



## THE HOLY FAMILY

He went and dwelt in a town called Nazareth,  
so that what had been spoken through the  
prophets might be fulfilled. - Mt 2:23

— SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2025 —

**ST. JULIE BILLIART PARISH**

6410 St. Julie Drive, San Jose, CA 95119 | 408-629-3030 | [stjulies-dsj.org](http://stjulies-dsj.org)

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



### 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)



Sun	12/28	7:00 AM	Yusif Mj Hasan +
		9:00 AM	St. Julie Parishioners
		11:00AM	Skylar Villareal (birthday)
		1:00 PM	Josefina Carvajal +
Mon	12/29	9:30 AM	Mitos, Dolly and Lydia Grey + Thomas My Phan +
Tue	12/30	9:30 AM	Mitos, Dolly and Lydia Grey +
Wed	12/31	9:30 AM	Vivian Sanders +
Thu	1/1	9:30 AM	Mitos L. Grey +
Fri	1/2	9:30 AM	Dolly C. Grey +
Sat	1/3	5:00 PM	Mrs. P. Y Fok + Sammy Fok + Mitos, Dolly & Lydia Grey +



#### 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](mailto: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](mailto:office@stjulies-dsj.org). Un ministro se pondrá en contacto con usted y concertará una cita para visitar su hogar.

## 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 21, 2025

Offertory	<b>\$5,563.00</b>
Online Sun. Giving	<b>\$1,641.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,204.00</b>

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

**Please consider ONLINE GIVING.** Kindly go to our parish website: [www.stjulies-dsj.org](http://www.stjulies-dsj.org)

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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+, and Jorge Gonzalez Garcia +*

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



**SOLEMNITY OF  
MARY, MOTHER  
OF GOD**

January 1st

**Holy Day of Obligation**

## DAILY MASS READINGS

**12/28 | SUNDAY**  
**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**  
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23 (17)

**12/29 | MONDAY**  
Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr  
1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35 (202)

**12/30 | TUESDAY**  
Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord  
1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40 (203)

**12/31 | WEDNESDAY**  
Saint Sylvester I, Pope  
1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18 (204)

**1/1 | THURSDAY**  
**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**  
**Holy Day of Obligation**  
Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21 (18)

**1/2 | FRIDAY**  
Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and  
Doctors of the Church  
1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28 (205)

**1/3 | SATURDAY**  
**The Most Holy Name of Jesus**  
1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Jn 1:29-34 (206)



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.**

# SUNDAY CONNECTION

## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

### First Reading

*Sirach 3:2-7,12-14*

Honor to one's parents will be rewarded.

### Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 128:1-2,3,4-5*

Happy are those who follow the Lord's ways.

### Second Reading

*Colossians 3:12-21 (or shorter form, Colossians 3:12-17)*

Do all things in the name of Jesus and give thanks to God.

### Gospel Reading

*Matthew 2:13-15,19-23*

In a dream, God tells Joseph to flee to Egypt to protect Jesus from King Herod.

### Background on the Gospel Reading

Today we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. As we do so, our Gospel invites us to consider Joseph's protection of Jesus in the face of danger. Just as in the announcement of Jesus' birth, an angel appears to Joseph in a dream. The angel warns him of Herod's plans to harm Jesus. Joseph follows the command of the angel and takes Joseph and Mary to Egypt, returning only after receiving word in another dream that it was safe to do so.

This feast is part of the Christmas season, so we should look at today's Gospel in the context of what Scripture tells us about Jesus' birth. Today's reading is found in the Gospel of Matthew, following the story of the visit of the Magi. Recall that Matthew's story about the birth of Jesus makes Joseph the primary character. Among Matthew's themes in this infancy narrative is Jesus as the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies about the messiah. Indeed, the story of the Holy Family's flight to Egypt recalls the story of Moses in the Book of Exodus.

It should also be noted that today's reading omits the verses that recount Herod's order of the massacre of the infant boys in and around Bethlehem. We mark this event on the Feast of the Holy Innocents on December 28.

These events remind us of the difficult reality of Jesus' birth. While the story of the Magi's visit will be recalled in our liturgy on the Feast of the Epiphany, our Christmas celebration is made more sober by the recollection that not everyone received Christ's birth with joy or obedience. Herod's jealousy and malice contrast with Joseph's obedience to the words of the angel. The Holy Family's escape to Egypt and the massacre that Jesus is saved from remind us of the struggles and sacrifices that are required as preparation for God's salvation.



## Obedience of Faith

Here comes the “I” part of our reflection. Faith is both personal and public. It’s public in that it’s God’s Word sent forth for all. It’s the revelation given by God in the Scriptures and deepened throughout the ages by the Magisterium (Sacred Tradition). But the ultimate goal is our own personal conversion and faith. When the public faith of the Church meets us in our consciences, we are called to encounter the Living God and meet, love, and come to know God Himself. This personal meeting calls for a completely free response on our part. It means we must see God and freely choose to believe in Him, love Him and surrender to Him. This produces the glorious gift of faith in our lives when we become “obedient” to the Voice of God out of love and by our own free will.

Though this is a free and personal choice on our part, it must also be an act of the Holy Spirit because, truth be told, we cannot come to faith on our own. Perhaps, by analogy, it would be like an infant eating baby food. The infant cannot open the jar, spoon out the food and feed himself. So it is with us. We must do the “chewing” so to speak, but it must be the Holy Spirit Who does the “feeding.” As we receive the gift of faith, we will slowly discover that it profoundly affects us in various ways. Here are some of those ways:

**Faith is certain:** How often are you certain about something? What if you could be certain about your future? Or, more trivially, what if you could be certain about who would win the next Super Bowl? Or what if you were certain about tomorrow’s lotto numbers? Certainty changes things! It affects the decisions we make. It affects the direction we take in life. And conversely, uncertainty also affects us. It makes our decisions more difficult and our future more unstable.

