



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.



Fourth Sunday of

Advent

December 19, 2021

Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit,
cried out in a loud voice and said,
“Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.”

Luke 1:41-42

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mi 5:1-4a

Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

Heb 10:5-10

Lk 1:39-45

SAINT ATHANASIUS

Fourth Sunday of Advent

For years, Catholic spiritual writers have drawn our attention to the Christmas liturgy's subtle—and not-so-subtle—linking of Christ's incarnation with his paschal mystery. In the infancy narratives of Matthew and Luke, there are countless intimations of the Passion and cross. The saints of the Christmas octave, dubbed "*comites Christi*," Christ's companions in suffering, form a royal honor guard of martyrs and others who bore witness at great personal sacrifice to the Child we hail as "Prince of Peace," while the wood of the manger evokes the wood of the cross. But these days, sadly, in the wake of seemingly endless mass shootings at schools, we need no reminders of how close in real life are the cradle and the cross. May our hearts find, if not answers, at least comfort in the prophet Micah's reminder that, from the pain of a woman's labor came forth the Child who is our incarnate peace.

COMFORT AND SALVATION

All of today's scriptures seem to declare Christmas's "comfort and joy." Micah declares that, as small as Bethlehem is, the child born there will bring peace that "shall reach to the ends of the earth." Hebrews proclaims that, despite pain and suffering, the "offering of the body of Jesus Christ" saves us all.

In today's Gospel, bearing the Christ Child within her, Mary, barely more than a child herself, immediately, unselfishly sets aside her own preoccupations—and as a betrothed but as yet unmarried mother-to-be, how many they must have been—to travel in haste, over dangerous terrain, a four-day journey (the scholars say) from Nazareth to Ain-Karem, to the home of Elizabeth and Zechariah.

BLESSED

Then, just as David leapt and danced before the ancient Ark of the Covenant that bore precious signs of God's abiding presence, so John leaps in his mother Elizabeth's womb as Mary arrives, a living ark bearing God's living presence. Elizabeth joyfully greets Mary in words that we pray daily in the "Hail Mary": "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." Why Mary is so "blessed" Elizabeth then explains: "Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." Likewise, we may dare hope to be "blessed" for "believing that what was spoken" to us "by the Lord"—Jesus' promise of mercy—will be fulfilled as we share God's mercy with everyone. For by reason of our baptism and, more immediately and repeatedly, because of our participation in the Eucharist, we too bear within ourselves the living Christ. To whom, or to what situation, do we need to bear Christ this Christmas? Indeed, throughout the year, how selflessly do we set our own concerns aside? How eagerly—"in haste"—do we, disregarding difficulties, traverse whatever dangerous terrain needs conquering to be of service to another?

Today's Readings: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat (18) 4:30 _____
6:30 _____

Sun (19) 8:00 _____
9:30 _____
11:00 Julie Hidalgo -- Deceased (†)
Joel Villareal -- Deceased (†)
Tara Fernandez -- Birthday (B)
1:00 _____

Mon (20) 9:00 Devon Dychioco -- Birthday (B)

Tues (21) 9:00 Mark Haun -- Death Anniv. (†)
Devon Dychioco -- Birthday (B)

Wed (22) 9:00 Bernardo Estrada -- Deceased (†)
Teodoyo, Petronila, & Geno Quintos -- Deceased (†)
Richard & Ricardo Ramilo -- Deceased (†)
Demetria Goico -- Deceased (†)
Sim & Fran Mariano -- 55th Wedding Anniv. (T)

Thurs (23) 9:00 Jessie Sana -- Thanksgiving (T)

Friday (24) 5:00 Joe Carvalho, Jr. -- Deceased (†)
7:00 _____

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

Death Anniversary Remembrance Week of December 19

Nicholas De Vito	Jaime Moreno	William Stoesser
Amelia Giusti	Beatrice Perez Ploke	Estela Acosta
Steve Alcalá	Kim Scholz	Luis Salvatierra
Margaret Bohn	Herbert Broyer	Susan A. Valdez
Shawn McCoffrey	John Flores	Angelina Curiel
Consuelo Pedro	Antonio Garcia	Abigail Guevara
Marian Sanders	Silvecio Coleta	Martin Harris
Agnes Hynes	Maria Francisco	Mercedes Pike

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

4th Sunday of Advent

December 19, 2021

*"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.

