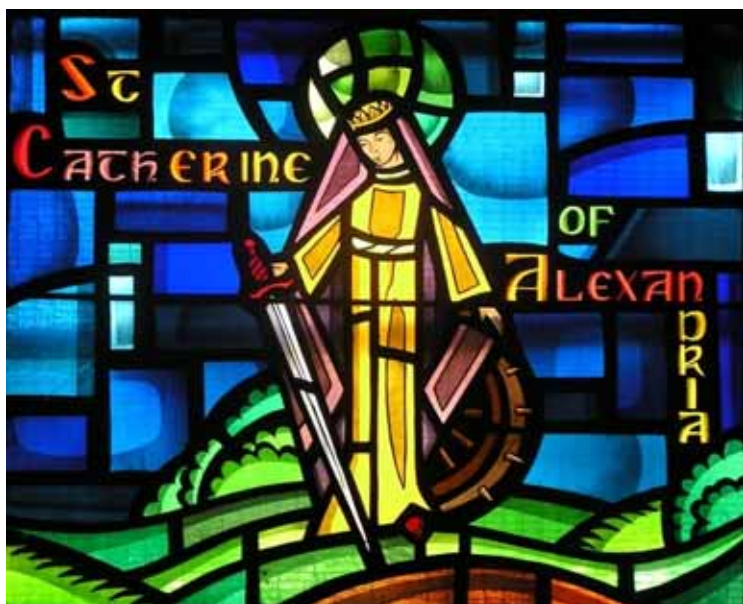


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**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT / PRIMER DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO**

**MASSES / MISAS**

Monday-Saturday: 8:15am  
Saturday: 5:30pm  
Sábado: 7:00pm  
Sunday: 7:15, 8:45, 10:30am  
5:30pm  
Domingo: 12:15pm

**CONFESSION / CONFESIÓN**

Saturday / Sábado: 4:00 -  
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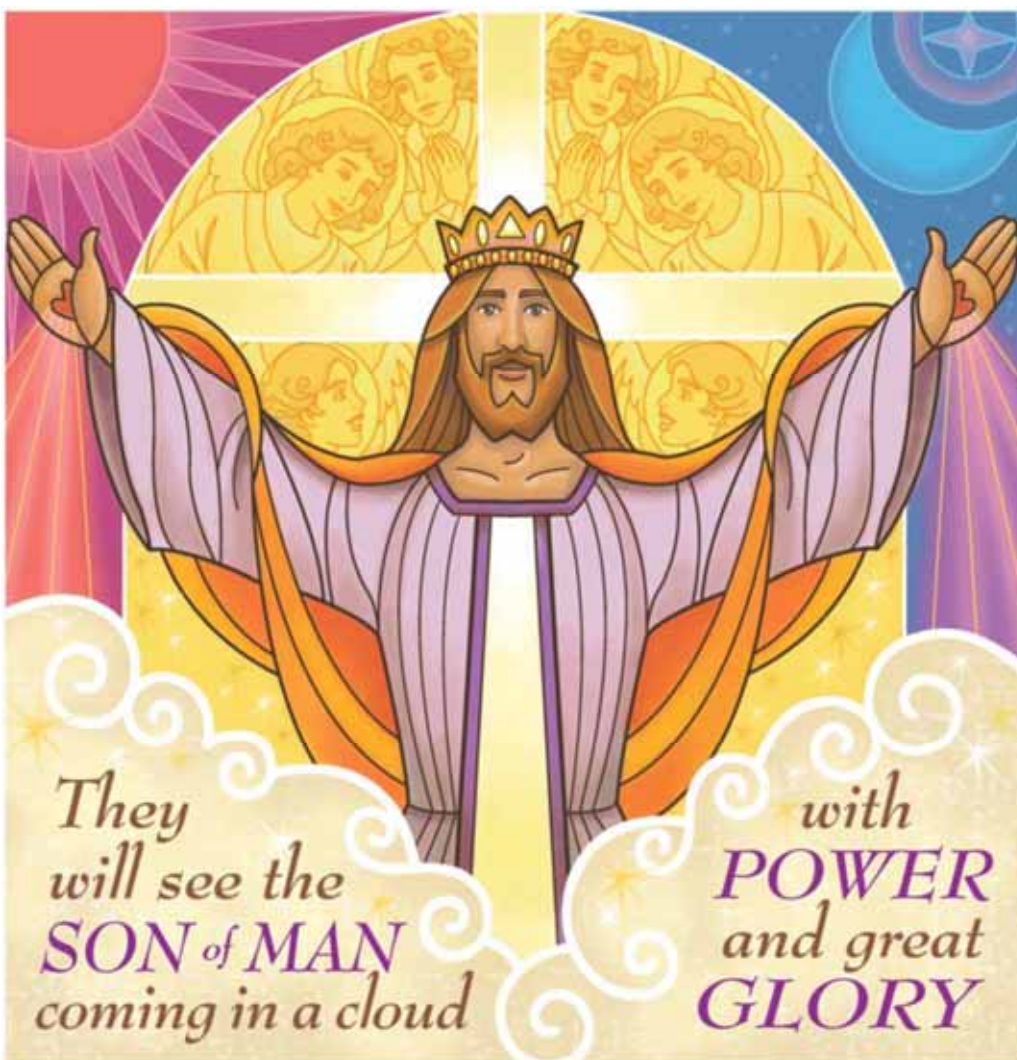
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**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — The days are coming when the LORD will fulfill the promise made to Israel and Judah (Jeremiah 33:14-16).

