

† **MASS INTENTIONS** †

Week of **December 21, 2009 — December 27, 2009**

- Monday December 21, 2009**
8:30 AM Faust Pires †
 Giosanna Santana †
- Tuesday December 22, 2009**
8:30 AM Florinda Cole †
 Joey Catano, Sr. †
- Wednesday December 23, 2009**
8:30 A.M. Manuel Alves †
 James Alves †
- Thursday December 24, 2009**
4:00 PM Christmas Eve
6:30 PM
12:00 AM
- Friday December 25, 2009**
9:30 AM Christmas Day
11:30 AM
2:00 PM
- Saturday December 26, 2009**
8:30 AM William & Pauline Marciel †
 Orpiano Family (S.I.) Thanksgiving
- 4:30 PM** Richard Rego, Sr. †
 Arnold Norte (S.I.)
- 6:30 PM** Community of St. John
- Sunday December 27, 2009**
7:30 AM Misa Sati U †
 Lydia Timbol Burgos †
- 9:30 AM** Juanita Estellas (S.I.)
 John Gomes, Jr. †
- 11:30 AM** Joe Cancilla †
 Imelda Zaratan †
- 2:00 PM** Community of St. John †

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES FOR THIS WEEK:

- Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent
 Monday: St. Peter Canisius; Winter begins
 Wednesday: St. John of Kanty
 Thursday: The Vigil of Christmas
 Friday: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
 Saturday: St. Stephen; First day of Kwanzaa

December 12th - December 13th, 2009

STEWARDSHIP OF OUR TREASURE!

GOAL \$10,000.00 PER WEEK

Sunday Collection, Immaculate Conception and
 Our Lady of Guadalupe.....\$ 12,733.83
 Maintenance Fund.....\$ 287.00
 Christmas Flower Offering.....\$ 151.00
 Retirement Fund.....\$..1,050.00
Bishop's Appeal Goal\$23,660.00
Amount Collected for Bishop's Appeal ...\$ 20,339.11

*Thank you for your generosity
 Gracias por su generosidad.
 Your donations make our ministries possible*

REMEMBER THE SICK

*Helen Zachary, David Gerecke, Hospicia Partido, Heather Nellis, Mary Moberg, Wulf Bieschke, Jim Madson, Maria Louisa Romero, John & Winifred Tuck, Jacqueline Ritchie, Gerry Laughery, Charles Denham, Fran Mattovich, Mary Tacyshyn-Wilson, Rita Stich, Victoria M. Abrigo, Dana Mitry, Jennie Fuhs, Clara Moura, Lillean Viray, Nora Goulart, Elaine Rivera, Barbara Roe,
All names on the prayer list will be removed at the end of each month. If you want a name to remain on the list, please notify the office.*

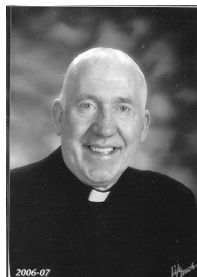
WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

John Victor Silva

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK
 LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA**

Monday/Lunes: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45
 Tuesday/Martes: 1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56
 Wednesday/Miércoles: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66
 Thursday/Jueves: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79
 Friday/Viernes: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25;
 Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
Midnight: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
 Saturday/Sabado: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22
 Sunday/Domingo: Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128
 or Ps 84; Col 3:12-20 [12-17] or
 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

PARKING ON SUNDAYS is available at San Lorenzo High School for the 9:30 a.m. only.

From the Desk of the Pastor

Dear Friends,

Once again in this Christmas season we reflect on the story of the birth of Jesus. As we kneel before the crib we are reminded that God so loved the world that He sent His Son into the world “that the world might have life through Him”.

As we gather to celebrate this Christmas feast may the birth of our Savior be a sign of new hope for all people and that the light of God's love will radiate in the words and deeds of all who believe in Jesus as God and Savior.

