

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday, December 5, 2021



A voice of one crying out in the desert:
"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

Luke 3: 4-6

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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."



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.

GATHERING - *Comfort, Comfort, O My People*



1. Com - fort, com - fort, O my peo - ple, Speak of peace, now
2. Hark, the voice of one who's cry - ing In the des - ert
3. O make straight what long was crook - ed, Make the rough - er



1. says our God; Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness,
2. far and near, Bid - ding all to full re - pent - ance
3. plac - es plain; Let your hearts be true and hum - ble,



1. Mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak un - to Je -
2. Since the king - dom now is here. O that warn - ing
3. As be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry



1. ru - sa - lem Of the peace that waits for them;
2. cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
3. of the Lord Now o'er earth is shed a - broad;



1. Tell of all the sins I cov - er,
2. Let the val - leys rise to meet him
3. And all flesh shall see the to - ken



1. And that war - fare now is o - ver.
2. And the hills bow down to greet him.
3. That his word is nev - er bro - ken.

Text: 87 87 77 88; based on Isaiah 40:1-8; Johann G. Olearius, 1611-1684; tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.
Music: GENEVA 42; Claude Goudimel, ca. 1514-1572; *Genevan Psalter*, 1551. §

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. §


Kyrie

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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THE PSALM - Psalm 126: The Lord Has Done Great Things



The Lord has done great things for us;



we are filled with joy.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Mode VI §

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 - Your Light Will Come, Jerusalem

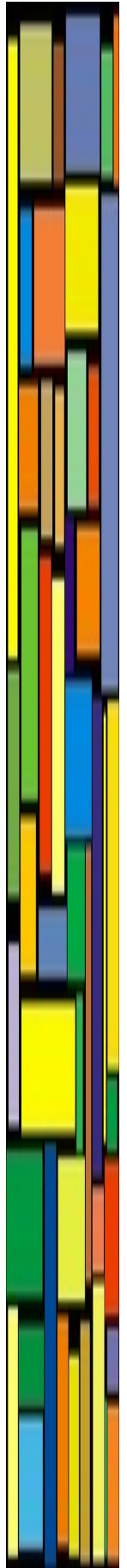
Your light will come, Jerusalem; for on you will dawn the glory of the Lord, and all nations will walk in your light, alleluia, alleluia.

Christ is the light of the world, a light dispelling the darkness.
May we, his body, reflect that holy light.

His light is mercy and peace, a peace surpassing all telling.
May we, his body, be instruments of peace.

His light is justice and truth, and love which casts out all hatred.
May we, his body, prepare the reign of God.

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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.”

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.

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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.

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 - *There is a Longing*

**There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to reveal yourself to us.
There is a longing in our hearts for love we only find in you, our God.**

For justice, for freedom, for mercy: hear our prayer. In sorrow, in grief: be near, hear our prayer, O God.

For wisdom, for courage, for comfort: hear our prayer. In weakness, in fear: be near, hear our prayer, O God.

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For healing, for wholeness, for new life: hear our prayer. In sickness, in death: be near, hear our prayer, O God.

Lord save us, take pity, light in our darkness. We call you, we wait: be near, hear our prayer, O God.

We Are Waiting

**We are waiting to welcome Jesus. (3x)
Only Jesus can set us free.**

For in Jesus we have a new world. (3x)
Come Lord Jesus and set your people free

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For in Jesus we have a new hope. (3x)
Come Lord Jesus and set your people free

For in Jesus we have a new joy. (3x)
Come Lord Jesus and set your people free

MISSIONING - *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.

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. §



St. Joseph Prayer List

Fernanda Barros, Dale Beatty
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 Devin Heinze, Dylan Horwitz
 Aleykutty (Elizabeth) Jacob
 Jack Keller, Lisa Maya
 June Mastrocola, Will Pearce
 George Perry, Janice Pieracci
 Linda Raimundo, Anna Robertson
 Geri Rogers, Robert Simpson
 James Skokan, Zennia Villanueva
 Dennis Wild

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

Esperanza Solorio
 Berto Pagtakhan

Mass Intentions for the Week

December	4th	5:30 pm	People of St Joseph
December	5th	8:00 am	People of St Joseph
		10:00 am	†Felisberto & Thalia Da Cruz, †Carmen Prata
		12noon	†Rosauro Santos Arellano
		3:00 pm	People of St Joseph
		5:00 pm	People of St Joseph
		7:00 pm	People of St Joseph
December	6th	8:00 am	†Virginia Hays
December	7th	8:00 am	†Felix Wang
December	8th	8:00 am	People of St Joseph
December	9th	8:00 am	People of St Joseph
December	10th	8:00 am	People of St Joseph
December	11th	8:00 am	†Lien Nguyen

