



ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

DECEMBER 21, 2025 | FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

O COME LET US
Adore
HIM.



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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PARISH REGISTRATION



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

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Stewardship

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP & ADA UPDATE

FOR THE WEEK OF 12/6/25 - 12/7/25

Target Weekly Income	\$ 12,000.00
Sunday Church Collection	\$ 9,329.00
Novena Mass	\$ 426.00
Total	\$ 9,755.00
Variance	\$ 2,245.00

FOR THE WEEK OF 12/9/25

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!



We will resume on January 5, 2026



December 21, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Dear St. John Parishioners:

When someone we love dies, we are easily given to despair and untold grief. When we face crisis, illness, separation, despair or failure, we plunge into the depths of sorrow. We feel lost feeling as if God has taken a hike and abandoned us and left us to our own devices.

However, this is farthest from the truth. God is always with us. The First Reading from the Prophet Isaiah and the Gospel attest to this promise fulfilled. *"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." (Is. 7:14)*



This Christmas, let us once more pin our hope in the promise made by the Lord God, to His Chosen People, but has been remarkably fulfilled in Jesus Christ, the name above every other name, the name that saves.

There is no reason for us to despair. We are a people of hope, a kind of hope that does not disappoint, a joyful kind of hope.

In a few days, the Church will conclude the Jubilee of Hope. We pray that we have been bearers of hope for the spread of the gospel, that we have been transformed into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the gospel for the transformation of humanity and the whole cosmos.

May the grace of Jubilee allow us to spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To him be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

A Blessed Christmas to you and your loved ones. May the blessing of the Christ-Child enrich your lives throughout the coming year.

Sincerely,

Monsignor Willie



GOSPEL MEDITATION

As our Advent preparations end and Christmas fast approaches, it is fitting that today's readings demonstrate the intensity of the Father's perfect and passionate love for each of us, culminating in the gift of His own Son, Jesus Christ, on Christmas Day.

In response to such an overwhelming gift, what can we do except offer our lives as gift in return, embracing a stewardship way of life with all the love and strength we have to give?

In our Gospel passage from Matthew, we find an unparalleled example of one who embraced this way of life in St. Joseph, as he obeys God's call to him through the message of an angel.

We never hear St. Joseph speak, but the Scriptures tell us he was always listening, attentive to the leading of the Holy Spirit for his family. It was Joseph who found the stable where the baby Jesus would be born. No doubt it was Joseph who cleaned it up and prepared it for Mary and Jesus since we know that Mary was about to give birth. Joseph protected the family, guarded them, and tended to their safety, their comfort, and their well-being at the expense of his own plans and preferences. Though we do not hear any words from St. Joseph his actions clearly show that he offered himself, his whole life, as a gift to his family through his strong guidance, protection, and service.

Let us imitate St. Joseph, then, as good stewards, giving our very lives to those around us in love and gratitude to God, who has given us everything we have, especially His own Son, Jesus Christ.

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First Reading:

Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign: the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel. (Isa 7:14)

Psalm:

Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory. (Ps 24)

Second Reading:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (Rom 1:7)

Gospel:

"Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." (Mt 1:20-21)

Readings for the week of December 21, 2025

Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (7c, 10b)/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

Monday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Lk 1:67-79

Thursday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/ Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
 Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 (Lk 2:11)/ Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 (3c)/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Friday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22

Saturday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1)/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

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 21 Dec 2025 our Topic will be "The People of God." Where do we fit into this Topic? Come and let's talk about it.

On 28 Dec 2025 we will be celebrating the Twelve Days of Christmas and will return on 4 Jan 2026.

We Wish Everyone A Merry Christmas!

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



This weekend: seniors at Milpitas Care Center and unhoused & families supported by Hope for the Unhoused

- gifts like socks, blankets, thermals, jackets, etc.
- place donated UNWRAPPED gifts in vestibule boxes
- gifts will be brought to Alviso & Milpitas facilities on Dec. 23

thank you for your generosity!

Observances for the week of December 21, 2025

- Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Advent
Monday:
Tuesday: St. John of Kanty, Priest
Wednesday: Christmas Eve
Thursday: The Nativity of the Lord
Friday: St. Stephen, First Martyr
Saturday: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
Next Sunday: The Holy Family

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. 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
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Tuesday, December 23

Msgr. Willie S. Manrique
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There are only three days left before Simbang Gabi concludes. We encourage your generosity, and we have four donation options available.

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.

link: <https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Form/efb15585-704c-4204-adb0-7d1c9479531b>

**SIMBANG
GABI**



(AVAILABLE ONLY DURING THE SEASON)

2025 ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

December 15, Monday to December 23, Tuesday	• 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 The Nativity of the Lord	6:30 PM 5:00 PM & 7:00 PM 9:00 PM 11:30 PM 12:00 MN
December 25, Thursday	Vietnamese Mass Day 1 of Novena to Nuestro Señor Jesus Nazareno	8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, & 12:00 NN, & 7:00 PM 4:00 PM
December 31, Wednesday	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

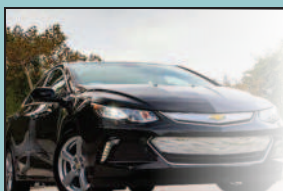


Bulletins & Website Announcement

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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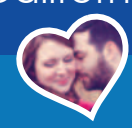
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