



Holy Family Parish

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December 18, 2016 ❖ 4th 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 **January 8**.

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

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Joseph's "Yes"

We so often hear about Mary's "yes" to the Lord that we often forget her husband Joseph and the "yes" he made to God. This week in the gospel we hear about that "yes." Saint John Paul II makes a profound connection between Mary's response and Joseph's response in his reflection on Joseph entitled *Guardian of the Redeemer*, he states:

There is a strict parallel between the "annunciation" in Matthew's text and the one in Luke. The divine messenger introduces Joseph to the mystery of Mary's motherhood. While remaining a virgin, she who by law is his "spouse" has become a mother through the power of the Holy Spirit.



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And when the Son in Mary's womb comes into the world, he must receive the name Jesus. This was a name known among the Israelites and sometimes given to their sons. In this case, however, it is the Son who, in accordance with the divine promise, will bring to perfect fulfillment the meaning of the name Jesus - Yehos ua' - which means "God saves."

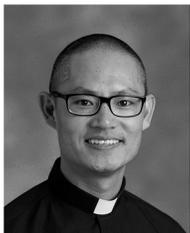
Joseph is visited by the messenger as "Mary's spouse," as the one who in due time must give this name to the Son to be born of the Virgin of Nazareth who is married to him. It is to Joseph, then, that the messenger turns, entrusting to him the responsibilities of an earthly father with regard to Mary's Son.

When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took Mary as his wife" (Mt 1:24). He took her in all the mystery of her motherhood. He took her together with the Son who had come into the world by the power of the Holy Spirit. In this way he showed a readiness of will like Mary's with regard to what God asked of him through the angel.

Sometimes, God grants us some serious clarity. For Moses, it was from a burning bush. For Noah it was in the peace of a dove and a rainbow. And for Joseph it was in a dream. It will probably look entirely different for you. No matter how you hear it, this truth remains: Whatever anxiety, fear, or problems you are having in your life right now, God desires you through the acceptance of his plan for your life.

This Advent, God is calling you to enter into communion with him, to accept him into your heart and into your life. What is it that you need from God to help you create this space for him? This week offer that up to him in prayer, whatever it is. Because as we have seen time and time again, allowing Jesus into your life will change it forever.

—Jeff Gans



A Message From Our Pastor

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As we enter the fourth and last week of Advent, the fourth candle representing love will be lit (the first being hope, the second peace, the third joy). On these final days of Advent, we are reminded to focus particularly on the preparation to celebrate the Nativity of our Lord—Christmas.

In our parish, we were blessed with a retreat by Mrs. ValLimar Jessen—a nationally known speaker. We were also blessed with 11 priests to assist us with our Advent Reconciliation. More importantly, many of our faithful have renewed their love for Christ and His Church after many years of being passive of our precious faith.

It is understandable that we are swamped with many activities, such as year-end wrap up, house decorating, buying gifts, writing cards, etc. For those reasons, our minds can be easily carried away from its sole purpose—it is due to Christ’s birth that we are celebrating such an event. Therefore, while being busy and buying gifts for our loved ones, let us also ask ourselves the question: **“What gift am I going to give to my Lord at this Christmas?”**

Obviously, whatever we do for our Lord adds nothing to God’s goodness, but rather it is for the sake of our salvation. It is in this scripture verse that we are called to contemplate in preparing our Christmas gift for God: *“Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.”* (Mathew 25:40)

May we all be well prepared, especially with our deep faith and love in welcoming the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ and Savior on Christmas.

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

- Now- Dec 24 5:30am Simbang Gabi
- Dec 23-Jan 2 Office Closed
- Dec 26 10am Communion Service
- Dec 27 10am Communion Service
- Dec 30 Parish Feast Day
Masses @7:30am & 7:30pm
- Dec 31 10am Mass
- Dec 31 7pm New Year’s Eve Party
- Jan 1 Feast of Mary, Mother of God
Regular Mass Schedule
- Jan 2 10am Mass
- Jan 18 6pm School Open House



Holy Family School News

Our parish school is having an Open House for students Preschool to 8th grade on Wednesday, January 18, 2017 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm in the Community Center. If you or someone you know is looking for a school for your child for the 2017/2018 school year, please join us for our Open House. Call 408-978-1355 or visit our website at www.holyfamilyschoolsj.com for more information or to schedule a tour.

Next week: *Christmas * December 24 & 25*

Liturgy Focus	Date	Time	Music	Presider
Christmas Eve	Sat 12/24	4:00pm	Seraphim Choir	Fr. Andrew (Dcn. Ray Assists)
Christmas Eve	Sat 12/24	6:00pm	Scott & Gina	Fr. Andrew
Christmas Eve	Sat 12/24	9:30pm	AFG	Fr. Edsil
Christmas Eve	Sat 12/24	midnight	Lifeteen	Fr. Edsil
Christmas Day	Sun 12/25	8:00am	Simbang Gabi	Fr. Andrew
Christmas Day	Sun 12/25	9:30am	Caritas	Fr. Andrew
Christmas Day	Sun 12/25	11:15am	Caritas	Fr. Edsil
No Mass	Sun 12/25	6:00pm	No Mass	No Mass

Decorating the Church for Christmas

Do you like to decorate? We need you! Please come help decorate our church for Christmas on Friday 12/23 @ 8am (following the 7:30 Mass).

