

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

December 17, 2023

Served by the Blessed Sacrament Congregation

Church Dedicated in 1919



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Lord,
come
and
save us.

There will be NO Mother of Perpetual Help Novena on Tuesday, December 19th.

Beginning Monday, December 18 through Friday, December 22, confessions will be heard daily from 4 pm to 5 pm. There will also be our regular confession on Saturday, December 23 at 10 am.

3rd Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) – Cycle B (2023)

Rejoice Always

The third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete Sunday. *Gaudete* means “rejoice!” To rejoice is a virtue and it belongs to the soul. It is the happiness of the soul, which is deeply spiritual and long lasting.

But at the same time John the Baptist is telling us to take life seriously. Life is short. It could end any time. Each moment should not be wasted, but must be spent in honest-to-goodness preparation for the coming of the Lord who is already in our midst. What difference will it make in our life to know that He is here.

Would we be more boldly “the voice of one crying out in the desert, ‘make straight the way of the Lord?’” So many are wandering in the desert of this world lost and fearful because no one is proclaiming to them the Gospel of Hope who is Jesus and who alone can give meaning to our life. Are we ready to take up that challenge to be the voice of faith and truth of the Kingdom that Our Lord has announced? Would we choose to be an instrument in dispelling fear in the lives of our brothers and sisters?

This Sunday we set aside the purple color of penance and take on the Rose or Pink shade of hope and joy. After all we await the One who would be the true source of joy and hope in our broken world.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins Weekdays & Sundays at 4:00 p Saturdays at 3:00 p

Mass Schedule

6 am 12:15 pm Monday—Friday
7 am Saturday Morning

5 pm Saturday Vigil Mass
7 am, 9 am, 11:45 am and 6 pm Sunday



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To stir up
the Eucharist

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Thank You and God Bless.



Scripture OF THE WEEK

Sunday, Dec 17

Is 61:1-2A, 10-11
Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54
1 Thes 5:16-24
Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Monday, Dec 18

Jer 23:5-8
Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19
Mt 1:18-25

Tuesday, Dec 19

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a
Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17
Lk 1:5-25

Wednesday, Dec 20

Is 7:10-14
Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6
Lk 1:26-38

Thursday, Dec 21

Sg 2:8-14
Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21
Lk 1:39-45

Friday, Dec 22

1 Sm 1:24-28
1 Samuel 2:1, 4-5, 6-7,
8abcd
Lk 1:46-56

Saturday, Dec 23

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24
Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and
14
Lk 1:57-66

Sunday, Dec 24

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29
Rom 16:25-27
Lk 1:26-38

Our sound system has been updated and professionally calibrated.

Please DO NOT touch it—we had to have our sound engineer come in last Sunday during the 6 pm Mass because someone decided to make unauthorized adjustments.

Simbang Gabi Schedule:

Friday, Dec. 15 @ 6 pm
Saturday, Dec. 16 @ 5 pm
Sunday, Dec. 17 @ 6 pm
Monday, Dec. 18 @ 6 pm
Tuesday, Dec. 19 @ 6 pm
Wednesday, Dec. 20 @ 6 pm
Thursday, Dec. 21 @ 6 pm
Friday, Dec. 22 @ 6 pm
Saturday, Dec. 23 @ 5 pm



New Norm Regarding Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion taking Communion to the Homebound



Bishop Silva requests every parish to place the following announcement in its weekly bulletin for three consecutive weeks:

In order to safeguard the sacredness of the Holy Eucharist, Bishop Silva has forbidden that the Eucharist be given to anyone presenting a pyx in the Communion line. Only those who are authorized by the parish priest to take Holy Communion to the sick may receive the Eucharist from the priest after the Communion of the faithful, and never during the Communion procession.



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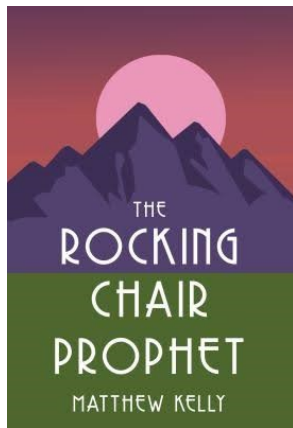
Recently, Fr. Poli posed this question to some of our parishioners, *“Why do you choose to remain a Catholic?”* Here are some of their responses:

I was 9 years old when my parents got divorced. And I grew up without any religion. And when I finally have a life of my own, I sought happiness in anything and everything that the world has to offer. But they always left me empty. Until I found my future partner in life. With her, I only had to be myself and she loved me unconditionally. She was the one who taught me of what it means to believe in God and be part of the Catholic Church. Her faith was her source of strength. And also for me today.

