



# Saint Athanasius Church

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### MASS SCHEDULE/Horario de Misas

**Saturday (sábado): 9:00 AM** (English)

1st Saturday of the month ONLY

**Vigil 4:30 PM** (English)

**6:30 PM** (Español)

**Sunday (domingo): 8:00 AM** (English)

**9:30 AM** (Español)

**11:00 AM** (English-Livestream)

**1:00 PM** (Español-Transmisión en vivo)

**Daily Masses/Misas Diarias:**

**Monday - Friday: 9:00 AM** (Bilingual/Bilingüe)

### RECONCILIATION/CONFESIONES

**Wednesday/miércoles: after the 9 AM Mass**

**Saturday/sábado: 5:30 PM** (Bilingual)

or by appointment with the Priest/*Por cita.*

To reach a priest after office hours in an EMERGENCY situation, such as a death or the need for the Last Rites, please call: (650) 582-5833.

DECEMBER 5, 2021



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## SECOND Sunday OF Advent

John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan,  
proclaiming a baptism of repentance  
for the forgiveness of sins.

Luke 3:3

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Bar 5:1-9

Psalms 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6

Phil 1:4-6, 8-11

Lk 3:1-6

# SAINT ATHANASIUS

## Second Sunday of Advent

Almost nine hundred years ago, Saint Bernard of Clairvaux suggested in one of his Advent homilies that we should think of three Advents of Christ: the First, when Christ came in humility as Mary's Child, clothed in our human nature; the Second, when Christ will come in glory as Judge and Redeemer of the world. Then Saint Bernard speaks of a Middle Coming, an "in the meantime" Advent, when Christ comes to us in his Word, in the Eucharist, and in those who need our love and care, family and friends, neighbors and strangers. That's this year's Advent, the one we're celebrating now; and this Advent's question is: how attentive am I to Christ's coming into my life-story, right here, right now?

### AN UNNOTICED ADVENT

Today Luke solemnly announces the names of the secular and sacred powers who thought they held the world's destiny in their hands. But they completely missed the decisive event that forever changed the world's religious and political history. When no one else was listening, God's Word came to a nobody, John the Baptist, and not in the temple sanctuary or palace throne room, but "out in the sticks," the Word that would one day cleanse the temple and topple thrones. The powerful names that Luke announces were not popular with ordinary people: times were tough, the economy was bad, people were having to make do with less; and those names reminded common folks that so much of life was beyond their control. Sound familiar? Yet just then, when many were far from hopeful, God acted decisively to save the people, and John the Baptist invited his listeners then, and us today, to join in the Good News of new life.

### GOD'S RECONSTRUCTION PLAN

We heard Baruch, in the first reading, picturing our broken world reborn: the dispersed being carried home, tears wiped away, righteousness and justice, peace and worship. How we wish it could all be true! It will be true, Paul declares, optimistic that God, who has already begun such good work in us, will continue to complete it for the day of Christ's glorious return, increasing our love and sharpening our discernment of the values that endure. So we should begin this second week of Advent reinvigorated with hope in God's plan for the world's salvation. But John the Baptist reminds us that God's "reconstruction plan" for the world's transformation begins much closer to home: what twists and turns of my own life must be untangled, what lofty mountains of my own pride and self-centeredness brought low, which gorge-deep valleys of my own indifference and neglect filled in? Come, Lord Jesus, and make the whole creation new—but start right here, right now, with me!

Today's Readings: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

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## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat (4) 9:00 \_\_\_\_\_  
4:30 \_\_\_\_\_  
6:30 \_\_\_\_\_

Sun (5) 8:00 Kristine Francisco -- Birthday (B)  
9:30 \_\_\_\_\_  
11:00 Julie Hidalgo -- Deceased (†)  
Joel Villareal -- Deceased (†)  
Deborah Nissen -- Deceased (†)  
1:00 \_\_\_\_\_

Mon (6) 9:00 Sean Patrick Filler -- Birthday (B)  
Tue (7) 9:00 \_\_\_\_\_

Wed (8) 9:00 Peter Cang, Jr -- Deceased (†)  
Joel Villareal -- Deceased (†)  
Quintos, Estrada & Lapitan Families -- Thanksg. (T)  
In Thanksgiving to Our Holy Mother -- (T)

Thurs (9) 9:00 Tracy Filler -- Birthday (B)  
Fri (10) 9:00 \_\_\_\_\_

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

### Death Anniversary Remembrance Week of December 5

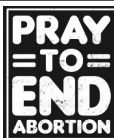
Zenaida Garcia	David King
Josef Giljum	Maria Pires
Serapio Marron	Lily Miduoff
Martina Calderon	John Navarro
George Rodriguez	Rita Joskins
Manuel Mifsud	Girolama Tranchina
James O'Grady	Robert Contreras
Estelle Evans	

### REST IN PEACE



### Please Pray for the Sick

Theresa and Clyde Thirbenny, Kevin O'Leary, Gloria Ramirez, Ellen Poso, Soledad Jara, Danilo Fidel, JoAnne Arnold, Isaura Aguilar, Romulo Prieto, Josephine Sierras, Vi Brietich, Stacy Goodman, Michael Fernandez, and Flavio Mauricio.



