

St. Philomene Catholic Church

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 21, 2025

Office Hours

Monday (Closed)
Tuesday - Friday
10:00 am - 12:00 pm
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Mass Schedule

Saturday:	5:00 PM - English 7:00 PM - Español
Sunday:	9:00 AM - English 12:00 PM - Español
Tuesday:	8:15 AM - English
Wednesday:	9:00 AM - English
Thursday:	8:15 AM - English
Friday:	8:15 AM - English

Confession | Confesiones

Saturday
400pm-5:00pm inside the Church.

Baptisms

Call the Parish Office for preparation times.
Llame a la oficina parroquial para agendar un bautizo.

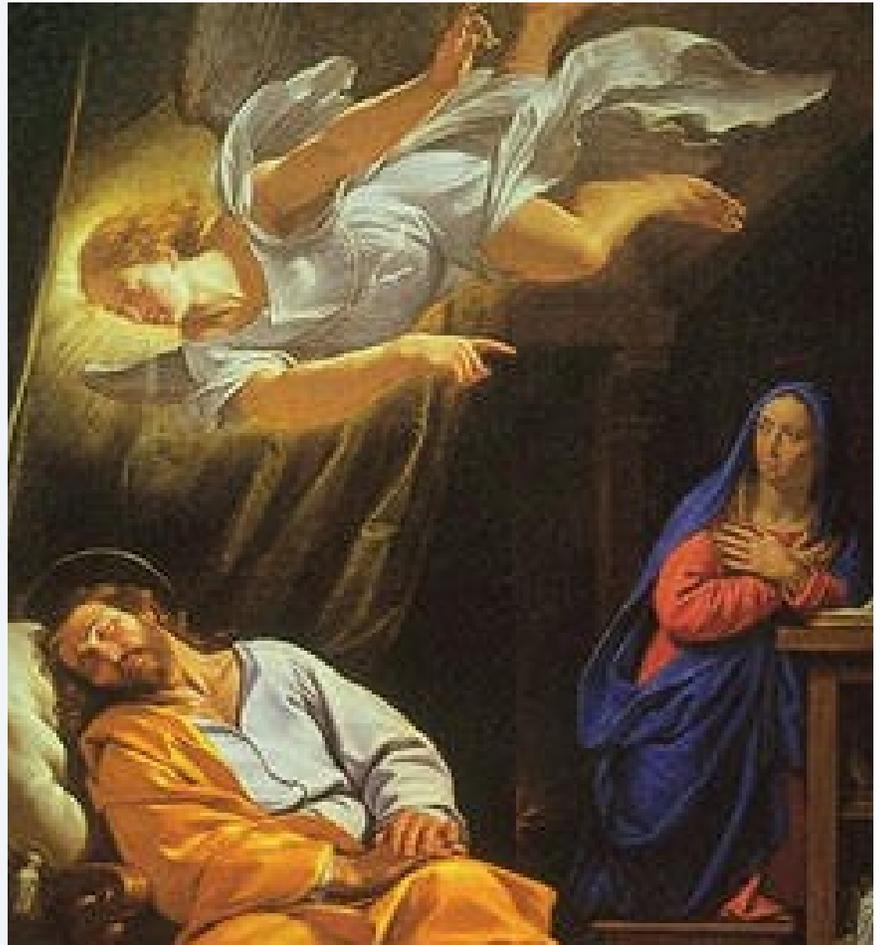
Weddings & Quinceañeras

At least six months notice required.
Se requiere un aviso de al menos seis meses.

Parish Staff

Personal parroquial

Rev. Victor Gutierrez *Pastor*
Kerri Bray-Smith, *School Principal*
Gabriela Valadez, *Secretary*
Diana Jimenez, *Bookkeeper*
Music Director
Janitor
Miluska Beltran, *Volunteer Rel. Ed. Director*



Gospel

Matthew 1:18-24

It is through the Holy Spirit that this child been conceived in her.

