



ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

DECEMBER 14, 2025 | THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Simbang Gabi 2025
*at St. John the Baptist
 Parish in Milpitas*

December 15-23, 2025
 7:00 PM



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

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

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 access code.

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PARISH REGISTRATION



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 parish community.
 Scan to register as a
 new parishioner.

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**Stewardship****WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP & ADA UPDATE****FOR THE WEEK OF 11/29/25 - 11/30/25**

Target Weekly Income	\$ 12,000.00
Sunday Church Collection	\$ 6,590.00
Novena Mass	\$ 319.00
Total	\$ 6,909.00
Variance	\$ 5,091.00

FOR THE WEEK OF 12/2/25

Families	1650
Pledges	391
Parish Goal	\$250,000.00
Pledges	\$265,741.01
Paid	\$250,142.21

Thank you for your generous support of our Parish Community!

As the year ends and you start plan your 2025 taxes, please consider St. John the Baptist Parish for your year-end charitable contributions. We appreciate your support and kindly remind you to complete your Annual Diocesan Appeal pledge payment by year-end. Thank you!



December 8th is the last bingo in 2025. We will resume on January 5, 2026

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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December 14, 2025
Third Sunday of Advent

Dear St. John Parishioners:

In his first apostolic journey, Pope Leo XIV made a visit to Turkiye on the occasion of the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicea, the first ecumenical council in the history of the Catholic Church, where the profession of faith that we recite at Mass was formulated and issued for the Christian faithful to profess.

After Turkiye, the Pope proceeded to Lebanon, to confirm the faith of the Lebanese people and to encourage them after so many tragedies befell their beautiful nation.

The Pope said: *"Dear people of Lebanon, I invite you to cultivate always an attitude of praise and gratitude. You are the recipients of a rare beauty with which the Lord has adorned your land. At the same time, you are witnesses and victims of how evil, in its various forms, can obscure this splendor."*

From this esplanade overlooking the sea, I too can contemplate the beauty of Lebanon that is sung about in Scripture. The Lord planted his tall cedars here, nourishing and watering them (cf. Ps 104:16). He made the garments of the bride in the Song of Songs fragrant with the perfume of this land (cf. 4:11), and in Jerusalem, the holy city clothed in light for the coming of the Messiah, he announced: "The glory of Lebanon shall come to you, the cypress, the plane, and the pine, to beautify the place of my sanctuary, and I will glorify the place where my feet rest" (Is 60:13)."

We hear these in the readings this weekend. Tomorrow we begin our traditional *Simbang Gabi* here at St. John. We begin our intense preparation for Christmas as we conclude the Jubilee Year of Hope.

During this time of year, I offer to God my deepest thanks for all of you, **for your generous support of our Parish**. Your support enables us to continue the many wonderful programs and ministries we offer here at St. John the Baptist. Additionally, your generous support funds the upkeep and maintenance of the facilities to ensure the safety of all.

Last Monday, December 1, our facilities manager, Ed Sacramento, retired. We thank him not only for the years he was employed with us but also for the years that he and his wife, Lisa, devoted to the parish as volunteers in the youth ministry, Confirmation program and parish office. May God continue to bless them.

I am grateful as well for the Parish Staff and the many volunteers who continue to help us make possible the numerous ministries that allow us to share our collective time, talent, and treasures with others. These include visits to the homebound, mission trips, community-building events, spiritual and faith formation programs, and the school, to name a few.

I assure you of my heartfelt gratitude and prayers as we support one another in building God's kingdom.

Sincerely,

Monsignor Willie





GOSPEL MEDITATION

Good news, Christian stewards — we are gaining ground on our Advent mountain climb and it is time to take a moment to rejoice in the Good News that our Savior will come again in triumph one day. Today's readings on this Gaudete ("Rejoice") Sunday are filled with reminders of God's final victory over suffering and injustice, and encouragement to remain steadfast in our mission to live as faith-filled disciples.

Such a day almost seems too good to be true, especially when we look around at the dire circumstances we face in our world at present. But by faith, we know this day is coming. Lest we grow weary as we await the glorious day of Christ's return, St. James, in our second reading, offers wise counsel. "Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord." "Make your hearts firm... Do not complain, brothers and sisters, about one another, that you may not be judged."

This is excellent advice for us Christian stewards as we face the challenges of everyday life in our broken world, especially in the hectic days that precede Christmas when stress can make us and those around us less than our best selves. St. James reminds us that we can choose our response to both the great strains and the minor annoyances of life. In other words, we can be good stewards of our attitude, "making our hearts firm" by practicing patience with others and refusing to give in to the temptation to complain.

We can choose to see and rejoice in God's presence with us, no matter the circumstances surrounding us.

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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)

Readings for the week of December 7, 2025

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 Cuauhtlatoatzin
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
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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 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.

On 21 Dec 2025 our Topic will be “The People of God.” Where do we fit into this Topic? Come and lets talk about it.

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, this week, the 3rd Sunday of Advent, the beneficiaries are the children sponsored at Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish in Alviso. Toys and children’s items are especially requested. Please bring your donated UNWRAPPED gifts to Mass this weekend, December 13/14. These gifts will be brought to Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish on Dec. 23. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

FAITH FORMATION

CELEBRATIONS OF SACRAMENT

Baptisms are celebrated every Saturday at 10:00 am, 12:00 pm, and 2:00 pm. Please contact the Parish Office to schedule a Baptism interview and register for the preparation class, held on the second and fourth Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM.

