakfast or more information please call Avelino : (408) 594-1994.

DAY OF THE DEAD ALTAR

A heartfelt **THANK YOU** to the *Juntos como Hermanos* for setting up the **Day of the Dead Altar** in the church vestibule to remember the faithful departed on November 2.

Day of the Dead is celebrated in Mexico between October 31st and November 2nd. It's a time to remember deceased loved ones and honor them. Day of the Dead is a festive occasion, a time to celebrate, much like a family reunion. Making an altar (or *ofrenda* as it's sometimes called in Spanish) for the occasion can be a way for you to honor the life of someone who was important to you, or remember your ancestors. The Altar was exposed all week. Thank you *Juntos como Hermanos* for allowing us to enjoy a glimpse into this Mexican tradition.

Bay Area Conferences

RISE! Mt. 17:7
2019

Rise Above the Culture

Our Lady of Peace Church and Shrine
2800 Mission College Boulevard, Santa Clara, CA 95054

Nov. 8-9

RISE! BAY AREA is a Catholic conference committed to preaching authentic "Christ-like" love in a lively and engaging environment. Conferences are for teens, parents, and young adults. The event is FREE. Lunch is included in the youth conference. Please register online at www.riseba.org

Free admission with registration

Parents **FRIDAY**
& Adults **6:30pm - 8:30pm**

Youth **SATURDAY**
(13-17) **8:30am - 4:00pm**

Young Adults **SATURDAY**
(21-39) **6:30pm - 9:00pm**
(Theology on Tap)



Keynote speaker:
Brian Butler

Also featuring:
Missionaries from
the Culture Project





Trigésimo Primer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

“ZAQUEO, BÁJATE PRONTO”
¿Por qué pasan cosas buenas a las personas malas?

¿No te parece que esta es una pregunta extraña? ¿No estamos acostumbrados a luchar con las

cosas *malas* que les pasan a las personas *buenas*? Es cierto, pero cuando cosas buenas le pasan a los demás, especialmente a quienes no lo merecen, quejarse es lo más natural. ¿Por qué algunas personas parecen que “se salen con la suya” mientras dedicamos nuestras vidas ser guiadas por la voluntad de Dios? Así como el recolector de impuestos, Zaqueo estafó y se hizo rico a costa de su propio pueblo. ¿Por qué Jesús quiere ser amable con él? ¿No es justo!

“HOY ME VOY A QUEDAR EN TU CASA”

El tema de las “cosas buenas para las personas malas” puede ocasionar demasiada angustia, igual que el problema de cosas malas que le pasan a las personas buenas. Ambas situaciones tocan uno de los misterios más profundos de la existencia humana: ¿es el universo justo? ¿Es Dios justo? Esto es lo que hace que la multitud se queje de Jesús favoreciendo a Zaqueo. ¿Por qué Jesús se hace amigo de ese pecador?

En el Evangelio de Lucas, esta es la tercera queja hacia Jesús (ver Lucas 5:27-33 y 5:25-15). Sin embargo, ese encuentro con la persona de Zaqueo es diferente. En los otros eventos, Jesús responde a sus críticos, pero aquí es Zaqueo quien habla. No solamente Zaqueo se compromete a retribuir a quienes estafó y a dar la mitad de sus bienes a los pobres. En este punto en el Evangelio, Jesús está viajando a Jerusalén, en donde él sabe que va a morir. Ninguna otra persona que Jesús encuentra en este viaje ha respondido tan fácil como lo hizo Zaqueo a la llamada de Jesús; primero, bajar del árbol, después “bajar” de su vida de rico y la corrupción que lo sustentaba. Aunque Zaqueo no viajó con Jesús a Jerusalén, Zaqueo entendió con claridad las exigencias del discipulado.

Esta historia nos da una pista de por qué cosas buenas podría pasarles a las personas malas: es la paciencia de Dios, con Zaqueo y también con nosotros, mientras Dios espera nuestra respuesta, para que seamos los discípulos que Dios nos llama a ser.

