

# ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CATHOLIC CHURCH

www.seasparishlo.org 2050 Palisades Avenue, Los Osos, CA Office Cell (805) 235-8803 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

**24 DECEMBER 2023** 

**DECEMBER 2023 POPE'S INTENTION: FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES** 

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

"Behold. I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word."

"Yo soy la esclava del Señor; que se cumpla en mí lo que me has dicho."

Lk 1:38



# **VISION-MISSION STATEMENT**

We are an all-welcoming Christ-centered community celebrating our deeply rooted Catholic traditions, respectful & appreciative of our multicultural diversity, journeying together to share family values and commitment to service.

PRAYER OF

SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON
O Father, the first rule of our dear Savior's life was to do Your Will. Let His Will of the present moment be the first rule of our daily life & work, with no other desire but for its most full and complete accomplishment. Help us to follow it faithfully, so that doing what You wish we will be pleasing to You. Amen.

DECLARACIÓN DE NUESTRA VISION y MISIÓN

Somos una comunidad totalmente acogedora y centrada en Cristo que celebrando nuestras tradiciones Católicas profundamente arraigadas, respetamos y apreciamos nuestra diversidad multicultural, caminamos juntos para compartir los valores de la familia y el compromiso al servicio.

ORACIÓN DE

SANTA ELIZABETH ANN SETON
Oh Padre, la primera regla de la vida de nuestro querido Salvador fue hacer tu voluntad. Dejar que tu Voluntad en el momento presente sea la primera regla de nuestra vida cotidiana y nuestro trabajo, sin ninguna otra voluntad sino hacer tu voluntad plena y completa. Ayúdanos a seguir con fidelidad, para que haciendo lo que deseas seamos más agradables a Ti. Amén.

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. (ENGLISH) Sunday: 9:00 a.m. (ENGLISH) 11:30 a.m. (SPANISH)

Weekday Masses / La Misa Enteré Semana 9:00 a.m. Monday through Friday (ENGLISH) 7:00 p.m. Viernes (ESPANOL)

1st Saturday Mass (ENGLISH) 9:00 a.m.

Adoration/Adoración (See pg 8, Adoration Chapel Hours)
9:45 a.m. Wednesday (ENGLISH)

Divine Mercy, Adoration, Benediction Viernes (ESPAÑOL) y 6:00 p.m.

La Coronilla de la Divina Misericordia

<u>Sacrament of Reconciliation / Reconciliación</u>
Tuesdays by appointment only/Los Martes solo con cita pre-

Anointing of the Sick / Unción de los Enfermos 9:00 a.m. (ENGLISH) First Friday 7:30 p.m. (ESPAÑOL) Primer Viernes

**Parish Services** see page 6

For donations or other online financial transactions for the parish, our OR code:

Mass Intentions online at seasparishlo.org



Bulletins online at seasparishlo.org

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Email: seaschurchlo@gmail.com Appointment with Pastor on ZOOM or

in person: Tues., Fri.

**REV. JOEY R. BUENA** 

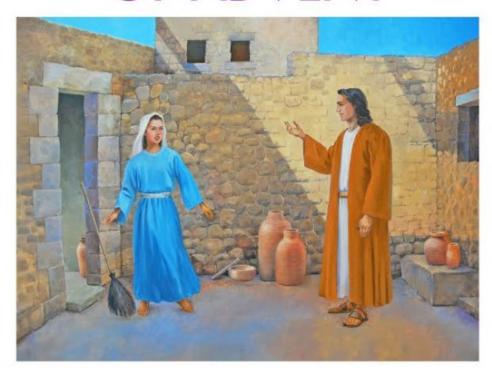
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# FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



# God Is Near

O holy Child of Bethlehem,
you radiate the light that overcomes
darkness
and illuminate the path to our salvation.
As you hasten to be born into our
broken world,
help us turn fully to you and
increase our longing for your presence.

Fill us with hope for your birth and grant us patience and peace, Lord Jesus, who lives and reigns with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

# Sunday, December 24, 2023 Attend to God's Time



Today's readings: 2 Samuel 7:1–5, 8b–12, 14a, 16; Psalm 89:2–3, 4–5, 27, 29; Romans 16:25–27; Luke 1:26–38. This year we dwell in the last week of Advent for only hours. Today's Scriptures put an exclamation mark on all the prophetic promises we recalled with the "O" Antiphons. As foretold in the Old Testament, and echoed in the words of the angel Gabriel, the savior will come through the line of King David and thus his house and kingdom shall endure forever.

For most households, these abbreviated final hours of Advent will be consumed with hurried preparations for Christmas. Even so, attend to God's time. Remember to light the fourth candle on the Advent wreath, adorn the household nativity scene, and listen to your Advent playlist once more while cleaning, baking, or traveling. Our Advent texts, songs, and traditions are ripe with promise. Christ is coming. A savior will be born. The light will overcome the darkness. God's faithfulness will endure forever.