**The Saint Athanasius Parish Office
will be closed from:**

Monday, December 27, 2021

through

Friday, December 31, 2021.

We will reopen on Tuesday, January 4, 2022

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

When Every Night is Winter

*Lord, you split no sky when you came among us,
And you rose not from the sea.*

*A star was seen in the heavens-but only by those
who looked.*

*A choir of angels was heard-but only by those
who listened.*

*No thunder, no storm, no cataclysm
announced you,*

*Just the cry of a lowly refugee,
Turning to no one, turning to everyone,
Saying, "Will you let me in?"*

*And so, when every night is winter, And every
town is Bethlehem,*

*And every inn seems filled,
And on every ear those words are heard,
"Will you let me in?"*

*May we have eyes to see the star,
May we have ears to hear the choir,
May we have hearts that finally speak:*

*Yes, yes, by all means, come in.
Come in and stay.*

Amen

www.crs.org/sites/default/files/usops-resources/when-every-night-is-winter



St. Athanasius Church Giving Tree

Thanks for 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 would not be possible without your support year

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

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE 2021



Christmas Eve - Friday, December 24:
5:00 PM - English Mass
7:00 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

New Year's Eve - Friday, December 31:
5:00 PM - English Mass
7:00 PM - Spanish Mass

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (New Year's Day) - Saturday, January 1:
11:00 AM - English Mass
1:00 PM - Spanish Mass
6:30 PM - Bilingual Mass

The Epiphany of the Lord- Sunday, January 2:
*Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

Cuarto Domingo de Adviento

Durante años, los escritores espirituales católicos han llamado la atención sobre la sutil –y no tan sutil– vinculación de la liturgia navideña con la encarnación de Cristo y su misterio pascual. En los relatos de la infancia de Mateo y Lucas, hay innumerables insinuaciones de la Pasión y la cruz. Los santos de la Octava de Navidad, llamados “*comites Christi*”, compañeros de sufrimiento de Cristo, forman una guardia de honor real de mártires y otros que dieron testimonio con gran sacrificio personal del Niño que aclamamos como “Príncipe de la Paz”, aunque la madera del pesebre evoca la madera de la cruz. Pero en estos días, tristemente, a raíz de los aparentemente interminables tiroteos en masa en las escuelas, no necesitamos recordatorios de lo cerca que están en la vida real la cuna y la cruz. Que nuestros corazones encuentren, si no respuestas, al menos consuelo en el recordatorio de Miqueas de que, del dolor del parto de una mujer nació el Niño que es nuestra paz encarnada.

CONSUELO Y SALVACIÓN

Todas las Escrituras de hoy parecen declarar el “consuelo y la alegría” de la Navidad. Miqueas declara que, por pequeña que sea Belén, el niño que allí nazca traerá la paz que “llegará hasta los confines de la tierra”. La carta a los hebreos proclama que, a pesar del dolor y el sufrimiento, la “ofrenda del cuerpo de Jesucristo” nos salva a todos. En el Evangelio de hoy, María, que apenas es una niña, deja de lado inmediatamente sus propias preocupaciones –y como futura madre desposada, pero aún no casada, cuántas debían de ser– para viajar a toda prisa, por un terreno peligroso, en un viaje de cuatro días (según los estudiosos) desde Nazaret a Ain-Karem, hasta la casa de Isabel y Zacarías.

