

Saint Athanasius Church

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Office: (650) 961-8600 Hours: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Tue. - Fri.
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM 1st & 3rd Sat. of the month
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January 9, 2022

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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.



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The Baptism

OF THE LORD

[John said,] "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

Is 40:1-5, 9-11

Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30

Ti 2:11-14, 3:4-7

Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

SAINT ATHANASIUS

The Baptism of the Lord

The Advent/Christmas cycle that began on November 28 ends with the Baptism of the Lord. We likely have an image in our minds (based on details from the Gospels and works of art) of what that scene looked like. We might wonder, “Who else was there and who wasn’t?” No disciples were present because Jesus had not yet begun his ministry. They would have to wait until the Transfiguration to hear a similar message. However, the three persons of the Blessed Trinity are accounted for: the Father (the voice from heaven), the Son Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Interestingly, Luke alone notes that it was *after* Jesus had been baptized and while he was praying that the voice was heard. All of the Gospels show Jesus praying at turning points in his ministry; this is but the first example of Jesus’ need to root himself in prayer throughout his life—a model for us to follow.

ON THE CUSP OF A NEW CREATION

It was on the Fourth Sunday of Advent this past December that we first heard of the two cousins, John and Jesus, meeting. Then it was in the womb of their mothers, Elizabeth and Mary. Now the cousins meet again on the shore of the Jordan River. John is already well known—so much so that people had begun to wonder if he was the long-awaited Messiah. Jesus, on the other hand, is about to begin his ministry. One could say that Jesus entered the waters of the Jordan as a private person and came out of them as a public one. The voice from heaven left no doubt about that. As we come to the end of the Christmas season our readings echo Isaiah and Titus (see Advent and Christmas Day readings) and together with today’s Psalm 104 they point us to Pentecost. We are on the cusp of a new creation.

JOHN THE BAPTIST: PATRON SAINT OF LITURGICAL MINISTERS?

John the Baptist was what we might call today a “social influencer.” People paid attention to what he had to say. And what he said affected the choices people made. Yet today’s Gospel reminds us of John the Baptist’s ultimate goal: “One mightier than I is coming.” The Baptizer walks the fine line between drawing attention to himself with his fiery preaching and then re-directing that attention to Jesus, the “beloved Son.” John the Baptist could be considered the “patron saint” of those who minister as lectors, extraordinary ministers of the eucharist, cantors, greeters, acolytes, and musicians. Isn’t John’s teaching a good goal for a liturgical (or any!) minister? Rooted in the graces of their own baptism, ministers must be skilled and confident enough to draw people’s attention (or, at least, not turn them off!) and then gradually re-focus that attention on Jesus. It is a dynamic and awesome responsibility.

Today’s Readings: Is 40:1–5, 9–11; Ps 104:1b–2, 3–4, 24–25, 27–28, 29–30; Ti 2:11–14, 3:4–7; Lk 3:15–16, 21–22

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat (08) 4:30 Aurora Silayan Go -- Deceased (†)
Mona Sivila -- Deceased (†)
6:30 Salomon Amaya -- Death Anniv. (†)

Sun (09) 8:00 Linda Eugenio & Family -- Spec. Int. (S.I.)
9:30
11:00 Julie Hidalgo -- Deceased (†)
Joel Villareal -- Deceased (†)
Aurora Silayan Go -- Deceased (†)
1:00

Mon (10) 9:00 Aurora Silayan Go -- Deceased (†)

Tues (11) 9:00 Ted Salinas -- Death Anniv. (†)

Wed (12) 9:00
6:30 Marcelina Flores, Cornelio Flores, Sr. and Ernesto Flores -- Deceased (†)

Thurs (13) 9:00 Christine Cosby -- Birthday (B)
Biddy Hughes -- Birthday (B)

Friday (14) 9:00

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

Death Anniversary Remembrance Week of January 9

Stanley Palmyra	Conrado M. Bautista
Frank Peredez	Loreto Valdez
Juvenal Lucatero	Josefa I. Bonzall
Vigil E. Merlitti	Pacita Partolan Caballes
Angela Amerio	Rosemary Collyer Hemsley
Francisca Lavarias	Cecil Sheehan
Edward W. Streiff	Lilian Araceli Arana
Martin C. Switzer	Bettie A. Clinton
Frederick Bidinger	Hugh Fisher
Alberto Del Real	Lynn Howard Miner
Luisa B. Padilla	Mariano B. Mollare
Ted. C. Salinas	

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

The Baptism of the Lord

January 9, 2022

 Thank you for your continued support. 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 or drop off your Sunday contribution to the Parish office.

