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BAPTISM

Baptisms are every first Saturday of the month at 10am, or every third Sunday of the month within the celebration of the Eucharist. Contact the Parish Office for more information on the Baptismal process.

EUCCHARIST

The Eucharist, or Mass, is celebrated every day. For those who wish to receive it for the first time, please contact the Parish Faith Formation Office for more information on the catechetical process.

CONFIRMATION

Receiving this sacrament completes the Initiation in the Church. It is celebrated with the Bishop once a year. Contact the Parish Faith Formation Office for information on the catechetical process.

RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation is every Saturday at 4pm outside of the church, or by appointment. This celebration of God's merciful love must be an incessant celebration for us.

ANointing OF THE SICK

Anointings are every second Saturday of the even months at 8am, or by appointment. Contact the Parish Office for information on receiving the sacrament.

HOLY ORDERS

This gift of vocation to the priesthood and religious life is nourished in the family and sustained by the parish community. Contact the Parish priests for inquiries.

MARRIAGE

This gift of vocation in creating the domestic Church is a life long process. Contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to the proposed date and for information on the wedding process.

VIGILS & FUNERALS

Contact the Parish Office upon the death of a loved one to arrange a funeral liturgy.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

This ancient process of accepting someone into the faith is done through the guidance of the Faith Formation Office. Contact the Parish Office to inquire.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5pm

Sunday: 7:30am, 9am (livestreamed on YouTube),
and 11am

Weekday Masses: 9:00am; Saturday 8:00am

Kindly wear a mask, sanitize hands, and maintain social distancing.



✠ WE LOVINGLY PRAY FOR ✠

Those in our parish who are sick, **Lorraine de Castro, Andrea Boucher, Rocca Guido, John Ruzzo, Grant Moy, Jr. Richard L. Moy, Carol Meridick, Ryan Pansoy, Salli Spoon, Mary Kay Gray, Frances Nguyen, Nina Gazzingan, Maria D'Avolio, Jonathan Sacks, Chérie Kaplan, Paula Rowe, Gerarda Romero, and Gonzalo Cruz**; for the deceased, **Nancy Hinkston**; all the front-liners, and our servicemen and women who serve in the Armed Forces throughout the world.

We remember them in our hearts.



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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2021

THE HOLY FAMILY



He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. - Lk 2:51-52

∞ This Week



MASS INTENTIONS †

Mass Intention Online Request Form: www.qofa.org

SUNDAY ■ December 26 ■ 7:30am / 9am / 11am

Vincent Oddo Sr. †

Israel Harris †

The Souls in Purgatory †

Arlene & Dave Barraza (65th Wedding Anniversary)

Valerie Baker (healing)

Rene Labrado †

Lala Folena †

Michael Joseph Rudometkin †

Edward Ng †

Mass for the People

MONDAY ■ December 27 ■ 9:00am

Minette Fernandes (birthday)

Fr. Jeff & Fr. Celso

Vennect's Family

Rozalia Kovacs †

Edward Ng †

TUESDAY ■ December 28 ■ 9:00am

Molly Ryan †

All Souls in Purgatory †

Ericsson Boucher †

Fr. Jim Mifsud †

Edward Ng †

WEDNESDAY ■ December 29 ■ 9:00am

Nishani Joseph

Minh Nguyen's Family

Kathy Boucher †

Joseph Pape †

THURSDAY ■ December 30 ■ 9:00am

Francis & Lavita Fernandes (anniversary)

Audrey & Edward Lee Peal †

Edward Ng †

FRIDAY ■ December 31 ■ 9:00am

All Souls in Purgatory †

Dolores Charlock †

Kathy Boucher †

Ericsson Boucher †

SATURDAY ■ January 1 ■ 8:00am / 5:00pm

Eulogio Dacua, Sr. † (24th Anniversary)

