



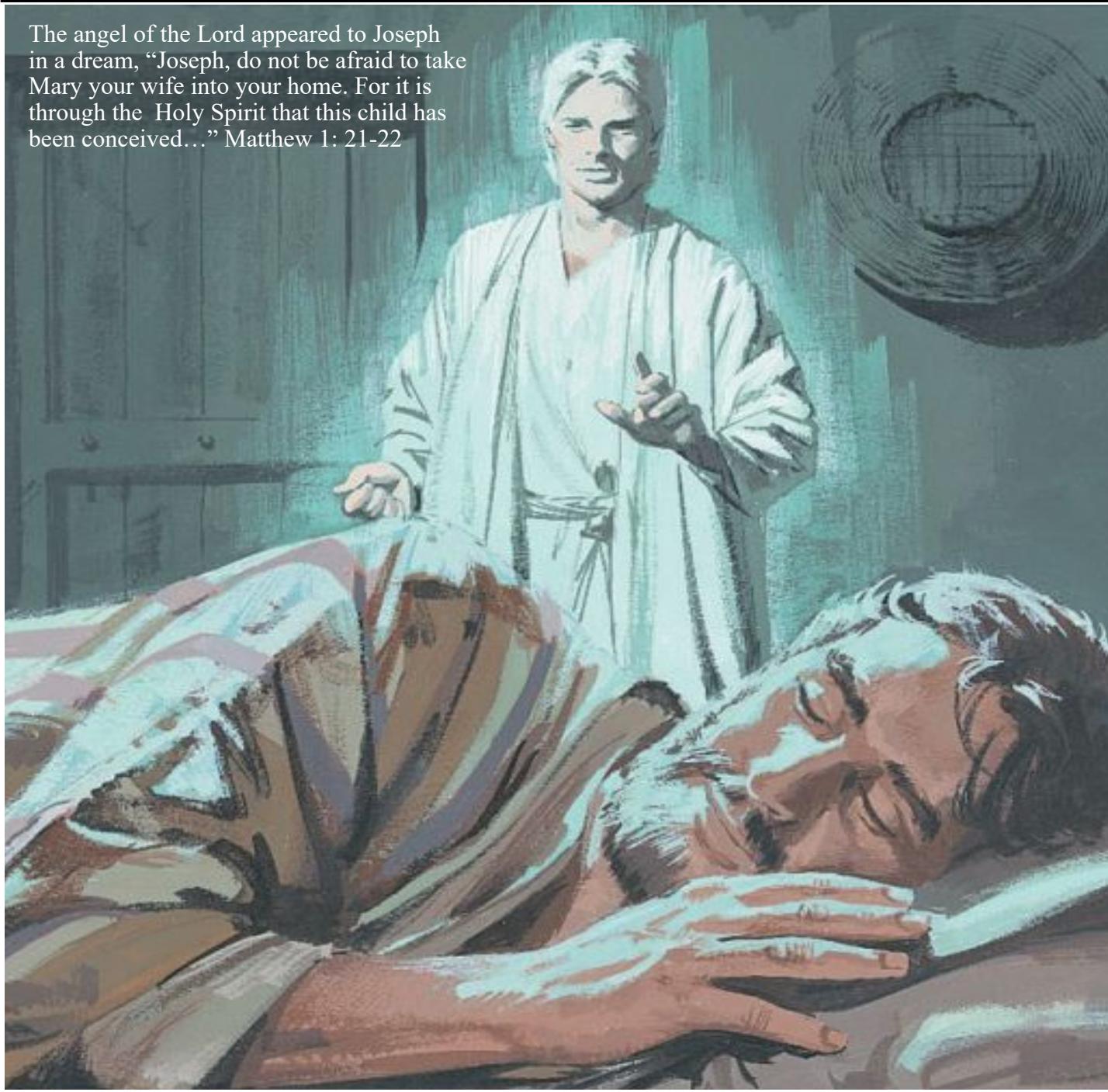
## FOURTH SUNDAY

### OF ADVENT

Sunday, December 18, 2022

St. Joseph Parish  
Old Mission San Jose  
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The angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, "Joseph, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived..." Matthew 1: 21-22



