



# Holy Family Parish

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December 4, 2016 ❖ 2nd Sunday of Advent

## Welcome to Holy Family

Newcomers Gathering second Sunday of the month at 10:45am in the Parish Office. Our next one will be **December 11.**

## Eucharist (Mass)

Sat: 8:30 am & 5:30 pm (*Vigil*)  
Sun: 8 am, 9:30 am, 11:15 am, 6 pm  
Mon: 8:05 am  
Tue – Fri: 7:30 am  
Holy days: As announced  
Holidays: 10 am  
Vietnamese Mass: Sat: 7:30 pm

## Parish Office Hours

M-F Mornings: 10:00 am—12:00 pm;  
Mon-Thu: 1:00 pm – 7:00 pm  
Fri: 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm  
Saturday: 10 am - 2 pm  
Sunday: 9 am - 1 pm

## Contact Us

Parish Office .....408-265-4040  
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## Preparing for the Lord's Coming

On Monday, Dec 12<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. How appropriate that as we approach the third Sunday of Advent, the “pink” Sunday and the Sunday of Hope that we approach and remind ourselves of the hope, joy and light that the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ brought to his mother and to the World.. As we prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ more deeply in our hearts and lives we also are reminded that his coming and Mary’s “Yes” to God was for all of the World are called to This was a time when Juan Diego’s (a poor indigenous Indian) uncle was in great need of healing. Our Lady of Guadalupe asked Juan Diego that in spite of what seemed to him a more urgent need to instead trust and have faith and deliver a message to the Spaniards and that all would be well.



The image of the Blessed Mother shows her pregnant, waiting for the birth of the Christ child. Waiting patiently is not always easy as any mother will tell you as she waits anxiously to behold her new born child. And there is so much to get done to be ready for a new baby in the house.

We have only to wait a little longer for Christmas to come. How have we prepared ourselves to receive Christ for the coming year? What extra preparation have we taken – not for the world’s vision of shopping, spending and gifts but for the spiritual home (our hearts and minds) for Christ. There are many opportunities still to come – the Mananitas Mass at 5am on the 12th or the Simbang Gabi Novena of Masses, which start on the 16<sup>th</sup>, are there to help us prepare and be ready for all the blessings that God has in store for us this year.

It is important for us all to remember to take the time for what is truly the most important thing and what Christmas is all about. Take the time to prepare ourselves and welcome the coming of the King. May God Bless you and your families this wonderful Advent season.

De Colores,  
Our Lady of Guadalupe Society

## Advent Preparation Suggestions

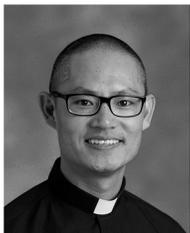
How is your Advent going? Do you need any help with other suggestions for making this Season of Advent a time to prepare your heart for the Lord? Here are a few:

You can find a link to Bishop Robert Barron’s Advent reflections on our parish website: [holymfamilysanjose.org](http://holymfamilysanjose.org).

There are also Advent and other reflections on our parish app. You can download it from: [MyParishApp.com](http://MyParishApp.com)

Dynamic Catholic (Matthew Kelley) has daily reflections that are e-mailed to you every day of Advent. It’s called “Best Advent Ever.”

There are numerous suggestions on facebook. Go to Holy Family’s page, you’ll find some there.



## *A Message From Our Pastor*

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Last weekend, we celebrated the first week of Advent which marks the beginning of our liturgical New Year—Year A. In both last and this weekend’s Gospel readings, Jesus exhorts us to prepare and repent for the kingdom of God is at hand (Mt 3:1-12, Mt 24:37-44).

As Christian Catholics, there is no better way for us to repent and prepare to meet Christ other than having a contrite heart in receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation, which is instituted by Christ for the forgiveness of sin. After Jesus resurrected, He appeared to His apostles and said: *“Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you. When he had said this he breathed on them and said, receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven them. Whose sins you shall retain, they are retained.”* (John 20:21-23)

For one to receive the Sacrament of Penance, Reconciliation, or Forgiveness, one has to come to a priest to confess one’s sin with sincerity as well as the will to do penance. Priests are also human and they are also prone to error and sin; nevertheless, when one comes to a priest, it is not him who forgives sin, but Christ Himself. Priests are only acting in the person of Christ (in persona Christi), cf (John 20:21-23). The Sacrament of Penance is so beautiful for it requires one to be humble enough to genuinely acknowledge one’s faults and seek God’s grace. Above all, Sacrament of Penance is not so much about our sinfulness, but about God’s love and mercy.

