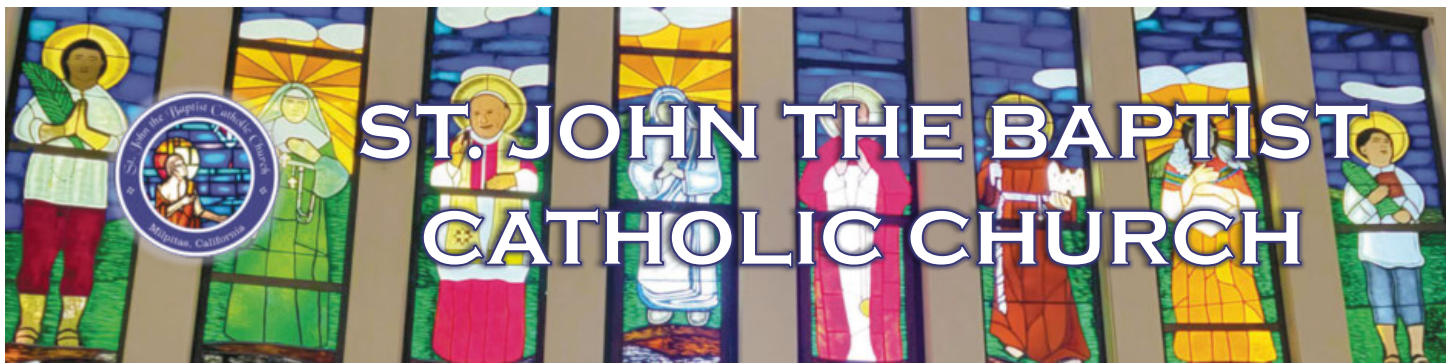




SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2024



St. John the Baptist Church

Milpitas, California

Simbang Gabi 2024 Presidents



Sunday, December 15  Fr. EDGAR M. ELAMPARO I Associate Pastor St. John the Baptist Parish Milpitas	Monday, December 16  Fr. RITCHE S. BUEZA Pastor Holy Spirit Parish San Jose	Tuesday, December 17  Fr. ANTHONY M. UYTINGCO Pastor Queen of Apostles Parish San Jose	Thursday, December 19  Fr. EDDIE E. OBERO Associate Pastor St. Francis of Assisi Parish San Jose
Wednesday, December 18  Most Rev. OSCAR CANTÚ BISHOP of San Jose			
Friday, December 20  Fr. BRIAN L. DINKEL Pastor Our Lady of Peace Parish Santa Clara	Saturday, December 21  Fr. GENER M. GERONIMO Pastor St. Justin Parish Santa Clara	Sunday, December 22  Fr. DANIEL C. URCIA Associate Pastor St. Athanasius Parish Mountain View	Monday, December 23  Msgr. Willie S. Manrique Pastor St. John the Baptist Parish Milpitas



279 S. Main St., Milpitas, CA 95035

<https://www.sjbparish.org/>




December 15, Sunday to December 23, Monday	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. 21. - December 23 - SJB Christmas Party	7:00 PM After 7:00 PM Mass
December 24, Tuesday	The Nativity of the Lord - Vigil Vietnamese Mass Christmas Carols Midnight Mass	5:00 PM & 7:00 PM 9:00 PM 11:30 PM 12:00 MN
December 25, Wednesday	The Nativity of the Lord Vietnamese Mass Our Lady of Perpetual Help Rosary & Novena	8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, & 12:00 NN, & 7:00 PM 4:00 PM 6:30 PM
December 31, Tuesday	Day 1 of Novena to Nuestro Señor Jesus Nazareno Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God - Vigil	6:00 PM 7:00 PM
January 1, Wednesday	Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God Day 1 of Novena to Nuestro Señor Jesus Nazareno Our Lady of Perpetual Help Rosary & Novena	8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, & 12:00 NN, & 7:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM

279 S. Main Street., Milpitas, CA 95035 | 408.262.2546
Office hours: M—F: 9:00 am - 12:30 pm, 1:30 pm—5:00 pm | www.sjbparish.org



DIRECTORY & INFORMATION

Mailing Address

279 S. Main St. Milpitas, CA 95035

Office Phone 408-262-2546

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

Email ParishOfficeTeam@sjbparish.org

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

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/>

[@st.johnthebaptistcatholic3893/streams](https://www.youtube.com/@st.johnthebaptistcatholic3893/streams)

PARISH VISION & MISSION

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 generation 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

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 6:30PM.

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.

PARISH PRIESTS

Rev. Msgr. Wilfredo S. Manrique,
Pastor

Extension: 311

Email: wilfredo.manrique@dsj.org

Rev. Edgar Elamparo I, **Associate Pastor**

Extension: 302

Email: edgar.elamparo@dsj.org

STAFF

Faith Formation Director and Office Manager

Sr. Myrna Arcegoni, A.R.