**Psalms** — To you, O Lord, I lift my soul (Psalm 25).

**Second Reading** — Abound in love for one another and for all (1 Thessalonians 3:12 — 4:2).

**Gospel** — Stand erect and raise your heads; your redemption is at hand (Luke 21:25-28, 34-36).

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11  
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24  
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37  
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27  
Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31  
Saturday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38  
Sunday: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

**THE WEEK AHEAD/LA SEMANA PRÓXIMA**

**Sunday/Domingo, December 2**

8:00-12:00pm CR1-4,Kit Hospitality  
9:00-10:15am MC,DC,Rm.8,10,11 Faith Formation Classes  
3:30-5:30pm CH Worship Band & Singers  
4:00-5:30pm DC Cat. Min. Home Study  
7:00-9:00pm MC Life Teen Youth Group  
7:00-9:00pm Gym Open Gym - Basketball

**Monday/Lunes, December 3**

6:00-7:00pm CR3-4,Kit Community Super  
6:00-8:00pm Rm.11 UPDE - One on One Meeting  
6:30-8:00pm GYM *Danza Liturgica*  
6:30-8:30pm NUR Handmaids - Stitching Group  
7:00-8:45pm CH Angelica Choir Rehearsal  
7:00-8:30pm Rm.8,10 JPC - Junta de Equipo  
7:00-8:30pm CR-1 ICF Board Meeting

**Tuesday/Martes, December 4**

6:30-7:30pm Rm.10 OLG Rosario Novena  
6:30-9:00pm Rm.11 JPC Coro  
6:30-9:00pm CR1-2 Platicas Pre-bautismales  
7:00-9:00pm MC Spanish - RCIC Session  
7:00-8:45pm CR3-4,Kit KoC - Assembly Meeting  
7:00-9:00pm Rm.8 Stephen Ministry Supervision Mtg.  
7:00-9:00pm LR Car Raffle Committee

**Wednesday/Miércoles, December 5**

9:00-11:00am CR1-2 Women's Group - Study  
3:30-4:45pm MC,Rm.8 Faith Formation Class  
3:30-4:45pm CH Faith Formation Community Time  
4:00-8:30pm NUR Choir Practice/FilAM Choir  
5:00-6:00pm CH Children's Choir  
6:30-8:00pm CH OLG - Rosary & Novena Mass  
6:30-7:45pm Rm.8 Jesus to Mankind Prayer Group  
6:30-9:00pm Rm.11 JPC Coro  
7:00-8:30pm MC EDGE Middle School Ministry  
7:00-8:30pm LR RICA

**Thursday/Jueves, December 6**

6:00-9:00pm CR1-4,Kit KoC - Reverse Christmas Party  
6:00-7:30pm NUR UPDE - Volunteer Meeting  
7:00-8:30pm Rm.11 Grupo Amigos - Teen Leader Mtg.  
7:30-9:30pm MC Cat. Min. - Adult FF / RCIA

**Friday/Viernes, December 7**

9:00-12:00pm CH Adoration  
9:30-11:00am CR1-2 Bible Study  
5:30-6:30pm CH Vigil Immaculate Conception - English Mass  
6:30-7:30pm CR1-4 OLG Rosario - Novena  
7:00-8:00pm CH Vigil Immaculate Conception - Spanish Mass  
7:00-9:00pm MC Grupo Amigos Youth Group  
7:00-9:00pm Rm.8,10,11 JPC Reunion Semanal

**Saturday/Sabado, December 8**

9:00-9:30am CH Spanish FF Community Time  
9:15-10:45am MC,DC,Rm.8,10,11 Spanish FF Classes  
8:00-10:00pm CH Practica Apariciones de la Virgen

