THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT Sunday, December 12, 2021



Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming.

I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals.

He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. " - Luke 3: 15-16

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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."

WORSHIP AID

Parish Prayer

Oh Lord, You are the Potter, we are the clay.

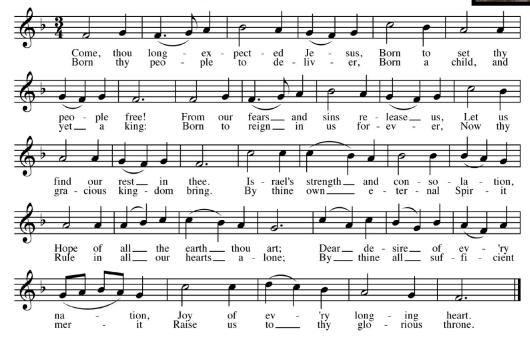
Design us to reflect your glory as we rebuild your Church.

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 - Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus



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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,

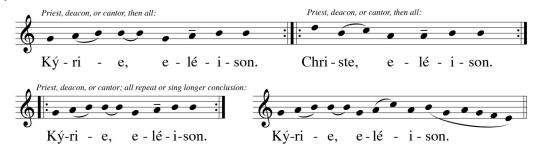
And, striking your breast, say:

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



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THE PSALM - Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6: First Song of Isaiah



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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 - Jesus, Hope of the World

Jesus, hope of the world, Jesus, light in our darkness, Here we await you, O Master Divine. Here we receive you in bread and in wine: Jesus, hope of the world.

All respond to Cantor/Choir: Come, Lord Jesus!

All Sing: 1. Shepherd your people in love!

2. Come and be Lord of our hearts!

3. Shatter the darkness of death!

2. Come and be Lord of our nearty

4. Banish our doubt and our fear!

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EUCHARISTIC 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.

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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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."

COMMUNION - Where Charity and Love Prevail



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You Are the Light

You are the light that stands alone in depth of night and eye of storm. Where shadows fall, you enter in; ignite with hope what dark has dimmed. And though our eyes may fail to see, it is the heart that's given sight through night and storm, to trust in you. Upon our path you are the light.

You are the word that's written deep within the hearts of all who long for endless days beyond the skies, for peace on earth, a kingdom come. We sing the name that heals our souls, and share the way, the truth, the life. For hearts that long, both lost and found, we speak the word: you are the light.

O you are God who spoke the dawn: the savior son who came in flesh to be a lamp for wand'ring hearts, to steal our darkness by your death. And as you rose, you gave us peace, your Spiritgift to kindly lead.

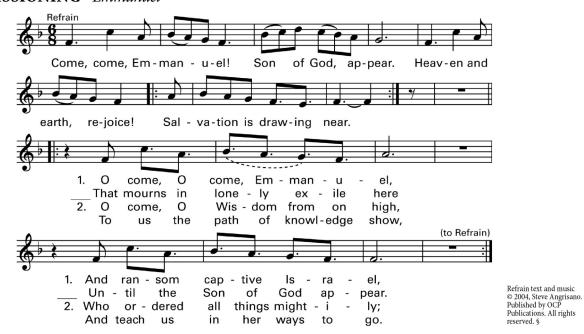
Sweet mystery, how true you guide. We look to you; you are the light.

Refrain text and music

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MISSIONING - Emmanuel



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Dennis Wild

Mass Intentions for the Week

December 11th	5:30 pm	†Lien Nguyen, †Oscar Espinas
December 12th	8:00 am	†Terry Brandenburg, †Walter Yeggi
	10:00 am	†Phong Quoc Nguyen
	12noon	†Orlando D Pineda, †Edilberto D Pineda
	3:00 pm	People of St Joseph
	5:00 pm	People of St Joseph
	7:00 pm	People of St Joseph
December 13th December 14th December 15th December 16th	8:00 am 8:00 am	†Virginia Hays Intentions of Richard Bayless II People of St Joseph People of St Joseph
December 17th	8:00 am	People of St Joseph
December 18th	8:00 am	†Anna Nguyen Hong

	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 12, 2021

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Queen of Mercy, watch over us

Often, we seek guidance, wondering like those around John the Baptist: What should we do? The answer's a simple one: show mercy. Our adversaries, family members, and we ourselves may be in need of such compassion. When La Virgen Morena (the Brown Virgin) appeared to Juan Diego in Mexico and left her image on his cactus-fiber cloak, her promise of mercy to all who appealed to her was sealed on the Americas. Our Lady of Guadalupe, now patroness of Mexico and empress of the Americas, extends her reign across two continents and around the globe. Respond with mercy today.

