



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 26, 2021



The Holy Family

OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

After three days Jesus' parents found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.

Luke 2:46

SCRIPTURE READINGS

I Sam 1:20-22, 24-28

Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10

1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24

Lk 2:41-52

SAINT ATHANASIUS

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

It wasn't at all what Mary and Joseph expected their life to be like. Almost from the beginning, there were indications that something extraordinary was at work: Mary's angelic annunciation; Joseph's strange dream; the puzzling words of Simeon and Anna in the Temple. And now this: during Mary and Joseph's annual Passover journey to Jerusalem, the discovery that their son Jesus was lost—and even when he was found, they didn't totally recognize their twelve-year-old boy. Today's feast of the Holy Family reminds us of the perplexities and promise of family life. The mystery of "the Word made flesh" becomes very tangible indeed in the routines and foibles of family life—our Christmas gatherings were likely unmistakable reminders of that! From the pure flesh of a newborn child to the wizened flesh of a beloved grandmother, families are ground zero for glimpsing the wondrous mystery of the Incarnation.

DID YOU NOT KNOW?

A child's first words are usually a source of excitement and joy for family members. Today we hear the first words of Jesus in the Gospel according to Luke. And they are challenging ones. "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" The words *astounded*, *astonished*, and *great anxiety* are used to describe Jesus' extended visit to the Temple. How familiar those emotions are to most parents! Had Jesus' parents forgotten the angel Gabriel's words or the prophecy of Simeon? In Luke's Gospel this passage foreshadows Jesus' final journey to Jerusalem where he will experience his own Passover and again be "lost" for three days. The story of Hannah in the first reading confirms the need and nature of trusting in God's activity in our lives. It seems clear that faithful attention to a family's spiritual life is no guarantee that life will be free from hardship.

EMMANUEL: GOD IS WITH US

Could Tolstoy have gotten it wrong when he wrote that all happy families are alike and that unhappy families are each unhappy in their own way? It seems that the opposite is equally true. Because happy families foster the unique talents and interests of each member, each person shines according to their own lights. A happy family's faith, goals, and challenges will be uniquely their own. Unhappy families, on the other hand, might look very similar in their woundedness, their fears and confrontations, and their tendency to give negative interpretations to another's actions.

It is tempting to conclude that family life today is more problematic than ever. It might be reassuring to learn that the feast of the Holy Family was added to the Church's universal calendar because of Pope Leo XIII's concern for the state of family life—one hundred years ago! During this season of Christmas when families are everywhere, we welcome Emmanuel—the God who has pitched his tent among us.

Today's Readings: 1 Sam 1:20–22, 24–28; Ps 84:2–3, 5–6, 9–10; 1 Jn 3:1–2, 21–24; Lk 2:41–52

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat (25) 11:00 Maria Ruiz -- Deceased (†)
1:00 _____
6:30 _____

Sun (26) 8:00 _____
9:30 _____
11:00 Julie Hidalgo -- Deceased (†)
 Joel Villareal -- Deceased (†)
 Matt Caligaris -- Birthday (B)
 Quirino, Leoncia & Marivic Lapitan -- Deceased (†)
 Zosimo Mendoza -- Deceased (†)
1:00 _____

Mon (27) 9:00 Ramon & Tony Lapitan -- Deceased (†)

Tues (28) 9:00 Pepe & Enoi Lapitan -- Deceased (†)
 Cornelio Flores, Jr. -- Birthday (B)

Wed (29) 9:00 Nick, Willy & Marilyn Manvel -- Deceased (†)
 Skylar Starr Villareal -- Birthday (B)

Thurs (30) 9:00 _____

Friday (31) 5:00 Amor Datu -- Birthday (B)
 Joseph Papa -- Deceased (†)
7:00 _____

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

Death Anniversary Remembrance Week of December 26

Ernesto Agbulos	Clement Chin
Gerolomo Cesano	Lenita de Guzman
Maria Concepcion Ruiz	Paulino Bega
Vera Vlasoff	Juliette Haddon
Alfredo de Hoyos	Irma Slisovich
Armando Mendoza	Carnation Fontes
Victor Angelo Molinari	Hermogena A. Gicale
Luciano Montoya	Jose Matos
Joseph Bianco	Guillermo Sivila
Crispin Castaneda	Edna M. Andriano
Fr. John Cooper	Maria Gomez
John Alexander, Sr.	Andres Sana

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.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 26, 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.



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



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION
January 7, 2022
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
After the 9:00 AM Mass.
Benediction at 11:00 AM



SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

January 1st

NEW YEAR’S MASS SCHEDULE



Wishing you a Happy New Year with the hope that you will have many blessings in the year to come.

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
***NO 9:00 AM Mass on 12/31**

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**

Friday Mass December 10	
9:00 AM	\$65.30
Saturday/sábado December 11	
4:30 PM	\$173.00
6:30 PM	\$474.00
Sunday/domingo December 12	
8:00 AM	\$2,249.00
9:30 AM	\$577.00
11:00 AM	\$454.00
1:00 PM	\$1,878.75
Mail In/Por Correo	\$565.00
Online Giving	\$670.00
Total	\$7,106.05
Goal/Meta	\$6,000
Variance/Diferencia	\$1,106.05
Our Lady of Guadalupe 5:00 AM Mass	\$1,723.46
2nd Collection-National Retirement Fund for Religious	\$1,538.67

The Saint Athanasius Parish Office
will be closed from:

Friday, December 24, 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 New Year!

