

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## Sunday, December 19, 2021



When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting,  
the infant leaped in her womb,  
and 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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"Through prayer and service, the Saint Joseph family will strive to bring the community together to love, heal, and support one another as the people we are called to be in Christ."



## GATHERING - *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear.

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high, Who ord'rest all things mightily;  
To us the path of knowledge show, And teach us in her ways to go.

O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to thy tribes on Sinai's height  
In ancient times didst give the law, In cloud and majesty and awe.

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse's stem, From ev'ry foe deliver them  
That trust thy mighty pow'r to save, And give them vict'ry o'er the grave.

O come, Thou Key of David, come, And open wide our heav'nly home;  
Make safe the way that leads on high, And close the path to misery.

Text: LM with refrain; Latin, 9th cent.; tr. by John M. Neale, 1818–1866, alt. Music: Chant, Mode I; adapt. by Thomas Helmore, 1811–1890. §

## PENITENTIAL RITE - *Confiteor*

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

*And, striking your breast, say:*

through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;

*Then continue:*

therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God. §

*Priest, deacon, or cantor, then all:* *Priest, deacon, or cantor, then all:*

Ký - ri - e, e - lé - i - son. Chri - ste, e - lé - i - son.

*Priest, deacon, or cantor; all repeat or sing longer conclusion:*

Ký-ri - e, e - lé - i - son. Ký-ri - e, e - lé - i - son.

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**Parish Prayer**  
Oh Lord,  
You are the Potter,  
we are the clay.  
Design us to reflect  
your glory as we  
rebuild your  
Church.  
Fashion our ears to  
hear new ideas.  
Shape our hearts to  
appreciate others'  
creativity and  
insight. Form our  
eyes to see Jesus in  
each other. Mold  
our community to  
be united in our  
pilgrimage.  
Help us build a  
place of refuge, a  
holy temple, with  
Jesus as the  
cornerstone.  
May we work  
together with love  
and care ever  
mindful that the  
spirit, not the  
structure is the  
essence of the  
design.  
May we come  
together as a family  
of one, to be guided  
by the Father, Holy  
Spirit, and Son.  
Amen.

## THE PSALM - Psalm 80: Lord Make Us Turn to You

Refrain



Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face,  
let us see your face and we shall be saved.

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



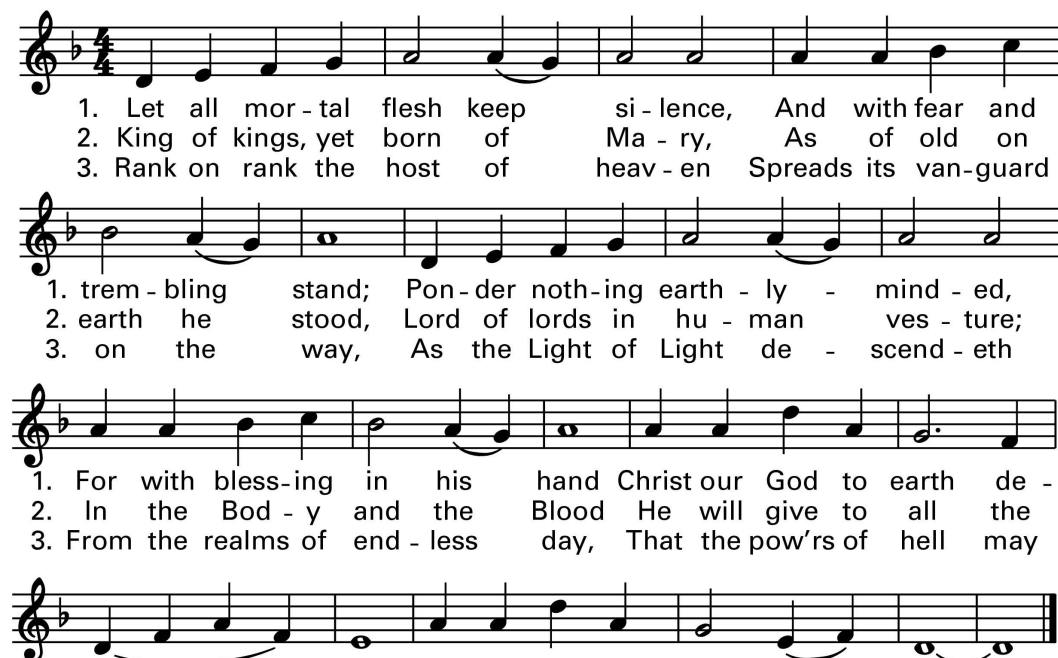
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## DISMISSAL - Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet

**Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.**

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## PREPARATION - Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence



1. Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, And with fear and  
2. King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, As of old on  
3. Rank on rank the host of heav - en Spreads its van-guard

1. trem - bling stand; Pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed,  
2. earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture;  
3. on the way, As the Light of Light de - scend - eth

1. For with bless - ing in his hand Christ our God to earth de -  
2. In the Bod - y and the Blood He will give to all the  
3. From the realms of end - less day, That the pow'rs of hell may

1. scend - eth, Our full hom - age to de - mand.  
2. faith - ful His own self for heav'n - ly food.  
3. van - ish As the dark - ness clears a - way.

Text: 87 87 87; Liturgy of St. James, 4th cent.; para. by Gerard Moultrie, 1829-1885. Music: French, 17th cent. §

## EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS - Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.



**Prayer to  
Saint  
Michael**

“Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of Souls.  
  
Amen.”

*Mystery of Faith*

Save us, Savior of the world, for by Your Cross and Resurrection You have set us free.

*Great Amen*

**Amen, amen, amen.**

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**LAMB OF GOD - Cantor / All**

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis. (2x)

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: dona nobis pacem.

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**COMMUNION - Holy Is Your Name**

My soul is filled with joy as I sing to God my savior: You have looked upon your servant, you have visited your people.

**And Holy is your name through all generations! Everlasting is your mercy to the people you have chosen, and holy is your name.**

I am lowly as a child, but I know from this day forward that my name will be remembered, for all will call me blessed.

I proclaim the pow’r of God, you do marvels for your servants; though you scatter the proud hearted and destroy the might of princes.

Text: Luke 1:46-55, David Haas, © 1989, GIA Publications, Inc. §

*Wait for the Lord*

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

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**MISSIONING - Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus**

Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, Born to set thy  
Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, Born a child, and

peo - ple free! From our fears and sins re - lease us, Let us  
yet a king: Born to reign in us for - ev - er, Now thy

find our rest in thee. Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion,  
gra - cious king - dom bring. By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it

Hope of all the earth thou art; Dear de - sire of ev - 'ry  
Rule in all our hearts a - lone; By thine all suf - fi - cient

na - tion, Joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.  
mer - it Raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Text: 87 87; Charles Wesley, 1707 - 1788. Music: Rowland H. Prichard, 1811 - 1887. HYFRYDOL §





## St. Joseph Prayer List

Fernanda Barros, Dale Beatty  
 Bob Benya, Jae Deleon  
 Loren Gross, Grady Guinee  
 Devin Heinze, Dylan Horwitz  
 Aleykutty (Elizabeth) Jacob  
 Jack Keller, Lisa Maya  
 June Mastrocola, Will Pearce  
 George Perry, Janice Pieracci  
 Linda Raimundo, Geri Rogers,  
 Robert Simpson, James Skokan,  
 Zennia Villanueva, Dennis Wild

And please pray for those  
 who have gone before us in faith.

Anna Robertson  
 Maria Roche

## Mass Intentions for the Week

December 18th	5:30 pm	†People of St Joseph
December 19th	8:00 am	†Michael Ruiz, †Agnes & Michael Kelleher
	10:00 am	†Daniel Barros, †Emilia Barros, †Alice Francisco
	12noon	†Deceased Benya Family, †James, Evelyn & James II Deiso
	3:00 pm	People of St Joseph
	5:00 pm	People of St Joseph
December 20th	7:00 pm	People of St Joseph
	8:00 am	†Stacia Roche, Intentions of Arakkal Family, †Souls in Purgatory
December 21st	8:00 am	†Virginia Hays, Intentions of John Joe O'Reilly, †Maurice Kiely
December 22nd	8:00 am	†Shane, Vicka & Marie McCabe
December 23rd	8:00 am	†Deceased Hotovec Family, †Betty & Jerry Kiely
December 24th	8:00 am	People of St Joseph
	5:00pm	†Tom & Teresa McCabe, †Jane Silva
	7:00pm	†Eileen Henry, †Bob & Peggy Tatum
	9:00pm	†Eilif Andersen, †Stacia Roche, †Michael Bernal
December 25th	12:00am	People of St Joseph
	8:00 am	†Beatrice Cardoza
	10:00am	†David Wales, †Irma Vargas, †Bea Taus
	12noon	†Aida Guinto, Intentions of McCabe Family
	3:00pm	People of St Joseph
	5:00pm	People of St Joseph