All the Parish Staff and I want to thank you all for your loyal and generous cooperation throughout the year. We are deeply grateful to all of you for all that has been accomplished in the life of our parish.

We wish you and your loved ones a truly happy Christmas and a New Year blessed by the presence of Christ.

I would like to inform you that work will begin on January 4th for the Lewelling project.

A chain link fence will be put up January 6th and the current fence will be torn down between January 7th and 13th. Commencing January 14th, trenching will begin to put PGE and phone lines under ground. This week will result in some disruption to traffic flow so please be patient, giving yourself adequate time for travel.

We will keep you advised of all developments as best we can.

Blessings of peace,
Fr. Mike

DECEMBER 20 (4TH SUNDAY IN ADVENT) The Gospel today tells of the Virgin Mary, pregnant herself, hurrying off to help her cousin Elizabeth. The model of good stewardship, she who had given herself to bear the Savior gave her time and love to others as well.”

CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S MASSES:

All participants in the Christmas Eve Children's Masses must come to rehearsal on December 19th in the Church. Singers begin at 9:30AM and all others begin at 10 AM. The practice should end at 11 AM. Singers will have an additional practice December 22nd from 5:30 to 6:30PM in the Church.

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY:

We will have a second collection today to support **our very own parish school**. Please make a Christmas gift — as your means allow — to support our special school programs including art, Spanish and our tuition assistance fund. To thank you for your generosity, the school parents will be hosting with refreshments in the meeting room immediately after Mass today. Thank You!

SUNDAY ENVELOPES - The annual boxed set of Sunday Offering Envelopes and 2010 Calendars will be distributed after all Masses on December 12th and 13th and again on December 19th and 20th in the gym.

CLARISSA'S FRANCISCANS SISTERS - The Clarissan Sisters will be having a craft sale after all the Masses in front of the church - Saturday, December 19th and Sunday, December 20th.



**ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE
2009**

**ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE
(Bi-lingual)**

Wednesday - December 16th, 7:00 p.m.
With individual confession

INDIVIDUAL RECONCILIATION

Saturday - December 19th, 3-4 p.m.
Tuesday - December 22nd, 9:15 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
Tuesday December 22nd, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE

Thursday - December 24th

MASS TIMES

4:00 p.m. - bilingual with Children (emphasis on English)
6:30 p.m. - bilingual with Children (emphasis on Spanish)
12:00 a.m. - Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.
2:00 p.m. Spanish Mass

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Thursday - December 31st
7:30 p.m. Mass for Peace

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Friday - January 1st, 2010
9:30 a.m. Mass



BAPTISM - BAUTISMOS

St. John the Baptist welcomes:

Mia Ashley Teixeira Silva



Lost & Found

For items lost please contact the parish office at 351-5050



**January 4 at 6:30 in the Meeting Room
Maryknoll Movie Night will present:**

Dying to Live, Groody River Films – Not Rated

"Dying to Live" is a profound look at the human face of the immigrant. It explores who these people are, why they leave their homes and what they face in their journey. Drawing on the insights of Pulitzer Prize winning photographers, theologians, Church and congressional leaders, activists, musicians and the immigrants themselves, this film exposes the places of conflict, pain and hope along the US-Mexico border. It is a reflection on the human struggle for a more dignified life and the search to find God in the midst of that struggle. Runtime: 33 minutes.

OUR GOLDEN AGE DINNER WAS ANOTHER SUCCESS THIS YEAR.

