



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2025

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



"She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." - Mt 1:21

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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)

The Parish Office will be closed from Tuesday, December 23, at noon.

We will return on Monday, January 5, 2026.

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

WELCOME TO ST. JULIE BILLIART

You are loved by God and are welcomed to celebrate with us here in our community. If you are interested in more information about our parish and would like to register with us, or if you are a current parishioner with a change in your contact information, please fill out this form, cut and place it in the collection basket or in the mail.

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State, Zip _____ Phone: _____

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New Parishioner New Address
 Moving-remove from list
 Please send contribution envelope

Our website: www.stjulies-dsj.org
6410 St. Julie Dr., San Jose, CA. 95119

Mass Intentions

Sun	12/21	7:00 AM	St. Julie Parishioners
		9:00 AM	Marco Antonio Contreras +
		11:00AM	St. Julie Parishioners
		1:00 PM	All Souls in Purgatory
Mon	12/22	9:30 AM	Manalo family Thanksgiving Elizabeth Nunez Duran (birthday and spiritual guidance)
Tue	12/23	9:30 AM	Sanders family living and deceased Mitos, Dolly & Lydia Grey +
Wed	12/24	9:30 AM	Christmas Vigil
Thu	12/25	9:30 AM	Merry Christmas
Fri	12/26	9:30 AM	Achamma Mathai + and all Souls in purgatory
Sat	12/27	5:00 PM	Genoveva Ungos +



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 14, 2025

Offertory	\$5,771.22
Online Sun. Giving	\$1,923.00
TOTAL	\$7,694.22

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

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

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Robert McCarty (Chairman)
Paul Navarro (Secretary)
Alexander Petruncola, Gilberto Guerra, Tony Weber, Carol Bautista, Danitza Melendez, Amy Dizon and Antonietta Bustamante

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

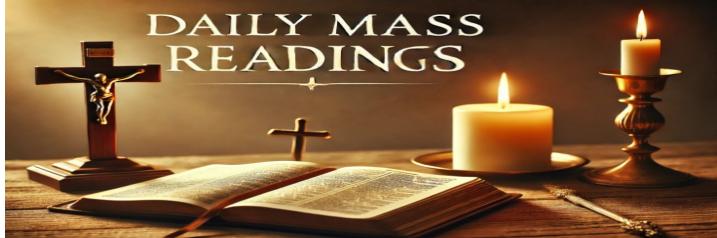
*For the Sick & HOMEBOUND:
(Para Los Enfermos Y Confinados En Casa)*

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.

DAILY MASS READINGS



12/21 | SUNDAY
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Is 7:10-14/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24 (10)

12/22 | MONDAY
Advent Weekday
1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56 (198)

12/23 | TUESDAY
Advent Weekday (Saint John of Kenty, Priest)
Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66 (199)

12/24 | WEDNESDAY
Advent Weekday
2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Lk 1:67-79 (200)

12/25 | THURSDAY
THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (Christmas)
Holy Day of Obligation
Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 (13)
Night: Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 (14) Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ti 3:4-7 /Lk 2:15-20 (15) Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

12/26 | FRIDAY
Feast of Saint Stephen, the First Martyr
Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22 (696)

12/27 | SATURDAY
Feast of Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist
1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8 (697)

St. Julie Billiart Parish
Advent and Christmas Calendar
 December 2025 – January 2026

Sat.11/29 - Sun 11/30	First Sunday of Advent – HOPE	*Reg. Mass Schedule
Thu. 12/04 -12/11	Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena	7:30 PM (Spanish)
Fri. 12/05	Healing Mass and Adoration	9:30 AM (English)
	OLG Pilgrimage to OLG Parish	5:30 PM (Eng/Spa)
Sat.12/06 Sun.12/07	Second Sunday of Advent – PEACE	*Reg. Mass Schedule
Mon. 12/08	<u>Feast of the Immaculate Conception</u> (Patronal Feast of the USA)	9:30 AM (English) 6:30 PM (Spanish)
Tue. 12/09	Parish Reconciliation Service	6:00 -7:30 PM (bilingual)
Thu. 12/12	OLG Procession-Rosary	4:00 AM (Spanish)
	OLG Marianitas	4:30 AM (Spanish)
	Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass	5:00 AM (Spanish)
	OLG breakfast (Sullivan Center)	6:00 AM
Sat.12/13 Sun.12/14	Third Sunday of Advent – JOY	*Reg. Mass Schedule
Mon.12/15 - Fri 12/19	Simbang Gabi Mass	7:00 PM (English)
Sat. 12/20	Regular Vigil Mass/Simbang Gabi Mass	5:00 PM (English)
SUN. 12/21	<u>Fourth Sunday of Advent- LOVE</u>	*Reg. Mass Schedule
Sun. 12/21 - Tue 12/23	Simbang Gabi Mass	7:00 PM (English)
WED. 12/24	Christmas Eve Mass Schedule:	
	Christmas Eve Family Mass	5:00 PM (Spanish)
	Christmas Eve Mass	8:00 PM (English)
	Midnight Christmas Mass	11:59 PM (English)
THUR. 12/25	Christmas Day Mass Schedule:	
	Christmas Mass	9:00 AM (English)
	Christmas Mass	11:00 AM (Spanish)
Sat.12/27 Sun.12/28	New Year's Eve/Feast of the Holy Family	*Reg. Mass Schedule
Thur. Jan. 1	New Year's Day/Mary, Mother of God	9:30 AM Mass (English)
Fri., Jan. 2	First Friday/ Healing Mass & Adoration	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).