TODAY'S READINGS: Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18 (9). "The crowds asked John the Baptist, 'What should we do?'"

Monday, Dec 13, 2021

MEMORIAL OF LUCY, MARTYR

I can see clearly now

In these darkening days of December, the Scandinavian festival of light held on Saint Lucy's feast day is a cheerful sight to brighten spirits. In these countries—and wherever Scandinavians are found—girls dress as Lucy in long white gowns with wreaths of candles on their heads, carrying sweets in procession as songs are sung. Similar practices can be found in Italy and Croatia. Whether you belong to those ethnicities or not, why not incorporate the festival into your family holiday traditions? Saint Lucy is the patron and protector of eyesight—ask her to help you focus yours, to see more clearly the coming of the radiant king.

TODAY'S READINGS: Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a; Matthew 21:23-27 (187). "By what authority are you doing these things? And who gave you this authority?"

Tuesday, Dec 14, 2021

MEMORIAL OF JOHN OF THE CROSS, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Carried by love

Saint John of the Cross was named a doctor of the church for his profound, poetic writings on Christian mysticism. As a spiritual phenomenon, mysticism is difficult to explain. Central ideas, though, connect love and suffering. Today, pause to remember the tragic school shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary and contemplate this meditation by John and remember to love: "I saw the river over which every soul must pass to reach the kingdom of heaven, and the name of that river was suffering. And I saw a boat which carries souls across the river, and the name of that boat was love."

TODAY'S READINGS: Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13; Matthew 21:28-32 (188). "Then will I remove from your midst the proud braggarts, and you shall no longer exalt yourself."

Wednesday, Dec 15, 2021

ADVENT WEEKDAY

Jesus, our justice and our peace

The coming of Jesus into the world was ultimately the coming of true justice and peace. In today's psalm, these two virtues are said to have "kissed" when the Messiah arrived on Earth. What an incredible image! Every promise of God finds its yes in the One who frees us from sin and death. In the gospel reading, Jesus proves by his miraculous love that he is the long-hoped-for Messiah. Today, remember that as we anticipate Christmas, the

fulfillment of all our hopes and dreams is the justice and peace of Jesus. Perhaps not what we expected, but what we need!

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25; Luke 7:18b-23 (189). "Kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall kiss. Truth shall spring out of the earth, and justice shall look down from heaven."

Thursday, Dec 16, 2021

ADVENT WEEKDAY

Differently blessed

Today's first reading refers to an idea repeated many times in the Bible: that children are a blessing from God. Catholic teaching on situations where bearing children is not possible is not the inverse, however. The church has never taught that infertility or any other limitation is a punishment or "curse" from God. To the contrary, Catholic tradition emphasizes that persons in every situation or condition deserve our full attention, respect, and caring concern. How can you practice empathy toward those whose family life has taken a less common direction?

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 54:1-10; Luke 7:24-30 (190). "Among those born of women, no one is greater than John; yet the least in the Kingdom of God is greater than he."

Friday, Dec 17, 2021

ADVENT WEEKDAY (O WISDOM)

Make the wise choice

Today the church begins to sing the O Antiphons to accompany the Advent evening prayer of Mary's Magnificat. These short, sung phrases remind us of our need for salvation and our desire to embody the divine characteristics of our Savior. Today we pray for knowledge. This is not the knowledge that wins arguments around the dinner table, but the knowledge that shines a light on who we are, where we came from, and what we are called to do. It is the knowledge that comes with discernment and brings us peace. May wisdom be our teacher.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 49:2, 8-10; Matthew 1:1-17 (193). "O Wisdom of our God Most High, guiding creation with power and love: come to teach us the path of knowledge!"

Saturday, Dec 18, 2021

ADVENT WEEKDAY (O SACRED LORD)

Walk each other home

The theme for this year's International Migrants Day is "Reimagining Human Mobility." U.N. Secretary-General António Guterres calls upon citizens of the world to "seize the opportunity of the recovery from the pandemic to implement safe, orderly, and regular migration and enable migrants to build more inclusive and resilient societies." Today's O Antiphon recalls the migration of Israel from Egypt to Palestine and asks God to guide the movement of peoples. Because we all can trace our ancestry back to migrating people at one time or another, it is appropriate today to pray for people on the move seeking new homes and new lives in new lands.

