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FAMILY PRAYER HOUR Tuesday, 7:00 PM.

GRUPO DE ORACION Lunes, 7:00 PM

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA
Wednesday 6:30 p.m.

FIRST FRIDAY Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,
9:30 AM - 8:00 PM Benediction at 7:30 PM

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL 1st Mondays, Rectory 7:30 PM

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, 5:30, 7:00 (Spn)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

English Baptisms Call Parish Office
Spanish Baptisms Llame 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.

For parishioners in need of longer time allotment for personal
counseling, please call the Parish Office for appointment with
a priest.

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.

SENIOR GROUP

2nd Tuesday each month - 12 noon, Parish Hall

RESPECT LIFE GABRIEL PROJECT

Every first Wednesday at 7:30 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

Peninsula Interfaith Action

Meeting every third Friday at 7 PM. Contact Phil Cosby at
650-906-9641

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: _____

E-mail: _____ Envelopes:

SAINT ATHANASIUS

THE STORY OF CHRISTMAS BEGAN BEFORE THE BIRTH OF JESUS

The story of Christmas really began many months before the birth of Jesus, in the meeting of God's mysterious love and a young girl's extraordinary obedience. *Luke 1:26-38*, our gospel six days and four days before Christmas, gives us this moving story of the greatest message ever given. In that story we are told simply and plainly that a young girl, knelt down at the angel Gabriel's mysterious message and freely gave the total gift of herself to God saying, "*Be it be done unto me according to thy word.*"

We call this moment the Annunciation, when God first revealed what St. Paul calls "*a mystery that he kept secret for endless ages*" (Romans 16:25). He loves us so much that he wants to become one of us. But he needed Mary so that he might carry out this plan for everyone and send his Son among us. In his "Messiah Project" on earth Mary was asked by God to help him, to cooperate with him and be the mother of the promised Messiah, the Christ. Today we have very little idea of the troubles this young girl had to go through to accept this invitation. She was indeed "*troubled*" upon hearing this. She must have wondered if she was going out of her mind. If you fast forward the story - Mary would have a child out of wedlock, a very scandalous thing in her day and time and in their village culture. Then she would have to face the pain of a disappointed and confused fiancé' who had in his mind, a lovely virgin, whom he is in love with. Joseph would be thinking that his beloved Mary probably committed adultery since they were pledged to be married to each other within a year's time. Then Mary would have to face the ridicule and strange stares from fellow villagers, seeing her pregnant before her marriage to Joseph. Do you know what they did to unwed maidens who got themselves pregnant? They stoned them. The shame on the family was so heavy - the embarrassment to the fiancé' so intense - the sin was considered so great - that they had to drag the guilty woman to the edge of the town, disown her and stone her to death! Will Joseph ever understand this? Will Joseph stick around after the birth of this child? Will my parents understand this and will they still love me? Will my friends in the village stand by me or will they join those who might stone me to death? Will there be someone to help me when my time comes? With all these scary things, Mary could have said "No". She could have said to Angel Gabriel, "Gabe, you got the wrong Mary, wrong address, wrong zip code. There is this other Mary just down the street who is kind of virgin too." But Mary did not do that. She did not say, "No". No arguments. No complaining. No whining, "Why me?" No excuses. No postponements. No refusal. After her first question was answered, she said, "Yes". And *the moment Mary said "Yes" to the angel, the good news is ours, salvation is ours.* She brought that salvation to birth at Bethlehem on the first Christmas Day. **Merry Christmas to all!**

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Mass Intentions for the Week

- Sat. (17) **5:30am** Roque C. Hiloman, Sr. —†
9:00 Joe Carvalho—†
Mario Reyes—†
5:30 Sylvia L.B. Dulay (T)
- Sun (18) **5:30am** Roque C. Hiloman, Sr. —†
8:30 Concordia Pamintuan —†
Lovelyn Patangui (S.I.)
10:30 People of the Parish
12:00 Anastacia Kang —†
5:30 Tara Fernandez (B)
- Mon (19) **5:30am** Consuelo Pedro —†
Roque C. Hiloman, Sr. —†
9:00 _____
- Tues (20) **5:30am** Roque C. Hiloman, Sr. —†
9:00 Mary & Joseph Nguyen (S.I.)
Eduino Menezes —†
- Wed (21) **5:30am** Roque C. Hiloman, Sr. —†
9:00 Evangelist Gomes —†
- Thu (22) **5:30am** Roque C. Hiloman, Sr. —†
9:00 Mariano Family (S.I.)
- Fri (23) **5:30am** Nenita Pineda (B)
Roque C. Hiloman, Sr. —†
9:00 Matea Sivila —†
- Sat (24) **5:30am** Richard and Ricardo Ramilo —†
Roque C. Hiloman Sr. —†
4:30 PM ; 6:30PM (SP) and 10PM -Christmas Eve