Whenever we come to receive this gracious Sacrament we are coming to embrace a deeper level of God’s love. God’s love is beyond our sin. Thus, regardless of our sin, God will wash it as white as snow (Isaiah 1:18). How blessed are we when we have the courage to receive this grace-filled Sacrament in love and faith! When receiving this Sacrament, we are truly a new creation for we will live in the state of grace again. It is truly a wonderful and peaceful feeling that this earth can’t give, but God alone (John 14:27).

Advent is a season of hope; to await the coming of our Lord, who comes to give peace, hope and eternal life. Thus, it is necessary for us to prepare our soul for this redemptive coming. The ultimate way is to receive God’s forgiveness via the sacrament of penance. Only then can we truly embrace the full meaning of Advent for our lives will be filled with much grace and strength. Above all, we will be immersed in God’s love and peace and able to embrace the full meaning of Christmas.

Our parish Advent reconciliation service will be held on Thursday December 15<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00PM. Please join us!

God bless,

Fr. Andrew Vu Nguyen

### **Eucharistic Adoration**

*Weekdays:* 12 pm - 3 pm  
*1st Fridays:* 8 am – 5 pm *Benediction*

### **Infant Baptism**

Preparation can begin before or after the birth of your child.

Call 408-265-4040 for more info.

### **Christian Initiation**

*(Baptism, Confirmation, Communion)*

If interested in the Catholic faith or completing the sacraments of initiation as an adult, youth or child, contact 408-265-5374.

### **Reconciliation (Confession)**

Saturdays, 4 pm - 5 pm,  
or by appointments at 408-265-4040.

### **Ministry to the Sick & Homebound**

Communion or Anointing of the Sick can be arranged for the sick or homebound at 408-265-4040.

### **Wedding**

Couples should contact a priest at 408-265-4040 at least six months prior to the proposed date of wedding.

### **Upcoming Events**

- Dec 7 6:30pm Adult Faith Formation
- Dec 8 Immaculate Conception  
(Holy Day of Obligation)  
Masses @7:30am & 7:30pm
- Dec 11 2pm A Christmas Story II
- Dec 12 5am Our Lady of Guadalupe
- Dec 15 7pm Advent Penance Liturgy
- Dec 16-24 5:30am Simbang Gabi
- Dec 24-26 Office Closed
- Dec 30 Parish Feast Day  
Masses @7:30am & 7:30pm
- Dec 31 New Year’s Eve Dinner Dance
- Jan 1 Feast of Mary, Mother of God



## **Holy Family School News**

Open House is on Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the Community Center. Our parish school is now accepting applications for the 2017-2018 school year. For more information contact the school office at 408-978-1355 or visit the website at [www.holyfamilyschoolsj.org](http://www.holyfamilyschoolsj.org).

Next week: 3rd Sunday of Advent \* December 10 & 11

Liturgy Focus	Date	Time	Music	Presider
Reconciliation	Sat 12/10	4:00pm		Fr. Edsil
General	Sat 12/10	5:30pm	Simbang Gabi	Fr. Edsil
General	Sun 12/11	8:00am	AFG	Fr. Edsil
Children Mass	Sun 12/11	9:30am	AFG	Fr. Edsil
General	Sun 12/11	11:15am	Scott & Gina	Fr. Andrew (Dcn Ray Preaches)
Youth	Sun 12/11	6:00pm	Life Teen	Fr. Andrew (Dcn Ray Preaches)

### NEW YEARS PARTY!

Planning to go to bed early on New Year's Eve?? WHY? Watching the ball drop in Times Square on TV? WHY? Not very exciting. Instead, join your friends and fellow parishioners at Holy Family's New Year's Eve Dinner Dance. Bring in the New Year with a good meal, a Silent Auction, dancing as if there were no tomorrow, and champagne toasts at midnight. Doesn't that sound better than another couch potato night? Tickets are on sale in the office and outside church after most masses. Only \$50 @ - but \$60 @ the door. Buy yours today - seating is limited. Hosted by your Knights of Columbus.

### Community Center & Youth Hall 2nd Collection Next week

We encourage you to make a contribution toward the upkeep of our Community Center and Youth Hall. Please use lavender envelopes and place them in the 2nd collection basket next week.

### Students 1<sup>st</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade can be Ministers at Mass

If you would like to find out more about being a candle bearer, lector, altar server, usher, singer, musician or Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist stop by the parish office to fill out an interest form. Training provided! We work with your schedule for flexible scheduling.

### Parish Advent Reconciliation Service

Mark your calendar for our annual reconciliation service on Thursday, December 15th at 7pm. Following the communal portion of the service, several priests will be available for individual confessions.

