

St Pius X Catholic Church

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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)

Fourth 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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Gospel Meditation

ENCOURAGE YOURSELF TO A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE



Life is troubling. Who among us has not struggled with anxiety and difficulties, sometimes massive ones? I certainly have, as have many of my loved ones. If we do, does this mean that we don't trust the Lord or just need to toughen up? I don't think so. How encouraging for us anxious and troubled souls to hear Luke describe the Blessed Mother Mary in these words, "But she was greatly troubled at what was said." An archangel has visited her. An inconceivable promise has been made to her. Her life has become wildly unpredictable, perhaps more so than any person before or since. The first point for us: the Lord is with her *precisely when she is troubled*. Her anxiousness and God's presence are not mutually exclusive. Christianity is not about a trance-like robotic indifference. It's about the

presence of divine love. Even in — especially in — troubled circumstances. Our troubled soul can become our greatest treasure. What seems so troubling at first to Mary becomes the best possible thing, Jesus, the Savior and Lord, is now her son. All the difficulties and troubles remain, and yet her movement into the fullness of God is accelerated. What is troubling you right now? This scripture invites us now, this week, to hear the Lord's messenger say to us what he said to Mary, "Do not be afraid! You have found favor with God." — *Father John Muir* ©LPI

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

What Is Your Fiat?

Are you an anxious people-pleaser prone to overcommitting yourself? Welcome to the club! We have slogans, and for your convenience I've listed them here: "Sounds great!" "No worries!" "Absolutely, I can do that, not a problem!" These are your go-to responses for when someone requests a favor that is a huge inconvenience, but you would rather die than disappoint. It's not *exactly* disingenuous — it's just a little neurotic. Again, welcome to the club. You know who doesn't belong to this club? The Blessed Mother. For many reasons, I'm sure, but the biggest one is that she's always completely up-front. Take her response to the Angel Gabriel: "Let it be done." If there are more powerful words than these, I can't think of them now. And yet, as responses go, this certainly isn't an enthusiastic one. There was never a human creature more willing to obey God than Mary, full of grace, so it makes it all of the more striking that her response to Gabriel is this reserved — and it makes it all the more certain that she means exactly what she says. *Let it be done*. Not: Yes, this is exactly that I asked for! Not: Nope. This sounds awful. Count me out. But precisely this: If God is asking, my answer is yes. The Angel Gabriel visits us all, in a way, at some point or another, bearing news we did not expect. When we can say, in the face of that uncertainty, "Let it be done," we are embracing our calling as disciples. We are becoming like Mary. "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord." — *Luke 1:38* ©LPI

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading: We hear how God established his covenantal promise with King David to raise up a son after him and ensure that David's house and kingdom will stand firm forever. What promises have you kept with family or friends?

Second Reading: Paul concludes his letter to the Romans with a hymn of praise to God. As Advent draws to a close, for what can you praise God?

Gospel: Today's Gospel reading is the annunciation to Mary of the upcoming birth of Jesus. Mary's unconditional acceptance offers us a model to follow. How open are you to God's work in your life? ©LPI



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THE YEAR OF GRACE

HEALING MASS
Next Healing Mass
Tuesday, February 20, 2024
At 7:00 pm

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.

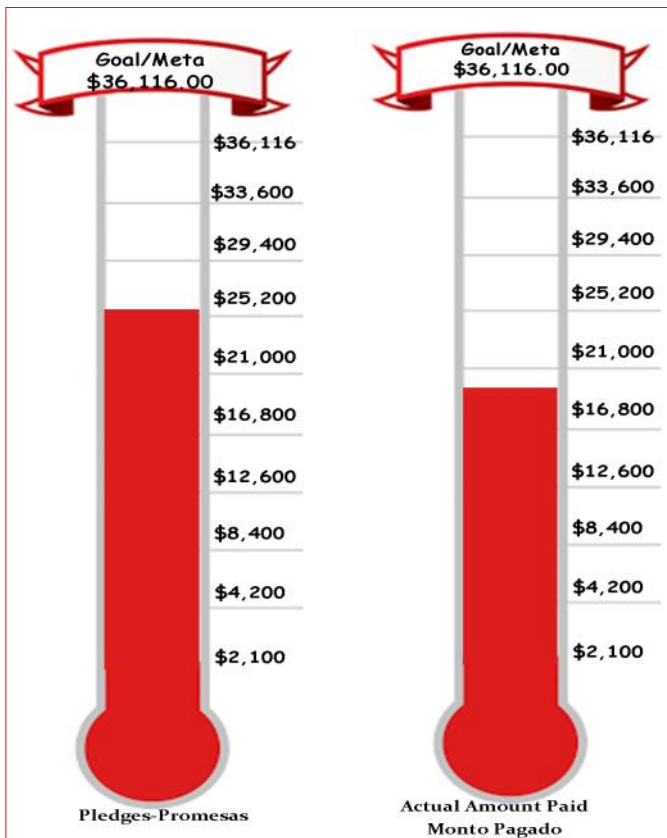
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Faith FORMATION

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

BIBLE STUDY
Meets every Monday at 7:00pm (except on Holiday's)
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
Deputy Grand Knight—Jose Franco



Our Goal is: \$36,116.00

Amount Pledged: \$24,630.00

Amount Paid: \$17,166.00

Owed: \$7,464.00

Thank you for your Pledge! Please help our Parish reach our ACA goal by turning your pledge.



