

CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

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2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*“Every valley shall be filled
and every mountain and hill shall be made low.
The winding roads shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”
- Lk 3:5-6*

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Parish Vision Statement

To be an enthusiastic, welcoming,
and serving Catholic Community of Christ's Disciples.

Parish Mission Statement

To joyfully and actively celebrate the sacraments,
to provide lifelong spiritual formation that nourishes our faith,
and to lovingly and compassionately serve the world.

Reconciliation:

Saturday, 4-4:45 p.m. Church.

Mass Schedule

Saturday, 8:15 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, 8:30, 10:00 and 11:30 a.m.
Mon.-Fri.: 8:15 a.m.
Tues. & Wed.: 5:30 p.m.

Parish Office

408-245-5554

For emergencies please call 650-447-5086

Infant Baptisms

Contact Rev. Phong Nguyen at the Parish
Office at 408-245-5554,
phongtaydoc@gmail.com for pre-baptismal
interview and instructions.

Marriage

Weddings normally take place in the parish
of the bride or groom. Couples wishing to
marry must contact one of the priests at least
six months prior to the proposed wedding
date.

Parish Staff

Pastor

Rev. Phong Nguyen

Priest in residence

Rev. Andrew Salapata

Deacon

Mike Haas

Parish Assistant

Mary-Clare Affonso

Music Director

Amy Stacke

Religious Education Director

Jeanne Matsuda

Office Hours

Mon.-Thurs. 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
(closed for lunch 12n-1p)
Closed on Friday

**San Jose Catholic Cemeteries,
Gate of Heaven,
650-428-3730**

Second Sunday of Advent



BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

This week and next, our Gospel readings invite us to consider John the Baptist and his relationship to Jesus. John the Baptist appears in the tradition of the great prophets, preaching repentance and reform to the people of Israel. To affirm this, Luke quotes at length from the prophet Isaiah. John baptizes for repentance and for forgiveness of sins, preparing the way for God's salvation.

The three Synoptic Gospels—Mark, Matthew, and Luke—attest to the importance of the baptism of John in preparing for Jesus. Only the Gospel of Luke, however, extends the connection between these two men to their birth. The first two chapters of Luke's Gospel contain the Infancy Narrative, which tells about the births of John the Baptist and Jesus. These stories set the stage for the beginning of Jesus' public ministry in chapter 3.

The evangelist Luke is the author of the Gospel that bears his name, and he also wrote the Acts of the Apostles as a continuation of the story of Jesus and the Church. In these two works, Luke's sense of time and history emerges. He identifies three epochs of salvation history: the time before Christ, the time of Christ, and the time of the Church and the Holy Spirit. In today's Gospel reading, as elsewhere, John the Baptist is presented as the figure who bridges the time before Christ and prepares the way for Christ's own ministry.

In today's Gospel we also note Luke's attention to political and historical detail. Luke shows that salvation is for all people and situated in world events. Therefore, Luke lists the political and religious leaders at the time of John's appearance in the desert. Salvation is understood as God's breaking into this political and social history.

John's preaching of the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus, we too are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. We respond to John's message by repentance and reform of our lives. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives the coming of the Lord, as John did.

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Donate Your Christmas Lawn Decor to Our School

Resurrection School is excited to create a Christmas display on the lawn between the parish and the parking lot this year.

However, we need large, outdoor decorations to make this display happen. If you have any outdoor Christmas decorations (preferably religious) that you would be willing to donate to the school, please contact Mr. Giuseppi Tanzi at

giuseppi.tanzi@rescatholicschool.org

or call the school at 408-245-4571.

Christmas Shop While Helping the School

Resurrection School participates in a Scrip fundraising program through RaiseRight.

This website allows you to buy digital gift cards for your family and friends, while giving a portion of the proceeds back to our school.

Visit the website at the QR code below and select 'Join Program.' Resurrection School's enrollment code is **F88L388L33351**.



MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

Intentions for December 7 - December 14

Sat.	8:15	Sergia Caroro †	(Fr. Kupo)
	5:00	Emiliano & Marcela Sabargan †, Emma Polet †, Ivan De Silva †	(Fr. Xavier)
Sun.	8:30	Paul & Elaine Gallus †	(Fr. Kupo)
	10:00	Robert Masik †	(Fr. Phong)
	11:30	People of the Parish	(Fr. Bob)
Mon.	8:15	Andy Hou †	(Fr. Kupo)
	5:30		(Fr. Phong)
Tues.	8:15	Mercie Cereno †	(Fr. Phong)
	5:30	A. J. Callo †	(Fr. Phong)
Wed.	8:15	Janice Mercer †	(Fr. Mercer)
	5:30		(Fr. Victor)
Thur.	8:15	Celeste Martins †	(Fr. Mercer)
Fri.	8:15	Fr. Alexander Affonso †	(Fr. Xavier)
Sat.	8:15		(Fr. Phong)
	5:00	Emma Polet †	(Fr. Xavier)



SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, DEC 9

Not a Holy day of Obligation this year.