*"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

## PROCESSION - *The Advent of Our King*

### Prayer for the Mission Alignment Process

**Dear Father in heaven,  
look kindly upon the Diocese of Oakland as we take stock of the many gifts you have given us.**

**Send your Holy Spirit to inspire and guide us, so that our efforts to proclaim the saving gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ more effectively, may bear tremendous fruit.**

**May we, as your people, courageously proceed on this path of self-reflection and renewal.**

**In the end, with your divine assistance, we know that we cannot fail.**

**Saint Joseph, Holy Mary, Queen of the World and St. Francis de Sales, co-patrons of our Diocese, pray for us!**

**Amen.**

The advent of our King Our prayers must now employ,  
And we must hymns of welcome sing In strains of holy joy.

The everlasting Son Incarnate deigns to be;  
Himself a servant's form puts on To set his servants free.

O Zion's Daughter, rise To meet thy lowly King,  
Nor let thy faithless heart despise The peace he comes to bring.

Text: SM; Charles Coffin, 1676-1749; tr. by Robert Campbell, 1814-1868, alt. Music: ST. THOMAS (WILLIAMS); Aaron Williams, 1731-1776.

## PENITENTIAL ACT - *Confiteor*

**Kyrie Kýrie, éléison. Kýrie, éléison. Christe, éléison. Christe éléison.**

**Kýrie, éléison. Kýrie, éléison.**

Music: Vatican Edition VIII, acc. by Richard Proulx, © 1995, GIA Publications, Inc. §

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM - *Psalm 24: Let the Lord Enter*

Let the Lord enter, let the Lord  
the King of glory.

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - *All sing: Alleluia*

Chant, Mode VII - Accompaniment and verse tone Michael Dominic O'Connor, O.P.

## OFFERTORY - *The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came*

1. The an - gel Ga - bri - el from hea - ven came,  
2. "For know a bless - ed Mo - ther thou shalt be,  
3. Then gen - tle Ma - ry meek - ly bowed her head,  
4. Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ was born

his wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame;  
all gen - er - a - tions laud and ho - nor thee,  
"To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said,  
in Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn,

"All hail," said he, "thou low - ly mai - den, Ma - ry,  
thy Son shall be Em - ma - nu - el, by seers fore - told,  
"my soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy His ho - ly Name."  
and Christ - ian folk through - out the world will ev - er say,



Traditional Basque Carol. Para. by Sabine Baring Gould, 1834–1924. Traditional Basque Carol

## SANCTUS/MYSTERIUM FIDEI/AMEN - *Sanctus*

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dóminus Deus Sábaoth. Pleni sunt caeli et terra glória tua.  
Hosánnā in excélsis. Benedíctus qui venit in nómine Dómini. Hosánnā in excélsis.

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

Music: Vatican Edition XVIII; acc. by Richard Proulx

## *Mysterium Fidei*

Mortem tuam annuntiamus, Domine, et tuam resurrectionem confitemur, donec venias.

*We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.*

Text and music: Chant Mass; *Graduale Romanum*, 1974. §

## Great Amen - All sing: Amen

Text: *The Roman Missal*, © 2010, ICEL. Music: *The Roman Missal*, © 2010, ICEL; acc. by Ronald F. Krisman, © 2011, GIA Publications §

## THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Chanted*)

Music: Chant; adapt. by Robert J. Snow, 1926–1998. §

## REFLECTION



### **Fourth Sunday of Advent—Staff Reflection by Sister Marcia Krause**

As the Advent season ends, Matthew gives us a brief version of Mary's conception and Joseph's reaction. The focus is on Joseph, who had the right by law, to return Mary to her father and expose her to death. But being an honorable man, he determined to divorce her, hoping that the rightful father might claim the child and marry her.