SAVE THE DATE

Friday, January 28
at St. Francis High School



6pm Doors open | 7pm Game Tip-off



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Questions? Contact Betty at 650.961.8600

Friday Mass December 24 Christmas Eve	
5:00 PM	\$1,393.00
7:00 PM	\$1,238.92
Saturday/sábado December 25 Christmas Day	
11:00 AM	\$8,251.00
1:00 PM	\$1,542.00
6:30 PM	\$605.27
Sunday/domingo December 26	
8:00 AM	\$438.00
9:30 AM	\$567.00
11:00 AM	\$656.00
1:00 PM	\$1,029.95
Mail In/Por Correo	\$1,618.00
Online Giving	\$565.00
Total	\$17,904.14 (this includes Christmas Eve and Christmas Day)
Goal/Meta	\$6,000
Variance/Diferencia	\$11,904.14

Friday Mass December 31 New Year's Eve	
5:00 PM	\$339.00
7:00 PM	\$462.00
Saturday/sábado January 1 New Year's Day	
11:00 AM	\$593.00
1:00 PM	\$321.39
6:30 PM	\$402.00
Sunday/domingo January 2	
8:00 AM	\$707.00
9:30 AM	\$603.00
11:00 AM	\$1,652.00
1:00 PM	\$980.10
Mail In/Por Correo	\$321.00
Online Giving	\$3,012.00
Total	\$9,401.49
Goal/Meta	\$6,000
Variance/Diferencia	\$3,401.49
2nd Collection / Maintenance	\$1,226.50

St. Athanasius Church



Sanctuary Back Wall Renovation

We are excited to inform you that thanks to your generous contributions to the 2021 ADA campaign, we will be able to start the renovation of the Church sanctuary this month, *tentatively* the week of **January 10**.

During the time of the construction we will temporarily move the weekday 9:00 AM Masses to the Parish Hall. We will keep you informed as more information becomes available. Thank you!

El Bautismo del Señor

El ciclo de Adviento/Navidad que comenzó el 28 de noviembre termina con el Bautismo del Señor. Es probable que tengamos una imagen en nuestra mente (basada en los detalles de los Evangelios y las obras de arte) de cómo era esa escena. Podríamos preguntarnos: “¿Quién más estaba allí y quién no?” Ningún discípulo estaba presente porque Jesús aún no había comenzado su ministerio. Tendrían que esperar hasta la Transfiguración para escuchar un mensaje similar. Sin embargo, se da cuenta de las tres personas de la Santísima Trinidad: el Padre (la voz del cielo), el Hijo Jesús y el Espíritu Santo. Curiosamente, sólo Lucas señala que fue después de que Jesús fuera bautizado y mientras oraba cuando se oyó la voz. Todos los evangelios muestran a Jesús orando en momentos cruciales de su ministerio; este no es más que el primer ejemplo de la necesidad de Jesús de arraigar en la oración a lo largo de su vida, un modelo que debemos seguir.

EN LA CÚSPIDE DE UNA NUEVA CREACIÓN

Fue en el cuarto domingo de Adviento del pasado mes de diciembre cuando oímos hablar por primera vez del encuentro de los dos primos, Juan y Jesús. Entonces fue en el vientre de sus madres, Isabel y María. Ahora los primos se encuentran de nuevo en la orilla del río Jordán. Juan es ya muy conocido, tanto que la gente había empezado a preguntarse si era el Mesías tan esperado. Jesús, en cambio, está a punto de comenzar su ministerio. Se podría decir que Jesús entró en las aguas del Jordán como persona privada y salió de ellas como persona pública. La voz del cielo no dejó ninguna duda al respecto. Al llegar al final del tiempo de Navidad, nuestras lecturas hacen eco de Isaías y Tito (véanse las lecturas de Adviento y del día de Navidad) y, junto con el Salmo 104 de hoy, nos señalan a Pentecostés. Estamos en la cúspide de una nueva creación.

JUAN EL BAUTISTA: ¿PATRÓN DE LOS MINISTERIOS DE LA LITURGIA?

