

Saint Victor Catholic Church

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Monday-Friday

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First Sunday of Advent — November 29, 2015

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*One
Family*



*In
Christ*

MASS SCHEDULE:

Weekday Mass 8:00 A.M.

First Wednesday: 6:30 P.M.

Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena and Mass

First Friday: 7:30 P.M.

Saturday: 8:00 A.M. & 5:00 P.M. [**First Saturday:** Anointing of the Sick at 8:00 A.M. Mass]

Sunday: 7:00, 8:00, 9:15, 10:45 A.M. (2nd Sunday-Children's Liturgy), 12:15 P.M., 5:00 P.M. (2nd Sunday of September--2nd Sunday of June)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: First Friday 8:30 A.M. until 8:00 A.M. Saturday

CONFESSIONS: Saturday afternoons: 3:30-4:30 P.M.

First Friday: 8:30 A.M. or by appointment

[**Second Saturday:** 2000 Hail Mary Devotion, 9 A.M.-5 P.M.—Chapel]

ST. VICTOR SCHOOL: 1-408-251-1740
Hours: 8:00 A.M.-3:30 P.M., Monday through Friday
Principal: Mrs. Patricia Wolf
School Advisory Council President:
Rowena Numoto 1-408-272-9503

HALL COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE:
Alice Trigg 1-408-923-3922

LITURGICAL MINISTRY:
ALTAR SOCIETY PRESIDENT: Judi Smith 1-408-859-0556
ALTAR SERVER COORDINATOR: Joyce Denzel 1-408-259-4165
COMMUNION MINISTRY TO THE SICK:
Sister Sara Michael 1-408-928-1632
LECTOR/EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER COORDINATOR:
Caroline Montojo 1-408-839-5467
USHER COORDINATOR: Bill Frey 1-408-926-4952

ADULT MINISTRY:
BAPTISMS: By appointment only 1-408-251-7055
Parent Preparation Class Required—preferably prior to birth of child
MARRIAGES: Arranged at least 6-12 months in advance
Marriage Preparation Class: Adora & Eric Tigmo 1-408-251-7055
RCIA/CHILDREN'S CATECHUMENATE:
Sister Sara Michael 1-408-928-1632
CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: Angie Ahmad 1-408-258-2552
VIETNAMESE CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP:
Trieu Pham 1-408-729-0441
LAY CARMELITE COORDINATOR: Alphonse Gokey 1-408-772-6711
LEGION OF MARY: Grace Valdez 1-408-209-3944
SHARED SCRIPTURE PROGRAM: Mary Morris 1-408-251-9931
COUPLES FOR CHRIST: Edsel Dumanig 1-408-838-9061
MARIAN PRAYER GROUP: Claire Hare 1-408-258-1736
EVANGELIZATION COMMITTEE: Trevor Burke 1-408-945-1044
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Ted Galvin 1-408-590-1616

**DIOCESE OF SAN JOSE, OFFICE FOR THE PROTECTION OF
CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS: 1-408-983-0113
Emergency Line 1-408-983-0141**

MINISTRY TO YOUTH—CATECHETICAL MINISTRY: 1-408-251-0165
Hours: 8:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday
8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Wednesday (Class Days)
8:30 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. Saturday (Class Days)
Director: Angela Giampaoli
Early Childhood: Anne Gleason
Elementary: Anne Gleason
Junior High: Debbie Santos
Sacrament Coordinator: Anne Gleason
Confirmation Coordinator: Angela Giampaoli
Special Ed needs: Angela Giampaoli
Catechetical Ministry Board: Len Alvear
Children's Liturgy of the Word: Fe Magat

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY:
MINISTRY COORDINATOR: Debbie Santos 1-408-251-0165

SCOUTS:
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Dave Bunger 1-408-923-3115
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Trieu Pham 1-408-729-0441
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**First Sunday of Advent
November 29, 2015**

I will raise up for David a just shoot;
he shall do what is right and just in the land.

— *Jeremiah 33:15*

THE COMING KINGDOM


Jeremiah could see it coming—the kingship of Jesus and the restoration of Jerusalem. But was anybody listening? Is anybody listening now? It must have been tough being a prophet, but Jeremiah was persistent in his message because he knew that it needed to be heard.

Also persistent in his message is Paul as he encourages the Thessalonians—and all of us—to live in accordance with the kingship that Jeremiah foretold. He encourages us to conduct ourselves in ways of holiness so that we may be well prepared for the king’s coming. Finally, Jesus himself tells us to be ever diligent so that we may gain favor before our God and King.

Jeremiah could see the kingship of Jesus coming. As we begin the season of Advent, Paul and Jesus tell us not only how to prepare for the Kingdom, but how to live it day to day.