Today we turn the page from hopeful waiting to joyful fulfillment. Breathe in the miracle of God's love. Exhale a prayer of gratitude for all that is to come.



# THIS WEEK AT HOME

# Monday, December 25 Christ Is Born

Christmas Day is often filled with activity and goes by in the blink of an eye. Remember to pause and open your heart wide to Christ, who seeks a home there. Allow the light of a candle, the Christ figurine in your nativity scene, the circle of evergreen on your holiday wreath, and the shining eyes of children and the elderly to kindle your joy in the incarnation. Today's readings for Christmas Mass at Dawn: Isaiah 62:11–12; Psalm 97:1, 6.11–12; Titus 3:4–7; Luke 2:15–20.

# Tuesday, December 26 St. Stephen

Today we honor St. Stephen, the first Christian to die a martyr for his faith in Jesus. A deacon in the early Church, Stephen served the needs of widows and the poor. His eloquent preaching drew many to Christianity as well as the violent attention of those opposing the memory of Jesus. Advent proclaimed that God reaches into our time to lead us to the light of everlasting life. We celebrate Stephen and other martyrs this week for their utmost faithfulness to Christ and passing into the eternal life of heaven. Today's readings: Acts 6:8–10; 7:54–59; Psalm 31:3cd–4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Matthew 10:17–22.

# Wednesday, December 27 St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

Remembered as the beloved disciple, John gave the Church a Gospel, three epistles to the Christian community, and possibly the Book of Revelation. Stories recall that he lived a long life and in his later years, when he no longer had the stamina to preach, he routinely offered the most succinct homily, "My little children, love one another." With these pithy words, he relayed the most essential message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Today's readings: 1 John 1:1–4; Psalm 97:1–2, 5–6, 11–12; John 20:1a, 2–8.

# Thursday, December 28 The Holy Innocents

Today's Scriptures return us to the events following the nativity of our Lord. Deeply threatened by the possible birth of the long-awaited messiah, King Herod ordered the murder of all boys under the age of two in Bethlehem and the surrounding region. This unimaginable scourge of innocent children has repeated itself over and over through the centuries and is a powerful reminder of our responsibility to protect life at every stage. *Today's readings: 1 John 1:5—2:2; Psalm 124: 2–3, 4–5, 7b–8; Matthew 2:13–18.* 

# Friday, December 29 The Presentation in the Temple

Ever faithful to their Jewish traditions, Joseph and Mary brought the child Jesus to the temple in Jerusalem to be consecrated to God. Two holy elders, Simeon and Anna, recognized Jesus as the messiah. Their prophetic words proclaimed that all that had been foretold in the Scriptures would be manifest in the life of this tiny child. Joseph and Mary were amazed and returned home to raise Jesus in the faith of Judaism. *Today's readings: 1 John 2:3–11; Psalm 96:1–2a, 2b–3, 5b–6: Luke 2:22–35.* 

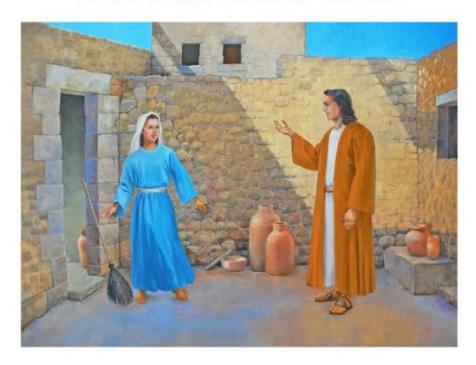
# Saturday, December 30 Relish the Days of Christmas

While the secular world charges ahead, our Church invites us to linger in the Christmas season. Together we savor the miraculous early moments of Jesus' life and the stunning reception he received from shepherds, kings, and holy elders alike. His earthly parents courageously protected him and immediately began to pass on their faith and honor their religious tradition. Resist packing away the religious imagery just yet. Instead, keep the nativity scene prominent, light Christmas candles, and ponder along with Mary the unexpected graces poured upon us. Today's readings: 1 John 2:12–17; Psalm 96:7–8a, 8b–9, 10; Luke 2:36–40.





# CUARTO DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

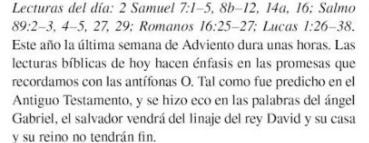


# Dios está cerca

Oh, Niño de Belén, que irradias la luz vencedora de tinieblas, alumbra la senda de nuestra la salvación. Apresúrate a nacer en este mundo abatido, ayúdanos a volvernos a ti por completo y a llenarnos de esperanza por tu llegada.

Auméntanos el anhelo de tu presencia. Llénanos de la esperanza de tu nacer y concédenos paciencia y paz. Por Cristo nuestro Señor. Amén.

