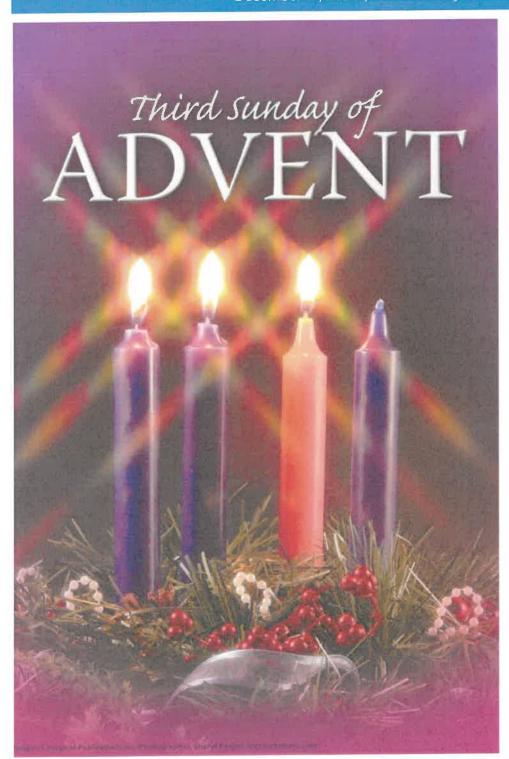
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December 17, 2023 | Third Sunday of Advent



MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Saturday 8:15 am

Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm

Sunday 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:15 am and 5:00 pm

Rite of Reconciliation (Confessions) Saturday following the 8:15 am Mass in the church.

Anointing of the Sick Please call or visit the parish office to make an appointment.

Parish Office Hours Mon-Fri: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Saturday & Sunday Closed

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FROM OUR PASTORAL STAFF

Dear Parishioners and Visitors.

The Third Sunday of Advent has a Latin nickname: "Gaudete Sunday." Gaudete is the first word of the Entrance Antiphon for this day in Latin, and it means "Rejoice!" The full text of the antiphon is "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed the Lord is near." (Phil. 4:4-5) Joy is a special theme for this day. This is why we light the rose-colored candle of the Advent wreath on the Third Sunday of Advent; it's a way of "lightening things up."

It's possible that, with the hustle and bustle of holiday activities, some people might be experiencing a bit of stress these days; if so, this message of joy is especially timely. The upcoming celebration of the Birth of Christ is too wonderful for us to allow anything to get us down.

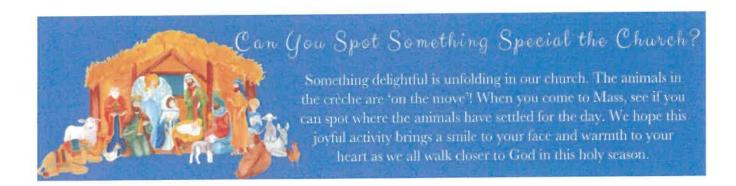
I can't help thinking of one of the first major documents written by Pope Francis; it is entitled "The Joy of the Gospel." The Holy Father began the document with these words: "The joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. Those who accept his offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness, and loneliness. With Christ joy is constantly born anew."

How, then, can we cultivate joy in our lives? Here are a few ideas:

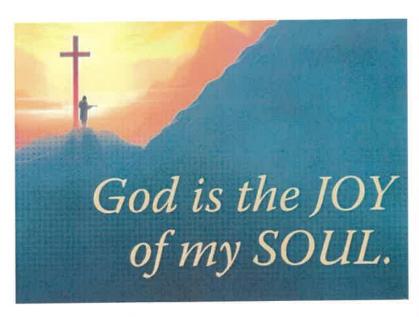
- Be attentive to your relationship with Jesus Christ. Make sure that prayer is a regular part of your daily life.
- Pray specifically for the gift of joy.
- Pay attention to the moral aspect of your life. The Lord says, "If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete." (John 15:10-11)
- Surrender to the will of God. He really does know what is best for us.
- Keep a good sense of humor. It helps!
- Cultivate a grateful disposition. We have so many blessings!

May this season be a time of joy for all of us.