As the story unfolds, we are told that an angel appeared to Joseph in a dream. And Joseph proves that he was not only righteous and compassionate but also filled with faith and trust in God's plans. He, like Mary, made room for "the Word made flesh" in his life and gave Mary and her baby a home. I relish the fact that Joseph acted upon his dream. He must have thought that his human dreams with Mary had been shattered. Thus, when the angel legitimized his original dream and assured him that he need not fear, he believed!

As Christmas nears, this story offers us the potential for renewed life and greater trust in God's direction for our life. We may not have the confirming dream that Joseph had, yet in the stillness that we create to hear God in silence, we, too, can be restored to an inner trust that keeps our life on track. May we realize that God is with us, trying to restore our inner life, our ability to trust the power of grace that is at the center of our being. New life takes time and patience. We cannot give to others what we have not discovered personally. To love is to come to the center of love in myself so that I can allow God to continue to energize and heal and lead me.

The incarnation of love (Jesus) calls each of us to break down the barriers in our relationships and replace them with a desire to serve, listen and love. I hope that Advent has led us to better understand that God is with us every breath of the way.





## 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.**

## AGNUS DEI

Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. 2x  
Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

Ronald E. McKean

## COMMUNION - *Alma Redemptoris Mater*

Al - ma Red - em - ptó - ris Ma - ter,  
quea pér - vi - a cae - li por - ta ma - nes,  
Et stel - la ma - ris, suc - cür - re ca - dén - ti  
súr - ge - re qui cu - rat pó - pu - lo: Tu quae ge - nu - í - sti,  
na - tú - ra mi - rán - te, tu - um san - ctum Ge - ni - tó - rem:  
Vir - go pri - us ac po - sté - ri - us, Ga - bri - é - lis ab o - re  
su - mens il - lud A - ve, pec - ca - tó - rum mi - se - ré - re.

Hermanus Contractus, 1013-1054 Chant, Mode V

## *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!

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## *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

1. Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing From ten - der stem hath sprung!  
2. I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, The rose I have in mind;  
1. Es ist ein Ros' ent - sprun - gen Aus ei - ner Wur - zel zart,  
1. Flos de ra - di - ce Jes - se, Est na - tus ho - di - e

1. Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing As men of old have sung.  
2. With Ma - ry we be - hold it, The Vir - gin Moth - er kind.  
1. Wie uns die Al - ten sun - gen, Von Jes - se kam die Art.  
1. Quem no - bis jam ad - es - se, Lae - ta - mur u - ni - ce.

1. It came, a flow'r - et bright,  
2. To show God's love a - right,  
1. Und hat ein Blüm - lein bracht  
1. Flos il - le Je - sus est.

A - mid the cold of  
She bore to men a  
Mit - ten im kal - ten  
Ma - ri - a Vir - go

1. win - ter, When half - spent was the night.  
2. Sav - ior, When half - spent was the night.  
1. Win - ter Wohl zu der hal - ben Nacht.  
1. ra - dix De qua flos or - tus est.

German, 15th cent. Tr. by Theodore Baker, 1851–1934. German, 16th cent. Speierisches Gesangbuch, Cologne, 1599

## RECESSIONAL - 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.

Based on "O" Antiphons, Latin, 9th cent. Chant, Mode I. Tr. by John M. Neale, 1818–1866, and others



### HOURS:

Wed-Fri.: 10am-3pm  
Sat & Sun: 10am-4:30pm



*Looking for a wedding gift or a new home gift? A creche would be perfect, one-of-a-kind gift with several to choose from in the Gift Shop. Or maybe you need a stocking stuffer? Try one of these comfort cross-*

*es or angels that fit in your hand and are great to hold onto during devotion or in times of need. There are many different varieties in our Mission Gift Shop.*

## RETREATS, BIBLE STUDY, LECTIO DIVINA



FORMED.ORG has many Advent resources for the entire family:  
There are over 60 Advent-related programs to help you come to a deeper understanding of our Catholic faith and get to know Jesus more intimately. This digital gateway to learning and living our Catholic faith is accessible anywhere at any time on smartphones, tablets and computers. <https://watch.formed.org/advent-1>



Register at [formed.org/signup](https://formed.org/signup)

Enter 94539, name/email, activate.