**8:15am Mass Intentions**

Monday, December 3	† Martha Ngoc Nguyen
	† Connie Lariva
Tuesday, December 4	† Albina Grimsich
	† Rosalie Paradela
Wednesday, December 5	† Mary Gentrup
	† Andre & Catherine Nguyen
Thursday, December 6	† Zachary Jensen
	† Allen Gonsalves
Friday, December 7	† Steven Vasquez
	† Sal Tacci
Saturday, December 8	Luz Oseguera
	† Paul & Martha Nguyen

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### STEWARDSHIP IN SCRIPTURE

by Deacon Rick Haeckel

At the very start of the Church's new year we hear warnings about the ultimate destination of our spiritual journey. The definition of the word Advent: "*the arrival of a notable person, thing, or event*" sums up our anticipation of the birth of Jesus. Less frequent is the remembrance that it includes the second coming as well. Today's Gospel is a dramatic reminder that we cannot put off preparing until "later." Right now, our most prevalent preparation is deciding what Christmas presents to give. Giving is certainly a wonderful way to make our love for one another a reality. But we need also to reflect on the greatest gift we will ever receive, the person of Jesus who came as one of us. God became man so that we could see the divine in humankind. The newness of life we anticipate in the birth of Jesus, lives in each person. In our better moments we relate to Christ present in us, but do we see Him in others? Every other? Luke tells us to "*have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent*" in order to be ready when we complete our spiritual journey back to God. Escaping tribulation speaks clearly that our life is not just "a walk in the park" but also a journey of conversion, a time to see beyond the immediacy of the present moment. As followers of Jesus we are to love one another, talk about tribulations. Our own expectations of others are the most difficult to overcome. Loving another as Jesus does goes far beyond caring for those with whom we identify as like us. Learning to postpone judgment of the worth of the "other" requires that we see a larger picture. Not just the person(s) who stand before us, but also the Christ in them. We need the vision of the Good Samaritan, or of Zacchaeus, or the woman at the well... Encountering someone as a brother or sister brings tribulations. We are not perfect, we will fail in this most difficult task, but we can never give up. Failure is meant to be a step, even a required step, in growth beyond ourselves. The Child, whose advent we anticipate, reminds us of the natural warmth we feel for "new" life whether in a human child or any living creature. May this season of Advent be a time of reflection. A time to make an inventory, not of our possessions but rather of how often judgment replaces openness. A time to recognize that we are meant for greater things, to be a visible presence of Jesus in the world. Success isn't the measure, it's our attempts and willingness to fail and try again. Give yourself the gift of patience, knowing "God isn't finished with us yet."

### GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK

At last, rain has returned. Consider catching some in buckets and use it to water plants or a garden. Water is an essential for life, save it when you can. Use the water from hard-boiling eggs to water ... you name it. It only takes some imagination to be water wise.

FROM THE DESK OF FR. FRANCIS KALAW,  
PAROCHIAL VICAR....

On this first Sunday of Advent, we are reminded that we are called to be ever vigilant and to live in expectation of the coming of Christ. We are aware how busy our lives can be; it is so easy to miss the meaning of these four weeks and preoccupy ourselves with other things. However, now is the time to pause, to pray, listen and prepare ourselves for Christ's nativity at Christmas and His return at the second coming.

I therefore invite you to pray with me:

Lord Jesus, Advent happens every year. Grant me the grace to have a reflective Advent this year. When I look at all around me, I see signs hurrying up to Christmas and all sorts of celebration for New Year.

Please help me slow my world down. Now, more than ever, I need this time in Advent to reflect and long for hope in the midst of darkness. To love You even more above all things and to love my neighbors; in a special way, those who were misplaced because of the recent fires in California.

I ask you Lord to grant me the grace of longing. Allow me to feel it in my heart so that my soul will long for you. You challenge us in today's gospel "that our hearts do not become drowsy from the anxieties of daily life." (Lk 21:34) Deep down inside, I know there is something missing in my life, but I can't quite reach for it. It gets hard to know what is missing.

This season is all about you Lord. You are always present, but in my weakness, I am missing the awareness that you are present in me and in places around me.

Guide me, O Lord, in these weeks to what you want to show me this Advent. Help me to find you, to love you as you love me without limits. Amen.

### MASS TIMES

When traveling and don't know the mass times for the local church go to [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org), search by zip code or by address and locate any church's mass times anywhere.

## PRIMER DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

### LECTURAS DE HOY

**Primera lectura** — Se acercan los días cuando el Señor cumplirá su promesa que hizo a Israel y a Judá (Jeremías 33:14-16).

**Salmo** — Descúbrenos, Señor, tus caminos (Salmo 25 [24]).

**Segunda lectura** — Que el Señor los llene y los haga rebosar de amor para que sean irrepugnables en santidad (1 Tesalonicenses 3:12 — 4:2).

