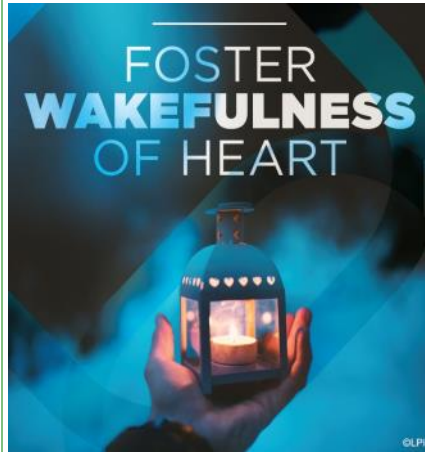


Gospel Meditation

ENCOURAGE YOURSELF TO A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE



Lately I've been listening to a science-based podcast on healthy daily living. The host frequently discusses the wide range of health benefits of sleep. So, each night I'm trying to get more, and better, slumber, and it's helping me feel energized. So, why in the world should we follow Christ's advice this week? **"Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house will come ... lest he find you asleep."** Isn't sleep, especially at midnight and cockcrow, a good thing? Of course, it is. But the wakefulness the Lord calls us to is a deep, personal orientation to Him. A nightly vigil is therefore a metaphor for this, but it's not just that. We should give up real sleep in order to pray, too. This difficult practice is a time-tested way to foster wakefulness of heart. When we give up sleep to pray, it focuses us. We learn that life is not an endless series of days. You and I belong

to the Lord — awake or asleep, in life and in death. Sooner or later, even our need for our physical sleep will pass away. And our attentiveness to God — that is, whether we are awaiting Him to meet us — will be all that matters. May I challenge us this week and this Advent to intentionally give up at least one hour of sleep each week for prayer? Stay up later, wake up in the middle of the night, or an hour earlier, and pray. Will we be a bit more tired the next day? Yes. But we'll be amazed at the spiritual wakefulness that results, too. — *Father John Muir*

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Memento Mori

Just this week, my husband and I signed our wills, and the lawyer was careful to couch our transaction in gentle, abstract language: "When we lose you" she kept saying, instead of "When you die." It's very uncomfortable to dwell on our death. But the Christian life does not just encourage us to do so: it demands that we do. I once came upon a prayer consecrating the last two hours of life to the Blessed Mother. I have since found variations of the prayer online with different phrasing, but the sentiment of them all is the same: let me not be caught sleeping. Let me be ready. "You can't do all your homework at the end," a deacon who ministers to the dying once told me. "Good Friday is waiting in the wings for all of us." I think of that a lot when I don't particularly feel like praying, when I think I'm too busy to go to confession or when feelings of resentment fester inside me on Sunday mornings as I pack my family off to church. *All our good deeds are like polluted rags, says the prophet. We have all withered like leaves.* You can't do all your homework at the end. God is faithful. Are we? "May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'" — *Mark 13:36*

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading: In prayer, the prophet Isaiah grieves over our sins that separates us from God. What sorrow or distress have you experienced over the past week?

Second Reading: Paul offers up a prayer of thanksgiving to God for the many gifts the believers have received because of their faith in Jesus. As we begin the season of Advent, for what are you thankful?

Gospel: Each Advent, the Gospel reading begins with Jesus instructing his disciples to watch carefully for the end times. How often do you think about the Second Coming of Jesus and judgment day?

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HEALING MASS
Next Healing Mass
Tuesday, November 21
at 7:00pm

YOUTH MINISTRY

ST. PIUS X JAMUL
Meets every Tuesday at 6:30pm
(Fun, Religion and Snacks)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Every Saturday at 4:00 pm
or by Appointment

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
Meets 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm
Contact Olga McInvale at 619.468.9269

CHILDREN'S CRY ROOM
ST PIUS X JAMUL
This room is designated for infants and toddlers accompanied by their parents or guardians. Thank you for reserving this room for their exclusive use.

Coffee and donuts
All are invited to join us for Coffee, Donuts and Fellowship every Sunday!

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Every Thursday
8:30am
—
5:00pm

Photo taken from an open door at
St. Pius X Jamul vestibule

Altar flowers are compliments of Bill Hendrickson in memory of his wife Caroline's many years of service to our parish.

