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ST. ANNE CHAPEL

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday:

8:00 AM;

Vigil of Sunday:

5 PM; 6:30 PM (Spanish)

Sunday:

6:30 AM, 8 AM (Spanish), 9:30 AM, 11 AM;

12:30 PM (Sp), 4 PM (Sp), 5:30 PM, 7 PM (Sp)

Holy Days:

Vigil: 5:30 PM; 7 AM, 9 AM,

12:15 PM, 5:30 PM, 7PM (Spanish)

Weekdays:

St. Anne Chapel: Vigil 4 PM

7:00 and 8:00 AM; (Tuesday & Thursday in Spanish)

Wednesdays 7:00 PM (Spanish)

St. Anne Chapel

9 AM (Confessions before Mass)

Communion Service: Tuesday and Friday 9 AM

Confessions:

Saturdays: 9 - 11 AM; Wednesdays 6:00 PM

Baptisms:

Sunday 2 PM, (Registration: two weeks before Baptism)

Weddings:

Arrangements six months in advance.

Funerals:

Arrangements - 479-8231

DECEMBER 20, 2015



O LORD of hosts,
look down from heav-
en and see;
take care of this vine,
and protect what your
right hand
has planted.

— Psalm 80:15–16

MASS INTENTIONS December 21 - 27, 2015

Mon	7:00	Everado Alanis - Wife & Daughters
	8:00	Angelo & Graziosa Toschi - Dan Bertozzi Jr. & Family
Tue	7:00	Madeleine Sagouspe - Family
	8:00	Concepción Vargas - Acelida Zuñiga
Wed	7:00	Dan & Blanche Bertozzi - Dan Bertozzi Jr. & Family
	8:00	Delfina Landeros - Granddaughters
	7:00	Freddy Vasquez - Familia
Thu	7:00	Lilliam McKinney - Avellar Family
	8:00	Emilio Cantu - Granddaughter Janelle Cantu
	2:30	<i>(Madera Rehab.)</i>
	4:00	Fred & Evelyn Massetti - Family
	9:00	For the People of the Parish
	11:00	Guadalupe & Sergio Madrigal - Familia
Fri	6:30	Bert & Inez Fracchia - Avellar Family
	8:00	Esteban Yenis - Familia
	9:00	<i>(Raymond)</i> For the People of St. Anne
	9:30	Arthur Avellar - Avellar Family
	11:00	Ryan Bitter - Mom
	12:30	Jesus Cabrera - Familia
Sat	8:00	Virginia Peabody - Avellar Family
	12:00	Ruben Barajas (3rd Anniversary of the Death)
	1:00	San Juan Bautista - Jaime Hernandez
	2:00	Maria Rivera (20th Anniversary of the Death) - Belia
	5:00	Vincent M. Palacios - Connie, Vince, Jr. & Vic
	6:30	Hector Saenz & Guadalupe Flores - Familia
Sun	6:30	Carlos & Matilda Esquivel Family
	8:00	? ? Trujillo Garcia - Griselda Trujillo
	9:00	<i>(Raymond)</i> Jim Pattenson - Patti Pattenson
	9:30	Roy & Wilma Toschi - Ola Toshi Family
	11:00	For the People of the Parish
	12:30	Ignacio Gil Cendejas - Javier Gil Cendejas
	4:00	Kevin Vega - Patricia Vega
	5:30	Yesenia Guillen - Maria Guillen
	7:00	Rodolfo Gil - Esposa e Hijos


