

**Parish Calendar
Dec. 14 , 2014 - Dec. 21, 2014**

Sunday	No Continental Breakfast after the 9am Mass Special Collection this weekend is for Religious Retirement Fund
Monday	
Tuesday	The next Ladies Guild meeting is 1/13/15 at 1 pm in the Fr. Jim Community Center meeting rooms. NEW MEMBERS WELCOME
Wednesday	
Thursday	Adoration after the 9:30 am Mass, benediction at 6:45 pm.
Friday	
Saturday	NA meeting in Community Center meeting rooms
Sunday	No Continental Breakfast after 9 am Mass

SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER

Third Week of Advent – Gaudete Sunday (Latin for Re-joice!) Await in joyful hope!

John the Baptist came to testify to **the light, JESUS!** Isaiah’s words were fulfilled when Jesus spoke in the temple: "The spirit of the Lord is upon me. He has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom to the captives..." Do you realize that the spirit of the Lord is upon you and me? We, too, are called to do as Pope Francis declares, "Above all, care for the poor."

In these last weeks of Advent, how might I (and my family) intentionally reach out to an individual who is **hungry, sick, elderly, dying or grieving the death of a loved one?** I may personally know these persons, or not. Be alert! Look for them, do not quench the Spirit in bringing Christ’s light and hope!

CHRISTMAS EVE -CHRISTMAS DAY

We are still in need of more help for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. All Liturgical Ministers please see the sign-up sheet in the Main Sacristy to see where you can help. We are in need of altar servers and ushers especially.



Come and see the goodies that the Ladies Guild have baked for this weekends Bake Sale. They will be outside the Community Center on Sunday morning starting after the 7:30 am mass until 12:30 pm.

MASS INTENTIONS
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Sunday	7:30am	For Our Parishioners
	9:00am	Susai Mary †
	11:00am	Hoa Tran †
	5:00 pm	Robert P. Lira†
Monday	6:30 am	Thien Nguyen (living)
	9:30 am	Ngoc Pham (living)
Tuesday	6:30 am	No Intention
	9:30 am	Roy D’Cruz †
Wednesday	6:30 am	Bob Saenz (living)
	9:30 am	Michael Joseph Arroyo †
Thursday	6:30 am	Dolores Charlock †
	9:30 am	Adrienne Schablaske †
Friday	6:30 am	Edward Lee Peal †
	9:30 am	Mr. & Mrs. Thuan Nguyen †
Saturday	8:00 am	Marilyn Rauchle †
	5:00 pm	Roy D’Cruz †
Sunday	7:30 am	For Our Parishioners
	9:00 am	Ngoc Pham (living)
	11:00 am	Chul Nam †
	5:00 pm	Judy Cseuz †

Weekly Stewardship Report



Collections for 12/7/ 14	\$ 9,429
Collections Year to Date	\$ 212,902
Budgeted Year to Date	\$221,707
Current Budget Shortfall	(\$8,805)
Thank you for your continued support !	

SPECIAL NOTE: When there is a special collection unless otherwise noted, please make the check out to Queen of Apostles with a note in the memo what it is for. The bank will not cash the check otherwise. Thank you for attention to this.



Santa Clara County 2014

is a safe place for young people(12 through 20) who are affected by the drinking or drug abuse of a family member or friend. There are no dues or fees. The "Heart to Heart Freedom" Alateen group meets every Thursday evening here at Queen of Apostles School at 7:45 p.m. in room 7 Please call Jay or Venice at 408-406-7081 for more information.



RCIA MEETING

The RCIA meeting occurs every first and third Sunday of each month at 10:15 - noon in the Rectory Conference Room. Our next scheduled meeting is Sunday, December 21.

Third Sunday of Advent

My Dear Friends –

Today is called Gaudete Sunday. The word means Rejoice and its word form is that of a mild command. We are preparing for the exquisite joy of Christ's birth. Our readings today emphasize the kind of generosity that God shows us, that is his unconditional love for us, the same kind of love he wants us to show one another and in many ways what this season of preparation is all about.

The first reading from Isaiah is one of the happiest readings we will encounter in scripture. It is full of joy and hope. Written at the end of the Babylonian captivity it assures the Hebrews that their God has not forgotten them. He will free them, clothe them, feed them and give them justice. They will receive glad tidings that will make them very happy. To make it even better, the Hebrews do not have to earn this good time. They just have to act in a manner that will allow their God to give it to them gratis. Who could ask for anything more?

The magnanimity of God's gift to his people is repeated in the psalm reading, which is the prayer of Mary that has come to be known as the Magnificat. The main point here is that because Mary let God do what he wanted to do in her life, he has raised her to a glory beyond her wildest expectations. That is all she had to do, just let God in. Moreover, Mary does not stop here. She says the same generosity God showed her is available to all of us just so long as we let God enter into our lives like she did in to hers.

Paul tells us how to make sure we are capable of accepting God into our lives. He tells us to pray, to be grateful, to rejoice, to be open to the Spirit, to do good and to avoid evil. Then God will make us "perfectly holy." We do not make ourselves holy. God does simply because we take the steps to be open to Him.

Now comes the Gospel written about 100 AD and at a time when most of Jesus' contemporaries are dead. John the Evangelist is writing to a Christian audience that is predominately Gentile. During this early time there were still disciples of John the Baptist who thought of him as the Messiah. After all, even Jesus said he was the greatest person living on earth and the non-believing Jews recognized him as a priest of their own and a prophet in his own right. Therefore, it is not surprising that some people in the early, formative years of our Faith would see John as the messiah.

