



St. Joachim Catholic Church

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† St. Joachim Catholic Church Mission

We are a diverse community, united in faith and guided by the Holy Spirit. We seek to animate all to full conscious and active participation in the life of the Church and the Mission of Jesus Christ.

† La Misión de la Iglesia Católica de San Joaquín

Somos una comunidad diversa, unida en la fe y guiada por el Espíritu Santo. Animamos a todos los feligreses a participar completa, activa y conscientemente en la vida de la iglesia y la Misión de nuestro Señor Jesucristo.

Iglesia Católica de San Joaquín

Misas Dominicales en Español Sunday Mass in English
Sábado 6:00 PM, Domingo 2:00, 6:00 PM Saturday 4:30 PM, Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM & 12:15 PM

Misas en Español Daily Masses
Miércoles 7:00 PM 7:00 and 8:30 AM (Saturday 8:30 AM)

Reconciliación Reconciliation
Miércoles 6-7 PM, Sábado 3-4:00 PM Saturday 3-4:00 PM

Como hacerse miembro de la Parroquia How to become a Parishioner
Les damos la Bienvenida a todos los nuevos feligreses a nuestra parroquia y les exhortamos a que se registren como miembros de la Iglesia. Si usted participa en nuestra Iglesia regularmente y no se ha registrado todavía, por favor hágalo. Pase por la oficina Parroquial para registrarse. We welcome and encourage new parishioners to register as members of our Church. Also, if you have been here awhile and not registered yet, please register. Registrations are taken daily at the Parish office.

Bautismos en Español Baptisms in English
Por favor contáctese con la oficina Parroquial. Please contact the Office Secretary

Matrimonio en Español Marriage in English
Favor de ponerse en contacto con un Sacerdote o Diacono después de registrarse. Se necesita seis meses de preparación. Please contact a Priest after registration. Six months preparation required.

Exposición y Bendición del Santísimo Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Todos los Viernes 9-1, Primer Viernes 9-6 Every Friday 9-1, First Friday from 9-6.

POR FAVOR . . . RECUERDA A TU PARROQUIA EN TU TESTAMENTO PLEASE . . . REMEMBER YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL



Third Sunday of Advent December 14, 2014

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.

— 1 Thessalonians 5:16

From the Pastor's Desk:



When the great library of Alexandria burned, the story goes, one book was saved. But it was not a valuable book; and so a poor man, who could read a little, bought it for a few coppers. The book wasn't very interesting, but between its pages there was something very interesting indeed. It was a thin strip of vellum on which was written the secret of the "Touchstone"! The touchstone was a small pebble that could turn any common metal into pure gold. The writing explained that it was lying among thousands and thousands of other pebbles that looked exactly like it. But the secret was this: The real stone would feel warm, while ordinary pebbles are cold. So the man sold his few belongings, bought some simple supplies, camped on the seashore, and began testing pebbles. He picked up ordinary pebbles and when he felt one that was cold, he threw it into the sea so as not to mix with others. He spent a whole day doing this but none of them was the touchstone. Yet he went on and on this way. He would pick up a pebble, find it cold, and throw it into the sea. He did this for weeks and months. One day, however, about mid-afternoon, he picked up a pebble and it was warm. He threw it into the sea before he realized what he had done out of sheer habit. Meantime he realized that the metal piece attached to his waste belt was heavy and shining. It had in fact turned into gold. He had the stone in hand and he had lost it forever.

So it is with opportunity. Unless we are vigilant, it's easy to fail to recognize an opportunity when it is in hand and it's just as easy to throw it away. Successful life of many people is the result of cling on to one opportunity that came along their way. If they had failed to seize that one opportunity and had failed to act on that one opportunity that had come on their way, their life would have been completely different. So also the choices we make our life are very important. They determine whether we are going to spend our life in happiness or in sadness. Before making important decisions in your life, make it a point to pray over that matter, if possible before the Blessed Sacrament in complete quietness. The light of wisdom God can give us is worth the weight in gold. Allow yourself to be led by the Lord. At time the decisions you make in your life may look foolish and failure in the eyes of the world. But decisions taken in God's presence always bring peace in one's heart which is more important than success without peace in one's heart.

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Parish Office Hours ~ Bilingual Available

Monday-Friday 10:00am-7:30pm T,W,F— 4—7:30

Saturday 10:00am-4:00pm 10 AM— 4 PM

Sunday 9:00am-4:00pm 12PM— 4 PM

Oficina Parroquial

Rev. Joseph Antony Sebastian, SVDPastor

Monday; Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 10:00 am to 12.00 pm

5:00 pm to 8:00 pm (with appointment)

lunes, miércoles, jueves y viernes 10:00 am a 12:00 pm

5.00 pm a 8.00 pm (con cita)

Rev. Mario Olea SVD Parochial Vicar

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

10:30 am to 12:00 pm

5:00 pm to 8:00 pm (with appointment)

lunes, martes, miércoles y jueves 10:30 am a 12:00 pm

5:00 pm a 8:00 pm (con cita)

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We are blessed when we give

Acts 20:35... remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said:

'It is more blessed to give than to receive.

