

Church of the Ascension

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Masses

Saturday

9:00 a.m. (in the church)
5:00 p.m. (drive-in)

Sunday

7:00 a.m. (all Sunday
9:00 a.m. Masses are
11:00 a.m. inside the
5:00 p.m. church)

Weekday

*M—F 8:00 a.m. (in the church)

Holy Days

Mass times as announced

Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00 pm—4:45 pm
In Room A (facing synagogue).
Enter through exterior door.

Marriage

Arrangements made SIX
MONTHS in advance. Please
telephone the parish office to
make an appointment with the
pastor.

Baptism

Baptisms are held the First
Sunday of each month at 12
noon. (Preparation seminar is
required). Please contact the
parish office at least ONE month
in advance.

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Mon.—Thurs. 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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YOUTH FAITH FORMATION FUNDRAISER

Welcome: We extend our hearts and hands in Christian fellowship to you here celebrating with us, whether long-time residents or newly arrived in the parish. We thank God that you are with us. If any of the following in the ☐ apply to you, please fill out the form below and place it in the collection basket or mail it to the parish office.

Name _____ Phone (____) _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Email address _____

☐ New Parishioner ☐ New Address ☐ New Phone

Send Envelopes ☐ Weekly, ☐ Not Required/Automatic
Payment, ☐ Moving/remove from mailing list

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
NOVEMBER 21, 2021**

MASS ON THANKSGIVING DAY (9:00 AM)

You are invited to celebrate Mass on Thanksgiving, Nov. 25, at 9 am (instead of 8 am).

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

December 7th (Tuesday)

—Vigil Mass—7:00 pm

December 8th (Wednesday)

—8:00 am & 7:00 pm

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

(with Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament)

December 18th (Saturday)

—9:45 am—11:00 am

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Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth."

—John 18:33-37

A KING LIKE NO OTHER

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King. It is likely that when we think of a king, the image that comes to mind is of pomp, ceremony, and civic authority. Jesus is a king like no other. He is not bound by the constraints of time or place. His authority is everlasting. He is the one "who is and who was and who is to come."

Jesus does not rule as earthly kings govern. Jesus reigns in humble obedience to the will of God the Father and calls us to do the same. It is by following the truth of Christ's command and listening to his voice of love that we are made into a kingdom, serving the One whose dominion is everlasting.

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Nova Vista Symphony
Anthony Quartuccio, Music Director
and San Jose Symphonic Choir
Leroy Kromm, Artistic Director
PRESENT
Comfort and Joy
A Holiday Celebration
Saturday, December 4, 2021
7:30 pm
Church of the Ascension
TICKETS
General Admission \$25, Seniors/Students \$20. Tickets can be purchased at the door or online at www.novavista.org/tickets.

A thankful heart
is not only the
greatest virtue,
but the parent
of all the other
virtues.

—Cicero

THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

The Year of Saint Joseph ends on **December 8th, 2021**, a year that celebrated the 150th anniversary of the Saint being declared Patron of the Universal Church.

During the past year Pope Francis encouraged all to pray the following prayer to St. Joseph; this prayer will endure even after December 8th:

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.*

To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life.

Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

LAYETTE PROGRAM

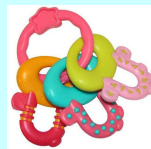
Every year, parishes in the Diocese have collected layette items for their Layette Program in the month of December. These items are given out to hospitals to be given to desperately poor parents who have very little to give to their newborns. Donated items will be shared among hospitals on **Sunday, December 5th**.

Please support this program by **bringing your donations to Ascension when you attend Mass on Nov. 20-21 and Nov. 27-28**. There will be a basket inside the church.

Needed items: Diapers – preemies & newborn thru size 1, baby towels, clothing – preemie thru 6 months onesies, sacks/gowns, playsets, outfits, sleepers, etc., mittens and booties, receiving blankets, swaddling clothes, and small baby toys.



If you prefer writing a check, make it payable to "Diocese of San Jose Layette Ministry" and mail it to Layette Ministry, c/o Penny Osorio, 22172 Wallace Dr., Cupertino, CA 95014.



