

# 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@dsj.org](mailto:abaturoni@dsj.org)

### 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Envelopes:

## SAINT ATHANASIUS MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA

### CHRISTMAS AS RECALLED BY THE SILENT WITNESS

Certain people had key roles in the early life of Jesus. They show up every year in our Christmas Bible readings. All but one speak to us. This silent witness is St. Joseph who never speaks a word in the Bible. Today, we will give him a chance to talk about the greatest story of CHRISTMAS.

"I am Joseph, of the family line of King David. I am not used to talk before a crowd, like my son. I call him my son, but you know what I mean. The gospel story you hear makes it clear how I fit in. It was not a role I planned, nor expected and wanted in life. Many Christmas cards artists portray me to look like Jesus' grandfather. Only El Greco got close. He made me young and vibrant. I was so in love at the time all this happened. When Mary sent word she was pregnant, I felt physical pain. Tears came to my eyes, and I could not speak. I loved her from the moment I first saw her. We were betrothed. In our culture that means formal words had been spoken. A sacred commitment had been made. In the Law of Moses, in the eyes of our people, Miriam was my wife. But I had not yet brought her to my home in a solemn procession and consummated marriage. Now-with this message -that could never be. In the Law of Moses infidelity was adultery; an unfaithful one was to be stoned to death! I could not do that to her, but neither could I dismiss the Law of God, so I decided to divorce her quietly. My heart was breaking. For two nights I could not sleep. On the third night, I dreamed of an angel speaking to me: 'Joseph, Son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her....' And he said that all this was to fulfill the prophecy of the prophet Isaiah. It was not easy to hear at that time, let me tell you. I was afraid to trust in God like King Ahaz before. Now it was me who was being called: either to put my trust in the law given by God or to put my trust in something new God was about to do: either to put Mary aside, or to take her into my home and name the child Jesus. Part of me said, 'It's just a dream!'. But then I remembered my ancestor Jacob; he had dreams; and my namesake Joseph, another dreamer; and his dreams saved our people in Egypt. That is my story. You know my decision. What does all this has do with you, you might ask? Well, now it is your turn to choose to respond to some challenges: *Will you listen to the God who continues to speak to us?* Oftentimes it means to wrestle with the complexity of your own life, to listen to the wisdom of tradition, to the Law of God handed down, and to be open to any new initiative God might be attempting in you, through you. *Will you put your trust in the living God who continues to work new wonders?* ...You can be tempted to put your trust in many other things...Finally will you make this child Jesus, Emmanuel, central to your life? It will not be simple. It's not a one-shot deal, ending with a single response. It wasn't for me and it won't be for you. But in the end, it was worth all the anxiety and all the gut-wrenching fear. And I can assure you, if you put your trust in God, you will surely discover it's a wonderful life." MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

(By Fr. James A. Wallace, CSSR, adaptation by Fr. Oscar, Pastor).

### Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat (19th)	9:00	Johanna Villareal—T
	5:30	Fernando C. Santos—†
	7:30	Mabel De Vexler—† Maria Magrina—†
Sun (20th)	8:30	Segundina Maggay—†
	10:30	<b>People of the Parish</b>
	12:00	Rufino & Luisa Dasalla—†
Mon (21st)	5:30	Pascual Tormen—†
	6:45	Manuel & Clara Carmo—†
Tues (22nd)	9:00	Evangelist Gomes—†
	6:45	Florentina V. Oriel—†
Wed (23rd)	9:00	Mariano Family—S.I.
	6:45	Nenita Pineda—B
Thu (24th)	9:00	Mary Anne Williams—B
	4:30	Jean Brady—†
Fri (25th)	10:00	Quirino & Leoncia Lapitan—T
	8:30	Ricardo Ramilo—T
	10:30	Bernardo Estrada—T
Sat. (26th)	12:00	Teodoyo & Petronila Quintos—T
	5:30	<b>NO MASS</b>
	9:00	Antonio Maggay Jr—B
	5:30	—————

†—Deceased

T—Thanksgiving

S.I.—Special Intention

B—Birthday



### Please Pray For The Seriously Ill

Johnny L. Alapar, Faith Bernard, Robert Benziger, Kamau Burt, Helen Cang, Jorge Castrillo, Emilio & Gabriela Da Rosa, Daniel De Quina, Connie DiStefano, Sam Dolan, Brian Flynn, Henry Guerrero, John Healy, Marie Ibrahim, Don Jensen, Roselin J. Fernandez, Frank Lai, Peggy McKinney, Gloria Mattioda, Javier Monroy & Family, Gerald Lupe Munoz, Sade Otudeko Carroll, Emer O'Keefe, Emily Pepper, Kieko Poso, Debbie Raybourn, Eva Sachen, Fay Siciliano, Nanci Smith, Andrea Soria, Joseph Tung, Katrina Underwood, Marilyn, Jane Allen, Jessica Cruz and her baby Kevin LeWayne Briscoe, Yatira Werene