Well, faith is one of those gifts that brings certainty to a whole new level. Sometimes we fall into the trap of thinking that faith is just a strong wish and hope with our fingers crossed. But it’s not that at all! Faith, when it’s true faith, is certain. It means we know. And we know on a level so deep that it does, indeed, affect everything we do and all the decisions we make as we move into the future. This certainty is something that only the Holy Spirit can give us. It’s God speaking in His unique language through that spiritual sense He has implanted within us. And when it is His voice speaking, and our soul hearing, we are given a certainty beyond human conviction, which will direct all our actions.

**Faith seeks understanding:** The more we know, the more we want to know. We see this principle at work in many ways. In a distorted way, we are all aware of things like greed, or addiction, or lust. When one gains a little of these, the tendency is to seek more. That’s because these disorders are simply acting upon the natural design of our human nature to want more. But that natural design was made to want more of God! And only when we use this desire for more of God are we functioning in the way we were made. So with faith we see this at work. The more one knows God, personally, truly, intimately, the more one wants to know God, love God and be with God all the more. And there is no limit to how much the human soul can receive of this glorious Gift! So seek God and let the gift of His presence in your life stir up the desire for more.

**Faith and science:** There are those who seem to think that faith and science are opposed. But are they? Most certainly not. Faith and science come from the same source, from the same designer, and they are 100% compatible with each other. In fact, the word “compatible” is almost insufficient to use. It’s more like they are perfectly married, united, and in union. The laws of nature and the laws of grace come from God, and the more one honestly studies and understands the laws of nature (science), the more one is drawn into the deeper laws of grace. It’s a “marriage” similar to the unity of our body and soul that we will reflect upon in the next chapter. So make a mental note to think about the unity of faith and science when you read the section on the unity of body and soul.

**Freedom and faith:** There is a key aspect of authentic faith that must be understood because at times it is greatly abused. This key aspect of faith is *freedom*. Unless a person is completely free in their cooperation with grace, they will never have authentic faith. Let's look at the danger involved here to illustrate the point. A great illustration is what we call proselytism. Specifically, I would distinguish proselytism from true evangelization. What is proselytism? It would be a forceful and manipulative way of convincing someone to be a Christian. For example, say a preacher preaches "fire and brimstone" and leaves a person so fearful of damnation that they "choose" to say they believe. Or, if someone imposes so much guilt on another for a choice they make that they "change," just because they don't want to deal with the guilt. This may be a small step in the right direction. But if it is, it's a very small step. And in fact, it may actually be a step backwards without us even realizing it.

What I mean is that for conversion and faith to happen, a person needs to be invited into the gift of faith freely for the sake of love. Sure, there is an authentic form of holy fear we should have, but ultimately the source of true faith is the *free choice* of the individual to believe *because* they believe, and to believe because it was the Holy Spirit speaking to their soul revealing the truths of faith, and inviting an authentic assent. Sound difficult? Well, God knows what He's doing. For our part, we just need to respect the way He passes on faith, and we will be more deeply converted and be a good instrument of that gift of faith for others.

Authentic faith is necessary for salvation, gives us strength to persevere, and is the beginning of eternal life. Faith is belief not so much in some philosophical principle; rather, faith is a belief in someone. It's a belief in what the Creed points to, the reality behind the words.

We conclude our reflections on faith but now turn to that which faith points. And it points to more than "something," it points to "Someone." And, of course, that "Someone" is God! [MyCatholiclife.org](http://MyCatholiclife.org)



## NEW YEAR'S PRAYER

God, thank you for a new year. May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate. We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another.

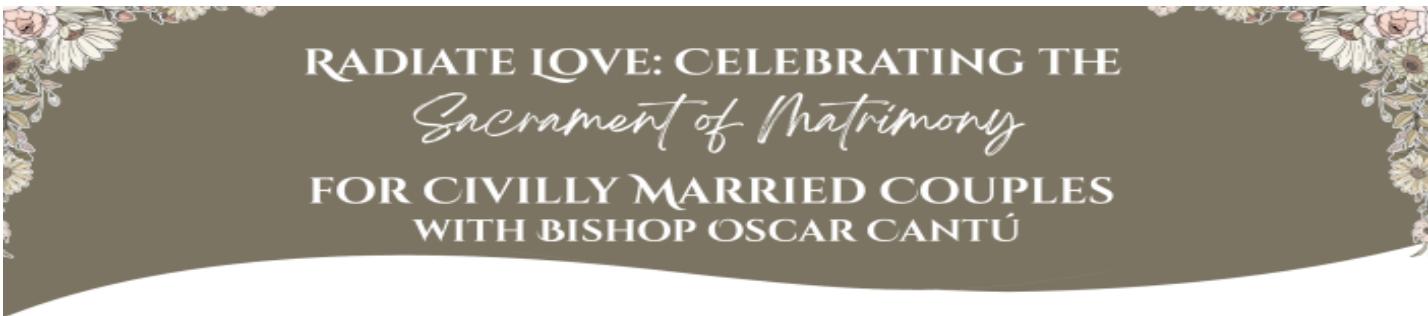
As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time.



**May the New Year fill your home  
with joy, your heart with love, and  
your life with laughter. & may God  
bless you today and every day.**

**Happy New Year.**

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



**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](mailto:familylife@dsj.org)  
Phone: **408-983-0103**

For more information visit: [www.dsj.org/convocation/](http://www.dsj.org/convocation/)

## 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



### 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

## GROW YOUR BUSINESS WITH US

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