## Holy Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil Holy Mass -	5:30 pm	The Mission
Sunday Holy Mass -	8:00am	The Mission
	10:00am	Main Church
	12:00pm	Main Church
	3:00pm	Main Church (Holy Mass in Vietnamese)
	5:00pm	Main Church (Holy Mass in Chinese)
	7:00pm	The Mission (Youth, Confirmation & Young Adults)

Daily Holy Mass -	Monday through Saturday -	The Mission
	7:30 am	Holy Rosary, Confession
	8:00 am	Holy Mass
	8:30 am	Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Eucharistic Adoration -	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday	
	9:00am to 9:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration Chapel in the Main Church
	Thursday	
	8:30am to 6:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration Chapel in the Main Church
	6:00pm - 6:30pm	Evening Prayer and Benediction - Main Church
	7:00 pm - 7:30pm	Mass in Vietnamese - Main Church
	Saturday	
	9:00am to 5:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration Chapel in the Main Church

First Wednesday of the month - Devotion to Saint Joseph: 7:00pm Mass in the Mission

First Friday of the month - Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus: 8:00am Mass in the Mission

First Saturday of the month - Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary: 8:00am Mass in the Mission

Confessions: By appointment or 30 minutes before both daily and Sunday Masses.

## Sunday, Dec 19, 2021

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (O FLOWER OF JESSE'S STEM)

### Your place on the tree

Family trees are an endless source of fascination. Whether you've explored yours through DNA tests or old photo albums and family stories, you know that a ragtag line of other people's chances and choices contribute to who you are. The Advent Jesse Tree teaches children about many risk-takers and seekers throughout biblical history who contributed to the arrival of Jesus. Folks like Jesse himself, the father of David who contributed to the lineage of the kings of Israel and, without suspecting it, the future King of the Universe. What might your legacy be, and how do you claim your place in the great story?

TODAY'S READINGS: Micah 5:1-4a; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45 (12). *"Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb."*

## Monday, Dec 20, 2021

ADVENT WEEKDAY (O KEY OF DAVID)

### He's on his way

Today's Great Antiphon—the fourth of seven ancient prayers said during Advent vespers leading up to Christmas Eve—is "O Key of David, come and free us!" Each Antiphon is a call to Christ using a messianic title from prophecy, and today's reminds us that we are captives liberated by God's grace. The answer to our cries is embedded in the titles themselves. The seven titles in Latin—*Sapientia, Adonai, Radix Jesse, Clavis David, Oriens, Rex Gentium, and Emmanuel*—in reverse order form the acrostic ERO CRAS, which means "I am coming soon."

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 7:10-14; Luke 1:26-38 (196). *"The Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever."*

## Tuesday, Dec 21, 2021

MEMORIAL OF PETER CANISIUS, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH (O RADIANT DAWN)

### Let the light shine

The Protestant Reformation was an age of strife and contestation, especially in Germany, ground zero of the upheaval in 1517. Into the morass stepped a learned Jesuit scholar, amazing preacher, and gifted writer—Peter Canisius, whose rational arguments in support of Catholicism proved quite persuasive. Peter's three written catechisms were so effective, German-born Pope Benedict XVI told a papal audience in 2011, that later generations of Germans simply referred to them as "the Canisius." On what's the longest night of the year for many, tap the faith of Peter Canisius to reflect upon the ways that Jesus is our Radiant Dawn.

TODAY'S READINGS: Song of Songs 2:8-14 or Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Luke 1:39-45 (197). *"Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."*

## Wednesday, Dec 22, 2021

ADVENT WEEKDAY (O KING OF ALL NATIONS)

### God of surprises

God acts in ways we least expect. The long-awaited Messiah was expected to be a military leader who would lead his people, Israel, to victory and out of oppression. Instead, he was born in a stable to a young woman of the village and a carpenter who would be his foster father. Today that young woman makes a bold proclamation, "He has thrown down the rulers from their thrones

but lifted up the lowly." As we come closer to Christmas, ask God to help you look for him in the unexpected so that he might refashion you. After all, history is full of unexpected saints—why not you?

