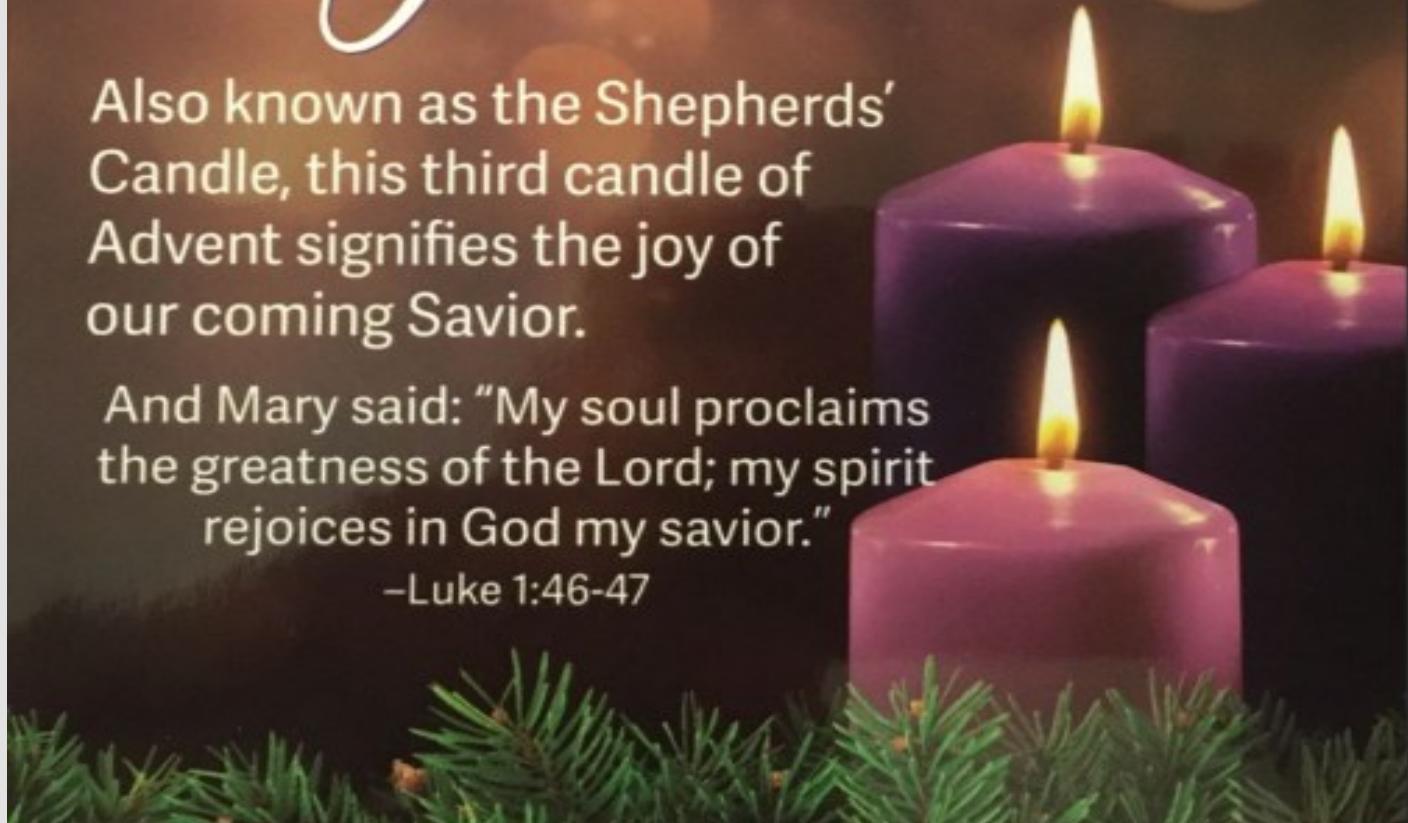


# THE *Joy* CANDLE

Also known as the Shepherds' Candle, this third candle of Advent signifies the joy of our coming Savior.

And Mary said: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior."

—Luke 1:46-47



## Third Sunday of Advent

— SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2025 —

**ST. JULIE BILLIART PARISH**

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## 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)

**Chapel / Capilla**  
Open Monday—Friday  
9:00AM — 4:00PM

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday — Thursday  
9:00AM — 4:00PM

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**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



Sun	12/14	7:00 AM	Ophelia Sepulvada +
		9:00 AM	Carmen Jimenez Arroyo +
		11:00AM	Mrs. P. Y. Fok +
		1:00 PM	All Souls in Purgatory
Mon	12/15	9:30 AM	Sanders Family living and deceased All Souls in Purgatory Christina Nunez (for her spirituality)
Tue	12/16	9:30 AM	Maureen Malnburg + All Souls in Purgatory Christine Nunez (for her spirituality)
Wed	12/17	9:30 AM	Michelle L. Grey (birthday) Angel Nunez Duran (birthday) All Souls in Purgatory
Thu	12/18	9:30 AM	All Souls in Purgatory Christina Nunez (for her spirituality)
Fri	12/19	9:30 AM	Rimil Boban + All Souls in Purgatory
Sat	12/20	5:00 PM	Mitos L. Grey + Richard Thomas +

