



# Holy Family Parish

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December 11, 2016 ❖ 3rd Sunday of Advent

## Welcome to Holy Family

Newcomers Gathering second Sunday of the month at 10:45am in the Parish Office. Our next one will be **December 11.**

## Eucharist (Mass)

Sat: 8:30 am & 5:30 pm (*Vigil*)  
Sun: 8 am, 9:30 am, 11:15 am, 6 pm  
Mon: 8:05 am  
Tue – Fri: 7:30 am  
Holy days: As announced  
Holidays: 10 am  
Vietnamese Mass: Sat: 7:30 pm

## Parish Office Hours

M-F Mornings: 10:00 am—12:00 pm;  
Mon-Thu: 1:00 pm – 7:00 pm  
Fri: 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm  
Saturday: 10 am - 2 pm  
Sunday: 9 am - 1 pm

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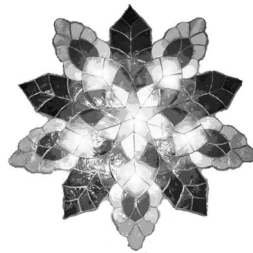
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## Simbang Gabi:

## A Modern Day American Practice



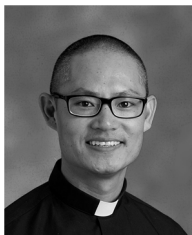
Many would stand on the point that Simbang Gabi is a Filipino Catholic tradition. Yet here at Holy Family Church, Simbang Gabi has become very much a modern day practice that incorporates people from many different ethnic backgrounds. As it enters into its 11<sup>th</sup> year of celebration here at Holy Family Church, Simbang Gabi continues to grow deeper roots and extend lush full branches into the families and parishioners who plan, setup, and participate in the nine day devotional masses of prayer. Although there are those who run the marathon and challenge the gambit of attending all nine novena masses; the number of novena masses one attends does not equal the numerous blessings one receives from simply attending just one of those masses: Reflective prayer and private devotion on the true meaning of the Coming of Christ; the welcoming fellowship and warm hearted camaraderie that all share in eager anticipation of that Coming; and the numerous delectable treats to savor and sample in preparation for the great feast that has been set upon the Table of the Lord. All these serve as a beacon throughout the day calling all who have attended to return again for the following novena masses.

Simbang Gabi does embody the true essence of something traditional. It shares the wisdom and truth of Christ brought to us as Emanuel; and how He is our Lord and Savior; and how He holds for us the Promise that He will return again as King of the Universe. It binds us all in greater understanding and insight of who we were, who we are, and who we will become. Many Filipino's would admit – Christmas is not truly Christmas without Simbang Gabi. Yet, Simbang Gabi cannot truly be Simbang Gabi without the people who are involved. We thank all those who have worked hard all year round to bring Simbang Gabi here to Holy Family Church once again; and we kindly ask those of you, of every ethnic background, who have not yet experienced Simbang Gabi to come and join us this Advent season in a great practice and an amazing tradition. Whether you attend one of the novena masses, few or many of the novena masses, or find the strength and devo- tion to attend all nine novena masses; you are sure to gain a greater sense and appreciation for the Coming of Christ. And for a more special and heartfelt experience, volunteers are always welcomed to help make Simbang Gabi a more joyful and merry experience. 'Tis the season of giving...and the gift of your time and effort will go a long way in adding to this year's Simbang Gabi celebration. You may contact any of the people below to find out more on how you can become involved in this wonderful and exciting experience!

Cristina Ruiz (Chairman) tapy555@yahoo.com, Chris Shannon (Co-Chairman) chris@shannonkids.com, Mimi Parks (Choir Coordinator) mvapark@gmail.com, Tessie Pacheco (Treasurer) Tessie.pacheco@macom.com

This year's celebrants (16<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>) Msgr. Wilfredo Manrique, Bishop Patrick J McGrath, Fr. Tito Cartagenas, Fr. Engelberto Gammad, Fr. Joseph Page, Fr. Matt Stanley, Fr. Art Yabes, and Fr Edsil Ortiz.

—John Ruiz



## *A Message From Our Pastor*

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Advent is the season of hope; awaiting the coming of our Lord Jesus for our redemption. Liturgically speaking, it is the beginning of the church year. The season of Advent has four weeks total. This year it began on November 27<sup>th</sup>. The church divides the year into seasons, much like our meteorological year. The seasons are Advent, Christmastide, Epiphany, Lent, Eastertide, and finally Pentecost.

