



Saint Athanasius Church

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MASS SCHEDULE/Horario de Misas

(All Masses are outdoors for up to 200 people)

Vigil (Saturday): 5:00p.m. (English)

7:00p.m. (Español)

Sunday (Domingo): 9:00a.m. (Bilingual)

11:00a.m. (English-Livestream)

1:00p.m. (Español-Transmisión en vivo)

Daily Masses/Misas Diarias: (Bilingüe)

Monday - Friday: 9:00 a.m. (Bilingual)

-Outdoors

RECONCILIATION / CONFESIONES (outdoors)

Saturday/sábado: 4:00 p.m. (Bilingual)

or by appointment with the Priest / Por cita.

FOURTH SUNDAY

OF
Advent

Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.
May it be done to me
according to your word.

Luke 1:38



DECEMBER 20, 2020

SCRIPTURE READINGS

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

Psalm 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29

Romans 16:25-27

Luke 1:26-38

SAINT ATHANASIUS

Fourth Sunday of Advent

“Where does God dwell?” is a question on the minds of many as we continue to adjust to the pandemic. David wanted to build an ornate dwelling for the Ark of the Covenant, but God said, “No, that’s not what I had in mind!” The reading from Romans teaches us that God is present in the Word, and in Luke’s Gospel passage today, Jesus is residing in the womb of Mary. We know that Jesus is present in the assembly gathered, the *Koinonia*, as well as within the Eucharistic species. But no matter how one experiences the presence of Jesus, these days are challenging. In many places, only limited numbers continue to be allowed in church, while others are only able to worship via live stream. None of the pat answers to where God dwells really fit. We need to try and answer this with new eyes and ears and heart.

A CLASSIC IMAGE

When we think of today’s Gospel, the image of this meeting between the Angel Gabriel and Mary by Fra Angelico (1440–1445) likely comes to mind. In this fresco, Gabriel and Mary are outside sitting among the columns, and Gabriel, with his big wings and hands crossed, gazes upon Mary and gestures towards her. She is well dressed in a traditional blue garment, and though her face shows shock, her folded hands model submission and humility. This work of art is so beautifully executed that we can miss some of its finer details. Similarly, because the Gospel scene is so familiar, we can forget to take in its small details. A few years ago, this author found a children’s book called “The Nativity” illustrated by Julie Vivas. Because her drawings were so fresh and charming and simple, she invited new perspective on the story.

LOOKING AGAIN

Luke says that Mary “was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.” She asks, “How can this be?” These questions don’t fit with how Fra Angelico positioned Gabriel and Mary. In the Vivas illustrations, the Angel Gabriel sits down with battered wings and a balding head and has a cup of coffee with Mary as the two of them try to figure it out together. The text is the same, but the message conveyed is different. There is a different degree of comfort and familiarity to these illustrations.

This “having a cup of coffee” is something we need to learn to do with the scriptures and with our lives. After this event, pregnant Mary traveled into the hill country to be with Elizabeth; an older, wiser, mentor—a mother figure. She spent three months there reflecting and preparing for the birth of her child. In this final week of Advent, take a few moments to find a Gabriel/Mary or an Elizabeth/Mary moment and read the Christmas readings again to see what you might have overlooked, and to find a new way for Christ to dwell in you.

Today’s Readings: 2 Sm 7:1–5, 8b–12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2–3, 4–5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25–27; Lk 1:26–38

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Mass Intentions For The Week



Sat (19) 5:00 Jose Vargas & Fam -- Spec. Int. (S.I.)
7:00 _____

Sun (20) 9:00 _____
11:00 Tara Fernandez -- Birthday (B)
1:00 Virginia Manzo Farias -- Spec. Int. (S.I.)
Jorge Vargas & Fam -- Spec. Int (S.I.)

Mon (21) 9:00 Jorge Vargas & Fam -- Spec. Int (S.I.)

Tue (22) 9:00 Rey Quintos -- Thanksgiving (T)
Bernardo Estrada -- Deceased (†)
Jorge Vargas & Fam -- Spec. Int (S.I.)

Wed (23) 9:00 Nenita Pineda -- Birthday (B)
Quirino, Leoncia, Marivic, Tony, Ramon
Enoi & Pepe Lapitan -- Deceased (†)
Jorge Vargas & Fam -- Spec. Int (S.I.)