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 05, 2021

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In praise of community service

Consider him an early volunteer. John the Baptist preached and baptized through the countryside, preparing the community for the way, truth, and life about to open to them. He wasn't paid for these services, which is probably why his diet was locusts and honey, and his clothing coarse. Today on International Volunteer Day, we give thanks for all who helped their neighbors with grocery runs and check-ins during the long season of sickness. We can continue this spirit of social engagement: giving blood, organizing group clean-ups, shoveling a neighbor's sidewalk. Volunteering builds empathy!

TODAY'S READINGS: Baruch 5:1-9; Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11; Luke 3:1-6 (6). "A voice of one crying out in the desert: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.'"

Monday, Dec 06, 2021

MEMORIAL OF NICHOLAS, BISHOP

The wonder of it all

Very little is known about the historical Saint Nicholas, but he evolved into a legendary figure so intertwined with Christmas, it's almost as if he were part of the Nativity story. The actual Nicholas lived 300 years after the birth of Jesus. Whether he secretly gave gifts to children or not, the spirit of his story is real. Centuries later as presents are wrapped in mystery and kept under the tree in anticipation, emotions of waiting for the Christ Child heighten as we ponder a miracle we can't fathom. Thank you, Saint Nicholas, for a tradition that helps incarnate our joy and wonder!

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke 5:17-26 (181). "We have seen incredible things today."

Tuesday, Dec 07, 2021

MEMORIAL OF AMBROSE, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Wage peace

Advent anticipates the Prince of Peace. But as we recall Pearl Harbor, Catholics also embrace a tradition that includes just war theory—sketched out by the likes of Saint Augustine, fleshed out by the likes of Saint Ambrose. King David "never waged war unless he was driven to it," Ambrose observed, illustrating that wars should be fought only as a last resort. Further, war should be waged selflessly—to help and protect others. War that "preserves one's country [or] defends the weak . . . is full of justice." Pray for those in the armed services who sacrifice and protect, and also pray for peace.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 40:1-11; Matthew 18:12-14 (182). "Comfort, give comfort to my people."

Wednesday, Dec 08, 2021

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (PATRONAL FEAST DAY OF THE U.S.A.)

A day of pure celebration

Today we celebrate the Immaculate Conception, the church's teaching that Mary was preserved from original sin from the moment of her conception. It is one of only two dogmas proclaimed infallibly by a pope. All of today's readings are related: They trace the tale back to the Fall, followed by a celebration of the "marvelous deeds" of God's salvation, culminating in the gospel reading of the Annunciation, where Mary learns she will bear a son who will reverse the curse of sin. Today, honor our Blessed

Mother and thank God for her preservation from sin so that she might bring Christ into the world.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 3:9-15, 20; Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12; Luke 1:26-38 (689). "... he chose us in him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and without blemish before him."

Thursday, Dec 09, 2021

MEMORIAL OF JUAN DIEGO CUAUHTLATOATZIN

Be a witness to the miracle of God's love

We are told that Saint Juan Diego was undistinguished before he became the person to whom the Virgin Mary appeared at Tepeyac, Mexico in 1531. Juan Diego had an opportunity to open himself to God's grace—Mary's appearance and miracle. He responded in faith by listening to the Virgin and persistently communicating her message, even though as an indigenous person, his word was at first discounted. His part in the miracle at Tepeyac has had enduring impact by opening other indigenous and mestizo Mexicans to the gospel message, and by opening church leaders—albeit slowly, in fits and starts—to the message indigenous peoples have for the wider church. Are you ready to receive God's grace, as did Juan Diego?

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 41:13-20; Matthew 11:11-15 (184). "Whoever has ears ought to hear."

Friday, Dec 10, 2021

MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF LORETO

Jesus makes his presence known

Emmanuel, "God is with us," is our guiding truth. Christians find many ways to remind ourselves of God's Real Presence. Of course, the primary way is through the Eucharist. But shrines and relics are also a very Catholic way of pointing to the reality of Christ in our lives. Take for example the shrine of Our Lady of Loreto, which resides in Loreto, Italy, a small town on the Adriatic coast. It is there that the original home of Mary is said to have been moved, either by angels or more probably by a wealthy Italian merchant, after the late 13th-century siege of Jerusalem. At this shrine we can presumably touch the same stones that Jesus touched as a boy. What a remarkable reminder that the Word was made flesh and lived among us. Pray to Our Lady of Loreto for continued reminders of God's abiding presence.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 48:17-19; Matthew 11:16-19 (185/689B). "The virgin shall be with child, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel, which means 'God is with us!'"