Please give generously to your Parish Community

Somos bendecidos cuando damos

Hechos 20:35 ... recordando las palabras del Señor Jesús mismo dijo: "Más bienaventurado es Dar que recibir. Por favor, sea generoso con su comunidad parroquial

Weekly Offering



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COLLECTION FOR WEEK December 7, 2014

The Total amounts for the collection	\$ 10,092.70
EFT collection	\$ 1,051.00
Other Collection	_____
TOTAL FOR THE WEEK	\$ 11,143.70

Pray for Those In Need~

~Oremos por quienes nos necesitan.

Fernando Loera

Veronica Quezada

Oscar Reyes

Francisco Garcia

Amelia Mamari

Pat Scott

Gloria Miller

Patty Gutierrez

Patricia Powell

Tim Dorr

Maria Elena Romero

Gordon Quarry

Paul Prado

Mr & Mrs Morais

Howard Duarte

Evelyn Serran

Easten Seymour



Mass Intentions December 13-20, 2014

Saturday 4:30 pm

Roberto Bobby Marucut ✠

Elpidio Rojas ✠

Luis S. Enrique ✠, (anniversary)

Conception Orbos ✠, (anniversary)

Saturday 6:00pm

Guadalupe Ortiz ✠

Sunday 7:30am

William & Purita Wagner

(35th Wedding Anniversary)

Sunday 9:00 am

Ann Ensel (birthday)

Faustino P. Juan Jr. (thanksgiving)

Pedro & Nancy Levarzo (thanksgiving)

Sunday 10:30am

Lito & Eleanor Tan

(Wedding Anniversary)

David Robinson ✠

Sunday 12:15pm

Florencio Marquez ✠, (anniversary)

Sunday 2:00pm

Giovani Perez (21st Cumpleanos)

Olga Elenez (salud)

Celia Alcantar Mendoza ✠

(3rd aniversario)

Sunday 6:00pm

Ramon Gutierrez (44th cumpleaños)

In the Parish this Week:



December 15th — Monday

Pastoral Council

The Pastoral Council will meet Monday at 7 PM in the Fireside Room.

December 16-24

Simbang Gabi

5:30 AM Mass followed by breakfast in the Gym

December 16-24

Las Posadas

7 PM in the Hall

December 17th — Wednesday

Communal Reconciliation

7:00 PM in the Church

There is NO 7 PM Mass

Monday 7:00 am

The Community of St Joachim

Monday 8:30am

James Bolander ✠

(10 month Anniversary)

Roman G. Garcia ✠

Tuesday 5:30am

Simbang Gabi

Tuesday 8:30am

Nancy Madueno (healing)

Wednesday 5:30 am

Simbang Gabi

Wednesday 8:30 am

Jose Layco ✠, (40th day)

Wednesday 7:00 pm

NO EVENING MASS

Thursday 5:30 am

Simbang Gabi

Thursday 8:30am

Santos Ilagan (thanksgiving)

Friday 5:30 am

Simbang Gabi

Friday 8:30am

David & Gary Botelho ✠,

Gregoria & Santiago Gonzalez ✠,

(7th anniversary)

Saturday 5:30am

Simbang Gabi

Saturday 8:30am

The Community of St Joachim

The Food Offering for the

Poor next

week is:

Canned Meat

or Tuna



Feed the Hungry

Carne Enlatada o atun

The Simbang Gabi Ministry

of St. Joachim Church is inviting everyone to participate in the coming Simbang Gabi Masses which starts on the 16th to the 24th of December at 5:30AM followed by a reception in the gymnasium.

Simbang Gabi (Dawn Mass or Misa De Gallo) is a 9-Day Novena of Masses in preparation for Christmas. (for more details on this parish event, please check our website: stjoachimchurch.net)

We encourage everyone to be a Hermano or Hermana for one of the 9 novena masses and or share your favorite breakfast recipes for the receptions.

