Mass Schedule

Sunday 7:30 am - 9:00 am - 10:30 am
   12:30 pm (Spanish) 4:30 pm (Vietnamese)
Saturday 8:15 am - 4:30 pm (Vigil)
Daily (Monday to Friday) 7:00 am - 8:15 am
Holy Days 7:00 am  8:15 am  7:00 pm
1st Friday Exposition – St. Joseph’s Chapel
   12:30 to 4:45 pm

Sacraments

Reconciliation—Saturday, 3:15 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. or by appointment.
Baptism—4th Sunday of every month at 2:30 p.m.
Contact Parish Office for information
Marriage—Arrangements to be made 6 months prior to the wedding.

Mass of Anointing of the Sick—First Saturday of the month at 10:30 a.m.

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Friday  9:00 am to 12:30 pm

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(During non-office hours)
PREPARE THE WAY

Saint John the Baptist appears on the scene today as Advent enters its second week. The mysterious consumer of locusts and wild honey, John echoes the words of the prophet Isaiah as he calls for repentance in the face of the nearness of the kingdom of heaven. The rhythms of the Christian life are often confounding. Each year we meet the Baptist and hear his calls for repentance. Each year we see him pointing to the one who is coming after him, the Lord Jesus. Yet each year the words and actions of John the Baptist echo anew in our hearts, because we have fallen into old sinful traps again and again. Advent gives us the opportunity once again to turn away from our sinful ways and embrace the gospel way of life. John the Baptist invites us to prepare the way for the Lord, in whom we place our hope.

TREASURE FROM OUR TRADITION

Did St. Francis of Assisi invent the Christmas crib? Not exactly, but his devotion to the Incarnation and his love for the poverty of the Christ Child certainly popularized this beloved custom. Long before Francis, it was a custom at the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome to enshrine a rich image of Mary, gilded and bejewelled, embracing the child Jesus. This church was founded as a kind of home for the feast of Christmas in the fourth century. In 1223, Francis was ready to celebrate this feast in a new way. In the tiny city of Greccio, he asked friends to prepare a place where they could experience the poverty and suffering embraced by Christ in his birth. It was a living scene: an ox from the barn, an ass from the stable, and peasants standing in for shepherds and kings. The night of the celebration was beautiful, the weather was warm, and people came in crowds, bearing candles and singing hymns that echoed through the forest. Francis himself chanted the Gospel and preached. The custom spread quickly, and by the sixteenth century cribs were seasonal features not only in church, but in the home.

On December 17, the liturgy begins to unfold the Lord’s birth before us, and it’s the right time to follow this beautiful tradition. In Germany, each night throughout Advent children prepare a bedding for the manger. At bedtime prayer, a child places a single straw in the manger for each act of devotion or virtue performed during the day. If the children are good, then the Christ child will have plenty of soft bedding when he is placed in the manger on Christmas.

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Second Sunday of Advent
December 4, 2016
Pancake Breakfast with Santa in the Gym after 7:30, 9:00, and 10:30 am Masses

Second Collection
This Week: Maintenance
Next Week: Religious Retirement

December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception
This is a Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Schedule:
7:00 AM
8:15 AM
7:00 PM

Advent Reconciliation Service
Our Parish Communal Penance Service will be Tuesday, December 20th, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.
There will be several priests available to hear confessions in English, Spanish, Vietnamese and Filipino.

Parish Advent Reconciliation Service
Tuesday, December 20 at 7:00 PM

Novena of Masses - Simbang Gabi
In preparation for the coming of the Christ Child
December 16 – 24 at 5:00 AM

Christmas Eve Masses
Saturday, December 24

Children’s Mass 5:00 PM
Vigil Mass 7:00 PM
Christmas Carols 11:30 PM
Midnight Mass 12:00 AM

Christmas Day Masses
Sunday, December 25

English Masses: 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM
Spanish Mass: 12:30 PM
Vietnamese Mass: 4:30 PM

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God
Saturday, December 31 at 4:30 PM – Vigil
Sunday, January 1
### Week of December 4, 2016

#### Mass Intentions For The Week

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### Financial Corner

**Our Weekly Goal**

- $11,700.00

**Sunday Collection — November 20th**

- $8,725.00

Amount needed to reach our goal: $2,975.00

- **Stewardship** of November 20th of $436.25 went to City of San Leandro, Rec. & Human Service, providing seniors with Thanksgiving Dinner.