### PRAY FOR THE END OF ABORTION

Come pray with us for the end of abortion in our country. A group of volunteers meets every week for peaceful prayer and witness.

**WEDNESDAYS, 11 AM - 12 PM** at Planned Parenthood located at 2500 California St., Mountain View. For more information please contact Cris at (650) 279-5909 or cfgoodman13@gmail.com.

**STAY CONNECTED!** If you would like to receive weekly newsletters from us via e-mail, please send us your e-mail address to: [Athanasius@comcast.net](mailto:Athanasius@comcast.net)

## 2nd Sunday of Advent

December 5, 2021



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

*"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)*



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 to the Parish office.

Friday Mass <b>November 26</b>	
<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>\$65.30</b>
Saturday/sábado <b>November 27</b>	
<b>4:30 PM</b>	<b>\$243.00</b>
<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>\$397.00</b>
Sunday/domingo <b>November 28</b>	
<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>\$305.00</b>
<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>\$1,007.00</b>
<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>\$1,217.99</b>
<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>\$1,277.00</b>
Mail In/Por Correo	<b>\$201.00</b>
Online Giving	<b>\$660.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,373.29</b>
Goal/Meta	<b>\$6,000</b>
Variance/Diferencia	<b>&lt;\$626.71&gt;</b>



Next Weekend's 2nd Collection is for the  
Retirement Fund for Religious  
Thank you for your generosity!



### SIMBANG GABI 2021 (Masses at Dawn)

Join the Filipino-American Association and families to celebrate the beautiful tradition of "Simbang Gabi" (Mass at Dawn or Misa de Gallo or Mass of the rooster) to be held in our parish from **December 16-24, 2021 at 5:30 am**. Simbang Gabi is a nine-day novena of Advent masses in preparation for Christmas.

## St. Athanasius Church Giving Tree



This is the last weekend to donate to the Christmas Giving Tree program. We ask you to be generous. Over 140 local families and 400 children are requesting Christmas gifts this year. Please drop off your checks in the Sunday collection basket or at the rectory. In the memo section, please put "Giving Tree". You may also donate online at the link here:  
<https://tinyurl.com/ChristmasGivingTree2021>



### Feast of the Immaculate Conception Wednesday, December 8

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception IS a Holy Day of Obligation this year. This feast celebrates the conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the womb of Saint Anne.

We will follow our Holy Day Mass schedule:

**9:00 AM (Bilingual)**  
**6:30 PM OMPH Novena (English)**  
**7:00 PM (Bilingual)**



### DRIVE-THRU FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Saint Athanasius Church  
from 10 AM to 12 PM  
**Saturday, December 11**  
**THIS WILL BE THE ONLY**  
**DISTRIBUTION OF THE MONTH**  
Registrations will be done on-site.

### JOIN US IN SALUTING AMERICA'S HEROES NATIONAL WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DAY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18TH | 10:00 AM

Gate of Heaven Catholic Cemetery | Veteran's Plaza  
22555 Cristo Rey Drive, Los Altos, CA 94024

Remember | Honor | Teach

Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Services of San José and American Legion Stevens Creek Post #642 is proud to sponsor Wreaths Across America at Gate of Heaven Cemetery. Help us place a wreath at every veteran's grave.

At Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Services of San José, we strive to share the stories of those in our community who lived and died among us—honoring their legacy and bringing comfort to their loved ones.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: (650) 288-1506 OR [CCOUTREACH@DSJ.ORG](mailto:CCOUTREACH@DSJ.ORG)  
[cfcssanjose.org](http://cfcssanjose.org)

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Living Our Mission





# BOLETIN HISPANO

## Segundo Domingo de Adviento

Hace casi novecientos años, san Bernardo de Claraval sugirió en una de sus homilias de Adviento que deberíamos pensar en tres Advientos de Cristo: el primero cuando Cristo vino humildemente como el Niño de María, revestido de nuestra naturaleza humana; el segundo cuando Cristo venga en gloria como Juez y redentor del mundo. Luego, san Bernardo habla de una venida intermedia, un Adviento “mientras tanto”, cuando Cristo viene a nosotros en su Palabra, en la Eucaristía y en aquellos que necesitan nuestro amor y cuidado, familia y amigos, vecinos y extraños. Ese es el Adviento de este año, el que estamos celebrando ahora; y la pregunta de este Adviento es: ¿hasta qué punto estoy atento a la llegada de Cristo a la historia de mi vida, aquí y ahora?

