

| Nov. 26, 2017 - Dec. 3, 2017 | |
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| Sunday | No Continental Breakfast after 9am Mass |
| Monday | Grief Group meets DEC. 4 at 7pm in the Parish Office Conference Room |
| Tuesday | The next Ladies Guild meeting is 12/ 5 at 1 pm in the Fr. Jim Community Center meeting rooms. NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME. |
| Wednesday | |
| Thursday | ADORATION after 9:30am Mass FIRST FRIDAY-Adoration |
| Friday | |
| Saturday | |
| Sunday | Continental Breakfast after 9am Mass FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT |

SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER

Are You A Sheep Or A Goat?

Over and over our bible speaks of sheep and the Shepherd. In the readings today we hear of goats. Isn't a goat just like a sheep? Nope, they are very different. Sheep are, and have always been, dependent on their shepherd and defenseless. Goats, on the other hand, have a reputation for being independent, opinionated and curious at best -or vulgar, dangerous and destructive at worst. It can be said: Shepherds protect sheep from their environment, whereas goatherds protect the environment from their goats. For us to be God's sheep, we must depend on Him to defend us. If we push, take, destroy and bully, we are goats. The difference between sheep and goats - is very simple. It's an idea that we can come back to when we need to stay on track: A sheep is led by its shepherd. A goatherd is led by his goat. The thing that God sees in His sheep is a gentle and yielded spirit. They trust their shepherd. They follow His voice. On the other hand, the goats have a spirit of defiance, self-will, or independence from God's involvement in their lives. Now that you know these things, how would you describe yourself? Are you more of a sheep or more of a goat? If you are feeling like you are more of a goat, this is something that can be changed. We can choose to be led. We can learn to recognize our Shepherd's voice and to trust it. There are three things you can do to help:

1. Get in God's Word every day.
2. Make time to pray.
3. Make time for quiet.

The Giving Tree

In this season of Christmas, we remember the message of Christ which is of compassion, mercy and giving. The Giving Tree represents that spirit of giving to those in need. Please take one or more gift tags and bring back wrapped gift (s). Some of the gifts have a due date listed and some say not to wrap. We are serving St. Vincent de Paul families, Ascent families, foster children, the elderly in nursing homes, active servicemen and women, homeless Veterans and day laborers. Thank you for your generosity and have a wonderful Christmas!

The Social Justice Committee

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| Sunday | 7:30am | For Our Parishioners |
| | 9:00am | Tony Cordeiro † |
| | 11:00am | Jerome Lewis † |
| | 5:00pm | Jim La Franchise † |
| Monday | 6:30 am | No Intention |
| | 9:30 am | Terrence & Judy McKenna |
| Tuesday | 6:30 am | No Intention |
| | 9:30 am | Thang Vu † |
| Wednesday | 6:30 am | Special Intention |
| | 9:30 am | Mary Ngoc † |
| Thursday | 6:30am | No Intention |
| | 9:30am | George Hakius † |
| Friday | 6:30am | No Intention |
| | 9:30 am | Annie Maestas † |
| Saturday | 8:00am | Harry Taylor † |
| | 5:00 pm | Mauel & Parfiria Escalicas † |
| Sunday | 7:30 am | Donald McCarthy † |
| | 9:00 am | For Our Parishioners |
| | 11:00 am | Joan Salazar † |
| | 5:00 pm | Betsy Farkas |



Weekly Stewardship Report

Stewardship numbers not available at time of print

To help keep the parish within its budget please prayerfully consider making a one time tax deductible gift. Contact the parish office for details.

Thank you for your continued support!

ParishPay to WeShare transfer complete

The transfer to WeShare as the parish online giving provider is complete. All donations set up in ParishPay should continue in WeShare. Previous ParishPay users are encouraged to make the transition to WeShare promptly. Access to the ParishPay transition webpage and directly to the WeShare site is available through the Give Online tab on the parish website. Other changes worth noting: 1) Second collections are now available in WeShare, both regularly scheduled and one-time special collections. 2) Your tax statement will be provided by the parish, not WeShare in January 2018. If you have any questions or issues, please contact the parish Technology Coordinator at 408-213-6510 or webmaster@qofa.org.