Saturday, Dec 11, 2021

MEMORIAL OF DAMASUS I, POPE

By the book

By the fourth century of the Christian era there were 20 or so gospels floating around the early church communities along with the familiar four. Dozens of epistles existed in addition to the 21 we now recognize. It was today's saint, Pope Damasus I (c. 305–384), who presided over the Council of Rome in 382 that determined the canon, or official list, of the Bible. He also encouraged Saint Jerome to produce a translation of the existing Greek and Hebrew texts into Latin, the common language of the day. Inexpensive versions of the Catholic *New American Bible Revised Edition* make great Christmas gifts for friends and family looking to deepen their faith.

TODAY'S READINGS: Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Matthew 17:9a, 10-13 (186). "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."



DISCIPLESHIP

Advent and the RCIA

As Catholics, we have many traditions that we experience every year. One of those is the Season of Advent (from the Latin, *adventus*, meaning coming), which begins our Liturgical New Year. During Advent, we are reminded of the four virtues of hope, love, joy and peace, as represented through the Advent Wreath's four candles, which coincides with the four Sundays of the season. We prepare and await, along with Mary and Joseph, the birth of our savior, Jesus Christ. We do so through prayer and penance, quieting and disciplining our hearts for the full joy that is Christmas.



As Pope Francis says, "Advent invites us to a commitment to vigilance, looking beyond ourselves, expanding our mind and heart in order to open ourselves up to the needs of people, of brothers and sisters, and to the desire for a new world."

Want to learn more? Contact RCIA Team Leader Bill Ramos at rcia@saintjosephmsj.org or 510.270.8051

STEWARDSHIP



Second and Special Collections

Parish Offering Totals

12/08/21	Immaculate Conception
12/12/21	Retirement Fund For The Religious
12/25/21	Christmas
1/01/22	Solemnity of the Virgin Mary

10/31/21	
Electronic Fund Transfer:	\$1,542.00
Plate Collection:	\$7,862.00
Grand Total:	\$9,404.00

Bishops Appeal 2021

Thank you to the Parishioners of our Parish that have contributed to the Bishop's Appeal so far. We are at 98.49 % of our overall goal of \$72,000 with \$70,910.59 of funds raised.

11/7/21	
Electronic Fund Transfer:	\$8,627.00
Plate Collection:	\$21,550.00
Grand Total:	\$30,177.00

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 or call (510) 656-2364.



GOOD NEWS

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 or call (510) 894-3820 to place your reservation.



GOOD NEWS



Simbang Gabi 2021—A Filipino Christmas Celebration

The Filipino Community of Saint Joseph (TFCSJ) invites you and your family to our Annual Simbang Gabi, a Filipino Christmas celebration. Rekindle and experience this traditional celebration by joining us on **Saturday, December 18th at 6am in the Mission. All are welcome!**

If you would like to participate or help in the preparation of this event, please contact Greta Lazaro at gretalaz@gmail.com

Christmas Treasures at the Old Mission



Our Mission Gift Shop welcomes you to shop for those unique items for young and old. From art and statues to books and jewelry, enjoy browsing our store rather than browsing on-line. And buy a one-of-a-kind gift for that special someone. We are open from 10AM to 3PM Wednesday through Friday, and 10AM to 4PM Saturday and Sunday, except Christmas and New Years.

The Spirituality of Advent



Dr. Tim Gray, President of the Augustine Institute, will offer a reflection on the spirituality of the season of Advent, focusing on how we as Catholics need to live the “pre-season” well, so we can be prepared to welcome and receive the greatest gift of peace that God the Father gives us at Christmas: **his Son, Jesus Christ**. This Advent study is a free sneak peak of the monthly Mission Circle Webinar Series. Join us on **Tuesday, November 30th at 11am Mountain Time**. Register for free today to secure your spot live or to receive a recording of the webinar using the following link: saintjosephmsj.org/webinar

A Message from St. Joseph School...



St. Joseph School, affiliated with the Dominican Sisters and an integral part of St. Joseph Parish in historic Mission San Jose, is dedicated to providing a strong Catholic religious formation and an excellent academic education for transitional kindergarten through eighth grade students. Partners in this endeavor, students, parents, educators, and parish community strive to live Christ’s message, empowering service-minded future leaders for Church and community.