### PICK OF THE WEEK FOR KIDS:

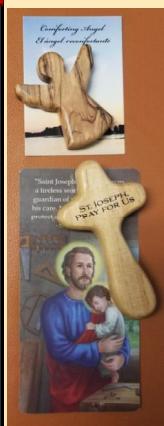
<https://watch.formed.org/marcam-catholic-kids-show> Marcam Catholic Kids Show!

### PICK OF THE WEEK FOR TEENS/YOUNG ADULTS:

<https://watch.formed.org/advent-week-2/videos/the-first-noel> The First Noel

### PICK OF THE WEEK FOR ADULTS:

<https://watch.formed.org/advent-week-2/videos/why-almsgiving-by-dr-michael-barber> Why Almsgiving by Dr. Michael Barber



## DISCIPLESHIP, THE HANDS OF JESUS



**Las Posadas** is celebrated annually at Old Mission San Jose. Once again, we can enjoy this from our homes each night at 7 pm via ZOOM from December 15 through 23, as well as in person on the first and final nights at 7 pm. We will remember the true meaning of Christmas followed by local entertainment. On December 23<sup>rd</sup>, entertainment will feature Christmas music performed in the mission by Ronald E. McKean. For program details, visit:

<https://missionsanjose.org/las-posadas>

### Serra Catechetical Institute

The Serra Catechetical Institute (SCI) is a 1-year formation process for parish and Catholic school catechists, parents and all adults who want to know their Catholic faith better and be able to hand it on more effectively. Participants will receive a solid introduction to the Catholic faith in 60 hours of basic catechetical formation.

Students who complete the program will be eligible to receive the Basic California Catechist Certificate. The next program begins January 14, 2023.



### Sunday, Dec 18, 2022—Welcome!

Most folks live in the land of their birth. Only one in 30 migrate, and for many reasons. They may marry a non-national and relocate to make a life together. Jobs may move overseas. But most often, people migrate under forces they can't control: military conflicts, natural disasters, extreme poverty, or other dangers. Migration may not be chosen, but it doesn't have to spell doom to those who depart or those who receive them. Migrants have knowledge, networks, and skills to share. U.S. history proves it as does the history of our faith. As Yahweh told the Israelites: "You shall treat the alien who resides with you no differently than the natives born among you; for you too were once aliens in the land of Egypt" (Lev. 19:33-34). On this International Migrants Day, O Sacred Lord, give us the spirit of welcome and openness so we may each find our way to you.

#### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (O SACRED LORD)

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 7:10-14; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-24 (10). "The Lord's are the earth and its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it."

### Monday, Dec 19, 2022—Cherish your roots

Today's O Antiphon—"O Root of Jesse's stem, sign of God's love for all his people: come to save us without delay!"—invites us to meditate on the theme of Jesus' genealogy and our spiritual ancestry. Jesse was the father of King David, and God told the prophet Nathan that David's royal family would last forever. Jesus is the enduring branch that grows out of the root of Jesse, the fulfillment of a hope past and present. When we belong to Christ, we belong to the rest of the tree, too—a family that includes God and humanity. Christmas brings people together, biologically related or not—let the longing of this season bond you closer to all in love.

#### ADVENT WEEKDAY (O FLOWER OF JESSE'S STEM)

TODAY'S READINGS: Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a; Luke 1:5-25 (195). "He will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God."

### Tuesday, Dec 20, 2022—Let's make some room at the inn

We're in the middle of two great spiritual traditions that overlap in Advent: The O Antiphons (December 17-23)—recited at vespers for the church's Liturgy of the Hours—and the celebration of "Las Posadas" (December 16-24), reenacting Joseph and Mary's search for shelter ahead of Jesus' birth. Since Las Posadas come from our Latin American brothers and sisters, each year the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops encourages us to work and pray, in intentional ways, for migrants to our country who—like Mary and Joseph—seek safety and basic biblical hospitality. The Key of David is also the key to our hearts. See Justice for Immigrants for more background and suggested actions.