SUNDAY ■ January 2 ■ 7:30am / 9am / 11am

Kathy Boucher †

The Souls in Purgatory †

Mass for the People

PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS



SUNDAY ■ December 26

The Holy Family of Mary, Jesus, & Joseph

No Faith Formation—Christmas Break

MONDAY ■ December 27

SFT Community Rosary on Zoom at

(QofA.Spirituality@gmail.com for more info)

TUESDAY ■ December 28

Community Rosary on Zoom at 7pm

(Kristie.Manning@dsj.org for more info)

WEDNESDAY ■ December 29

SFT Community Rosary on Zoom at 7pm

THURSDAY ■ December 30

SFT Community Rosary on Zoom at 7pm

FRIDAY ■ December 31

SFT Community Rosary on Zoom at 7pm

SATURDAY ■ January 1

Confessions at 4pm

SUNDAY ■ January 2

The Epiphany of the Lord

No Faith Formation—Christmas Break

Pray With Us -- Rosary
7:00 pm Monday, Wednesday,
Thursday and Friday

On Zoom:
Meeting - 792 3910 0570
Password - 4ZbMju



SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

All the ends of the earth will behold
the salvation of our God. (Is 52:10)

PSALM:

All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of
God. (Ps 98)

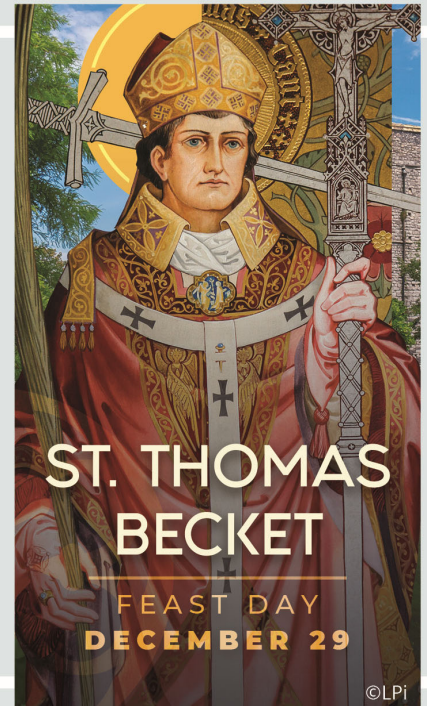
SECOND READING:

In times past, God spoke in partial and various ways
to our ancestors through the prophets;
in these last days, he has spoken to us through the
Son. (Heb 1:1-2)

GOSPEL:

And the Word became flesh
and made his dwelling among us,
and we saw his glory,
the glory as of the Father's only Son,
full of grace and truth. (Jn 1:14)

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Saint of the Week

Not many saints can be relatable to our times, but St. Thomas Becket (December 21, 1118 – December 29, 1170) is one of the few. King Henry II, a good friend, made him chancellor of England at the age of 36. Then, despite St. Thomas Becket warning the king that he would not blindly follow his wishes, he was appointed Archbishop of Canterbury in 1162.

Soon after, King Henry insisted upon seizing Church rights. In the name of peace, St. Thomas Becket came close to a compromise, and momentarily approved the Constitutions of Clarendon, which would have denied the clergy the right of trial by a Church court. But he later rejected this, and for his safety fled to France where he remained in exile for seven years.

Although returning to England meant almost certain death, St. Thomas Becket came back. According to historical accounts, King Henry implored, "Who will free me from this troublesome priest!" St. Thomas Becket was later murdered by four knights in his Canterbury Cathedral as he was praying. For his part in the murder, King Henry performed public penance after St. Thomas Becket's canonization.

Parish Announcements



WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Your generosity has sustained the works of the parish.

Thank you for your generous support.

