

Dec. 17, 2017-Dec. 24, 2017	
Sunday	<b>Continental Breakfast after 9am Mass Third Sunday of Advent Special Collection this weekend &amp; next.</b>
Monday	<b>Grief Group meets 1/15/18 at 7pm in the Parish Office Conference Room</b>
Tuesday	The next Ladies Guild meeting is 1/9/18 at 1 pm in the Fr. Jim Community Center meeting rooms. <b>NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME.</b>
Wednesday	
Thursday	<b>ADORATION after 9:30am Mass</b>
Friday	
Saturday	
Sunday Christmas Eve Masses 5pm, 8pm, 11pm	<b>No Continental Breakfast after 9am Mass FOURTH SUNDAY OF AD- VENT</b>

### **SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER**

#### **Share the JOY!**

This third Sunday of Advent brings us a message of *Joy*. In our first reading from Isaiah, we are reminded, "God is the Joy of my soul". Most of us have been baptized with the Holy Spirit. "The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor." True anointment involves what is going on inside. The question we must ask ourselves during this holy season of Advent is "What is going on inside of us? Are you allowing the Holy Spirit to guide you, influence you, help you to be more holy and the disciple you are called to be? There is a reference in the reading from Isaiah to seeds and growth. None of us can make anything really grow; only God can do that. However, we can provide the right environment for growth. Are we doing that during this Advent? Have we put our hearts and minds in the right environment for faith? Are you sharing the message of joy in our thoughts, words and actions? It is not too late; it is never too late. We need to do that, and now. **Social Justice Committee**

**The Giving Tree** Thank you for your generosity and have a wonderful Christmas! More information to come regarding how many people were helped and money raised. Social Justice Committee

### **CHRISTMAS CAROLING**

Join us one and all for Christmas Caroling to the elderly on Sunday December 17 at 1:45. Come to the Church parking lot with your Santa hats and jingle bells and we will carpool to their homes. Brought to you by CFM.

**MASS  
INTENTIONS**  
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**Dec. 17, 2017 - Dec. 24, 2017**

<b>Sunday</b>	7:30am	No Intention
	9:00am	Susan Mary †
	11:00am	Michael Arroyo † 20yr. Anniv.
	5:00pm	For Our Parishioners
<b>Monday</b>	6:30 am	No Intention
	9:30 am	No Intention
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:30 am	No Intention
	9:30 am	No Intention
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 am	Minnie Adauro †
	9:30 am	No Intention
<b>Thursday</b>	6:30am	No Intention
	9:30am	No Intention
<b>Friday</b>	6:30am	No Intention
	9:30 am	Swarna Sundarajan †
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00am	No Intention
	5:00 pm	Joe & Annie Mendoza (36th anniv.)
<b>Sunday</b>	7:30 am	Donald McCarthy †
	9:00 am	For Our Parishioners
	11:00 am	Felipe & Noel Escalicas †
<b>Christmas Eve</b>	5:00 pm	Lucille Incontro †
	8:00pm	No Intention
	11:00pm	For Our Parishioners

### **Weekly Stewardship Report**



Collections for 12/10/ 2017	\$ 11, 945
Collections 7-1-17-12/10/17	\$243,565
Budgeted 7/1/17-12/10/17	\$260,421
Variance	(\$16,856)

Please note the budgetary shortfall and 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/2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

My brothers and sisters,

Let's talk about Joy. Every time I hear that word my brain automatically starts playing Beethoven's 9<sup>th</sup> symphony. And now that I've said that, you probably hear it in your head too, right? Music has a way of lifting up our soul and connecting us to something greater than ourselves.

Advent, as you know is a time of preparation, of joyful anticipation. And what brings us joy? Is it the Christmas cookies? The festive decorations? Time with family and friends? These are all wonderful things, but let's look at the words of Isaiah. "I rejoice heartily in the LORD, in my God is the joy of my soul; for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation" Wow. That's bound to put a little pep in your step.

For many people, knowing that kind of joy is elusive. We tend to think of joy as being synonymous with happiness. But if you think about it, happiness largely depends upon what happens. I can be happy as long as things are going my way; as long as I'm feeling good. But joy is different. Joy is a gift that transcends mere feelings. Joy comes from the blessed assurance that we too are clothed with a robe of salvation. How can you be anything but joyful when you know that God wants nothing more than to spend eternity with you?

So I'm going to offer you a little tool to help you tap into this joy. Here's what you do: Think of the word JOY as an acronym, and use it to prioritize your life:

1. Jesus
2. Others
3. Yourself

By ordering our lives to the will of God, and placing the needs of others ahead of our own desires we, too, will find our hearts singing...