Extension: 306

Email: myrna.arcegoni@dsj.org

Administrative Assistant

Monica Gonzales

Extension: 305

Email: monica.gonzales@dsj.org

Youth Ministry and Confirmation Program

Fr. Edgar Elamparo 1

Extension: 302

Email: edgar.elamparo@dsj.org

Music Director

Justin Cortez

Extension: 308

Email: justin.cortez@dsj.org

music@sjbparish.org

Facilities

Ed Sacramento, Coordinator

Ext. 307

Email: ed.sacramento@sjbparish.org

SCHOOL

Phone: 408-262-8110

Christopher Brazil, Principal

Email: cbrazil@sjbs.org

Krizia Layam, Vice Principal

Email: klayam@sjbs.org

PARISH SISTERS

Congregation of the Augustinian Recollect Sisters

Sr. Maria Elisa Abellaniza, A.R.

Email: mariaelisa.abellaniza@dsj.org

Sr. Faith Nina Fuertes, A.R.

Email: faithnina.fuertes@dsj.org

Sr. Charina Mae Ogario, A.R.

Bulletin Editor & Website Administrator Volunteer: Eden Salgado. Please submit your request, five days prior to Sunday publication date. (No later than Tuesday by 12 PM). Submit notices to sjbwebmaster@gmail.com

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays: 7:00 am

Weekend Mass

Saturday:

Vigil: 5:00 pm

Tagalog Mass: 7:00 pm

Sunday:

10:00 (Livestream)

12:00 pm

4:00 pm (Vietnamese)

7:00 pm

Wednesday:

Devotion to Mother of Perpetual Help

6:00 PM Rosary,

6:30 Novena Mass

First Friday:

7:00 PM (Livestream)

Holy Day Schedule

Eve of Holy Day: 7:00 PM

Holy Day 7:00 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday - 3:00 PM

Or by appointment by calling the Parish Office

DAILY DEVOTION

6:30 am – Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet

Adoration Chapel

Open 24 hours with your personal access code.

PARISH PRIESTS

Rev. Msgr. Wilfredo S. Manrique, Pastor

Rev. Edgar Elamparo I, Associate Pastor

PARISH REGISTRATION



ONLINE GIVING



Share Your Blessings!

@SJBparishMilpitas
VENMO



Our Advent Journey 2024

Advent is a season of anticipation and hope, a time set aside for us to prepare our hearts to receive Christ anew at Christmas. As we approach the celebration of His birth, Advent invites us to slow down and reflect on the deeper meaning of this sacred season. In the midst of the busyness of shopping, decorating, and planning, Advent calls us to pause, look inward, and make room for Christ in our lives.

Preparing our hearts for the coming of Christ means more than just going through external motions. It's about making a spiritual home for Him within us - clearing out the distractions, worries, and noise that often fill our minds and hearts. This season encourages us to reflect on the ways in which Christ seeks to enter our lives each day. Through prayer, Scripture, and acts of kindness, we open ourselves to His presence and ready our hearts to receive His love.

Advent is also a time of joyful expectation, reminding us that Christ not only came to us in the past, but that He continues to come to us in the present and will come again in glory. This promise brings us hope, even in the face of uncertainty or struggle. As we prepare to celebrate His birth, we are reminded that He comes into the humble and simple places of our lives - just as He was born in a stable - bringing peace, healing, and grace. Let us use this Advent season to grow in faith, deepen our relationship with God, and prepare our hearts to receive Christ, not only on Christmas Day, but every day.

LITURGY & WORSHIP

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 15, 2024

First Reading:

The LORD, your God, is in your midst,
a mighty savior;
he will rejoice over you with gladness. (Zep 3:17)

Psalm:

Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is
the great and Holy One of Israel. (Is 12:6)

Second Reading:

The Lord is near.
Have no anxiety at all, but in everything,
by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving,
make your requests known to God. (Phil 4:5-6)

Gospel:

The crowds asked John the Baptist,
"What should we do?" (Lk 3:10)

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.
The English translation of Psalm Responses from Lectionary for Mass ©
1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy
Corporation. All rights reserved. ©LPI

Observances for the week of December 15, 2024

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent

Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday:

Saturday: St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of
the Church

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent

©LPI

Readings for the week of December 15, 2024

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (6)/Phil
4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6
and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8,
17/Mt 1:1-17

Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-
19/Mt 1:18-25

Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-
6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25

Friday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk
1:26-38

Saturday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-
3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45

Next Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-
19 (4)/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

We have arrived at Gaudete Sunday (*Gaudete* is the Latin word for "rejoice") this Third Week of Advent, and the Scriptures take on a joyful tone as we continue our preparations for the feast of our Savior's birth.