“I’ve a question for you. If a tree falls in a forest and no one is around to hear it, does it make a sound? Well...does it? This question is a philosophical thought experiment developed by a philosopher. Some philosophers and scientist argue that since sound is vibration and it is transmitted to our ear and is recognized as sound only at our nerve centers, then if there be no ears to hear the falling tree, then there would be no sound. If we followed this reasoning, then it would lead us to a conclusion that is no such thing as objective reality. This reminded me about a question that Albert Einstein was said to have asked a fellow physicist friend whether he believed the argument that a moon does not exist if there was no one to perceive it.

This is highly typical of secular philosophies. Because secularism has been asserting that there is no such thing as objective truth and has been promoting this in schools and universities, it has influenced a lot of our young thinkers. The 10 year-old son of a good friend of mine comes home one day and tells his father that he had an argument with several of his classmates in school who criticized him for believing in God. They argued that God is a pigment of one’s imagination because God cannot be seen.

The solemnity of Christ the King was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 precisely to respond to the growing influence of secularism. Although Pope Pius wrote the encyclical about Christ the King some 90 years ago, secularism continues to ring true today. Ever since, secular philosophies have been aggressively erasing God from the awareness of people and making instead the self as the god of oneself. Once the self becomes a god it becomes a powerful idol that dictates truth according to whatever makes sense to the pleasure and convenience of the self. Secularism has separated a lot of people, young and old from God and continues to do so as evidenced by rejection of Church’s teachings on moral issues and the denial of God’s existence. If one wanted to live a hedonistic life, all one has to do really is to make God non-existent so that the self, not Christ, can dictate on what should and should not be and that is very convenient for the self.

Christ is King even if we do not acknowledge Him as such. His kingship is not dependent on us. He does not need a solemnity for us to honor him as Christ the King so He can be reminded of his greatness. We celebrate the solemnity ultimately not for Jesus, but for us. That’s why this solemnity is important. God desires that all may join him in his Kingdom where there is eternal life and happiness. The solemnity, therefore, helps us examine the kings that we have enthroned in our hearts. Who are the people and things that we treasure above all else? Are they worth bowing to as kings? Can they really bestow lasting fulfillment that our human heart and soul are yearning for? Will these really bring us to a Kingdom where we can experience eternal happiness and life? Today’s Solemnity is an invitation for honest discernment. As we receive the Body and Blood of Christ, may we truly proclaim that Christ as the King of our heart and no one else. *(Fr. Rey Sarmiento)*



As November comes to an end, we reflect back on all we are so thankful for here at Queen of Apostles School. The students have enjoyed the Halloween Carnival hosted by the 8th graders and their families.

We had a very special Grandparents and Special Persons' Day with guests on campus visiting their students. Students also shared their visitors with classmates, whose grandparents and special people were unable to attend.

Office for the Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults

Diocese of San Jose - Anthony Gonzalez Phone: 408-983-0113
Fax:408-983-0147 Emergency line: 408-983-0141

HIGH SCHOOL Youth Ministry and Confirmation

CONFIRMATION CALENDAR:

Dec. 3: Confirmation Session (year 1 only)
Dec. 10: Confirmation Session (both classes)

REGISTRATION OPEN!

The next high school retreat is a Theology of the Body retreat on January 12-14 in Scotts Valley, CA. The cost is \$225.00. Register now at www.echoesofworth.com for more information!

THANK YOU!

- *Like us on Facebook: Queen of Apostles Youth
- *Follow us on Instagram: QofAYM
- *Contact us: youth@qofa.org | 408-213-6509 | www.qofa.org

15th Annual Multi-Cultural Mass & Dinner
A wonderful evening for all!