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I remain a Catholic because this is where I have encountered God. When I pray inside the Church, I know God is there listening to me. This is where I find peace.

So, what are your reasons?



This year's book is the third of Matt Kelly's books selected and follows *“Life Is Messy”* and *“Holy Moments”* - all of which provide inspirational reading of rediscovery for our SJ Family and friends. We are fortunate to have donors who believe and support this Christmas project. At each of six **Christmas masses**, we invite every family to take this gift to support your Advent journey that begins our new liturgical year! This year's book *‘The Rocking Chair Prophet’* will be available at each exit on Dec 24-25 only at our Christmas masses. Please take **one copy per household**...so that all may enjoy this gift.

Stewardship Report of Treasury for:

December 5-11		YTD Actual
Collections	9,405.97	234,514.16
Other Regular Income	556.26	24,406.15
Unusual Income:		
Choirs	0.00	275.00
Convent Lease		34,000.00
R&M Collection	65.00	12,818.00
Security Project	5.00	728.00
Feed the Hungry	130.00	1,886.00
Other Unusual Income		6,115.66
Total Income	10,162.23	314,742.97
Loan to School		20,619.05
Designated Funds		355,543.09
Restricted Parish Hall Funds		456,152.98

DONATE TO FEEDING THE HUNGRY!

We are currently seeking monetary donations for a new certified kitchen, or donations of the items below for our monthly feeding the hungry ministry. Contact Bernie at (808)640-8709 for more information.

- Corn (#10 size can)
- Tomato Sauce (#10 size can)
- Kidney Beans (#10 size can)
- Tomato Paste (#10 size can)
- Mild Salsa (Gallon)
- Hickory BBQ Sauce (Gallon)

Supplies: Paper 5-Part Luau Plates & 3-Section To-Go Containers, Napkins, Paper Drinking Cups, Utensils (Compostable), Sandwich size ziploc bags

We would like to thank everyone who donated all other ingredients we have in stock. Mahalo for your generosity! We appreciate anything you can do to contribute to our current above list.



**Mahalo,
Service Pillar**

17 7:00 Mass-FP 9:00 Mass-FP 11:45 Mass-FF 6:00 Mass-FF	18 6:00 Mass-FP 9:30+P.Kamau-FP 12:15 Mass-FF 6:00 pm Simbang Gabi-FF 6:00 RCIA	19 6:00 Mass-FF 9:30+F.AhSing-FF 12:15 Mass-FF 6:00 pm Simbang Gabi-FP	20 6:00 Mass-FF 12:15 Mass-FF 6:00 pm Simbang Gabi-FF	21 6:00 Mass-FP 12:00 Feed the Hungry 12:15 Mass-FF 6:00 pm Simbang Gabi-FP	22 6:00 Mass-FF 12:15 Mass-FP 6:00 pm Simbang Gabi-FF	23 7:00 Mass-FF 10:00 Confession 12:00 Altar Server Training 5:00 Mass-FP
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Fourth Sunday of Advent
(Satisfies your Sunday obligation)

5 pm Saturday
7 am Sunday
9 am Sunday
11:45 am Sunday

Christmas Mass schedule:
(Satisfies your Holy Day obligation)

6 pm Sunday
9 pm Sunday
Midnight
7 am Monday
9 am Monday
11:45 am Monday



NATIONAL
Eucharistic Revival

National Eucharistic Revival Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you give us your flesh and blood for the life of the world, and you desire that all people come to the Supper of the Sacrifice of the Lamb. Renew in your Church the truth, beauty, and goodness contained in the Most Blessed Eucharist.

Jesus living in the Eucharist, come and live in me.

Jesus healing in the Eucharist, come and heal me.

Jesus sacrificing yourself in the Eucharist, come and suffer in me.

Jesus rising in the Eucharist, come and rise to new life in me.

Jesus loving in the Eucharist, come and love in me.

Lord Jesus Christ, through the paschal mystery of your death and resurrection made present in every Holy Mass, pour out your healing love on your Church and on our world. Grant that as we lift you up during this time of Eucharistic Revival, your Holy Spirit may draw all people to join us at this Banquet of Life. You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever.

Our Lady of Peace, Mother of the Eucharist, Pray for us.

St. Joseph, silent adorer of the Eucharist, Pray for us.

As part of our response for the Year of Eucharistic Revival, St. Joseph Church will offer Eucharistic adoration on the 2nd Sunday of each month from 10:30 to 11:30 am.

Please plan to join us on January 14th.