### UN ADVENIMIENTO INADVERTIDO

Hoy Lucas anuncia solemnemente los nombres de los poderes seculares y sagrados que creían tener en sus manos el destino del mundo. Pero se perdieron por completo el acontecimiento decisivo que cambió para siempre la historia religiosa y política del mundo. Cuando nadie escuchaba, la Palabra de Dios llegó a un don nadie, Juan el Bautista, y no en el santuario del templo o en la sala del trono de un palacio, sino “en la calle”, la Palabra que un día limpiaría el templo y derribaría tronos. Los poderosos nombres que anuncia Lucas no eran populares entre la gente común: los tiempos eran difíciles, la economía era mala, la gente tenía que arreglárselas con menos; y esos nombres recordaban a la gente común que gran parte de la vida estaba fuera de su control. ¿Les resulta familiar? Sin embargo, justo en ese momento, cuando muchos estaban lejos de la esperanza, Dios actuó con decisión para salvar al pueblo.

### EL PLAN DE RECONSTRUCCIÓN DE DIOS

Escuchamos a Baruc, en la primera lectura, imaginando nuestro mundo roto renaciendo: los dispersos siendo llevados a casa, las lágrimas enjugadas, la rectitud y la justicia, la paz y la adoración. Cómo quisiéramos que todo esto fuera verdad. Pablo declara que será verdad, optimista de que Dios, que ya ha comenzado una obra tan buena en nosotros, seguirá completándola para el día del regreso glorioso de Cristo, aumentando nuestro amor y agudizando nuestro discernimiento de los valores que perduran. Así pues, deberíamos comenzar esta segunda semana de Adviento revigorizados con la esperanza en el plan de Dios para la salvación del mundo. Pero Juan el Bautista nos recuerda que el “plan de reconstrucción” de Dios para la transformación del mundo comienza mucho más cerca de casa: ¿qué giros de mi propia vida hay que desenredar, qué montañas elevadas de mi propio orgullo y egocentrismo hay que rebajar, qué valles profundos de mi propia indiferencia y negligencia hay que rellenar? Ven, Señor Jesús, y haz que toda la creación sea nueva, pero empieza aquí y ahora conmigo.

Lecturas de hoy: Bar 5:1-9; Sal 126 (125):1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Flp 1:4-6, 8-11; Lc 3:1-6

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La segunda colecta de este fin de semana es para nuestro **Fondo de Mantenimiento** Se les agradece su generosidad



La segunda colecta del próximo fin de semana será para **El Fondo de Retiro para los Religiosos** ¡Gracias por su generosidad!



### Iglesia de San Atanasio - Giving Tree 2021

Este es el último fin de semana para donar al programa del Christmas Giving Tree. Necesitamos de su generosidad. Más de 140 familias locales y 400 niños están solicitando regalos de Navidad este año. Deje sus cheques en la canasta de la colecta dominical o en la rectoría. En la sección de notas, escriba "Giving Tree". También puede donar en línea en el enlace aquí: <https://tinyurl.com/ChristmasGivingTree2021>

### Fiesta de la Inmaculada Concepción

Miércoles 8 de diciembre



La Fiesta de la Inmaculada Concepción es un día de Obligación este año. Esta fiesta celebra la concepción de la Santísima Virgen María en el vientre de Santa Ana.

El horario de Misas de este día será el siguiente:

**9:00 AM (Misa Bilingüe)**  
**6:30 PM OMPH Novena (ingles)**  
**7:00 PM (Misa Bilingüe)**



**DISTRIBUCION DE COMIDA POR AUTO**  
**sábado 11 de diciembre**  
**de las 10:00 AM a las 12:00 PM**  
**ESTA SERA LA UNICA DISTRIBUCION DEL MES**

No se necesita registración previa, las registraciones se hacen el día de la distribución.

**¡MANTENGASE CONECTADO!**

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**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"**

**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.

**ST. ATHANASIUS BEREAVEMENT, COMFORT AND SUPPORT GROUP**

The St. Athanasius Bereavement, Comfort, and Support Ministry meets every 4th Friday of the month at 6:00 PM in the Parish Hall.