Active members, inactive members of the past, new folks interested in joining this ministry, or you just want to help this one time...please contact Bobbie Paul at bobbie@westerncontract.net if you can help. Thank you!

Christmas Flower Envelopes

Another way to help us decorate the church for Christmas Season is to help us pay for the flowers and other things to bring beauty to our worship space. Christmas Flower envelopes are available in the pews and the parish office. Thank you for your generosity.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed for Christmas Vacation from Friday, December 23 through Monday, January 2.

On Dec 26 & 27 we will have Communion Services at 10am. On Dec 31 and Jan 2 Mass will be at 10am. All other "weekday" Mass times will remain normal.

Buildings & Grounds Collection Next Week

Your generous support helps us keep our facilities well maintained and safe. Thank you.



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Stewardship Report

December 10& 11, 2016

Offertory by Mass

Saturday, 5:30pm.....\$1,391.00
 Sunday, 8am\$2,991.00
 Sunday, 9:30am\$2,625.00
 Sunday 11:15am\$2,368.02
 Sunday 6pm.....\$917.75
 Received in Office\$2,770.00
 Credit Card Receipts.....\$00
 Parish Pay Receipts\$12,728.67
Total\$22,791.44

Average Weekly Goal: \$18,000

2nd Collection: \$2,173.50
 Community Center/Youth Hall

Thank you for your generosity.

Church Hearing Assistance Device

Do you have difficulty hearing? Do you strain to listen to the Homily or Readings? There might be a solution for you. We recently installed a Williams Sound hearing assistance device to the audio system in the Church. You do not need a hearing aid to use the system but it does work with most hearing aids. To checkout a receiver for a weekend Mass, contact one of the Hospitality Ministers.

Thank you to the Ruth Spencer Fund and Family for the donation of the Williams Sound System.



Mass Intentions

- Dec 17 5:30 pm Mr & Mrs Epifanio Bautista +
- Dec 18 8:00 am Fr. Mathias Dang Vu +
 9:30 am *HF Parish & School*
 11:15 am Frank O'Donnell +
 6:00 pm Luis F. Guanzon, Jr. +
- Dec 19 8:05 am Fr. Mathias Dang Vu +
- Dec 20 7:30 am Fr. Mathias Dang Vu +
- Dec 21 7:30 am Michael Rodarte +
- Dec 22 7:30 am Fr. Mathias Dang Vu +
- Dec 23 7:30 am Ramon Viernes +
- Dec 24 8:30 am *HF Parish & School*
 4:00 pm *HF Parish & School*
 6:00 pm *HF Parish & School*
 9:30 pm *HF Parish & School*
 12:00 am *HF Parish & School*
- Dec 25 8:00 am *HF Parish & School*
 9:30 am *HF Parish & School*
 11:15 am *HF Parish & School*
 6:00 pm NO 6pm

Please Pray

- ♦ For those who have died:
Mildred Cabral, Ghazi Farage,, Manuel Patio, Armando Chapa, Jose Fiacro Ruiz
- ♦ For those who are ill:
Joann Cesar

Students 1st-12th 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.

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 using the parish code **PWZ8DW** for all movies, audio and much, much more! Questions? Contact – Christina Fenn (cfenn@dsj.org) for more information.

Keeping our Loved Ones Safe

For violations of the Safe Environment Program you may contact the Office for the Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults Office at 1-408-983-0144 or protection@dsj.org.

NEW YEARS PARTY!

No plans made to welcome the New Year and say good riddance to 2016? Usher in the New Year with your "romantic other" that night with friends, a good meal and champagne toasting 2016's departure. Join the Knights of Columbus as they host the Parish's New Year's Eve Dinner Dance. Tickets are still on sale in the office and after most masses. This is the one night a year you want to go out together!

Please note that this week will be the last opportunity to buy your tickets in the parish office as we will be closed after the 22nd through the new year.

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)

4th Grade: "Ways I share My Time, Talents and Treasures at Home, School, and in My Church Community"

5th Grade: "In my life, who have been my Spiritual Role Models and Why?"

6th Grade: "How do I live Jesus' Teaching, to Love Thy Neighbor?"

7th 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.

Road to Recovery

What is your role in the fight against cancer? The answer could be as simple as driving your car. For many cancer patients, getting to and from treatment is one of their toughest challenges. The American Cancer Society needs volunteer drivers to help provide transportation for people in your community. Through the gift of a lift in your car, you can help patients take one more step on the road to recovery. Get in the driver's seat in the fight against cancer. To find out more, call your American Cancer Society at 1-800-227-2345.

