

Saint Athanasius Church

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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:

CHRISTMAS IN UGANDA

Father Oscar requested me to write a few words on how Christmas is celebrated in Uganda. Like in the USA, Christmas is a very exciting time for the families. Children look forward to this time of the year not because of what Santa Claus will bring, as they have no idea of Santa Claus, but because they are sure of having a better meal. They are sure of eating meat, chicken, rice, and bananas or plantains as Americans call it; all of which are rare during the rest of the year. These items are simply too expensive for most families to afford on a regular basis. That explains why I like steaks and ice-cream. Some of the children are sure to receive some new clothing during this time of the year.

Families get together and celebrate Christmas for months. They take turns to cook food stuffs and prepare local beverages for enjoyment. This goes on for weeks. The life is simple but very much family oriented. All families know each other. Children move freely and will have meals at neighbors without issues. People look out for one another. A neighbor for example will discipline a neighbor's child if he or she misbehaves.

Christmas is especially exciting when there is moon light. Families stay up late in the night---sharing stories, dancing etc. Most villages do not have electricity yet. The homes are simple. There are no air conditioned homes in the villages where the majority of the people live and practice subsistence agriculture. No Christmas trees except for banana plants or plantain plants. No fancy exchange of gifts except neighbors exchange food stuffs, very symbolic for us. It is a sign of deep friendship, care, concern, and love.

Lastly, Christmas is a very sacred and religious time. The Churches are packed to capacity with worshippers. In most cases, we have open air Masses because of the great numbers of people. The priests work over time---running between the main Church and the mission Churches or chapels. Moreover, some have to walk on foot to bring Christ to the God's people---often on dusty roads. The liturgies are very lively as they are often accompanied by processional dances and great singing. You need to see and experience it! ***Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year 2012 to you all and your families! Let us rejoice and give thanks to God for the gift of Jesus, our savior. May the light that Jesus brings to our world burn before us on our faith journey!***

Fr. Athanasius Kikoba

I hope you have enjoyed reading the Christmas story of Fr. Athanasius above. Knowing another way of doing things sometimes can make us appreciate more what we have and what we don't have. The manner may be different or simpler but the matter is still the same, "Jesus is the reason for the season". The Staff and I join Fr. Athanasius in the Christmas greetings above. God bless you and your family and see you at the Christmas Masses.

Fr. Oscar D. Tabujara, Pastor

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat. (24) **5:30am** Richard and Ricardo Ramilo —†
Roque C. Hiloman Sr. —†

No 9:00 Mass today
4:30 PM ; 6:30 (Spanish)
10:00PM

Sun (25) 8:30 Teodoyo & Petronila Quintos —†
Quirino & Leoncia Lapitan —†
Bernardo Estrada —†

10:30 People of the Parish
12:00 Arturo C. Foronda —†
Jose B. Ysmael —†
Jean M. Brady —†

5:30 Jim Arnold —†

Mon (26) 6:45 Antonio Maggay Jr. **(B)**
9:00 Monica Tung —†

Tues (27) 6:45 Monica Tung —†
9:00 Eduino Menezes —†

Wed (28) 6:45 _____
9:00 Rohan Family (Deceased Members) —†

Thu (29) 6:45 _____
9:00 Emilio Sabangan —†

Fri (30) 6:45 _____
9:00 Holy Souls in Purgatory
Guillermo Sivila —†

Sat (31) 9:00 Marcela Sabangan & Josefina Sierras **(S.I.)**
5:30 _____

†—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 25

Steve Alcala, Margaret Bohn, Shawn McCoffre, Consuelo Pedro, Marian Sanders, Agnes Hynes, Beatrice Perez, Kim Scholz, Herbert Broyer, John Flores, Antonio Garcia, Silvecio Coleta, Mari Francisco, William Stoesser, Estel Acosta, Luis Salvatierra, Anglina Curiel, Abigail Guevara, Martin Harris, Mercedes Pike, Ernesto Agbulos, Gerolomo Cesano, Vera Vlasoff.