PASTOR'S CORNER

Hearing the Shepherd's Voice (Part II). For the first seven years after I entered the seminary, I did not know how to hear the voice of Jesus. I could hear him talking to all of us through Scripture and Church teaching, but I could not hear him talking to me personally and directly. I figured that if he did speak to me, it was supposed to feel real supernatural, like the voice of Jesus that spoke to Saul of Tarsus on the road to Damascus. I would ask God during every monthly day of recollection what He wanted me to do. Should I stay in the seminary, be an Oblate of St. Joseph and study for the priesthood? Or, should I leave the seminary and get married? I was very grateful to God for the blessings of creation and redemption, and deeply attracted to the basic vocations of 1) consecrated celibacy, and 2) marriage in Christ. I did not want to presume God's will, and, I was afraid of making a mistake. When I looked up at the sky and asked God to tell me what to do, all I got was silence. Providentially, I read the autobiography of Fr. John Powell, SJ, He Touched Me. He shared his two-step way of personal prayer: 1) self-disclosure to God and 2) listen. Here is part of what Fr. Powell shared. *If speaking to God is no simple matter, my experience has convinced me that listening to God in the dialogue of prayer is even more difficult. ...I ask myself questions like these: Can God put a new idea immediately and directly into my mind? Can he give me a new perspective in which to view my life...? Can God put new desires into my heart, new strength into my will? Can God stimulate certain memories within the human brain at the time these memories are needed? Can he actually whisper words to the listening ears of my soul through the inner faculty of my imagination? If the answer to these questions is yes, then God has at least five channels through which he can "touch" me directly and immediately. ...If, however, the answer to these questions is no, then I have been badly deluded and I have nothing to offer you.* This testimony was enough to help me start listening for the Shepherd's voice in a new way. (More later).

Advent Blessings, Fr. John

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO RECENTLY DIED

May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace: *Mike Martinez, Bernardo Tellez Chavez, Harold McGinnies*



Holiday Office Hours

The parish office will close at noon on Christmas Eve and will be closed December 25. It will open Monday, December 28 at 9 am.

St. Anne Chapel

- Cookie Sunday today following.
- Christmas Mass, Friday, December 25th at 9 AM.

TODAY IS THE PRESENTATION OF

END OF THE WORLD at 2:30 PM, Room 42 in the Parish Center.

SOME JUBILEE YEAR GRATITUDE

We thank you all the community for the support in all the events and fundraisers that we had during this year.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and that the new born Jesus Christ will fill you with blessings.

Special thanks to artist, Jessie Pimental, and carpenter, Pepe Moreno, for their volunteer labor and talent in preparing the "stone" door-ways for our Church Holy Door and our confessional door-ways. Thanks, too, to Andy's Sports and Design for helping with the images of Divine Mercy attached to these doors. Thanks, also, to Daniel Ruiz for additional art and signs for our Jubilee Year of Mercy.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR



On December 21, Monday, we will be having practice for the St. Joachim's Children's Christmas Eve Mass. The practice will be in the Rectory from 5:30 - 6:30 PM. The children will be singing on Christmas Eve December 24, at 4:00 PM Mass. We will also be practicing before the Mass at 2:00 PM in the Rectory if you cannot make it to practice on Monday. If you have questions, please contact Tami Arnold at 301-9797.

CHRISTMAS NOVENA



Prepare for Christ's rebirth in your heart this Christmas by celebrating the nine days previous with the singing of the beautiful prophecies. The Novena continues daily at 7:30 am through Thursday, December 24.

The sign of Peace during Cold and Flu Season should be changed from shaking hands to a friendly head bow in order to reduce the chance of sharing cold and flu viruses. Thank you for being considerate.

VOCATION CENTER

Help me always, Jesus, to prepare for the seed of my vocation to grow by loving and serving others.

NEEDED: NEW SJS PRINCIPAL

Due to Mr. Tom Spencer's retirement in August 2016, St. Joachim School is accepting applications. Please contact Vice Principal, Sr. Ana Rosa Gordo, for information. agordo@sjoachim.org; (559) 674 - 7628

ST. MARELLO BOOKSTORE

NATIVITY CHILDREN'S BOOK PIC



The **BOOKSTORE** is **OPEN** Today!! Come get your free pamphlet on the Year of Mercy after mass today. We have Great Christmas Gifts. Our hours this week are:
Sunday, Dec. 20th - 7:30-2 & 4-8pm
Monday, Tue, Wed. - 10am - 7:30pm
Christmas Eve 10-2pm
Christmas Day - Closed
December 26th - Closed

CHRISTMAS SERVICES SCHEDULE



Confessions

Thursday, December 24:
10 am & 2 pm

Christmas Eve Vigil:

4, 9 & 11 pm (Spanish)

Christmas Day

6:30, 8 (Spanish), 9:30 & 11 am
12:30 (Spanish)

St. Anne Chapel 9 am

SEMINAR OF HOPE - COMING TO ST. JOACHIM PARISH

Do your loved ones no longer practice the faith or believe in God? This practical Seminar of Hope - How to Pray for Your Sons & Daughters & Loved Ones, by Vernon Robertson, a member of Renewal Ministries' Canadian Board, will help you grow in faith and hope, and know God's peace as you discover how God is at work in them through your prayers. **Plan on coming to the Parish Mission with Vernon Robertson on February 21-24.** See: www.seminarofhope.org

ST. JOACHIM CATHOLIC CHURCH, PRESENTS SYMBOLON

The Catholic Faith Explained Why do I Need a Church?