#### ADVENT WEEKDAY (O KEY OF DAVID)

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 7:10-14; Luke 1:26-38 (196). "Listen, O house of David!"



### Wednesday, Dec 21, 2022—A light of faith from the North Star

On this day in 1892, Saint Peter Claver Catholic Church was founded in Saint Paul, Minnesota, the first black parish in the state of Minnesota. Founded decades before the Great Migration of southern blacks to northern states, the church was the brainchild of hopeful black Catholics (inspired by Josephite founder John Slattery, S.S.J.) and Archbishop John Ireland, a tireless advocate for black liberation in an era of widespread racism. The new church was named for the famed Jesuit missionary, just a few years after his canonization by Pope Leo XIII, and among its first members was Fredrick McGhee, the first black lawyer in state history. May he and his companions inspire our faith and encourage us to witness for justice in our daily lives!

#### ADVENT WEEKDAY (O RADIANT DAWN)

TODAY'S READINGS: Song of Songs 2:8-14 or Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Luke 1:39-45 (197). "O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice, come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death!"

### Thursday, Dec 22, 2022—Picture this

For Americans, the O Antiphon for today, "O King of All Nations," might be less than compelling since our incipient nation rebelled against the only king it ever had back in its colonial days. The image of God or Jesus as "king" comes from the prevailing social structures 2,000 years ago. Centuries of church-monarchy unity in Europe and elsewhere kept the tradition going. Contemporary Catholics can understand the power and authority of kingship, but God's tenderness and mercy can be sidelined by this term, which leads to a good question for any disciple: What is your image of God? What helps you connect with the Divine?

#### ADVENT WEEKDAY (O KING OF ALL NATIONS)

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 1:24-28; Luke 1:46-56 (198). "The Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name."

### Friday, Dec 23, 2022—Rejoice, rejoice!

The "O Emmanuel" antiphon heralds the conclusion of Advent. It also conveys a powerful truth about how we experience the divine. Yes, God is awesome and transcendent—and God is the one who draws close to us, takes on our humanity, and is truly Emmanuel, "God with us." As we prepare to enter into the mystery of the Incarnation, let us take a moment to pray "O Emmanuel" and reflect on how we experience God with us in our day-to-day life. And as a church let us sing together, "Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel / Shall come to thee, O Israel."

#### ADVENT WEEKDAY (O EMMANUEL)

TODAY'S READINGS: Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24; Luke 1:57-66 (199). "Yes, he is coming."

### Saturday, Dec 24, 2022—Forgiveness under the tree

If you haven't finished your Christmas shopping by now, you're toast (at least according to consumer culture). The best you can hope for now is forgiveness. Which is exactly what this day and this night are all about. Zechariah's Benedictus in today's gospel (which takes its name from the first words in Latin—Benedictus Dominus Deus Israel, "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel!") Reflects God's eternal plan of deliverance: "To give his people knowledge of Salvation by the forgiveness of their sins." The best present you can give anybody, tonight or ever, is the forgiveness of their sins. Today is the perfect day to give this perfect gift!

#### ADVENT WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Morning: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Luke 1:67-79 (200). "To give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins."



*May you find time to slow down this Christmas season,  
say "no" to the things that distract you from Jesus and  
say "yes" to the gift that God wants you to experience.*

# PRAYER & WORSHIP



## Saint Joseph Prayer List

Fernanda Barros, Rena Bernal,  
Jennifer Chennat, Jose Coronel,  
Ellen Culver,  
Maria Luisa Del Rosario,  
Marjorie Furnary, Cecil Haworth,  
Devin Heinze, Neville Lacey,  
Wei Ling Liu, Jess Loya, Norma Neto,  
George Perry, Pamela Randolph,  
Bill Ramos, Linda Raimundo,  
Helen Root, Brent Rose,  
Kirke & Nancy Schnoor,  
Joseph Silva, James Skokan, Sean Vu