The Jews simply could not understand what the Baptist, one of their own priests was doing. He was baptizing Jews, something never done to a Jew but only to a gentile about to become a Jew – sort of like us today baptizing only those who are not Christian. The Baptist tells them they will never understand. They do not recognize Christ among them. They are not open to God as was Mary, as was Paul's community or even as the Hebrews of Isaiah were. The author leaves no doubt in anyone's mind that the Baptist refuses to be considered the Messiah and goes so far as to say he is not even worthy to be a slave to him when he says he cannot unloose the strap of his sandal.

So what can we take away from these readings? We can be like the Jews of the Gospel closed to the love of God, or we can become like Mary and Paul's disciples, becoming open to God through prayer, rejoicing, enjoying one another, helping one another and showing one another our generosity as we spread the glad tidings of our faith to our families, to our friends, to strangers and dare I say even to our enemies. After all, Jesus did.

Dc. Brian McKenna

SCHOOL DAYS

Third Sunday of Advent

We wish the 6th graders a safe journey as they travel to Outdoor Science School this week! They will leave on Tuesday for the Koinonia Conference Center and return on Friday.

Last week's "novena" was a success with the students and families making generous donations to several local charities.

Classes will dismiss at noon on Friday, December 19. Christmas break will end on January 5. The school students and staff wish all parishioners a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



Family Faith Formation
408-255-9950

Office is staffed on Tues. and Thurs. 8 -3 and on weekends by appt. Please call before stopping by.

Happy Gaudete Sunday!

On the Calendar:

Dec. 14th: All classes meet at their usual times

Dec. 21 & 28th: No classes, Christmas break

Dec. 21st: Rehearsal for Christmas Eve Liturgy 3pm in the church

Dec. 22nd & 23rd: Rehearsal for Christmas Eve Liturgy 6:30pm in the church

Dec. 24th: Children's Liturgy 5pm Mass

Jan. 4th: Classes resume

MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY

Broomball was a BLAST!!! Check out the pics on our facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/QofA.msm>.

Dec. 14th: General Session—God is calling

Dec. 21st & 28th: No meeting—Christmas break

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy & Holy New Year!!!! Sessions resume on Jan. 4th.

Office for the Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults

Diocese of San Jose - Anthony Gonzalez Phone: 408-983-0113
Fax:408-983-0147 Emergency line: 408-983-0141

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

"If you are what you should be, you will set the whole world ablaze!" St. Catherine of Siena

Dec. 14: Vocations Night

Contact: youth@qofa.org | 213-6509

ASCENT EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Tuesday 9 am -2pm thru Thursday , closed on Friday and Monday
408-257-8302 FAX Number 408-257-4600
Web Site: www.ascent-jobs.org
PO Box 9604, San Jose CA 95157

Ascent needs volunteers to help in the office. Volunteer recruiter to work 3-5 hours once a week on Tue. Wed. or Thurs. Recruiting can be at the Ascent Office or off-site. Ascent is in need of WINTER COATS. With the onset of the colder weather, many Clients are in desperate need of coats, gloves and sweaters. Donations for both men and women are greatly appreciated.

PLEASE READ:

The Diocese of San Jose has partnered with **EthicsPoint** to provide a confidential method to hear suggestions, concerns or reports of financial misconduct. **EthicsPoint** accepts reports of financial misconduct through its website or its Hotline: 1-888-325 -7863. Please direct any questions that you may have about **EthicsPoint** or reporting concerns to Teresa Conville, Diocesan Compliance and Parish Financial Services Director at 408-983-0241 or tconville@dsj.org.

High School Youth Ministry

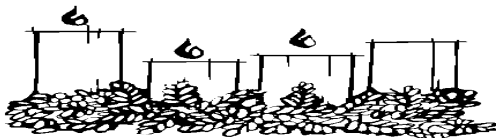
Please support our youth ministry by visiting our used book sale fundraiser inside the Community Center all day on Sunday, December 21st. Proceeds go towards retreat scholarships and our trip to World Youth Day in Poland, 2016.

Thank You ! **Contact: youth@qofa.org | 213-6509**

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

The church is taking monetary donations to be used toward the purchase of Poinsettias for the Church during the Christmas Season. Please bring the donations to the rectory or leave in the collection basket with a note "for poinsettias". Thank you.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT




Grief Group

The grief support group's next meeting will be 1/5/2015 Please call Shirley 408-241-1209 if you have any questions or need to talk.

Children's Choir

The Children's Choir will be leading our assembly in song at the 9:00 a.m. mass on Sunday, December 21. Practice will be held on Friday, December 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the meeting rooms of the Father Jim Community Center. We welcome 3rd through 8th graders who have sung with us before as well as new members!



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PASTORAL STAFF:

Rev. Thuc Si Ho, Pastor
Rev. Reynaldo Sarmiento, Parochial Vicar
Brian McKenna, Deacon
Gregory Elsner, Accountant
Kathy Fanger, RCIA Director
Mary Ann Oddo, Receptionist / Secretary
Marie McCarthy, Receptionist / Secretary
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Family Faith Formation: 408-255-9950
Kristie Manning, Director

Parish Office

408-253-7560 Hours: 9-5 Mon. - Friday
4911 Moorpark Ave. Closed for lunch: 12-1
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Marty Chargin, School Principal

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday
(Vigil Mass): 5:00 p.m.
Sundays: 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.,
5:00 p.m.
Weekdays: 6:30 and 9:30 a.m.
Saturdays: 8:00 a.m.
Holy Days: (Vigil Mass) 5:00 p.m.,
6:30, 9:30 a.m., 7:00 p.m.
Marian Devotions: After the 8:00 a.m. Mass on
Saturday

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Seminar required. Please contact Rectory for information.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays - 4:00 - 4:45 p.m. or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:

Contact Rectory at least SIX MONTHS prior to any proposed wedding date.

INQUIRY SESSION ABOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:

Contact number: RCIA@qofa.org or 408-252-4103