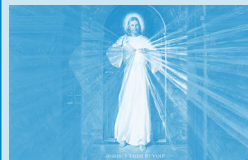
Session 8, January 6, from 6:30 to 8:30 PM

At St. Joachim Rectory Dining Room

Admission is free, all are welcome, bring your friends!

Contact Alan Shearer (559) 673-4694 or
alans.jmj@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE!



"Women of Mercy" Spring Conference, Saturday, February 20, 2016 @ Holy Spouses Hall 8:30 am - 2:00 pm. Speaker is Mrs. Christine Watkins, MTS, LCSW. She is an inspirational speaker and author of the best-selling book, "Full of Grace: Miraculous Stories of Healing and Conversion through Mary's Intercession". She hosted the program, "What Next, God? Discerning His Will in Your Life" on Radio Maria, she was featured on the Focus Television Network, interviewed for ABC Nightline's Marian Special, "The Miracle Mysteries," and produced and hosted the show, "Ties of Faith," for Shalom World Television.

SERVICIOS EN ESPAÑOL PARA LA NAVIDAD



Confesiones:

Jueves, 24 de Diciembre:

10 am y 2 pm

Misas

Vigilia de Nochebuena

11 pm

Navidad

8 am y 12:30 pm

RETIRO ESPIRITUAL DE EVANGELIZACIÓN

Vivir en el Poder del Espíritu Santo

Verdades Católicas y la Iglesia de San Joaquín te invitan al Retiro Espiritual el 8, 9 y 10 de Enero del 2016, en el Salón Santos Esposos. Empieza el Viernes, 8 de Enero a las 7:00 pm. Este Retiro es para toda la familia. ¡NO FALTES! Para más información llama al 664-2498. ¡TODO GRATIS!

AGRADECIMIENTO ESPECIAL DEL AÑO DEL JUBILEO

Les damos las gracias toda la Comunidad en General por apoyarnos en todos los eventos y en la recaudación de fondos a las diferentes causas que tuvimos durante este año.

Les deseamos que el Niño Dios les colme de bendiciones y que pasen una Feliz Navidad.

AGRADECEMOS ESPECIALMENTE al artista, Jessie Pimental y a Pepe Moreno, el carpintero, por su trabajo y talento voluntario al preparar las entradas “del mural” para La Puerta Santa de la Iglesia y las entradas de nuestros confesionarios. Agradecemos también a Andy’s Sports and Design por ayudarnos con las imágenes de la Divina Misericordia adjuntas a estas puertas. Gracias a Daniel Ruiz por sus letreros y arte para nuestro Año del Jubileo de la Misericordia.

La señal de la Paz durante la temporada de la Gripe y Resfriados debe cambiar de un apretón de manos a una amigable inclinación de cabeza a fin de reducir la posibilidad de compartir los virus de Gripe y Resfriado. Gracias por su consideración.

LA OFICINA ESTARÁ CERRADA



La oficina estará cerrada el jueves, 24 de diciembre al mediodía y el viernes 25 de diciembre. Se abre el lunes, 28 de diciembre a las 9 am.

