



1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



"So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." - Mt 24:44

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———— SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2025 ————

ST. JULIE BILLIART PARISH

6410 St. Julie Drive, San Jose, CA 95119 | 408-629-3030 | stjulies-dsj.org



CHURCH MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY:

5:00 PM | English (*Saturday Vigil*)

7:00 AM | English

9:00 AM | English

11:00 AM | English

1:00 PM | Spanish

ROSARY TO THE BLESSED MOTHER

Mon - Friday | 9:00 AM

WEEKDAY MASS

Mon - Friday | 9:30 AM

First Wednesday of the Month

6:30 PM | Novena Mass to Mother of Perpetual Help

First Friday of the Month

9:30 AM | Mass with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament | English

6:30 PM | Adoracion | Spanish

7:00 PM | Misa

7:45 PM (Uncion de los enfermos)

IN HONOR OF

Our Lady of Guadalupe

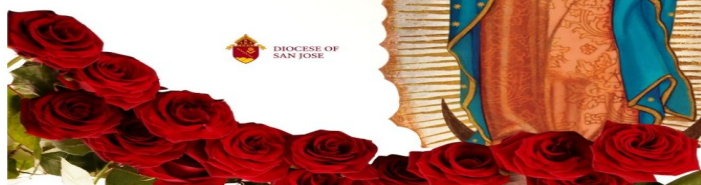
DIOCESAN CELEBRATION

Friday, December 5

Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish

6 pm - Procession begins

7 pm - Mass begins



Reconciliation / Confesiones
Every Saturday at 4pm-4:45pm
OR BY APPOINTMENT

Please contact Fr Tito or Fr Arthur

Infant Baptism | Bautizos

English

Fr. Tito

Spanish

Fr Arthur

Presentations | Presentaciones

Quinceañeras

Antonietta Bustamante

Faith Formation (Formacion De Fe)

Malou Bautista

Weddings | Bodas

English

Fr. Tito

Spanish

Fr. Arthur

Funerals | Funerales

English

Fr. Tito

Spanish

Fr. Arthur

The Pastoral Leadership Team

Rev. Tito Jesus L. Cartagenas, Pastor

Rev. Arthur Yabes, Parochial Vicar

Deacon Claus Dahm

Robert McCarty (Chairman)

Paul Navarro (Secretary)

Alexander Petruncola, Gilberto Guerra, Tony

Weber, Carol Bautista, Danitza Melendez,

Amy Dizon and Antonietta Bustamante

Chapel / Capilla

Open Monday—Friday

9:00AM — 4:00PM

OFFICE HOURS

Monday —Thursday

9:00AM — 4:00PM

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
(RESPONSIBILIDAD COMPARTIDA)

Please make a personal family decision to help us
reach our **weekly goal of \$7,500**

Offertory totals for November 23, 2025

Offertory	\$4,758 00
Online Sun. Giving	<u>\$2,111.00</u>
TOTAL	\$6,869.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

*Please consider ONLINE GIVING. Kindly go to
our parish website: www.stjulies-dsj.org*

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

*For the Sick & HOMEBOUND:
(Para Los Enfermos Y Confinados En Casa)*

*Loui Sanchez, Ismael Alarcon, Melida
Salguero, Stacey Weitz and Amanda Perez*

*Recently Died (Murieron Recientemente)
Tony Raia+, Joanne Kires+, Anthony
Delvas+, Maria Torres Chavez+, Dan
Bohacek+, Maria Lazarraga+*

*Members of our Parish Family who are in the
military, hospitals, nursing homes and all who
have no one to pray for them.*

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Please go to **FORMED.ORG** and sign up using our
parish zip code **95119** and search for St. Julie
Billiard Parish San Jose.



Do you know someone who's homebound?

If you or a loved one are homebound, and would like to receive Holy Communion and anointing, please call the parish office at 408-629-3030 or Carmen Lizardi Folley at 408-314-0328.

Leave your name, phone number and the date that you called. Or email us with the same information to office@stjulies-dsj.org. A minister will contact you and arrange a time to come to your home.

Conoces a alguien que esté sin poder salir de casa?

Si usted o un ser querido están enfermos o imposibilitados para salir de su hogar y desea recibir la Sagrada Comunión, llame a la oficina parroquial al 408-629-3030 x 107. Deje su nombre, número de teléfono y la fecha en que llamó. O envíenos un correo electrónico con la misma información a office@stjulies-dsj.org. Un ministro se pondrá en contacto con usted y concertará una cita para visitar su hogar.

