

Dec. 3, 2017-Dec. 10, 2017	
Sunday	Continental Breakfast after 9am Mass First Sunday of Advent Special Collection next weekend RFR
Monday	Grief Group meets today at 7pm in the Parish Office Conference Room
Tuesday	The next Ladies Guild meeting is today at 1 pm in the Fr. Jim Community Center meeting rooms. NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME.
Wednesday	
Thursday	ADORATION after 9:30am Mass
Friday	
Saturday	
Sunday	Continental Breakfast after 9am Mass SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT Special Collection This weekend RFR

**MASS
INTENTIONS**
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Dec. 3, 2017 - Dec. 10, 2017

Sunday	7:30am	Donald McCarthy †
	9:00am	For Our Parishioners
	11:00am	Joan Salazar †
	5:00pm	Betsy Farkas
Monday	6:30 am	No Intention
	9:30 am	In Thanksgiving
Tuesday	6:30 am	All Souls †
	9:30 am	Alice Navarro †
Wednesday	6:30 am	Rubye Bray † (B'Day)
	9:30 am	Joan Owens †
Thursday	6:30am	Churches in China
	9:30am	Anton Ham Vu †
	5:00pm	No Intention
Friday	6:30am	No Intention
	9:30 am	Charlene & Frank Figone
	7:00pm	For Our Parishioners
Saturday	8:00am	Anthony, Cecelia, Marie Joseph †, All souls †
	5:00 pm	For Our Parishioners
Sunday	7:30 am	No Intention
	9:00 am	Jean Chu †
	11:00 am	Robert Wakefield †
	5:00 pm	Janice Hongsthaij

SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER

“Be watchful! Be alert!” Mark 13:33

The season of Advent begins today...a time of waiting, of celebrating Christ's birth centuries ago, and connecting with our own soul's longing for Christ's Kingdom to come. How might we be more watchful and alert to *Emmanuel—God-with-us* -these next four weeks?

Treasure Silence...a gift we can give ourselves during a busy holiday season. Find even a few moments to 'withdraw' as Jesus did and sit in the presence of God. "Lord, Jesus, enter my heart in the new way today." ***"We are the clay and you are the potter – the work of your hands."*** Isaiah 64:7 Consider an Advent wreath in your home. The lighted candles, day-by-day and week-by-week, remind us of this patient waiting and longing for the Lord to be born anew in our hearts, our communities and our world. **Be alert!** Notice everything around you-people young and old. Show patience and kindness. Speak an encouraging word. Your attentive spirit can have a ripple effect! Slow down to see the beauty of God's creation. Take a walk noticing the colors of the season, the magnificent sunsets, moon and stars in our night sky. Give thanks. Be a light of hope **to those in need!** Make Christmas brighter for others through our Giving Tree and donations of gifts, food and clothing to our Middle School Ministry's gift boxes, St. Vincent de Paul and Ascent. See the bulletin for other ideas.

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

Weekly Stewardship Report



Collections for 11/19 & 26, 2017	\$19,435
Collections 7-1-17-11/26/17	\$220,986
Budgeted 7/1/17-11/ 26/17	\$236,624
Variance	(\$15,638)

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!

WeShare Special / 2nd Collections – Action Needed

Special/2nd collections have been set up individually in WeShare instead of one collection so that you can manage the amount you give for each collection separately. Please access WeShare through the ParishPay transition link on the church website under Give Online tab to set up your special collection contributions. These contributions will repeat once annually. Special, one time, second collections will be added to WeShare as announced to allow you to contribute paperlessly. If you have any questions or issues, please contact the parish Technology Coordinator at 408-213-6510 or webmaster@qofa.org.

Dear Parishioners, Families and Friends,

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, the beginning of another liturgical year. The Universal Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar of the Church indicates: “Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight” (39). It is a time of preparation for Christmas, the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity in history. It is also a time to raise our minds and hearts to look forward to his Second Coming at the end of time.

To the First Coming, “Where is Christmas nowadays?” People can answer this question differently. As Christian believers, we can turn to the Gospel and read: “The Light shines in the darkness...” John 1: 5a. It is Jesus Christ who is the Light of the Christmas that is born by our Mother Mary, greeted by the angels and the humbled, and heralded by John the Baptist. We prepare and celebrate the Lord Jesus Christ in our heart, our family, and in the life of our community.