May they rest in Peace

Offerings Received Last Weekend

Sunday Christmas Collection

\$ No Available due to early publication deadline

*“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)*

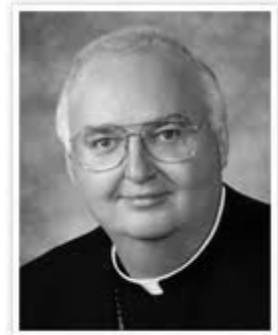
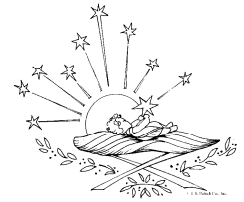
Scripture Readings

Isaiah 9: 1-6

Psalm 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13

Titus 2: 11-14

Luke 2:10-11



December 2011

Dear Friends,

Once again I am pleased to have the opportunity to write to you at Christmas. In doing so, I would like to extend to you and your loved ones my heartfelt wishes that your celebrations of the Birth of the Lord will be a source of joy for you all.

As our beautiful Valley of Saint Clare moves ever closer to winter's long, cold nights, the darkness is pierced here and there by the lights of the season. These lights are more than decorative; they are signs of hope, offering witness to our celebration of the Birth of the One we call "Light from Light."

The light of Christ pierces the darkness of fear, despair and loneliness. The human condition –with its weaknesses, its struggles and even its sinfulness, yet with its singular inherent goodness – finds new meaning and new hope in the coming of the Christ in the flesh.

The miracle of the Incarnation – of the only begotten Son of God becoming truly human – continues to shine in all of the dark places of our world. Jesus, our Lord, is truly our brother. He became one of us. Jesus, our Lord, was born of Mary and knew a father's love in Joseph. He continues to be present to us in the gift of the Eucharist and all of the sacraments, in his holy Word and in our sisters and brothers, "the least" who are hungry, homeless, ill, in prison; we meet him strangers and newcomers, immigrants, orphans and widows.

In reaching out to Christ who continues to suffer as long as the least suffer, you and I have the wonderful opportunity of being bearers of light, Jesus, "the true light which gives light to everyone" (John 1:9). May we do so always.

I pray that the coming Feast of Christmas allows you to experience the grace, light and peace of the Lord and to share these gifts with all whom you encounter in this blessed season.

With every best wish and kind regard, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Patrick J. McGrath
Bishop of San Jose



**Merry Christmas to all
From the Staff at Saint Athanasius**



BOLETIN HISPANO

NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE

La celebración de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe fue un éxito. 3 bandas se hicieron presente para adornar con su música tan bello aniversario. Todos los grupos de la comunidad Hispana trabajaron junto con el grupo Guadalupano para que todas las actividades fueran un éxito.



El sábado se presentaron las apariciones de Nuestra Madre a las 6:30 de la tarde seguido de la Santa Misa y después de sirvió chocolate con pan.

El Domingo vinieron dos bandas, una toco a las 4:30 de la mañana, seguido toco la segunda banda y luego se comenzaron las apariciones de Nuestra Señora, una vez mas, después de la Santa Misa se sirvió un riquísimo menudo y chocolate con pan.

A la 1:30 de la tarde tuvimos nuestra Santa Misa, adornada, al igual que en las demás misas, con la entrada de las banderas de Latinoamérica, España y Filipinas, niños y adultos vestidos de indios presentaron sus ofrendas de fruta y flores. Al terminar la Santa Misa se volvió a servir menudo y chocolate con pan.

El día Lunes, 12 de Diciembre se comenzaron las mañanitas a las 4:30 de la mañana con una banda y a las 5:00 de la mañana el grupo Moisés continuo con las mañanitas seguido de el Santo Rosario cantado. Al terminara, el mismo grupo sirvió chocolate con pan.

En la noche, durante el grupo de oración, un mariachi se hizo presente para seguir cantándole a nuestra madre y un grupo de danzantes aztecas bailo para ella. Al final se sirvió, nuevamente, chocolate con pan.

Fue una semana de arduo trabajo, pero de mucha satisfacción, la gente venia, participaba en alguno de las actividades y se tenia que retirar a trabajar, pero al ver la devoción de la gente el corazón se nos regocijaba y decíamos que todo trabajo por mucho que fuera valió la pena.

Gracias a todos los que hicieron posible esta celebración. Que Dios les bendiga!

