



ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

DECEMBER 7, 2025 | SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

Mass Schedule

Weekend Mass

Saturday Vigil | 05:00pm,

Tagalog | 07:00pm

Sunday | 08:00am, 10:00am -
(livestream), 12:00pm, 04:00pm
(Vietnamese) & 07:00pm

Weekday Mass

Monday - Friday | 07:00 am

First Friday Mass

07:00pm (livestream)

Reconciliation

Saturday | 03:00pm or by
appointment

Devotion to Mother of Perpetual

Wednesday | 06:00pm, Rosary at
06:30pm

Daily Devotion

06:30pm Rosary & Divine Chaplet

Adoration Chapel

Open 24 hours with your personal
access code.

PARISH VISION

We are called to active discipleship to live the values taught by our Lord Jesus Christ through acts of faith, hope, and charity. As active disciples, we engage in a "mission" mode of evangelization, forming disciples and inspiring others to do the same.

STRATEGIC VISION

We are a thriving community of disciples who see their role in the life and evangelizing mission of the Church, sustaining a parish school that continuously grows and increases its enrollment

every year, and supporting a facility that architecturally highlights the beauty and spirituality of its broader community.

MISSION

We seek to be a community of active disciples who:

- *Are diverse, inclusive, and collaborative (Welcoming)*
- *Continuously grow and share their faith with all generations of spiritual seekers (Word)*
- *Are involved in a creative, vibrant liturgy (Worship)*
- *Are involved in areas of service that impact its broader community and the world (Witness)*
- *Have a strong sense of stewardship, evident in the parish's healthy finances, committed organization, and self-sustained ministries (Strengthening)*
- *Are unafraid to grow by remembering the past, celebrating the present, and believing in the future*

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For non-office hours, Funerals and Anointing of the Sick 408-966-4612

Office hours: 09:00 am - 12:30 pm, 01:30 pm - 05:00 pm

FB: <https://www.facebook.com/sjbparishmilpitas/>

YT: <https://www.youtube.com/@st.johnthebaptistcatholicmilpitas3893/streams>

PARISH REGISTRATION



Please register and become part of our parish community. Scan to register as a new parishioner.

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Donating online is easy! Use your phone camera to scan your Church QR code below.

**Stewardship****WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP & ADA UPDATE****FOR THE WEEK OF 11/22/25 - 11/23/25**

Target Weekly Income	\$ 12,000.00
Sunday Church Collection	\$ 8,288.00
Novena Mass	\$ 408.00
Total	\$ 8,696.00
Variance	\$ 3,304.00

FOR THE WEEK OF 11/24/25

Families	1643
Pledges	390
Parish Goal	\$250,000.00
Pledges	\$265,241.01
Paid	\$246,873.54

Thank you for your generous support of our Parish Community!

As year comes to an end, and you begin to plan your taxes for 2025, please remember St. John the Baptist Parish for your year-end charities. We earnestly need your support. If you made a pledge to the Annual Diocesan Appeal, please complete your pledge payment before year-end.

Tax 
Season

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 6 - 7 am

(I) Zarla Pauline Manrique (Sp Int),
Eddie & Josephine Briones (Sp Int)

(H) Mae Galvan, Maria Wong, Cezar Benitez, Mila Abseta

(D †) Paul Wong, Frank Lao, Timothy Vu

Saturday, December 6 - 5 pm

(I) Zarla Pauline Manrique (Sp Int),
Eddie & Josephine Briones (Sp Int)

(H) Ellie Cerezo, Cezar Benitez, Mila Abseta

(D †) Deacon Joseph Huynh, Leonilo Santos, Sr.,
Reynaldo Velasco

Saturday, December 6 - 7 pm

(I) Zarla Pauline Manrique (Sp Int),
Eddie & Josephine Briones (Sp Int)