MASS INTENTIONS



Sun	11/30	7:00 AM	St. Julie Parishioners
		9:00 AM	St. Julie Parishioners
		11:00AM	Dennis Adams
		1:00 PM	Parroquiano De Santa Julia
Mon	12/1	9:30 AM	Roberto Duran † Almas del Purgatorio
Tue	12/2	9:30 AM	Dolly C. Grey † Roberto Duran † Almas del Purgatorio
Wed	12/3	9:30 AM	Mary Joseph † and all souls
Thu	12/4	9:30 AM	Roberto Duran † Almas del Purgatorio
Fri	12/5	9:30 AM	Esther Beltran † Indalecio Perez † Susana Becerra (birthday)
Sat	12/6	5:00 PM	Agnes C. Grey †

WEEKLY READINGS



11/30 | SUNDAY

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 2:1-5/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44 (1)

12/1 | MONDAY

Is 4:2-6 (second choice)/Mt 8:5-11 (175)

12/2 | TUESDAY

Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24 (176)

12/3 | WEDNESDAY

Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37 (177)

12/4 | THURSDAY

Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27 (178)

12/5 | FRIDAY

Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31 (179)

12/6 | SATURDAY

Saint Nicholas, Bishop

Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8 (180)



Sowing Seeds of Faith
The Diocese of San José – Campaign for Spiritual Renewal

Heavenly Father,
Source of all life and giver of every good gift,
In this Year of Hope, we come before You
With grateful hearts and trusting spirits.

You have called us to sow seeds of faith,
To renew our hearts, our parishes,
schools, and our Diocese
Through a bold vision rooted in Your love.
As we unite in this Capital Campaign,
Grant us the grace to respond with
generosity and joy.

Strengthen our commitment to the
mission of the Church,
That we may grow as faithful disciples,
Active in the life of our parishes,
And courageous in sharing the
Gospel with others.

Bless our efforts to support our
Diocesan Pastoral Plan,
So that Renewed in Christ,
Together in Mission,
Every ministry may thrive,
And every soul may give glory to God.

May the seeds we plant today bear fruit
for generations to come.
Through the intercession of
Saint Joseph, and Saint Clare
And with Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe
We may be guided always in faith,
hope, and love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.





St. Julie Billiard Parish

Advent and Christmas Calendar

December 2025 – January 2026



Sat.11/29 - Sun 11/30

Thu. 12/04 -12/11
Fri. 12/05

First Sunday of Advent – HOPE

Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena
Healing Mass and Adoration
OLG Pilgrimage to OLG Parish

*Reg. Mass Schedule

7:30 PM (Spanish)
9:30 AM (English)
5:30 PM (Eng/Spa)

Sat.12/06 Sun.12/07

Mon. 12/08

Second Sunday of Advent – PEACE

Feast of the Immaculate Conception
(Patronal Feast of the USA)

*Reg. Mass Schedule

9:30 AM (English)
6:30 PM (Spanish)

Tue. 12/09
Thu. 12/12

Parish Reconciliation Service
OLG Procession-Rosary
OLG Mañanitas
Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass
OLG breakfast (Sullivan Center)

6:00 -7:30 PM (bilingual)
4:00 AM (Spanish)
4:30 AM (Spanish)
5:00 AM (Spanish)
6:00 AM

Sat.12/13 Sun.12/14

Mon.12/15 - Fri 12/19
Sat. 12/20

Third Sunday of Advent – JOY

Simbang Gabi Mass
Regular Vigil Mass/Simbang Gabi Mass

*Reg. Mass Schedule

7:00 PM (English)
5:00 PM (English)

SUN. 12/21

Sun. 12/21 - Tue 12/23

Fourth Sunday of Advent- LOVE

Simbang Gabi Mass

*Reg. Mass Schedule

7:00 PM (English)

WED. 12/24

Christmas Eve Mass Schedule:

Christmas Eve Family Mass
Christmas Eve Mass
Midnight Christmas Mass

5:00 PM (Spanish)
8:00 PM (English)
11:59 PM (English)

THUR. 12/25

Christmas Day Mass Schedule:

Christmas Mass
Christmas Mass

9:00 AM (English)
11:00 AM (Spanish)

Thur. Jan. 1
Fri., Jan. 2

New Year's Day/Mary, Mother of God
First Friday/ Healing Mass & Adoration

9:30 AM Mass (English)
9:30 AM (English)

Sat/Sun., Jan. 3-4

Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

*Reg. Mass Schedule

Sat/Sun. Jan 10-11

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

*Reg. Mass Schedule

***Regular Mass Schedule: Sat. – 5:00 PM (English)**

Sun. – 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 AM, (English)1:00 PM (Spanish).



