



# St. Joachim Catholic Church

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The  
Epiphany  
of the  
Lord



January 4, 2015

## † 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 contactécese con la oficina Parroquial. Please contact the Office Secretary

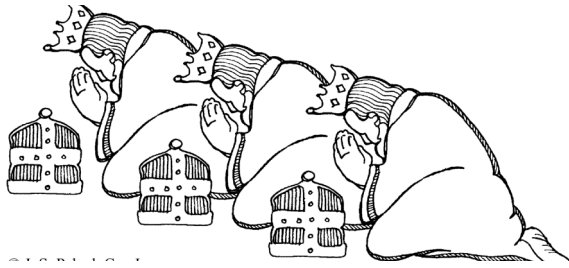
### Matrimonio en Español Marriage in English

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



## The Epiphany of the Lord January 4, 2015

All kings shall pay him homage,  
all nations shall serve him.

— Psalm 72:11

### From the Pastor's Desk:



Children have the knack of asking some simple questions which leave the adults completely bewildered! We the adults

feel frustrated at being unable to answer the question of the child because we feel that the question asked by the child is simple and we should have known the answer.

Yet we are unable to answer to the child because we ourselves never bothered to ask that question ourselves or never thought about it. The latest such situation faced by me was when a child came and asked me, "Father, why do we celebrate Christmas on December 25th? Is there any record to show that Jesus was born on December 25th? That led me to some research on the origin of Christmas. Here is the answer.

Many scholars believe that Christmas came to be placed on December 25th in order to counteract a pagan celebration called the Birth of the Unconquered Sun, a feast established by the Roman Emperor, Aurelian, in AD 274. Since December 25th was around the date of the winter solstice (the year's shortest day, after which the days begin to lengthen again, showing the victory of the sun over darkness), it was chosen as the date of rejoicing. When Christianity was approved as the official religion of the Roman Empire, the Church chose this day to celebrate the birth of the true Sun – the Son of God Who conquers the power of darkness.

Another theory gives Biblical support for celebrating Christmas on the 25th of December. It claims that the annunciation of the birth of John the Baptist to Zachariah occurred during the feast of Yom Kippur, around September 25th, placing the birth of John after nine months on June 25th. Since the angel tells Mary that Elizabeth is in the sixth month of her pregnancy, the Annunciation event and the conception of Jesus took place around March 25th leading to Jesus' birth after nine months, around December 25th.

Where did the name Christmas originate? In the medieval ages the celebration of Christmas took the form of a special Mass celebrated at midnight on the eve of Christ's birth. Since this was the only time in the Catholic Church year when a Midnight Mass was allowed, it soon became known in the Old English as Christes Masse (Christ's Mass), from which is derived Christmas.

**Parish Office.....783-2766**

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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, SVD .....Pastor**

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

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

*lunes, martes, miércoles, 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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Hazel Rizo..... **785-1818**

**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 amount from Last Sunday was not available at Press Time — The Total will be reported in the next Bulletin.  
*La cantidad donada no esta aun disponible al cierre de esta edición. El total de la colecta será comunicado en el siguiente boletín.*

**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
- Josephine Alvarez



**Mass Intentions Jan 3– 10, 2015**

**Saturday 4:30 pm**  
Manuel & Delphina Pimentel †

**Saturday 6:00pm**  
Jesus Haro †, (9th aniversario)  
Pantaleon Perez †, (13th aniversario)  
Isidro Gallegos †, (1st aniversario)

**Sunday 7:30am**  
Edward Villanueva †

**Sunday 9:00 am**  
The Community of St Joachim

**Sunday 10:30am**  
Gonsalves Family (thanksgiving)

**Sunday 12:15pm**  
Lily Montelibano †

**Sunday 2:00 pm**  
The Community of St Joachim

**Sunday 6:00pm**  
The Community of St Joachim

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



**Mon/Lunes:** 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

**Tues/Martes:** 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

**Wed/Mier:** 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52

**Thurs/Juev:** 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72: 1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a

**Fri/Vier:** 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

**Sat/Sab1** Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

**Sun/Dom:** Is 42:14,6-7 or Is 55:1-11; Ps 29:14,3,9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11

**Monday 7:00am**  
Bertha Gatti (†, birthday)

**Monday 8:30am**  
The Community of St Joachim

**Tuesday 7:00 am**  
The Community of St Joachim

**Tuesday 8:30 pm**  
The Community of St Joachim

**Wednesday 7:00 am**  
The Community of St Joachim

**Wednesday 8 :30 am**  
The Community of St Joachim

**Wednesday 7:00 pm**  
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**Thursday 7:00 am**  
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**Thursday 8:30am**  
The Community of St Joachim