(H) Cezar Benitez, Ellie Cerezo, Lolita Caabay

Sunday, December 7 - 8 am

(I) Zarla Pauline Manrique (Sp Int),
Eddie & Josephine Briones (Sp Int),
Maria Lourdes Maranan (Bday), Pablita Arellano (Sp Int)

(H) Cezar Benitez, Ellie Cerezo, Mila Abseta, Maria Wong

(D †) Lucy Lisa Lau

Sunday, December 7 - 10 am

(I) Zarla Pauline Manrique (Sp Int),
Eddie & Josephine Briones (Sp Int),
Asher Ghonsalves (Bday), Madarang Family (Tks)
Wilfred & Lourdes Ghonsalves (Anniv),
Maria Lourdes Maranan (Bday)

(H) Cezar Benitez, Arceli Quetoltio, Angel Vergara

(D †) Rosel Angeles, Margarita Aguilar, Felix Aguilar,
Maria Nam Vu, Maria Presentacion Lopez,
Neil Patrick Pedreira, Romeo Bautista, Jr.

Sunday, December 7 - 12 pm

(I) Zarla Pauline Manrique (Sp Int),
Eddie & Josephine Briones (Sp Int), Riane Abaya (Bday),
Edgardo & Ofelia Beltran (Anniv), Don, Bb, AJ Lanuzo (Tks),
Maria Lourdes Maranan (Bday)

(H) Cezar Benitez, Ellie Cerezo, Ho Soon Lee,
Benjamin Cacao

(D †) John Lee, Aida Halili, Jesus Malonzo, Robert Santos,
Evenlyn Santos, Adelaido & Juana Rodriguez,
Anastacia Kang, Arsenia Manuel

Sunday, December 7 - 7 pm

(I) Zarla Pauline Manrique (Sp Int),
Eddie & Josephine Briones (Sp Int),
Maria Lourdes Maranan (Bday), Desiree McLaughlin (Bday)

(H) Rose Dolcourt, Ellie Cerezo, Cesar Benitez,
Trecia Reyes

(D †) Sixto & Delia Domingo, Dennis & Jesus Domingo,
Darwin & Darius Domingo, Lilibeth Kee, Angelita Aquino

Monday, December 8 - 7 am

(I) Zarla Pauline Manrique (Sp Int),
Eddie & Josephine Briones (Sp Int),
Ditas Alabado (Bday)

(H) Cesar Benitez, Mila Abseta, Maria Wong

(D †) John Avila, Arceli Abucay, Frank Lao,
Timothy Vu

Tuesday, December 9 - 7 am

(I) Zarla Pauline Manrique (Sp Int),
Eddie & Josephine Briones (Sp Int)

(H) Cezar Benitez, Mila Abseta, Maria Wong

(D †) Frank Lao, Timothy Vu

Wednesday, December 10 - 7 am

(I) Zarla Pauline Manrique (Sp Int),
Eddie & Josephine Briones (Sp Int)

(H) Mae Galvan, Cezar Benitez, Mila Abseta,
Maria Wong,

(D †) Timothy Vu, Frank Lao, Al Romeo Sarpolio

Wednesday, December 10 - 6:30 pm

(I) Zarla Pauline Manrique (Sp Int),
Eddie & Josephine Briones (Sp Int)

(H) Tricia Reyes, Cezar Benitez, Maria Wong,
Lilibeth Reyes

(D †) Timothy Vu, Frank Lao, Lilibeth Kee,
Angelita Aquino

Thursday, December 11 - 7 am

(I) Zarla Pauline Manrique (Sp Int),
Eddie & Josephine Briones (Sp Int),

Msgr. /Emmanuel Sunga (Bday)

(H) Cezar Benitez, Edna Basco Mila Abseta,
Maria Wong

(D †) Timothy Vu, Yvonne Lindo

Friday, December 11 - 7 am

(I) Zarla Pauline Manrique (Sp Int), Kent Paris (Bday),
Eddie & Josephine Briones (Sp Int),
Sherman Jayessinghe (Bday),
Guadalupe Villanueva (Tks)

