

Saint Athanasius Church

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10:00 AM - 2:00 PM 1st & 3rd Sat. of the month
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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.



Third Sunday of

Advent

December 12, 2021

I am baptizing you with water,
but one mightier than I is coming.
I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals.

Luke 3:16

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Zep 3:14-18a
Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6
Phil 4:4-7
Lk 3:10-18

SAINT ATHANASIUS

Third Sunday of Advent

Today is known as Gaudete-Rejoice-Sunday, the day's Latin nickname is taken from today's ancient official Entrance Antiphon, "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near." The optional rose vestments—reminiscent of winter's early morning skies as the solstice draws near, the festal organ music, the floral arrangements, all these ancient traditions together with the antiphon are meant to anticipate, in sight and sound, the soon-to-break-upon-us Christmas joy. How well today's scriptures illustrate the struggle between Advent's contrasting moods: "joyful expectation" in light of Christ's nativity, and "serious repentance" inspired by John the Baptist's preaching, reminding us that Christ's next coming—at death or at the end of time—will be for judgment as well as redemption.

JOY AND EXULTATION

Joy and exultation ring through the first reading, as Zephaniah's ancient messianic prophecy pictures God "rejoicing over (us) with gladness, renewing (us) in his love, singing joyfully because of (us) as one sings at festivals." This joyful God is not distant: the prophet declares twice that God "is in your midst." Zephaniah so trusts this joyful God's love for us that he declares our deliverance "a done deal": both from inward fear and guilt—"the Lord has removed the judgment against you"—and from external threats: "he has turned away your enemies." The Responsorial Psalm, from Advent's principal prophet, Isaiah, echoes an exultant joy that should prompt us to be "confident and unafraid," "for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel." Paul likewise exhorts the Philippians—and us—to joy, to a kindness that should be evident to all, to prayer free from anxiety, serene and thankful.

WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

But then John the Baptist cries out on Jordan's bank: Repent! Prepare for a Messiah whose baptism "with the Holy Spirit and fire," unlike John's water baptism, will utterly transform its recipients. His winnowing fan will clear away the dead wood, bundling wheat and burning chaff in unquenchable fire. If this is going to be "good news" for us, then well might we, like the crowds, tax collectors, and soldiers who first heard John, ask "What should we do?" When John responds to the people then, and to us today, the answer, while supremely challenging, is almost surprisingly simple. Nobody is ordered to abandon the place in which their personal life's journey or the realities of a history beyond their control have put them. God saves us not despite or apart from our real-life circumstances but in them and through them. Our call now is to practical, generous charity: we are to share clothing and food; practice justice and professional and personal integrity; and be honest toward others and with ourselves. Such is the teaching of the Messiah that John heralded.

Today's Readings: Zep 3:14–18a; Is 12:2–3, 4, 5–6; Phil 4:4–7; Lk 3:10–18

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat (11) 4:30 _____
6:30 Recner Lugardo -- Spec. Int. (S.I.)

Sun (12) 8:00 Kristine Francisco -- Birthday (B)
9:30 _____
11:00 Julie Hidalgo -- Deceased (†)
 Joel Villareal -- Deceased (†)
 Natalie Do & Chan Keung -- Death Anniv. (†)
 Valentina Tagle Kangleon -- Deceased (†)
1:00 _____

Mon (13) 9:00 Ronald & Ricardo Cabarloc -- Death Anniv. (†)

Tues (14) 9:00 _____

Wed (15) 9:00 _____

Thurs (16) 9:00 _____

Friday (17) 9:00 Joe Carvalho, Jr. -- Deceased (†)

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

Death Anniversary Remembrance Week of December 12

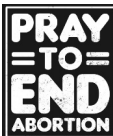
Manuel Carmo	Thomas Comer
Laura Freitas	Filemon De Vera
Maria Domeni	Bernard Ploshay
Emeteria Leon	Margaret Wacker
Gilbert Martinez	Bryant McGrath
Alicia Martinez Arriaga	Jose Prado
Emma Koszowiec	Constancia Agbulos
Manuel Cervantes	Luisa Dasalla

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, Flavio Mauricio, and Teresa Altman.



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

3rd Sunday of Advent



This Weekend's 2nd Collection is for the **Retirement Fund for Religious**. 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)



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.

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



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.



BEREAVEMENT, COMFORT, AND SUPPORT GROUP

If you have experienced the death of a loved one, please join us as we share our losses, and develop coping strategies.

THIS MONTH'S MEETING WILL BE ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17 AT 6 PM IN THE PARISH HALL.