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Advent Beginning the Church’s liturgical year, Advent (from, "ad-venire" in Latin or "to come to") is the season encompassing the four Sundays (and weekdays) leading up to the celebration of Christmas. The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ’s second coming at the end of time and also to the anniversary of the Lord’s birth on Christmas. The final days of Advent, from December 17 to December 24, focus particularly on our preparation for the celebrations of the Nativity of our Lord (Christmas).

 Please join us for the **Our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion**, which will be held on Wednesday, December 2nd at 6:30 p.m. in the church.

First Friday Adoration and Mass: Friday, December 4th, offers the opportunity for 24-hour adoration of the exposed Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel (from the 8:00 a.m. mass on Friday until the 8:00 mass on Saturday). First Friday Mass will be celebrated at 7:30 p.m.



St Vincent de Paul Society of Santa Clara County



In an effort to raise awareness and funds to help eradicate poverty, the Society will be participating in the 2nd Annual Giving Tuesday Campaign this year on December 1, 2015.

There are two important ways that you can help us during this campaign: Help **raise awareness**—let everyone know that Giving Tuesday is upon us! **Support Giving Tuesday** by making a donation and then asking your friends, family and everyone on social media to do the same. To donate, please go to <https://givingtuesday.razoo.com/story/Svdp-Scc>. To learn more about St. Vincent de Paul and our services visit us at svdp.org/santaclara/

Olive Wood Crafts Sale

Beautiful hand-crafted olive wood religious articles from the Holy Land will be available for purchase after Sunday Masses **next** weekend (December 6th). These make wonderful Christmas gifts!

"His branches shall spread, and His beauty shall be as the olive tree"...(Hosea 14:6).

SCRIPTURE READINGS

December 6, 2015

Baruch 5:1-9

Phillipians 1:4-6, 8-11

Luke 3:1-6



St. Victor School applications for the 2015-2016 school year are available. A Kindergarten child needs to be the age of 5 by September 1, 2015. A \$200.00 application fee is required. Application information is also available online at: www.stvictorschool.org. Please feel free to call the School Office @ 408-251-1740 for additional information and to schedule personal tours.

School and Development News

St. Victor School is collecting for the annual Layette Drive, sponsored by Office of Women of the Diocese of San Jose. Items Needed:

Undershirts, Onesies, Receiving blankets, Quilts, Blanket sleepers, Booties, Hats, Cloth diapers and Diaper pins.

Monetary donations are also welcome (checks payable to: Diocese of San Jose Layette Fund).

Layette and monetary donations may be dropped off at the front office of St. Victor School. **Items are due Thursday, December 3.**

Pre-School coming soon The school is currently compiling an interest list for our Pre-School which we look forward to opening this school year. If you or someone you know is interested in enrolling in Pre-School through 8th grade, please drop by the school office for a tour, schedule your child’s shadowing day, or come to the School Open House during Catholic Schools Week on Sunday, January 31 2016.

Evangelize! All of the baptized are, by definition, called to evangelize. We are called to follow Jesus by loving our neighbors enough to invite them to become members of the New Covenant family of God, the Catholic Church. We invite all in our Parish to join in the door-to-door ministry (either by direct participation and/or by prayer). Please call Trevor Burke at 408-945-1044 or Grace Valdez at 408-209-3944 to help with this endeavor.

RCIA Testimony from one of our current Candidates...



“My plan is to learn and experience all that I can. Leading this lifestyle can be really rewarding and can create a light in your life. I am more open to all of life’s opportunities and ready to go where this path leads me. I am going to set more time aside to pray, read the bible and really think about what my future has in store for me.

If you are interested in becoming Catholic or completing your sacraments, you may inquire at any time. Please call Sr. Sara at the Parish Office: 408-251-7055.

Quotations and Reflections From:

Laudato si: On Care for Our Common Home



“The social dimensions of global change include the effects of technological innovations on employment, social exclusion, an inequitable distribution and consumption of energy and other services, social breakdown, increased violence and a rise in new forms of social aggression, drug trafficking, growing drug use by young people, and the loss of identity. These are signs that the growth of the past two centuries has not always led to an integral development and an improvement in the quality of life.” (#46)

a. How does the ever-present media and digital world influence your ability to live wisely, to think deeply and love generously?