### Death Anniversary Remembrance

#### Week of December 20, 2009

Agnes Hynes, Beatrice Perez Ploke, Kim Scholz, Herbert Broyer, John Flores, Antonio Garcia, Silvecio Coletas, Maria Francisco, William Stoesser, Estelle Acosta, Luis Salvatierra, Angelina Curiel, Abigail Guevara, Martin Harris, Mercedes Pike, Ernesto Agbulos, Gerolomo Cesano, Vera Vlasoff, Alfredo De Hoyos, Armando Mendoza, Luciano Montoya  
**May they rest in peace**

*Remember to honor our advertisers listed in the back of the Sunday Bulletin. Remember to tell them you saw their ad in St. Athanasius Bulletin!*



**Merry Christmas  
To All**



**SIMBANG GABI**

The Fil-Am Association of St. Athanasius is preparing for the beautiful tradition of novena of early dawn advent Masses "SIMBANG GABI" to be held on December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 AM (3 days for a start this year).

**ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED** to come and experience this well celebrated faithful tradition of welcoming the birth of Jesus. After each mass, we will all gather at the Parish Hall to share a simple breakfast, featuring some delicacies. So mark your calendars and set your alarm clocks. We hope to see you at our historic first "SIMBANG GABI"!

**For information:**

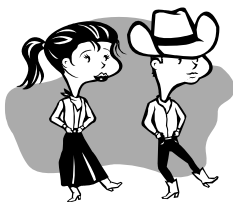
**Carol Wilson 650-440-3413**  
**Julie Hidalgo 650-964-0191**  
**Avelino Limbo 408-594-1994**  
**Millie Dewitt 650-796-7299**



**MARRIED COUPLES—WANT TO GIVE A GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING?**

Register for the next worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend— it's the best gift you'll ever give to each other and your marriage! The next local Catholic Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Weekend is: **March 5-7, 2010** (Mountain View). For more information or to register, please visit our website at: [www.rekindleyourmarriage.org](http://www.rekindleyourmarriage.org) or contact **Paul & Stephanie Francois, 408-287-3996** or **Email: PaulandSteph@pacbell.net.**



**Line Dancing at  
St. Athanasius**

**When: Thursday, 01/07/10** and every **1st Thursday** of the month, **5:00-7:00 PM**

**Where: St. Athanasius Parish Hall**

**What To Wear:** Comfortable clothes & comfortable shoes

**What To Bring:** A friend or a buddy or several of them, your own water bottle, your SMILE!!!

**LEAVE YOUR WORRIES BEHIND, DANCE FOR A HEALTHY YOU!!!**

**For more info-Avelino Limbo, 408-594-1994.**

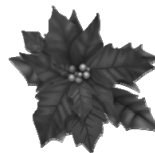
**St. Athanasius Parish  
Christmas Schedule**

- Dec. 24 (Thursday) NO MORNING MASSES**
- Dec. 24** 10-12 noon– Drop off Poinsettias
- Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Masses:**  
4:30pm (Family Mass with Gospel Pageant),  
7:00pm (Spanish), 10:00pm (English)
- Dec.25 (Thursday) Christmas Day Masses:**  
8:30am, 10:30am, Noon and 1:30pm (Spanish)  
**NO 5:30PM MASS**
- Dec. 26 No 6:45am Mass.**
- January 1 (Friday) New Year's Day Masses:**  
9:00am, 10:30am and 12:00p (Spanish)



**Volunteers Needed to  
Decorate Our Church For  
Christmas!**

Can you spare just a couple hours of your time to help decorate and make ready our church for Christmas?? No special talents are required for this opportunity to give back to God. We could use help at the following time: **Thursday, December 24, from 10-1 pm. Please call Mike Cavera (650) 967-7939** if you can help.



**Poinsettia's Needed!!!**

Your donation of Poinsettia plants, or money to buy some, would be most appreciated. Drop the Poinsettias off at the church on **December 24th, from 10-12 noon.**

**Knights of Columbus**

Weather permitting, the Knights of Columbus will be selling "Keep Christ in Christmas" auto door magnets outside the parking lot entrances to the church after all masses.

**This Week's Offering: \$7,350**  
**2nd Collection/Religious Retirement: \$1,809**

**FISCAL YTD TOTAL (24 weeks): \$158,893**  
**FISCAL YTD TARGET (24 weeks): \$204,000**  
**FISCAL YTD SHORTFALL: \$45,107**

**THANK YOU!**

*"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 3**



## **QUE VIVA LA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE!!!!**

Gritábamos todos muy emocionados, con mucho amor a nuestra Virgen de Guadalupe.

No se si con todo lo que estábamos viendo, ese día de fiesta, se dieron cuenta que cantidad tan grande de gente que se hizo presente a cantar las mañanitas de nuestra Madre. La verdad que yo no me había dado cuenta de ese numero de hasta que me avisaron que la policía había venido a la respuesta que los vecinos que habían llamado a la estación quejándose de mucho ruido que muchos locos estaban haciendo en la vecindad.