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

Shirley Martinez

## Mass Intentions for the Week

December 17th 5:30 pm †Enrico De Santos, †Riostita Arenas

December 18th 8:00 am	†Celia Ramos, †Sofia Enriquez, Intentions of Mr. & Mrs. Arnaldo Agcaoili
10:00 am	†Emilia Barros, †Alice Francisco, †Daniel Barros
12:00 pm	†Monica Choi
3:00 pm	People of St. Joseph
5:00 pm	People of St. Joseph
7:00 pm	People of St. Joseph

December 19th 8:00 am	People of St. Joseph
December 20th 8:00 am	People of St. Joseph
December 21st 8:00 am	†Esperanza Solorio, †Harold Schwanz
December 22nd 8:00 am	†Omar Celestial, Intentions of Ron Herrero
December 23rd 8:00 am	People of St. Joseph
December 24th 8:00 am	People of St. Joseph

## Holy Mass Schedule

The Nativity of the Lord Saturday Vigil	5:00 pm 9:00 pm 12:00 am	Main Church - Family of Faith Mission Midnight Mass - Mission, Live-streamed
The Nativity of the Lord Christmas Day	8:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm 3:00 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	Mission Main Church, Live-streamed Main Church - Family of Faith Main Church - Mass in Vietnamese, Live-streamed Main Church - Mass in Chinese , Live-streamed There will be no 7:00pm mass
Daily Holy Mass -	Monday through Saturday - 7:30 am 8:00 am 8:30 am	The Mission Holy Rosary, Confession Holy Mass Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Eucharistic Adoration -	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9:00 am - 9:00 pm Thursday 8:30 am - 6:00 pm 6:00 pm - 6:30 pm 7:00 pm - 7:30 pm Saturday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm	Eucharistic Adoration Chapel in the Main Church Eucharistic Adoration Chapel in the Main Church Evening Prayer and Benediction - Main Church Mass in Vietnamese - Main Church Eucharistic Adoration Chapel in the Main Church
Holy Rosary -	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Every Monday in the Main Church (St. Joseph for Life)

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

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

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

Confessions -

By appointment or 30 minutes before all daily, Saturday & Sunday Masses.

# STEWARDSHIP



## Second and Special Collections

12/11/22 Religious Retirement  
01/01/23 Solemnity of Mary

## FINANCE COUNCIL 3RD QTR 2022 REPORT

We continue to make great strides as we move forward with our plans and vision to focus our attention and efforts on building God's house and His people here on earth.

2022 Q3 report is available online for your review.  
Please visit <https://www.saintjosephmsj.org/stewardship/parish-financial-report/>



## Parish Offering Totals

Sunday, 11/27/2022

Electronic Fund Transfer	\$ 3,102.00
Plate Collection:	\$ 10,629.00
Grand Total:	\$ 13,731.00

Sunday 12/03/2022

*Sunday collections will be updated next week*

Thank you for your generosity and support!

## To Build Church Unwinding Process

As of November 30, 2022

Repurposed	(429 Households/Individuals)	Total \$ 2,873,750.92
Reclaimed	(128 Households/Individuals)	Total \$ 827,843.78

## An Opportunity to Share Before the end of 2022...

There is still time to donate STOCKS OR MUTUAL FUNDS to St. Joseph Parish or to check on the MATCHING GIFTS PROGRAM at your company to match your donations to schools and non-sectarian, non-profit corporations (Mission San Jose).

*If your employer has a matching gifts program, please consider supporting St. Joseph parish with a gift to one of the following:  
St. Joseph Church: Tax ID number 94-1358335, St Joseph School: Tax ID number 94-1535363, or Committee for the Restoration of the Mission San Jose: Tax ID number 94-2341096. See our website for more information :[www.saintjosephmsj.org](https://www.saintjosephmsj.org)*

## Are You Being Called?

### The Diocese of Oakland — Diaconate Formation Information Meetings

*"By ordination, particularly and officially committed to service, the deacon is to inspire, promote and help coordinate the service that the whole Church must undertake in imitation of Christ. He has a special responsibility to identify to the Church those who are in need and particularly those who are without power of voice at the margins of our society. Among such people, the deacon is to speak about Christ and to offer them the Church's varied assistance. But in the Church, he is also to speak about the needy, to articulate their needs, and to inspire and mobilize the whole community's response. He becomes a representative figure in whom the Church reaches out to the needy and the needy challenge the Church."*

Are you being called to support the Church as a deacon? Do you want to know more about it?