(H) Edna Basco, Mila Abseta, Maria Wong

(D †) Timothy Vu, Yvonne Lindo

WEEKLY READINGS

Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 (see 7)/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (see Is 35:4)/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

Observances for the week of December 7, 2025

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent

Monday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday: St. Juan Diego
Cuauhtlatotzin

Wednesday: Our Lady of Loreto

Thursday: St. Damasus I, Pope

Friday: Our Lady of Guadalupe

Saturday: St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent

St. John the Baptist Parish welcomes multiple Mass intentions. While there is no required stipend, parishioners may make a freewill offering. All requests will be combined with others.

“DISCLAIMER: If we don’t mention your request, it doesn’t mean it’s invalid. What matters is your heart. Your intentions are always heard by God, even if unspoken. Please inform us immediately if this occurs, and we will honor your request. Thank you.

MASS INTENTION



For the readings, click on the day of the week or visit www.bible.usccb.org. To learn more about saints, click on the name above or visit www.franciscanmedia.org and search for a specific saint’s name or day.



GOSPEL MEDITATION

On this Second Sunday of Advent, our second reading from St. Paul's letter to the Romans encourages us to focus our Advent preparations in this way: "Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God." And how does Christ welcome us? With unconditional love.

This is the essence of Christian hospitality, a vital aspect of stewardship living. Fully embraced, it has the power to transform our lives and the lives of those who experience it through us.

The practice of Christian hospitality is also a way for us stewards to answer the call of John the Baptist, in our Gospel passage from Matthew. His words apply just as much to us today as they did to the people awaiting the Savior's arrival. John says, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" And he recalls the words of the prophet Isaiah, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." There is a definite connection between repentance and effective hospitality.

So how can we make repentance a regular part of our everyday lives? We can make an "examination of conscience" a daily part of our prayers, thanking God for the times we said "yes" to Him, and asking forgiveness for the times we chose our own will. We can (and should!) go to Confession this Advent. We can reach out to a family member or friend where there is distance or discord and make peace.

As we "straighten the paths" of our own hearts and minds, we become more hospitable people, better stewards of God's grace and mercy, and far more open and ready to invite others into our lives, homes, and parish. This is preparation fitting for our merciful Savior.

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First Reading:

The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him:
a spirit of wisdom and of understanding,
a spirit of counsel and of strength,
a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD. (Isa 11:2)

Psalm:

Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.
(Ps 72)

Second Reading:

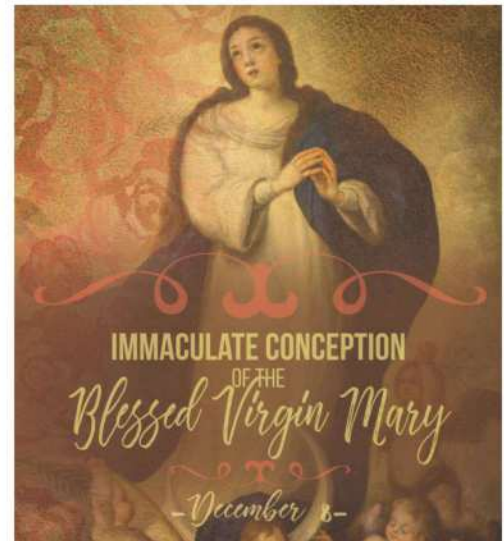
Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you,
for the glory of God. (Romans 15:7)

Gospel:

"I am baptizing you with water, for repentance,
but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I." (Mt 3:11)

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Dec. 8, Monday, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the principal patroness of the United States. This is a holy day of obligation.

Masses will be at 7am & 7 pm.

How can I help SJB?

Are you looking for ways to make a positive impact in our community? Look no further, because Saint John the Baptist Parish is seeking volunteers to share their time, talents, and treasures leading to meaningful change, transforming lives and strengthening our community.