Lecturas de hoy: Sab 11:22 — 12:2; Sal 145 (144):1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13, 14; 2 Tes 1:11 — 2:2; Lc 19:1-10



DIA DE ACCION DE GRACIAS EN SAN ATANASIO

Como gente agradecida. Nos reuniremos una vez más el 22 de NOVIEMBRE del 2018 para dar gracias a Dios por todas las bendiciones que hemos recibido durante este año.

La Misa Bilingüe será a las **9:00AM (Esta será la única Misa del día)**.

Les invitamos a participar en la procesión de las ofrendas, trayendo regalos para la gente más necesitada como donaciones monetarias o comida no-perecible como fruta enlatada, atún enlatado, bolsas de arroz, pasta, frijoles, etc.

Que Dios siga bendiciendo a nuestra comunidad por su generosidad y cuidado por su gente.



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La 2da colecta de este fin de semana es para el Mantenimiento de la Parroquia

!Gracias por su continue apoyo y generosidad!



Recemos el Rosario por el Fin del Aborto

Ven a rezar con nosotros el Rosario (3x) los jueves por la protección de los bebés nacidos y no nacidos. Iniciamos a las 10:45 AM, frente a Planned Parenthood en Mountain View, 225 San Antonio Road (intersección de California St. & San Antonio Rd.) De forma pacífica sin confrontaciones. ¡Necesitamos más Oración!



Agradecimientos al grupo de oración “Juntos como Hermanos” que con mucho gusto pusieron el altar de muertos que se está exhibiendo en el vestíbulo de la iglesia. Desde la semana pasada para que toda la comunidad lo viera.

Este altar es una tradición, mas que todo Mexicana en la que se le da tributo a la memoria de los que se nos adelantaron, se ofrece oraciones, Rosarios, Misas para el descanso del alma de nuestros seres queridos. En casa, cementerio o inclusive iglesias, se coloca este altar con comida, frutas y bebidas que eran favoritas de la persona difunta al igual que fotografías de las personas que se desea honrar.

Mission Statement for St. Athanasius Parish --“St. Athanasius Church’s mission is to build disciples of Jesus Christ and assist them in responding to God’s call to love and to serve”

Misión de la Parroquia de San Atanasio -- "La Misión de la Iglesia de San Atanasio es construir discípulos de Jesucristo y ayudarles a responder el llamado de Dios a amar y servir"

JUNTOS COMO HERMANOS Lunes - 7:00 PM

FAMILY PRAYER HOUR Tuesdays - 7:00 PM

We need only to look around to see the tremendous pressures facing our families and how those pressures pull our families apart. There’s little doubt that we live in a society of instant everything, one of the major contributions to family deterioration. Family Prayer Night is a response. It is a way for families to set aside an hour a week to be together in the presence of God, to pray and appreciate the most important people in our lives. Join us every Tuesday in church, 7-8 pm for Adoration, Benediction and Prayer.

OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP MASS
Wednesdays - 6:30 PM

HIJOS DE MARIA SANTISIMA Jueves - 7:00 PM

JOVENES PARA CRISTO

Viernes a las 7 de la noche se reúne el grupo de Jóvenes para Cristo en el salón parroquial. Mayores de 18 años únicamente.

ST. ATHANASIUS BEREAVEMENT, COMFORT AND SUPPORT GROUP

Meets every 4th Friday of the month at the Rectory at 7PM. For details, please call (650) 961-8600

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament All Day the First Friday of the month starting after 9:00 AM Mass. Please sign-up for an hour of adoration on the sign-up sheet in the back of church. Benediction at 12 PM.

SENIORS LUNCH

Meet the second Tuesday of the Month (October-April) in the Parish Hall at 11:30 AM. For more information please call the Rectory (650) 961 8600 Ext 102.

RESPECT LIFE GROUP

Supports the sacredness of all human life through direct service to women in crisis pregnancies, education, advocacy and direct action on behalf of human life. Meets every first Saturday at 10 AM in the Marian Rm. For more information please call Carmel Caligaris at (650) 967-3807.