St. Philomene Parish Mission Statement

We, the parishioners of St. Philomene Parish, are a communion of brothers and sisters united by our communion with Jesus Christ who gathers us and empowers us with His Holy Spirit to worship God in faith through the celebration of the Sacraments, prayers, evangelization and loving communion and service. We rejoice and embrace the diversity of all our members as a gift from God.

Today's Readings

First Reading

Isaiah 7:10-14

Ahaz proclaims the sign that the Lord will give: a virgin shall give birth to a son, Emmanuel.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 24:1-2,3-4,5-6

Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

Second Reading

romans 1:1-7

Paul greets the community at Rome and declares himself a servant of Christ Jesus.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 1:18-24

An angel appears to Joseph, directing him to take Mary as his wife and telling him that the child she will bear will be called Emmanuel.

Background on the Gospel

Finally, on this the Fourth Sunday of Advent, our Gospel Reading permits us to begin our contemplation of the mystery of the Incarnation we celebrate at Christmas: "Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about" (Matthew 1:18).

The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of the birth of Jesus from Joseph's perspective. Today's Gospel passage is the second movement in this story. In the preceding verses of the first chapter of Matthew's Gospel, the Evangelist has listed the genealogy of Jesus, tracing his lineage through King David to Abraham. In the chapter to follow, Matthew tells of the visit from the Magi, the Holy Family's flight into Egypt, and Herod's massacre of the infants in Bethlehem. (The other stories which we associate with Christmas, the Annunciation, the Visitation, the angel and the shepherds, are found in the Gospel of Luke.).

We must not gloss over too quickly the difficult circumstances described in today's Gospel.

Background on the Gospel

The way that Joseph and Mary face these circumstances tells us much about these holy people and their faith in God. Joseph and Mary are betrothed to be married. This is sometimes described as an engagement period, but it is more than that. Betrothal in first century Jewish culture was in fact the first part of the marriage contract. A breach of this contract was considered adultery. Mary is found to be with child. If adultery is proven, the punishment might be death. Joseph has rights under Mosaic law, but chooses to act discreetly in his plans to break the marriage contract, so as to protect Mary. Then God intervenes.

The message of the angel of the Lord given to Joseph in his dream tells us much about the child that Mary bears and his role in God's plan. He is conceived by the Holy Spirit. His name will be Jesus, which in the Hebrew means "Yahweh saves." He will be the fulfillment of the prophecy heard in today's first reading from Isaiah: "...The virgin shall be with child... and shall name him Emmanuel [God with us]."

Joseph does as the angel of the Lord directs. He takes Mary to be his wife and accepts the child in her womb as his own. Joseph and Mary are both cooperative with God's plan. They are both models for us of what it means to be faithful servants of God.

Lecturas de Hoy

Primera Lectura

Isaías 7:10-14

Ajaz proclama la señal que el Señor dará: una virgen dará a luz un hijo Emmanuel.

Salmo Responsorial

Salmo 23, 1-2.3-4ab.5-6

Va a entrar el Señor: Él es el Rey de la Gloria.

Segunda Lectura

Romanos 1,1-7

Pablo Saluda a la comunidad en Roma y se declara siervo de Cristo Jesús.

Evangelio

Mateo 1,18-24

Un ángel se aparece a José, indicándole que tome a María como su esposa y diciéndole que el hijo que ella dará a luz se llamará Emmanuel.

Antecedentes del Evangelio

No debemos pasar por alto las difíciles circunstancias descritas en el Evangelio de hoy. La forma en que José y María afrontan estas circunstancias nos revela mucho sobre estas personas santas y su fe en Dios. José y María están prometidos en matrimonio. Esto a veces se describe como un período de compromiso, pero es más que eso. El compromiso en la cultura judía del siglo I era, de hecho, la primera parte del contrato matrimonial. El incumplimiento de este contrato se consideraba adulterio. María se encuentra embarazada. Si se demostraba el adulterio, el castigo podía ser la muerte. José tiene derechos según la ley mosaica, pero decide actuar con discreción en sus planes para romper el contrato matrimonial, a fin de proteger a María. Entonces interviene Dios.