Masses on Monday, December 9, at 8:15 am and 5:30 pm. Collection to be taken at both these Masses.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

2 Sun Advent:

Monday: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-2, 2-6 (3); Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8 and 10; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6 and 6; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

3 Sun Advent: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6 (6); Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Thanks to our parishioners who returned their offerings to the Lord for November 30/December 1:

Regular collection **\$6,251**.

2nd collection for Parish maintenance **\$1,488**.

St. Vincent de Paul collection **\$3,160**.

TODAY, 2ND COLLECTION FOR RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

DEC 9, COLLECTION FOR IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

DEC 14/15, 2ND COLLECTION FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



Saints & Special Observances of the Week

Mon, Dec 9: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patronal Feast Day of the United States of America.



Today, we celebrate the patronal solemnity of the United States and the greatest of Mary's Advent festivals. Originating in the 7th c. feast of the "Conception of Mary by St. Anne," Pope Clement XI, in his Bull, *Commissi Nobis*, established this solemnity for the entire Church in 1708; patroness of the United States of America, Spain, Tanzania, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. On that day we remember Mary's conception in the womb of her mother (and nine months later, on September 8, we celebrate Mary's birth). In this liturgy, we affirm our belief that God prepared Mary to be the mother of the son of God by allowing her a share, from the moment of her conception, in the salvation that would be won for all by Christ.

Tues, Dec 10: Our Lady of Loreto.

Recently added by Pope Francis to the Roman Calendar, the Optional Memorial of Our Lady of Loreto recalls the mystery of the Incarnation. Since the Middle Ages, veneration for the Holy House of Loreto has powerfully illustrated the evangelical virtues of the Holy Family. A Marian Liturgy, also known as the Litany of Loreto, has its first-known origins at the Shrine of Our Lady of Loreto (Italy), where its usage was recorded as early as 1558. Our Lady of Loreto is the patron saint of aviation.

Wed, Dec 11: St. Damasus I, Pope.

Damasus, died 384; preserved papal archives; devoted to the relics and resting places of the martyrs; combated the anti-pope Ursinus, Arian and Donatist heresies; first pope to speak of Rome as "the Apostolic See"; encouraged Jerome to produce a new translation of the Latin Bible, later to form the main part of the Vulgate.

Thurs, Dec 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe (USA).

Today's feast recalls the apparitions of Mary at the hill of Tepeyac from December 9-12, 1531 to the native convert, Cuauhtlatzin (Juan Diego); while he was on his way to a Eucharistic celebration in Tlatelolco, Mexico. known to the Aztecs as *Tecoatlaxope* (or *de Guadalupe* in Spanish), meaning "she will crush the serpent of stone"; Thus Our Lady of Guadalupe remains the enduring icon of unity-in-diversity, the fruit of our one baptism into Jesus, her Son; raised to the rank of feast for all the countries of the Americas.

Fri, Dec 13: St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr.

Lucy, died probably in Sicily c. 304 under Diocletian; because of her name, she is the patroness of those afflicted with diseases of the eye and associated with festivals of light, especially in Scandinavia; patroness of Syracuse and all Sicily.

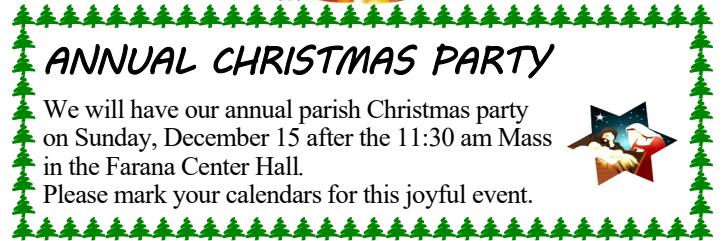
Sat, Dec 14: St. John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church.

John of the Cross, died 1591; born in Fontiveros, Spain c. 1542; mystic and poet; ally of Teresa of Jesus of Avila in founding the reformed ("Discalced") Carmelite friars; suffered cruel imprisonment and privations by the unreformed Carmelites; authored *The Ascent of Mount Carmel*, *The Dark Night of the Soul*, *the Spiritual Canticle*, and *The Living Flame of Love*; known as the "Mystical Doctor." Discalced Carmelites today number over 4,000 religious.



Mr. & Mrs. Jack Chen & Family,
Mr. & Mrs. Michael de Ridder & Family.

Community Resources



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

We will have our annual parish Christmas party on Sunday, December 15 after the 11:30 am Mass in the Farana Center Hall.

Please mark your calendars for this joyful event.



COME CELEBRATE THE JOYS AND SONGS OF THE SEASON

All are invited to join us for an Advent/Christmas Concert; "Comfort & Joy" with Steve Angrisano & Sarah Hart.

Also featured will be our children & youth and the St. Francis High liturgy band.

On Thursday, December 12, at 7 pm in the Church

A reception will follow with Christmas cookies and hot cider.

Bring the whole family!