Small Things Count

Throughout Advent we've been called to being in right relationships and to serve one another. One way is to fill your Christmas gift list with fair trade items. Google "fair trade gifts" to find some usual and unusual items. Buying fair trade means that you are helping families support themselves by selling their goods at a fair price rather than being taken advantage of by middle men. It means they receive fair pay and safe, decent working conditions. It supports communities—housing, health, schools. Meanwhile, you reap the benefit of quality products free from genetically engineered ingredients, the satisfaction of helping the environment, and the fun of your gift-recipient's joy of receiving something handcrafted and unique. In so many ways, then, shopping fair trade is a perfect Advent activity.

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

Give the "Gift of Life"!

Holy Family and the Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a blood drive with Stanford Blood Center on Sunday, Jan. 8th from 830 am -1 pm. Drop by the Bloodmobile in Holy Family's rear parking lot. You can sign up in the office or after Mass or sign up at www.sbcdonor.org.

Please prayerfully consider donating. First time donors are especially welcome, and appointments aren't required.

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.

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

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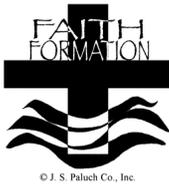
3rd Sunday, 12:30 Hope Room
Dee Stolpe 408-225-7386
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Women's Fellowship and Service
Barbara Jorgensen - 408-778-7328
Barbara_Jorgensen@msn.com
last Thursday of month at 6:30pm

Catholic Roadmap

In today's gospel, an angel appears to Joseph directing him to take Mary as his wife and telling him that the child she will bear will be called Emmanuel. Joseph does not question what he's told. Just like Mary, Joseph trusts in God and follows God's requests. Spend some time talking with your family about the importance of trust in your family life and ways in which you can improve trust among all family members.



Pre-K – 5th Grade Faith Formation

Faith Formation is in full swing! This year we are 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

Poverty Simulation

Adults interested in reflecting on the realities faced by people living in economic poverty in our community are invited to participate in a Poverty Simulation Activity on Saturday, January 28 from 9am - noon at Santa Teresa Parish—Avila Hall (*There is NO Charge*).

This poverty simulation experience is designed to help participants understand what it might be like to be a part of a typical low income family trying to survive from month-to-month. It is a simulation, not a game! The object is to sensitize participants to the realities of life faced by low income people, while providing concrete suggestions for further advocacy. *For additional information contact:* Robin Hayr at robin@hayr.net

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.

WE’RE ON BREAK UNTIL JANUARY 9TH.

Please contact Donna Holt, phone 408-371-3682 goodsamnurse@gmail.com

Evening group: Tuesdays 7-8:45pm. Please contact Terry G, tgetti@aol.com text: 408.497-9276

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is the official public policy voice of the Catholic Church in California. They advocate with policy makers and the public to advance the Catholic vision of human life and dignity, the good society, and concern for those who are poor and vulnerable. They educate Catholics and the general public and empower Catholics to put their faith into action consistent with Catholic teaching. See more at: <http://www.cacatholic.org/#sthash.bpNVFhVh.dpuf>



Join us in **EDGE** and **Life Teen** today as we will be having a White Elephant Christmas Social. Join us for food, fun and fellowship. Don't forget to bring a gift!

Holy Homework is looking for more volunteers to help supervise during the week. Please visit 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

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

Contact Jeff Gans for more info at 408-265-8650 or jgans@dsj.org.



Little Lambs Play Group

1st Friday of the month from 10am-12pm

Little Lambs provides parents and caretakers of newborns, toddlers and preschoolers a chance to meet others in our parish. Come and visit informally with other parents and caregivers while the children socialize with their fellow parishioners too! The group meets the first Friday of each month from 10am -noon in the Faith Room. No need to register. Contact Molly: mlecheler@gmail.com for more info.

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LOS ANGELES RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CONGRESS February 24-26

The LA Religious Education Congress is a great opportunity to learn about different aspects of our faith. It is a weekend filled with excellent speakers, dynamic and uplifting prayer and thousands of other people hungry to learn more about sharing the Word of God.

RECongress is held at the Anaheim Convention Center, located at 800 West Katella Avenue, directly south of Disneyland and Disney California Adventure.

COST: The registration fee for Congress covers admission to all events, ticketed workshops, concerts, liturgies and exhibits (name badges required) throughout the three days. Fees for the Congress days are: \$70 – by the January 13 deadline and \$80 – after January 13.

NOTE: If you have not mailed in your Registration Form by February 3, please register online or on site at the Convention Center. Online registration closes at 9 AM Sunday of Congress.

For more information about the congress please visit their website: recongress.org Hotel and registration information can be found on their website.

If you plan on going, we'd love to see you and share a meal. Let us know if you're going, and we will have a dinner together! Cfenn@dsj.org

The Word is Alive

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