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 23:5-8; Matthew 1:18-25 (194). "And they shall name him Emmanuel, which means 'God is with 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 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

Parish Offering Totals 11/14/21

Electronic Fund Transfer: \$4,182.00
Plate Collection: \$10,514.00
Grand Total: \$14,696.00

11/21/21

Electronic Fund Transfer: \$7,588.01
Plate Collection: \$23,646.00
Grand Total: \$31,234.01

Thank you for your generosity and support!

Match Your Donations



A question was asked at our July 24th Parish Meeting whether companies we work for can match our financial donations. The short answer is, "Yes." Although many corporations will not match contributions directly to the parish, some do. Most companies will match donations to St Joseph School. The parish can also benefit from donations to the <u>Committee for the Restoration of the Mission San Jose</u> (CRMSJ), which is a non-sectarian, non-profit corporation. Contributions to St Joseph School and CRMSJ help to fund needed improvements and operating expenses at the school, Mission church and mission museum.

If your employer has a matching gifts program, please consider supporting St. Joseph parish with a gift to one of the following: Committee for the Restoration of the Mission San Jose, Tax ID number 94-2341096; St Joseph School, Tax ID number 94-3145818; US Catholic Conference - St Joseph School, Tax ID number 94-1358335; and St Joseph's Church, Tax ID number 94-1358335.

This is a great opportunity to increase your financial support to our parish by leveraging your donations with matching corporate funds.

FACILITIES

Lighting the Exterior of our Church



Just in time for St. Nicholas Day December 6th, a joyful band of parishioners came together Friday evening December 3rd to hang Christmas lights from the eaves of the church and the trees at the north parking lot entrance. Our thanks to them for beautifully preparing the outside of the church for the Advent and Christmas seasons!

GOOD NEWS

A Pastoral Reflection on the 3rd Sunday of Advent from Helen Campbell

"Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again, rejoice!"

Today's Mass begins with the antiphon "Rejoice in the Lord always." We are encouraged to continue our preparation for the coming of Jesus, in history, in our lives, in His second coming with joy-filled hearts and hands open in charity and service to others.

In the 3rd chapter of Luke's gospel we hear of God's call to John the Baptist and his corresponding dynamic summons to repentance as well as the affirmation that the fulfillment of the Messianic prophecies is at hand. Today's gospel gives us an insight into his listeners' reaction, "What shall we do?" John responds with some very practical guidelines that ring through the ages, speaking as forcefully to us today.

Each one of us can accept in wonder the awareness that the Lord comes to us individually and personally as well as historically as a helpless infant. We can acknowledge Him as the Lord and master of the universe who will draw all things to Himself in the fullness of time. We can live out this conviction in the knowledge and joy that He is truly present among us in our humanity, caring for each individual and calling us to be His hands in the often overwhelming reality of the present world.

Practically speaking, the words of John in today's gospel show us how this is to be accomplished. Unbounded compassion, charity freely given, honesty in word and action, service to all in need – I think each of us could add to the list. All of this done in joyful awareness that the anniversary of the Lord's birth as a human being is but part of the story, that we are called to respond in love to our brothers and sisters through the example He gave us, praising in word and deed the glory of our God. "Rejoice in the Lord always!" AMEN!



Thank you from St. Vincent De Paul



Thanks to your generosity and continued support, St Vincent de Paul was able to hand out extra bags of food for thanksgiving to over 250 singles/family/homeless, in addition to the usual bags we give out twice a week. A special thank you goes to Family of Faith who contributed over 60 bags for thanksgiving. And also to the St Joseph school children for making jars of beans for soup to give to our neighbors-in-need as well. We are happy to also say that we will be giving \$50 target cards and \$20 Lucky's cards to 60 families at Christmas time. This would not be possible without your generous donations.

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.



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 **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**

GOOD NEWS



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 <u>mission225.org</u>

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@saintjosephmsi.org or ndorighi@saintjosephmsi.org or 510-657-7543.

Bookmark and check our website for updates and information as the year progresses at mission225.org

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.

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.



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