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DECEMBER 18, 2022

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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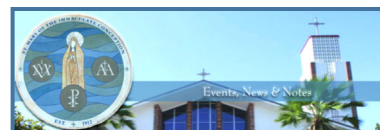
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Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means "God is with us."

MATTHEW 1:23

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PRAYER FOR LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH CANDLES

Lord, as we prepare to celebrate the birth of your son, Jesus Christ,
this Christmas, we pray that we will welcome him into our hearts.
As the light of our advent wreath grows stronger, week by week, make us strong in
following him in the love and the peace we show to others.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen. *Jesuit Institute*

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

RECONCILIATION (*Individual Confession*) *No confessions on Christmas Eve.*

CHRISTMAS EVE - Saturday, Dec. 24: (*no Mass at 8:30am*)
4:00pm, 6:00pm and 10:00pm - 4:00pm & 10:00pm Masses will
also be livestreamed.

CHRISTMAS DAY - Sunday, Dec. 25: 9:00am and 11:00am.
No Mass at 5:00pm

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
Saturday, Dec. 31, 5:00pm Sunday, Jan. 1, 2023 9:00 &
11:00 am. *No Mass at 5:00pm*



THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FROM
DECEMBER 23, 2021 - JANUARY 2, 2022. WE WILL RETURN ON JANUARY 3, 2022.
For medical emergencies requiring the services of a priest, please call 669-219-9465.

MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday Vigil Mass
5:00 pm - In Person
Sunday Masses:
9:00am
Live-Stream & In Person
11:00am & 5:00pm - In Person
Mon - Sat: 8:30 am
Live-Stream & In Person
RECONCILIATION
Saturday 3:30pm - 4:30pm
SUNDAY DONATIONS
are best made online
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Envelopes can be mailed in
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**ADORATION LIVE
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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

Isiah prophecies to King Ahaz of Judah the coming birth of Emmanuel, meaning "with us is God." *When do you feel God's presence in your life?*

Second Reading:

Written about twenty years after the death and resurrection of Jesus, Paul's opening words in his Letter to the Romans provides one of the earliest testimonies to the divinity of Jesus Christ. And now as believers, Paul tells us we are "called to be holy." *How has this season of Advent help you develop holiness?*

Gospel:

In recounting the birth of Jesus, Matthew focuses on how Joseph came to terms with this miraculous event. *Can you name a time when you had to discern how God is working in your life?*

TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 7:10-14;
Psalm 24;
Romans 1:1-7;
Matthew 1:18-24

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

St. Joseph the Steward - St. Joseph is one of the greatest examples of stewardship we have in the Gospels. Here is a man who understands care and reverence for the property of God, a man chosen to be steward over the very life and breath of God's Son and Spouse.

Joseph was mindful. He recognized what belonged to God. When he understood that Mary was to be the mother of God, he was not jealous or bitter. He did not presume to claim ownership over her.

Joseph was prayerful. He accepted the opportunity to be in relationship with God, even if it was in a radical and unexpected way. How many of us would trust a crazy dream we have where an angel tells us our fiancée is carrying the Son of God? Well, those of us who are already profoundly connected to God through prayer. Joseph was open to receiving God, and so he was open to the truth in a way many of us would not have been.

Joseph was gracious. Even before he had full understanding of the situation, he was unwilling to expose Mary to shame. He did not give himself over to feelings of betrayal.

Joseph was committed. He persevered. The Lord had no shortage of strange and even dangerous-sounding tasks for Joseph, but he submitted to each one.

Joseph was accountable. When he awoke from his dream, "he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him, and took his wife into his home."

Joseph was a man entrusted with many gifts, and he gave of them wisely. Let us pray that we have the grace to follow in his example.

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PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

TO YOU GOD ENTRUSTED HIS ONLY SON;

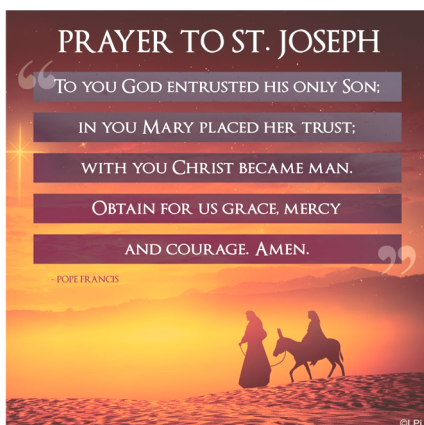
IN YOU MARY PLACED HER TRUST;

WITH YOU CHRIST BECAME MAN.

OBTAIN FOR US GRACE, MERCY

AND COURAGE. AMEN.