Fr. Philip



THE WEEK AHEAD



SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

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

Lk 1:5-25

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

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, Thursday:

20-21/Lk 1:39-45

1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk Friday:

1:46-56

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and Saturday:

14/Lk 1:57-66

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, Sunday:

29 (2a)/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading: "'Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me; your throne shall stand firm forever," (2 Sm 28:16)

Second Reading: The revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages but now manifested through the prophetic writings and, according to the command of the eternal God, made known to all nations to bring about the obedience of faith. (Rom 16:25-26)

Gospel: "Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus." (Lk 1:31) (Jn 1:23)

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Wednesday, December ADORATION 9:15 am - 8:45 pm

SSJ HAPPENINGS

Monday, December 18

- 8:15 am Mass | † Terrence Connor
- 7:00 pm Advent Penance Service
- 7:00 pm Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (formerly RCIA) (FR)

Tuesday, December 19

- 8:15 am Mass | † Fulgencia Tancinco
- 9:00 am Little Saints (FR)
- 11:00 am Funeral Frank Saeman

Wednesday, December 20

- 6:30 am Men's Bible Study (FR)
- 8:15 am Mass | † Jackie McGlynn
- 3:30 pm Parking Lot Prayer
- 4:00 pm Centering Prayer (FR)

Thursday, December 21 - St. Peter Canisius

9:00 am Mass | † Christine Deeley-Wood

Friday, December 22

8:15 am Mass | † Judy Pires

Saturday, December 23 - St. John of Kanty

- 8:15 am Mass | † Yukari Thiesen
- 9:00 am Confessions
- 4:00 pm Mass | † Adelaide Cota

Sunday, December 24 - 4th Sunday of Advent/Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord

- 8:00 am Mass | † Pauline Rangel
- 9:30 am Mass | † Fernando Rangel
- 11:15 am Mass | † Madeline Simone
- 4:00 pm Mass | † Reona Furrell
- 4:00 pm Mass | † Reona Furrell (Colman Hall)
- 6:00 pm Mass | † Giovanna Reynolds
- 8:00 pm Mass | † Ed & Winifred Olson
- 10:00 pm Mass | Hannah Landry



IN REMEMBRANCE

Our deepest sympathy and heartfelt prayers go out to parishioners and their family members who have died recently: Rosa Aldaz.

FAITH FORMATION & SACRAMENTS

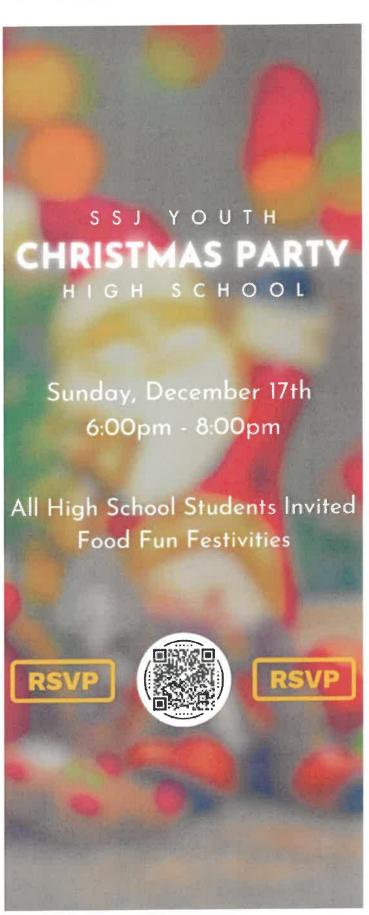




DECEMBER 19 & JANUARY 9

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All are Welcome to Join our Prayer Community

2nd and 4th Mondays of the Month 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the Church

Tuesdays 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm via Zoom

Wednesdays 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm In the Franciscan Rooms

No experience is necessary.

"I have told you this so my JOY may be in you and your JOY may be complete." John 15:11

For more information contact Kathy Blauer at ssj.org

Please pray for the sick of our parish

Presley Barreca
Preston Barreca
Elizabeth Barreca
Michael Fernandez
Jeannette Stephen
Roxzane Doran
Barbara Wilson
Marlene Mahem
Carol Lauritis
Irene Vinch



AROUND THE COMMUNITY

Saints Simon & Jude Mission Outreach: Advent Week III

"Love and charity are service, helping others, serving others. There are many people who spend their lives in this way, in the service of others. When you forget yourself and think of others, this is love!"