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE (RESPONSIBILIDAD COMPARTIDA)

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

Offertory totals for December 7, 2025

Offertory	<b>\$6,385.00</b>
Online Sun. Giving	<b><u>\$3,569.00</u></b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,954.00</b>

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

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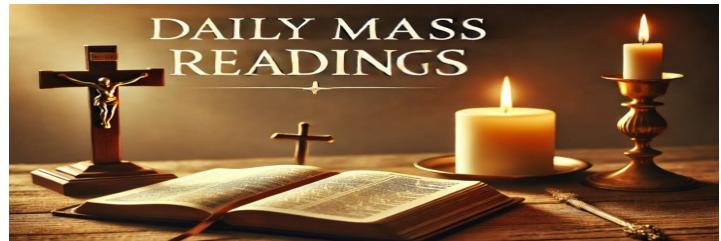
## STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

*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.*



**12/14 | SUNDAY**  
**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
Is 35:1-6a, 10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11 (7)

**12/15 | MONDAY**  
Advent Weekday  
Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21:23-27 (187)

**12/16 | TUESDAY**  
Advent Weekday  
Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32 (188)

**12/17 | WEDNESDAY**  
Advent Weekday  
Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17 (193)

**12/18 | THURSDAY**  
Advent Weekday  
Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25 (194)

**12/19 | FRIDAY**  
Advent Weekday  
Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25 (195)

**12/20 | SATURDAY**  
Advent Weekday  
Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38 (196)

# SUNDAY CONNECTION

## First Reading

Isaiah 35:1-6,10

In the day of the Lord, all sorrow and mourning will cease.

## Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 146:6-7,8-9,9-10

The Lord will save his people.

## Second Reading

James 5:7-10

Be patient, and be ready; the coming of the Lord is near.

## Gospel Reading

Matthew 11:2-11

Jesus tells John the Baptist of the signs of the kingdom that are being worked through him and praises John as more than a prophet.

## Background on the Gospel Reading

The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called *Gaudete Sunday*. *Gaudete* is the Latin word meaning “rejoice.” This Sunday is so named because “Rejoice” is the first word in the entrance antiphon for today’s Mass taken from Philippians 4:4,5: “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near.” Some people mark this Sunday on their Advent wreath with a pink candle instead of a purple candle. This Sunday is a joyful reminder that our salvation is near.

This week’s Gospel Reading continues our Advent reflection on the person and message of John the Baptist. Last week we heard John speak about his relationship to the coming Messiah, Jesus. This week, we hear Jesus’ message to John the Baptist, now in prison, about the signs of the kingdom found in Jesus’ ministry and Jesus’ assessment of John’s role in the Kingdom of God.

The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of John’s arrest in chapter [14:3-12](#). In today’s Gospel, John sends word to Jesus from prison, asking if Jesus is the Messiah for whom he has been waiting. Jesus responds by pointing to the miracles that he has worked and invites John and the other hearers to make their own determination. In his next breath, however, Jesus praises John for his role in preparing the way for Jesus. Then Jesus says that all of those who work for the Kingdom of God will be as great as John and even greater. Jesus’ message to John about the signs of the kingdom being performed recalls the salvation described by the prophet Isaiah. This passage is a reminder that the beginning of salvation is already mysteriously present to us, but also yet to be fulfilled. Salvation is already in our midst as manifest in the miraculous deeds of Jesus and in the Church. But salvation is also to be fulfilled in the coming reign of God. Even as we observe our world today, we can find glimpses of God’s work among us. Even more, we help to prepare the way for God’s kingdom by our words and our deeds. This message is indeed a cause for rejoicing.



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 Billiart 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).**

## Coming to Know God

If we are to love God, we must come to know Him. We cannot love someone we do not know. So how do we do this? How do we come to know God? There are two basic ways. Both ways bring us to knowledge of God, but the second way brings us much deeper into our personal knowledge of Him and is necessary for a true relationship with Him. Below are the two ways.

First, we come to know there is a God simply by natural deduction. In other words, our brains can figure it out by a process of reasoning. It just makes sense! As you will see, our natural reasoning process toward a God cannot help us arrive at the full picture of the Christian God we love and worship. But it can give us a start and point us in the right direction. Let's start by looking at how this makes sense from the point of view of creation itself. There are several ways we can look at this, but we'll just look at it from a couple of them. This may seem overly philosophical, but it's important to understand nonetheless.