Collection for Sunday, December 19, 2021:	\$3,444.00
Second Collection	\$4,013.00
Flower Offering	\$15.00
Sandwiches for the Homeless	\$30.00
Flower Offering	\$15.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$65.00

Total: \$7,567.00

Upcoming Second Collection: Ethnic Minorities and Latin America on 1/23/22

QOFA SCHOOL NEWS



Our music teacher, Mrs. Argenti-Schultz took all of her classes caroling around the school before Christmas break when the weather permitted. The groups sang God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen outside the school office and outside the classrooms they added singing Jingle Bells or Feliz Navidad and wished their fellow students a Merry Christmas. The 6th graders also serenaded the rectory staff. For the two classes who missed caroling due to rain, they will get a chance to sing "We Three Kings" for Epiphany when we return!

One of the school's areas of giving during the holidays was the Bill Wilson Center. Our 4th grade teacher Ms. Lahey was able to deliver our donations. The Center was so grateful for the generosity from our community as the donations were able to be spread to a couple of areas that they focus on supporting; and Ms. Lahey was thrilled to harness the joy of that thanks and bring it back and share it with our school following morning prayer.

The Queen of Apostles School community wishes you and your families a Merry Christmas!



THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD | THE HOLY FAMILY

SANDWICHES FOR THE HOMELESS—VOLUNTEER & DONATION OPPORTUNITIES

Twice monthly parishioners make sandwiches that are distributed to homeless in San Jose. If you would like to help in this effort (currently done at volunteer homes due to COVID, so once every two months or so...) please contact Arleen at 408-892-3715. This is a simple and fun way to volunteer and help those in need.

We could also use donations of peanut butter, jelly, granola bars or cash donations. These can be brought to the rectory, marked for Social Justice/homeless sandwiches. Many thanks from the Social Justice Committee!!

PARISH APP

Queen of Apostles launched a new app! Please download the MyParish app, and search Queen of Apostles. There you can find Mass times, readings, prayers, and resources to enrich your faith!

FORMED.ORG



Looking for a new way to grow in faith? Check out FORMED.org. Formed is an online resource for families where you can find amazing Catholic resources available to you for FREE as a gift to you from Queen of Apostles. Register now using our parish code: RKQKKG and enjoy movies, podcasts, e-books and more!

QUEEN OF APOSTLES YOUTUBE

As Fr. Jeff requested, please subscribe to our YouTube channel (and kindly tell your friends and family members too). The goal is to reach 1000 subscribers to be able to continue (and perhaps expand) the livestreaming of Masses. As of today, we are at 367. Thank you!

Year End Giving

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PASTORAL STAFF

Reverend Fr. Jeff J. Fernandez, *Pastor*

Reverend Fr. Celso Singson, *Parochial Vicar*

Kristie Manning, *Director of Faith Formation*

Klarissa Chichioco, *Coord. of Youth & Young Adults*

Anthony Talaich, *Maintenance*

Joanne Halili, *Parish Assistant*

SCHOOL STAFF

Elizabeth Trela, *Principal*

Stefanie Hoover, *Vice Principal*

Sophia Paul, *Pre School Director*

Andrea Guel, *School Office Manager*



PASTORAL & SOCIAL MINISTRIES

Ministry and Volunteer Coordinator

Christian Family Movement / *Bob Wedig*

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Homebound / *Catherine Kim*

Ladies Guild / *Valerie Baker*

Saint Vincent de Paul Society / *Terean Crews*

Spiritual Formation Team / *Richard Lahey*

Social Justice / *Kathy Fanger*

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

Ministry and Volunteer Coordinator

Altar Servers / *Haidee Baluta*

Baptism / *Kristie Manning*

Extraordinary Ministers / *Bob Wedig*

Funeral / *Phan Nguyen*

Lectors / *Carolyn McDonald*

Musicians / *Teri Silvestri*

Sacristans / *JC Mercier*

☞ Announcements Cont'd

YOUTH MINISTRY/CONFIRMATION

The teens had an Advent Adoration with live music!