In observing Advent, every Catholic Church has an Advent wreath with four candles—3 purple and 1 pink. Purple is a penitential color of fasting while pink (rose) is the color of joy. To emphasize the sense of anticipation of Christ's coming during Advent, the church named each candle in the wreath -- the first being hope, the second peace, the third joy, and the fourth love (there are a number of other traditional names as well, though these are some of the most ancient).

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent is Gaudete Sunday (from the Latin meaning “rejoice”) which is taken from Philippians 4:4-5. This weekend, we begin our third Sunday of Advent, thus the pink candle is lit represents our hearts are rejoicing for the coming of our Lord is near. One might ask, why we light the pink candle? Psychologically, in any situation of waiting, the first half of the waiting time seems long and the mind tends to be restless. Once it reaches the threshold, which is more than 50% of the waiting time then our feeling begins to change. Much like the waiting for the coming of our Lord; third week is when we have officially surpassed the threshold and our hearts begin to rejoice for the coming of our Lord is very near. Pink is the color that represents joy; therefore, pink candle is lit on the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of Advent is very fitting and appropriate.

Advent is the season of preparation, especially preparing our soul to welcome our Lord in love and grace. Our parish Advent Reconciliation will be held on Thursday December 15<sup>th</sup> @ 7PM. Please make every effort to receive God’s forgiveness if you haven’t received this Sacrament recently.

May our loving God continue to bestow His blessings upon our Holy Family Community, you and your loved ones.

God bless,

Fr. Andrew Vu Nguyen



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### **Eucharistic Adoration**

*Weekdays:* 12 pm - 3 pm  
*1st Fridays:* 8 am – 5 pm *Benediction*

### **Infant Baptism**

Preparation can begin before or after the birth of your child.

Call 408-265-4040 for more info.

### **Christian Initiation**

*(Baptism, Confirmation, Communion)*

If interested in the Catholic faith or completing the sacraments of initiation as an adult, youth or child, contact 408-265-5374.

### **Reconciliation (Confession)**

Saturdays, 4 pm - 5 pm,  
or by appointments at 408-265-4040.

### **Ministry to the Sick & Homebound**

Communion or Anointing of the Sick can be arranged for the sick or homebound at 408-265-4040.

### **Wedding**

Couples should contact a priest at 408-265-4040 at least six months prior to the proposed date of wedding.

## **Upcoming Events**

- Dec 11 7pm A Christmas Story II
- Dec 12 5am Our Lady of Guadalupe
- Dec 15 7pm Advent Penance Liturgy
- Dec 16-24 5:30am Simbang Gabi
- Dec 22-Jan 1 Office Closed
- Dec 30 Parish Feast Day  
Masses @7:30am & 7:30pm
- Dec 31 7pm New Year’s Eve Party
- Jan 1 Feast of Mary, Mother of God  
Regular Mass Schedule
- Jan 18 6pm School Open House



## **Holy Family School News**

Our parish school is having an Open House for students Preschool to 8th grade on Wednesday, January 18, 2017 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm in the Community Center. If you or someone you know is looking for a school for your child for the 2017/2018 school year, please join us for our Open House. Call 408-978-1355 or visit our website at [www.holyfamilyschoolsj.com](http://www.holyfamilyschoolsj.com) for more information or to schedule a tour.

*Next week: 4th Sunday of Advent \* December 17 & 18*

Liturgy Focus	Date	Time	Music	Presider
Reconciliation	Sat 12/17	4:00pm		Fr. Edsil
General	Sat 12/17	5:30pm	TBA	Fr. Edsil
Mass w/Baptism	Sun 12/18	8:00am	AFG	Fr. Andrew
Mass w/Baptism	Sun 12/18	9:30am	AFG	Fr. Andrew
Mass w/Baptism	Sun 12/18	11:15am	St. Josephine	Fr. Edsil
Mass w/Baptism	Sun 12/18	6:00pm	Life Teen	Fr. Anthony Sortino (Dcn Ray Assists)

### **Decorating the Church for Christmas**

Do you like to decorate? We need you! Please come help decorate our church for Christmas on Friday 12/23 @ 8am (following the 7:30 Mass).

Active members, inactive members of the past, new folks interested in joining this ministry, or you just want to help this one time... please contact Bobbie Paul at [bobbie@westerncontract.net](mailto:bobbie@westerncontract.net) if you can help. Thank you!

### **PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

The Parish Office will be closed for Christmas Vacation from Friday, December 23 through Sunday, January 1.

### **RCIA—Rite of Acceptance**

This weekend and last, Holy Family Parish gathered around 4 individuals in prayer. We rejoiced joyfully with them as they assembled publicly for the first time and declared their intent to the Church. We as the church, formally accepted them as persons who intend to become members. The church now embraces them, the catechumen, as her own, and with a mother's love and concern.