One way to look at it is to realize that the Universe must have had a beginning. There was a beginning to time. How do we know this? Because it doesn't make sense to say that the Universe simply always was with no beginning. Why? Because time moves in one direction. Forward. We can certainly imagine that time could go on (forward) infinitely. It's rational to think that there could be no end to time. But what about the reverse? Is it rational to think that time could have what philosophers call an "infinite regress?" That is, a day before yesterday, and a day before that, and a day before that...on and on and into infinity backwards? If you think too hard about this, your brain may hurt. It's hard to comprehend this possibility and ultimately does not seem possible. So what's the answer? The logical answer is that the Universe had to have a definite beginning. A starting point. But this begs the question, "How did it start?" And that's where we get our answer. There must be a power that is capable of starting the Universe, creating it, setting it into motion, and doing this out of nothing. Some scientists call this the Big Bang. But we will call it God.

Another way to look at this question of proving God's existence from a rational point of view is the reality of non-material "things." What are those things? They are beauty, love, free will, intelligence, and the like.

The Catechism (#32) quotes Saint Augustine as he says:

Question the beauty of the earth, question the beauty of the sea, question the beauty of the air distending and diffusing itself, question the beauty of the sky... question all these realities. All respond: "See, we are beautiful." Their beauty is a profession [confessio]. These beauties are subject to change. Who made them if not the Beautiful One [Pulcher] who is not subject to change? (St. Augustine, Sermo 241, 2: PL 38, 1134)

Beauty is something real. We see it, understand it when we are faced with it, and somehow it reveals the Most Beautiful One. We also see within our self the reality of our interior life. We realize we have free will. An ability to know, love, communicate, cherish. We recognize our comprehension of moral goodness, concern and care. These and so many other human qualities are so much more than the result of a bunch of molecules acting within our physical bodies. We just know that. These qualities must come from somewhere, and that "somewhere" must be something spiritual. It must be more than physical. The acknowledgement of this brings us to the realization that there is something more than just the physical world. And the origin of this is what we call God.

When we really wrap our minds around this and are honest with ourselves, we realize that we can only scratch the surface of what this all means through our human reason alone. We can come to a point where we realize there is more. That there must be a source of all we are, all we know, and all we experience. But human reason cannot go much further. And human language is also insufficient in expressing this. But we do our best realizing that we are striving for that which we can only begin to fathom.

Our next step is to go beyond what our brains can figure out and turn to what we call revelation.

## Revelation

So, if I were a philosopher and wanted to prove that God existed, I could prove certain things such as the fact that there must be a first cause of the Universe. And I could argue that the non-physical aspects of humanity, such as truth, beauty, knowledge, free-will, etc., must come from some source other than the physical makeup of my body. But it's hard to go beyond these points just from a logical argument. Therefore, if we want more, if we want to come to the understanding of who God is and how He has acted and continues to act in our lives, then we need more. So what is that "more?"

That "more" is revelation. Revelation is real. It's almost like a sixth sense. A spiritual sense. It's the way God speaks to us and personally convinces us of His divine nature. It's His personal love and care for us and His activity in our lives throughout history.

Revelation is both a public act on God's part but also a very personal act on His part. It's God Himself speaking, explaining, and acting within our lives. It's a personal communication with us and more! It's more in the real sense that God not only speaks to us in revelation but also calls us to know Him, understand Him, believe in Him, love Him, follow Him, and live united with Him. It's a true communion of love, a true relationship of love and the beginning of a complete transformation of our lives.

So how is it that God reveals Himself to us through revelation?

(MyCatholicLife.org)

### KIDS PRAYER FOR ADVENT



My little Lord Jesus, I love You and thank You for this Advent season. Please help me to understand all that You have done for me. Your loving mother held You in her heart and brought You into this world. Help me to do the same.

My loving Jesus, I choose You, this Advent, as my King and my God. Draw me close to You and help me to see my sins so that I can change the things that You want me to change.

Mother Mary, pray for me this Advent so that I may do all that God wants me to do. You said "Yes" to all that God asked of you. Please pray for me that I may do the same.

Come, Lord Jesus,  
Come, Lord Jesus,  
Come, Lord Jesus, come!  
I love You, Jesus.  
Amen.



# Simbáng Gabi

## A Filipino Advent Tradition

### Mass Schedule

Mon. 12/15—Fri. 12/19 | 7PM

Sat. 12/20 | 5PM

Sun. 12/21—Tue. 12/23 | 7PM

Please join us for an evening of faith, fun, and food in a traditional Filipino Advent celebration at the Sullivan Center.

St. Julie Billiart Parish



### Interested in being an Altar Server at St. Julie?

Please contact Fr. Tito at 408-960-8017

#### **Requirements:**

Must be in 5th grade or higher and be willing to make a commitment to serve regularly (at least twice a month) at St. Julie Parish

**Diocese of San José Jubilee 2025 Closing Mass**

**Thursday, December 18, 2025**

Where: Cathedral Basilica of St. Joseph, 80 South Market St., San Jose  
Time: 7pm

Presided by Most Reverend Andres C. Ligot, JCD DD Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of San José

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