**Our Weekly Goal**

- $11,700.00

**Sunday Collection — November 27th**

- $7,790.00

Amount needed to reach our goal: $3,910.00

- **Stewardship** of November 27th of $389.50 went to the Seminarians in Third World Countries.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

### Readings For The Week of December 5, 2016

- **Monday**: Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 85:9ab, 10-14; Luke 5:17-26
- **Tuesday**: Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Matthew 18:12-14
- **Wednesday**: Isaiah 40:25-31; Psalm 103:1-4, 8, 10; Matthew 11:28-30
- **Thursday**: Genesis 3:9-15, 20; Psalm 98:1-4; Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12; Luke 1:26-38
- **Friday**: Isaiah 48:17-19; Psalm 1:1-4, 6; Matthew 11:16-19
- **Saturday**: Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Psalm 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Matthew 17:9a, 10-13
- **Sunday**: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10; Psalm 146:6-10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11
Our Lady of Guadalupe — A model of Compassion and Respect

On December 11 and 12, we honor Mary as “Our Lady of Guadalupe,” the patroness of the Americas. This feast day offers an opportunity to reflect on living our faith with the love, compassion, and respect that Mary herself exhibited.

On the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe, we recall the appearance of Mary before Saint Juan Diego, a poor Aztec Indian peasant, on a hill in Mexico in 1531. Clothed like an Aztec princess, Mary spoke to Juan in his own language. Her request—that Juan go to the local bishop and instruct him to build a church on that very spot—took Juan by surprise. Why, he wondered, would a bishop listen to someone as lowly and humble as he? Yet Mary entrusted him with this important task. After first being refused by the bishop, Juan returned to the bishop with a sign given to him by Mary—roses that bloomed, impossibly, in winter. When he opened his “tilma”, or cloak, the roses spilled out, and inside the “tilma” was imprinted the beautiful image of Mary as she appeared to Juan. The bishop built the church, and Mary’s love and compassion were extended to the people of Mexico and beyond.

Mary’s kindness and respect toward Juan and sensitivity to his culture are powerful reminders to respect the dignity of others, especially those who are poor or “different” from us. Mary also evangelizes. Over the centuries, she has brought the love of her Son to millions of people who otherwise might not have known Him. Her example is one to emulate in our roles as teachers, parents, catechists, and believers.

Let us celebrate on December 11th and 12th the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe with a great enthusiastic Marian love.

**December 11, 2016**

12:30 p.m. Eucharistic Celebration with Mariachi Band
1:30 p.m. Benediction and procession to the Gym
2:30 p.m. Lunch in the gym.

**December 12, 2016**

6:00 a.m. Mañanitas with Mariachi Band
7:00 a.m. Eucharistic Celebration (Spanish) Followed by a Reception in the Social Hall

The Filipino Clergy joyfully invite you to the 5th Annual Kick-off Simbang Gabi Mass.

*When:* December 9th, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

*Where:* The Cathedral of Christ the Light, 2121 Harrison Street, Oakland, CA

**Reception to follow after Holy Mass**

Calling all our Kababayans, Fellow Parishioners and all Filipinos at heart:

Please come and join us for our Simbang Gabi 2016

Starting December 16 at 5 a.m. at St. Felicitas Church.

Simbang Gabi is a 9-day Filipino tradition of morning Masses before Christmas in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary beginning December 16 - December 24.

Sponsored Filipino breakfast will be served after each mass.

So Come one, Come all and together we can honor our Filipino tradition.