# Domingo, 24 de diciembre de 2023 Atender al tiempo del Señor



Para la mayoría de los hogares, estas últimas horas de Adviento transcurrirán entre lo apurados preparativos navideños. Aun así, preste atención al tiempo del Señor. No se olvide de encender la cuarta vela de la corona de Adviento, ni de adornar el nacimiento ni oír su lista de villancicos otra vez al limpiar, hornear o viajar. Nuestros textos, cantos y tradiciones de Adviento se han madurado de promesa. Viene Cristo. Nacerá un salvador. La luz vencerá las tinieblas. La fidelidad de Dios será para siempre.

Hoy pasamos la página de la ansiosa espera a la dicha plena. Haga una pausa y absórbalo todo. Inhale el milagro verdadero del amor que Dios nos tiene, que cual rocío baja del cielo a nuestros corazones, a nuestras vidas, al mundo nuestro. Exhale una oración de gracias por todo lo que vendrá.



# ESTA SEMANA EN CASA

# Lunes, 25 de diciembre Ha nacido Cristo

A menudo el día de Navidad es uno de actividad que se va en un parpadeo. Recuerde hacer una pausa y abrir su corazón a Cristo que busca ahí un hogar. Que la luz de las velas, el Niño Dios del nacimiento, la corona navideña y la alegría de los ojos de los niños y de los viejos encienda la propia en la encarnación. Lecturas del día de la misa de Navidad al alba: Isaías 62:11–12; Salmo 97:1, 6,11–12; Tito 3:4–7; Lucas 2:15–20.

# Martes, 26 de diciembre San Esteban

Hoy honramos a san Esteban, el primer cristiano en morir mártir a causa de su fe en Jesús. Diácono de la Iglesia primitiva, Esteban ayudaba a las viudas y a los pobres. Su prédica elocuente sumó muchos fieles al cristianismo y odios de quienes se oponían a la memoria de Jesús. El Adviento proclama que Dios llega a nuestro tiempo y que nos guía a la luz de la vida eterna. Esta semana celebramos a Esteban y a otros mártires por su inquebrantable fidelidad a Cristo y por pasar a la vida eterna. Lecturas del día: Hechos 6:8–10; 7:54–59; Salmo 31:3cd–4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mateo 10:17–22.

# Miércoles, 27 de diciembre San Juan, apóstol y evangelista

Juan, el discípulo amado, tutela en el Nuevo Testamento el evangelio, tres epístolas y el Apocalipsis, según la tradición de la Iglesia. Habría tenido una larga vida y en su edad provecta, al ya no tener fuerzas, recurría a la homilía más sucinta: "Hijitos, ámense los unos a los otros". En pocas palabras él pasó el mensaje más esencial del Evangelio de Cristo Jesús. Lecturas del día: 1 Juan 1:1–4; Salmo 97:1–2, 5–6, 11–12; Juan 20:1a, 2–8.

# Jueves, 28 de diciembre Santos Inocentes

Las lecturas bíblicas de hoy nos remiten a los eventos después de la natividad de nuestro Señor. Al sentirse amenazado por el nacimiento del tan esperado Mesías, el rey Herodes ordenó la muerte de todos los varoncitos menores de dos años de Belén y alrededores. Este inimaginable acto contra los niños inocentes se ha repetido a lo largo de los siglos y nos hace recordar que es nuestra responsabilidad proteger todas las etapas de la vida. Lecturas del día: 1 Juan 1:5—2:2; Salmo 124: 2–3, 4–5, 7b–8; Mateo 2:13–18.

# Viernes, 29 de diciembre Presentación en el templo

Con apego a las costumbres judías, José y María llevaron al niño Jesús al templo de Jerusalén y allí lo presentaron a Dios. Dos venerables ancianos, Simeón y Ana, reconocieron en Jesús al Mesías. Con sus palabras proféticas, ellos proclaman que todo lo que había sido augurado en la Sagrada Escritura se cumpliría en este pequeño. José y María quedaron maravillados y volvieron a casa para criar a Jesús en la fe del judaísmo. Lecturas del día: 1 Juan 2:3–11; Salmo 96:1–2a, 2b–3, 5b–6; Lucas 2:22–35.

# Sábado, 30 de diciembre Disfrutar los días de Navidad

Mientras que el mundo laico continúa, nuestra Iglesia nos invita a seguir en la temporada de Navidad. Juntos disfrutamos los primeros momentos milagrosos de la vida de Jesús y cómo lo recibieron pastores, reyes y venerables ancianos. Sus valientes padres terrenales lo protegieron, le transmitieron la fe y el honor de la religión de ellos. No guarde todavía las imágenes religiosas. Al contrario, haga lucir al nacimiento, encienda velas navideñas y reflexione con María los inesperados dones que nos han sido concedidos. Lecturas del día: 1 Juan 2:12–17; Salmo 96:7–8a, 8b–9, 10; Lucas 2:36–40.





ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON PARISH SCHEDULE OF SERVICES			
MASSES, ADORATION	See pages 1, 7 and 14		
CONFESSION	Available on Tuesdays by appointment only. Please call parish office cell phone or email.		
INFANT BAPTISM (newborn to 6 y/o)	Appt. with pastor 3 months before intended date. Emergency baptism (for recipient in danger of death: parent/s call pastor asap [805] 235-8803).		
7 y/o & above, ADULT BAPTISM, FIRST HOLY COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION	Email Heather or call office cell 1(805)235-8803		
KIDS' FIRST HOLY COMMUNION	Catechism 2023-2024 REGISTRATION CLOSED Permission needed for sign-up, late fees apply Questions, please contact Heather.		
TEENS' CONFIRMATION	Catechism 2023-2024 REGISTRATION CLOSED Permission needed for sign-up, late fees apply Questions, please contact Heather.		
QUINCEAÑERA	6 months before, call parish office 1 (805) 235-8803, to set appointment for interview & requirements: attend Monterey Diocese Quinceañera Class; at least enrolled in our Confirmation Program.		
PRESENTACÍON	Contact 1(805) 235-8803		
WEDDING	Set an appointment with pastor 6 months before intended date.		
ANNULMENT	Call parish for appointment with pastor.		
ANOINTING OF THE SICK	Contact 1(805) 235-8803. First Fridays after English & Spanish Masses		
LAST RITES	24/7 Contact asap 1(805) 235-8803.		
FUNERAL	Contact 1(805) 235-8803.		
BLESSING of NEW VEHICLE, RELIGIOUS ITEMS	Contact 1(805) 235-8803.		
BLESSING of NEW HOUSE, NEW SHOP	Contact 1(805) 235-8803.		
VISIT CHURCH for PERSONAL PRAYER & ADORATION	New Adoration Chapel now open for morning & afternoon for personal quiet prayer & adoration.  Read schedule page 7		
SPIRITUAL COUNSELING	Contact 1(805) 235-8803.		
MINOR EXORCISM (Deliverance Prayer) NOT solemn exorcism	Contact 1(805) 235-8803.		

# **FAKE FR. JOEY SCAM**

Parishioners and a member of the staff have recently received text messages from a Fake Fr. Joey asking for gift cards. This scam usually happens few times a year.

THIS IS NOT FR. JOEY! It is a scam.

If you receive a similar email or text message, please do not respond.

If Fr. Joey has need of anything, he will always ask

- -publicly at Mass to the entire parish
- -face to face
- -or through a staff member

Please always be cautious of emails, calls, or texts asking for sums of money or gift cards especially as the holidays approach. Always verify before sending money or its equivalent. If you think it might be a scam, it probably is.

# TAX LETTERS, PLEASE CONTACT US

If you need a tax letter, please contact the office by email, or you may call or text. We do not have everyone's contact information and so have needed in the past to print all the letters for those who have donated, and wait and hope that they will be pick-ed up. We have found that a great majority of our parishioners and friends either do not pick-up their letters or tell the office staff that they do not want a letter, to keep or throw it away. In general this happens to about 3/4 of the letters prepared when we print them all. So, thank you again, for contacting our office to be placed on the list for those who would like to receive a tax letter.

Please know that there was an issue this year and Javier may need you to verify the amount you gave for the tax letters.

Any questions about tax letters should be directed to Javier. He can be reached at 805-441-5428

# PRAYER OF POPE FRANCIS TO MARY, HEALTH OF THE SICK

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain with steadfast faith.

You, Salvation of all, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us:
He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen. We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.
Amen.

# PLEASE REMEMBER ST. ELIZABETH'S IN YOUR WILL

A great way to help our parish become financially stable is to remember your parish church in your Will or Trust. To make sure the entire amount (100%) will go to St. Elizabeth's, please word the bequest like this:

"I leave a bequest of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to <u>ST. ELIZABETH</u>
ANN SETON CATHOLIC CHURCH at 2050 Palisades Avenue, Los Osos, CA 93402."

If you wish to privately discuss this matter with Fr. Joey, please call parish cell 805-235-8803 to set-up an appointment, or email him at *frjoeyseasparish-lo@gmail.com*.

Thank you for considering SEAS for your final distribution.

NEED ASSISTANCE IN YOUR ADVANCE HEALTH CARE DIRECTIVE, FUTURE CATH-OLIC FUNERAL & ESTATE PLANNING? Fr. Joey can help you.

For confidential discussion, please email him at frjoeyseasparishlo@gmail.com or leave message at (805) 235-8803

#### 16/17 DEC COLLECTION

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Sunday Collection	\$ 1, 255. 00
Parish Operations	\$ 280. 00
Building Fund	\$ 275. 00
Hospitality	\$ 0. 00
St. Joseph's Fund	\$ 255. 00
People's Kitchen	\$ 100. 00
Mass Intentions	\$ 100. 00
Guadalupe Fiesta	\$ 545. 00
Simbang Gabi #1-3	\$ 715. 00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 5. 00
Christmas	\$ 1, 100. 00
TOTAL (from above)	\$ 4, 630. 00
Retirement Fund Rel. (not us)	\$ 40. 00

# A.M.A. UPDATE THIS WEEK: 12/18/2023\*

Collected: \$ 15, 725 (given only)

Total Promised: \$15, 825 (given & pledges)

If you have pledge to contribute, please make sure to fulfill your pledges. Thank you!