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THE YEAR OF GRACE

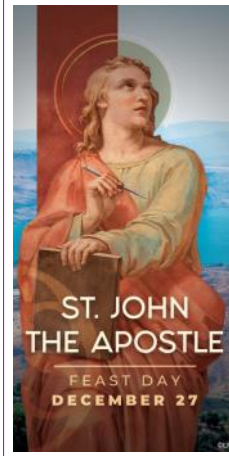
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God's plans are not always what we imagined. Sometimes they make us hesitate. Be like Mary. Say "Yes, Lord" — and God will show you that His imagination is better than yours. ©LPi

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Lighting Candles in Church

Question: Why do Catholics light candles in church?
Answer: Candles have been part of the Church's worship from the earliest times. In the days before electricity, candles and oil lamps were the ways that people lighted buildings. Even today, we often still depend on candles during power outages, relying on their flickering flames to bring light into the dark. Like our ancestors, we also light candles on special occasions. Think about a festive family meal or a romantic dinner for two — there will often be candles on the table, special objects for a special event. We light candles on birthday cakes and carry them in processions. We also place candles at makeshift memorials that appear when there has been an accident or act of violence. In these moments, their light casts aside a different kind of darkness — the darkness of grief, fear, and death. The custom of the early Christians lighting candles and lamps at the tombs of the martyrs gave way to the practice of having candles at Mass, honoring the sacredness of the celebration. As Christians decorated their worship spaces with statues and icons, they would burn candles in front of sacred images and the relics of the saints, basically "shining a light" on what they held to be sacred. When pilgrims would visit these shrines, they would often bring candles to light before the image or relic. These candles came to be a symbol of the person, and their prayer and the burning these candles came to be understood as an extension and continuation of the prayer that was offered. What began as a practical way to provide light has come to be a symbol of the hopes, desires, loves, losses, fears, and faith of everyday Christians offering their prayers to God and his saints. ©LPi



Saint John the Apostle | December 27

Saint John was one of the Twelve, part of Jesus' inner circle, among the few that witnessed the Transfiguration, the raising of Jarius' Daughter, and the Agony in the garden at Gethsemane. He and his brother James were the sons of Zebedee and Salome. When Jesus called them, they left their father mending nets and followed him. Jesus called the brothers "Boanerges," meaning "sons of thunder" — they were passionate in their faith and Jesus had to rebuke them for their fiery zeal on more than one occasion. John, the younger brother, possibly the youngest disciple, was the only one present at Jesus' death. Saint John the Apostle is traditionally thought to be the author of the fourth Gospel, the three Epistles of John, and the Book of Revelation. However, there has been some debate among scholars from antiquity to the present. Tradition also gives him the title Beloved Disciple and John's Gospel sees him seated next to Jesus at the last supper and the one to whom Jesus gives the care of Mary at the crucifixion. Although Church tradition says that John survived the other disciples, living a long life, much of it is steeped in myth and legend. Some say he retired to Ephesus after the crucifixion with Mary and remained there until he died. But in other traditions he is more active. For a time he remained in Jerusalem with the other disciples, then founded churches in Asia Minor. In a legend of his persecution, during the reign of the Emperor Domitian, John is taken to Rome and thrown into a cauldron of boiling oil but preserved from death. He is then exiled to the island of Patmos where the Book of Revelation was written. Most accounts agree that after his exile and the Assumption of Mary he returned to Ephesus where he died sometime after 98, during the reign of the emperor Trajan. ©LPi



St Pius X Jamul Youth Ministry Calendar December 2023

Subject to Change

26 Tues **No Youth Gathering** Merry Christmas!!!

Please let Steve Browne or Al Peterson know ahead of time if you will need a ride to any event.

All offsite events require a Permission Slip



REPORTING SEXUAL ABUSE

Reporting allegations of sexual misconduct: The Diocese of San Diego treats all allegations of sexual misconduct by clergy or Church personnel seriously and deals with them in a prompt, confidential and thorough manner. To report sexual misconduct by clergy or Church personnel, including abuse, please call Mary Acosta, Victim Assistance Coordinator, (858) 490-8353, email misconduct@sdcatholic.org, or visit www.safemourdiocese.org. Situations of recent or ongoing sexual abuse should be reported to local law enforcement.

2024 calendars are available in the church's vestibule. Don't forget to take yours!

Epiphany

From the east came the Magi to Bethlehem to adore the Lord; and opening their treasures they offered precious gifts: gold for the great King, incense for the true God, and myrrh in symbol of His burial.