The Rite of Acceptance marks a very important milestone in their journey. They are moving from a period of inquiring about God and the church, to now expressing their desire to follow Christ and be guided in their lives by Him. The local church, the parishioners of Holy Family have raised their voices in response to this desire and have pledged to become part of their lives and to help them find and follow Christ always.

Holy Family has a beautifully long history of encircling those looking for Christ through the process of RCIA. I encourage you to welcome these individuals when you see them. Pray for them daily. Get to know them. If you would like to send them a note, or a card, know that you can always drop it by the parish office and I will see that they receive it. Your prayers, your witness and your participation, are important, they help our catechumen experience the love of Christ and the communion of saints.

Holy Mary Mother of God, pray for us!

*~Kathy Bohac  
Faith Formation Associate/Liturgy Coordinator*

### **Mass Intentions**

- Dec 10 5:30 pm Ronald Piccoli +  
Dec 11 8:00 am *HF Parish & School*  
9:30 am Justin Quintos +  
11:15 am Fr. Dave Schwartz +  
6:00 pm William Valadez +  
Dec 12 8:05 am Vincent Nguyen +  
Dec 13 7:30 am Alejandro Alvarez +  
Dec 14 7:30 am Luis F. Guanzon, Jr. +  
Dec 15 7:30 am Luis F. Guanzon, Jr. +  
Dec 16 7:30 am *HF Parish & School*  
Dec 17 8:30 am Luis F. Guanzon, Jr. +  
5:30 pm Mr & Mrs Epifanio  
Bautista +  
Dec 18 8:00 am Fr. Mathias Dang Vu +  
9:30 am *HF Parish & School*  
11:15 am *HF Parish & School*  
6:00 pm Luis F. Guanzon, Jr. +

### **Please Pray**

- ◆ For those who have died:  
*Fr. Andres Parra*
- ◆ For those who are ill:  
*Michael Chambers, Nick Nyssen*

### **Christmas Eve Drama & Movement**

All children ages 6 to 12 are invited to participate in our dramatization of the Gospel for our 4pm Mass on Christmas Eve. We need both shepherds and angels and a few others. If you would like to be a part of this special telling of the story of Jesus' birth, please plan to attend a rehearsal on Tuesday, December 13 from 3:30 to 4:30pm in the church. If you have any questions, please contact Susan at [suolsen@dsj.org](mailto:suolsen@dsj.org).

### **Parish Advent Reconciliation Service**

Mark your calendar for our annual reconciliation service on Thursday, December 15th at 7pm. Following the communal portion of the service, several priests will be available to hear individual confessions.

### **It's Easy Being Green**

Home Depot, Mom's Organic Market, and the Christmas Light Source are among the companies that will accept strings of old holiday lights. Replace them with more energy-efficient and longer lasting LED lights.

## Advent Presentation at Transfiguration Parish

On Tuesday evening, December 13, at 7:00pm in Transfiguration Church, be ready to smile and be deeply touched by the presentation of Msgr. Craig Harrison, the adoptive father of 8 children and 19 grandchildren! He was recently honored with the ICF Mother Teresa Award. His humor and love will shine through in his talk "Our Advent Spiritual Journey—Slow Down, Simplify and Sanctify." His talk is being sponsored by Transfiguration's ICF Branch 445. Open to the public. Free admission. Refreshments to follow. For further information, call Dick Pfaff 265-7902.

## Holy Family Parish Presents— An Advent Concert

**The Christmas Story II: The Animal's First Christmas** (a ballet set to Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Suite) & Songs to Prepare Us for Christmas

Presented by Holy Family's Ministry of Movement: Dance for Joy & Soaring Spirit Dance Ensemble and Young Sounds of Praise from St. Thomas Aquinas Parish  
**Sunday, December 11 at 7:00 pm  
in the Community Center**

Admission: \$10 adults; \$5 children 12 and under. All proceeds go to the Renovation Fund for Holy Family.

Join us for a wonderful evening of music and dance as we share music to get us in the mood for Christmas and tell the story of Jesus' birth with the familiar and delightful music of the Nutcracker Suite by Tchaikovsky. All ages will enjoy this event. Tickets available in the Parish Office and at the door. Contact Susan Olsen at [suolsen@dsj.org](mailto:suolsen@dsj.org) for more information.