El mensaje del ángel del Señor a José en su sueño nos revela mucho sobre el niño que María lleva en su vientre y su papel en el plan de Dios. Es concebido por el Espíritu Santo. Su nombre será Jesús, que en hebreo significa «Yahvé salva». Él será el cumplimiento de la profecía que escuchamos en la primera lectura de hoy, del profeta Isaías: «...La virgen concebirá y dará a luz un hijo, y le pondrá por nombre Emmanuel [Dios con nosotros]».

José hace lo que el ángel del Señor le indica. Toma a María por esposa y acepta al niño en su vientre como propio. Tanto José como María colaboran con el plan de Dios. Ambos son modelos para nosotros de lo que significa ser siervos fieles de Dios.

Antecedentes del Evangelio

Finalmente, en este cuarto domingo de Adviento, nuestra lectura del Evangelio nos permite comenzar nuestra contemplación del misterio de la Encarnación que celebramos en Navidad: «Así fue como nació Jesucristo» (Mateo 1:18).

El Evangelio de Mateo narra la historia del nacimiento de Jesús desde la perspectiva de José. El pasaje del Evangelio de hoy es la segunda parte de esta historia. En los versículos anteriores del primer capítulo del Evangelio de Mateo, el evangelista ha enumerado la genealogía de Jesús, trazando su linaje a través del rey David hasta Abraham. En el capítulo siguiente, Mateo narra la visita de los Magos, la huida de la Sagrada Familia a Egipto y la matanza de los inocentes en Belén por parte de Herodes. (Las otras historias que asociamos con la Navidad, la Anunciación, la Visitación, el ángel y los pastores, se encuentran en el Evangelio de Lucas).

Mass Intentions

Intenciones de la Misa

Sat	Dec 20	5:00 pm	Arquimedes Alvarado Vazquez †
		7:00pm	Angelina & Marco Barrera Carmen Cordero Familia Guerrero Rebutty Joshua & Juliet Guerrero Almas Benditas del Purgatorio
Sun	Dec 21	9:00 am	Adriana Isabel Peña †
		12:00pm	Agnes Campagna (B) Marielle Campagna (B)
Tue	Dec 23	8:15am	
Thu	Dec 25	9:00am 12:00pm	In thanksgiving for Jesus Abraham Alonzo (B)
Fri	Dec 26	8:15am	

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Prayers For The Recently Deceased Oremos por los recién fallecidos

Dee Rentaria	Adriana Isabel Peña
Jonathon Keeber	Bladimir Zarate
Mary Tietrasritta	Susan Farwell
Juan Carlos Sanchez	Gudelia Marin Hernandez
Philip Weiderberger	Frederick Trejo
Francisco Sanchez	Alicia Castañeda
Marcelino Chambelera	Cirilo Estrada Perez

Events of the week

Mon	Dec 22	7: 00pm	Grupo de Oración
		6:00 pm	Talleres de Oracion y Vida
Tues	Dec 23	6: 00pm	
Thu	Dec 25	7:00 pm	
Sat	Dec 27	4:00pm	Penance Service Confesiones

Weekend Collections

Colectas de Ofertorio del Fin de Semana

December 14, 2025

Sunday Collections:	\$4,654.94
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No Second Collection

I would like to thank you all for your generous donations for the upkeep (physical and pastoral) of our beloved Parish! Let us together continue the mission of Jesus! May our God abundantly bless you and your families!

Rev. Victor Gutierrez



Please Keep In Your Prayers

Por favor mantenlos en tus oraciones

Sheryll Venegas	Mary Francis Keenan	Guillermina Quintero
Guillermo Villagomez	Martha Villagomez	Onofre Gonzalez
Mike Askew	Benny Reynaga	Isac Gonzalez
Joey Platina	Solochana Hannon	Melody Mendoza
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If you wish to volunteer and/or donate, please visit our website at www.sharinggods bounty.com for additional information."