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 1:24-28; Luke 1:46-56 (198). *"[God] has looked upon his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed."*

## Thursday, Dec 23, 2021

ADVENT WEEKDAY (O EMMANUEL)

### Hear our plea

What is more poignant than an expression of heartfelt longing? Today anyone taking part in the longstanding tradition of Evening Prayer, or vespers, sings, "O Emmanuel, come to redeem us!" It's a plea of yearning. For centuries on this day near Christmas, Catholics have opened their hearts and prayed for a savior. Let this vulnerable prayer of hope and desire for all that Christmas represents—light, life, salvation—be a kind of mantra as you go about your day.

TODAY'S READINGS: Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24; Luke 1:57-66 (199). *"When the time arrived for Elizabeth to have her child she gave birth to a son."*

## Friday, Dec 24, 2021

ADVENT WEEKDAY

### Thanksgiving on Christmas Eve

For many Catholics, Christmas Eve is brimming with meal preparation, cleaning, wrapping last-minute stocking stuffers, and Midnight Mass. It can also be a difficult day for those missing loved ones. In whatever situation you find yourself, take a moment and join the church in praying the Canticle of Zechariah, also known as the Benedictus. As he awaited the birth of his son John (later known as the Baptist), Zechariah sang a canticle of gratitude to God for setting us free from all that binds. May this prayer bring freedom and joy to us all!

TODAY'S READINGS: Morning: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Luke 1:67-79 (200). *"In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness."*

## Saturday, Dec 25, 2021

SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)

### The weary world rejoices

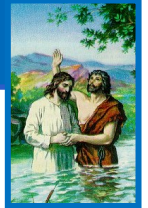
The efforts of people of goodwill everywhere in the quest for peace and justice continue, and our leader is born anew today! Spiritual author and priest Henri Nouwen put it well: "The world is not whole. . . . But it is into this broken world that a child is born, who is called Son of the Most High, Prince of Peace, Savior. I look at him and pray, 'Thank you, Lord, that you came. . . . Your heart is greater than mine.'" Our hope and our hearts increase today. Rejoice!

TODAY'S READINGS: Night: Isaiah 9:1-6; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14 (14); Day: Isaiah 52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-18 (16). *"And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us."*





# DISCIPLESHIP



## More on Advent and the RCIA

The RCIA participants continue their journey into the season of Advent. On the first Sunday of Advent, they witnessed the Blessing and lighting of the Advent Wreath, done by Sister Giulii Zobelein, OP, one of the team members. Each Sunday, a member of the RCIA team will light the next Advent Wreath candle which represents the four virtues of the four Sundays of the season: Hope, Peace, Joy and Love, where all Catholics bear witness to He Who Comes; Christ, the light of the world.

Contact RCIA Team Leader Bill Ramos at [rcia@saintjosephmsj.org](mailto:rcia@saintjosephmsj.org) or 510.270.8051

# STEWARDSHIP



## Second and Special Collections

12/12/21	Retirement Fund For The Religious
12/25/21	Christmas
1/01/22	Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
1/09/22	Seminary Collection
1/23/22	Parish Wide Scholarship Fund
1/30/22	St Vincent De Paul

## Bishops Appeal 2021

Thank you to our Parishioners who have contributed to the Bishop's Appeal. Currently, we are at 98.49 % of our overall goal of \$72,000 with \$70,910.59 of funds raised.

## Parish Offering Totals

<b>11/21/21</b>	
Electronic Fund Transfer:	\$7,588.01
Plate Collection:	\$23,646.00
Grand Total:	\$31,234.01
<b>11/28/21</b>	
Electronic Fund Transfer:	\$7,602.00
Plate Collection:	\$8,258.00
Grand Total:	\$15,860.00

Thank you for your generosity and support!

## A Note from your Parish Finance Council



Profiting from a good deed...With the stock market at record highs, please consider donating appreciated stocks or shares of mutual funds to St Joseph Parish. It is easy and tax efficient.