Hable con el policía y este viendo la multitud de gente y lo emocionados que estábamos y algunos hasta llorando, cuando le pedí disculpas y que en unos momentos lo habíamos de terminar, me respondió emocionado que no necesitábamos de terminar, pero que le bajáramos el volumen.

Esta es una de muchas de los momentos en que la virgen nos demuestra su intersección al igual que lo hace cuando le hemos pedido que ruegue ante Dios Nuestro Señor por una necesidad que hemos tenido, cuando hemos pedido por salud por nuestros padres, hijos o familiares, o a lo mejor hasta por nosotros mismos.

Este Día tan grande, que acabamos de celebrar me dio la impresión que no estábamos en crisis financiera, ya que se sirvió alrededor de dos mil quinientos desayunos en la que el grupo de Oración "Juntos Como Hermanos" tuvieron a cargo de dirigir y cocinar tan sabroso pozole con los fondos que ellos recaudaron através del año. La gente trajo sus donaciones, unos trajeron pan, otros trajeron platos, cucharas, vasos, servilletas, chocolate, en fin como hormiguitas todos los que participaron se privaron de algún dinerito y dijeron presente. Le damos las gracias a la familia Madrigal, que como todos los años, nos hace el favor de donar el chocolate para la mañana de las mañanitas.

El grupo de jóvenes no se quedo atrás donaron el chocolate del día sábado por la noche y también nos ayudaron con las bellas decoraciones de la Iglesia y del salón parroquial, que a propósito los lideres Filipinos nos pidieron que si podíamos dejarlas para los festejos navideños de SIMBANG GABI que ellos van a tener los días 22, 23, y 24 de Diciembre a las 5:30 de la mañana (La cual todos estamos invitados).

Como ven es motivo para estar orgullosos de nuestras raíces y de nuestra Madre María de Guadalupe.

Que Dios les siga bendiciendo grandemente a todos los que de una manera u otra nos ayudaron a hacer todo esto posibles.

Sin olvidar, por su puesto, al grupo de actores que dedicaron su tiempo para practicar y madrugar y también aguantar frío.

**QUE VIVA LA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE!!!!**

**Rosa María Mancilla**



## **FELIZ NAVIDAFELIZ NAVIDAD Y PROSPERO AÑO NUEVO**

A nombre de nuestro pastor, Padre Oscar , padre Estanislao, Diacono Leonel y todos los que laboramos en esta su parroquia San Atanasio, les deseamos que el niño Jesús encuentre en sus corazones la morada que andaba buscando y que permanezca en ella por siempre. Y que el ano venidero les colme de dicha y felicidad y que todos sus ilusiones y deseos se cumplan para poder seguir bendiciendo al Rey de Reyes.

## **NECESITAMOS DONACIONES DE NOCHE BUENAS**

Para el día de Navidad necesitamos noche buenas para adornar el altar, al igual que personas que quieran venir a decorar la iglesia el día 24 de Diciembre a las 10 de la mañana.

Las flores las pueden traer ente la semana. Apúntese con Rosa María o con Mike Cavera para dejarnos saber en lo que usted quiere contribuir.



## **UN ORDEN NUEVO**

"Oh, pequeña aldea de Belén"; un clérigo de Filadelfia llamado Phillips Brooks escribió este popular villancico a mediados de los 1800, pero el profeta Miqueas hubiera podido hacerlo primero. Miqueas sabía que el tesoro grande viene en estuche pequeño. En la primera lectura de hoy, él sabía que del pueblito de Belén vendría el Señor.

El escritor de la carta a los hebreos explica que Cristo vino a nosotros para hacer la voluntad de Dios de establecer un nuevo orden y ser un sacrificio perfecto. Y Lucas nos dice que Isabel y Juan, el pequeño en sus entrañas, comprenden que grandes maravillas han llegado con la venida del Señor.

Este es el Cuarto Domingo de Adviento. Mañana celebramos de nuevo el fruto de tu vientre, María. Como se nos dice en Hebreos, el nuevo orden de Jesús se está creando hoy mismo. Y como proclama Miqueas, su grandeza llega ahora mismo hasta los confines de la tierra.

## **MISAS PARA FIESTAS NAVIDEÑAS**

**Misa en Ingles de los niños de el catecismo, con las representaciones de las posadas a las 4:30 PM**

Misa de 24 de Diciembre a las 7 de la tarde

Misa de 25 de Diciembre a las 1:30 de la tarde

Misa del día 1o. De Enero a las 12 del mediodia

Por favor tome nota y pase la voz.

## 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 para vivir una vida Cristiana, con la gente y para la gente de Dios, compartiendo, aprendiendo y sirviendo.*

### 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 Victor Valdez 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 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@dsj.org](mailto:abaturoni@dsj.org).**

### 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)**.

### 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.**