*"Joyful Joyful we adore thee, God of Glory, Lord of love!"*



Dec. 17, 2017



Sixth grade students attended outdoor school for several days with their teacher early in November. On a cold chilly morning, they hugged their family including siblings in other grades and said goodbye. Fr. Thuc our pastor blessed them and they left on the bus. At outdoor science school they learned about banana slugs, hiking, and saving paper.

This week the students will celebrate Christmas with their annual singing program. The theme this year is an Old Fashioned Christmas and covers the history of Christmas music through the ages.



### 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.

### 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. 17: Confirmation Sessions (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](http://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](mailto:youth@qofa.org) | 408-213-6509 | [www.qofa.org](http://www.qofa.org)

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



### 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 SPECIAL envelopes placed in the vestibules, mark your check "poinsettias" Anything that you can do will be greatly appreciated. As always Queen of Apostles parishioners are always so generous.

### On the Calendar:

Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>: All classes meet at their usual times  
Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>: No Classes -Merry Christmas !!!  
Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>: Children's Liturgy at the 5pm Mass  
Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>: No Classes—Happy New Year!  
Jan 7<sup>th</sup>: Classes resume

## MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY

Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>: General Session-Christmas party & White Elephant Exchange  
Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>: No Session-Merry Christmas!!!  
Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>: No Session—Happy New Year!  
Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>: Formation Night—Breakout sessions



### 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](mailto: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. 17<sup>th</sup>: **The Indispensable Men: Peter, Paul and the Missionary Adventure Part I.**

Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>: **The Indispensable Men: Peter, Paul and the Missionary Adventure Part II.**

**You are invited to purchase scrip gift cards in the vestibule exit to the parking lot.**

The times for scrip sales are:  
Saturday at 5:00 pm mass  
Sunday after the 7:30 am mass  
before and after the 9:00 am mass  
and **before** the 11:00 am mass.

### ***SINGERS WANTED***

All interested singers are welcome to join our choir in providing music for the 11:00p.m. Christmas Mass . Rehearsals will be held on Sundays after the 11:00am Mass until 1:15 pm in the Church , the dates are December ,  17 & 24.

### **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](http://www.ascent-jobs.org)  
PO Box 9604, San Jose CA 95157.

### **Grief Support Group 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month in the Rectory. If you have any questions or need to talk, please call Shirley at 408-241-1209

### **Pilgrimages**

Catholic Charities of California is excited to be hosting walking pilgrimages in Spain along the Camino de Santiago and Italy along the Via Francigena in 2018! These pilgrimages will change your life and support the work of Catholic Charities of California! Please join us for an informational meeting on **January 20th at St. Joseph of Cupertino Parish at 10a.m.** To RSVP for the meeting or for more information, contact CCC at [pilgrim@catholiccharitiesca.org](mailto:pilgrim@catholiccharitiesca.org). or call (916) 758-5946.



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](mailto:kmanning@dsj.org)

### **PEACEMAKERS**

Kateri Tekakwitha

December 17

Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha was an orphan at age 4 as her parents died of smallpox. She was born of a mother who was Algonquin who converted to Christianity. Her father was a Mohawk chief. Not all of her Indian friends approved of her religion and at one point she feared for her life and began a journey that was to take her to Montreal. She tried to found a convent but was not successful. She made public vows of chastity and became a fervent Christian. She died young and was beatified by Pope John Paul II. In our present day, we have been following the Native Americans who are trying to protect their sacred land in North Dakota. We grieve for their suffering over the past many years. We pray for their safety as winter sets in. Kateri struggled as do present-day Native Americans. But her struggle brings to mind our need to care for the earth and our need to reach out to our neighbors who may have a different cultural background. 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 16 & 17, 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. This is the corrected date.



**Special Collection** the next few weekends for the Southern California Fires. Special envelopes available.

*We lovingly pray for those in our Parish and families who cannot join us at Mass especially: Rajesh George, Micki Dunaway, Barbara Mertzluft, Antonia Luna, Janet Decker, Patrick Hoins, Marcy Golebiewski, Tomas Arguello, Jeanne Futrell, Barbara Carrillo, Patrick Dougherty, Cochita Noemi Romero. 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:*



# Queen of Apostles Church

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## Never Give Up!

### PASTORAL STAFF:

Rev. Thuc Si Ho, Pastor  
 Rev. Reynaldo Sarmiento, Parochial Vicar, Dir. Of Liturgy  
 Deacon Brian McKenna, Coordinator of Social Justice  
 Kristie Manning, Faith Formation/RCIA Director  
 Gregory Elsner, Accountant  
 Mary Ann Oddo, Administrative Assistant II  
 Marie McCarthy, Administrative Assistant I  
 Klarissa Chichioco, Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult  
 Ralph Garcia, Facilities Supervisor  
 Teri Silvestri, Music Coordinator  
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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

4911 Moorpark Ave.  
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 408-252-3659 San Jose, CA 95129

### 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](mailto:kmanning@dsj.org)