**Evangelio** — Habrá señales y verán al Hijo del Hombre venir con gran poder y majestad (Lucas 21:25-28, 34-36).

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### LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Is 2:1-5; Sal 122 (121):1-9; Mt 8:5-11

Martes: Is 11:1-10; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lc 10:21-24

Miércoles: Is 25:6-10a; Sal 23 (22):1-6; Mt 15:29-37

Jueves: Is 26:1-6; Sal 118 (117):1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Viernes: Is 29:17-24; Sal 27 (26):1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Sábado: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Sal 98 (97):1-4; Ef 1:3-6, 11-12; Lc 1:26-38

Domingo: Bar 5:1-9; Sal 126 (125):1-6; Fil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lc 3:1-6

### ¡BIENVENIDO!

Nuestra más cordial bienvenida a todos los que están celebrando con nosotros, ya sean residentes de largo plazo o recién llegados a la parroquia. Damos gracias a Dios por ustedes. Si aún no estás registrado, por favor, llene este formulario y colóquelo en la canasta de la colecta o mandarlo por correo a la oficina de la parroquia.

Nombre (s): \_\_\_\_\_

Dirección: \_\_\_\_\_

Ciudad: \_\_\_\_\_

Código postal: \_\_\_\_\_

Numero teléfono: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

¿Desea recibir sobres de contribución?

\_\_\_\_ Yes                      \_\_\_\_ No

¿Desea recibir información de la parroquia?

\_\_\_\_ Yes                      \_\_\_\_ No

### DESDE EL ESCRITORIO DE FR. FRANCIS KALAW, VIARIO PARROQUIAL .....

En este primer domingo de Adviento, se nos recuerda que estamos llamados a estar siempre atentos y a vivir con la expectativa de la venida de Cristo. Somos conscientes de lo ocupadas que pueden estar nuestras vidas, es muy fácil pasar por alto el significado de estas cuatro semanas y preocuparnos por otras cosas. Sin embargo, ahora es el momento de hacer una pausa, orar, escuchar y prepararnos para la natividad de Cristo en Navidad y su regreso en la segunda venida.

Por eso les invito a orar conmigo:

Señor Jesús, el Adviento ocurre todos los años. Dame la gracia de tener un Adviento reflexivo este año. Cuando miro a mi alrededor, veo anuncios que apresuran la Navidad y todo tipo de celebraciones para el Año Nuevo.

Por favor, ayúdame a que mi mundo vaya más despacio. Ahora, más que nunca, necesito este tiempo en Adviento para reflexionar y anhelar la esperanza en medio de la oscuridad. Para amarte aún más que a todas las cosas y para amar a mis vecinos, de manera especial, a los que se extraviaron debido a los recientes incendios en California.

Te pido Señor que me concedas la gracia del anhelo. Permíteme sentirlo en mi corazón para que mi alma te añore. Tu nos desafías en el evangelio de hoy "para que nuestros corazones no se adormezcan con las ansiedades de la vida diaria". (Lc 21:34) En el fondo, sé que me falta algo en la vida, pero no puedo alcanzarlo. Se hace difícil saber lo que falta.

Esta temporada es todo acerca de ti Señor. Siempre estás presente, pero en mi debilidad, me falta la conciencia de que estás presente en mí y en los lugares que me rodean.

Guíame, Señor, en estas semanas a lo que quieras mostrarme en este Adviento. Ayúdame a encontrarte, a amarte como me amas a mí, sin límites.

Amen.

## PRIMER DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

### FORMACIÓN DE FAMILIAS EN LA FE

El programa de catequesis comparte con la comunidad algunas de las opiniones que tienen los padres de familia con respecto a los temas semanales. Aquí algunas de las opiniones:

“A mí me encanta venir a escuchar las pláticas. Se me hace corto el tiempo. Ya he invitado a otras personas.”~ Sra. Muñoz

“Son muy interesante porque nos están dando herramientas para la educación en la fe.” ~Sra. Albarrán

“Nos dan enseñanza para hacer mejores con nuestros hijos.”

~Sr. Orozco

“Son temas interesantes para fortalecernos en la educación de nuestros hijos y temas para los matrimonios. Son temas educativos que nos ayudan en nuestra comunidad. ~ Sra. Garcia

Padres de familia les seguimos haciendo la invitación a que pasen los sábados a las 9:15 am a los temas. ¡Los esperamos!



**Tema: Fortalecer la Educación de Los Hijos con el Sr. Jose Vicente Gonzalez**



**Los padres de familia también tuvieron el simulacro de incendio al igual que los niños. ¡Todos hicieron un excelente trabajo!**

### LOS SANTOS Y OTRAS CELEBRACIONES

Domingo: Primer Domingo de Adviento;  
Januká comienza

Lunes: San Francisco Javier

Martes: San Juan Damasceno

Jueves: San Nicolás

Viernes: San Ambrosio; Primer viernes  
Día para Recordar Pearl Harbor

Sábado: La Inmaculada Concepción de la Virgen María

### TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Es más que justo empezar el tiempo litúrgico de Adviento con la Virgen María. Esta semana celebramos la Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción de María. Esta es una fiesta especial para varios países latinoamericanos como Nicaragua, Panamá, Paraguay y los Estados Unidos que tienen como patrona nacional a la Madre de Jesús bajo este título.