SAVE THE DATE
Friday, January 28
at St. Francis High School



6pm Doors open | 7pm Game Tip-off



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December 12, 2021



St. Athanasius Church Giving Tree

Thanks to your generosity to the Christmas Giving Tree project. We have blessed over 140 local families and 400 children with Christmas Gift cards this year. Special thanks to our dedicated volunteers at St. Athanasius, St. Simon's, and St. Joseph's Church, and to the Confirmation students that helped out. 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!

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 2021



Christmas Eve- Friday, December 24:
4:30 PM - English Mass
6:30 PM - Spanish Mass

Christmas Day - Saturday, December 25:
11:00 AM - English Mass
1:00 PM - Spanish Mass
6:30 PM - Bilingual Mass

Feast of the Holy Family - Sunday, December 26:
*Regular Sunday Mass Schedule



Advent is the perfect time to examine our lives anew in light of the gift of God's unspeakable love manifested in Jesus' First coming, the Incarnation. We find strength in the Church Community when we publicly express sorrow for our sins. Through the power of forgiveness, Jesus heals us. Experience His healing power by joining us in the church on:

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15 AT 7:00 PM
for a communal Reconciliation Service. This is a bilingual service and it will conclude with the opportunity for individual confession.

Tercer Domingo de Adviento

A este domingo se le conoce como el Domingo *Gaudete* o Domingo de la Alegría, este otro nombre en latín para este día está tomado de la antigua Antífona de Entrada aprobada para hoy: “Alégrese siempre en el Señor; una vez más digo, alégrese. En efecto, el Señor está cerca”. La ropa litúrgica u ornamentos usados opcionalmente para hoy de color rosa tratan de representar al cielo de las madrugadas de invierno cuando ya está cerca el solsticio, la música festiva del órgano, los arreglos florales, todas estas antiguas tradiciones, junto con la antífona, pretenden anticipar, en la vista y en el sonido, la alegría de la Navidad que pronto sucederá. Qué bien ilustran las Escrituras de hoy la lucha entre los estados de ánimo contrastados del Adviento: la “alegre expectación” ante la Natividad de Cristo, y el “serio arrepentimiento” inspirado por la predicación de Juan el Bautista, que nos recuerda que la próxima venida de Cristo, en la muerte o al final de los tiempos, será para juzgar y redimir.

ALEGRÍA Y JÚBILO

La alegría y el júbilo resuenan en la primera lectura, ya que la antigua profecía mesiánica de Sofonías presenta a Dios “alegrándose por nosotros, renovándonos en su amor, cantando con alegría por nosotros como se canta en las fiestas”. Este Dios alegre no está distante: el profeta declara dos veces que Dios “está en medio de ustedes”. Sofonías confía tanto en el amor de este Dios alegre por nosotros que declara que nuestra liberación es “un hecho”: tanto del miedo y la culpa internos, “el Señor ha quitado el juicio contra ustedes”, como de las amenazas externas: “ha alejado a tus enemigos”. El Salmo Responsorial, del profeta principal del Adviento, Isaías, se hace eco de una alegría jubilosa que debería impulsarnos a estar “confiados y sin miedo”, “porque entre ustedes está el grande y Santo de Israel”. Pablo también exhorta a los filipenses, y a nosotros, a la alegría, a una bondad que debe ser evidente para todos, a una oración libre de ansiedad, serena y agradecida.

¿QUÉ DEBEMOS HACER?

Pero entonces Juan el Bautista grita en la orilla del Jordán: ¡Arrepiéntanse! Prepárense para un Mesías que bautizará “con el Espíritu Santo y fuego”; a diferencia del bautismo de Juan con agua, transformará por completo a sus destinatarios. Su horquilla limpiará la madera muerta, agrupando el trigo y quemando la paja en un fuego que no se extingue. Si esto va a ser una “Buena Nueva” para nosotros, entonces bien podríamos, como las multitudes, los recaudadores de impuestos y los soldados que escucharon por primera vez a Juan preguntar “¿Qué debemos hacer?” Cuando Juan responde a la gente de entonces, y a nosotros hoy, la respuesta, aunque supremamente desafiante, es casi sorprendentemente sencilla. A nadie se le ordena que abandone el lugar en el que el camino personal de su vida o las realidades de una historia más allá de su control le han puesto. Dios nos salva, no a pesar de las circunstancias de nuestra vida real ni al margen de ellas, sino en ellas y a través de ellas. Nuestra llamada ahora es a la caridad práctica y generosa: debemos compartir ropa y comida; practicar la justicia y la integridad profesional y personal; y ser honestos con los demás y con nosotros mismos. Tal es la enseñanza del Mesías que Juan anunció.