Maraming Salamat!

St. Felicitas Parish
Christmas Pageant
December 24, 2016
5:00 p.m. Mass

If your child is interested in participating in the Children's Christmas Pageant on December 24th at the 5:00 p.m. Mass please call Sandi Walton in the Faith Formation Office at 347-1282 by Tuesday, December 13th, 2016.
El Ministerio Coordinador pro festividad de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, el 11 y 12 de Diciembre, se regocija en invitar a todos y a cada uno, a participar en esta especial celebración Mariana.

El horario es el siguiente:

**Deciembre 11, 2016**

12:30 p.m. Celebración de la Eucaristía
Presidirá el Padre José León, concelerarán sacerdotes de nuestra parroquia.

1:30 p.m  Bendición de las Rosas y procesión hacia el gimnasio Monseñor Mc-Ginty

2:30 p.m.  Convivio Mariano en el Gimnasio. (lunch y música)

**NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE**

December 12, 2016

5:00 a.m  Alborada y Loores a María coros y voluntarios que deseen participar cantando a la Virgen, declamando poemas o compartiendo el testimonio de algún milagro recibido.

6:00 a.m. — Mañanitas con Mariachi
Celebración de la Palabra

7:00 a.m. — Celebración Eucarística
Liturgia Musical: Mariachi

Después de la Eucaristía,
Convivio, en el salón social
Mariachi: Los Halcones

**TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE**

El 8 de diciembre, la Iglesia celebra solemnemente la Inmaculada Concepción de María. A la vez, la Madre de Jesucristo es honrada en Venezuela bajo la advocación de Nuestra Señora de Coromoto, en Paraguay como Nuestra Señora de Caacupé, en Panamá como Nuestra Señora de La Antigua y en Nicaragua como Nuestra Señora del Viejo.

Esta última advocación tiene distintas historias que relatan su origen. Hay quienes dicen que pertenecía a un viejo ermitaño que viajaba con unos marinos. En cierto punto la imagen no quiso continuar el viaje y el barco no se movió hasta que bajó el viejo con ella. Según otro relato, Nuestra Señora del Viejo fue traída a Nicaragua por Francisco de Ahumada, hermano de Teresa de Ávila. Francisco viajaba a América y su santa hermana quiso mandar tres imágenes marianas como regalo a los misioneros religiosos que estaban evangelizando en Guatemala, Perú y Nicaragua. Durante el año 1562, Francisco entregó la imagen de la Purísima a los Franciscanos de Nicaragua en el pueblo de “El Viejo”, por lo cual los nicaragüenses han declarado por años que “El viejo nos trajo a la Conchita”. Hay que saber que el viejo Francisco tenía 41 años de edad cuando pasó por Nicaragua.

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**CON UN NIÑITO PARA QUE LOS GUÍE**

Las palabras de paz y salvación están aquí en este tiempo de Adviento. Judíos y gentiles juntos glorificarán a Dios por la misericordia que Dios muestra. Aquellos que están oprimidos encontrarán paz y esperanza. "Por que Dios rescatará al pobre que lo invoca, / y al afligido que no tienen quien le ayude . . . / se apiadará del pobre y desamparado; / y Dios salvará la vida de los pobres" (Salmo 72:12-13) El pobre tiene esperanza en Dios, mientras que el malvado que los oprime debe temer al juicio de Dios "Dios golpeará al violento con la vara de su boca, / y con el soplo de sus labios hará morir al malvado". Y "Dios, juzgará al pobre con justicia, / sentenciará con rectitud a los aflagidos de la tierra" (Isaías 11:4).

Si, en este Tiempo de Adviento esperamos la venida de un niñito que será el salvador del mundo. "Que el Dios de la paciencia y del consuelo les conceda tener entre ustedes los mismos sentimientos, . . . de este modo, unánimes, a una voz, glorificarán al Dios y Padre de nuestro Señor Jesucristo" Isaías 15:5-6.

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