Esta creencia tiene siglos de ser discutida por teólogos cristianos como Ambrosio, Agustín, Buenaventura y Tomás de Aquino, pero fue solo con la Constitución *Ineffabilis Deus* del Papa Pío IX en 1854 que pasó a ser doctrina oficial de la Iglesia. La enseñanza de la Inmaculada Concepción de la Madre de Jesús insiste que María nació y permaneció sin pecado. Según el teólogo franciscano Juan Duns Escoto, María fue salvada del pecado desde el vientre de su madre Ana. De esta manera Jesús pudo salvarla no después de haber pecado como ha hecho con nosotros, sino antes de que ella hubiera pecado.

La Inmaculada Concepción se hizo en vista de la venida de Jesús quien nos puede hacer inmaculados gracias al perdón y la gracia que nos ofrece.

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## ¡Dios es Grande Todo el Tiempo, Todo el Tiempo Dios es Grande!

### PREGUNTA DE LA SEMANA

**Adulto:** “¿Cuáles han sido las fortalezas de tu vida de oración? ¿Qué hábito de oración podrías fortalecer durante esta temporada de Adviento?”

**Niño:** “¿Qué oraciones dirás cada día y cada semana durante el Adviento?”

## PRIMER DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

### 2 DE DICIEMBRE PRIMER DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO



El adviento es el primer periodo del año litúrgico cristiano, que consiste en un tiempo de preparación para el nacimiento de Cristo. Su duración puede variar de 21 a 28 días, dado que se celebran los cuatro domingos anteriores a la fiesta de Navidad. Los fieles lo consideran un tiempo de reflexión y de perdón.

- Primer Domingo de Adviento: 2 de Diciembre de 2018
- Segundo Domingo de Adviento: 9 de Diciembre de 2018
- Tercer Domingo de Adviento: 16 de Diciembre de 2018
- Cuarto Domingo de Adviento: 23 de Diciembre de 2018

### Corona de Adviento

Durante el adviento, se coloca en las iglesias y también en algunos hogares una corona de ramas de pino, llamada "Corona de Adviento". Esta corona tiene cuatro velas, una por cada domingo de adviento. Hay una pequeña tradición de adviento: a cada una de esas cuatro velas se le asigna una virtud que hay que mejorar en esa semana, por ejemplo: la primera, el amor; la segunda, la paz; la tercera, la tolerancia y la cuarta, la fe.

### Significado

El término adviento viene del latín "adventus", que significa venida. El adviento es un tiempo de alegría y agradecimiento por el advenimiento de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo. Es una fiesta que se añadió tardíamente después de la de Pascua dentro del calendario litúrgico. Estas cuatro semanas que preceden a la Navidad son una oportunidad para prepararse en la esperanza y en el arrepentimiento para la llegada del Señor.

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### HORA SANTA TODOS LOS MIÉRCOLES DE 6:30 PM A 7:30 PM



Durante los momentos más dolorosos, Jesús nuestro Señor pidió a sus discípulos que oraran una hora con Él en el huerto de Getsemaní. Todos los miércoles a las 7:00pm tenemos la oportunidad de orar una hora con el Señor en frente de Santísimo Sacramento. No pierda la oportunidad de pasar este tiempo con el Señor.

¿Ha sentido el llamado a servir en la Santa Misa como un Ministro Extraordinario de la Sagrada Comunión, como proclamador de la Palabra, o en el ministerio de Hospitalidad? Pronto empezaremos el entrenamiento para preparar a nuevos ministros para servir en estos bellísimos ministerios. Si esta usted interesado o interesada, por favor comuníquese con Carmelo Jimenez al teléfono (408)779-3959

### SAN VICENTE DE PAUL

El ministerio parroquial de San Vicente de Paul está disponible para cualquier persona que lo necesite en nuestra comunidad. Los feligreses donan dinero generosamente para que otros puedan obtener ayuda para pagar la renta, las facturas de PGE, o recibir una tarjeta de regalo para comida, gasolina o cualquier artículo necesario. Llame a nuestra línea de ayuda SVdP al 408-778-2928 y deje un mensaje en inglés o español.

### GRUPO AMIGOS

Se les invita a todos los jóvenes de 14 a 17 años de edad para que asistan al Grupo Amigos. Una oportunidad para hacer buenas amistades y crecer en la fe. Los esperamos todos los viernes a las 7:00pm en el Centro Milani.