What Is Advent?

The Advent season is a four-week period in the Christian calendar that prepares people for Jesus Christ's birth at Christmas, while also pointing ahead to his promised return. Each Sunday of the season traditionally spotlights a key theme—like hope, peace, joy, or love—to invite reflection, prayer, and expectant celebration.

The Meaning and Significance of Advent

For many, “advent” means a countdown to Christmas. Whether we envision candy-filled Advent calendars or lights draped over houses with nativity scenes out front, Advent marks a happy season of celebrating.

But the word “advent” comes from the Latin *adventus*, which is about a “coming” or an “arrival.” The Latin translation of the New Testament uses *adventus* to describe God the Son arriving on Earth, born as Jesus of Nazareth during the 1st century C.E. (see [Acts 7:52](#)). Still, throughout Church history, Advent has more traditionally referred to Jesus’ future arrival, when he comes to complete his work of restoring all creation (see [Matt. 24:27](#); [1 Cor. 15:23](#); [1 Thess. 3:13](#)).

The Advent season leads to the celebration of Jesus’ birth and also emphasizes his future arrival. It’s a season that includes practices like prayer, giving to those in need, and worship (plus more, depending on the tradition). And it reminds us that we’re living during the time between Jesus’ first and second advents, leading us to lament the hardships we experience in a still-broken world, while also forming us into people who wait with longing for the renewed world to come.

Celebrating Advent also means living into it by practicing a generous way of love and care for our neighbors as we partner with Jesus to bring peace on Earth.

The Four Weeks of Advent

In most Christian traditions, Advent is a four-week season of celebration and observation prior to Christmas, each week often focusing on a particular biblical theme. Although the selection and arrangement of themes can vary, these are some themes commonly explored during Advent.

- Week 1: Hope
- Week 2: Peace
- Week 3: Joy
- Week 4: Love

This guide is intended to help you meditate on each of these themes so that you might deepen your understanding of Advent and experience the season in a new way. You’ll also find an Advent calendar below with daily reflections that begin on the first Sunday of Advent.

Hope

Sometimes hope feels wishful, like crossing our fingers and dreaming of a better outcome. We might hope for better employment, healed relationships, or a brighter future. But that kind of hope is based on things that may or may not happen. When things don't go as we hoped, it can be crushing—our hope disappearing like vapor.

As a season of reflection and contemplation, Advent invites us to imagine a different kind of hope, rooted in the unchanging nature of God and his promise to restore every part of his creation. Advent hope does not minimize pain or difficulty, nor does it assume things will soon get better. Instead, it faces the darkness with courage and chooses to trust that God's promises will come to pass, guaranteed by his long-proven, faithful character.

In the Hebrew Bible, the words most often used for hope—*qavah* and *yakhal*—are also translated as “wait.” To hope in God means to wait with patient expectation, trusting that he will fulfill his promises. This kind of waiting leans forward, anticipating the day when Jesus will return to make all things new. Such hope empowers people to persevere, to act justly, and to serve others as a sign of the restoration that will arrive through Jesus.

Joy

We often think about joy as an experience of happiness based on favorable circumstances: a stroke of good luck, a personal achievement, or a long-held desire finally being satisfied. But when joy depends on circumstances, it fades fast when the good times end.

Advent joy is not about general happiness stemming from good times. It's a deep sense of safety and freedom people feel because of God's loving character, which remains constant through all circumstances, and because God can be trusted to ultimately bless and heal creation as he promised. Similar to the joy a friend's presence brings on good days and bad, we experience joy as God walks with us through the fluctuations of life's positive and painful circumstances.

In the Bible, people express joy both when God delivers them from situations of oppression and while still in the middle of exile, persecution, and pain. As people remember God's loving, rescuing actions throughout history, they wait in joyful hope for him to act in the future, even when that waiting requires patient suffering.

This kind of joy is about being united with the God who walks with us and trusting that he will one day wipe away every tear. It looks to the future but also takes root in our present reality. The season of Advent invites us to experience joy not because everything is perfect but because God is with us and his joy is already breaking into the world.

