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OFFICE HOURS: Mon. to Fri. 8:30am to 12:00pm, 2:00pm to 4:00pm
Saturday, Sunday & Holidays - OFFICE IS CLOSED



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Fr. JOSE GABRIEL Forero Martinez, c.s. (Pastor)
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WEEKDAYS MASSES:

Weekdays: Mon - Fri 8:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.
Saturday 8:00 a.m.

SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday: 6:00 p.m. (English)
Sunday: 8:30 a.m. (English)
10:00 a.m. (Italian)
11:30 a.m. (English)
1:00 p.m. (English)
2:30 p.m. (Filipino-Tagalog,
only 3rd Sunday of the Month)
4:00 p.m. (English)
6:00 p.m. (Misa en español)

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS:

St. Catherine of Siena School	905-277-2448
St. Timothy School	905-277-0990
Mary Fix School	905-270-3140
Fr. Daniel Zanon School	905-279-3722

"I was a stranger and you welcomed me." Mt. 25, 35
"Out of many we are one in Christ."

BAPTISMS - BAUTIZOS:

Call the office at least 3 months before Baptism date for an interview and meetings for parents and godparents.

Llamar a la oficina por lo menos 3 meses antes de la fecha del Bautizo, para entrevistarse y reunirse con los padres y padrinos.

CONFESSIONS - CONFESIONES:

Saturday - *Sabado*: 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. & by appointment.

MARRIAGES - BODAS:

Call the office at least 1 year before the wedding date planned and before you arrange a hall.

Llame a la oficina 1 año antes de la fecha estimada para la boda y antes de reservar el Salón.

RCIA- RICA: (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults/Sacramental Preparation)

Contact the parish office as soon as possible.

(Ceremonia de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos /Preparación Sacramental)

Contacte la oficina parroquial tan pronto como sea posible.

SACRAMENTS FOR THE SICK AND THE ELDERLY- SACRAMENTOS PARA LOS ENFERMOS Y ADULTOS MAYORES

Please notify the parish office if someone is in the hospital or confined to the home due to sickness or old age.

Por favor comuníquese con la oficina parroquial si alguien se encuentra en el hospital o en la casa debido a una enfermedad o adultos mayores que no pueden salir de la casa.

PARISH REGISTRATION

We welcome you to our Parish Community and invite you/your family to introduce yourself to the priests and REGISTER as soon as possible. Registration forms are available in the parish office.

REGISTRACION PARROQUIAL

Le damos la Bienvenida a nuestra comunidad parroquial y lo invitamos a usted y su familia a presentarse con los Sacerdotes y a que se registre lo más pronto posible. Los formatos de registro están disponibles en la oficina parroquial.

We do not have to wait any longer

The Third Sunday of Advent is a call to joy for the approach of Christmas: it is "Gaudete" Sunday, "rejoice". In comparing with the previous Sunday, there is an interesting change of perspective. A week ago we looked with John towards the future, towards the one who "must come". This Sunday it is Jesus who invites us to look to John.

At the end, in spite of his popularity and strength, John is sentenced by the powers of evil, because he not only announces the coming of the Messiah, but also denounces everything that opposes the Kingdom of God, such as the arbitrary nature of the tyrant "Herod". John is decreasing, while the looks towards Jesus are increasing. Thus is fulfilled what John himself had prophesied.

But this is when doubts arise. In prison, powerless, John sends a message to Jesus. "Are you the one who is to come or must we wait for another?" This question reveals a sense of frustration. It seemed that so many efforts to be faithful to God had been in vain.

This experience, which afflicted John more than prison and the threat of death, is repeated in many ways in our lives. In study, in work, in married life, in family life, in Christian life. We begin full of joy, something that is more than hope, because we have the feeling that we have found the object of our desires, the person who will fulfill our life, the faith that enlightens us. Then comes the routine, the disappointments, and the boredom. It is then that you begin to question yourself: Is this not what I had imagined? Could it be that I have made a mistake? Will this be my path or should I look for another one? Our vision is blurred and what seemed clear and evident before becomes problematic and difficult to endure.

Jesus' answer to John's question also applies to us. His answer is a quotation of the prophetic texts, especially Isaiah, which announces the presence of the Kingdom of God: the blind see, the lame walk, sadness becomes joy, weakness becomes strength, fearfulness becomes courage. John must understand very well the response of Jesus, who does not speak of himself, but of what God does through him.

Jesus invites John to participate in the joy that he himself had announced. Although Jesus' style is not exactly what John had expected. On the other hand, Jesus recognizes the great role that John has played. John's greatness consists in having completed the long road that from the old covenant leads to the accomplishment of the promises.

John is, in the history of salvation, the last of the faithful servants who prepared the way for the Messiah and thus made possible the realization of a new covenant. With Jesus begins a new history, a new way of relating to God, to others, to nature, to ourselves. We have received the grace of the presence among us of the one who was expected for the times, the Son of God, but it is our responsibility to recognize him, to welcome him.

This reality is a seed that has been deposited in us and that we have to take care of so that it germinates, grows and bears fruit. This is why patience is so important, a virtue closely linked to hope, and which also translates into perseverance. In this world of haste and impatience, Jesus and the Apostle James, in the second reading, exhort us to adopt difficult but authentic

attitudes that connect us with the roots of the life that grows in us.

How do we apply this to our daily lives? Jesus heals our blindness and opens our eyes to see the good that exists around us, in what we do and in the people with whom we live. Jesus heals our deafness and opens our ears to the needs of others. Jesus heals our lameness so that we follow him along the way. There is much more good than we sometimes insist on recognizing.