### GRUPO DE ORACIÓN ALPHA Y OMEGA

El grupo se reúne los miércoles al terminar la Hora Santa. De 8:00 pm a 9:30 pm. Acompáñenos a alabar al Señor con cánticos y oración.

### JÓVENES PARA CRISTO

Se invita a las personas mayores de 18 años a reunirse todos los Viernes en el salón 10 a las 7:00pm. Tenemos momento de alabanzas y temas para crecer en nuestra fe. Los esperamos, todos son bienvenidos.

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

# RADIATE

Registration is now open for our winter retreat, "Radiate" - we've got an amazing team of leaders who are putting it together and look forward to serving all the teens who attend. The retreat is January 4-6<sup>th</sup> and is open to ALL high school students – regardless if you're in Confirmation or not, it's a great way to start the new year. Sign up by this Tuesday because the fee goes up after that! The form which has more details can be found at

[stca.org/ym](http://stca.org/ym) or in our parish offices. Contact Deepu with any questions.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who made our Thanksgiving Food Drive a huge success! We had so many people bring food, help to sort, and deliver the bags of Thanksgiving meals to 37 families in our community.

Our last (and first) Young Families Gathering in October was a lot of fun, and so we're doing it again! If you have children under the age of 5, please join us on Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-8:30pm at the Kochuparambil home. You can RSVP to me below directly at [deepuk@dsj.org](mailto:deepuk@dsj.org) or 408-874-6742



### **Saint in the City**

Every year for the past four years, the Diocese of San Jose has celebrated our Saints in the City. It is an event to highlight high school teens who are a shining example of living a holy life. The saint from our parish is Kayla Serrano, who is heavily involved in several different ministries from Gilroy to Sonoma. She has applied for and received grant money to put together and give out 300 hygiene kits, has distributed food to the homeless, is a board member and chair for One Heart to Another (a non-profit group), volunteers at her school, along with other ministries. She received the award along with several other youth who received awards highlighting the many ways the youth of our diocese give back and serve Jesus Christ through serving others.

Mr. Pickle's has really delicious sandwiches (I really like their dutch crunch bread). Put it on your calendar for next Tuesday!

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### OVER 50'S

All are welcome! For all denominations to share friendship, prayer and socials. Meetings are at noon in the St. Catherine's Parish Center. Bring your own table service, potluck dish and/or dessert as suggested in the meeting schedule below. Refreshments are furnished. One dollar is collected for club expenses each meeting except for the Thanksgiving turkey and the St. Patty's Day corned beef and cabbage which are five dollars. Contributions are welcome (canned foods or money) for the Reach Out Program.

#### Meeting Schedule for 2018 / 2019

Dec. 17	Sandwiches, chips & Dip by club, dessert and cookies all members
Jan. 28	Birthday cake by club, potluck all members
Feb. 25	Potluck and/or dessert all members
Mar. 18	Corned beef & cabbage by club, salad and/or dessert all members
Apr. 15	Potluck and/or dessert all members
May 20	Lasagna, chips & dip by club, salad and dessert all members

For more information, please call Alicia (408) 842-6928.

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION


Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation. St. Catherine celebrates the vigil on Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm in English and 7:00pm in Spanish and on Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:15am in English.


### OPEN GYM BASKETBALL




The Gym is open for drop-in play on Sundays from 7-9pm. This is primarily for ages 30 and older. Youth in middle school or high school under 17 years old must be accompanied by a parent or grandparent. All players must wear T-shirts or tank tops. Fair play and sportsmanship are


required on the court. Come out get some exercise by playing basketball. For more information, please contact Richard Sias at ric-web3.0@gmail.com



 **Knights of Columbus**  
**Annual Christmas Party**  
Potluck Thursday, Dec. 6  
6:30-9:00 PM in the Parish Center  
All parish families are welcome!




Please bring a hot dish, salad, or dessert to share  
Bring the kids and grandchildren to see Santa



Please bring 2 unwrapped generic gifts for 2 children ages 1 to 10 years old  
Gifts go to the families at Learning & Loving Education Center

Unable to attend, but want to donate a gift?  
Drop off gifts at the rectory or to Joe Cummings' home  
Questions call Joe at 408-779-4824



34<sup>th</sup> Annual Morgan Hill  
**COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS**

*Concert*


FRIDAY DECEMBER 7, 2018  
7:00 PM

*Hosted by:*

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST  
OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS  
1790 EAST DUNNE AVE.  
MORGAN HILL, CA 95037

*Performances by local choirs from the  
Interfaith Community of South County and  
other musically talented groups.*

THE CONCERT WILL  
CONCLUDE WITH  
AN "ALL-SING"  
HANDEL'S MESSIAH,  
HALLELUJAH CHORUS





## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### ST CATHERINE'S 36<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SWEEPSTAKES

#### Have you thought of giving an early Christmas present?

A few Bonus Bundles are still available!