For the Hermano/Hermana, please contact any of the following:

Ron Ytem (510)2981368

Ian Ytem (708)2976998

CJ Gutierrez (510) 3421555

~~~~~For the Food Donation, please contact:

Eric and Jeneal Valladares (510) 4326872

A Blessed Advent Season to everyone.

The Simbang Gabi Ministry

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Los Posadas
December
16th— 24th 2014
7:00 PM in the Hall

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### Communal Reconciliation

St. Joachim Church

**Wednesday December 17th ~~~7pm-9pm**

Priests from other Parishes will be here to assist.

### Servicio Penitencial

Iglesia de San Joaquín

Miercoles, 17 de Diciembre 7 pm - 9 pm

Los sacerdotes de  
otras Parroquias estarán aquí para ayudar



### Nota de nuestro pastor

Cuando se quemó la gran biblioteca de Alejandría, cuenta la leyenda, que se salvó un libro. Pero no era un libro valioso; y así un

hombre pobre, que podía leer un poco, lo compró por unas monedas. El libro no era muy interesante, pero entre sus páginas había algo muy interesante. Era una franja de vitela delgada en la cual fue escrito el secreto de la "Piedra de Toque"! La Piedra de Toque fue una piedra pequeña que podía convertir cualquier metal común en oro puro. La escritura explicó que estaba entre miles y miles de otras piedras que parecían exactamente como ella. Pero esto era el secreto: la piedra verdadera se sentiría caliente, mientras que las piedras ordinarias serían frías. Así es que el hombre vendió sus pocas pertenencias, compró algunas cosas simples, acampó a la orilla del mar y comenzó a probar piedras. Recogió piedras ordinarias y cuando sintió que estaban frías, las tiró al mar para que no se mezclaran con las demás. Pasó un día entero haciendo esto, pero ninguna de ellas fue la Piedra de Toque. Sin embargo, siguió de esta manera. Recogía una piedra, resultaba fría y la arrojaba al mar. Lo hizo por semanas y meses. Un día, sin embargo, por la tarde, recogió una piedra y estaba caliente. La tiró al mar antes de darse cuenta de lo que había hecho por pura costumbre. Mientras tanto se dio cuenta que la pieza de metal conectada a su cinturón era fuerte y brillante. De hecho se había convertido en oro. Tuvo la piedra en la mano y la había perdido para siempre.

Así es con la oportunidad. Si no estamos atentos, es fácil de no reconocer una oportunidad cuando está en la mano y es tan fácil tirarla. La vida de muchas personas de éxito es el resultado de aferrarse a una oportunidad que llegó a lo largo de su camino. Si hubieran dejado de aprovechar una oportunidad y no actuar en esa oportunidad que había llegado a su camino, su vida hubiera sido completamente diferente. Así también las decisiones que tomamos con nuestras vidas son muy importantes. Ellas determinan si vamos a vivir nuestra vida en felicidad o tristeza. Antes de tomar decisiones importantes en tu vida, toma un tiempo para orar sobre ese tema, si es posible ante el Santísimo Sacramento en completa tranquilidad. La luz de la sabiduría de que Dios puede darnos vale el peso en oro. Permítete ser conducido por el Señor. A veces las decisiones que tomas en tu vida pueden parecer una tontería y fracaso ante los ojos del mundo. Pero las decisiones tomadas ante la presencia de Dios siempre traen paz en el corazón lo cual es más importante que el éxito sin paz en el corazón.

## DECEMBER CALENDAR

December 16th—5:30 AM Simbang Gabi  
—7 PM Los Posadas

December 17th—5:30 AM Simbang Gabi  
—7 PM Communal Reconciliation  
—NO 7 PM MASS  
—8PM Las Posadas

December 18th—5:30 AM Simbang Gabi  
—7 PM Las Posadas

December 19th—5:30 AM Simbang Gabi  
—7 PM Las Posadas

December 20th—5:30 AM Simbang Gabi  
—7 PM Las Posadas

December 21st—5:30 AM Simbang Gabi  
—7 PM Los Posadas

December 22nd—5:30 AM Simbang Gabi  
—7 PM Los Posadas

December 23rd—5:30 AM Simbang Gabi  
—7 PM Los Posadas

December 24th—5:30 AM Simbang Gabi  
—5:00 PM Mass English  
—7 PM Mass Spanish  
—8 PM Los Posadas  
—Midnight Mass—English

December 25th —7:30 AM Mass English  
—9:00 AM Mass English  
—10:30 AM Mass English  
—12:15 PM Mass English  
—2:00 PM Mass Spanish  
—6:00 PM Mass Spanish

December 31st —5:00 PM Mass English  
—7:00 PM Mass Spanish  
—Midnight —Benediction

## NEW ~NEW ~ NEW ~ NEW

We have a GREAT new web page for you to check out : [saintjoachim.net](http://saintjoachim.net)

You will find all upcoming events, information from the bulletin and an easy to navigate new format. One great feature is the gospel of the day to read as well as to click a button and listen to the gospel. Come check it out!!!! Many Thanks to Roberto Baires for putting together this very informative website !!



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## Vatican Corner