Over 160 parishioners enjoyed a wonderful evening of celebration last Saturday at our mass and dinner. There were many new faces—a chance to meet and be grateful to God for our diverse community as brothers and sisters in Christ. Special thanks to those who participated in the 5 pm Mass, especially Kathy Salazar's musicians, many who brought delicious homemade dishes from their country of origin, student volunteers from our Queen of Apostles Youth Group and 8th grade, our awesome kitchen team, including Marti Peters and Marie Bernard, our sound man, Pete Peal, and our youth, Katelyn and Eunice, who sang. The 20 raffle baskets, made by Lo Rolufs, were a hit by all the winners.

The Social Justice Committee, who sponsors this annual event, always shines in their teamwork. If you were not able to attend, plan on coming in 2018.



Family Faith Formation
408-255-9950

Office is staffed on Tuesday and Thursday 8:00 am -3:00 pm and on weekends by appointment. Please call before stopping by.

On the Calendar:

Nov. 26th: NO CLASSES—Happy Thanksgiving!
Dec. 3rd: Family Faith Sharing for families of students in grades 1-5. Kinder meets at the usual time.
Dec. 10th: All classes meet at their usual times
Dec. 17th: All classes meet at their usual times

MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY

Nov. 26th: NO SESSION-Happy Thanksgiving!
Dec. 3rd: General Session-Guest speaker: The Culture Project on Human Dignity
Dec. 10th: General Session-Final wrap and filling of Christmas Cheer Boxes
Dec. 17th: General Session-Christmas party & White Elephant Exchange



The Diamond Jubilee Needs Your Help

As part of the Diamond Jubilee Celebration in 2020, we want to showcase the rich history of Queen of Apostles—its people, events and evolution through six amazing decades—and we need your help.

Were you around in the early years of our Parish? Do you know any of the early Parish families or how we may reach them? Can you help us make contact? Do you have memorabilia, pictures, or video recordings of pastors, priests, parishioners or events we may reference, copy and/or share? (*We'll take good care of everyone's treasures, we promise*). Do you know someone who might? Have you researched our history before? Are you interested in helping us compile the information we gather? If you answered yes to any of these questions, we need to speak with you. Please e-mail us at qofajubilee@gmail.com and a committee member will contact you to discuss what you have, who you know and how you can help.

Introducing Bishop Robert Barron's Catholicism series

This series is a drop in program designed for adults. There is no registration required. This 20 part series will take place on select Sundays through April. Sessions take place from 10:15-11:15 am in room 6 of the school. **Dec. 10th: Our Tainted Nature's Solitary Boast: Mary the Mother of God Part II.** **Dec. 19th: The Indispensable Men: Peter, Paul and the Missionary Adventure Part I.** **Jan. 7th: The Indispensable Men: Peter, Paul and the Missionary Adventure Part II.**

Operation Christmas Cheer

Once again MSM is gearing up to provide shoeboxes filled with Christmas cheer for children housed at the San Jose Family Shelter. We are looking for donations of NEW toys, coloring books, snacks, hygiene items, stickers, mittens, socks, etc. Last year we put together almost 100 boxes. You bring in the goodies, we'll wrap them up and ship them out! A donation bin will be available outside the entrance of the church now through Dec.3rd .

Advent begins Dec. 2 & 3 with the First candle . There will be an Advent Wreath in place in the Church.

The new Liturgical year begins with Advent. The Lector practice books are available in the weekend sacristy. Please check off your name when you take a book.

ASCENT EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Hours of operation:

9am -2 pm, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 2017 .