- POPE FRANCIS



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun	12/18	4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24
Mon	12/19	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Tue	12/20	Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38
Wed	12/21	St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Thu	12/22	1 Sm 1:24-28; (Ps)1 Sm 2:1, 4-8; Lk 1:46-56
Fri	12/23	St. John of Kanty, Priest Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4b,c-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
Sat	12/24	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79 VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25
Sun	12/25	THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS) Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	12/19	8:30 am	Olivia Gray †
Tue	12/20	8:30 am	Jose Rafael Francisco Alva †
Wed	12/21	8:30 am	Jose Rafael Francisco Alva †
Thu	12/22	8:30 am	Family of Nga Tam (<i>special intention</i>)
Fri	12/23	8:30 am	Beryl Murzello †
		8:30 am	No Mass
Sat	12/24	4:00 pm	Seah, Rodrigues, Samuel & Yap families †
		6:00 pm	K. Varghese †
		10:00 pm	Mary Jeanne Cahill †
		9:00 am	Anacia & Enrico Reyes †
Sun	12/25	11:00 am	Andrew & Gloria & Thomas Palmisano (<i>special intention</i>)
		5:00 pm	No Mass

ADVENT RESOURCES

Praying Advent - Creighton University's Online Ministries offers a selection of materials to help people prayerfully enter into Advent, from short prayers to longer reflections and audio retreats. <http://bit.ly/3V7JrCw>

Daily Advent Prayers - Third Week <http://bit.ly/3GTxp6V>

Dinner Prayers - the first part of Advent - through December 16
<http://bit.ly/3OyNzsO>

Advent resources in the tradition of Ignatian spirituality
<http://bit.ly/3GSm4IO>

Resources for December 2022 - Young Catholics <http://bit.ly/3tVwgc0>

Pray the O Antiphons: The "O Antiphons" are part of the evening prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours for December 17 to December 23. In them, Old Testament imagery is used to proclaim the coming of the Christ child. Incorporate them into your family prayer this advent, perhaps when praying at meal time or when lighting your advent wreath. <http://bit.ly/3gP7qYs>

More resources are available in our e-bulletin.

If you are not receiving our e-bulletin and would like to receive it, please visit

<https://www.stmaryslg.org/enewsletter>



ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*My Jesus, I believe you
are really here in
the Blessed Sacrament.
I love you more than anything
in the world, and I hunger
to receive you.
But since I cannot receive
Communion at this time,
Feed my soul spiritually.
I unite myself to you now,
as I do when I actually receive
You in Holy Communion. Amen.*

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

"God is with us." This is the one constant in the unpredictability of life. The particulars of our lives can change, not only instantly but dramatically. People experiencing a time of peace can easily find themselves at war. Times of prosperity can rapidly become times of want. Our vision for the future can be destroyed, and our securities placed in jeopardy. These final days of Advent allow us to make final preparations. The true safety and security we seek can only come from God. The rest, harmony, and peacefulness we desire are found in God alone. How do we know this to be true? God Himself gave us a sign: Emmanuel, God with us. Do not be afraid, and do not be unbelieving. Hold fast to what God has done in giving us His only begotten Son. We do not have to anxiously attempt to control life's unpredictability. All we need to do is make sure that our hearts are in the proper place and seeking the right things!



FAITH IN ACTION

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Model Stewardship

"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home."

Matthew 1:24

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. Joseph was a model of these pillars of our faith. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of Stewardship, just as Joseph was.



Please pray with us for our parishioners, family and friends.

For those who are sick and who have asked for our prayers:
Julio Emberto; Marion Lyon; Denise Ealy; Joseph F.

For those who have recently died:

**Fr. Paul Cuong; Helen White; Joe Melehan; Dolly Grey;
Michael Clark; Adriana Choicchi; Maria Isabella**

Members of our parish family who are in the military, hospitals, nursing homes, shut-ins and all who have no one to pray for them.

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY

The study group has elected to begin a study of the Gospels by using the video presentations "Jesus and the Gospels" by Professor Luke Timothy Johnson of Emory University. Study sessions will consist of one or two video lectures followed by a group sharing and discussion. Meeting at 9:30 to 11:00 am on Dec. 15, Jan. 5 & 19 and then on alternate Thursdays until 25 May. Study sessions will be in the Office Conference Room. Please check the parish calendar. Drop in on any of the sessions. Facilitator is Tony Zadel, 408-353-3014.

A FRIENDLY REMINDER: BEWARE OF PHISHING EMAIL SCAMS

These scams may involve an email (fake) from a priest or pastor usually asking for money or gift cards.

Please understand our Clergy staff would never engage in a request of this type. If you happen to see an email like this, please delete it immediately.

If you feel you have been a victim to this recent scam, please notify the authorities and contact servicedesk@dsj.org to submit a ticket and the IT department can help coordinate with the appropriate authorities.



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT OF TREASURE!

Our Goal for December is \$85,000.00

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NATIVITY SCENE PRAYER

God, bless all who gaze upon this nativity scene.

As we look at this Holy Family, let us pray for all families - those we know, and those we do not; those who live on the other side of the world, and those who live on the other side of the street.

Let us recognize and rejoice in the great diversity of the one family of God as we reflect on and give thanks for those diverse gifts present in our own family.



We pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

GIFTS & DONATIONS OF STOCK

With end of the year giving, we see an increase in Gifts of Stock. Please be sure to direct your stock gift to the benefit of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish at dsj.org/ways-to-give/stock-transfers/. Start your gift by filling out the online form. Once we receive your submission, the Diocese of San Jose will send you the information needed for you to instruct your broker. We ask that you do not give your broker the information you may have on file as the Diocese of San Jose has transitioned to a new broker and previous information you may have will not work. Thank you for your continuous support.