\* Last update from the Diocese of Monterey

### **MYPARISHAPP**



# ADORATION CHAPEL SCHEDULE

MONDAY TO THURSDAY	OPEN after the 9 am Mass Until 11 am.	CLOSED 11 am to 4 pm	OPEN 4 pm to 5 pm
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SATURDAY		CLOSED DURING MORNING AND MASS	OPEN 1 hour after 4pm Sat. Vigil 5 pm to 6 pm
SUNDAY		CLOSED DURING MORNING AND MASS	OPEN 1 hour after 4pm Sat. Vigil, after 9am Mass, after 11:30 Mass 4 pm to 5 pm

Do you like to spend a quiet time with Jesus, adoring Him in the Most Blessed Sacrament, outside our scheduled open hours? Please call (805) 441-5428 at least a day ahead. We'll be delighted to open the chapel for you.

¿Te gusta pasar un momento de tranquilidad con Jesús, adorándolo en el Santísimo Sacramento, fuera de nuestro horario de atención? Llame al (805) 441-5428 con un día de anticipación. Estaremos encantados de abrir la capilla para fi.







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 Guadalupe, Mother of the Eucharist, Pray for us. Señor Jesucristo.

nos das tu carne y tu sangre para la vida del mundo, y deseas que todos los hombres vengan a la Cena del Sacrificio del Cordero. Renueva en tu Iglesia la verdad, la belleza y la bondad contenidas en la Santísima Eucaristía.

Jesús que vives en la Eucaristía, ven y vive en mí.

Jesús, que sanas en la Eucaristía, ven y sáname.

Jesús, que te sacrificas en la Eucaristía,

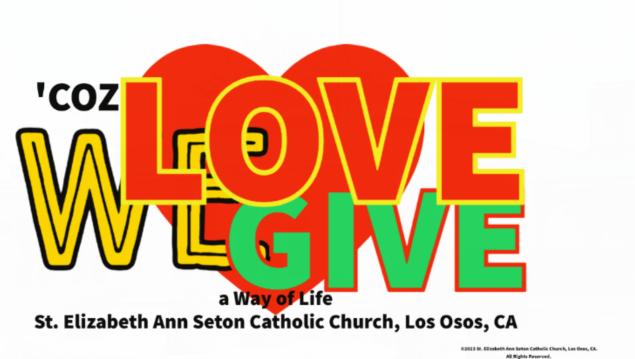
ven y sufre en mí. Jesús, resucitado en la Eucaristía,

ven y resucita a una nueva vida en mí.

Jesús, amando en la Eucaristía, ven y ama en mí.

Señor Jesucristo, por el misterio pascual de tu muerte y resurrección, hecho presente en cada Santa Misa, derrama tu amor sanador sobre tu Iglesia y sobre nuestro mundo. Concédenos que, mientras te elevamos durante este tiempo de Avivamiento Eucarístico, tu Espíritu Santo atraiga a todas las personas a unirse a nosotros en este Banquete de la Vida. Tú vives y reinas con el Padre y el Espíritu Santo, Dios por los siglos de los siglos.

Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, Madre de la Eucaristía, ruega por nosotros.



The final purple candle of the Advent wreath is the can- purchased for us the rewards of eternal life. dle for Love.

Holy Scripture tells us so much about love:

"How priceless is your unfailing love, O God! People take refuge in the shadow of your wings." Ps 36: 7

with small attacks about things we like, or about our characteristics in general. Bad things can happen to us or to ried out disproportionally by a very tiny fraction of people, our loved ones: illness, accidents, poverty, loss of job, family moving away, death, etc. God did not create bad things. In fact he is perfect and all loving. When original sin entered into the world it allowed for other evil to enter too. God takes these bad things that we offer up to him, living under the shadow of his wings, and through the Cross sanctifies them allowing something beautiful to rise from the ashes of our sorrow and sadness.

"God is infinitely good and all his works are good. Yet no one can escape the experience of suffering or the evils in nature which seem to be linked to the limitations proper to creatures: and above all to the question of moral evil. Where does evil come from? "I sought whence evil comes and there was no solution", said St. Augustine, and his own painful quest would only be resolved by his conversion to the living God. For "the mystery of lawlessness" is clarified only in the light of the "mystery of our religion". The revelation of divine love in Christ manifested at the same time the extent of evil and the superabundance of grace. We must therefore approach the question of the origin of evil by fixing the eyes of our faith on him who alone is its conqueror. "(CCC 385)

"Help me, LORD my God; save me according to your unfailing love." Ps 109:26

God's love is unbridled as his precious children. Think begotten Son, who by His life, death, and resurrection has charist. God loves us. 'cuz we love, we give.

"Anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love." 1 Jn 4:8

We are all wounded people. Life wounds. God heals. In a Psychology Today article, What Actually Is Evil? And Life can be difficult and challenging. We are bombarded What Makes People Carry Out Evil Acts? (2021), Ralph Lewis, MD argues that violence and crime in society is carbut much of the things we would consider 'evil in the world' are truly caused by irrational impulsive reactions to the actions or words of others. Think of Jesus as he teaches us to pray, "Forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us..." (Mt 6:12) What happens then when forgiveness is infused into the action-reaction scenario? Forgiveness has its roots in love. Forgiveness is a powerful witness to God's love. It is not a forgetting, but an acknowledging that another acted or spoke badly because they are suffering and in need of love.

> So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him." 1 Jn 4:16

> When we live love through our faith, hope, and love we partake in Christ's mission on earth which configures us with the will of the Father through the help of the Holy Spir-

> "Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God." 1 Jn 4:7 and "I give you a new commandment:\* love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." Jn 13:34-25

Through our very lives we are called to action to love one another as God has love us. Perhaps it is praying for those living in war zones. When we encounter that person of when Christmas comes and we celebrate the Lord made who is hungry and cannot afford a meal, that is an invitation manifest, God made man, born of the Virgin Mary. God so to love by offering to pay for their food. Maybe it is taking loves us that he made himself into something that could be the extra jacket we have unused in our closet to a collecheld and love more dearly. He gave us himself to gaze tion center. Maybe it is taking our children to Mass so they upon and be looked back in the eye. He gave us his only can hear the Good News and experience Christ in the Eu-

# **ESSING TO CHRIST IN THE EUCHARIST** S.E.A.S. PARISHIONERS

# JUNE 11, 2023 — JULY 17, 2024

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St. Cyril of Jerusalem, this doctor of the Church, as Bishop of Jerusalem, suffered deeply for his faith. He was the sworn enemy of the heretic, Arius, who denied Christ's divinity. His most important writing was the catechetical compendium which has become the standard for all catechisms since the end of the fourth century.

St. Cyril wrote extensively on the Holy Eucharist as Sacrifice, Communion, and Real Presence. His writings are not only clear and uncomplicated, they show us how unqualified was the faith of the early Church in the priestly powers of changing bread and wine into the living Jesus Christ. Among the classic passages that have been quoted over the centuries, the following is typical:

The bread and wine of the Eucharist before the invocation of the holy and adorable Trinity were simply bread and wine. But after the invocation the bread becomes the Body of Christ and the wine becomes the Blood of Christ. (Catechetical Discourses, 19,7).

What is most significant about this profession of faith in the Real Presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist is its unqualified clarity. From the dawn of Christian history, faith in the Holy Eucharist as the living Christ has been continuous. Thus we have writers like St. Ignatius of Antioch, St. Justin the martyr, St. Ireneus, St. Cyprian, and many others, all attesting to the presence of the living Christ in the Holy Eucharist through the words of consecration at Mass.

This is especially important in our day when professedly Catholic theologians undermine this faith by claiming that it is a later development of Christian thought. Moreover, the earliest Fathers of the Church never dissociated the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist from the priesthood, instituted by the Savior at the Last Supper. So true is this that we may simply declare that Christian Patrology always associates two sacraments: the Holy Eucharist and the Priesthood. Without the priesthood there would be no Eucharist.

> Fr John Hardon, S.J. Excerpt from Eucharistic Saints <u>Library : Eucharistic Saints | Catholic Culture</u> Last accessed 12/22/2023

"Even of itself the teaching of the Blessed Paul is sufficient to give you a full assurance concerning those Divine Mysteries, of which having been deemed worthy, ye are become of the same body and blood with Christ. For you have just heard him say distinctly, That our Lord Jesus Christ in the night in which He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks He brake it, and gave to His disciples, saying, Take, eat, this is My Body: and having taken the cup and given thanks, He said, Take, drink, this is My Blood.1 Since then He Himself declared and said of the Bread, This is My Body, who shall dare to doubt any longer? And since He has Himself affirmed and said, This is My Blood, who shall ever hesitate, saying, that it is not His blood?"

#### St. Cyril of Jerusalem

The Catechetical Lectures of St. Cyril of Jerusalem (St. Cyril of Jerusalem lived 313 AD—386 AD)

# PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, Come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there And unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Jesús mío, creo que estás realmente presente en el Santísimo Sacramento.

te amo sobre toda las cosas, y te deseo en el interior de mi alma.

Ya que en este momento no puedo recibirte sacramentalmente, ven al menos espiritualmente a mi corazón; estando dentro de mí, yo te abrazo y me uno todo a Ti.

No permitas nunca que me separe de Ti. Amen.

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: ANIMA CHRISTI

Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me.

Blood of Christ, inebriate me.

Water from the side of Christ, wash me.

Passion of Christ, strengthen me.

O Good Jesus, hear me. Within your wounds hide me.

Separated from you, let me never be.

From the evil one, protect me.

At the hour of my death, call me.

And close to you bid me;

That with your Saints, I may be, praising you

For ever and ever. Amen.