Closed Monday and Friday and Thanksgiving. Contact :

408-257-8302 FAX Number: 408-257-4600 Web Site:

www.ascent-jobs.org

Grief Support Group Resumes

1st and 3rd Mondays 7 pm – 8:30 pm

in the Parish Office

Are you, a family member or friend, grieving the loss of a loved one? Whether it's a current loss or one in the past, we will reassure you that there is hope for those whose loved one has died. Join others in support, friendship, and prayer in a confidential setting. We meet every 1st and 3rd Monday of the month in the Rectory. If you have any questions or need to talk, please call Shirley at 408-241-1209

Retreat Workshops: Coping with Stress During the Holi-

days, Saturday, December 2 ,9:30am to 4:00pm Dr. Tom Plante and Fr. Chi Ngo, S.J. Men's Recovery Retreat, Fri, Dec 8 – 4:00pm to Sun, Dec 10 – 2:00pm, Fr. Tim McCabe, S.J., From Grief to Healing , Fri. Dec.15– 4pm to Dec 17-2pm,Fr. Andrew Rodriguez, S.J., Ms. Farelyn Lehane and Ms. Naomi Mayer. All workshops at the Jesuit Retreat House in Los Altos. More information on the Church board.



The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a religious formation program for adults and for children 7 years or older, who are interested in joining the Catholic Church. Participants explore their faith while learning about the Catholic tradition. To learn more call 408-255-9950 or email kmanning@dsj.org

PEACEMAKERS

Dorothy Day, Servant of God November 25

A more unlikely candidate for prominence in the Church is Dorothy Day. She was not well known at the time, she was poor, unemployed living in a tenement, an unwed mother. Yet she was the real thing. She served the poor all of her life. She did not have an exalted opinion of herself – “I see only too clearly how bad people are. It is my own sins that give me such clarity.” It was her conversion to Catholicism that gave her clarity. But the world she faced was often hostile to her efforts. “People want peace, but not the things that make for peace.” She made her work the centerpiece of her life. She truly believed and lived out the spiritual and corporal works of mercy which are the core elements of a peaceful world. She actively engaged in living out these principles, in part, by co-founding the Catholic Worker House with Peter Maurin. In San Jose, the Catholic Worker House (Casa de Clara) is the only Catholic homeless shelter in the area. They house women and children for a short time while they look for jobs. They can be reached at 297-8330.

Profile offered by the Social Justice Committee

Homeless Donations

We meet on the first and third Wednesday at 10 AM to make bag lunches for the homeless. If you would like to donate items you may bring granola bars, peanut butter, jam or cup-of-soup to Fr. Jim's garage. If you would like to make sandwiches please call Margie at (408) 203-7747. Thank you!

Annual Lavette Tea



The Annual Lavette Celebration, sponsored by the Office of Women, Diocese of San Jose, will be held at St. Lucy Parish, on Sunday, December 3, 2017 beginning at 2:00 pm. New clothing, sizes newborn to 6 months of age and/or cash donations, will be gratefully appreciated. For information, call Marie McCarthy 408-241-8826 or Veronika Phillips 408-390-4974. Make Checks payable: to Diocese of San José— Lavette Fund



We lovingly pray for those in our Parish and families who cannot join us at Mass especially: Rajesh George, Micki Dunaway, Carol Houle, Barbara Mertzluft, Antonia Luna, Janet Decker, Patrick Hoins, Marcy Golebiewski, Tomas Arguello, Jeanne Futrell, Barbara Carrillo, Patrick Dougherty. Please let us also pray for all our servicemen and women who serve in the Armed Forces throughout the world and remember them in our hearts today and everyday. We remember those dearly departed in our Queen of Apostles family and in our own families and special persons:



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PASTORAL STAFF:

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Rev. Reynaldo Sarmiento, Parochial Vicar, Dir. Of Liturgy
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MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday
(Vigil Mass): 5:00 p.m.
Sundays: 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.,
5:00 p.m.
Weekdays: 6:30 and 9:30 a.m.
Saturdays: 8:00 a.m.
Holy Days: (Vigil Mass) 5:00 p.m.,
6:30, 9:30 a.m., 7:00 p.m.
Marian Devotions: After the 8:00 a.m. Mass on
Saturday

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Seminar required. Please contact Rectory for information.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays - 4:00 - 4:45 p.m. or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:

Contact Rectory at least SIX MONTHS prior to any proposed wedding date.

INQUIRY SESSION ABOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:

Contact number: 408-255-9950 or kmanning@dsj.org