Sowing Seeds of Faith

The Diocese of San José – Campaign for Spiritual Renewal

Sow of Seeds Prayer

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, Saint Clare,
And Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe,
May we be guided always in
faith, hope, and love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

ADVENT PRAYER

Come, Lord Jesus,
 O God, you are great indeed.
 Look upon us and reveal your glory,
 promised to Abraham and sent to us
 through David and his lineage.

Send us the warmth of your love, the light of your Word, the vision of your wisdom, and the comfort of your people. Open our hearts in welcome and grant us your salvation. Fill our minds with watchful hope and let us see your kindness. Give us new life, the promise and joy of salvation.

May the glory of your Son dwell in our land forever.
 We pray: Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

God Reveals Himself

When God speaks, we must listen. If we believe that, then it begs the question, “How does God speak so that I may listen?” As Scripture says, God speaks “In many and various ways...” (Hebrews 1:1–2). What are those many and various ways?

To answer this properly, we have to go back to the very beginning of time. We have to trace God’s action and communication with humanity from the very beginning. So we start with Creation itself.

The Bible is the source of our knowledge of God speaking to us throughout history. It records God’s activity in the lives of His people throughout time. But the Bible is much more than this, too! The Bible is a “Living Word,” meaning, as we read the Bible, we actually encounter the Living God! We meet Him, and He reveals Himself to us. So let’s see how this happens.

First, the Bible tells us how God spoke in the beginning of time creating the Universe and all that is within it. From there, we hear of Noah, Abraham, the patriarchs and prophets. And, of course, the Bible culminates with God speaking through His only Son.

Reading about all of this is not only like reading a history book; rather, we actually meet God Himself as we engage His Word. So, for example, when we read the story of creation, we learn about what God did and why He did it, but we also come to actually “know” God Himself! When we listen to the promises made to Noah and Abraham and listen to His words spoken through the prophets and patriarchs, we encounter a living God who loves us, has spoken to us and continues to speak to us today. And most especially, when we read the life of Jesus, listen to His words, and ponder His actions, we meet Him personally within those words. So the Bible is alive! It’s an encounter with the Living God! And it’s the instrument by which we establish our relationship with this loving and personal God.

God keeps speaking! He is not finished. Though everything He had to say is revealed in the Scriptures, and in the Person of His divine Son Jesus, He continues to reveal all He spoke by continuing that conversation within the Church today. So let’s see how.

God Keeps Speaking

Yes, the Bible is the inspired Word of God and is the source of our knowledge of Him. But God takes that glorious source of revelation and continues to deepen our understanding of it through the Church. He gave the “Keys of the Kingdom” to Saint Peter and to all of his successors. They are entrusted with the responsibility of taking that revelation and making it present in every day and age. Every day and age has its own unique questions and concerns. That is why the Church is the living and ever-present source of God’s continual voice. Again, He is alive today. He speaks today. He is alive in the Bible but also in the Church. We call this continual communication within the Church “Tradition.”

Tradition is not just traditions. It’s not just ideas or practices that have been passed on from age to age. It’s not just customs or cultural practices. Tradition is the actual Living Word of God alive in each generation. Its foundation is the Bible, the foundational revelation of the Living Word of God, and its voice is the Church today and yesterday acting as an instrument, transmitting the Living Word.

How does this transmission work? It works through the Magisterium.