### Stewardship Report

November 19 & 20, 2016

#### Offertory by Mass

Saturday, 5:30pm ..... \$1,313.01  
 Sunday, 8am ..... \$2,444.60  
 Sunday, 9:30am ..... \$2,236.09  
 Sunday 11:15am ..... \$3,876.95  
 Sunday 6pm ..... \$837.36  
 Received in Office ..... \$1,834.00  
 Credit Card Receipts ..... \$300.00  
 Parish Pay Receipts ..... \$3,357.00  
**Total ..... \$16,199.01**

**Average Weekly Goal: \$18,000**

2nd Collection: \$2,180.07  
 Campaign for Human Development

November 26 & 27, 2016

#### Offertory by Mass

Saturday, 5:30pm ..... \$1,585.00  
 Sunday, 8am ..... \$1,731.00  
 Sunday, 9:30am ..... \$2,791.00  
 Sunday 11:15am ..... \$1,663.68  
 Sunday 6pm ..... \$1,323.68  
 Received in Office ..... \$1,940.00  
 Credit Card Receipts ..... \$00  
 Parish Pay Receipts ..... \$2,707.00  
**Total ..... \$13,741.32**

**Average Weekly Goal: \$18,000**

2nd Collection: \$2,796.74  
 Community Center/Youth Hall  
 Thanksgiving: \$3,071.50

*Thank you for your generosity.*

### Mass Intentions

Dec 3 5:30 pm Claudette Kalilikane +  
 Dec 4 8:00 am HF Parish & School  
 9:30 am Nghia Nguyen  
 11:15 am Simeona Espiritu +  
 6:00 pm HF Parish & School  
 Dec 5 8:05 am Barbara Jorgensen  
 Dec 6 7:30 am Fran Waligora +  
 Dec 7 7:30 am Luis F. Guanzon, Jr. +  
 Dec 8 7:30 am HF Parish & School  
 Dec 9 7:30 am Luis F. Guanzon, Jr. +  
 Dec 10 8:30 am Frank & Ann Gwynn +  
 5:30 pm Ronald Piccoli +  
 Dec 11 8:00 am HF Parish & School  
 9:30 am HF Parish & School  
 11:15 am Fr. Dave Schwartz +  
 6:00 pm William Valadez +

### Please Pray

♦ For those who have died:

Pat Homan

♦ For those who are ill:

Patrick Dempsey, Michael Chambers

Immaculate  
 Conception



Thursday is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation. All are welcome to join us for Mass at 7:30am or 7:30pm. We will also have a school Mass at 10am.

### BRING JOY!

Once again our St. Vincent de Paul chapter is hosting a toy drive to help Sacred Heart Community Services reach their goal of helping 6,200 low income children in our area have a joyful Christmas.

Volunteers will be outside after most Masses this weekend to answer any questions & to assist you in your selection of an appropriate tag.

**Please return all unwrapped gifts to the church or office by Sunday, Dec. 11th.**

We will also have gift tags from Real Options, a crisis pregnancy center-your donation will help with prenatal care & could save a life.

Thank you for your generosity!

### Download Our Parish App!

Download our app today at  
[myparishapp.com](http://myparishapp.com)  
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## Catholic Professionals Speaker Event

Thursday, December 8th at Three Flames Restaurant Banquet Room 1547 Meridian Avenue, San Jose .  
7am Mass – Msgr. John Sandersfeld presiding, 7:35am - Speaker Program  
Come hear Fr. Joseph Kim, Director of Vocations and Seminarians and Director of Evangelization, Diocese of San Jose speak about “Formation House: The Place Where God Mines for Gold. The Vocation Plan to Attract Spanish & Vietnamese Speaking Priests.”  
Reservations needed: \$15 Members, \$20 Non-Members. RSVP to 408-491-9229 or cpbcinfo@gmail.com  
www.sj catholicprofessionals.com.

## Please Consider Volunteering for Hospital Ministry

Many Catholics lie in local hospital beds who are desperate for a visit and spiritual lift. If you could help, please contact the Holy Family Office or Deacon Ray for information about how to participate as a pastoral and communion minister. Your visit could make a big difference in someone's hospital stay.

## Small Things Count

Did you miss it last week—Giving Tuesday? A holiday designed to balance out the self-absorbed madness of Black Friday and Cyber Monday. On this day, business, charities, communities, and families enter into the spirit of giving. EVERYONE can participate. If not with our wallets, then with our excess food in our pantries or the second Buy-one/Get-One-Free item. With that like-new clothing we loved when we bought it but know we'll never wear. With those toys our kids opened Christmases ago but sit in their boxes, ignored. With blankets and rain ponchos for the homeless who are about to be caught in what promises to be a harsh winter. Or simply with the gift of our time: to help at a shelter or soup kitchen; to visit a lonely elder in a nursing home; to comfort a grieving family; to be with a troubled child. I hope Giving Tuesday expands to Giving Everyday. During this month, though, it turns the madness into a loving anticipation of a Christmas season packed with all the meaning it's supposed to have.