Thu (24) 5:00pm (Bilingual Mass) CHRISTMAS EVE
Fri (25) 11:00am (English Mass) MERRY CHRISTMAS!
1:00pm (Misa en español) ¡FELIZ NAVIDAD!

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

Death Anniversary Remembrance Week of December 20th

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| Steve Alcala | Herbert Broyer | Angelina Curiel |
| Margaret Bohn | John Flores | Abigail Guevara |
| Shawn McCoffrey | Antonio Garcia | Martin Harris |
| Consuelo Pedro | Silvecio Coleta | Mercedes Pike |
| Marian Sanders | Maria Francisco | Ernesto Agbulos |
| Agnes Hynes | William Stoesser | Gerolomo Cesano |
| Jaime Moreno | Estela Acosta | Ma. Concepcion Ruiz |
| Beatrice Perez Ploke | Luis Salvatierra | Vera Vlasoff |
| Kim Scholz | Susan Arroyo Valdez | |

REST IN PEACE



Please Pray for the Sick

Julie Hidalgo, Gloria Ramirez, Ellen Poso, Soledad Jara, Danilo Fidel, JoAnne Arnold, Lucile Bianco, Isaura Aguilar, Romulo Prieto, Bernie Barron, Josephine Sierras, Vi Brietich, Michael Fernandez, and Joel Villareal.

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4th Sunday of Advent

December 20th, 2020



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION
January 1st, 2021
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
From 9:30 to 10:30 AM.
Benediction at 10:30 AM

"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)

Due to early bulletin deadline, the total for the Sunday Collection for last week is not available

In Response to God's Generosity

*Generous Lord, we know everything good comes from you, remind us to always be grateful for everything you have given us, help us use our talents to build your kingdom, so that we can share generously, all of our blessings, according to your will, so you can call us into your home as faithful and good stewards.
Amen*

Thank you for your continued support during this tough period. If you are not able to join us in-person, please make your Sunday offering online, scan the QR code with your smart phone or visit:

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/athanasius>

You can also mail in (160 N Rengstorff Ave., Mountain View, CA 94043) or drop off your Sunday contribution in the Parish office.



Saint Athanasius Giving Tree 2020

Thanks to your generosity to the Christmas Giving Tree project. We have blessed 154 local families with Christmas Gifts this year. Special thanks to our dedicated SVDP volunteers at St. Athanasius, St. Simon's and St. Joseph's and St. William's Church, and our Youth group. This project will not be possible without your support year after year.

Thank you again for your gifts and prayers.
Wishing you all a Merry Christmas!



The Saint Athanasius Parish Office will be closed from:
Thursday, December 24, 2020 through Monday, January 1, 2021.

We will be reopen on Tuesday, January 2, 2021

On behalf of all the staff we would like to wish you and your family a blessed Christmas!

Christmas Mass Schedule 2020

Christmas Eve:

Mass at Night @ 5:00 pm (Bilingual)

Christmas Day:

11:00 am Mass (English)
1:00 pm Mass (Spanish)
(No 9:00 Mass on Christmas Day)



Simbang Gabi 2020 (Masses at Dawn)

The Fil-Am Association will host a Mass to celebrate Simbang Gabi on

Thursday, December 24th, 2020 at 6:00 am

Mass intentions will be accepted until December 19th and must be submitted to:

Millie Dewitt (650-796-7299, gardsheen@yahoo.com)
May Siouxson (650-207-1190, maybsioxson1@yahoo.com)



Poinsettias Needed for Church for Christmas

Your monetary donations to buy poinsettia plants to decorate the church for Christmas would be most appreciated.

Pick up an envelope (Christmas Flowers) from the chapel and drop it off in the collection basket or the office before Tuesday, December 22nd. If you write a check, please put "Christmas Flowers" in the memo line.

Thank you for your generosity!



SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

January 1st

11 am Mass (Bilingual)



Cuarto Domingo de Adviento

UNA IMAGEN CLÁSICA

Cuando pensamos en el Evangelio de hoy, probablemente podemos imaginar la pintura de esta reunión entre el ángel Gabriel y María que hizo Fra Angelico (1440-1445). En ese fresco, Gabriel y María están afuera y sentados en medio de las columnas, y Gabriel, con sus grandes alas y manos cruzadas, contemplando a María y haciendo gestos hacia ella. Ella está bien vestida en un ropaje tradicional de color azul y aunque su rostro muestra conmoción, sus manos cruzadas modelan sumisión y humildad. Esta obra de arte está tan bellamente ejecutada que podemos desapercebir algunos de sus más finos detalles. Del mismo modo, porque la escena del Evangelio es tan familiar, podemos olvidarnos de los pequeños detalles. Hace unos años, este autor encontró un libro para niños titulado "La Navidad" que fue ilustrado por Julie Vivas. Debido a que sus dibujos eran tan frescos, encantadores y simples, convidaba una perspectiva nueva en la historia.