Horario Festivo

RINCÓN DEL PÁRROCO

Escuchando la voz del Pastor (Parte II). Durante los primeros siete años después de que entré al seminario, yo no sabía cómo escuchar la voz de Jesucristo. Podía escuchar que nos hablaba a todos a través de la Escritura y de la enseñanza de la Iglesia, pero no escuchaba que hablara conmigo personal y directamente. Me imaginaba que si Él me hablaba, tenía que sentirme verdaderamente sobrenatural, como la voz de Jesucristo, que le habló a Saulo de Tarso en el camino a Damasco. Le pedía a Dios en cada retiro mensual lo que Él quería que yo hiciera ¿Debo permanecer en el seminario, ser un Oblato de San José y estudiar para el sacerdocio? ¿O debo dejar el seminario y casarme? Yo estaba muy agradecido con Dios por las bendiciones de la creación y de la redención, y profundamente atraído por las vocaciones básicas de 1) consagración al celibato, o, 2) el matrimonio en Cristo. Yo no quería suponer la voluntad de Dios, y, tenía miedo de cometer un error. Cuando levanté la vista al cielo y le pedí a Dios que me dijera qué hacer, todo lo que conseguí fue un silencio. Providencialmente, leí la autobiografía del Padre John Powell, SJ, He Touched Me. (Él Me Toco) El me compartió su manera de hacer oración personal en dos-pasos: 1) auto-revelación de Dios, y 2) escuchar. He aquí parte de lo que el Padre Powell compartió. “*Si el hablar con Dios no es una cuestión simple, mi experiencia me ha convencido de que escuchar a Dios en el diálogo de la oración es aún más difícil. ... Me hago preguntas como éstas: ¿Puede Dios poner una nueva idea de inmediato y directamente en mi mente? ¿Me puede dar una nueva perspectiva de como ver mi vida...? ¿Puede Dios poner nuevos deseos en mi corazón, nueva fuerza en mi voluntad? ¿Puede Dios estimular ciertos recuerdos en el cerebro humano en el momento en que estas memorias se necesitan? ¿Realmente puede susurrar palabras a los oídos de mi alma a través de la facultad interna de mi imaginación? Si la respuesta a estas preguntas es sí, entonces Dios tiene al menos cinco canales por los que puede “tocarme” directa e inmediatamente. ... Sin embargo, si la respuesta a estas preguntas es no, entonces he sido gravemente engañado y no tengo nada que ofrecer.*” Este testimonio fué suficiente para que me ayudara a empezar a escuchar la voz del Pastor de una manera diferente. (Más por venir).

¡Bendiciones de Adviento! P. John

NATURALEZA RESTAURADA

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

—San Pedro Crisólogo

PEREGRINACIÓN A POLONIA



Acompañe al P. Shaji Athipozhi, OSJ a una Peregrinación a Polonia, San Giovanni Rotondo y Roma. Del 11 al 24 de Junio del 2016. Costo por persona es de

\$5,199.00 desde Los Angeles, CA. Cualquier pregunta comuníquese con Yolanda Navarro al (661) 831-6150 ó en la página de internet www.pilgrimages.com/

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Hours

Monday thru Friday:
9 am to 12 pm & 1 to 6 pm
Closed Saturday and Sunday

CCD Office - 674-5871

ccd@sjoachim.org

Hours

Tuesday thru Friday: 10 am to 1 pm & 2 to 6 pm
Saturday 9:30 am - 12:00 pm
Closed Monday

Youth Ministry - 674-9069

youth@sjoachim.org

Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 10 am to 2 pm
Thursday 3 to 7 pm
Closed Monday

St. Marello Bookstore - 662-0682

www.marellobookstore.org

Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 1:30 to 7:30 pm
Thursday: 10 am to 7:30 pm;
Saturday: 10 am to 8 pm
2nd Sunday of month: 7:30 am to 2 pm; 4:30 - 8:30 pm.
Closed Monday

St. Joachim School - 674-7628

Fax 674-8770

St. Joachim PreSchool - 662-0372

Holy Spouses & Griffin Hall Rental - 674-9489

33 DAYS SUPPORT GROUPS

Francisco Garcia 706-1718 (Spanish)

Belen Espinoza 363-8285 (English)

WEEKLY DEVOTIONS

Our Lady of Perpetual Help -Monday after 8 am Mass.
Seven Sorrows and Joys of St. Joseph - Wednesday after
7 & 8 am Mass.

DAILY ADORATION IN CHAPEL

Monday & Tuesday, 8:40 am to 9 pm

Wednesday, 8:40 am to 6:50 pm, 9 pm to Thursday, 6:50 am

Thursday, 8:40 am to Friday, 6:50 am

Friday, 8:40 am to 6:00 pm

STUDY THE SUNDAY LITURGY

Wednesday: 7 - 8:30 pm in Room 71

BIBLE STUDY

St. Anne - Tuesday 9:30 am

Doors of Hope Pregnancy Center - 662-8629

Rachel's Vineyard - 1-877-629-6626