Our Second Reading gives us cause for joy as St Paul reminds us, "The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all...." Then he gives us a prescription for maintaining this peace: "In everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." Paul's instructions for obtaining peace come as an early Christmas gift. They remind us that we can and should go to God with all our needs and present them to Him *along with our thanks*. This guidance calls to mind a vital aspect of a stewardship way of life: gratitude to God in response to His great love and countless gifts to us.

The Gospel passage, from Luke, shows us how to *live out* this sense of thankfulness, making our lives a "Christmas gift" to Christ in joyful response to His love for us. When the crowds hear John the Baptist's message that their Savior is coming, they ask him what they should do to prepare. He responds, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do the same." He tells tax collectors to stop collecting more than is prescribed and soldiers, to be satisfied with their wages. In other words, he tells them to be good and generous stewards of all God's gifts to them!

As the great feast of Christmas draws near, let us rejoice in Christ's extravagant love. Let's avail ourselves of the peace He longs to give us. And let's look carefully at our lives to make sure we are indeed making of them a gift fitting for Him.

©Catholic Stewardship Consultants | www.CatholicSteward.com

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.

For our Annual Christmas Gift Giving Tree, you are encouraged to pick a tag or two and purchase gifts for your chosen recipients

Bring donated UNWRAPPED gifts to Mass; these will be given to recipients no later than December 23. We appreciate your gifts of new items & thank you in advance for your generosity!

For 3rd Sunday of Advent, beneficiaries will be the battered women assisted by those in our neighboring communities.

Drop them in the vestibule boxes or join the offertory procession at Mass, placing gifts in front of the altar.

St. John the Baptist Church
Milpitas, California
Simbang Gabi 2024 Presidents

Sunday, December 15	Monday, December 16	Tuesday, December 17	Wednesday, December 18
Fr. EDGAR M. ELAMPARO I Assistant Pastor St. John the Baptist Parish Milpitas	Fr. RITCHIE S. BUENA Pastor Holy Spirit Parish San Jose	Fr. ANTHONY M. UYTENDIJK Pastor Queen of Apostles Parish San Jose	Fr. EDDIE E. OBERO Assistant Pastor St. Francis of Assisi Parish San Jose
Friday, December 20	Saturday, December 21	Sunday, December 22	Monday, December 23
Fr. BRIAN L. DINKEL Pastor Our Lady of Peace Parish San Jose	Fr. GENE M. GERONIMO Pastor St. Joseph Parish Santa Clara	Fr. DANIEL C. URCIA Assistant Pastor St. Simpliciano Parish Milpitas	Mgr. Willie S. Henriquez Pastor St. John the Baptist Parish Milpitas

2795, Main St., Milpitas, CA 95035 <https://www.sjbparish.org/>



Simbang Gabi, our novena of Masses in prep for Christmas, starts Dec. 15, Sunday. Per tradition, there is fellowship at the Hall after each Mass.

Be sure to pick up a copy of Pastor's letter and 2024 Advent & Christmas Trifold from ushers. This lists the different liturgies & events of the season inclg presiders & sponsoring parish groups for each *Simbang Gabi*.

Become a bigger part of celebration by:

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

Donations may be made online or on paper.

Envelopes available by exit doors, at Parish Office, & with volunteers outside.

The lists in the vestibule are for those who wish to make cash donation towards food for fellowship after the *Simbang Gabi* Mass

As year comes to an end, and you begin to plan your taxes for 2024, 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 redeem your pledges before year-end.

STEWARDSHIP

Elevate Your Faith and Support Your Community with #SupportSJBP Parish

#SupportSJBP Parish

- Contribute to essential church renovations and upgrades
- Help maintain the beauty and functionality of your parish home
- Support the mission of making Christ known and loved



When you give to #SupportSJBP Parish, you're not just making a donation - you're investing in the spiritual and physical wellbeing of your faith community. St. John the Baptist Parish is embarking on an important stewardship initiative to fund vital renovations and improvements. By participating, you'll play a direct role in enhancing the church's ability to serve parishioners and spread the Gospel. Whether it's updating the altar, installing a new marble floor, or acquiring a beautiful new tabernacle, your contribution will directly improve the sacred space where you worship. But more importantly, you'll be supporting the ongoing work of making Jesus Christ known and loved in your local community. As a faithful steward, you'll experience the joy of generously sharing the gifts God has entrusted to you.

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



BULLETIN ADVERTISING

Attention All Parishioners,
We're reaching out to ask for your support. Our church bulletin sponsorships play a vital role in keeping our parish connected. When businesses advertise in our bulletin and on our parish website, they provide essential financial support for printing and web hosting. Let's come together to keep our communication strong and vibrant!

For advertising inquiries, please reach out to Raluca Tutulesco at 800-477-4574 x 6222 or email at rtutulesco@4lpi.com.