VOLVER A MIRAR

Lucas dice que María "estaba muy preocupada por lo que se le dijo y se preguntaba que tipo de salud podría ser ese". Ella preguntó: "¿cómo puede ser esto posible?" Estas preguntas no concuerdan como Fra Angelico puso a Gabriel y María. En las ilustraciones de Vivas, el ángel Gabriel sentado con las alas maltratadas, cabeza calva, está tomando una taza de café con María mientras los dos juntos tratan de resolverlo. El texto es el mismo, pero el mensaje transmitido es diferente. Hay un grado diferente de comodidad y familiaridad en estas ilustraciones. Este "tomando café" es algo que tenemos que aprender a hacer con las escrituras y con nuestras vidas. Después de este evento, María embarazada viajó a las colinas para estar con Isabel, una mentora sabia y anciana, la figura de una madre. Ella pasó tres meses ahí reflexionando y preparándose para el nacimiento de su hijo. En esta última semana de Adviento, dedica unos momentos para encontrar un momento Gabriel y María o momento Elizabeth y María y lee las lecturas de Navidad de nuevo para ver lo que podrías haber pasado por alto, y para encontrar una nueva forma de que Cristo habite en ti.

Lecturas de hoy: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Sal 89 (88):2-3, 4-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lc 1:26-38

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Árbol de Regalos de la Iglesia de San Atanasio

Gracias a su generosidad con el proyecto Christmas Giving Tree. Hemos bendecido a 154 familias locales con regalos de Navidad este año. Un agradecimiento especial a nuestros dedicados voluntarios de San Vicente de Paul en las parroquias de San Atanasio, St. Simon's y St. Joseph's y St. William's. Este proyecto no hubiera sido posible sin su apoyo año tras año.

Gracias nuevamente por sus regalos y oraciones. ¡Les deseo a todos una Feliz Navidad!

Horario de Misas de Navidad 2020

Víspera de Navidad:

Misa a las 5:00 pm (Bilingüe)

Navidad:

Misa de las 11:00 am (inglés)

Misa de la 1:00 pm (español)

(No habrá Misa de las 9:00 am en Navidad)



Necesitamos Flores de Nochebuena para decorar la iglesia en Navidad



Se les agradece de antemano sus donaciones monetarias para comprar plantas de poinsettia para decorar la iglesia en Navidad. Tome un sobre (Flores de Navidad) de la capilla y déjelo en la canasta de la colecta o en la oficina antes del martes 22 de diciembre. Si escribe un cheque, escriba "Flores de Navidad" en la línea de notas. ¡Gracias por tu generosidad!



La Oficina Parroquial Estará cerrada a partir del: Jueves 24 de diciembre del 2020 Hasta el lunes 1o de enero del 2021.

La oficina reabrirá el martes, 2 de enero del 2021

¡A nombre del personal de San Atanasio le deseamos una bendecida Navidad para usted y su familia!

BAUTIZOS

La próxima fecha para bautizar será **el 16 de enero a las 11 AM.**

(Se requiere previa registración).

Llame para una entrevista inicial (650) 961-8600.



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"

ST. ATHANASIUS BEREAVEMENT, COMFORT AND SUPPORT GROUP

Meets every 4th Friday of the month via Zoom at 7PM.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://dsj.zoom.us/j/93448077349>

Meeting ID: 934 4807 7349

One tap mobile

+16699006833,,93448077349# US (San Jose)

Dial by location

For details, please call (650) 961-8600.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament the First Friday of the month starting after 9:00 AM Mass outside the church. Benediction will be at 11 AM.

Exposición del Santísimo Sacramento

El primer Viernes del mes a las 7:30PM al aire libre.