Juan el Bautista era lo que hoy podríamos llamar un “influenciador social”. La gente prestaba atención a lo que decía. Y lo que decía afectaba a las decisiones de la gente. Sin embargo, el Evangelio de hoy nos recuerda el objetivo último de Juan el Bautista: “Viene uno más poderoso que yo”. El Bautista camina por la fina línea que separa el llamar la atención sobre sí mismo con su ardiente predicación y luego redirigir esa atención hacia Jesús, el “Hijo amado”. Juan el Bautista podría ser considerado el “santo patrón” de quienes tienen el ministerio de lectores, ministros extraordinarios de la Eucaristía, cantores, ujieres, acólitos y músicos. ¿No es la enseñanza de Juan una buena meta para un ministro litúrgico (¡o cualquier otro!)? Arraigados en la gracia de su propio bautismo, los ministros deben ser lo suficientemente hábiles y confiados como para atraer la atención de la gente (¡o, al menos, no desviarla!) y luego volver a centrar gradualmente esa atención en Jesús. Es una responsabilidad dinámica e impresionante.

Lecturas de hoy: Is 40:1–5, 9–11; Sal 104 (103):1b–2, 3–4, 24–25, 27–28, 29–30; Tit 2:11–14, 3:4–7; Lc 3:15–16, 21–22

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APARTE LA FECHA

Viernes 28 de enero
En la preparatoria de St. Francis



6pm Doors open | 7pm Game Tip-off



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BAUTIZOS

La próxima fecha para bautizar será el **15 de enero**
a las **11 AM** (Se requiere previa registración).
Llame para una entrevista inicial (650) 961-8600.



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Sanctuary Back Wall Renovation

Nos complace informarle que gracias a sus generosas contribuciones a la campaña de la ADA 2021, podremos comenzar la renovación del santuario de la Iglesia este mes, **tentativamente la semana del 10 de enero**.

Durante el tiempo de construcción, trasladaremos temporalmente las misas de las 9:00 AM de lunes a viernes al Salón Parroquial.

Lo mantendremos informado a medida que haya más información disponible.

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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 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 until further notice.

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 22 / sábado 22 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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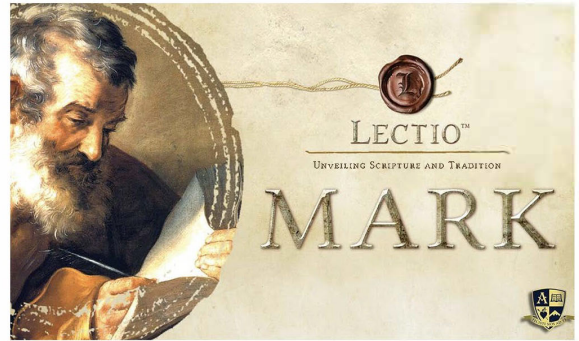
PICK OF THE WEEK

January 9, 2022

LEARN

**LECTIO: MARK, EPISODE 2:
PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD**

Jesus couldn't have been baptized without a baptizer. Join Dr. Tim Gray as he explains the opening verses of Mark's Gospel that depict the ministry of John the Baptist – the man who would baptize Jesus.



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Thank you to all parishioners and families for celebrating the nine-day Simbang Gabi (Misa de Gallo) novena with us!





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**TO ALL OUR
VOLUNTEERS!**

WE ARE BLESSED TO SERVE WITH YOU

A very special **THANK YOU** to the following volunteers who spent many hours on Christmas Eve preparing our sanctuary and church for Christmas by decorating and cleaning, as well as to our parishioners who donated the Christmas trees, lights and other decorations, and poinsettia plants to beautify our church.

Elsa Fernandez
Michelle Agreda
Jacob Mizell
Ana Liza Roquero
Abigail Bartolo
Azle Bartolo
Alvin Roquero
Lilia Flores
Rosa Perez
Peter Taskovich
Margaret Mary Henriksen
Bruno and Aïda Lecointre
Jeffrey Alapar
Rene Hernandez
Cathy Deluna
Bernabé Murcia
Antonio and Lilia Garcia
Pat Papa

We would also like to thank all the ushers, altar servers, choir/musicians, sacristans, lectors and anyone else we may have missed who contributed to our beautiful Christmas and New Year liturgies. **May God bless you and all our parishioners abundantly in the New Year.**