We hope that you will be able to attend. If you have experienced the death of a loved one, please join us as we share our losses, and develop coping strategies.

**FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION**

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

**EXPOSICION AL SANTISIMO SACRAMENTO**

El primer Viernes del mes a las 7:30 PM dentro de la Iglesia.

**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 8:30 PM -10:00 PM**. The meetings consist of prayer, reflection on our faith journeys in general and on evangelization in particular, and the daily readings. Email us at [Athanasius@comcast.net](mailto:Athanasius@comcast.net) for the Zoom meeting details.

**SOCIETY of ST. VINCENT de PAUL**

Parish volunteers serve the needy of our Mountain View area through our Emergency Assistance program. The Food Pantry is closed due to COVID-19 because the room is too small for safe distancing. Interested Parishioners are welcome to join us at our virtual board meetings held on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM to see how we carry out our mission. Please leave your contact information on our Helpline (650) 562-1000 or at the Parish Office (650) 961-8600.

**JOVENES PARA CRISTO**

Nos reunimos todos los viernes a las 7 PM en la Iglesia, compartimos temas para profundizar nuestra fe, alabanzas y adoración al Santísimo.

**HIJOS DE MARIA SANTISIMA**

Somos un grupo de oración familiar, nos reunimos los jueves de 7 - 9 PM en la Iglesia para compartir temas, rezar el rosario, y adoración al Santísimo.

**JUNTOS COMO HERMANOS**

Los invitamos a venir los lunes de las 7 a las 9 PM en la Iglesia para alabar al Señor, y escuchar testimonio y temas para profundizar nuestro conocimiento en nuestra fe.

**Faith Formation and Sacrament Preparation for Children, Teens and Adults**

Our Faith Formation and Sacrament preparation programs seek to empower families to deepen their faith in Jesus through Scripture stories, reflection, prayer and seasonal celebrations. Preparation for the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist (Grades 2-12) and for Confirmation (Grades 9-12) is a one-year process. Out of an abundance of caution we will conduct our classes via Zoom for the first semester this year. 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 Ext. 100 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. All Baptisms are indoors the **3rd Saturday of the month**.

**10:00 AM in English**

**11:00 AM en español**

*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 dentro de la Iglesia el 3er sábado del mes.*

**DRIVE-THRU FOOD DISTRIBUTION  
DISTRIBUCION DE COMIDA POR AUTO**

Saint Athanasius Church

**Saturday, December 11 / sábado 11 de diciembre**  
**(ONLY DISTRIBUTION IN DECEMBER / ESTA SERA LA UNICA DISTRIBUCION EN DICIEMBRE)**

**from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM**

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](mailto:Athanasius@comcast.net)**

*No se necesita registraci3n previa, las registraciones se hacen el día de la distribuci3n. Si le gustaría ser voluntario para las distribuciones de comida, favor de enviar un correo electrónico a la oficina a [Athanasius@comcast.net](mailto:Athanasius@comcast.net).*

**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**.



**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 or [www.opcva.ethicspoint.com](http://www.opcva.ethicspoint.com).



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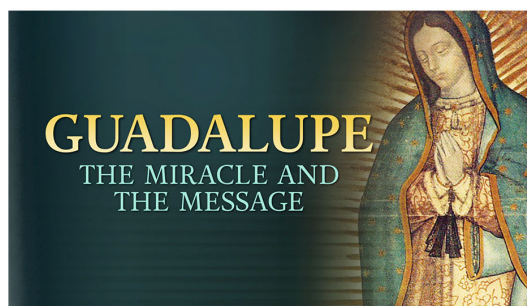
PICK OF THE WEEK

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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.



To set up your free account visit [formed.org/signup](https://formed.org/signup) and select our parish.

# Ordination Anniversary Celebration Mass

FR. WALTER SUAREZ | FR. ROLANDO SANTOIANNI

*You are cordially invited*

**Saturday, December 11, 2021**

**The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass  
will be celebrated  
by Bishop Oscar Cantú  
at 1:00 PM (Bilingual)**







**Celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**

***Celebración de la Virgen de Guadalupe***

**Saturday, December 11 & Sunday, December 12**

***Sábado 11 de diciembre & domingo 12 de diciembre***



**Our Lady of Guadalupe Masses**

**Misas especiales para la Virgen de Guadalupe:**

Saturday/sábado December 11 - **6:30 PM** (Spanish/español)

Sunday/domingo December 12 - **5:00 AM** (Spanish/español)

**9:30 AM** (Spanish/español)

**1:00 PM** (Spanish/español)