NOTE : DEC. 16-24 (NO 6:45 AM MASSES)

†—Deceased; T—Thanksgiving; S.I.—Special Intention;
B—Birthday; S— Sick



Please Pray For The Seriously Ill

Johnny L. Alapar, Faith Bernard, Robert Beringer, Elwood and Barbara Brown, Kamau Burt, Helen Cang, Elvira S. de Comejo, Ester Dacasin, Emilio & Gabriela Da Rosa, Daniel De Quina, Connie DiStefano, Brian Flynn, Henry Guerrero, Ann Guglielmelli, Jack Healy, Don Jensen, Peggy McKinney, Gloria Mattioda, Ruby Merrill, Gerald Lupe Munoz, Emer O'Keeffe, Virginia Palumbo, Emily Pepper, Woody Pittman, Kieko Poso, Debbie Raybourn, Maria Ruiz, Eva Sachen, Nanci Smith, Andrea Soria, Kallie Torres, Katrina Underwood, Jane Allen, Yatira Werene, Liam C. Frazier.

Please let us know if your status changes.

Death Anniversary Remembrance Week of December 18

Maria Domeni, Emetria Leon, Emma Koszowie, Manuel Cervantes, Thoms Comer, Filemon De Vera, Ben Ploshay, Margaret Wacker, Bryant McGrath, Jose Prado, Constancia Agbulos, Luisa Dasalla, Nicolas De Vito, Amelia Giusti, Curtis Hall.

May they rest in Peace



Religious Education Classes will resume **January 8th, 2012**

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Offerings Received Last Weekend

Sunday Collection \$ 9,611.57

Retirement Fund for Religious \$ 1,376.00

Thank you for your Generosity

*"Give to the Most High as he has given to you,
generously, according to your means.
For the Lord is one who always repays, and he will give back to
you sevenfold" (Sirach)*

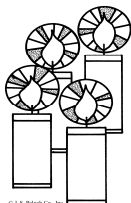
Scripture Readings

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

Psalms 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29

Romans 16:25-27

Luke 1:26-38



Advent - Our time of Preparation

Through the Advent readings we're reminded to "...Be watchful and alert ...
Get ready - repent of our sins ...
Make straight the way of the Lord ..."



- What exactly did John the Baptist have in mind?
- How much more can we do to be truly prepared?

Come and listen to Father Athanasius' response to this, and more about the Life of John the Baptist. On Thursday evening, December 15th, 7:00pm in the Parish Hall.

A wonderful opportunity to reflect on preparation during Advent. All are Welcome!

Christmas Giving Tree

As a parish, we have given away more than 270 Christmas gifts that benefited 111 families. Thanks to all the parishioners who bought the gifts. You have made a difference in the lives of these families this Christmas season. Kudos to all the volunteers who worked behind the scene many hours. May God bless you all! -
"The Christmas Giving Tree Team" - Alice Lee



From the Bake Sale..

Thank you to all the bakers and my two angel helpers: Becky Achermann and Pat Papa.

Our Christmas Bake Sale made \$800.50!!

The money will be divided between the Giving Tree and layette Funds. Please mark your calendars **NOW** for our next bake sale which will be on **FAT SUNDAY - February 19, 2012**. Thank you, May God Bless you!

Darcee Vandenburg

Fourth Sunday of Advent December 18, 2011

The child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God.
—Luke 1:35

December 18, 2011

Simbang Gabi



Once again our FILAM Association is hosting the novena of **Masses at Dawn (5:30AM) from December 16 -24**. It is a wonderful way to prepare for the coming of our Lord Jesus. A light breakfast is served in the church hall after each mass. For more information please call Avelino Limbo at (408)594-1994 or Carol Wilson (650) 440-3413.