Alma de Cristo, santificame.

Cuerpo de Cristo, sálvame.

Sangre de Cristo, embriágame.

Agua del costado de Cristo, lávame.

Pasión de Cristo, confórtame.

¡Oh, buen Jesús!, óyeme.

Dentro de tus llagas, escóndeme.

No permitas que me aparte de Ti.

Del maligno enemigo, defiéndeme

En la hora de mi muerte, llámame.

Y mándame ir a Ti. Para que con tus santos te alabe.

Por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.

#### LET US PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING / OREMOS POR

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- Michael Culbertson
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# ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD. LET YOUR PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM. MAY THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFULLY DEPARTED, THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD, REST IN PEACE. AMEN.

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# NSTRA. SÑRA. DE GUADALUPE NOVENA

Our Lady of Guadalupe Rosary Novena in Spanish are at 6:00pm each day. These following are the daily hosts.

### Diciembre / December (6:00pm)

3 Domingo: Mariluz, Chole, Mari Bory

4 Lunes: Mago

5 Martes: Amelia y Juan6 Miércoles: Coro (choir)7 Jueves: Adela C. Barboza8 Viernes: Estela y Lourdes

7:00pm Santa Misa Inmaculada Concepcion

9 Sábado: Guadalupanas10 Domingo: Tulis Hernandis11 Lunes: Daniela Maravilla; Iridali12 Martes: Víctor Gijon; Manda

#### NOTA:

- Favor de traer sus proprias rosas para la ofrenda floral a la Virgen durante el rezo del Santo Rosario. Please bring your own roses for the floral offering to the Virgin during the prayer of the Holy Rosary.
- 2) El grupo Guadalupanas necesita asegurarse de limpiar los espacios utilizados y ordenar los baños. The Guadalupanas group needs to make sure to clean the spaces used and tidy the bathrooms.

# NSTRA. SÑRA. DE GUADALUPE FIESTA

12-12-23 Mañanita 6:00 am Procesión y Rosario at parking lot 5:15 pm Santa Misa 6:00 pm

# 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT MASS SCHEDULE

12-23-2023 Vigil Mass 4:00pm

12-24-2023 Sunday English Mass 9:00am Misa in Español 11:30am

# **CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

12-24-23 8:00 pm Christmas "Midnight" Mass

12-25-23 9:00 am Christmas Day English Mass 11:30 am Christmas Day Misa en Español

# **JANUARY 2024 MASS SCHEDULE**

New Year's Day is the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. In 2024, this Solemnity is not a holy day of obligation.

1-1-2024, Monday 9:00am—English Mass 11:30am—Spanish Mass

# **SIMBANG GABI 2023 SCHEDULE**

(Nine evening Masses Before Christmas in honor of Our Blessed Mother Mary)

COUNTER	DATE	DAY	TIME	TIME MASS READING	CHURCH
1st Evening	Dec 15	Friday	5:00pm	Readings/Prayers of Saturday 12-16	SEAS
2nd Evening	Dec 16	Saturday	4:00pm	Readings/Prayers of Sunday 12-17	SEAS
3rd Evening	Dec 17	Sunday	5:00pm	Readings/Prayers of Monday 12-18	SEAS
4th Evening	Dec 18	Monday	5:00pm	Readings/Prayers of Tuesday 12-19	SEAS
5th Evening	Dec 19	Tuesday	5:00pm	Readings/Prayers of Wednesday 12-20	SEAS
6th Evening	Dec 20	Wednesday	5:00pm	Readings/Prayers of Thursday 12-21	Madonna del Sasso, 320 E Laurel Dr., Salinas
7th Evening	Dec 21	Thursday	5:00pm	Readings/Prayers of Friday 12-22	SEAS
8th Evening	Dec 22	Friday	5:00pm	Readings/Prayers of Saturday morning 12-23	SEAS
9th Evening	Dec 23	Saturday	4:00pm	Readings/Prayers of Sunday 12-24	SEAS

<sup>\*</sup>n.b.: Sponsors serve as lector, psalmist, reader of Prayer of the Faithful, offer gifts of bread and wine.

<sup>\*\*</sup>More information will be forthcoming as our Filipino community gathers and plans with Fr. Joey for these Masses.

# SEASLOBSERVE

# SIMBANG GABI CELEBRATIONS

Many thanks to all of our sponsors for the Simbang Gabi Masses which occur the nine days before Christmas. Many thanks too to Fr. Joey and to Fr. Edwin for being our presiders at these Masses.

Simbang Gabi are a series of devotional nine day series of votive Masses celebrated by Filipino Catholics usually done in the early morning hours or can be done after sunset the prior evening from December 16th to the 24th. It is similar to the tradition of the nine dawn Masses celebrated in Puerto Rico and other places around the world where the Spanish had colonies.