Call Jackie O'Donnell at 622-5372 or write c/o Holy Family.

## Holy Family Parish Presents— An Advent Concert

**The Christmas Story II: The Animal's First Christmas** (a ballet set to Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Suite) & Songs to Prepare Us for Christmas  
Presented by Holy Family's Ministry of Movement: Dance for Joy & Soaring Spirit Dance Ensemble and Young Sounds of Praise from St. Thomas Aquinas Parish  
**Sunday, December 11 at 7:00 pm  
in the Community Center**  
Admission: \$10 adults; \$5 children 12 and under. All proceeds go to the Renovation Fund for Holy Family.

Join us for a wonderful evening of music and dance as we share music to get us in the mood for Christmas and tell the story of Jesus' birth with the familiar and delightful music of the Nutcracker Suite by Tchaikovsky. All ages will enjoy this event. Tickets available in the Parish Office and at the door. Contact Susan Olsen at suolsen@dsj.org for more information.

## ESSAY COMPETITIONS - Enter Now!

Essay competitions recognize students' awareness of responsibility and accountability in Catholic education. Entry forms are available at the parish for students of Holy Family Education Center and our public/private/home school student families registered at Holy Family.

### I. Grades 4 thru 7 topics (Local and State competition)

4<sup>th</sup> Grade: *“Ways I share My Time, Talents and Treasures at Home, School, and in My Church Community.”*

5<sup>th</sup> Grade: *“In my life, who have been my Spiritual Role Models and Why?”*

6<sup>th</sup> Grade: *“How do I live Jesus' Teaching, to Love Thy Neighbor?”*

7<sup>th</sup> Grade: *“How My Catholic / Christian School Education has influenced My Personal Values”*

### II. Grade 8 (Local, State, AND National competition)

Topic: *“The Importance of Religious Freedom”*

Essays must be received no later than 1/3/17. Cash awards of \$50 for top grades 4-7 entrants and \$100 to the top grade 8 entrant. Contact Jovie Palteng at 408-607-1080 or palteng23@hotmail.com for information.

## Knights of Columbus

Men's Fellowship & Service  
Len Piazzon: 408-268-5196  
lepazz@hotmail.com  
1st Thursday of month at 7pm

## Bookstore

Community Center  
Sundays, 9am—1pm

## St. Vincent de Paul Society

For emergency financial assistance, call the parish office for an appointment

## Prayer Line

Leave a prayer request message with Jeanette, 408-723-0445.

## Morning Prayer

Mondays at 7:30am in the Church  
(Except holidays)

## Rosary

Tuesdays at 7:30pm in the Chapel

## Encore Amour -- Re-Married

Encoreamour.webs.com  
Joe & Laura Trovato,  
408-295-4793

## 50+ Singles Group

3rd Sunday, 12:30 Hope Room  
Dee Stolpe 408-225-7386  
deestolpe@yahoo.com

## Columbiettes

Women's Fellowship and Service  
Barbara Jorgensen - 408-778-7328  
Barbara\_Jorgensen@msn.com  
last Thursday of month at 6:30pm

## Catholic Roadmap

In today's gospel John the Baptist preaches a message of repentance and service as preparation for the coming of the Messiah. We, too, should prepare for the Messiah through prayer, confession and reaching out to others by visiting convalescent homes and children's shelters, helping at soup kitchens, and perhaps, even Christmas caroling! And, be sure to say Merry Christmas! to everyone.

## Young Adult Ministry

Food Distribution at Sacred Heart Community Service  
Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> 8:30 AM – 11:30 AM at Sacred Heart Community Service. Please RSVP to Christina Fenn to coordinate carpools

### Pre-K – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Faith Formation

Faith Formation has begun! We are off to a great start this year, using *Finding God* a curriculum from Loyola Press. You are welcome to join! Sessions are from 11am—Noon. Please contact Christina Fenn for more details.