I have so many people to thank...First off Debbie Fahey, Valarie Mathewson, Kathy Hess and Helen Quintal for all their hard work Friday, Saturday and Sunday. They worked above and beyond anyone could imagine. Kathy Lievre donated her most famous mashed potatoes. Saturday I had Sr. Flo and Cheryl, Rachel and Nicole decorating the hall in a very festive decor. Sunday the St. Gerard ladies graciously chipped in and served the guests along with some of our very loyal parishioners. Cheryl Hoffman spent the entire afternoon doing dishes (since our dishwasher is broken) Thank you to all of the cleanup crew who spent time taking the tables down and sweeping the floors. Most of you have no idea what the Golden Age Dinner is all about. All I can say is...It is a very magical moment when you have over 200 men and women, who are pretty much alone. Most of them never get out on many adventures. They are so excited to come to this dinner. The smiles they show is more than any money can buy. It would touch your heart. They truly are thankful for a simple day. They are provided with a Turkey dinner, Santa shows up, Christmas music (provided by Louie and Steve). Watching them open their gifts was so much fun. They were so excited. In all these troubled times it is so nice to stop and do something for someone who really needs it. They are so excited to receive a gift, even if it is just a pair of socks.. Thank you to the parishioners who brought in those gifts. Our parish is truly blessed by all of you who always join in and help in so many ways. May your Christmas be a Happy one...God Bless to all and Thank you everyone. Pat Capra

THANK YOU - The *St. Gerard's Women's Club* wishes to thank the Parish Community for their tremendous support of our Christmas Sale and Raffles. It was a great success!

SCHOOL NEWS

Lucky Shamrock Award

Congratulations to the following students who received a Lucky Shamrock Award last Wednesday:

PK – Rolina Humarang
 Kdg – Benjamin Ong
 1st – Vincent Boac
 2nd – Kainoa Lee
 3rd – Laddie Reed
 4th – Zachary Soto
 5th – Arianna Smith
 6th – Kayla Ridenour
 7th – Tomas Tison-Martinez
 8th – Julian Soto

Student Awards Assembly

Our monthly Student Awards Assembly was held last Wednesday. Congratulations to our November students. The students exemplify some of our Student Learning expectations.

Can work both cooperatively and independently to achieve a positive outcome –

Vanessa Gonzales - Kdg
 Camille Quebral – Kdg
 Alexandra Reyes – 1st
 Isaiah Thomas – 2nd
 Ryan Lu – 4th
 Madelyn Babcock 5th
 Erica Brosnan – 6th
 Lauren Audencial – 7th
 Jeremiah Garcia – 8th
 Exhibits

a continuing curiosity and enthusiasm for learning-

Luke Bradshaw – PK
 Ariez Pimentel – 1st
 Carlos Aburto – 2nd
 Brejai Walker - 2nd
 Gurbinder Singh - 3rd
 Tyrell Ridenour – 3rd
 Shane Cruzen – 4th
 Jonathan Rubalcava – 5th
 Paul John Evangelista
 Adrianna Leban – 8th

Uses problem solving and critical thinking skills to learn from practice and experience-

LJ Truehill – 3rd
 Victoria Ho – 7th
 Tanner Lorenzi – 8th



Saint John the Baptist Parish

***TO KNOW CHRIST BETTER AND
 TO MAKE HIM BETTER KNOWN***

ADULT AND FAMILY FORMATION Evenings will not be held on December 21st or 28th. We hope that everyone will enjoy family time surrounding the celebration of Christmas.

HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION

The opening day for the second session will be January 31st at 3:30 p.m. in the Gym. **All Tuesday participants and Sunday participants are expected to attend.** Parents and/or Sponsors are to attend the meeting with the candidates.

FIRST RECONCILIATION PREPARATION

The next class will be held January 11th at 6:30 p.m. in the Gym for all candidates (Elementary Religious Education candidates, Saint John School candidates and Secondary School candidates) and their parents.

CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S MASS

This year St. John the Baptist Parish will offer two **Children's Masses at 4PM and at 6:30PM**. Both Masses will be bilingual (English and Spanish) and will include a special presentation of the Gospel. Anyone (Kindergarten through Eighth Grade) who wishes to participate in either Mass must come to a rehearsal on **Tuesday, December 22 from 5:30—6:30PM in the Church.**

All participants are expected to be in the Church 45 minutes before the start of the Mass on the 24th.