BOLETIN HISPANO

La Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José

No era en absoluto lo que María y José esperaban que fueran sus vidas. Casi desde el principio, hubo indicios de que algo extraordinario estaba sucediendo: la anunciación angélica a María, el extraño sueño de José, las desconcertantes palabras de Simeón y Ana en el Templo. Y ahora esto: durante el viaje anual de María y José a Jerusalén por la Pascua, el descubrimiento de que su hijo Jesús se había perdido, e incluso cuando lo encontraron, no reconocieron del todo a su hijo de doce años. La fiesta de hoy de la Sagrada Familia nos recuerda las perplejidades y las promesas de la vida familiar. El misterio del “Verbo hecho carne” se hace muy tangible en las rutinas y debilidades de la vida familiar. Desde la carne pura de un niño recién nacido hasta la carne envejecida de una abuela querida, las familias son el punto cero para vislumbrar el maravilloso misterio de la Encarnación.

¿NO LO SABÍAN?

Las primeras palabras de un niño suelen ser motivo de emoción y alegría para los miembros de la familia. Hoy escuchamos las primeras palabras de Jesús en el Evangelio según Lucas. Y son desafiantes. “¿Por qué me buscan? ¿No sabían que debía estar en la casa de mi Padre?” Las palabras asombradas, sorprendidas y con gran ansiedad se utilizan para describir la prolongada visita de Jesús al Templo. ¿Qué familiares son esas emociones para la mayoría de los padres! ¿Habían olvidado los padres de Jesús las palabras del ángel Gabriel o la profecía de Simeón? En el Evangelio de Lucas, este pasaje presagia el último viaje de Jesús a Jerusalén, donde vivirá su propia Pascua y volverá a estar “perdido” durante tres días. La historia de Ana en la primera lectura confirma la necesidad y la naturaleza de la confianza en la actividad de Dios en nuestras vidas. Parece claro que la atención fiel a la vida espiritual de una familia no garantiza que la vida esté libre de dificultades.

EMMANUEL: DIOS CON NOSOTROS

¿Se equivocó Tolstói cuando escribió que todas las familias felices son iguales y que las infelices lo son cada una a su manera? Parece que lo contrario es igualmente cierto. Como las familias felices fomentan los talentos e interés únicos de cada miembro, cada persona brilla según sus propias luces. La fe, los objetivos y los retos de una familia feliz serán los suyos propios. Las familias infelices, en cambio, pueden parecerse mucho en sus heridas, sus miedos y enfrentamientos, y su tendencia a dar interpretaciones negativas a las acciones de los demás.

Es tentador concluir que la vida familiar actual es más problemática que nunca. Puede ser tranquilizador saber que la fiesta de la Sagrada Familia se añadió al calendario universal de la Iglesia debido a la preocupación del Papa León XIII por el estado de la vida familiar, hace cien años. En este tiempo de Navidad, en el que las familias están por todas partes, damos la bienvenida al Emmanuel, el Dios que puesto su morada entre nosotros.

Lecturas de hoy: 1 Sam 1:20–22, 24–28; Sal 84 (83):2–3, 5–6, 9–10; 1 Jn 3:1–2, 21–24; Lc 2:41–52

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



ADORACION DE PRIMER VIERNES
7 de enero del 2022
Exposición del Santísimo Sacramento
empieza a las 7:30 PM
Dentro de la Iglesia

La oficina parroquial estará cerrada a partir del:

Viernes 24 de diciembre del 2021 al

Viernes 31 de diciembre del 2021.

Reabriremos el martes 4 de enero del 2022

De parte del personal de la Iglesia y de nuestros sacerdotes les deseamos un año nuevo lleno de bendiciones.

HORARIO DE MISAS DE AÑO NUEVO



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
***No habrá Misa de 9:00 AM**

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.

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

December 26, 2021

WATCH

FORGIVEN—SESSION 1: WHERE ARE YOU?

As we make resolutions for 2022, don't forget about your spiritual well-being! Through our Forgiven series, you can help guide friends and family to new spiritual beginnings!



To set up your free account visit formed.org/signup and select our parish.

A New Year's Prayer

Lord, You make all things new
You bring hope alive in our hearts
And cause our Spirits to be born again.
Thank you for this new year
For all the potential it holds.
Come and kindle in us
A mighty flame
So that in our time, many will see
the wonders of God
And live forever to praise Your glorious
name.
Amen

(A modern prayer for the New Year from www.lords-prayer-words.com)

Oración de Acción de Gracias para el año que termina

Gracias Señor por todo cuanto me diste en el año que termina.
Gracias por los días de sol y los nublados tristes por las tardes tranquilas y las noches oscuras. Gracias por lo que nos prestaste y luego nos pediste. Gracias señor por la sonrisa amable y por la mano amiga, por el amor y todo lo hermoso, por todo lo dulce, por las flores y las estrellas, por la existencia de los niños y de las personas buenas. Gracias por la soledad y por el trabajo, por las inquietudes y las dificultades, por las lágrimas, por todo lo que nos acercó a ti. Gracias por habernos conservado la vida, por habernos dado techo, abrigo y sustento.
Amén

(<https://es.catholic.net/op/articulos/64054>)

THANK YOU to all the volunteers and parishioners that contributed to the success of all these events. The work of the church could not go on without the consistent and generous sharing of your time, talents and treasure. On behalf of the Priests and the staff at Saint Athanasius Church we would like to wish you a blessed New Year!