## NEW YEARS PARTY!

When was the last time you took your special someone out to dinner and dancing? Was it last New Year's Eve? Tickets are on sale now for Holy Family's New Year's Eve Dinner Dance. Treat yourself and date to a meal prepared by someone else, dancing and champagne toasts at midnight (for those of us that can stay up that late.) A Silent Auction for the adventurous. Tickets are on sale in the Parish Office. Don't delay because seating is limited. \$50 per person, \$60 at the door.

## THANKS FOR YOUR COATS!

Thanks to Holy Family parishioners from your Knights of Columbus for supporting our Fourth Annual Coat Drive last month. We delivered over 230 coats to Sacred Heart Ministries on Nov. 16th: Coats donated by Holy Family parishioners during the 3-week Drive. In addition to your coats, St. Ignatius of Loyola Council purchased & donated 48 new coats under our national "Coats for Kids Drive". You responded to our brothers and sisters in need and they appreciate your kindness as the winter weather arrives. In the four years the parish has supported these efforts almost 1,000 coats have been provided to those in need, including about 170 new children's coats.

*THANK YOU FOR BEING WONDERFUL EXAMPLES OF HOW TO ASSIST THOSE ON THE MARGINS OF OUR COMMUNITY.*

## ESSAY COMPETITIONS - Enter Now!

Essay competitions recognize students' awareness of responsibility and accountability in Catholic education. Entry forms are available at the parish for students of Holy Family Education Center and our public/private/home school student families registered at Holy Family.

### I. Grades 4 thru 7 topics (Local and State competition)

*4<sup>th</sup> Grade: "Ways I share My Time, Talents and Treasures at Home, School, and in My Church Community"*

*5<sup>th</sup> Grade: "In my life, who have been my Spiritual Role Models and Why?"*

*6<sup>th</sup> Grade: "How do I live Jesus' Teaching, to Love Thy Neighbor?"*

*7<sup>th</sup> Grade: "How My Catholic / Christian School Education has influenced My Personal Values"*

### II. Grade 8 (Local, State, AND National competition)

*Topic: "The Importance of Religious Freedom"*

Essays must be received no later than 1/3/17. Cash awards of \$50 for top grades 4-7 entrants and \$100 to the top grade 8 entrant. Contact Jovie Palteng at 408-607-1080 or [palteng23@hotmail.com](mailto:palteng23@hotmail.com) for information.

## BRING JOY!

If you took a tag from the "giving trees" please bring your unwrapped gifts to the church or office by this Sunday, Dec. 11th. Thank you for your generosity!

## Knights of Columbus

Men's Fellowship & Service  
Len Piazzon: 408-268-5196  
[lepazz@hotmail.com](mailto:lepazz@hotmail.com)  
1st Thursday of month at 7pm

## Bookstore

Community Center  
Sundays, 9am—1pm

## St. Vincent de Paul Society

For emergency financial assistance, call the parish office for an appointment

## Prayer Line

Leave a prayer request message with Jeanette, 408-723-0445.

## Morning Prayer

Mondays at 7:30am in the Church  
(Except holidays)

## Rosary

Tuesdays at 7:30pm in the Chapel

## Encore Amour -- Re-Married

[Encoreamour.webs.com](http://Encoreamour.webs.com)  
Joe & Laura Trovato,  
408-295-4793

## 50+ Singles Group

3rd Sunday, 12:30 Hope Room  
Dee Stolpe 408-225-7386  
[deestolpe@yahoo.com](mailto:deestolpe@yahoo.com)

## Columbiettes

Women's Fellowship and Service  
Barbara Jorgensen - 408-778-7328  
[Barbara\\_Jorgensen@msn.com](mailto:Barbara_Jorgensen@msn.com)  
last Thursday of month at 6:30pm

## Please Consider Volunteering for Hospital Ministry

Many Catholics lie in local hospital beds who are desperate for a visit and spiritual lift. If you could help, please contact the Holy Family Office or Deacon Ray for information about how to participate as a pastoral and communion minister. Your visit could make a big difference in someone's hospital stay.

## Children's Liturgy of the Word Prayer Leaders Needed

Do you love children and helping them learn how to worship God in the Mass? Consider being a prayer leader for Children's Liturgy of the Word! Prayer leaders assist children to participate in the Mass at an age appropriate level, and prepare them to be a part of the community. If you or someone you know is interested in being a prayer leader for Children's Liturgy of the Word, please contact Christina Fenn (cfenn@dsj.org).

### What is Children's Liturgy of the Word?

Children's Liturgy of the Word is for kids (3-7 years old) to participate in the Mass at an age appropriate level. During the 9:30am Mass, children are invited to the chapel to listen to the Word at their level, reflect on the readings, and pray the prayers of the faithful – just like the assembly! Children's Liturgy of the Word is not a class session or a teaching time – but a time for children to fully and actively participate in the liturgy. Please pray for Children's Liturgy of the Word prayer leaders, and all of the young disciples of our parish!