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Faith FORMATION

MOTHER MARY'S LADIES GUILD
Meets 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:00pm
Contact Ana Knudsen: ana.knudsen@cox.net

Meets every Monday at 7:00pm (except on Holiday's)
BIBLE STUDY
Contact David Block: p620d124@gmail.com

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GATHERING
Come and join the men of the parish to make new friends and get to know your brothers in Christ.
Meets First Saturday of the month at 7:30am

Knights of Columbus
Meets 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm
Grand Knight—Joe Coppola
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Rev. Higinio Garcia, Pastor

Mass Schedule

First Friday 7:00 pm

First Saturday 9:00 am

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 8:30 am, 11:00 am,
& 12:30 pm (Spanish)

Weekdays 7:30 am

Tuesday through Friday
(except First Friday)

No Mass on Mondays

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday at 4:00 pm
(or by appointment)

First Sunday of Advent



Mission Statement

“A Tiny Church with a Big Heart” We, the people of God at St. Pius X Church in Jamul, Seek to live the Christian life by celebrating God’s Word, Living the Eucharist, and reaching out in peace and justice to all of God’s People. We are to build a loving supportive community in Jamul, By listening and sharing with each other. We believe, with God’s grace, the power of Jesus’ example, and the gifts of the Spirit, we will fulfill Christ’s Mission to love one another and establish the Kingdom of God on earth.

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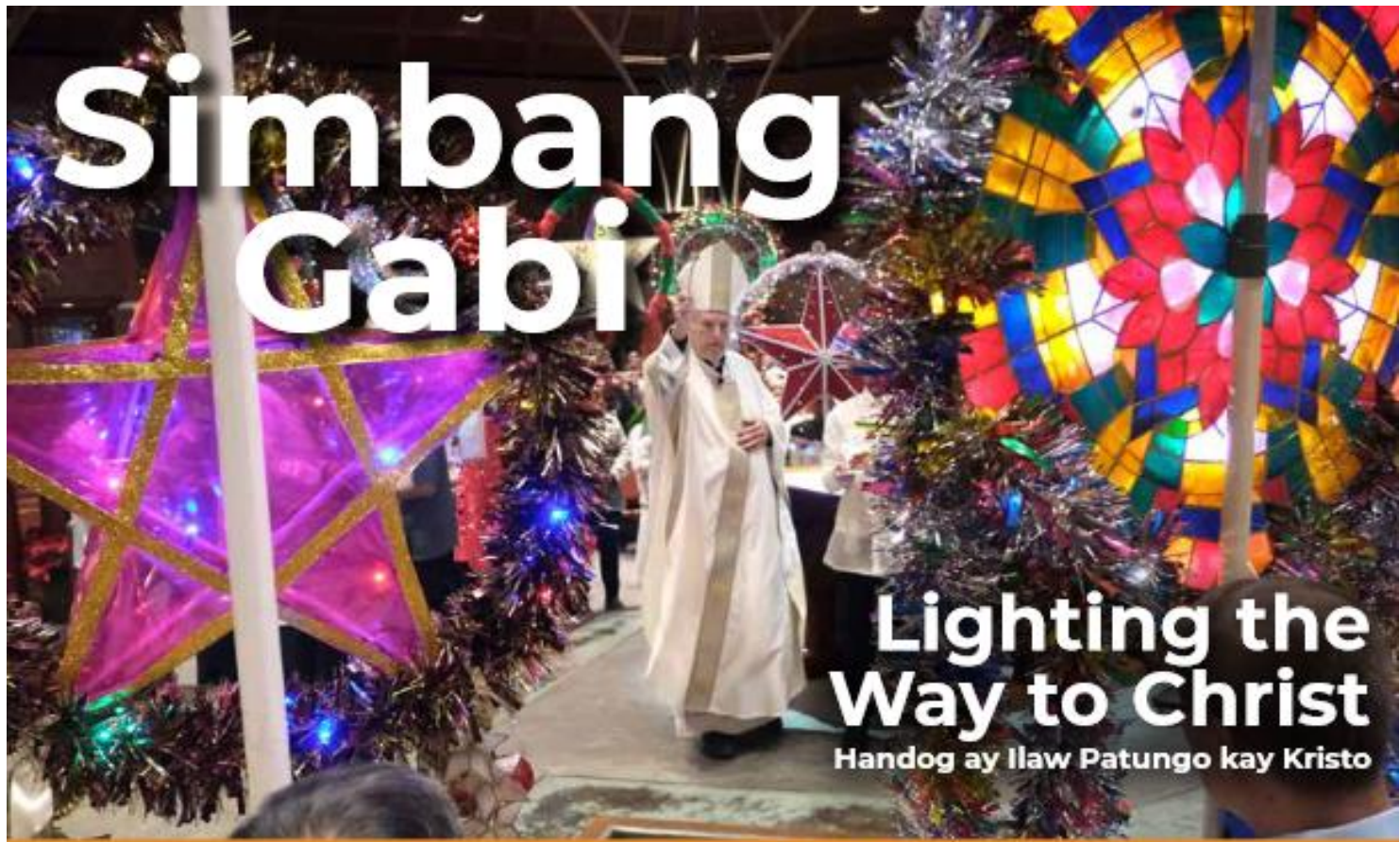