Together, we can create a positive impact. By filling out our volunteer forms, you can use your skills and resources to make a difference in the lives of those around us. Join us in building a stronger, more connected, and God-faithful community. Let's make a difference together!"

VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION



THE O.C.I.A. CORNER

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

On 7 Dec 2025 our Topic will be “the Sacrament of Matrimony.” We hope to have a priest present for this topic to have a better understanding of the Sacrament from a presider’s view. This should be a great session!

On 14 Dec 2025, our Topic will be “the Sacrament of Holy Orders.” This topic is more than just a priest! Come find out who this Sacrament effects.

If you see a Topic that interests you, OCIA is open to anyone in the Parish that would like to attend to learn more about their faith. If you think you might be interested in the Catholic Faith, come join us and see if it answers your questions. You can always remove yourself from the OCIA Process at any time prior to Easter.

For more information contact the Parish Office at 408-262-2546.

Annual Christmas Gift Giving Project



For our **Annual Christmas Gift Giving Project**, beneficiaries for the 2nd Sunday of Advent this weekend are **domestic violence survivors**. These include providing women and children with resources to community services that address hunger, homelessness, & health needs.

The parish coordinates directly with Next Door Solutions in San Jose. Currently, their greatest need is **new stuffed animals** that help bring comfort and a sense of safety to children who may have just gone through a crisis and upheaval.

Please bring your donated **UNWRAPPED gifts** to Mass starting next weekend, December 6/7 – to be brought to their Winter Open House on Dec. 13. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

FAITH FORMATION

CELEBRATIONS OF SACRAMENT

Baptism are being celebrated every Saturday at 10:00 am, 12:00 pm, and 2:00 pm. Please make an appointment with the Parish Office to schedule a Baptism interview and to register for the required preparation class. The preparation class is being held every second and fourth Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM.

FIRST EUCHARIST

We accept children who are at least in first grade and seven years old. We have two classes: one is every Thursday from 6:45 pm to 8:00 pm and the other is every Saturday from 9:15 am to 10:30 am. Registration starts in late July or early August.

CONFIRMATION

It is a two-year program. First Year Confirmandi meet every first and third Friday while Second Year Confirmandi meet every second and fourth Friday. Both will have a mandatory Confirmation Retreat. Regular Class time is 6:30 pm to 8:45 pm. We accept children who are at least in seventh grade and up to Junior High (eleventh grade). Registration starts in late July or early August.

MARRIAGE

Before planning your wedding, please make an appointment with one of our priest. Marriage preparation usually takes at least six months period to complete.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist make pastoral visit to parishioners who are sick either confined in the hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, care homes, or at the convenient of their own home. Also, it is for parishioners who are homebound, i.e. their health or medical conditions could be compromised when they leave home. Pastoral visit comprise of the respectful distribution of the Holy Eucharist to the sick; and as well, as giving them emotional, social, and spiritual support through profound and thoughtful prayers.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

In this Church's Sacrament, through the ministry of the priest, it is Jesus who touches the sick to heal them from sin – and sometimes even from physical ailment. There is no need to wait until a person is at the point of death to receive the Sacrament. A careful judgment about the serious nature of the illness or frailty of old age is sufficient. To request, please call the parish office. Outside office hours, kindly call (408) 966-4612. In addition, the Sacrament is also conferred during the communal celebration at the morning Mass every first Saturday of the month.



Our Lady of **GUADALUPE Society**

You are invited to celebrate
a special mass for the
Virgin of GUADALUPE,
patroness of the Americas.

When: Friday, Dec 12th, at 6:30 AM

Where: St. John The Baptist Church

- Music by Trio Sol De Mexico
- Fellowship at Pavalkis Hall after the mass

For information, contact Ruben Esguerra at (408) 627-0476 / danyesguerra@yahoo.com

Thank You



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**

The Knights of Columbus SJB Council 5796 would like to warmly thank everyone who contributed to the food drive for our 47th Annual Free Thanksgiving Dinner last Thursday! We proudly served over 300 meals, including deliveries, along with grocery bags for those in need.