NOTE: We will not have 6:45AM Masses during this time.

St. Athanasius Christmas Schedule

December 24 (Sat.) Christmas Eve:

4:30pm Family Mass (w/Gospel Pageant)

6:30pm Spanish Mass

10:00pm "Midnight Mass"

December 25 (Sun.) Christmas Day:

8:30, 10:30, Noon, 1:30 (Spanish), & 5:30

Christmas Pageant Needs Chorus

Every year a Christmas Pageant is performed by the children of the parish enacting the Nativity in the Gospel. The pageant takes place on **Christmas Eve at the 4:30 pm Family Mass**. The children participating include two story tellers, however, a major part is filled by the chorus as background voices and in singing carols. **Rehearsals are scheduled for Saturday, December 17 and Monday, December 19 both from 2:00 to 3:30 pm in the Church**. Please contact the Director Victor Valdez if you can join in the chorus and to obtain a pageant script, (650) 961-8600



**Hail,
full of grace!
The Lord is
with you.**



BOLETIN HISPANO

La Historia de Navidad Comenzó antes del Nacimiento de Jesús

La historia de Navidad en realidad comenzó muchos meses antes del nacimiento de Jesús en el encuentro del misterioso amor Divino de Dios y la jovencita de extraordinaria obediencia. Lucas 1:26-38, nuestro evangelio seis días y cuatro días antes de Navidad, nos da esta conmovedora historia con el mas grandioso mensaje que se ha dado. Es esa historia simplemente se nos dice que una jovencita se arrodillo ante el misterioso mensaje del ángel Gabriel y ella se entrego totalmente a Dios diciendo "Que se haga según tu palabra".

A este momento le llamamos la Anunciación, cuando Dios por primera vez revela lo que San Pablo llama "un misterio que el mantuvo secreto por innumerables siglos" (Romanos 16:25). Pero el necesitaba a Maria para poder realizar este plan para todos y así enviar a su Hijo entre nosotros. En su "Proyecto Mesías" en la tierra, a Maria se le pidió ayudar a Dios y a cooperar con el y ser la madre del Mesías prometido, el Cristo. Hoy día no tenemos idea de los problemas que esta jovencita tubo que pasar al aceptar esa invitación. Ella al escuchar esto se preocupo de verdad. Ella ha de haber pensado si no estaba perdiendo su mente. Si ponemos la historia en perspectiva, Maria hubiera tenido al niño sin casarse, algo muy escandaloso en esa época y en la cultura de su aldea. También tenia que enfrentar el dolor y decepción de su confundido prometido quien tenia en su mente, una linda virgen de la que él esta enamorado. José pensaría que su amada Maria probablemente había cometido adulterio en el año en que se habían comprometido en matrimonio. Maria hubiera tenido que enfrentar el ridículo y las malas miradas de la gente de su aldea al verla embarazada antes de su boda con José. ¿Saben lo que le hacían a las solteras que salían embarazadas? Las apedreaban. La vergüenza de la familia era tan grande, el bochorno del prometido tan intenso, era considerado un pecado muy grave y tenían que arrastrar a la mujer culpable hacia las orillas del pueblo, desheredarsele y apedrearla ¡hasta causarle la muerte! ¿Entendería lo sucedido José? ¿Se quedaría José con ella después del nacimiento del niño? ¿Entenderán mis padres y siempre me querrán? ¿Mis amigos me apoyaran o se unirán a los que querrán apedrearme? ¿Habrá alguien que me ayudara cuando llegue el momento?, con tantas cosas que temer, Maria pudo haber dicho "No". Ella le pudo haber dicho al ángel Gabriel, "Gaby, haz encontrado a la Maria equivocada, dirección y código postal equivocados. Hay otra Maria al final de la cuadra que es virgen también" Pero Maria no hizo eso. Ella no se negó. No argumentó. No protestó. No se quejó, ¿Por qué Yo?, no buscó excusas. No postergó. No rechazó. Después de que su primera pregunta fue contestada,

SIGUE.....