Durante más de 40 años, Sharing God's Bounty ha brindado una comida gratuita a quienes la necesitan en Sacramento. Nuestros voluntarios sirven "dignidad", una comida caliente y nutritiva, pan y bolsas de mandado todos los martes por la tarde de 6:30pm a 7:30pm. Si desea ser voluntario o donar, visite nuestro sitio web www.sharinggods bounty.com para obtener más información.

St. Philomene Food Closet

SUPPORTING LOCAL FOOD PROGRAMS:

Local food programs need your help to feed our neighbors in need. Participate by becoming a volunteer, donating fresh produce and shelf-stable items, or donating financially—together we can feed the most vulnerable in our own communities. To find a local food program, please visit: <https://scd.org/news/faith-action-diocese-urges-support-local-food-programs-amid-rising-need>

APOYANDO LOS PROGRAMAS LOCALES DE ALIMENTACIÓN:

Los programas locales de alimentación necesitan tu ayuda para alimentar a nuestros vecinos necesitados. Participa como voluntario, donando productos frescos y alimentos no perecederos, o hacienda una donación económica; juntos Podemos alimenar a las personas más vulnerables de nuestras comunidades. Para encontrar maneras de ayudar o para encontrar un programa local de alimentación, visita: <https://scd.org/news/faith-action-diocese-urges-support-local-food-programs-amid-rising-need>



**JOIN US FOR OUR CHRISTMAS
MASSES**

CHRISTMAS EVE - DECEMBER 24TH

5:00pm - English Mass

7:00pm - Spanish Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY - DECEMBER 25TH

9:00am - English Mass

12:00pm - Spanish Mas

**ÚNETE A NOSOTROS EN NUESTRA
MISAS DE NAVIDAD**

NOCHEBUENA - 24 DE DICIEMBRE

5:00pm - Misa en Ingles

7:00pm - Misa en Español

NAVIDAD - 25 DE DICIEMBRE

9:00am - Misa en Ingles

12:00pm - Misa en Español

Parish Office Closed

DECEMBER 24 - JANUARY 2

WILL RE-OPEN JANUARY 6, 2026 AT 10AM

*La Oficina Parroquial Estará
Cerrada*

24 DE DICIEMBRE - 2 DE ENERO

ABRIREMOS EL DIA 6 DE ENERO A LAS 10AM



**JOIN US FOR OUR NEW YEAR'S
MASSES**

NEW YEAR'S EVE - DECEMBER 31ST

5:00pm - English Mass

7:00pm - Spanish Mass

NEW YEAR'S DAY - JANUARY 1ST

9:00am - English Mass

12:00pm - Spanish Mas

**ÚNETE A NOSOTROS EN NUESTRAS
MISAS DE AÑO NUEVO**

31 DE DICIEMBRE

5:00pm - Misa en Ingles

7:00pm - Misa en Español

AÑO NUEVO - 1 DE ENERO

9:00am - Misa en Ingles

12:00pm - Misa en Español



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5:00PM*

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*THIS CELEBRATION WILL BE IN PLACE OF THE USUAL
4:00PM ENGLISH MASS & 6:00PM SPANISH MASS AT THE CATHEDRAL.



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Rally: 12:30PM
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Sábado, 24 de enero 2026

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Rally: 12:30PM
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Info Faire: 11:00AM
Saturday, January 24, 2026

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Rally starts at Civic Center Plaza, walking down Market Street (2 miles). Walk ends at Embarcadero Plaza. BART stations at both locations. Ample parking.

Register and info:
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Welcome!

Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate with us, whether longtime residents or newly arrived in our Parish. We thank God for you. If you are not registered with St. Philomene, please fill out this form and place it in the Collection basket or mail it in to the Parish Office. Thank you and God bless you!

Registration/Change of Address: Allow at least 3 months to receive envelopes or for any changes.

I want to register in the parish. I have changed my address; my envelope # is _____

Name: _____ Envelopes: Yes ___ No ___

Address: _____ City: _____ ZIP _____

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