BENDITO

Entonces, al igual que David saltó y danzó ante la antigua Arca de la Alianza que llevaba preciosos signos de la presencia permanente de Dios, así Juan salta en el vientre de su madre Isabel cuando María llega, un arca viva que lleva la presencia viva de Dios. Isabel saluda con alegría a María con las palabras que rezamos a diario en el “Ave María”: “Bendita eres entre las mujeres y bendito es el fruto de tu vientre”. Por qué María es tan bendita”, explica entonces Isabel: “Dichosa tú que has creído que se iba a cumplir lo que te ha dicho el Señor”. Del mismo modo, podemos atrevernos a esperar ser “bienaventurados” por “creer que lo que nos fue dicho” por el Señor –la promesa de misericordia de Jesús– se cumplirá al compartir la misericordia de Dios con todos. En efecto, por nuestro bautismo y, más inmediata y repetidamente, por nuestra participación en la Eucaristía, también nosotros llevamos dentro a Cristo vivo. ¿A quién, o a qué situación, tenemos que llevar a Cristo en esta Navidad? De hecho, a lo largo del año, ¿con qué desinterés dejamos de lado nuestras propias preocupaciones? ¿Con qué entusiasmo –“con prisa”– atravesamos, sin tener en cuenta las dificultades, cualquier terreno peligroso que haya que conquistar para servir a los demás?

Lecturas de hoy: Mi 5:1–4a; Sal 80 (79):2–3, 15–16, 18–19; Heb 10:5–10; Lc 1:39–45

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Quando todas las noches son invierno

Señor, no dividiste ningún cielo cuando llegaste entre nosotros, y no surgiste del mar.

Una estrella fue vista en los cielos— pero solo por aquellos que miraron.

Se escuchó un coro de ángeles— pero solo por aquellos que escucharon.

Ningún trueno, ninguna tormenta, ningún cataclismo te anunció, solo el clamor de un humilde refugiado, recurriendo a nadie, recurriendo a todos, diciendo, “¿Me dejarás entrar?”

Y entonces, cuando todas las noches son invierno, y cada pueblo es Belén,

y cada posada parece llena, y en cada oído se escuchan esas palabras,

¿“Me dejarás entrar?”

que tengamos ojos para ver la estrella, que tengamos oídos para escuchar el coro, que tengamos corazones que finalmente digan:

Sí, sí, por supuesto, entra. Entra y quédate.

Amén

www.crs.org/sites/default/files/usops-resources/cuando_todas_las_noches_son_invierno

HORARIO DE MISAS DE NAVIDAD Y AÑO NUEVO

Nochebuena - Viernes 24 de diciembre:

5:00 PM - Misa en inglés

7:00 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

Víspera de Año Nuevo - Viernes 31 de diciembre:

5:00 PM - Misa en inglés

7:00 PM - Misa en español

Solemnidad de María, La Madre de Dios (Año Nuevo) -

Sábado 1 de enero:

11:00 AM - Misa en inglés

1:00 PM - Misa en español

6:30 PM - Misa bilingüe

Epifanía del Señor - Domingo 2 de enero:

*Seguiremos el horario regular de Misas de domingo



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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December 19, 2021

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THE STORY OF THE NATIVITY: THE TRUTH OF CHRISTMAS

Christmas is so much more than a humdrum story we've heard since childhood. Join top scholars, speakers, and authors as they explain the gravity of Christ's miraculous birth.



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Bishop Cantú's End of Jubilee Year Message:

To Encounter, Listen and Discern: “We have come to the end of our Diocesan Jubilee, celebrating our 40th anniversary. We also close the Year of St. Joseph, which Pope Francis providentially announced, and coincided with our Diocesan Jubilee. To begin to prepare ourselves and our Diocese for our 50th Jubilee, I invite us all – laity, religious, and clergy – to participate in a Year of Prayer to convoke the Holy Spirit in our discernment process.”

Visit <https://www.dsj.org/journeying-together-to-encounter-listen-and-discern/> to read the Bishop's full message .



Mensaje del Obispo Cantú del Final del Jubileo:

Para encontrar, escuchar y discernir: “Hemos llegado al final de nuestro Jubileo Diocesano, celebrando nuestro 40 aniversario. También cerramos el Año de San José, que el Papa Francisco anunció providencialmente y coincidió con nuestro Jubileo Diocesano. Para comenzar a prepararnos a nosotros mismos y a nuestra Diócesis para nuestro Jubileo 50º, los invito a todos, laicos, religiosos y clérigos, a participar en un Año de Oración para convocar al Espíritu Santo en nuestro proceso de discernimiento ”.

Para leer el mensaje complete del Obispo Cantú visite <https://www.dsj.org/caminando-juntos-para-encontrar-escuchar-y-discernir/>