For \$350 get 4 vehicle tickets, 5 vacation tickets and entry into five additional cash drawings including the Bonus Bundle Grand Prize of \$2,000.

You can use a different name on each ticket of the Bonus Bundle and give an early Christmas Present to 9 different people ....but keep the Bonus Bundle Ticket for yourself.....

Visit our table as you walk out of mass today.

We accept **Cash, Checks, Visa, Master Card and AmEx.**

#### LADIES OF CHARITY

The Ladies of Charity will host refreshments after masses on December 2nd. The Ladies invite all to share this time together. We will also offer gifts and decorating items for the Christmas Holidays. Please come by to say hello and visit their display.

#### QUESTION OF THE WEEK

**Adult:** "What have been the strengths of your prayer life? What habit of prayer could you strengthen during this Advent season?"

**Child:** "What prayers will you say each day and each week during Advent?"

**Want An Unforgettable "Break" for Your Marriage?** Want something more long-lasting than a vacation in at the ocean or the mountains? Give your marriage the best vacation break possible by making the unique **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend**. The next Marriage Encounter Weekends include: **Feb 15-17, 2019 in San Jose, CA and May 17-19, 2019 in San Jose, CA**. For more information and/or to register for a Weekend, visit our website at: [sanjosewme.org](http://sanjosewme.org) or contact **Ken & Claranne** at [applications@sanjosewme.org](mailto:applications@sanjosewme.org) or 408-782-1413.

#### HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

Have you noticed ladies and gentlemen going up to the Altar at the end of Mass and the Presider handing them something? Have you wondered who they are? What they are being given? These parishioners are "Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist to the Sick and Homebound". These devoted Ministers bring Holy Communion to parishioners who are sick or homebound and unable to come to Mass. St. Catherine parish is very fortunate to have many trained ministers. If you have a family member or know someone who is unable to come to Mass and would like to receive Communion at home, please let them know that they, or a family member, can call the Rectory and make a request for visits. A Minister is then assigned to bring Eucharist to them once a week. Please keep these Ministers and the sick of our parish in your prayers.

**God is great all the time,  
all the time, God is great!**

#### HAVE YOU MOVED?

Have you moved recently and need to update your mailing information with the parish? Email us at [office@stca.org](mailto:office@stca.org), drop us a note in the Sunday collection or call us at (408) 779-3959. We need your complete name, old & new address and your new telephone number if that has changed. Don't miss out on all the great news we mail/email to our parishioners!

**Welcome!** Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate with us, whether long-time residents or newly arrived in the parish. We thank God for you. If you are not registered, please fill out this form and place it in the collection basket or mail it to the parish office.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Would you like to receive envelopes? Yes / No**

Business Office Update

**TIME, TALENT & TREASURE**

Thank you for your continued generous support of St. Catherine Parish.

	<b>Sunday</b>	
	<b>11/18/18</b>	
<b>Week</b>	<b>\$23,868</b>	
<b>Goal</b>	<b>\$23,000</b>	
<b>Difference</b>	<b>\$868</b>	<b>4%</b>

	<b>Sunday</b>	
	<b>11/25/18</b>	
<b>Week</b>	<b>\$20,344</b>	
<b>Goal</b>	<b>\$23,000</b>	
<b>Difference</b>	<b>-\$2,656</b>	<b>-12%</b>

**ST. CATHERINE'S COMMUNITY CLOSET**

St. Catherine's Community Closet is one of the great organizations in our Parish. We are known for our successful **Back to School giveaway** one week every summer. But we are also here all year to offer, to those in need, an opportunity to collect adult and children's clothing, household items, and some types of furniture and appliances. As we approach the winter months, **please donate these items**. You can do so at the Parish office, or at our location at **13570 Depot Street, San Martin**. If you are so inclined and want to volunteer, come to San Martin Hall and talk to Debbie or any other volunteer. The facility is open every **Tuesday, Thursday, and the first Saturday** of the month from 10:00am to Noon.



**Need Someone to Listen?**  
A Stephen Minister is here to offer an ear. No judgments. Completely confidential. Call Claranne @ 408-782-1413 or Kenny @ 408-722-6700

**SUNDAY COFFEE & DOUGHNUTS**

There will be no Sunday Hospitality for the remainder of the year, due to all of our other events. We will return in January.