SECOND COLLECTION - On December 19th and 20th there will be a second collection for **St. John's school** to help with the extra Spanish & Art programs added to this year's curriculum. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Demonstrates age-appropriate mastery of basic curriculum, skills and concepts-

Joshua Hoffmann – PK
 Patrick Hojaboom – Kdg
 Gabriela Martinez – 1st
 Miracris Villanueva – 5th

NOTE: Monday - Friday
 December 21st to January
 1st

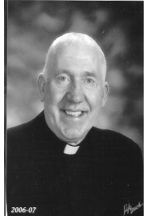
**NO SCHOOL
 Christmas Break.**

DECLARACIÓN DE VISIÓN

Una comunidad diversa y acogedora basada en la fe, inspirada por el Espíritu Santo para dar fuerza y amor a cada uno.

DECLARACIÓN DE MISION

La familia de San Juan Bautista en San Lorenzo trae vida a la Palabra de Dios a través de la liturgia, ministerio y servicios.



Queridos Amigos,

De Nuevo, durante la temporada Navideña reflexionamos en la historia del nacimiento de Jesús. Cuando nos arrodillamos ante el pesebre recordamos que Dios amo tanto al mundo, que envió a su hijo, “para que el mundo tuviera vida a través de él”

Mientras, nos reunimos a celebrar esta fiesta de Navidad, que el nacimiento de nuestro Salvador sea una señal de nueva esperanza para toda la gente y que la luz del amor de Dios resplandezca en las palabras y acciones de todos los que creen en Jesús como Dios y Salvador.

De parte mía y el Personal Docente de la Parroquia, queremos agradecerles su lealtad y generosa cooperación a través del año. Estamos profundamente agradecidos con todos ustedes por todo lo que se ha realizado durante la vida de nuestra parroquia.

Les deseamos a usted y sus seres queridos una Feliz Navidad y Año Nuevo bendecidos con la presencia de Cristo.

Quiero informarles que los trabajos del proyecto Lewelling comenzarán el día 4 de enero.

El día 6 de enero se instalara una cerca de alambre, y la actual, se removerá entre el día 7 y 13 de enero, La excavación dará comienzo el 14 de enero para poner bajo tierra las líneas de PGE y del Teléfono. Esto, ocasionara cierta interrupción al flujo de trafico, por favor sea paciente, dándose un tiempo adecuado a su trayecto.

Los tendremos al tanto de todo el desarrollo, como nos sea posible.

Bendiciones de paz
Padre Mike

**SOBRES PARA LAS OFRENDAS Y
CALENDARIOS**

Los sobres estarán disponibles, para que usted los recoga en el gimnasio los fines de semana del 12/13 y 19/20 de diciembre.

SEGUNDA COLECTA

El día 19 y 20 de diciembre Habrá una segunda colecta para beneficio de los extra progrmas de Español y Arte de la Escuela de San Juan que se añadieron al currículo. Su generosidad será muy apreciada.

MISAS DE NIÑOS EL DIA 24 DE DICIEMBRE

Este año tendremos dos misas para los niños una a las 4:00 de la tarde con Lecturas en español y el cuerpo de la Misa en Ingles. La de las 6:30 P.M. con Lecturas en Ingles y el cuerpo de la Misa en Español las dos misas incluiran una presentacion especial del Evangelio. Todos los participantes tienen que atender a la PRACTICA el día 22 de diciembre de las 5:30 a las 6:30p.m. en la Iglesia.

NATURALEZA RESTAURADA

Cristo nació para que, por su nacimiento, nuestra naturaleza sea restaurada.

—San Pedro Crisólogo



FILOSOFIA Y METAS DE LA EDUCACION RELIGIOSA EN SAN JUAN

Juntos tratamos de ayudar a todos aquí en San Juan al crecimiento de Fe, comprensión de las Tradiciones Católicas y experimentar unidad con Cristo y los dones del Espíritu Santo.