Monday, November 30, 2015

8:00am Vickie Reed (Healing)
Luciano & Amparo Jaramillo

Tuesday, December 1, 2015

8:00am Virgilia Ardina
Angelica Agarpao
Lourdes Pocpoc
Duong Vu & Nhieu Nguyen
Jessica Nano (birthday)

Wednesday, December 2, 2015

8:00am Ponciano Santos
For the soul of Generoso Powao

Thursday, December 3, 2015

8:00am For our Parish Priests and Nuns

Friday, December 4, 2015

8:00am Francis Hare ☩
Melicia (Cora) Pacis ☩ (40th day death anniversary)
7:30pm Zenaida Cabasag Ulsano (birthday memorial)

Saturday, December 5, 2015

8:00am Bienvenido Sazon
Anna, Dominic & Jerome Nguyen
Elizabeth Valerie Corpus Kong (7th Birthday)
For the soul of Nardo Amodia
5:00pm Deceased members of the Vu Family ☩
Edmundo & Cresenciana Potenciano

Sunday, December 6, 2015

7:00am For the Parishioners of St. Victor Parish
8:00am Maria Phin Vu ☩
Elizabeth Valerie Corpus Kong (7th Birthday)
Mildred Paganini ☩
9:15am Maria J. Trejo ☩
Diega & Toribio Ancheta ☩
Shou Chun Yang ☩
Mildred Merrill ☩
10:45am Ruben I., Spencer S., and Jenique B. Sioxson
Criseta L. & Laurentino R. Cuaresma
12:15pm Lydia C. & Dr. Nestor P. Fernando
Marie Elena Perfecto
5:00 pm For the Parisian Victims of Violence

If you would like to donate flowers for the Altar in memory of a loved one, in thanksgiving or in celebration of a baptism, birthday, wedding or anniversary, please call Julie Alvarado @ 408-272-5983 for information. Suggested donation is \$125-\$150.



Christmas Altar Flower donations are needed. Please use the envelopes located on the tables at the church

doors. Your donation to our Altar Society is appreciated. Thank you!

Prayers for our St. Victor Parish Community:

We wish **Vickie Reed** a speedy recovery from surgery. Please continue to pray for the sick, seriously ill and hospitalized members of our parish family, especially for **Deacon Mel Magat, Caroline Montojo, Richard Shively and Manuel Esteban.**



Feature Corner

Baptism Preparation

Baptism is the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through water, we are freed from sin and reborn as sons of God; we become members of Christ. Anyone who has not yet been baptized is able to receive the sacrament of baptism.

Regular Baptisms (up to age of 7):

Canon 843.2 states that pastors have the duty to ensure that those who ask for the sacraments are prepared for their reception. In the case of parents who present their infant child for baptism, it is the parents and godparents who must be adequately prepared, as they are asking for a sacrament on behalf of another person who is too young to request it for him/herself. St. Victor Parish offers baptism preparation classes approximately 15 times per year, presented by members of the pre-baptism team.

Baptisms of Adults and of Children over age 7:

Children over the age of seven are prepared through the **Children's Catechumenate**. Adults preparing for baptism follow the **RCIA** process (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). St. Victor Parish offers the Children's Catechumenate (led by Sr. Sara) and RCIA process (led by Sr. Sara and the RCIA team) in group sessions over the course of 1-2 years; it is an ongoing process in which someone interested in becoming Catholic may inquire at any time.

Baptism Preparation Coordinator: Sr. Sara Michael King

You are invited! Fr. Jonathan Cuarto (former SV Parochial Vicar) would like to invite everyone for his 10th year anniversary of ordination on Saturday, December 5th at St. Joseph Church, 582 Hope Street, Mountain View. Mass starts at 5:30 p.m. Potluck reception follows in Doyle Hall.



We welcome the new members of our Parish family who were baptized last week: **Ethan Cairo Clayton, Rhoanpoe Raymundo, Mason Royce Siquig, Olivia-Frances Sy, Dylan James Wielandt, and Conner Jae Wielandt, Jr.**



After all masses this weekend, Advent wreaths will be blessed. The Advent wreath, which reminds us of the meaning of the season, is an Advent devotion. Traditionally, Advent wreaths are constructed of a circle of evergreen branches into which four candles are inserted, representing the four weeks of Advent. Ideally, three candles are purple and one is rose, but white candles can also be used.

The purple candles in particular symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and goods works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, when the priest also wears rose vestments at Mass. Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over and they are close to Christmas.

The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of his second coming to judge the living and the dead.

Catholic Professionals Speaker Event :

Thursday, December 10, 2015 7:00 a.m. Mass, followed by a Speaker Program
Location: Three Flames Restaurant Banquet Room
1547 Meridian Avenue, San Jose (just north of Hamilton Ave)
Reservations needed: \$15 Members, \$20 Non-Members.
RSVP at : www.sj catholicprofessionals.com, cpbcinfo@gmail.com or 408-491-9229

Next Week's Second Collection is for St. Victor Building and Maintenance Fund