Donating publicly traded appreciated stocks or shares of mutual funds to St. Joseph Parish can avoid capital gains tax and provide a current year tax deduction if you itemize deductions on your tax return. And for owners of traditional IRAs who are 70 ½ and older, any amount donated to St. Joseph Parish counts towards your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) without increasing your Adjusted Gross Income (AGI)... Of course, you should consult your tax advisor and IRS Publication 526, *Charitable Contributions*, for more information. Donating appreciated stocks or shares of mutual funds to St. Joseph Parish is easy! Use this link to access the Diocese Instructions: <https://www.oakdiocese.org/how-to-give> If you have any questions, contact Gina Mehta at [gmehta@saintjosephmsj.org](mailto:gmehta@saintjosephmsj.org) or call (510) 656-2364.

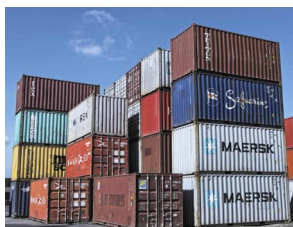


# FACILITIES



## LED Lighting Upgrade

The parish and school have received \$103,000 from PG&E to replace older fluorescent light fixtures with new energy efficient lighting. The new fixtures to be installed in the school, kindergarten, ministry houses and rectory garage will look the same, but they'll be 70% more energy efficient. Our outdoor parking lot lights will also be upgraded. This project will save electricity and help us reduce our carbon footprint by 15%.



You may have noticed a shipping container (only one, not a stack like this photo!) near the parish office. EverWatt, our lighting replacement contractor, is using it to store equipment. The container will be removed at the end of the project. Work in the school will occur outside school hours. The contractor's employees are vaccinated and will wear mouth and nose masks indoors.

# GOOD NEWS

## A Pastoral Staff Reflection on the 4th Sunday of Advent from Jimmy Jimenez-Garcia

We have been waiting for the coming of our Lord. We have heard the prophets of old say that HE is coming. The Archangel Gabriel said to Mary, HE shall be named "Emmanuel, God with us." The time of waiting is just about done, and as we celebrate this Fourth Sunday of Advent, the question can be asked, "What are we to do now?"

Amongst the variety of different titles that Mary has, there is one that is most fitting for this time of Advent, Mary is called the "Star of the Sea." For she guides us and illuminates the path on which to go, in the midst of the world's turbulent storms, she helps us. And as the three magi were guided and led by the Star of Bethlehem, Mary does the same for us now, leading us to her son Jesus Christ.

In the gospel today, we hear that Mary "traveled to the hill country in *haste*." She sheds light on what we are to do now. We are to make *haste!* Haste to make the path of our hearts straight, haste to forgive anyone that we still have not forgiven, haste to give a generous donation to the parish or another charitable organization, haste to give generously of our time to those in need, especially to those in our household, haste to renew the love of your marriage, recalling the vows made "until death do us part" and to your children, at whatever age they find themselves in, to renew the day in which they were given to you at their birth, recalling that first love. Haste to love God with all of one's heart, mind and strength. To make *haste* to celebrate this Christmas as Mary and Joseph did, beholding the Infant Jesus in their midst!



Save the Date!!



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January 30-February 5  
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## St. Joseph School Enrolling for the 2022-2023 School Year Transitional Kindergarten - 8th Grade

Please join us for our Family Mass and Annual Open House on Sunday morning, January 30, 2022. Mass will begin at 10:00am with the school in-person Open House from 11:00am—12:30pm. We invite you to stroll the classroom, meet the administration, teachers and current families. School tours and information for the 2022-2023 school year will be available. Please check out our website at <https://www.stjosephschoolfremont.org/> Schedule a tour today! School Office: 510-656-6525



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## The Walk for Life West Coast



The Walk for Life West Coast was founded in 2005 "to change the perceptions of a society that thinks abortion is an answer." The walk takes place in San Francisco every year on or near January 22, the anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion. This event is a "joyful celebration of life" and proclaims the message that "We deserve better than abortion."