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Simbang Gabi

Lighting the Way to Christ
 Handog ay Ilaw Patungo kay Kristo

Dec. 14, 2023 • 6:30 p.m.

St. Michael Church
 2643 Homedale St., San Diego 92139

DIOCESAN VIGIL AND COMMISSIONING MASS

Cardinal Robert McElroy, main celebrant,
 with Auxiliary Bishops Bejarano, Pham and Pulido

Everyone is invited to join the Filipino Catholic community for this beautiful celebration that lights the way to the birth of our Savior.

It's followed by Simbang Gabi services at parishes across the region.



Schedule of Masses at sdcatholic.org/simbanggabi2023



Readings for the Week of December 03, 2023

Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37
 Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/ Mt 8:5-11
 Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/ Lk 10:21-24
 Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37
 Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/ Mt 7:21, 24-27
 Friday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
 Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/ Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Observances for the week of December 03 2023

Monday: St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church
 Wednesday: St. Nicholas, Bishop
 Thursday: St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
 Friday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Saturday: St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin ©LPI

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

November 26, 2023

Envelope Giving	\$1,046.00
Plate Giving	\$1,726.00
Online Giving	\$863.05
Total	\$3,635.05
Weekly funds needed for church operations	\$5,000.00
Overage/Deficit	-\$1,364.95



Daily Prayer for Vocations

Jesus, Lord of the harvest, Look with love on this portion of your vineyard. Bless the Diocese of San Diego with more priests to shepherd your people, Priests with hearts like your own.
Amen.

Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.

Sunday: Bishop Ramon Bejarano
 Monday: Bishop Michael Pham
 Tuesday: Bishop Felipe Pulido
 Wednesday: Rev. John Cusack
 Thursday: Rev. John Dallmeier, OFM
 Friday: Rev. William Davis, OSA
 Saturday: Rev. Ben Davison

MASS INTENTIONS

December 03 Sunday	8:30am + John McInvale
December 03 Sunday	11:00am + Nazhat Naemi
December 03 Sunday	12:30pm (SI) Jose Mendez
December 04 Monday	N O M A S S
December 05 Tuesday	7:30am + Caroline Hendrickson
December 06 Wednesday	7:30am + Sandra Chavez
December 07 Thursday	7:30am + Jackie Connolly
December 08 Friday	7:30am For the Parishioners
December 09 Saturday	5:00pm For the Parishioners

LOCAL ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

St. John of the Cross, Lemon Grove	4-Dec-23	7:00 PM
Santa Sophia, Spring Valley	5-Dec-23	7:00 PM
St. Pius X, Jamul	7-Dec-23	7:00 PM
Guardian Angels, Santee	11-Dec-23	7:00 PM
St. Martin of Tours, La Mesa	11-Dec-23	7:00 PM
St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Lakeside/Barona	12-Dec-23	7:00 PM
St. Therese, San Diego	13-Dec-23	7:00 PM
St. Luke, El Cajon	14-Dec-23	7:00 PM
Holy Trinity, El Cajon	15-Dec-23	7:00 PM
Queen of Angels, Alpine	15-Dec-23	7:00 PM
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Lakeside	18-Dec-23	10:00 AM
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Lakeside	18-Dec-23	7:00 PM
Our Lady of Grace, El Cajon	19-Dec-23	7:00 PM