ST. PAUL DISCIPLESHIP GROUP

If you have missed connecting and praying with your fellow parishioners, we invite you to visit the St. Paul Discipleship Group virtual meeting **Tuesday nights from 8:30pm-10pm**. The meetings consist of prayer, reflection on our faith journeys in general and on evangelization in particular, and the daily readings.

Email the parish office at Athanasius@comcast.net for the Zoom meeting details.

DRIVE THRU FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Saint Athanasius Church
Saturday, January 9th

from 10 am to 12pm

No Registration Needed Beforehand - Registration will be done on-site. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the Parish Office at Athanasius@comcast.net

DISTRIBUCION DE COMIDA POR AUTO

Sábado 9 de enero
de las 10 am a las 12pm

NO se necesita registraci3n previa, las registraciones se har3n durante el evento. Si le gustar3a ser voluntario para las distribuciones de comida, favor de enviar un correo electr3nica a la oficina a Athanasius@comcast.net.

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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 Parish Office at (650) 961-8600 Ext 100.

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. For more information, please contact our Parish Office at (650) 961-8600 Ext 100.

Baptism of Children

(English & Spanish)

Parents are invited to contact our parish office at (650) 961 8600 to set up an appointment for an initial interview with one of our priests. Parents and Godparents are required to attend an online 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.

All Baptisms are outdoors the **3rd Saturday of the month.**

10 am in English

11 am en espa3ol

Favor de llamara al a oficina (650) 961 8600 Ext. 100 para hacer una cita para una entrevista inicial con uno de nuestros sacerdotes. Todos los Bautizos son al aire libre el 3er s3bado del mes.

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, to see how we carry out our mission.

ALTERNATIVES TO ABORTIONS

BIRTH AND BEYOND (331) 444-5433

12 N White Rd #5, San Jose, CA 95127

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>.

St. Athanasius Advent/ Christmas Schedule 2020



(All Masses will be outdoors)

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| <u>November 29</u> | <u>1st Sunday of Advent</u> <i>Normal Weekend Mass Schedule</i> |
| <u>December 4</u> | <u>First Friday</u> - Adoration following 9:00am Mass until Benediction at 11 am. |
| <u>December 6</u> | <u>2nd Sunday of Advent</u> <i>Normal Weekend Mass Schedule</i> |
| <u>December 8</u> (Tue.) | <u>Feast of the Immaculate Conception</u> 9:00am (<i>Bi-lingual</i>) (<i>Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year</i>) Fr. Rolando's 30th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood |
| <u>December 11</u> | 7:00 pm (Spanish) Our Lady of Guadalupe Vigil Mass |
| <u>December 12</u> (Sat.) | <u>Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe</u> - 6:00am Mass (Spanish), 5:00 pm Mass (English) and 7:00pm Mass (Spanish) |
| <u>December 13</u> | <u>3rd Sunday of Advent (Rose)</u> <i>Normal Weekend Mass Schedule</i> |
| <u>December 20</u> | <u>4th Sunday of Advent</u> <i>Normal Weekend Mass Schedule</i> Fr. Walter's 24th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood |
| <u>December 24</u> (Thur.) | Simbang Gabi Mass at 6:00 am (<i>English</i>) (<i>NO 9:00am Mass</i>) |
| <u>Christmas Eve Masses</u> | Mass at Night @ 5:00pm (<i>Bi-lingual</i>) |
| <u>December 25</u> (Fri.) | <u>Christmas Day: 11:00 am</u> (<i>English</i>), and <u>1:00pm</u> (<i>Spanish</i>) (<i>NO 9:00am Mass on Christmas Day</i>) |
| <u>December 27</u> | <u>Feast of the Holy Family</u> - <i>Normal Weekend Mass Schedule</i> |
| <u>December 31</u> (Thu) | <u>New Year's Eve @ 5:00pm</u> (<i>Bi-lingual</i>) (<i>NO 9:00am Mass on New Year's Eve</i>) |
| <u>January 1</u> (Fri.) | <u>Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God</u> 11:00am (<i>Bi-lingual</i>). (<i>Not a Holy Day of Obligation</i>) |
| <u>January 3</u> | <u>The Epiphany of the Lord</u> <i>Normal Weekend Mass Schedule</i> |



**Congratulations Fr. Walter on your
24th Anniversary of Ordination to the
Priesthood
December 20, 2020**



Thank you for your holy devotion to the Lord and to His Church. May the Love of God continue to guide and direct you in your service as a Priest. God bless you on your Anniversary.