

# Saint Athanasius Church

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## MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday: 8:30, 10:30, 12:00, 5:30,  
1:30 (Spanish)

Vigil (Sat eve): 5:30, 7:30 (Spanish)

Monday - Friday: 6:45, 9:00 a.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m.

Holy days: 6:45, 9:00, 12:10, 7:30

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

English Baptisms Call Parish Office  
Spanish Baptisms Llamame a la Oficina Hispana

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Individual Celebration: Saturdays, 4:00 -4:30 p.m. in English  
and 6:30-7:15 p.m.- Bilingual

Any time by appointment with the priest, please call the  
Parish Office.

## SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Couples wishing to celebrate marriage should contact the  
priest at least six months before the proposed wedding  
date.

## PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

Information on parishioners who are ill, hospitalized, or  
homebound, should be communicated to the priests as soon  
as possible.

**FAMILY PRAYER HOUR** Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.

**OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA**

Wednesday 6:30 p.m.

**FIRST FRIDAY** Exposition of the

Blessed Sacrament, 9:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL** 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.

**St. Athanasius Youth Group (SAYG)**

<http://sayg.blogspot.com> or contact Alicia Baturoni at  
650-793-3380, [abaturoni@comcast.net](mailto:abaturoni@comcast.net)

## SENIOR GROUP

2nd Tuesday each month - 12 noon, Parish Hall

## RESPECT LIFE GABRIEL PROJECT

Every first Tuesday at 8:00 p.m. in the Rectory

## ALTERNATIVES TO ABORTIONS

Community Pregnancy Center (650) 964-8093

836 West El Camino Real, Mountain View, CA 94040

Project Rachel (Post Abortion Help) (888)-HOPE-790

(888)-4673 790

## WELCOME TO ALL NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome you to our Parish and invite you to register with us as soon as possible.

Fill in the details below and drop in the collection basket, or at the rectory.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

## SAINT ATHANASIUS MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA

Dear Parishioners,  
Again may God's blessings be poured out on you all this new year.

Here are a few thoughts I picked up from William Bausch's book 'The Total Parish Manual'.

He suggests that people make a covenant with the parish for the year. Here is what he says:

"These days, journeying with a particular faith-community is largely voluntary. There is no compulsion to choose this way of life or this parish. Rightly or wrongly people do not attach any kind of mortal sin in missing Mass. Unbaptized infants are considered as going to heaven. There must be a reason, then, why freely and without such compulsions you are seeking to join this community. We presume that you are accordingly motivated by a desire both to give and to receive from this community; that is any relationship, you are bonding yourself freely in the give and take of our common life.

Therefore, you are ready to enter into a covenant with us – that most solemn contract of mutuality, concern and shared responsibility. There is no requirement to be perfect or without flaw or sin; only the promise to be faithful".

Bausch then proceeds to outline a covenant statement that is signed by the participant parishioner – promising to walk faithfully with our fellow parishioners of St. Athanasius and there is a list of activities that you actively participate in: attending mass every Sunday; participating in the various ministries that the parish offers – Eucharistic minister, reader, usher, choir, server, St. Vincent de Paul, Pro Life movement, Prayer Group, Bible Study group, Youth program, catechetical classes etc. etc. That you support the parish in its financial responsibilities. That you offer your time, and talent.

Bausch explains that "the one obvious fact today is that current culture no longer supports a religious way of life, much less a Catholic way. This means that now you deliberately and willingly make a personal choice: do I want to travel with this parish or not? To give, contribute, be faithful with and to them? Do any of my family intend to be a genuine and full part of this faith-community?"

Worshipping regularly with the community means just that: every week end (or most) celebrating with the community, joining in the prayer, the sorrows, the boredoms, the highs, the sins, the reconciliations. It is more powerfully in our common prayer together at Mass that we are most community, most publicly supportive and witnessing."

While I am not launching a campaign to get parishioners to explicitly sign such a covenant I would like to invite parishioners to make that covenant in their hearts. At this first mass in this new year, in your prayer to God, pledge yourself to St. Athanasius parish, as God's church, where we receive our vocation from God; where God's name is made holy; where God's will is done. At the beginning of a new year it is wholesome to renew our intention to do the right thing for the right reason.

Again alerting you about the work on the roof should begin this week, depending on the weather.