ST. PAUL DISCIPLESHIP GROUP

The St. Paul Discipleship Group is a group of parishioners that walk together in their spiritual journey. **We meet most Tuesday nights (8:30-10:00 pm)** to praise God, pray together, discuss various topics about our faith, and reflect on Scripture. We invite you change with us! Contact the Parish Office at (650) 961 8600 for more infor-

Sacrament Preparation for Children & Teens

Preparation for the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist (Grades 2-12) and for Confirmation (Grades 9-12) is a one year process. For more information please contact the Catechetical Office at (650) 961-8600 Ext 111.

Faith Formation for Children, Teens and Adults

Our Faith Formation program seeks to empower our most important Catechists—our parents—to guide the faith formation of their children. We deepen our faith in Jesus through Scripture stories, reflection, prayer and seasonal celebrations in large and small groups. Formation sessions will be provided to the parents and students in Grades 2-5 on Sunday mornings during the school year. Our Middle and High School Youth Formation program features a variety of small and large group activities. For more information, please contact our Catechetical Office at (650) 961-8600 Ext 111.

Baptism of Children

Parents are invited to contact our parish office to set up an appointment for an initial interview with one of our priests. Parents and Godparents are required to attend a Baptismal preparation session prior to the Baptism. No Baptism date can be set until the interview with the priest. Children age 7 or above are required to participate in our Children’s Faith Formation program to prepare for this sacrament. Para bautizos en Español, llamar a la oficina al (650) 961-8600.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Parish volunteers serve the needy of our area through our Food Pantry and Emergency Assistance program. Interested Parishioners are welcome to join us at our board meetings held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm in the Marian Room, to see how we carry out our mission.

ALTERNATIVES TO ABORTIONS

REAL OPTIONS (650) 559-1550
298 San Antonio Rd. Suite 100, Mountain View, CA 94040

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

For burial information and pre-planning assistance, please call **888-715-2150**. We help you meet eternal life with faith, hope, and love.



Office for the Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults / Oficina de Protección de Niños y Adultos Vulnerables

Diocese of San Jose– Anthony Gonzalez (408) 983-0113 **Emergency Line:** (408) 983-0144.
<https://opcva.ethicspoint.com>



I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks and appreciation to Bishop Oscar Cantú and all the priests for his presence and support. Thanks to all the staff, the different groups (Jovenes para Cristo, Juntos como Hermanos, Hijos de Maria Santisima, the Seniors group, the FILAM community) and all our volunteers for planning and organizing the Installation Mass and reception. I am grateful to all our Altar Servers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Musicians, Singers, Ushers and Greeters (too numerous to mention individually) for helping to create such prayer-filled Mass! Special thanks to the volunteers who put on the lovely reception following the Mass.

Your willingness to share your gifts and abilities made this event a total a success and a cherished memory for all.

I really appreciate all your efforts and sacrifices. May the Lord continue to bless you all for being generous stewards of your time, talents and treasures.

God bless you, one and all!

Rev. Walter Suarez Lopez

Me gustaría aprovechar esta oportunidad para expresar mi agradecimiento al Obispo Oscar Cantú y a todos los sacerdotes por su presencia y apoyo. Mil gracias a todo el personal, a los diferentes grupos (Jóvenes para Cristo, Juntos como Hermanos, Hijos de María Santísima, el grupo de personas mayores, la comunidad FILAM) y todos nuestros voluntarios por la planificación y organización de la Misa de Instalación y recepción. ¡Agradezco a todos nuestros acolitos, lectores, Ministros de Eucaristía, Músicos, Cantantes, Ushers y Greeters por ayudarnos a crear un ambiente de oración durante la Misa! Un agradecimiento especial a los voluntarios que organizaron la hermosa recepción después de la Misa.

Su disposición a compartir sus dones y habilidades hizo de este evento un éxito total y un recuerdo preciado para todos.

Realmente aprecio sus esfuerzos. Una vez más, gracias por su tiempo. Espero que continúen apoyando a nuestra comunidad parroquial en otros eventos en el futuro.

¡Dios los bendiga a todos!

Rev. Walter Suarez Lopez

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Installation Mass and Reception

Misa de Instalación y Recepción