—Pope Francis, Jubilee Audience March 12, 2016

This Advent season we prayed for and reflected upon the needs of others. We endeavored to recognize the face of Jesus in our daily interactions with one another as we lived out the gospel by "responding to those in need."

Thank you to the parish for making real Pope Francis' call to serve others. Your generosity and spirit helped to bring the joy of Christmas to families with children at **Thomas House**. Your donations of hygiene items and warm weather kits were an expression of caring to the hundreds of families and individuals served by **Share Our Selves**. You helped provide young foster-care mothers and their babies at **Mary's Path** the items needed to start a healthy family, and you helped the seniors at **Sea Cliff Assisted Living** to feel less alone.

In this last stretch of the Journey of Advent let us continue to focus on helping others with a heart full of joy.

"This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." —John 13:35

you to go forth and bear much fruit" (John 15:12, 16)

Parishioner Donation Summary for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024

Collection		Actual Amount		Budgeted Amount	
November Ordinary Collection (Sunday and Online Donations)	\$	127,290	\$	124,834	
Year to Date Ordinary Collections through June 30, 2024	\$	686,323	\$	660,367	
Number of Donors		778			



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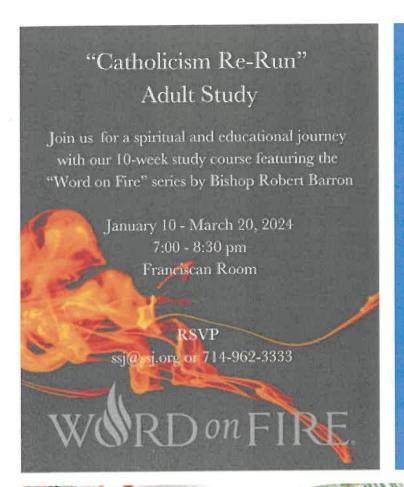
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Current Pledges - 304,000 Pledges Paid - \$296,000 Donors - 428

AROUND THE COMMUNITY





National Alliance on Mental Illness

Family to Family Class January 11th 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm Community Center

This class is for families and friends of mentally ill adults. The class begins January 11th and continues for 8 weeks. There is no cost. We provide information about various illnesses, medications, and how to communicate and care for your mentally ill loved one.

To register, contact Claire at (714) 544-8488 or jang-cjang@namioc.org.

CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS AT SAINTS SIMON & JUDE

4th Sunday of Advent - Sunday, December 24

· 8:00 am, 9:30 am & 11:15 am - Church

Christmas Eve - Sunday, December 24

- 4:00 pm Church & Colman Hall
- 6:00 pm Church
- 8:00 pm Church
- 10:00 pm Church

Christmas Day - Monday, December 25

- 9:30 am Church
- 11:15 am Church

New Year's Day - Monday, January 1

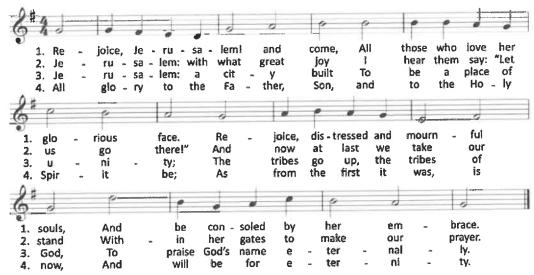
• 9:30 am - Church





PRAYERS, READINGS & WORSHIP

Entrance: Rejoice, Jerusalem! and Come - OLD HUNDREDTH



Penitential Act: Kyrie Litany of Praise - Bob Hurd



Reading I: Is 61:1-2A, 10-11

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to announce a year of favor from the LORD and a day of vindication by our God. 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 and wrapped me in a mantle of justice, like a bridegroom adorned with a diadem, like a bride bedecked with her jewels. As the earth brings forth its plants, and a garden makes its growth spring up, so will the Lord GOD make justice and praise spring up before all the nations.

Responsorial Psalm: Luke 1 - Owen Alstott



Reading II: 1 Thes 5:16-24

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good. Refrain from every kind of evil. May the God of peace make you perfectly holy and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will also accomplish it.

Gospel Acclamation: Canticle Gospel Acclamation



V: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.