<https://parishesonline.com/organization/st-john-the-baptist-catholic-church-95035>



SJB GENERAL
ASSEMBLY ON

PASTORAL PLANNING

JOIN US FOR A HALF-DAY EVENT AND:

- Learn about the multi-year Diocesan Pastoral Plan's priorities and objectives
- Participate and engage in St. John's planning roadmap for our parish's spiritual and communal growth
- Take this opportunity to voice your inputs into positive changes for our parish



11 JANUARY 2025 8:30AM

PAVALKIS HALL, ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH, MILPITAS, CA

THE O.C.I.A CORNER

New Name same process!

On 15 Dec 2024 we will be discussing the Sacrament of Matrimony, so if you have questions about Marriage, who can marry who, what about those who are divorced, this should be a great topic for you!

On 22 Dec 2024, our Topic will be Holy Orders! What is it? To whom does it apply? Get these answers and more!

For more information either contact the Parish Office at 408-262-2546 or talk with

Dave Meszaros 408-892-0510 or Email mailman6019@yahoo.com.

PARISH AND COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS



Knights News Knights of Columbus Saint John's Council No. 5796

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a Breakfast in the Grotto on 15 Dec 2024 after the 8 and 10 am Masses. The menu this time will be: Arrozcaldo alone, Arrozcaldo Combination plate with pork and Tofu, and the last item will be Lomi Noodle Soup. Part of the proceeds will go to the Parish. Thank You for supporting our Fund Raisers!

Join us on our NEW WEBSITE: KOFCMilpitas.org.
See the latest pictures of what we have been doing.

Want more info about becoming a Knight or what we do, contact Grand Knight Manny Q. Managbanag at 669-225-0613 or email MANAGBANAG-MANNY@yahoo.com.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
St. John's Council 5796

SUNDAY BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER
in the GROTTO

Dec. 15, 2024 (Sunday)
after 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM Masses

*Part of the proceeds from this breakfast
will be donated to the Parish*

Menu:

- ❖ Combination plate of Arrozcaldo & Tokwat Baboy (Tofu and pork) - \$10.⁰⁰
- ❖ Lomi Noodle Soup = \$10.⁰⁰
- ❖ Arrozcaldo only - \$3.⁰⁰



DIOCESE OF SAN JOSÉ
JUBILEE 2025
OPENING
The Solemn Vespers

Sunday, January 12, 2025

- ▶ Where: Cathedral Basilica of St. Joseph, 80 South Market St., San Jose
- ▶ Time: 5pm
- ▶ The motto of the Jubilee: **Pilgrims of Hope**

Presided by: Most Rev. Oscar Cantú
Bishop of the Diocese of San José

● ● ●

JOIN US

dsj.org/jubilee2025
www.iubilaeum2025.va/en

Knights of Columbus' "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest 1st prize winners from different grade levels: Ria D'Souza, Ronit D'Souza, Helen Nunag, & Chelsea Dace. See website & parish bulletin for the winning posters.





LET'S GROW YOUR BUSINESS

Place Your Ad Here
and Support Our Parish!

CONTACT ME
Raluca Tutulescu

rtutulescu@4LPi.com
(800) 477-4574 x6222

DOES YOUR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION NEED A NEWSLETTER?

Engaging, ad-supported
print and digital
newsletters to reach
your community.

Visit lpicomunities.com



Scan to
contact us!

Family Dental Fitness

Dr. Fe Biala MDM
141 W Calaveras Blvd
Milpitas, CA
(408) 946-1600
familydentalfitness.com



**SUPPORT
OUR
PARISH**

SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS!

Place Your Ad Here and Support our Parish!

Instantly create and
purchase an ad with

AD CREATOR STUDIO



4lpi.com/adcreator



Jay's Auto Sales

(925) 353-5828

jaysautosalesfremont.com

44790 S Grimmer Blvd Ste 101B
Fremont, CA

#1 source for pre-owned vehicles

ADT-Monitored Home Security

Get 24-Hour Protection From a Name You Can Trust

- Burglary
- Fire Safety
- Flood Detection
- Carbon Monoxide



Authorized
Provider

SafeStreets

833-287-3502



NEVER MISS OUR BULLETIN!

SUBSCRIBE

Have our bulletin
emailed to you
every week.



Visit www.parishesonline.com

SHORT STAFFED?

Place an ad here to find
new local talent for
your business.



CALL

800-950-9952

SUPPORT OUR PARISH

Local business ads
sponsor the printing of
our bulletin.

4lpi.com/adcreator



**FREE
AD
DESIGN**

with
purchase
of this
space

CALL

800-950-9952

WE APPRECIATE OUR ADVERTISERS!

They allow us to print
this bulletin. Thank you!



For ad info. call 1-800-950-9952 • www.4lpi.com

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Milpitas, CA

A 4C 05-2003