Lecturas de hoy: Sof 3:14–18a; Is 12:2–3, 4, 5–6; Flp 4:4–7; Lc 3:10–18

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



Iglesia de San Atanasio - Giving Tree 2021

Gracias a su generosidad con el Proyecto del Christmas Giving Tree. Hemos bendecido a más de 140 familias locales y 400 niños con tarjetas de regalo de Navidad este año. Un agradecimiento especial a nuestros dedicados voluntarios en las iglesias de San Atanasio, San Simón y San José, y a los estudiantes de Confirmación que ayudaron. Este proyecto no sería posible sin su apoyo año tras año. Gracias nuevamente por sus donaciones y oraciones. ¡Les deseo a todos una Feliz Navidad!

SERVICIO DE RECONCILIACIONES DE ADVIENTO

El Adviento es el tiempo perfecto para examinar nuestras vidas, inspirados por el amor incondicional de Dios manifestado en la primera llegada de Jesús, la Encarnación. A través del poder del perdón, Jesús nos sana. Experimenta su poder de sanación participando en el Servicio de Reconciliación el:

MIÉRCOLES 15 DE DICIEMBRE A LAS 7:00 PM

Este será un servicio bilingüe que concluirá con la oportunidad de confesarse individualmente.

HORARIO DE MISAS DE NAVIDAD



Nochebuena - Viernes 24 de diciembre:

4:30 PM - Misa en inglés

6:30 PM - Misa en español

Navidad - Sábado 25 de diciembre:

11:00 AM - Misa en inglés

1:00 PM - Misa en español

6:30 PM - Misa bilingüe

Fiesta de la Santa Familia - Domingo 26 de diciembre:
*Seguiremos el horario regular de Misas de domingo



DISTRIBUCION DE COMIDA POR AUTO

Sábado 8 de enero
de las 10 AM a las 12 PM

No se necesita registración previa. NO puede venir en persona? Puede mandar algun familiar o amigo a recoger su despensa por usted.

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 (except for the month of December).

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 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, January 8 / sábado 8 de enero
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**

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.

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 Protecci3n de Niños y Adultos
Vulnerables**

Diocese of San Jose: Anthony Gonzalez (408) 983-0113

Emergency Line: (408) 983-0144 or www.opcva.ethicspoint.com.

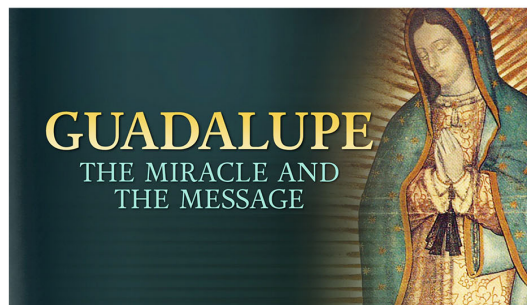
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PICK OF THE WEEK

WATCH

**GUADALUPE:
THE MIRACLE AND THE MESSAGE**

As we celebrate the patroness of the Americas this week, enjoy this film narrated by Jim Caviezal 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 and select our parish.

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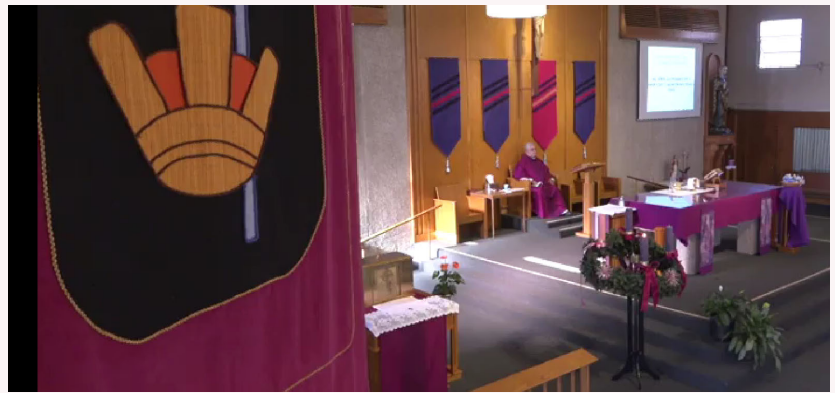
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1:00 PM Spanish Mass
6:30 PM Bilingual Mass

Feast of the Holy Family-Sunday, December 26:

- We will follow the regular Sunday Mass Schedule



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Heartfelt THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to the following volunteers who prepared our sanctuary and church for Thanksgiving and Advent especially by cleaning and decorating and who so generously gave their time and talents to beautify our church.

Jacob Mizell
Manuel Barriga
Alejandra Sanchez
Gabriel Torres
Rosa Perez
Azle Bartolo
Lilia Flores
Pat Papa

Michelle Agreda
Aida Lecointre
Jose Enrique Guerrero
Juan Pablo Ramirez
Ana Roquero
Abby Bartolo
Margaret Mary Henriksen
Peter Taskovich

We also would like to thank the staff, ushers, altar servers and Mark Ruzon for coordinating the music and directing the choir during our Thanksgiving Mass.

God bless you all!