**Fr. Casey, Pastor**

### SECOND COLLECTION TODAY FOR ETHNIC MINORITIES AND LATIN AMERICA

### SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK FOR CHURCH MAINTENANCE

#### Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat (3rd)	9:00	_____
	5:30	Benedicto Panem—†
Sun	8:30	Edward Morada—†
	10:30	<b>People of the Parish</b>
	12:00	Antonio Alvarez—†
	5:30	_____
Mon	6:45	Dominico Nguyen—†
	9:00	_____
Tue	6:45	Maya Villareal—T
	9:00	Helen Seaman—B
Wed	6:45	_____
	9:00	Blas & Maura Abad—†
Thur	6:45	_____
	9:00	_____
Fri	6:45	_____
	9:00	_____
Sat (10th)	9:00	Souls in Purgatory
	5:30	_____



### The Seriously Ill

Ruzzel Alapar, Judy Baturoni, Faith Bernard, Kamau Burt, Celia Caballero, Leonora Campbell, Helen Cang, Jorge Castriello, Jim Cesano, Emilio & Gabriela Da Rosa, Karen Dawson, Connie DiStefano, Sam Dolan, Virginia Eyrond, Henry, Veronica and Patricia Fagundes, Kristin Feetham, Brian Flynn, Salustiano Hilario, Roselin Joseph, Frank Lai, Peggy McKinney, Gloria Mattioda, Edward Morada, Javier Monroy & Family, Gerald Lupe Munoz, Sade Otudeko Carroll, Emer O'Keeffe, Emily Pepper, Kieko Poso, Patricio Resolme, Debbie Raybourn, Nanci Smith, Andrea Soria, Joseph Tung, Katrina Underwood, Marilyn

### Death Anniversary Remembrance Week of January 4

Florentina Roquero, Angela Amerio, Martin C. Switzer, George Quinn, Frank Valet, Louise Cortinas, Eladio Ventura, Carl Pyle, Carl Ressler, Vigil E. Merlitti, Juvenal Lucatero, Richard Herzing, Edward W. Streiff, Francisca Lavarias, Stanley Palmyra, Frank Peredez Janet Parker, Kathleen Harper, Claire Stead, Enos Caotinas, Anastacio Yumul, Martin (Pat) Mongan, Robert Dirim, Troadio Domayas, Theodore Blanchard, Palmyra Thompson

**May they rest in peace**

**Memories of Parish Life at St. Athanasius**

Personal Memories of current and former parishioners are being requested for inclusion in the St. Athanasius 50th anniversary commemorative book. Please submit at least one story or memory from your time at our parish. Each submission (you can write more than one) should be 100 words or less and sent to:

Nadine O'Leary  
205 Thompson Square  
Mountain View, CA. 94043  
**Oleary.205@gmail.com**

**Here are some ideas to help you get started:**

- Special occasions at St. Athanasius (wedding; baptism; first communion; confirmation)
- Parish activity (BBQ; picnic; potluck; prayer day; work party; dinner dance)
- Memory of a special parishioner, priest, staff member, or religious
- Why you chose St. Athanasius to be your parish
- Parish activity in which you are or were involved
- Spiritual revelation, growth, or renewal that you received
- A time when you felt especially thankful; a time when you felt support; a blessing received

**CATECHETICAL PROGRAM, K-GR. 8**

**KINDERGARTEN-GRADE 5:** Classes resume on **Sunday, January 11, 2009.**

**FIRST COMMUNION:** We'll begin preparation for First Communion with new books on January 11.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL GRADES 6-8:** Classes resume on Wednesday, January 14.

**PARENTS OF MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH**

Parents of middle school youth are invited to help plan this youth group's events and activities for 2009. Our next meeting is **Wednesday, January 7, 7:15 p.m.** in the school. If you have any questions, call **Loretta at 650-967-7971.**

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP & CONFIRMATION**

We resume on **January 7, 6-8 p.m.** We'll be focusing on the bible, so bring your bibles to class. For details of SAYG, visit the youth group website:

**<http://sayg.blogspot.com> or call Alicia at 650-793-3380.**

**TITLE: SANTO NINO FIESTA**

The Diocesan Council of Filipino Catholics, Diocese of San Jose invites everyone to the Annual celebration of the feast of Santo Nino on January 17, 2009 at St. Joseph Cathedral/Basilica, 80 So. Market St., San Jose. Bishop Patrick McGrath will preside at the Eucharistic celebration. Before the mass is the traditional "Sinulog" and "Karakol" processions at 11:30 A.M.. The fiesta will be preceded by a nine days novena to be held at different churches in the diocese. In the evening there will be a dinner dance at the parish hall of St. Lawrence the Martyr in Santa Clara, tickets cost \$30.00 per person. For more information, please call **(408) 729 7228 or (408) 578 5101.**

**HELP NEEDED!**

Academic researcher, responsible, quiet, mature woman parishioner needs a quiet room and bath to rent up to \$400 (or can do work exchange, or be security for elder): 650-967-4121, 619-709-0069 cell

***Families at Christmas***

On behalf of all the families that received gifts this year, and the St. Vincent de Paul Society, I'd like to thank you for your wonderful support. As always, St Athanasius parishioners are SO generous. Gifts were beautifully wrapped, and no family was left without. You made a difference to 125 families this year. Merry Christmas!  
**Carmel Caligaris**

**Gospel Reflections**

There is an e-mail service whose mission it is to help you prepare for Sunday Mass by giving a reflection on the First Reading and the Gospel for each Sunday. To subscribe, simply go to **[scribe@gospelreflections.ccsend.com](mailto:scribe@gospelreflections.ccsend.com).**

**Collection**

**Offering: 12/21/08: \$6,556**

**Collection for 12/28/08 will be posted next week  
THANK YOU!**

**If every adult contributed at least \$10 per week to the parish, then we'd reach our weekly target with funds to spare.**

**Remember the four steps to parish fiscal health:**

- 1. PREPLAN YOUR GIVING**
- 2. REGULARLY ASSESS THAT AMOUNT AND REVISE IT FOR CHANGES IN YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES.**
- 3. EACH ADULT GIVE AT LEAST \$10 PER WEEK.**
- 4. SUSTAIN IT.**



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## REY DE REYES

Este día estamos celebrando una fiesta muy grande, se le nombra "La Epifanía del Señor". ¿que es epifanía? Epifanía es la expresión mas grande

de como identificar algo grandioso como lo es la manifestación del Rey de Reyes. Jesús un niño es visitado por los tres reyes muy sabios de la época. Ellos han viajado por largos caminos hasta llegar a la ciudad de Belén, en un lugar muy humilde, un establo. Allí nació el rey del mundo, en un pesebre. ¿Como un rey ha nacido en un pesebre? Jesús nació en unas condiciones poco deseadas. Esa fue su primera lección, el ser humilde y sencillo. Mas sin embargo era rey. Ciertamente además de ser rey también es Dios, y por supuesto, también es humano. He allí los tres regalos que los tres reyes magos, le traen a este niño: incienso, oro y mirra. Incienso a Dios, oro al rey y mirra al hombre.

Emanuel es su nombre y quiere decir "Dios con nosotros" Es Dios que se hace hombre por voluntad de Dios Padre. El Hijo de Dios viene a nosotros para abolir el pecado y salvarnos de las garras del demonio. Por eso se hizo hombre para darnos a conocer que los hombres podemos cambiar para bien. Jesús nos vino a enseñar como, y lo hizo humanamente. El vino a manifestarse como rey, como creador, como dueño y Señor de Cielos y tierra. Y cuando decimos tierra nos referimos a todo lo que hay en ella. En otras palabras, El vino a reinar en nuestros corazones, en nuestras mentes, en nuestras vidas. El es rey del cielo, el lugar donde El nos quiere llevar al final de los tiempos. En el cielo se respira amor, porque Dios es amor. El amor es la lección mas grande que el nos vino a enseñar. El mismo dijo: "ámense los unos a los otros, como yo os he amado". Comienza pues este año con la fe puesta en el Dios del amor. Jesús te guiará por buen camino.

### Actividades de la Semana:

**Lunes a las 7:00 PM** Grupo de Oración

**Martes a las 7:00 PM** Rosario bilingüe con oración para las necesidades personales

**Viernes a las 7:00 PM** El Grupo de Catecismo Para Adulto

**Viernes a las 7:00 PM** El Grupo de Jóvenes

**Comunión para enfermos:** si tiene familiar que no puede a misa y quiere recibir comunión, Nuestro ministro de Eucaristía gracias a Dios ya tenemos una para ese ministerio, puede ir a visitarle y dar la Comunión.