If you love Jesus and want to share that love with our young disciples, we are recruiting for Faith Formation **teachers, assistants and floaters**. Email or call Christina to volunteer. [cfenn@dsj.org](mailto:cfenn@dsj.org)

### Calling all Young Catholic Professionals

Please join us for our Executive Speaker Series event where you can network with other Young Catholic Professionals and learn how seasoned executives have incorporated their faith into their professional and career life. RSVP on Facebook- YCP Silicon Valley

Tuesday, December 6

Our Lady Of The Rosary Church  
3233 Cowper St, Palo Alto

### Advent Presentation at Transfiguration Parish

On Tuesday evening, December 13, at 7:00pm in Transfiguration Church, be ready to smile and be deeply touched by the presentation of Msgr. Craig Harrison, the adoptive father of 8 children and 19 grandchildren! He was recently honored with the ICF Mother Teresa Award. His humor and love will shine through in his talk “Our Advent Spiritual Journey—Slow Down, Simplify and Sanctify.” His talk is being sponsored by Transfiguration’s ICF Branch 445. Open to the public. Free admission. Refreshments to follow. For further information, call Dick Pfaff 265-7902.

### Exploring Aging Options

Have you started thinking about how you or your loved ones want to spend your older years? If you have, you may be asking yourself questions such as: How do I pay for care and how much does it cost? Will I and/or my parents be physically strong enough to take care of myself/themselves? If I am not, where do I go? Who can help me? How do I maintain my independence? How can I ensure I am able to stay in my home? How can I help my loved ones cope?

Catholic Charities now has an Elder Care Line available to assist you in navigating through different scenarios, and choices that come with aging as well as the services and resources available to aide you on your journey. Catholic Charities Elder care line offers confidential support, encouragement, and referrals for elder care service needs. Our professional elder care specialists understand the needs of seniors as well as their loved ones and offer a host of services and support when you need it most. Our services range from in Home Care Services and Adult Activities Centers to dementia care and coordination of services to fit your needs. Our team will help you think through options and create solutions that fit your individual and family needs. **Contact us today to speak to a Care Advisor: 408-831-0441**

 LIFE TEEN



Join us in **EDGE** this week as we learn to better understand the Sacrament of Holy Orders, the call to Holy Orders, and the duties of a priest.

In **Life Teen** we will present teenagers with the image of Jesus as a condemned criminal and challenges them to recognize that Christian persecution is still very real and often a part of following Christ.

**Holy Homework** is looking for more volunteers to help supervise during the week. Please visit [holyfamily.ivolunteer.com/holyhomework](http://holyfamily.ivolunteer.com/holyhomework) to sign up.

**Echoes of Worth** Theology of the Body retreat is on January 13-15. Sign up today at [echoesofworth.com](http://echoesofworth.com)

All registration forms are available at [holyfamilysanjose.org](http://holyfamilysanjose.org) (under Faith Formation/Youth & Young Adults)

Contact Jeff Gans for more info  
at 408-265-8650 or [jgans@dsj.org](mailto:jgans@dsj.org)

### FAITH FORMATION FOR ADULTS

Gaudium in Itinere (Joy for the Journey) our ongoing Adult Faith Formation Series continues on December 7th. Come to hear Fr. Anthony Sortino, LC speak about "Confession: A Sacrament of Mercy." Hospitality begins at 6:30pm, talk begins at 7pm until 8pm. Why do we confess our sins to a priest? How do you go to confession? Why should we even go? Join us for a presentation to answer these questions and more! A great way to prepare for the parish penance service on Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>! RSVP required for childcare.

Want to watch FREE Catholic movies from the comfort of your own couch? Interested in learning more about the Catholic faith at a time convenient for you? Check out [FORMED.ORG](http://FORMED.ORG) using the parish code **PWZ8DW** for all movies, audio and much, much more! Questions? Contact – Christina Fenn ([cfenn@dsj.org](mailto:cfenn@dsj.org)) for more information

### Sacred Scripture Study

Jesus said, “This is my Body” and “This is my Blood.” Some say they’re merely symbols of remembrance. Others say they’re really the Body and Blood of Christ, but can’t explain how that’s possible. The Eucharist is the center-point of the Mass – but why?

Acclaimed author and scholar Dr. Brant Pitre will tackle those questions and more in **Lectio: Eucharist, Discovering the Mass in the Bible**. In ten sessions, YOU will open Sacred Scripture and deepen your understanding of the mystery and wonder that is the Eucharist – and how it will transform your life.

All are welcome, especially first timers to a Bible study!

**Morning group: Mondays 10am – 12pm.** Please contact Donna Holt, phone 408-371-3682  
[goodsamnurse@gmail.com](mailto:goodsamnurse@gmail.com)

**Evening group: Tuesdays 7-8:45pm.** Please contact Terry G, [tgetti@aol.com](mailto:tgetti@aol.com) text: 408.497-9276

### The Word is Alive

Thursdays 7:15-9 pm in the Hope Room.  
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