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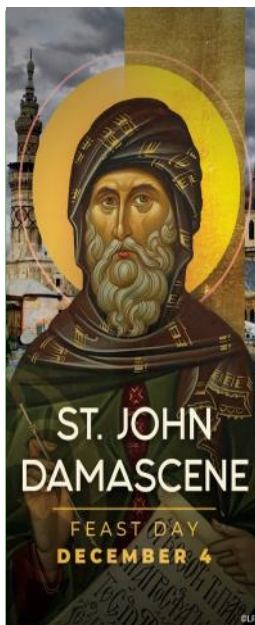
Advent is a time for waiting, for hoping, for praying. It is a time for reflecting on the special work to which God calls us all. Stay alert. Show Him you are listening. ©LPI

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Wine Distribution

Question: Why haven't Catholic Churches gone the way of disposable cups for wine distribution?

Answer: If a Catholic has ever attended a Protestant worship service and saw the communion service that was offered for that community, one of the things that might have stood out was the use of small, disposable cups for distributing the wine or grape juice. This is in stark contrast to the precious metal chalices used in Catholic churches during the Mass. Although practices for Protestant Christians can vary (ranging from large shared chalices, to personal-use cups, to dipping the bread in the wine/grape juice), the norms governing Catholic practices are fairly direct: "Sacred vessels are to be made from precious metal. If they are made from metal that rusts or from a metal less precious than gold, then ordinarily they should be gilded on the inside. In the Dioceses of the United States of America, sacred vessels may also be made from other solid materials that, according to the common estimation in each region, are precious ... they are to have bowls of nonabsorbent material" (nos. 328-330). Rather than being a commentary on the beliefs or practices of those other communities, these rules are intended to highlight the reverence that Catholics have for the bread and wine consecrated at Mass, which become the Body and Blood of the Lord. ©LPI



St. John Damascene Feast Day December 4

(676 -749) was the son of the chief of the revenue department in the city of Damascus. Through his father, he received a classical and theological education and attempted to follow in his footsteps by serving in a government position. However, the Lord was calling him to a different life, and a few years later he resigned from his position and went to the Monastery of St. Sabas, where he wrote books and composed hymns along with his adopted brother, Cosmas. St. John Damascene is best known for his writings against the iconoclasts, who opposed the veneration of images; his treatise, Exposition of the Orthodox Faith, a summary of the Greek Fathers; and his work as a poet, one of the two greatest of the Eastern Church. His devotion to the Blessed Mother and his sermons on her feasts are well known. ©LPI

THE YEAR OF GRACE

Our Lady of Guadalupe

VIGIL

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

10:00PM

MAÑANITAS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12,

5:00AM

MASS (SPANISH)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12,

6:00AM

(No 7:30AM MASS)



Christmas

2023

Shepard's Play

(Spanish)

December 15, 2023 at 6:00pm

Keenan Hall

Dinner will be provided

after Mass at no cost,

if you would like to bring a

dessert to share, it will be

greatly appreciated

Everyone is invited!



CHRISTMAS
2023

Annual Christmas Party

St Pius X Jamul Adult Christmas Party

will be held in Keenan Hall on
Saturday, December 9, 2023

6:00 pm Happy Hour

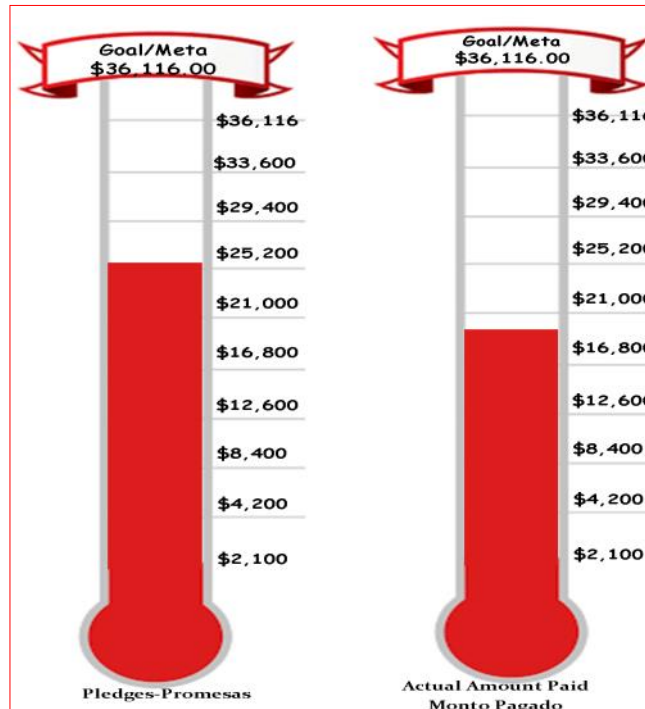
7:00 pm Dinner

Followed by opportunity drawing & dancing. MMLG & Knights of Columbus will be hosting. Tickets can be purchased at the parish office, paid at the door or use the QR Code.