Time: 7-8 PM

Time 7-8 PM

Wednesday, January 4, 2023      Friday, January 6, 2023

Tuesday, January 10, 2023      Thursday, January 12, 2023

ZOOM meeting link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8745798692>

## SPECIAL EVENTS, FACILITIES, PROJECTS



### You Are Invited to a special New Year's Eve Event!

December 31, 2022

5:30 pm *Mary, The Holy Mother Of God* - Mass in the mission

6:30 pm Blessing of the new patio

7-9:00 pm New Year's Eve Reception in the Church Hall

Please RSVP: Don Kaefer: [donaldkaefer@gmail.com](mailto:donaldkaefer@gmail.com) Or

Parish Office: 510-656-2364



# FAMILY OF FAITH & YOUTH



## Christmas Eve Children's Mass & Nativity Play December 24, 5pm

A memorable and beautiful celebration.  
Rehearsals have started—

Mondays: 6:30-8:00pm & Wednesdays: 3:30-5:00pm.  
Final rehearsal: Wednesday, December 21, 3:30pm-5pm..

The Sacraments are about God's love, fully revealed in Jesus Christ. For December, we are focusing on the Sacrament of Confirmation. Confirmation completes, or confirms, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit received at Baptism and sends the person out to proclaim boldly the Good News. Please use the QR code to access the FFM December Newsletter and Pacing Guide to stay on track with lessons at home.



## Family of Faith's St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Food Drive is underway!

Empty grocery bags were distributed with a short list of needed food items: canned Spam, chili, and soups.



Drop off your donations in the St. Vincent de Paul containers, during any Mass, at the back of the Church. The Food Drive will go until **December 18**. St Vincent de Paul continues to serve the most vulnerable individuals & families in our community.

*Thank you for your donations,  
embracing an attitude of gratitude,  
and being Christ's heart & hands for others.*

## MARRIAGE, YOUNG ADULTS & FAMILY LIFE



### *A Marriage Movement*

Engaged Couples-  
Marriage Formation Program  
Civil Marriage Initiative—  
Sacramental Marriage Formation for Civil Unions  
For more information, contact: Rowena Radich,  
510-919-9352 / rradich@saintjosephmsj.org



**Stress in Your Marriage?** - This program is for married couples that feel disillusioned, frustrated or angry in their marriage. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. The program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on January 20-22, 2023, call: 831-479-1260 or email: [Montrey@RetroCA.com](mailto:Montrey@RetroCA.com) or visit: [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org)

### Group Convalidation Marriage Ceremony

July 29, 2023, 2pm

A convalidation is for couples who married outside of the church and desire God's intimate, sacred union and equal partnership. It is not merely a renewal of vows but is a new act of consent, essential to marriage, and the words exchanged by the couple expresses the outward sign of the gift of self.

This convalidation of marriage will be marked by a simple celebration and reception. Please pray and consider this as an act of love for yourselves and your children. For more information, contact: Rowena Radich, 510-919-9352, [rradich@saintjosephmsj.org](mailto:rradich@saintjosephmsj.org)

## SAINT JOSEPH SCHOOL

### Discover ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

TK - 8th Grade

To Register:

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### OPEN HOUSE EVENTS

Virtual

Thursday 12/8/22  
5:30 PM

In-Person

Sunday 1/29/23  
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Virtual

Thursday 2/16/23  
5:30 PM

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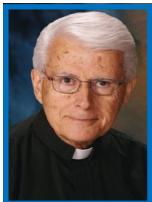
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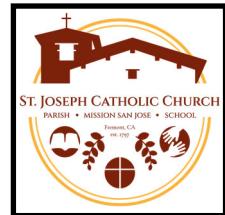
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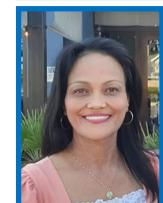
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