FIRST EUCHARIST

Children must be at least seven years old and in first grade. Classes are every Thursday from 6:45 pm to 8:00 pm and Saturday from 9:15 am to 10:30 am. Registration begins in late July or early August.

CONFIRMATION

This two-year program requires First Year Confirmandi to meet every first and third Friday, while Second Year Confirmandi meet every second and fourth Friday. Both groups must attend a mandatory Confirmation Retreat. Classes run from 6:30 pm to 8:45 pm. Open to children in seventh grade through Junior High (eleventh grade). Registration begins in late July or early August.

MARRIAGE

Before planning your wedding, please schedule an appointment with our priest. Marriage preparation usually requires at least six months.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist visit sick parishioners in hospitals, nursing facilities, or at home. These pastoral visits involve distributing the Holy Eucharist and providing emotional, social, and spiritual support through thoughtful prayers.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

This Sacrament, administered by a priest, allows Jesus to heal the sick from sin and sometimes physical ailments. It’s not necessary to wait until death is imminent; a serious illness or frailty of old age is enough. To request the Sacrament, please call the parish office or, outside office hours, (408) 966-4612. It is also offered during the communal celebration at morning Mass on the first Saturday of each month.



St. John the Baptist Church
Milpitas, California

Simbang Gabi 2025 Presidents

Monday, December 15  Fr. VICTOR M. TRINIDAD Associate Pastor St. John the Baptist Parish Milpitas	Tuesday, December 16  Fr. RITCHE 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 I Pastor Santa Teresa Parish San Jose	Saturday, December 20  Fr. GENER M. GERONIMO Pastor St. Justice 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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There are four options to give:

1. General Purpose Donation – Any amount donated for General purposes (i.e., for needs/purposes other than those earmarked below) will go towards operational expenses, e.g., purchase of food supplies and paper products for the after-Mass fellowship, payment for marketing needs and janitorial services, etc.
2. “Make Your Spirits Bright” Decorations Fundraising – You may choose to make a donation for the Christmas decorations displayed outside the church. Pictures of these are available on the parish website and on posters around the church. Options include pre-lit Christmas Angels, lighted “Joy” letter signs, lighted lamppost, and peppermint LED lights lawn stakes. (Suggested donation amounts range from \$30 to \$240.)
3. Mass Sponsorships – You can sponsor one or multiple Simbang Gabi Masses as a love offering. (Suggested minimum donation: \$25.00/Mass.)
4. Mass Intentions – Mass Intentions for your loved ones – living or deceased – may be offered for one or multiple Simbang Gabi Masses of your choice. (Suggested minimum donation: \$10/name).

For general-purpose donations, Mass sponsorships, and decorations donations, the donor’s or sponsor’s name will be acknowledged on the overhead screen before and during the Simbang Gabi Mass. For Mass intentions, the names offered will be shown on the overhead screen.

We must receive your form no later than 9:00 PM on the evening prior to the preferred Simbang Gabi date, to enable inclusion of your name or Mass Intention(s) in the Mass of the same date. If we receive your form past your preferred date and/or time, we will include it in the next Simbang Gabi Mass.

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AVAILABLE ONLY DURING THE SERVICE

2025 ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

November 29-30	1 st Sunday of Advent	(Regular Sunday Schedule)
December 2, Tuesday	Parish Advent Reconciliation Service	7:00 PM
December 6-7	2 nd Sunday of Advent	(Regular Sunday Schedule)
December 8, Monday	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Vietnamese Mass	7:00 AM & 7:00 PM 5:00 PM
December 10, Wednesday	Simbang Gabi Kick-off Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, San Jose	7:00 PM
December 12, Friday	Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe – with 6:45 AM Mañanita to the Virgen de Guadalupe	6:45 AM Mañanita; 7:00 AM Mass
December 12, Friday	SJBS Christmas Play (Pavalkis Hall)	7:00 PM
December 13-14	3 rd Sunday of Advent	(Regular Sunday Schedule)
December 15, Monday to December 23, Tuesday	Simbang Gabi – With Fellowship at Pavalkis Hall • There will be a 5:00 PM Advent Mass but no 7:00 PM Tagalog Mass on Dec. 20. • December 23 - SJB Christmas Party	7:00 PM (Fellowship after 7:00 PM Mass)
December 18, Thursday	DSJ Jubilee 2025 Closing Mass Cathedral Basilica of St. Joseph, San Jose	7:00 PM
December 24, Wednesday	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena The Nativity of the Lord - Vigil Mass Vietnamese Mass Christmas Carols Midnight Mass	6:30 PM 5:00 PM & 7:00 PM 9:00 PM 11:30 PM 12:00 MN
December 25, Thursday	The Nativity of the Lord Vietnamese Mass	8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, & 12:00 NN, & 7:00 PM 4:00 PM
December 31, Wednesday	Day 1 of Novena to Nuestro Señor Jesus Nazareno Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God - Vigil Vietnamese Mass	6:00 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM 9:00 PM
January 1, Thursday	Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God Vietnamese Mass Day 2 of Novena to Nuestro Señor Jesus Nazareno	8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, & 12:00 NN, & 7:00 PM 4:00 PM 6:00 PM

Simbang Gabi starts Monday, Dec. 15

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 info & paper form 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.

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 sjbmwebmaster@gmail.com

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