Our school ministry is recruiting Parish members to participate on the school's Advisory Board. The Advisory board provides advice to the Pastor and Principal on the school's strategic plan and aspects of its operations ensuring the school continues to carry out its mission and grow its community impact. Today, the board is composed of the Pastor, Principal, members of the administration, and parent volunteers. It is the interest of the board to establish formal committees with more volunteers that can provide stewardship in various areas of the school operations. We are currently seeking parishioners with experience in the areas of Marketing and Development, Facilities, Finance and Fundraising, Technology Integration, Grants, and Community Development.

To learn more, we invite parishioners to join us for a virtual information meeting on December 1, 2021. For questions and to receive the meeting link please contact Rachelle Cu, School Board President and parishioner, at 408-656-0242 or rachelle.cu@gmail.com or Patti Calton, School Principal, at 510-656-6525 or pcalton@sjsmsj.org



Photos in the Mission and the Main Church

Photos of our beloved deceased on display in the Mission and the Main Church will be removed on December 1st. They may be picked up at the Parish Office Monday through Thursday 9am to 4pm, Friday 9am to 12noon, and Saturday from 10am to 5pm. Please keep in mind that the office is closed for lunch from 12noon to 1pm daily.

GOOD NEWS

Christmas Masses

For
Unto
us
is
born
a
Son
is
given,
and
the
Government
shall
be
upon
His
shoulders,
and
His
Name
shall
be
called,
Wonderful,
Counselor,
Mighty
God,
Everlasting
Father,
Prince
of
Peace!

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 Vietnamese Mass - Main Church

5:00pm Chinese Mass—Main Church

Advent is a Time of Waiting and Accompaniment with Joseph as Guide

The month of December is a busy one in our families, our workplaces, and the world around us. If nothing else, the pandemic times have taught us that there is more to life than busyness. During these past eighteen months, we have experienced waiting in many ways and the church has invited us to pray especially with the foster father of Jesus, St. Joseph. He has accompanied us during this past year and now reminds us that Advent, too, is a time of preparation, reassessing our values and following the leadership that Joseph lived so well! You are invited to join Msgr. John McLaughlin, Jr. as he shares reflectively on Joseph and our Advent journey.



St. Joseph Parish/Old Mission San Jose invites you to join Msgr. John McLaughlin, Jr. on Saturday, December 11 from 9:30am-12:30pm as he leads us on an Advent retreat. Msgr. will provide opportunities to support our Advent journey through reflective input, prayer, quiet time and conversation as we look at this season through the lens of St. Joseph, his leadership and values. **Register at the parish website or contact the Parish Office (510) 656-2364 x 205 by Wednesday, December 8, 2021** and give the names and telephone number of those attending. There is no fee, however, a free-will offering is appreciated to cover the event.



Msgr. John McLaughlin, Jr.
Director of Spiritual Formation St John's Seminary,
National Vocations Director for the Archdiocese of
Military Services, Catholic Chaplain of Boston
University MA, who resides in the Oakland Diocese

SCHEDULE

Saturday - December 11, 2021

Mass in the Mission (optional) 8:00am

Retreat in the Mission 9:30am-12:30pm

Revised Agenda as of 11/28/21

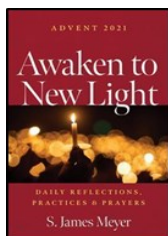
Advent Resources...Watch for them in the back of the Mission and Church

Advent is almost here! Full of expectation and hope, this season invites us into deeper relationship with the Gospel stories, with Christ, with Mary, His mother, and with our families, friends, and parish community.



Advent is also an opportunity for new beginnings and spiritual growth. We have obtained resources designed to assist you to deepen and make more profound the experience of this holy season. The daily Scripture readings are a powerful source of ways to discover your story within the Word. Let us together welcome the stranger called silence, to listen deeply and to respond to the cry of those in need with an open mind and heart.

Suggested free will donation: \$1



Before Christmas can truly change the world around us, we must first let it change the world within us. These stirring reflections invite us to prepare our hearts and minds—and even our muscles, bones, moods, and attitudes—so “incarnation can seep through our neurons and soak into our marrow.”

Suggested free will donation:: \$1



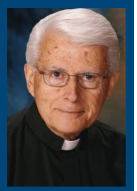
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Friday—9am to 12noon
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