On Sept. 20, 2014 Pope Francis named Bishop Blase Cupich, 65, to be the new archbishop of Chicago. Before this appointment he was the Bishop of Spokane, Washington, and he is considered a “moderate” within the Church. But when asked about “moderate”, he said “I am going to try to be attentive to what the Lord wants. Maybe if there is moderation in that, then maybe I’m a moderate.” The archdioceses of Chicago, Boston, New York and Washington are the most politically potent posts in the American church. Chicago has 350 parishes and 2.2 million Catholics. Bishop Cupich replaces Cardinal Francis George, 77, a doctrinal and cultural conservative who is struggling with a recurrence of bladder cancer, and who at the age of 75 offered his resignation, as all bishops must. Cupich has been a courageous voice inside the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops against a culture-war approach to evangelization and politics that pushes many away from the Gospel. He has spoken out about the church’s failures during the sex abuse crisis, including against bishops who “failed to put children first.” He emphasized dialogue rather than confrontation with the Obama administration over the contraception mandate in the Affordable Care Act. Asked about his priorities for the American church he said “our outreach to the poor, the participation of laity in the liturgical life of the church, the vitality of the new immigrant groups, the heroism of parents who sacrifice for their children because of their faith, and the continuing witness of priests and religious women. In Spokane, WA he was known for reaching out to a largely unchurched population and for promoting the church’s social justice teachings in a region suffering from the effects of the recession. In naming Bishop Cupich, the Pope has sent the strongest possible hint that he wants the American church to move in his direction, but Bishop Cupich plays down that idea and say he thinks “Pope Francis sent a pastor, not a message.”

Sources: Washington Post, Religion News.com

**Readings for  
the Week  
Lecturas de  
la Semana**



**Mon/Lunes:** Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a;  
Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9;  
Mt 21:23-27

**Tues/Martes:** Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps  
34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19,  
23; Mt 21:2-32

**Wed/Mier:** Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1  
-4ab, 7-8, 17;  
Mt 1:1-17

**Thurs/Juev:** Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2,  
12-13, 18-19;  
Mt 1:18-25

**Fri/Vier:** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a;  
Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-  
17; Lk 1:5-25

**Sat/Sab:** Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-  
4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

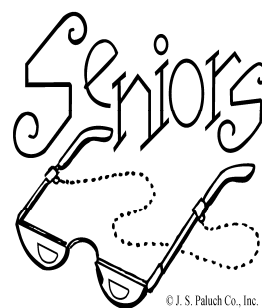
**Sun/Dom:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12,  
14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27,  
29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk  
1:26-38

## Greetings Seniors,

Come join us for our Christmas Luncheon on Dec. 19 at noon in the Parish Hall. This should be a great time, and great food.

To make a reservation contact Lorry or Ken Goode at 276-9338 and tell them what you would like to bring.

See you there!!



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**SAVE THE DATE:**  
**St. Joachim School -**  
**5th Annual**  
**Crab Feed/Auction**  
**Saturday, February 7, 2015**  
**5:30 –9: 00 PM**

Tickets are available online at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sjs-crab-feed-2015-tickets-9078228225> to purchase your tickets  
\$45 person before January 7th / \$50 per person after Jan 7th



This is a GREAT  
Christmas gift Idea



### *Christmas is coming*

*We need your help to bring GIFTS to Nursing Home Residents*

**NEW Items Only Please**

*Bring you gift to Church by **Dec 15***

*Wrap your gift and tag it male or female, size of clothing & Shoes*

### *Navidad se acerca*

*Necesitamos de su ayuda para llevar REGALOS a los Asilos de Ancianos*

*Solo Artículos NUEVOS por favor*

*Traiga su regalo a la Iglesia antes del **15 de Dec**  
Envuelva su regalo y ponga una etiqueta con la siguiente información: hombre o mujer, tallas si es ropa o zapatos*

### *Did you miss the Portuguese Donuts at the Fall Festival ?*



They will return on January 11th  
Maria Silva and Crew will be making them for delivery after Masses on January 11, 2015

All proceeds go to the Church so they're asking for donations of sugar, eggs, flour or money to buy the items. You can bring these donations to the office of call Maria for more info, her phone is 510-732-2720

Place your order for the donuts at the Rectory office  
The Filhos "Donuts" are \$1.00 each — You can pre order any quantity you would like!!!  
Get your order placed for these Tasty Treats!!!

# PAN DE VIDA RETREAT

A weekend for, of, and by young people.  
All youth and young adults ages 13-18 are invited.

"The Pan de Vida Retreat program promotes, organizes, and directs retreats based on the Gospel of St. John, Chapter 6, "I am the Bread of Life." The focus on the



January 16, 17, 18, 2015

ST. JOACHIM PARISH

Registration Forms are available at the Faith Formation and Rectory Offices and are due December 14th, but late registrations will be taken subject to space availability.

For more information contact the Faith Formation Office at  
510-785-1818