FROM THE PARISH AND SCHOOL STAFF OF QUEEN OF APOSTLES

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we rejoice and celebrate the gift of the Savior, we give thanks to God for the gift of your faith, your love, your presence and your support in sharing the blessings you have received to our Parish. Despite the challenges of our time you have been so generous in supporting the mission of Jesus Christ. May peace and joy be with you this Christmas and the blessing of good health, love and peace be yours in the New Year!

Love, prayers and blessings, Fr. Jeff and Fr. Celso

CHRISTMAS





Feast of the Holy Family and The Octave of Christmas

THE ASTONISHMENT AND ANXIETY OF JOSEPH AND MARY

We are celebrating the Feast of the Holy Family, and the liturgy invites us to reflect on the experience of Mary, Joseph and Jesus, united by an immense love and inspired by great trust in God. Today's Gospel passage (cf. Lk 2:41-52) recounts the journey of the family of Nazareth to Jerusalem, for the celebration of Passover. But, on the return journey, the parents realize that their 12-year-old son is not in the caravan. After three days of searching and fear, they find him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, focused on a discussion with them. At the sight of the Son, Mary and Joseph "were astonished" (v. 48) and the Mother revealed their fear to him, saying: "your father and I have been looking for you anxiously" (*ibid.*).

Astonishment – they "were astonished" – and *anxiety* – "your father and I, anxious" – are the two elements to which I would like to call your attention: astonishment and anxiety.

In the family of Nazareth *astonishment* never waned, not even in a dramatic moment such as Jesus being lost: it is the ability to be astonished before the gradual manifestation of the Son of God. It is the same astonishment that even strikes the teachers of the temple, "amazed at his understanding and his answers" (v. 47). But what is astonishment; what is it to be astonished? Being astonished and being amazed is the opposite of taking everything for granted; it is the opposite of interpreting the reality that surrounds us and historical events according to our criteria alone. A person who does this does not know what amazement is, what astonishment is. Being astonished is being open to others, understanding others' reasons: this attitude is important for mending compromised interpersonal relationships, and is also indispensable for healing open wounds in the familial environment. When there are problems in families, we take for granted that we are right and we close the door to others. Instead, it is important to think: 'What is good about this person?', and to be astonished by this 'good.' And this helps family unity. If you have problems in the family, think about the good things in the family member with whom you have problems, and be astonished by this. This will help to heal familial wounds.

The second element that I would like to grasp from the Gospel is the *anxiety* that Mary and Joseph felt when they could not find Jesus. This anxiety reveals Jesus' centrality in the Holy Family. The Virgin and her husband welcomed that Son, protected him and watched him grow in age, wisdom and grace in their midst, but above all he grew in their hearts; and, little by little, their affection for him and their understanding of him grew. This is why the family of Nazareth is holy: because it was *centered on Jesus*; all of Mary and Joseph's attention and concerns were directed toward him. That anxiety that they experienced in the three days that Jesus was missing should also be our anxiety when we are *distant from him*, when we are distant from Jesus. We should feel anxious when we forget Jesus for more than three days, without praying, without reading the Gospel, without feeling the need of his presence and of his comforting friendship. And many times, days pass in which I do not remember Jesus. But this is bad, this is really bad. We should feel anxious when these things happen. Mary and Joseph searched for him and found him in the temple while he was teaching. For us too, it is especially in the house of God that we are able to encounter the divine Teacher and receive his message of salvation. In the Eucharistic celebration we have a living experience of Christ; he speaks to us; he offers us his Word; he illuminates us, lights our path, and gives us his Body in the Eucharist from which we draw vigor to face everyday difficulties.

And today let us go home with these two words: astonishment and anxiety. Do I know how to be astonished, when I see the good things in others, and in this way resolve family problems? Do I feel anxious when I am distant from Jesus?

Let us pray for all the families in the world, especially those in which, for various reasons, peace and harmony are lacking. And let us entrust them to the protection of the Holy Family of Nazareth.