For our personal reflection: Do I have my ears and eyes open to see the presence of the Lord who is close to me, who lives in my family? Do I feel the joy of his saving presence in my life? How do I communicate that joy to others, especially to those who live with me?



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Dec. 10, 2022 Our Lady of Loreto

8:00am Thanksgiving from Don & Family
6:00pm + Mumtaz & Fakhira Bourachi,
+ Farouk Sukkar
+ Flora Emma Rojas

Sunday, Dec. 11 Third Sunday of Advent

8:30am + Angela, Giovanni & Vincenza Tomassetti
+ Felice Patrizio
10:00am MESSA CON PIU INTENZIONI
11:30am MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS
1:00pm + Lucy & Berta Fernandes
4:00pm + Elizabeth Reyes
6:00pm MISA CON INTENCIONES MULTIPLES

Monday, Dec. 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00am Thanksgiving from Marianayadam
11:00am SENIORS MASS
7:00pm + Maria Julieta Pacheco
8:00pm MISA CON INTENCIONES MULTIPLES

Tuesday, Dec. 13 St. Lucy

8:00am + Caterina Aquino
7:00pm + Nazzareno Di Michele & Vincent Curcio

Wednesday, Dec. 14 St. John of the Cross

8:00am Anthony Almeida
6:00pm Novena in honor of Mother of Perpetual Help
7:00pm MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS

Thursday, Dec. 15

8:00am + Tim Emmanuel
6:30pm Anniversary thanksgiving from Janet & Leo Cletus
7:30pm Posadas
7:30pm Simbang Gabi

Friday, Dec. 16

8:00am + Beatriz Javier & Thanks from Tadeo Limbo
6:30pm + Mary Emmanuel
7:30pm Posadas
7:30pm Simbang Gabi

Saturday, Dec. 17

8:00am Thanksgiving from Diane Rocha Lima
6:00pm + Giuseppe La-Cute
+ Joaquim Silva
7:30pm Posadas
7:30pm Simbang Gabi

Sunday, Dec. 18 Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30am + Maria Truong Thi Thang & Joshep E Trung Ding
10:00am MESSA CON PIU INTENZIONI
11:30am MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS
1:00pm + Albertina Jimenez
4:00pm Thanksgiving from Diana & Couglas Pedro
6:00pm MISA CON INTENCIONES MULTIPLES
7:30pm Simbang Gabi

AVISOS EN ESPAÑOL

El Lunes 12 de Diciembre, 2022 (6:00 am, Iglesia), participaremos en el Canto de las Mananitas a la Virgen de Guadalupe.

El Lunes 12 de Diciembre, 2022 (8:00 pm, Iglesia) participaremos en la Santa Misa y Novena a la Virgen de Guadalupe, y representación en vivo por los Jovenes y Adolescentes Hispano, de la cuarta aparicion de la Virgen de Guadalupe a Juan Diego.

El Jueves 15 de Diciembre, 2022 (8:30 am a 6:30 pm, Iglesia) estará expuesto el Santísimo Sacramento en la Iglesia. Dedicamos un tiempo para la Adoración Eucaristica personal.

El Jueves 15 de Diciembre, 2022 (8:00 pm, Iglesia) participaremos en la Santa Misa en Español .

Hoy, participaremos en el Santo Rosario (5:30 pm) y la Santa Misa y Novena a la Virgen de Guadalupe en Espanol (6:00 pm).

Los siguientes son los enlaces del Internet para aquellos hermanos y hermanas que deseen participar virtualmente en el Santo Rosario, en la Santa Misa y Novena a la Virgen de Guadalupe en Espanol: <https://www.facebook.com/parroquiasantacatalina.de.sienna.9>

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Sunday Missals for 2023 are available at the office

2023 Mass Book is open

Schedule of weeknight Masses between Dec 15-23

MASS in ENGLISH will be @ 6:30pm not 7pm;

MISA en Espanol @ 7:00pm in Scalabrini Hall

MASS in Tagalog (Simbang Gabi) @ 7:30pm

MAIN DOORS from Monday to Saturday will be open from 7:00am to 9:00am and from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.

From 9:00am to 6:00pm, the doors will be closed. The side entrance will be open 6:30am to 8:00pm.

SENIORS CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Monday, December 12th. Mass in church at 11:00am followed by a Festive Lunch (\$15.00). Lots of food, prizes, games, dancing and singing. All Seniors and soon-to-be Seniors welcome. Reserve your spot.

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Starting December 16th, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed all day **ONLY** on **Thursdays** and **First Fridays**.

DAY OF CONFESSIONS on:

Friday, December 16th 9:00 am – 12:00 noon
3:00 pm – 6:30 pm

ADULT CATECHISM and RCIA open to all who want to deepen their knowledge in our Faith, either in person or via Zoom. The program is every Monday at 7:30pm in the Main Hall. Next Session is on **Mary & the Saints**.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2022

Saturday, December 24, 2022 Christmas Eve

4:30pm FAMILY MASS
6:00pm SPANISH MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS
8:00pm SOLEMN English Mass

Sunday, December 25, 2022 Christmas Day

8:30am English Mass
10:00am ITALIAN MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS
11:30am ENGLISH MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS
1:00pm English Mass
2:30pm FILIPINO MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS
4:00pm English Mass
6:00pm SPANISH MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS

Saturday, December 31, 2022 New Year's Eve

8:00am English Mass
6:00pm English Mass
8:00pm SPANISH MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS

Monday, January 1, 2023 New Year's Day

8:30am English Mass
10:00am ITALIAN MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS
11:30am ENGLISH MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS
1:00pm English Mass
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