The last Simbang Gabi Mass, known as Misa de Gallo, is on the evening of December 24th. Mis a de Gallo in Spanish is the Rooster's Mass or the Shepherd's Mass. This Mass actually has its roots dating back to 381 when pilgrims traveled to Jerusalem and witnessed the Catholics in Jerusalem honoring the Christmas mystery with a midnight vigil at Bethlehem and had a torchlight procession to Jerusalem ending at the Church of the Resurrection.

Fifty years later, after learning more, the Church through Pope Sixtus III instituted the practice of the midnight Mass after the cockcrow. 'Misa de Gallo' is the name of this Mass in Spain. (Eli, Minglana. Filipinojournal.com, vol 27, no 24., accessed Dec. 22, 2023)

For our Filipino families Simbang Gabi is a national tradition for Christmas, starting in the 1600s, and is a time where families spend time together and celebrate Jesus together. Bells. marching bands, Christmas lights like those made of shell lead parishioners to Jesus as the faithful walk to church. (cebuinsights.com. Misa de Gallo: An Iconic Filipino Christmas Tradition. Last accessed Dec. 22, 2023) As a part of the lives of many of our parishioners we share the love of this tradition with all.



# **POSADA**



On Sunday, Dec. 17th the parents of our catechism students hosted a Posada for the parish children. Many thanks to the parents for organizing and providing food for this year's posada for the children. We also acknowledge the choir team of parents who did much of the background work: Rocio Hernandez, Mariluz Arenes, and Efrain Reves. Special thanks to Blanca Villalba who guided the youth and other parents acting as innkeepers in how to sing the songs for the Posada when 'Mary, Joseph, and the Angels' knocked at he door.

We are glad that everyone had fun. Many thanks to the parents' group for providing gifts for all the children. Many thanks to all who cleaned afterwards.

The Posada is a devotional re-enactment of Mary and Joseph's search for an inn to stay at in the days leading to Jesus' birth. It is tradition throughout Mexico and all of Latin America.

# **CHRISTMAS PREPARATIONS**

On Friday, December 22nd many people were found helping at the church. We acknowledge those who helped with decorations Kathy Simbang Gabi & Misa del Gallo. Last Gaoiran Bartlett, The Hurley Family: Sean, David, Tristan, and Seth; Mago Arroyo and the grandmother of Lorena Hernandez for work in preparing tamales for an impromptu sale on Sat. Dec 23 after Mass, and Ann Farrelly for bringing food for lunch. Many thanks to our Filipino families for contributing poinsettias and other flowers through the Simbang Gabi Masses too!

# SCHEDULE OF MASSES, READINGS & INTENTIONS

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DATE	TIME	INTENTIONS	READINGS YEAR A		
Vigil of Fourth Sunday of Advent 23 December 2023	4:00 pm English Sunday Mass	4:00pm & Betty Godinho (5of5); Ben & Josie Agapay and Family; Chris & Sherrie Camat and Family; Marianito & Aida Andres and Family; Lily & Michelle Parra; Mark & Pacita Anderson; Andrew Risener	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		
Fourth Sunday of Advent 24 December 2023	9:00 am English Mass  11:30am Spanish Mass  8:00 pm Christmas "Midnight" Mass	9:00am 11:30am ⊕Maria Estela Echevarria Guerrer(6of8) 8:00pm ⊕Eugen Simanek	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 Is 9:1-6 Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 Ti 2:11-14 Lk 2:1-14		
The Nativity of the Lord 25 December 2023	9:00 am English Christmas Mass 11:30am Spanish Christmas Mass	9:00am Parishioners & Friends of S.E.A.S. 11:30am Parishioners & Friends of S.E.A.S.	Is 52:7-10 Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14		
Tuesday Second Day within the Octave of Christmas 26 December 2023	Saint Stephen, The First Martyr 9:00 am English Mass	9:00am Norma Landry (B-day)	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 Mt 10:17-22		
Wednesday Third Day within the Octave of Christmas 27 December 2023	Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist 9:00 am English Mass 9:45 am Eng. Divine Mercy & Adoration 6:00pm Funeral Mass of Edgar Eduardo Vega	9:00am Fely Platou (B-day);	1 Jn 1:1-4 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 Jn 20:1a, 2-8		
Thursday Fourth Day within the Octave of Christmas 28 December 2023	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs 9:00 am English Mass	9:00am ⊕ Amedeo Sciortino	1 Jn 1:5—2:2 Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8 Mt 2:13-18		
Friday Fifth Day within the Octave of Christmas 29 December 2023	9:00 am English Mass  6:00 pm Spanish Divina Misericordia, Adoration y Bendición 7:00 pm Spanish Mass	9:00am 7:00pm	1 Jn 2:3-11 Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 Lk 2:22-35		
Vigil of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph 30 December 2023	4:00 pm English Sunday Mass	11:00am Baptism of Isaac Davies 4:00pm	Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3 Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40		
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph 31 December 2023	9:00 am English Mass 11:30am Spanish Mass	9:00am 11:30am⊕Joseph Carlson; ⊕Maria Estela Echevarria Guerrero(7of8)	Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3 Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40		

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