Pope Francis, *Angelus Message, December 30, 2018*
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*And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us,
and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son,
full of grace and truth.*

John 1:14

Today we celebrate the birth of the true Light of the World, “the splendor of the light of Christ, which breaks into our Advent darkness.” With the grace of this day, we can ‘see directly, before our eyes’ – the eyes of faith – “the Lord restoring Zion,” as the reading from Isaiah states. In the humble manger lies the newborn babe whose tiny feet will “bring glad tidings, announcing peace, bearing good news, announcing salvation.”

Though we live in times when we see a distressing new decline into darkness, we are not discouraged, for we also have the blessing of over two thousand years of Church history and teaching, so we can appreciate the enormous impact of this birthday on the world. Today's readings reveal how God's plan for the salvation of the world has unfolded in history and is still coming to its fulfillment. We can truly celebrate that the Savior has come and reconciled us with the Father, that he continues his work in the world today. His birth is a factual, historical reality, which at the same time is a revelation of something that transcends all time and space. That he who is ‘the very imprint of the Father's being,’ the One who “sustains all things by his mighty word,” descended from Heaven, descending lower than the angels, to unite his divinity with our lowly humanity, is astounding and humbling! Indeed, today is a celebration, a great solemnity!

The Gospel of John tells us that this tiny babe lying in a manger before Mary and Joseph is the Word of God, who “became flesh and made his dwelling among us.” Now that he is here with us, what can we in turn do to honor his extraordinary act of humility and mercy? The Gospel gives us clear instructions. “His own people did not accept him,” but we can accept him. We truly celebrate Christmas by *accepting the gift of God*, by accepting him, accepting the truth of who he is, accepting his word to us – accepting in faith the wonder that is revealed so simply on this holy day.

When we accept him, when we “believe in his name,” he gives us “power to become children of God.” The relationship with God that has been opened for us is that of children with our Father, through the glory of “the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.” As in every relationship, there is both *receiving* and *giving*. How can we measure what we receive from God? There is no end to it! We can receive the Sacraments, we can receive Truth, we can receive Divine Mercy. “From his fullness we have all received, grace in place of grace.” And from the abundant grace which we have received, we can give: we can give God praise, glory, and thanksgiving. We can “sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done wondrous deeds!” Finally, we can love – love God more, love one another more, and allow God's love to make us more fully who he created us to be.

By his birth, which we celebrate on this Christmas Day, we are given hope. God has not abandoned the world. He has not abandoned us in the darkness of sin and death. Rather, he himself came in person, in Jesus Christ, true God and true man, to unite our humanity with his divinity, to reconcile us with the Father, and to give us the ultimate gift of eternal life. What a blessed Christmas gift!

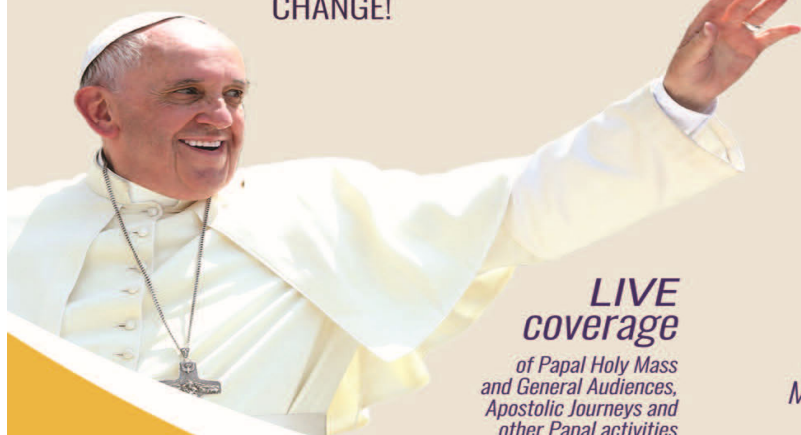
*“A holy day has dawned upon us.
Come, you nations, and adore the Lord.
For today a great light has come upon the earth.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!”*

CHRISTMAS
— THE SAVIOR IS BORN —

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