Nuestras metas es alentar a todos a vivir como discípulos de Jesucristo con participación responsable en la vida, misión y obras de una comunidad Católica de fe.

VISITAS A ENFERMOS

Si en su familia hay un enfermo que desea recibir la comunión, comuníquese con Ministro de Eucaristía Extraordinario, Maritza Texeria al (510) 432-7135

CONFIRMACION PARA LOS ESTUDIANTES DE SECUNDARIA

El día 13 de diciembre Habrá un retiro para los estudiantes de confirmación. Para más información llame a Ta al Anthony.ta@gmail.com. El 31 de enero es el primer día de la segunda sesión a las 3:30 p.m. en el Gimnasio. Todos los participantes, deben atender.

HORARIO DE MISAS DE ADVIENTO Y NAVIDAD 2009

RECONCILIACION DE ADVIENTO (Bilingüe)

Miércoles diciembre 16th, 7:00 p.m.
Con confesiones individuales

CHRISTMAS EVE

Thursday - December 24th

MASS TIMES

4:00 p.m. - bilingüe con niños (énfasis en Inglés)
6:30 p.m. - bilingüe con niños (énfasis en Español)
12:00 a.m. - Misa de Media Noche

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

9:30 a.m.,(Inglés) 11:30 a.m.(Inglés)
2:00 p.m. Misa en Español

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Jueves - Diciembre 31st
7:30 p.m. Misa por La Paz(Inglés)

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Viernes Enero 1st, 2010
9:30 a.m. Misa (Inglés)

AGRADECIMIENTOS

GRUPO GUADALUANO: Queremos darles las gracias a las siguientes personas que nos aportaron ayuda ya sea monetaria, menudo, pan dulce, o con sus servicios etc.: Hermana Patricia, Adreana, Olga Espinoza, Rose Lopez, Eustolia Gonzalez, Claudia Roy, Maria Guzman, Maria Santos, Alma y Alex, Lydia Muñoz, Gloria Maldonado, Mario Cuestas, Jose Luis Corral, Jess Gabino, Familia Garcia, Familia Beltran, Taide Valdivia, Gladira Montes, Gloria Bustamante, Carmen Loza, Amparo Martinez, Antonio Martines, Alicia y Jose Machuca, Rosa Oragel, Imelda de la Cruz, Dolores y Rafael Cordoba, Patricia B., D. J. Trampas, Alfonso Mejia's catering services, Edgard y Maria Luisa Romero, Fernando Texeira, Jan Peterson, todos los Ministros de Eucaristía, Lectores, Monaguillos, los grupos de Danzas, y sobre todo a los miembros de la Obra, (la persona que sustituyo a uno de los actores, mil gracias).

Sin su cooperación no hubiéramos logrado tener éxito en estas festividades, sabemos que bajo el agua y el sol siempre ustedes están con nosotros y sobre todo están para servirle a Nuestra Madre Virgen de Guadalupe. Que Dios y la Virgencita los colme de Bendiciones.

GRUPO DE SEÑORAS SAN GERARDO: Agradece A la comunidad de San Juan por la valiosa colaboración a nuestra Venta Navideña y Rifa.

LA ORGANIZACIÓN DE LA CENA DE ORO:

Desea agradecer a las Señoras de San Gerardo por su donación de \$100.00 y también a los Caballeros de Colon por su donativo de \$500.00. Su ayuda fue muy valiosa.

MARYKNOLL NOCHE DE CINE El día 4 de enero a las 6:30 p.m. en el Salón Comunitario Presentará MORIR PARA VIVIR

Es una Mirada profunda de la cara del inmigrante. Explora quienes son estas gentes, porque dejan sus hogares y lo que les sucede en su camino.

Cuarto Domingo de Adviento 20 de diciembre de 2009

Dios de los ejércitos, vuélvete,
mira desde el cielo, fíjate,
ven a visitar tu viña,
la cepa que tu diestra plantó
y que tú hiciste vigorosa.

— Salmo 80 (79):15-16