PRAYERS, READINGS & WORSHIP

Gospel: Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. And this is the testimony of John. When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to him to ask him, "Who are you?" He admitted and did not deny it, but admitted, "I am not the Christ." So they asked him, "What are you then? Are you Elijah?" And he said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No." So they said to him, "Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us? What do you have to say for yourself?" He said: "I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'make straight the way of the Lord,'" as Isaiah the prophet said." Some Pharisees were also sent. They asked him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." This happened in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

Preparation of the Gifts: Emmanuel - Steve Angrisano



O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear.

O come, O Wisdom from on high, Who ordered all things mightily; To us the path of knowledge show, And teach us in her ways to go.

O come, O Rod of Jesse's stem; From ev'ry foe deliver them That trust your mighty pow'r to save, And give them vict'ry o'er the grave.

11:15 Mass: People, Look East - arr. Eugene Butler

People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year. Make your house fair as you are able, Trim the hearth and set the table. People, look east and sing today: Love, the guest, is on the way.

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there: Give up your strength the seed to nourish, That in course the flower may flourish. People, look east and sing today: Love, the rose, is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall brim, Shining beyond the frosty weather, Bright as sun and moon together. People, look east and sing today: Love, the star, is on the way.

Angels, announce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to earth. Set every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming. People, look east and sing today: Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Eucharistic Acclamations: Mass of Saint Mary Magdalene - Sarah Hart

Profession of Faith

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages, God from God. Light from Light, true God from true God. begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father: through him all things were made.

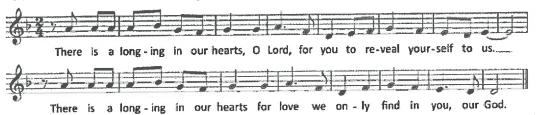
For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven. (BOW) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

PRAYERS, READINGS & WORSHIP

Communion: There Is a Longing - Anne Quigley



For justice, for freedom, for mercy: hear our prayer. In sorrow, in grief: be near, hear our prayer, O God.

For wisdom, for courage, for comfort: hear our prayer. In weakness, in fear: be near, hear our prayer, O God.

For healing, for wholeness, for new life: hear our prayer. In sickness, in death: be near, hear our prayer, O God.

Lord save us, take pity, light in our darkness. We call you, we wait: be near, hear our prayer, O God.

Meditation: The King Shall Come - Trevor Thomson

The King shall come when morning dawns and light triumphant breaks, When beauty gilds the eastern hills and life to joy awakes. Not, as of old, a little child, to bear, and fight, and die, But crowned with glory like the sun that lights the morning sky.

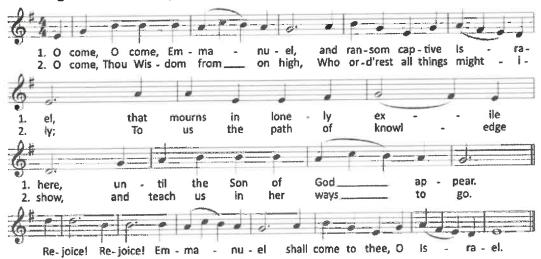
O brighter than the rising morn when he, victorious, rose And left the lonesome place of death, despite the rage of foes. O brighter than that glorious morn shall this fair morning be, When Christ, our King, in beauty comes, and we his face shall see!

The King shall come when morning dawns And light and beauty brings. Hail, Christ, the Lord! Thy people pray: Come quickly, King of kings. Come quickly, King of kings.

11:15am Mass: E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come - Paul Manz

Peace be to you and grace from him who freed us from our sins. Who loved us all, and shed his blood that we might saved be. Sing holy, holy to our Lord, The Lord almighty God. Who was and is, and is to come, Sing holy, holy Lord. Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein. Rejoice on earth, ye saints below. For Christ is coming, is coming soon. For Christ is coming soon. E'en so Lord Jesus quickly come and night shall be no more. They need no light, no lamp, nor sun, for Christ will be their all!

Sending Forth: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel - VENI VENI EMMANUEL





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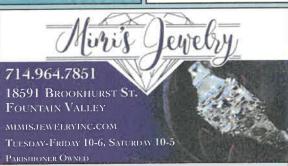
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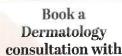
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