A heartfelt shoutout also goes to the St. John's Ladies Guild for their fabulous Christmas Boutique and Bazaar on November 16.

Your support and generosity truly make a difference in our community. Thank you, Knights of Columbus and Ladies Guild, for your unwavering commitment to helping others! Together, we're making a positive impact!

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 Cebu
Auxiliary Bishop of Cebu 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

Monday Bingo Night!

Join us for Bingo Night every Monday at St. John the Baptist! Doors open at 4 PM, with Early Bird games starting at 6 PM.

- Enjoy delicious warm meals for just \$10 (prices may vary) and complimentary coffee.
- Quench your thirst with our vending machine: sodas for \$1.75 and water for \$1.25. Don't miss out on a fun night!



FLASH CARDS & STRIPS

A variety of flash and strips will be played with
payouts from **\$300 - \$1199**.

Subject to change depending on availability.

BUY-IN PRICES	
1 pack -	\$25
2 packs -	\$30
3 packs -	\$35
4 packs -	\$40
5 packs -	\$45
GAMES & PAYOUTS	
EARLY BIRD (STARTS AT 6 PM)	
GAMES 1 - 5 = \$100	
REGULAR BINGO (STARTS AT 7 PM)	
GAMES 6 - 15 = \$250	
TEXAS BLACKOUT	
GAME 16 = \$300	



St. John the Baptist Church
Milpitas, California

Simbang Gabi 2025 Presiders

Monday, December 15  Fr. VICTOR M. TRINIDAD Associate Pastor St. John the Baptist Parish Milpitas	Tuesday, December 16  Fr. RITCHIE S. BUEZA Pastor Holy Spirit Parish San Jose	Wednesday, December 17  Fr. EDDIE E. OBERO Associate Pastor St. Francis of Assisi Parish San Jose	Thursday, December 18  Fr. DANIEL C. URCIA Associate Pastor St. Athanasius Parish Mountain View	Tuesday, December 23  Msgr. Willie S. Manrique Pastor St. John the Baptist Parish Milpitas
Friday, December 19  Fr. EDGAR M. ELAMPARO Pastor Santa Teresa Parish San Jose	Saturday, December 20  Fr. GENER M. GERONIMO Pastor St. Justin Parish Santa Clara	Sunday, December 21  Most Rev. ANDRES C. LIGOT Auxiliary Bishop of San Jose	Monday, December 22  Fr. ANTHONY M. UYTINGCO Pastor Queen of Apostles Parish San Jose	

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Become a bigger part of this celebration by:

1. Sponsoring a Mass or two
2. Submitting Mass intentions
3. Donating towards decor & other general purposes

You can pick up a copy of the *Simbang Gabi* Envelope from an usher. Inside you'll find the pastor's letter & our 2025 Advent & Christmas Trifold w/c lists the different liturgies & events of the season, including. Presiders & sponsoring parish groups for each *Simbang Gabi*. Also enclosed are the information and paper forms for submitting donations.

Donations may be made online or on paper. Donors' names will be displayed on the overhead screens before/during the Mass. Submit your intentions no later than 9 pm the night before your requested date; intentions received on the requested date itself will be displayed the next day.

Best to submit Mass intentions & donations online; the system will be live starting December 3. If submitting paper envelopes, these can be placed in the collection baskets or submitted to priests starting Wednesday, or submitted to volunteers at the ambassador tables next weekend.

Bulletins & Website Announcement

All announcements for the bulletin and website must be submitted by Tuesday at noon, which is five days before the Sunday bulletin date. Please note that during holidays, we will have early deadlines posted in the bulletin. To submit your article, email it to Eden Salgado at sjbwebmaster@gmail.com

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