Want to watch FREE Catholic movies from the comfort of your own couch? Interested in learning more about the Catholic faith at a time convenient for you? Check out FORMED.ORG using the parish code **PWZ8DW** for all movies, audio and much, much more! Questions? Contact – Christina Fenn (cfenn@dsj.org) for more information

## Catholic Roadmap

Tomorrow is the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the patroness of the unborn. Please remember the unborn during this Christmas season. Consider lighting a candle for all the aborted children who never see the light of day or place an ornament on the Christmas tree in memory of all those who died from abortion, or you can wrap a box with nothing in it to symbolize the unborn who never will experience the joy of Christmas. Most important of all, pray for an end to abortion!

## Sacred Scripture Study

Jesus said, "This is my Body" and "This is my Blood." Some say they're merely symbols of remembrance. Others say they're really the Body and Blood of Christ, but can't explain how that's possible. The Eucharist is the center-point of the Mass – but why?

Acclaimed author and scholar Dr. Brant Pitre will tackle those questions and more in **Lectio: Eucharist, Discovering the Mass in the Bible**. In ten sessions, YOU will open Sacred Scripture and deepen your understanding of the mystery and wonder that is the Eucharist – and how it will transform your life.

All are welcome, especially first timers to a Bible study!

**Morning group: Mondays 10am – 12pm.** Please contact Donna Holt, phone 408-371-3682 [goodsamnurse@gmail.com](mailto:goodsamnurse@gmail.com)

**Evening group: Tuesdays 7-8:45pm.** Please contact Terry G, [tgetti@aol.com](mailto:tgetti@aol.com) text: 408.497-9276

## The Word is Alive

Thursdays 7:15-9 pm in the Hope Room.  
All are welcome!

LIFE TEEN



Join us in **EDGE** this week as we finish our semester on the Sacraments by helping the youth come to a deeper understanding of the Sacrament of Matrimony.

In **Life Teen** we will discuss how Christ is not the typical king who uses His power for His interests, but a good king who cares for the needs of others. It challenges teens to be obedient to His authority and find true freedom on earth and fulfillment in Heaven.

**Holy Homework** is looking for more volunteers to help supervise during the week. Please visit [holyfamily.ivolunteer.com/holyhomework](http://holyfamily.ivolunteer.com/holyhomework) to sign up.

**Echoes of Worth** Theology of the Body retreat is on January 13-15. Sign up today at [echoesofworth.com](http://echoesofworth.com)

All registration forms are available at [holyfamilysanjose.org](http://holyfamilysanjose.org) (under Faith Formation/Youth & Young Adults)

Contact Jeff Gans for more info at 408-265-8650 or [jgans@dsj.org](mailto:jgans@dsj.org).

## Pray Like A Monk: Monastic Prayer Retreat

The monks of Our Lady of New Clairvaux Abbey invite single Catholic men ages 18-35 to immerse themselves in the ancient yet living monastic tradition for the weekend of Dec. 16-18. A special theme of this year's Weekend is Monastic prayer. Participants will be able to join the monks for Mass and Liturgy of the Hours in the Abbey Church and receive conferences on Cistercian Spirituality & traditional monastic prayer forms such as Lectio Divina, Contemplative Prayer and Cultivating Continual Mindfulness of God. Rooms and meals are provided in the monastery guesthouse. The Weekend is on us! Interested parties may find information and online registration at: [www.newclairvaux.org](http://www.newclairvaux.org) or call 530-839-2161

## "Embrace Trust"

### LOS ANGELES RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONGRESS February 24-26

The LA Religious Education Congress is a great opportunity to learn about different aspects of our faith. It is a weekend filled with excellent speakers, dynamic and uplifting prayer and thousands of other people hungry to learn more about sharing the Word of God.

RECongress is held at the Anaheim Convention Center, located at 800 West Katella Avenue, directly south of Disneyland and Disney California Adventure.

**COST:** The registration fee for Congress covers admission to all events, ticketed workshops, concerts, liturgies and exhibits (name badges required) throughout the three days. Fees for the Congress days are: \$70 – by the January 13 deadline and \$80 – after January 13.

**NOTE:** If you have not mailed in your Registration Form by February 3, please register online or on site at the Convention Center. Online registration closes at 9 AM Sunday of Congress.

**For more information about the congress please visit their website: [recongress.org](http://recongress.org) Hotel and registration information can be found on their website.**

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