**Preparación para matrimonios:** Toma seis meses para la preparación del sacramento del matrimonio a partir de la primera cita. planea con anticipación, llame a Rosa Maria o verla después de misa.

**Bautizos** Los bautizos se llevan a cabo cada cuarto Sábado de mes a las 11:00 AM y las platicas cada segundo miércoles de mes a las 7:00 PM. Véanos después de las misa para poder llenar su forma.

**Quinceañeras:** Estas celebraciones son ofrecidas solo a los miembros registrados y activos de la parroquia.

## EL COMITÉ DE FINANZAS

Nos hace un recordatorio que todavía estamos en números rojos, estamos usando los ahorros que tenemos y muy pronto no tendremos nada mas. Por favor haga conciencia que, la parroquia se mantiene de las donaciones que los feligreses dan. Si todos los adultos diéramos por lo menos \$10.00 estaríamos en una mejor posición.

Pensemos en todas las bendiciones que hemos tenido y que a veces queremos agradecer a Dios, bien, esta es la mejor manera para que podamos subsistir como parroquia. Pensemos tambien en los beneficios que obtenemos de nuestra parroquia y que ya no tendríamos es privilegio de tener nuestra parroquia abierta. Hagamos pues nuestra parte, que al cabo nuestro Señor nos paga con creces.

## LECTURAS DE HOY

**Primera lectura** — ¡Levántate y brilla, Jerusalén! La gloria del Señor amaneció sobre ti (Isaías 60:1-6).

**Salmo** — Que te adoren, Señor, todos los pueblos (Salmo 72 [71]).

**Segunda lectura** — El misterio de que los gentiles son coherederos, socios en la promesa en Jesucristo, se ha dado a conocer a los hombres (Efesios 3:2-3a, 5-6).

**Evangelio** — Magos del oriente llegaron, diciendo: "¿Dónde está el rey de los judíos que ha nacido?" (Mateo 2:1-12).

## CATECISMO PARA ADULTOS.

Para todos aquellos adultos que no han recibido alguno o todos sus sacramentos, las clases comenzaran después del verano, por favor comuníquese con los encargados de la misa para poder anotarse.

Recuerde que, no importa la edad que tenga, venga y reúname con este grupo que es muy bonito.

## PROGRAMA DE CATECISMO, K-GR.8

**CLASES DE KINDER-GRADO 5:** Regresamos a clases el Domingo, 11 de Enero, a las 11:30 A.m.

**CLASES DE LOS GRADOS 6 al 8:** Regresamos a clases el Miércoles, 14 de Enero, de 6:00 a 8:00 P.m. en la escuela.

## NOTA IMPORTANTE PRIMERA COMUNIÓN

Estos niños necesitan ver a la señora Loretta para arreglos de la primera comunión: **JENNIFER AGUILAR, ANDREW AGUILAR, JESUS AGUILAR, MAURICIO AGUILAR, ANGEL MIRANDA, AYLIN PEREZ, RAYMOND PEREZ, JENNA SANCHEZ, EDGAR VELAZQUEZ, CANDELARIA VARELAS, ALEX YERENA.** Llámela al 650-967-7971 y deje un mensaje. Regresará su llamada después del 4 de Enero.

### GRUPO DE JÓVENES (GRADOS 9-12)

El grupo de jóvenes de grados 9-12 se reunirá el miércoles, 7 de Enero, de 6-8 P.m. Traigan sus biblias. Para más detalles del grupo de high school, vea

<http://sayg.blogspot.com> o llame a Alicia al 650-793-3380.