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Magisterium

“The task of giving an authentic interpretation of the Word of God, whether in its written form or in the form of Tradition, has been entrusted to the living, teaching office of the Church alone. Its authority in this matter is exercised in the name of Jesus Christ” (DV 10 § 2.). (CCC #85)

“Authentic interpretation of the Word of God?” Whose job is that? It’s the responsibility of the Church in every day and age. But it is uniquely the responsibility of one part of the Church: The Magisterium.

Now, to some, the idea of the “Magisterium” and “authentic interpretation” may seem dry or even impersonal. It’s similar to our relationship to the Supreme Court or the President in the secular world. Sure, we know they are important and we know they have a big influence upon society, but do they really affect me and my life? Well, yes, more than we realize. And so it is with the Magisterium, but in a way that is even “more real,” so to speak. The most important responsibility the Magisterium has in teaching is to define what we call dogmas.

These are the Church’s highest teachings. These teachings, and really all the teachings of the Church, have a very direct impact upon our spiritual lives. For example, if you pray the rosary, have a devotion to our Blessed Mother, have a devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, go to Confession, etc., then the Magisterium has had a very direct impact upon your life! You see, doctrine and dogma affect our personal life of faith more than we could ever realize. Why? Because it presents a transmission of the very Word of God for our day and age. And that Word is the path to our relationship with God.

Next, let’s look more specifically at Sacred Scripture itself.

Sacred Scripture

The Scriptures are the inspired Word of God. But they are also the work of man. However, it’s not a 50/50 project. Rather, we say they are 100% the work of the human author and 100% the inspired work of the Holy Spirit. So it’s a 100/100 project! This is clearly seen in the fact that each book is unique. Why are they unique? Because each book uniquely reflects the way the Holy Spirit shines through that particular chosen author. So Saint Paul writes in one unique way, and you can see his human personality shine through. Each Gospel is unique and reflects both the author and the community for which it was written. Saint John’s Gospel, for example, is exceptionally unique from the others and clearly reveals God shining through his very humanity. But each part of the Bible is also 100% the inspired work of the Holy Spirit!

The Old and New Testament together make up one complete and total Testament of God’s inspired Word. Each book was written at a different period in time and together reveal the unfolding mystery of God’s activity in human history. Early on, as the books of the Old Testament were compiled, we see how God slowly prepared humanity for the coming of His Son. The Old Testament reveals the work of Creation, the fall of humanity, God’s continual attempts to establish a new covenant, man’s continual turning away from God, the role of the prophets, kings, Old Testament priesthood, sacrifices, prayers and much more. In the end, it all points to the New Testament when we discover Jesus fulfilling everything promised by God and prefigured in the Old Testament.

The New Testament was written over several decades and then was used by the early Church in its liturgies and teaching. Over the first several centuries of the Church, the question of which books and letters really were inspired was clarified and defined by various councils within the Church. A council is a gathering of the bishops for the purpose of teaching. The final and clearest statement from a council took place in the mid-sixteenth century, at the Council of Trent. At that council, the fathers clarified the definitive listing of the books of the Bible. It was definitively taught there that “the Church accepts and venerates as inspired the 46 books of the Old Testament and the 27 books of the New” (CCC #138).

One of the best things you can do is learn the Scriptures. Study them, read them and, most importantly, pray with them. As you do this, you will realize that the Scriptures are very much alive! As we enter into the Scriptures, we will be called to experience the gift that the Church has called the “Obedience of Faith.”

SUNDAY CONNECTION

First Reading

Isaiah 7:10-14

Ahaz proclaims the sign that the Lord will give: a virgin shall give birth to a son, Emmanuel.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 24:1-2,3-4,5-6

The Lord is the King of Glory who established the earth.

Second Reading

Romans 1:1-7

Paul greets the community at Rome and declares himself a servant of Christ Jesus.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 1:18-24

An angel appears to Joseph, directing him to take Mary as his wife and telling him that the child she will bear will be called Emmanuel.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Finally, on this the Fourth Sunday of Advent, our Gospel Reading permits us to begin our contemplation of the mystery of the Incarnation we celebrate at Christmas: "Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about" (Matthew 1:18).

The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of the birth of Jesus from Joseph's perspective. Today's Gospel passage is the second movement in this story. In the preceding verses of the first chapter of Matthew's Gospel, the Evangelist has listed the genealogy of Jesus, tracing his lineage through King David to Abraham. In the chapter to follow, Matthew tells of the visit from the Magi, the Holy Family's flight into Egypt, and Herod's massacre of the infants in Bethlehem. (The other stories which we associate with Christmas, the Annunciation, the Visitation, the angel and the shepherds, are found in the Gospel of Luke).