Peace

We often hear that peace comes through strength. If our military is the most powerful fighting force, our enemies won't challenge us and we'll have peace. Taking the opposite approach, some try to “keep the peace” by avoiding conflict and ignoring problems, hoping they'll solve themselves. Like Israel's false prophets, they provide superficial harmony, saying, “Peace, peace!” But in reality, nobody is truly at peace ([Jer. 6:14](#)).

The kind of peace envisioned during Advent comes not through military victory or avoidance of reality but through the way of Jesus. He brings true peace by honestly addressing and working to heal the deeper sources of division, such as fear and pride, that compel people to violence. Jesus reconciles all things to himself, offering healing and restoration through love and forgiveness.

As Jesus continues his work of bringing real, lasting peace throughout the Earth, we can participate in that work by living as peacemakers. We join with Jesus by embracing his non-violent way of forgiveness, caring for our neighbors, and extending generous love toward all people.

Love

Love is often seen as a force beyond our control, something people fall in or out of. Or it may seem like something satisfying that we can achieve, driving us to chase affection through relationships or status. “Love is all you need,” they say, because it's the path to self-fulfillment.

But something is missing from that picture of love. The Bible invites us to see a kind of love that's neither accidental nor driven by desire for self-fulfillment. Instead, it involves a steady commitment to care for the well-being of others—never self-seeking, always self-giving—even when it costs us.

Jesus shows this kind of love when he gives his life for friends and enemies alike. Dying on a cross, with his killers still laughing at him, Jesus cares for their well-being as he prays for their forgiveness ([Luke 23:34](#)). Living with this kind of love does not mean ignoring our own needs or devaluing ourselves. After all, Jesus says to “love your neighbor as yourself” ([Matt. 22:39](#)). But it means choosing to see all people as living miracles of God, each made in God's image and deeply loved by him.

The Advent season leads us to reflect on the future God is bringing, where every interaction will be shaped and compelled by love. Even more, it invites us to live into that coming world right now by loving others the way Jesus does. As we give of ourselves in order to care for both friends and enemies, we demonstrate the love that Jesus shows to all people. usccb



IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION
HOLY DAY
DECEMBER 8th

Mass Schedule
9:30am | English
6:30pm | Bilingual



NATIVITY SET FUNDRAISER

On Sunday, December 7th, some of the nativity sets displayed last December by the Cinco family in the Sullivan Center will be available for sale. All proceeds will be donated to the parish Las Guadalupanas to support the upcoming festivities in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe.
Location: in front of the church after each Mass.
Rain location: Sullivan Center Room D.



Simbang Gabi 2025
KICK OFF MASS & Christmas Party

DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF FILIPINO CATHOLICS (DCFC)

President
The Most Reverend
ANDRES C. LIGOT, JCD
Titular Bishop of Croeze
Auxiliary Bishop of San Jose in California

PLEASE BRING YOUR PAROL FOR BLESSING! (STAR LANTERNS)

Attire: Filipiniana/Barong
DECEMBER 10, 2025
WEDNESDAY | AT 7:00 PM
OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CHURCH
2020 E. San Antonio St. San Jose, CA 95116



SIMBANG GABI
COME JOIN US FOR A SPIRITUAL PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS

Mass Schedule
Mon. 12/15 —Fri. 12/19 | 7PM
Sat. 12/20 | 5PM
Sun. 12/21—Tue. 12/23 | 7PM

Advent Giveaway of Books and Religious Articles
Saturday & Sunday December 6th-7th, after all Masses

A heartfelt thank you to those who have donated religious books and items since October. **The last date to donate is Friday December 5th.**

The items collected will be given away (first come, first serve) on Saturday & Sunday December 6th-7th, after all Masses, in front of the church. Rain location: Sullivan Center Room D (back entrance of the building).

There are many items in new or almost new condition that can be used for your own Christmas gifting! Most likely you'll find other items for your own enjoyment and spiritual renewal.

The inventory includes books for readers of all ages, rosaries of all styles and sizes, crucifixes, statues, figurines, chain necklaces with medals and/or crosses, keychains, candles, music CDs, DVD movies, plaques and prints, as well as tons of prayer booklets/cards/bookmarks. Reading materials are mostly in English, with some in Spanish and in Vietnamese (and possibly Chinese).