Ofrendas de la Comunidad Hispana

Sábado Domingo Guadalupe
1a. Colecta: \$ 757.65 \$ 737.90 \$ 856.32
2a. Colecta - Retiro para los Religiosos : \$ 1,376.00
(Total de todas las misas del fin de semana)

Muchísimas Gracias por su generosidad

HORARIO DE NAVIDAD SAN ATANASIO

24 de Diciembre (Sabado)

4:30pm Misa de la Familia
(con acto navideño)

6:30pm Misa en Español

10:00pm "Misa del Gallo"

25 de Diciembre (Domingo)

8:30, 10:30, Noon, 1:30 (Español), & 5:30

**Alégrate, llena
de gracia,
el Señor está
contigo**



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Cuarto Domingo de Adviento 18 de diciembre de 2011

El Santo, que va a nacer de ti, será llamado
Hijo de Dios.

Lucas 1:35

VIENE...

"Si". Y *en ese momento cuando ella dijo que "Si" al ángel, la buena nueva es para nosotros, la salvación es nuestra.* Ella llevó la salvación a nacer a Belén en el primer día de Navidad. **¡Feliz Navidad a todos!!**

Rev. Oscar D. Tabujara, Pastor

St. Athanasius Church
Profit & Loss Statement Fiscal Year 2012
1st Quarter (Jul 2011- Sep 2011)
Information Prepared by Mission Support Services

	1st Qtr	Oct-Jun	FY12	FY12
	Actual	Expected	Expected	Budget
Ordinary Income /Ingresos Normales				
Collections / Colectas	\$94,097	\$339,550	\$433,647	\$408,500
Rent / Rentas	2,364	7,092	9,456	8,700
Other Income (Gifts, Donations, ADA)/Otros	<u>44,445</u>	<u>48,055</u>	<u>92,500</u>	<u>92,500</u>
Total Income (Ingresos Totales)	\$140,906	\$394,697	\$535,603	\$509,700
(Without school rent) (Sin la renta de escuela)				
Expenses by Category				
General & Admin. / Gastos administrativos	\$116,130	\$371,525	\$487,654	\$493,602
Cathedraticum (Diocese Exp.) Gastos Dioc.	9,570	28,710	38,280	38,422
Programs (Liturgy, Education)(Programas)	4,620	37,226	41,846	46,250
Maintenance (Mantenimiento)	<u>27,319</u>	<u>104,931</u>	<u>132,250</u>	<u>134,564</u>
Total Expenses (Gastos Totales)	\$157,638	\$542,392	\$700,030	\$712,838
Ordinary Income	(\$16,733)	(147,695)	(164,428)	(203,138)
(Without school rent) (Sin la renta de escuela)				
Rent from School / Renta de escuela	43,158	180,224	223,382	243,138
Less: Building Improvements/ Reparaciones	<u>(32,171)</u>	<u>(17,829)</u>	<u>(50,000)</u>	<u>(40,000)</u>
Ordinary Income / Ingresos	<u>(\$5,746)</u>	<u>\$14,700</u>	<u>\$ 8,954</u>	<u>\$0</u>
(With school rent) (Con la renta de escuela)				

Balances as of Sep 30, 2011/ Saldos del 30 de Sep, 2011

Unrestricted Funds (Fondos sin Restricción) \$124,631

Restricted Accounts (Contabilidades Restringidas)

Maintenance Fund / Fondo de Mantenimiento \$50,459

Restricted Gifts / Regalos Restringidos 57,248

Restricted Reserve /Reservas Restringidas 62,835

Total Restricted Funds \$170,542

(Total Fondos Restringidos)

Commentary / Comentario

Weekly collections running about 8% higher than last year / Colectas semanales 8% mas que en 2010
 Rent is 1/3 of total income; no July school rent as not ready to occupy/Renta es 1/3 de ingresos totales
 Most income & expense categories running close to budget/ Ingresos y gastos cercanos al presupuesto
 Salary expense lower -St Joseph youth group combo/ Gastos salariales bajos – combinacion de program para jovenes con St. Joseph.
 Some expenses lower due to timing; will increase later in the year near holidays, etc/ Algunos gastos mas bajos por la epoca; subiran despues, cerca de fin de año.

Finance Committee: Matt Caligaris, Paul Morris, Mary Murphy, Beth Sukimoto, Dennis Villanueva, Fr. Oscar Tabujara (Ex-officio member) and David Bruce (Ex-officio member)

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