The 2022 Walk for Life will take place on January 22nd. For more details about the event, go to <https://walkforlifewc.com/>. Interested in attending the walk with other St. Joseph parishioners? Contact Pat Samuels at [pwsamuels1989@gmail.com](mailto:pwsamuels1989@gmail.com) for more information. *All quotes are from the Walk for Life West Coast website.*

## Espada Court



Espada Court in Fremont decorates their Victorian style homes with thousands of lights and lighted figures for Christmas, the full month of December, collecting money and canned foods for charity during the entire month by having volunteers outside each evening, handing out candy canes and information about the charitable cause. As in the past, we are collecting for Sister John Marie's Pantry. Families, church groups, youth sports and scouting groups, teens needing services hours, and anyone willing to dedicate their time is welcome to commit to an evening or more during December. We collect in drizzle but not in rain. Youth and teen groups need to have a supervising adult. We have an electric outlet available if you would like to bring a boom box and play Christmas/seasonal music to enjoy. This is a wonderful way to participate in the "giving" part of the season! We hope that you will consider joining us for this worthy cause. Please contact Deacon Dick Bayless at [bayless2002@comcast.net](mailto:bayless2002@comcast.net) or call (510) 894-3820 to place your reservation.





# GOOD NEWS

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Everlasting  
Father,  
Prince  
of  
Peace!

## Christmas Day Masses

### Vigil of Christmas: Friday, December 24th

5:00pm - Main Church

7:00pm - Main Church

9:00pm - Mission

### Midnight Mass: Saturday, December 25th

12:00am - Mission

### Christmas Day: Saturday, December 25th

8:00am - Mission

10:00am - Main Church

12:00pm - Main Church

3:00pm Mass in Vietnamese - Main Church

5:00pm Mass in Mandarin —Main Church



## New Years Day Masses

### New Years Eve: Friday, December 31st

7:00pm - Main Church

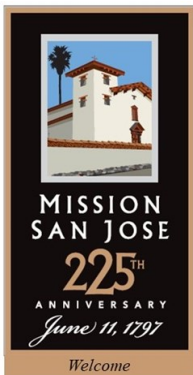
### New Years Day: Saturday, January 1st

Mary, Mother of God Mass

10:00am - Main Church

5:30pm—Mission

## Mission 225 News



Welcome to our year-long commemoration of Mission San Jose's 225th Anniversary. In 2022, we will pay special tribute to the people whose lives have shaped our rich heritage starting with the Franciscan missionaries who sowed the seeds of Christian faith that has endured for nearly 225 years.

Many special events are planned: Pilgrimages \* Speaker Series \* Walking Tours \* Concerts \* Founder's Day Mass and Festival

### Upcoming Events

Jan. 1—**Mass of Celebration** in the Main Church at 10am to kick off the Anniversary Year

Jan. 8—**Speaker Series #1, "Our Sacred Ground" The Ohlone Story**, Presenter: Andy Galvan

To register, go to [mission225.org](http://mission225.org)

Join the Team We need your help with the many events planned for the year. Our CFO is Aimee Hubacek; our Speaker Series coordinator is Kathleen Wade; the Women of St. Joseph will manage an organ concert; the Men's Club will hold a Vaquero BBQ; and we have the Museum of Local History hosting walking tours. We need a Sponsorship Coordinator and help with Publicity and Merchandise. Contact Gary or Nancy Dorighi to volunteer your special skills at [gdorighi@saintjosephmsj.org](mailto:gdorighi@saintjosephmsj.org) or [ndorighi@saintjosephmsj.org](mailto:ndorighi@saintjosephmsj.org) or 510-657-7543.

## Las Posadas from the Comfort of Your Home



Las Posadas, a ceremonial reenactment of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem, has been celebrated annually at Old Mission San Jose in Fremont since 1982. Once again, this year, due to COVID-19, we must enjoy this tradition from the comfort of our homes. Join us each night from December 15th to 23rd at 7:00pm where we will be reminded of the true meaning of Christmas followed by local entertainment arranged by the Fremont Cultural Arts Council. On the final night, December 23rd, the entertainment will feature Christmas music performed on Mission San Jose's magnificent Spanish replica organ by our music director Ron McKean. Visit [missionsanjose.org/las-posadas](http://missionsanjose.org/las-posadas) for program details.

## Discover History at the Mission Museum



With family and friends visiting for Christmas, consider exploring the treasure in our own backyard—Old Mission San Jose! Come visit and take a self-guided tour. Begin with an 18-minute video that describes Spanish exploration, the 1797 founding of Mission San Jose, and day-to-day living within the mission. Further explore the Mission Museum, the Church, the historic cemetery, and conclude in our beautiful garden. We are open from 10 AM to 3PM Wednesday through Friday, and 10AM to 4PM Saturday and Sunday, except Christmas and New Years.



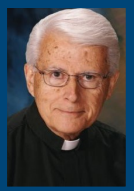
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