We must not gloss over too quickly the difficult circumstances described in today's Gospel. The way that Joseph and Mary face these circumstances tells us much about these holy people and their faith in God. Joseph and Mary are betrothed to be married. This is sometimes described as an engagement period, but it is more than that. Betrothal in first century Jewish culture was in fact the first part of the marriage contract. A breach of this contract was considered adultery. Mary is found to be with child. If adultery is proven, the punishment might be death. Joseph has rights under Mosaic law, but chooses to act discreetly in his plans to break the marriage contract, so as to protect Mary. Then God intervenes.

The message of the angel of the Lord given to Joseph in his dream tells us much about the child that Mary bears and his role in God's plan. He is conceived by the Holy Spirit. His name will be Jesus, which in the Hebrew means "Yahweh saves." He will be the fulfillment of the prophecy heard in today's first reading from Isaiah: "... The virgin shall be with child . . . and shall name him Emmanuel [God with us]."

Joseph does as the angel of the Lord directs. He takes Mary to be his wife and accepts the child in her womb as his own. Joseph and Mary are both cooperative with God's plan. They are both models for us of what it means to be faithful servants of God.

RADIATE LOVE: CELEBRATING THE *Sacrament of Matrimony*

FOR CIVILLY MARRIED COUPLES
WITH BISHOP OSCAR CANTÚ

HAVE YOU BEEN WAITING FOR THE RIGHT MOMENT TO CELEBRATE YOUR MARRIAGE IN THE CHURCH?

This may be the opportunity your hearts have been hoping for.

Join other Catholic couples from across the diocese on **July 25, 2026**, when Bishop Cantú will celebrate a joyful communal wedding for couples desiring to enter into a valid Catholic marriage and, when applicable, to receive the Sacrament of Matrimony.

Register by January 15, 2026 to allow time for preparation.

A friendly and supportive team will accompany you through every step with care and understanding.



Scan the QR code to register or contact the
Office of Adult Spirituality and Family Life



Email: familylife@dsj.org
Phone: 408-983-0103

For more information visit: www.dsj.org/convocation/

WHO IS THIS CELEBRATION FOR?

This celebration is especially intended for Catholic couples (a man and a woman) who previously married in a civil ceremony or in another religious tradition without the required permission or dispensation from the Catholic Church.

Each couple will be welcomed and guided to discern their situation.

If more couples register than can be accommodated at the central celebration, we will continue to support all couples in preparing for and celebrating their convalidation in their local parish communities.



REVS vs SEMS

\$10 GENERAL ADMISSION

CHILDREN UNDER 9 AGE - FREE
ALTAR SERVERS FREE - MUST
BRING PHOTO OF THEM WEARING
LITURGICAL VESTIMENT

REVS VS SEMS

BASKETBALL

CHALLENGE

**TICKETS AVAILABLE AT
YOUR PARISH OR ONLINE
AT DSJ.org/Basketball**

**RAFFLE TICKETS
\$10/ TICKET**

**1ST PRIZE - \$2000
2ND PRIZE - \$1000
3RD PRIZE - \$500**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2026

DOORS OPEN AT 5:00PM, FREE PARKING
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www.dsj.org/basketball

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JOY to the WORLD

May the divine peace of our Lord Jesus Christ fill your heart and home with serenity and love this Christmas season. As we celebrate the birth of our Savior, may His light guide you, His love envelop you, and His joy uplift your spirit.



**From Fr. Tito, Fr. Arthur
and staff of St. Julie Billiart Parish**



You are invited to enjoy a guided tour of St. Joseph's Cathedral Basilica in downtown San Jose. Make it part of your journey in this 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope. Learn about the history of San Jose along with the art and unique architecture of the Cathedral. Tours are Wednesday through Friday from 1-3pm.

We are also hoping to find people who would like to become a docent to share the beauty of the Cathedral with visitors. If you are interested, please contact Pat Graaff for information about the latest training schedule. Contact Pat at tennisbumetepat@yahoo.com



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

FAITH FORMATION ACTIVITY

St. Julie's Faith Formation Program is doing an activity that will help the children and their Families to put their faith in action with acts of kindness and mercy.

We are collecting blankets, sleeping bags, winter jackets, mittens etc. (new or gently used but clean and in good condition) to take them to our brothers in shelter and in St. James Park.



Please bring your donations to the Church or to Faith Formation classes on the following dates: Starting Sunday January 4th to January 18th.

**ALL DONATIONS SHOULD BE FOR ADULTS,
AND CLEAN CONDITIONS!
NO OTHER ITEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED**

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

For more information contact: Malou at 408-960-8027