**SUNDAY COFFEE & DOUGHNUTS**

We are looking for more volunteers for Sunday Hospitality. This is our Ministry at St. Catherine's for parishioners and visitors to enjoy each other's company with some **Coffee and Doughnuts** after Sunday morning Mass. It is simple to do, and all we ask is you stay 30 minutes before or after the Mass. Can you commit to once every 2 months?

This is also a great opportunity for your ministry to serve the Parish and speak with parishioners about who you are and what you do. Check out the groups who have taken advantage of this: Knights of Columbus, Ladies of Charity, Cub Scouts, Community Closet, and others.

For more information, email me at [lvillano@dsj.org](mailto:lvillano@dsj.org)  
Please email me at [lvillano@dsj.org](mailto:lvillano@dsj.org) if you are interested.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

The **Bright Beginnings Nursery** is open on Sundays during the 8:45am and 10:30am Masses. We have toys and activities for children from ages 1 to 4. Hiedi Betancourt is the Nursery Supervisor, she has led the Nursery for years. When you enter the Parish Center the Nursery is off to the left. We are open when you see the **Bright Beginnings** sign in the front of the Parish Center.

St. Catherine School News



*Operation Care and Comfort, a San Jose based Military Charity, hosts "Treats for Troops" each year after Halloween. Students donated their leftover Halloween candy to send to the deployed troops overseas. Above, students are packing up the candy for shipping.*

## Prepare Ye the Way

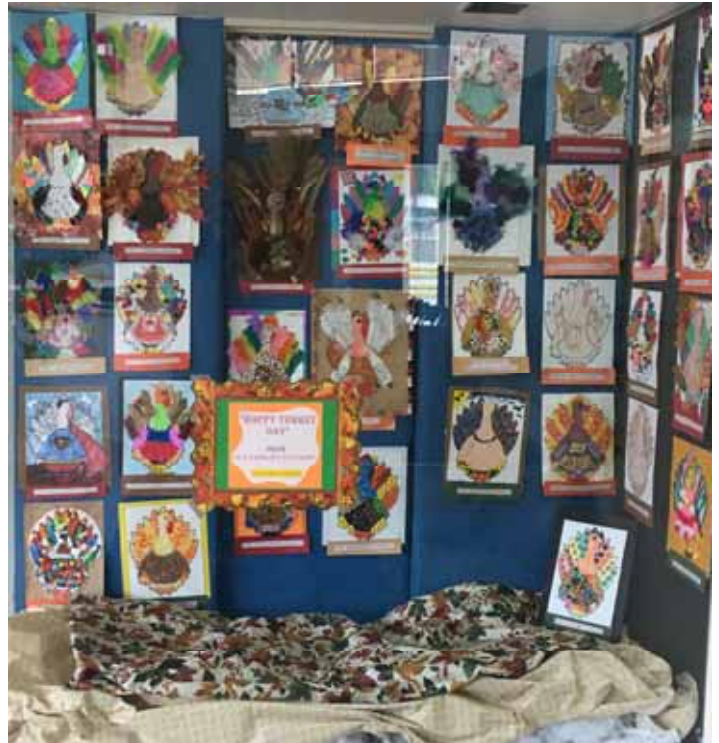
### APPLICATIONS FOR 2019-2020

Applications for the 2019-2020 school year are available on the school website, [www.stcatherinemh.org](http://www.stcatherinemh.org), under the Admissions tab. Please note the application deadline for kindergarten is December 19th, while applications for grades 1-8 are due March 6th. Kinder testing takes place in January with testing for grades 1-8 held in March.

*The California Schools in the Diocese of San Jose, mindful of their mission to the love of Christ for all, admit students of any race, color, and national and/or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the schools. The Catholic Schools in the Diocese of San Jose do not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and/or ethnic origin, age, sex or disability in administration of educational policies, scholarship and loan programs, athletic and other school-administered programs.*

### BOX TOPS

Do you buy product with Box Tops? Just look for the Box Tops logo on your favorite products. You can deposit them in the Box Tops collection box located inside the school office. See how much our school has earned and find out how you can help even more using the [Box Tops website](http://www.boxtops4education.com) at <http://www.boxtops4education.com>.



*Each year our second graders design a turkey with their families. Above, are the masterpieces that were on display in the case in the school lobby. The St. Catherine School community is thankful for the many parishioners who have helped the school throughout the years with prayers and support.*

### Save the Date---eWaste Drive

The next eWaste Drive sponsored by our Green Team will be Saturday, March 9. Please save those appliances and tech items that you no longer use. Help St. Catherine School and our environment at the same time. The money raised from this event will help fund ceiling replacement in the classrooms which will enhance energy efficiency for heating and cooling the rooms, as well as improving acoustics. This is also a great opportunity to get parent hours or student service hours. Contact Arlene Handa at [ecosafehome1@yahoo.com](mailto:ecosafehome1@yahoo.com).