**Friday 7:00 am**  
The Community of St Joachim

**Friday 8: 30 am**  
The Community of St Joachim

**Saturday 8:30am**  
The Community of St Joachim

**In the Parish this Week:**



**January 5th — Monday**

**Liturgy Committee**

The Liturgy Committee will meet at 7:00 PM in the Fireside Room

**The Food Offering for the Poor next week**

**is:**



**Feed the Hungry**

Canned Fruits or Juices

Frutas o jugos enlatados

## Vatican Corner

In 2015, the Vatican is planning to conduct public tours of the working farm at Castel Gandolfo, the papal summer residence. The estate is about 1.25 times the size of the Vatican and located about 25 kilometers (15 miles) south of Rome. At the request of Pope Francis, tours were started in March 2014 of the surrounding gardens, fountains and archaeological treasures of the estate and they have been very successful, with 8,000 visitors so far. The farm produces the dairy, meat and vegetables for the Pope and his staff. Pope Francis does not use the hilltop retreat overlooking Lake Albano, but instead prefers to stay put in his suite at the Santa Marta hotel at the Vatican during his vacations. The public will be able to see the free-range chickens, ostriches, turkeys, rabbits and 80 cows that feed Pope Francis and his staff. Pope Pius XI had the farm built between 1929 and 1934, and it still operates according to the agricultural methods of the time. Synthetic chemicals are used only when strictly necessary. Eight people currently tend the animals and vegetable patch where potatoes, zucchini, tomatoes and other produce are grown. One of the staffers, Emilio Scarsella, has been working there 33 years and made milk, yogurt, butter and cheese for four popes. Plans are not final yet, but possibly tour visitors may be able to taste the products of the farm.

A new cook book has been published entitled “*Buon Appetito, Swiss Guard*” which reveals the favorite recipes and particular tastes of Pope Francis and his two predecessors, Benedict XVI and John Paul II. It describes some of the classic dishes from their home countries of Argentina, Germany and Poland. The book was compiled by David Geisser, a 24-year old soldier from Zurich who joined the Swiss Guard in 2013, having been a professional cook in civilian life. Text was written by Erwin Niederberger, 36, who was a trained pastry chef in Zug before joining the Swiss Guard in 1999. The idea for the book came from their commandant who checked out his new recruits backgrounds. The book also reveals a lot about the daily lives and history of the Swiss Guard. “*Dulche de leche*”, a milk pudding is one of Pope Francis’s favorite dishes. He also like spicy empanadas, as well as “*colita de cuadril*”, or grilled sirloin steak. The new book is published in German, and if popular will be published in English in 2015.

Sources: [mv.vatican.va](http://mv.vatican.va), The Guardian,



### Nota de nuestro pastor

Los niños tienen la habilidad de hacer algunas preguntas simples que dejan a los adultos totalmente desconcertados! Los adultos se sienten frustrados al no poder responder a la pregunta del niño porque creemos que la pregunta del niño es simple y deberíamos saber la respuesta. Es más, somos incapaces de responder al niño porque nosotros mismos nunca nos molestamos en hacernos esa pregunta a nosotros mismos o nunca pensamos en ello. La última tal situación que enfrenté fue cuando llegó un niño y me preguntó: "Padre, ¿por qué celebramos Navidad el 25 de Diciembre? ¿Hay algún registro que muestra que Jesús nació el 25 de Diciembre? Esto me llevó a una investigación sobre el origen de la Navidad. Aquí está la respuesta.

Muchos eruditos creen que la Navidad llegó a colocarse el 25 de Diciembre con el fin de contrarrestar una celebración pagana llamada el Nacimiento del Sol Invicto, una fiesta establecida por el Emperador Romano Aureliano, en el 274 AD. Ya que el 25 de Diciembre fue la fecha del solsticio de invierno (día más corto del año, después de lo cual los días empiezan a alargarse de nuevo, mostrando la victoria del sol sobre la oscuridad), fue elegido como la fecha de regocijo. Cuando el cristianismo fue aprobado como la religión oficial del Imperio Romano, la Iglesia eligió este día para celebrar el nacimiento del Sol verdadero – el Hijo de Dios quien conquista el poder de las tinieblas. Otra teoría da soporte Bíblico para celebrar la Navidad el 25 de Diciembre. Afirma que la Anunciación del nacimiento de Juan el Bautista a Zacarías ocurrió durante la fiesta de Yom Kippur, alrededor del 25 de Septiembre, colocando el nacimiento de Juan después de nueve meses el 25 de Junio. Puesto que el ángel le dice a María que Elizabeth está en el sexto mes de embarazo, el acontecimiento de la Anunciación y la concepción de Jesús ocurrieron alrededor del 25 de Marzo, llevando al nacimiento de Jesús después de nueve meses, alrededor del 25 de Diciembre. ¿Dónde se originó el nombre de Navidad? En la edad medieval la celebración de la Navidad tomó la forma de una Misa especial celebrada a medianoche en la víspera del nacimiento de Cristo. Puesto que esta era la única vez en el año que se permitía una Misa de Medianoche en la Iglesia Católica, pronto se hizo conocida en el Inglés Antiguo como Christes Masse (Misa de Cristo), de la cual se deriva la Navidad.

### 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 Eucharist shows young people that Christ must be at the center of their lives".



January  
16, 17, 18,  
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Registration Forms are available at the Faith Formation and Rectory Offices. Register early to assure that there will be space available.  
For more information contact the Faith Formation Office at 510-785-1818

### 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  
(THIS COMING WEDNESDAY)  
\$50 per person after Jan 7th

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



They will return on January 11th !!  
Maria Silva and her busy baking Crew will be making them for delivery after the 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 these items. You can bring these donations to the office or if you need more information you may call Maria directly, her phone is 510-732-2720 She needs these donations of supplies NO LATER THAN JANUARY 4th

So, how can you be sure that you will get the donuts — Place an ORDER for them and they will be ready at the end of your Mass. Complete this easy form and bring it to the Rectory office

The Filhos "Donuts" are \$1.00 each — You can pre order any quantity you would like — maybe !!!  
Get your order placed for these Tasty Treats!!!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

How Many \_\_\_\_\_ each or \_\_\_\_\_ dozen — Price \$1.00 each — total amount \_\_\_\_\_

Mass Time \_\_\_\_\_ (pick up will be after this Mass )