Thank you Michael Pelzel for the refurbishing of the wooden bench by the grotto in front of the church facing Bean Ave. The bench, donated as a gift to the parish by his graduating class of 1998 - St. Mary School, has welcomed many a parishioner and neighbor to the prayerful refreshment and blessing always to be found near Our Lady. Thank you Michael for your work in assuring that bench continues to be a place of Mary's welcome!



FAITH FORMATION



Time: 11 AM Mass to 1:00 PM
Pastoral Ministries Office

Sunday, January 8, 2023
Topic: The People of God

Who are the people of God? Turning to Sacred Scripture, the catechumens will draw connections between the Old and New Testaments, while identifying the major figures and events in salvation history. Participants will then take a closer look at the beginnings of the church from Pentecost, the leadership and evangelization of Sts. Peter and Paul, and the struggles of the Early Christians.

Questions re Faith Formation Classes or OCIA, contact
MICHAEL LOMAS mlomas@stmaryslg.org or call 408-354-3726 x 123

The "O Antiphons" of Advent

The Roman Church has been singing the "O" Antiphons since at least the eighth century. They are the antiphons that accompany the Magnificat canticle of Evening Prayer from December 17-23. They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but present ones as well. Their repeated use of the imperative "Come!" embodies the longing of all for the Divine Messiah.

December 17

O Wisdom of our God Most High,
guiding creation with power and love:
come to teach us the path of knowledge!

December 18

O Leader of the House of Israel,
giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai:
come to rescue us with your mighty power!

December 19

O Root of Jesse's stem,
sign of God's love for all his people:
come to save us without delay!

December 20

O Key of David,
opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom:
come and free the prisoners of darkness!

December 21

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.

December 22

O King of all nations and keystone of the Church:
come and save man, whom you formed from the dust!

December 23

O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law:
come to save us, Lord our God!

—From *Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers*



**OUR 1ST, 2ND, AND 3RD GRADE ANGELS
BRAVED THE RAINY ELEMENTS TO TAKE
PART IN THE LOS GATOS CHRISTMAS
PARADE THIS PAST WEEKEND!**



**THANK
YOU!**



Thank you to the parent chaperones who helped make the Jr. High Science Camp to Aptos possible, Mrs. Kelli Mezzetti, Mr. John Connolly, Mr. Bart Giordano, Ms. Anita Hunter, Mr. Kevin Zilka, and Mrs. Ashley Khalipa. In addition we had a number of Jr. High teacher volunteers who assisted throughout the week, Mrs. Peggy Krewson, Mr. Jeremiah Clauss, Mr. Nathanael Baugnon-Edwards, Mr. Robert Lohrer, and Ms. Sophia Bernal. Thank you for helping us and making the trip possible, we are so grateful to have shared such a wonderful experience with you.

Junior High Class of 2023, 2024, & 2025

AROUND THE DIOCESE

DECEMBER PRAYER THEMES

- Listening to the Holy Spirit
- The Gift of Peace and Joy

That as we end a year of grace, and embark upon a new Advent, we may open our lives to Emmanuel, God who is always with us, the Lord whose coming was foretold by the prophets, and so, open our lives and hearts to the Gift of the Holy Spirit.

**YEAR OF
PRAYER**
in preparation for the diocesan synod






<https://www.dsj.org/evangelization/social-ministries/mental-health/>

DIOCESAN SYNOD NOVENA: Our SYNOD 2023 is centered in the Eucharist, the summit of our Christian prayer. In the Real of Presence of Christ, we are nourished and strengthened as a Church, the Body of Christ, to be ONE, HOLY, CATHOLIC, and APOSTOLIC. With this in mind, we invoke the power of the Holy Spirit to guide our diocesan Synod by praying a Novena as one diocese. Our Diocesan Novena for our Synod will happen on nine consecutive Sundays, the Day of the Lord. It started on December 4, 2022, and conclude on January 29, 2023. Novena is available for download at [dsj.org](https://www.dsj.org).

JANUARY 20-22, 2023 YOU CAN HELP YOUR MARRIAGE – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? **RETROUVAILLE** (helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the January Marriage Program beginning with a weekend on **January 20-22, 2023** call 408-605-4998, email: SanJose@RetroCA.com or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org

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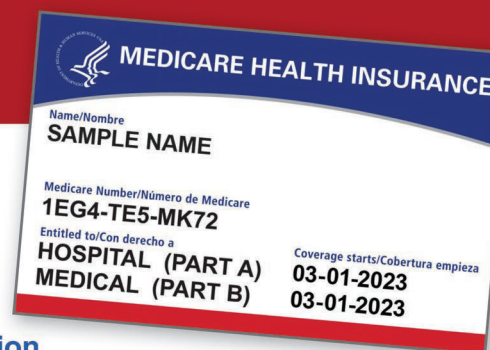
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