**Rosa Maria Mancilla,
Directora del Ministerio Hispano**

FELIZ NAVIDAD Y PROSPERO AÑO NUEVO

Nuestro Párroco, Oscar Tabujara, y todos los que laboramos en esta parroquia queremos desearles en esta época de navidad, que el niño Jesús venga y more en sus hogares para que la paz y la alegría reine siempre en ustedes y su familia todo el año venidero y que todos sus anhelos se alcancen con la bendición de Dios, al igual queremos extenderles las gracias por todo lo que usted ha contribuido a esta casa suya, la parroquia de San Atanasio.



**FELICES PASCUAS DE NAVIDAD Y
PROSPERO AÑO NUEVO!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Domingo 1o. de Enero - Misa a la 1:30PM (Horario Regular)

Ofrendas de la Comunidad Hispana

Sábado Domingo /
Cifras no disponibles a la hora de publicacion



Diciembre de 2011

Estimados amigos.

Es para mí un gran placer el poder tener una vez más la oportunidad de escribirles por la Navidad. Al estarlo haciendo, me gustaría extender a ustedes y a sus seres queridos mis más sinceros deseos para que la celebración del Nacimiento del Señor sea una fuente de gozo para todos ustedes.

Como nuestro hermoso Valle de Santa Clara se está acercando al largo invierno, noches frías, la oscuridad esta penetrada aquí y allá por las luces de la temporada. Estas luces son más que decoraciones, son signos de ofrenda y esperanza, testigos para nuestra celebración del Nacimiento del que nosotros llamamos "Luz de Luz."

La luz de Cristo penetra la oscuridad de los miedos, desesperación y soledades. La condición humana – con esta debilidades, estas luchas y pecados, aun con todas las dificultades que con lleva y bondades – encuentra un nuevo sentido, y una nueva esperanza en la venida de la Encarnación de Cristo.

El milagro de la Encarnación – del Hijo único de Dios haciéndose verdaderamente humano – continua brillando en todos los lugares oscuros del mundo. Jesús, nuestro Señor, es verdaderamente nuestro hermano. El vino a ser uno de nosotros. Jesús, nuestro Señor nació de la Santa María Virgen y conoció el amor de padre por Señor San José. El continua haciéndose presente a nosotros por medio del regalo de la Eucaristía y de todos los sacramentos, su santa Palabra y en nuestras hermanas y hermanos. Los más pobres, los que tienen hambre, los sin hogar, los enfermos, los prisioneros. Nosotros lo conocemos por medio de los desconocidos, los recién llegados, los inmigrantes, los huérfanos y las viudas.

Al tender la mano a Cristo quien continúa sufriendo hasta el último que sufre, tú y yo tenemos una buena oportunidad para ser portadores de la luz de Cristo Jesús. "El era la luz verdadera, la luz que ilumina a toda la humanidad." (John 1:9). Que siempre lo seamos.

Yo hago oración para que la llegada de la Fiesta de la Navidad permita a ustedes la experiencia de la gracia, luz y paz del Señor y de compartir estos regalos con todos a los que se encuentren en esta santa temporada.

Con mis mejores deseos y bendiciones.
Sinceramente de ustedes,

Patrick J. McGrath
Obispo de San José

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 Ministry (Religious Education)

Our catechetical program empowers the parish children and youth in Jesus Christ as members of the Catholic Christian community. We deepen our faith through Scripture stories, reflection, prayer and seasonal celebrations. Family pages in the **Call to Faith** book series help parents participate in their child's faith formation. It is not enough to know about Jesus. The Christian story is expressed throughout our lives in faithful living. Classes are offered on Sunday morning during the school year. **For more information, please contact Victor Valdez at (650) 961-8600 Ext. 111**

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) 961-8600 Ext. 111**

St. Athanasius Youth Ministry (SAYM)

Open to the parish youth in grades 9-12. This ministry offers an outlet to share and express teen faith within the parish community in a fun and engaging manner. SAYM meets on Sunday afternoons during the school year. For more information, please contact **Victor Valdez (650) 961-8600 Ext. 111**

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) 961-8600 Ext. 108**

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**.

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 at (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) 961-8600 Ext. 101** for more information.

Grupo de Jovenes

Viernes a las 8 de la noche se reúne el grupo de jóvenes en el salón parroquial. Mayores de 18 años únicamente.

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.