## Vision Statement for St. Athanasius Parish

*St. Athanasius church is a gathering place of worship and community for the parish family. We come together with the guidance of the Holy Spirit to live our Christian life, with and for the people of God, through sharing, learning and serving.*

## Visión de la Parroquia de San Atanasio

*La Iglesia de San Atanasio es un lugar de oración y comunidad para la familia parroquial. Con la guía del Espíritu Santo, nos reunimos*

### Catechetical Program (Religious Education)

Our parish catechetical program is a blend of the Generations of Faith and the catechetical textbook series *Blest Are We/Bendecidos*. This process provides an integrated and comprehensive approach to forming the faith of children, youth and adults blended with a systematic approach to sharing faith with children and youth. It is the basic preparation program required for children and youth who are seeking to celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation. **For more information, please contact Loretta Fennell at the Catechetical Office, 650-967-7971.**

### Sacrament Preparation for Children & Youth

Preparation for the sacraments of First Reconciliation/First Eucharist (Grades 1-12) and for Confirmation (Grades 9-12) is a two-year process. Students are required to participate in both the catechetical sessions and the specific preparation sessions for the sacrament to be celebrated. **For more information, please contact Loretta Fennell at the Catechetical Office, 650-967-7971.**

### Saint Athanasius Youth Group (SAYG)

Open to students in grades 9-12. This program gives high school students a way to participate in the parish community while having fun and deepening their faith. SAYG meets twice a month during the school year. For weekly updates and a calendar of events, visit <http://sayg.blogspot.com>. **To join contact: Alicia Baturoni at 650-793-3380 or [abaturoni@comcast.net](mailto:abaturoni@comcast.net).**

### Adult Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist

Through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) non-baptized adults and baptized Christians of other denominations are welcomed into the Catholic Church. The process is adult oriented and sensitive to the experiences and questions people have. We also invite *baptized Catholics* who have not completed their initiation into the Church (through Eucharist and Confirmation) to prepare for the celebration of these sacraments. For more information: call **Mike Cavera at (650) 967-7939.**

### St. Athanasius Blog

Visit the official St. Athanasius Blog to stay in touch with your fellow parishioners! It is a private blog that only registered users can read and write. To register, send your email address to **[Dr.AaronRulison@gmail.com](mailto:Dr.AaronRulison@gmail.com)**, then point your browser to **<http://www.saintathanasiuscommunityblog.blogspot.com>**

### Family Prayer Night

We need only to look around to see the tremendous pressures facing our families and how those pressures pull our families apart. There's little doubt that we live in a society of instant everything, one of the major contributions to family deterioration. Family Prayer Night is a response. It is a way for families to set aside an hour a week to be together in the presence of God, to pray and appreciate the most important people in our lives. Join us every Tuesday in the Church, 7-8pm for Adoration, Benediction and Prayer.

### Baptism of Children

Parents are invited to contact one of the parish priests to set up an initial interview. Parents and Godparents are required to attend a Baptismal preparation session prior to the Baptism. Baptisms of children (in English) are normally celebrated on the second Saturday of each month. No date can be set until the interview with the priest. Children age 7 or above are required to participate in our Generations of Faith program to prepare for this sacrament. To arrange a Baptism in Spanish, see **Rosa Mancilla after mass. For Baptism in English call rectory @ 650-961-8600.**

### Quinceañeras

This service is offered only to registered and active parishioners who have received first communion. Please make arrangement 6 months before the event. Please call **Rosa Mancilla at 650-967-7900** for more information.

### St. Vincent de Paul Society

Parish volunteers serve the most needy of our society. By donating food, money and most especially their time at our parish food pantry. Our food pantry is open for three days a week for one hour each day. Volunteers are greatly needed to work in the pantry from 1-4 hrs each month. To find out how you might help call **650-562-1000** and leave a message

### P.I.A. (Peninsula Interfaith Action)

PIA is a local, interfaith, non-profit, organization that empowers faith communities to work together to identify and take action to change unfair and unjust situations in our neighborhood/city. Our parish PIA committee is making a difference in our local community and could use your participation. Call **Phillip Cosby (650) 906-9641** for more information

### Respect Life/Gabriel Project

Working together, these two groups support the sacredness of all human life through direct service to women in crisis pregnancies, education, advocacy and direct action on behalf of human life. The Gabriel Project "Sign of Life" in front of our church gives an "800" number that refers callers to the nearest pro-life pregnancy center for counseling and support. Come to a meeting and see how you can help. For more info. call **Carmel Caligaris (650) 967-3807.**

### St. Athanasius Justice and Peace Group

Our mission is to promote justice and peace for all people in accord with the Social Justice teachings of the Catholic Church. We do this through education and direct action and we are committed to prayer and study to further our mission. Call **Mike Cavera for more information (650)967-7939.**