No reservations needed, free will offering at the door.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CORNER

St. Vincent de Paul helpline# 408-773-6185

Website: svdpresurrection.yolasite.com

Neighbor-to-neighbor assistance: We wish to thank all of the parishioners who generously give to our SVdP conference. Your donations make it possible for us to help many needy families during these difficult economic times.

Please remember us at next weekend's **second collection**.

In October, we helped twenty-nine families with assistance including \$3,042 in grocery gift cards and food, \$2,300 in rent payments, \$1,909 in utility payments, \$1,950 in twinning to other SVdP conferences, \$132 in miscellaneous expenses and fifty-two bags of groceries from our pantry.

Giving tree: ONE MORE WEEK to buy, wrap and return your gift. The giving tree in the rear of the Church is decorated with gift requests from several organizations serving the needy in the Santa Clara valley, including Catholic Charities and Emmanuel House. Please consider taking home a gift tag and fulfilling someone's Christmas wish. Gift cards or wrapped gifts should be returned to the Church with the original tag attached no later than next Sunday, **December 15th**.



2024 SIMBANG GABI

All are Welcome

Our parish will celebrate three days of Simbang Gabi.

Please join us to celebrate this traditional Filipino celebration:

December 19 at 5:30 pm

December 20 at 5:30 pm

December 21 at 5 pm



WELCOME TO OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED

Ashling Xinyi Zhou,
child of Chao Zhou &
Ciara Ashling McCaffrey.



PRAYER list

FOR HEALING

Bill, Bob Redlus, Joe & Kathy Poulos, Nathan Diaz, Luke Dias, Angelica Dias & Family, Geni Sundquist, Karen Ostrowski, Mary Perkins, Charlotte Bignotti, Sandra Lucatero, Chuck Blalock, Val Lampman, Jan Cleveland, Ray Flores, Darina Kavanagh, Joanne Yabes-Aquino, Maggie Coté, Mike Miller, Fr. Rey Sarmiento.

FOR DECEASED

Clell VanBever, Pete Pappas, Debra Pavlina, Charlotte Kearns.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING

The Anointing of the sick with the Oil of the Sick and prayers for healing is celebrated with those who are seriously ill, preparing for surgery, or frail and elderly.
In case of an urgent need for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, call **650-447-5086**.



WELCOME TO CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

You are cherished by God and are welcomed to celebrate with us here in our faith community. If you are interested in more information about our parish, would like to register with us, or are a current parishioner with a change in your contact information, please fill out this form and place it, in the collection basket, in the suggestion box at the door or in the mail.

Name: _____
Address: _____ City: _____
State, Zip: _____ Phone: _____
Email: _____

New Parishioner New Address Moving-remove from list
 Please send contribution envelopes

Our website: www.resurrection-church.org

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Staff Information

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Our Community parishioners in service to others Ministries' Page

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Facilities Committee co-chair		
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Liturgy	Deacon Mike Haas	408-616-9315
Director of Music	Amy Stacke	408-245-5554
Eucharistic Ministers	Ric Shimshock	408-733-4890
Eucharist to the Sick & Homebound	Fr. Phong Nguyen	phongtaydoc@gmail.com
Proclaimers	Tim Coté	408-482-1460
Altar Servers Training	Fr. Phong	408-245-5554
Liturgical Environment	Carol Bruce	
Ushers leader	Anthony Prakash	anthony.prakash@gmail.com

Resurrection School	Jacque Wright, Principal	408-245-4571
Religious Education Classes	Jeanne Matsuda	408-772-5383
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults	Deacon Mike Haas	408-616-9315
Baptisms	Fr. Phong Nguyen	phongtaydoc@gmail.com
Baptismal Preparation Class	Online: catechismclass.com	catechismclass.com
Respect Life Ministry	Roger Bonilla	408-736-7138
Cursillo (men)	Bobby Montalvo	408-518-2864
Men's Faith Sharing Group	Deacon Mike Haas	408-616-9315
Sat Mom Women's Faith Sharing	Letitia Roddy Masik	408-245-2611
Legion of Mary	Elvie McCallion	408-393-5734
Rosary		
Thur. Morning Prayer & Adoration	Parish Office	408-245-5554

St. Vincent de Paul	Roger Bonilla	408-736-7138
Hospitality/Sun Donuts coordinator	Pauline De Souza	resparishhospitality@gmail.com
Hospitality/Sun Donuts scheduler	Remi Chatterier	
Fil-Am Group	Eden Bonin	408-245-4567
Italian-Catholic Federation	Ric Shimshock	408-733-4890
Knights of Columbus	Paul Dismuke	408-482-5718

If you suspect abuse in your parish, school or in the Diocese of San Jose, please contact: Child Protective Services at 833-722-5437; or call 911; or the Diocesan Office for the Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults at 408-983-0113 or email dsj.ethicspoint.com
If you suspect financial mismanagement in your parish, school or in the Diocese of San Jose, please contact EthicsPoint, dsj.ethicspoint.com