Blessing of the Home on Epiphany

Epifanía

Del oriente vinieron los Reyes Magos a Belén para adorar al Señor; y abriendo sus tesoros ofrecieron regalos preciosos: oro para el gran Rey, incienso para el Dios verdadero, y mirra en símbolo de su sepultura.

Bendición del hogar en la Epifanía



Readings for the Week of December 24, 2023

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38
 Monday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29/ Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/ Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 Night: Is 9:1-6/ Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/Ti 2:11-14/ Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20. Day: Is 52:7-10/ Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
 Tuesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/ Jn 20:1a, 2-8
 Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8/ Mt 2:13-18
 Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/ Lk 2:22-35
 Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40

Observances for the week of December 24, 2023

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent; Christmas Eve
 Monday: The Nativity of the Lord
 Tuesday: St. Stephen, First Martyr
 Wednesday: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
 Thursday: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
 Friday: St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr ©LPI

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP December 17, 2023	
Envelope Giving	\$1,225.00
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Online Giving	\$908.98
Total	\$3,723.98
Weekly funds needed for church operations	\$5,000.00
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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: Rev. Msgr. Neal Dolan
 Monday: Rev. Benoit Drapeau, CJM
 Tuesday: Rev. Msgr. Richard Duncanson
 Wednesday: Rev. George Dunkley
 Thursday: Rev. Stephen Dunn
 Friday: Rev. Peter Duong, OFM
 Saturday Rev. Bradley Easterbrook



December 24	Sunday	8:30am	+ Joseph DiPanfilo
December 24	Sunday	11:00am	For the Parishioners
December 24	Sunday	12:30pm	+ Virginia Tacuba
December 24	Sunday	5:00pm	Christmas Eve Mass
December 25	Monday	9:00am	Christmas Mass-English
December 25	Monday	11:00am	Christmas Mass-Spanish
December 26	Tuesday	7:30am	+ Caroline Hendrickson
December 27	Wednesday	7:30am	+ Sandra Chavez
December 28	Thursday	7:30am	+ Maria Perez Machado
December 29	Friday	7:30am	+ Jackie Connelly
December 30	Saturday	5:00pm	+ Sandi Altomare

Merry Christmas from St Pius X in Jamul!

Once again we are extremely grateful to the Knights of Columbus, Mother Mary Ladies Guild, Sacristans, Lectors and various volunteers from our parish groups. This is not an easy feat but they come in with joy in their heart full of energy and bring Christmas cheer for all to enjoy! They truly embrace our Mission Statement to "build a loving and supporting Community" and "establish the Kingdom of God on Earth."
 God Bless you for all you do!



We need volunteers for Adoration on Thursdays, 1 Hour Shifts 11:00 AM—3:00 PM

If interested, please contact the parish office or Laura Dray

Novena for Life, January 5-13: You are invited to participate in person or via Zoom in the Multicultural Novena for Life to pray for the legal protection of the unborn and their mothers. Prayed in various languages at parishes throughout the diocese each day, the novena's final day will be at San Diego Walk for Life at Waterfront Park (1600 Pacific Highway, San Diego). To check the parish schedule and access the Zoom link, visit <https://sdcatholic.org/event/multicultural-novena-for-life/>.

WITNESS FOR LIFE

JAN. 13, 2024

8:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Waterfront Park
1600 Pacific Hwy.
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To learn more, contact 858.490.8256 or jprust@sdcatholic.org

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 24th -Regular Masses at 8:30 am, 11:00 am, 12:30 pm
 -Christmas Eve Mass at 5:00 pm English or possibly bilingual
 -No Faith Formation Classes

Monday, December 25th -Christmas Day Mass 9:00 am English 11:00 am Spanish
 -No Bible Study
 -Parish Office Closed

Sunday, December 31st -Fifth Sunday Rosary
 -Regular Masses at 8:30 am, 11:00 am, 12:30 pm
 -New Year's Eve Mass 5:00 pm
 -No Faith Formation Classes

Monday, January 1st -New Year Mass 9:00 am English 11:00 am Spanish
 -No Bible Study
 -Parish Office Closed

Pastorela 2023



Many thanks to the Hispanic Group for participating in the Pastorela this year. It was a very fun night, ending in a community celebration with a delicious pozole.



Youth Group

We are grateful for the youths participation in this years play "Christmas Begins in Heaven." These are our future leaders and we thank you for blessing us with your talents!



INTRODUCTORY CREATION CARE WORKSHOP FOR PARISHES, SCHOOLS, AND FAMILIES JANUARY 24TH, 5:30-8PM AT THE DIOCESAN PASTORAL CENTER

This workshop is designed to:

- Give participants a working scientific knowledge of climate & environmental issues
- Provide a summary of Catholic teaching on creation care
- Present an overview of our diocesan programming, pathways to action, and available support

Please come with any and all questions. We seek to provide a moment of learning, sharing, dialogue and discernment!

Attendance is free, but please register at this link or scan the QR code as pizza and refreshments will be provided.



<https://bit.ly/CCIntro2024>

Contact Christina Slentz with questions at cslentz@sdcatholic.org