We can begin with the Sacrament of forgiveness. Our Advent Reconciliation is scheduled within the context of the Adoration, which provides us a quiet, sacred time before the Blessed Sacrament.

Adoration and Reconciliation:

Friday, December 15, 2017: 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM in Chapel

Saturday, December 16, 2017: 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM in Chapel

During this time, Father Rey and I will be present for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. You and your family may come in any time at your convenience for either Adoration or Confessions or both and leave at any time.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus said to his early disciples and reminds us: “Watch”. We watch him reverently in the Sacraments, and we watch him attentively in the persons whom we encounter daily and those who are in need. We fold our hands together in prayers, and we open our hands generously in making the joy of Christmas shine around us.

Happy Advent!

Fr. Thuc



Students have met their upper-class buddies. Kindergartners are paired with 8th graders and 1st graders with 7th graders and so on. They get together for activities and recently a couple of the classes read Halloween stories together. In addition 5th graders and 3rd graders read regularly with their preschool buddies. They'll continue to meet throughout the school year to attend events together such as spirit rallies and to do things together such as make holiday crafts.

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

Christmas Poinsettias

If you would like to donate toward the purchase of our Poinsettias as part of the church decorations for Christmas, please place donation in the collection mark your check or envelope "poinsettias" if you have cash. Anything that you can do will be greatly appreciated. As always Queen of Apostles parishioners are always so generous.

**FIRST
SUNDAY
OF
ADVENT**



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:

- 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
- Dec. 24th: No Classes -Merry Christmas !!!
- Dec. 24th: Children's Liturgy at the 5pm Mass
- Dec. 31st: No Classes—Happy New Year!

MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY

- 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
- Dec. 24th; No Session-Merry Christmas!!!
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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 .

You are invited...

Consolation of Grief before the Holidays

Wed. Dec. 6 / 7-9pm
St. Christopher Parish, Walsh Hall
2278 Booksin Ave., San Jose

Are you or your family members grieving the death of a loved one? The holidays often accentuate our feelings of grief and sadness. Fr. Christopher Bennett offers stories from scripture and life, plus helpful suggestions toward healing and wholeness this holiday season. All are welcome. Free. For additional information, call Catholic Cemeteries: 650-428-3730 x508 or cemeteryinfo@fdsj.org.

ASCENT EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Hours of operation:

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

Closed Monday and Friday Contact : 408-257-8302 FAX

Number: 408-257-4600 Web Site: www.ascent-jobs.org

PO Box 9604, San Jose CA 95157.

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:

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

On a December morning in 1980, an assembly of priests and nuns gathered in a pasture in El Salvador to witness the exhumation of four North American women. Their bodies were taken from the grave: Maura Clark and Ita Ford, both Maryknoll sisters; Dorothy Kazel, an Ursuline sister; and Jean Donovan, a lay missionary. They had been killed on December 2 by Salvadoran soldiers who accused them of "subversion." They were living out their Catholic faith, serving the poor.

They were witnesses to the Cross and joined a long line of witnesses to the Resurrection.

Quote: "One cries out, 'Lord, how long?' and then too what creeps into my mind is the little fear or big, that when it touches me very personally, will I be faithful?" Maura Clark

From *Give Us This Day*. 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!

LADIES GUILD

The Ladies Guild is having its annual bake sale on Saturday and Sunday, December 10 & 11, after all masses. Come and buy the great selections of delicious cookies, cakes, breads and other delectable items from the culinary chefs of the Queen of Apostles Ladies Guild.



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: Louis Howe, Joe Cauchi, Charles Odle.



Queen of Apostles Church

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PASTORAL STAFF:

Rev. Thuc Si Ho, Pastor
Rev. Reynaldo Sarmiento, Parochial Vicar, Dir. Of Liturgy
Deacon Brian McKenna, Coordinator of Social Justice
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Gregory Elsner, Accountant
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Marie McCarthy, Administrative Assistant I
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Dirk Maasen, Technology Coordinator

Family Faith Formation: 408-255-9950

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Open 9-5 Monday - Friday Closed for lunch: 12-1

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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