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St Pius X Jamul Youth Ministry Calendar December 2023

Subject to Change

- 5 Tues 6:30 PM Youth Gathering in Youth Room (Fun, Religion and Snacks); (K of C Meeting)
- 7 Thurs 7:00 PM Advent Penance Service at St. Pius X Jamul
- 8th Fri 7:30 AM Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation 6:00-9:00 PM Dinner and Bingo in Keenan Hall
- 10 Sun 9:50 AM G.O.L.F. – Generations of Living Faith with Father Ron Cochran
- 12 Tues 5:15 PM Christmas Caroling at Good Samaritan Rest Home, 1515 Jamacha Way, El Cajon and Hot Cocoa outing at a local coffee shop (TBA) in Rancho San Diego. Meet @ St. Pius X to Carpool 5:15 PM Caroling: 6:00 – 7:00 (arrive at 5:45 for check in) Community Socializing 'til 8:30 p.m
- 13 Wed 5:00 PM Ice Skating at Viejas, 5-8:00 pm. (Ck in 6-skate 6:30) *Viejas waiver required
- 17 Sun 7:30-10:00 AM Youth Serving Breakfast in Keenan Hall
- 19 Tues 6:30 PM Youth Gathering in Youth Room (Fun, Religion and Snacks) Youth Christmas Party/Game Night details to follow
- 26 Tues No Youth Gathering in Youth Room (Fun, Religion and Snacks) Merry Christmas!!!

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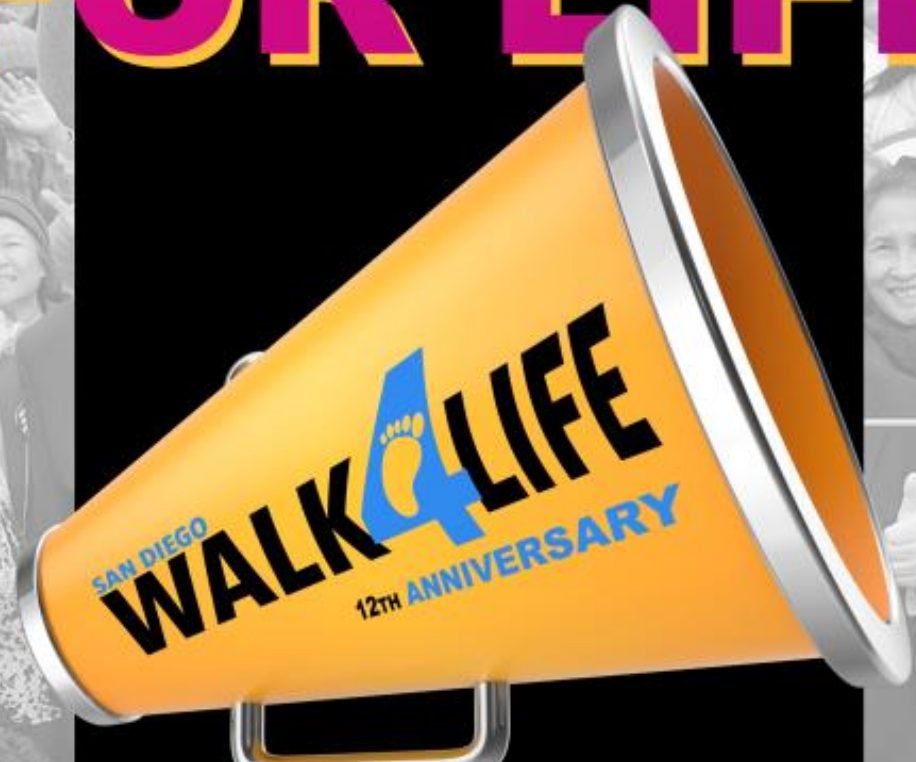
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WITNESS FOR LIFE





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