Liturgy Notes

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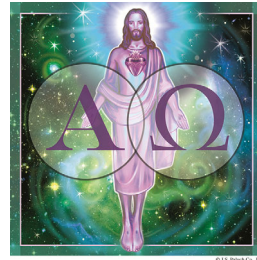
Jesus is the Alpha and the Omega

Jesus said of himself: "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the one who is, and who was and who is to come, the almighty." (*Revelation 1:8; 22:13*). **Alpha (Α)** and **Omega (Ω)** are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. In other words, Jesus is the **A** and the **Z**, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.

One of the meanings of Jesus being the "Alpha and Omega" is that He was at the beginning of all things and will be at the close. It is equivalent to saying He always existed and always will exist. It was Christ, as second Person of the Trinity, who brought about the creation: "Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made" (*John 1:3*), and His Second Coming will be the beginning of the end of creation as we know it (*2 Peter 3:10*).

As God incarnate, He is the first and last, the all in all of salvation. We speak of it every time we say "Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever and ever. Amen." We decorate the Easter candle with these letters and bless it with the words: "Christ yesterday and today; the Beginning and the End; the Alpha and the Omega."

THANK YOU		
Nov. 14, 2021	Our Weekly Offering	Fiscal Year to Date
NEEDED	\$5,400	N/A
COLLECTED WESHARE	\$4,555 \$2,314	N/A
TOTAL	\$6,869	N/A



The Lord is king; He is robed in majesty.
— *Psalm 93*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4
- Tuesday:** Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11
- Wednesday:** Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19
- Thursday:** Dn 6:12-28; Dn 3:68-74; Lk 21:20-28
Thanksgiving Day, Suggested: Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19
- Friday:** Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33
- Saturday:** Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82-87; Lk 21:34-36
- Sunday:** Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14;
1 Thes 3:12 — 4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS.
NAME THEM ONE BY ONE.
COUNT YOUR
MANY BLESSINGS
SEE WHAT **GOD** HAS DONE.



Monday	St. Cecilia (2nd or 3rd cent. Wife & martyr; patroness of music & musicians)
Tuesday	Pope St. Clement I (1st cent. Roman pope; patron of mariners) St. Columban (6th cent. Irish monk & missionary; patron of motorcyclists, monasticism) Bl. Miguel Agustin Pro (20th cent. Mexican Jesuit priest & martyr)
Wednesday	St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions (19th century Vietnamese priest & martyr; patron of homes)
Thursday	St. Catherine of Alexandria (4th cent. Roman virgin & martyr; patroness of Thanksgiving Day

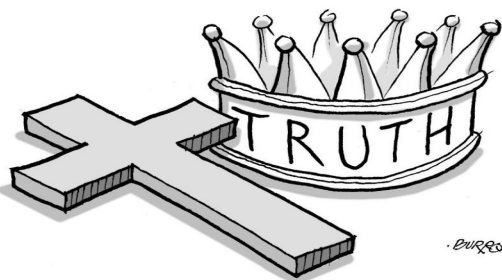
MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Nov 20	Sat	9 a.m.	Mark Anthony Baylon +
		5 p.m.	Maxine Stice +
Nov 21	Sun	7 a.m.	All Souls
		9 a.m.	Felicisimo V. Castro, Jr. +
		11 a.m.	Ben Angeleri (L)
		5 p.m.	Angela & Claude Lobo +
Nov 22	Mon	8 a.m.	Carol McLafferty (L)
Nov 23	Tue	8 a.m.	Madeline Griffin +
Nov 24	Wed	8 a.m.	Benjamin Baylon +
Nov 25	Thu	9 a.m.	Thanksgiving Mass
Nov 26	Fri	8 a.m.	Celia Baylon +
Nov 27	Sat	9 a.m.	Natalie McKeever (L)
		5 p.m.	Jim Bastholm +
Nov 28	Sun	7 a.m.	All Souls
		9 a.m.	Aida Vigo +
		11 a.m.	The Nora Family
		5 p.m.	Pascoal & Florina Fernandes +

EVENTS

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



Jesus answered, "You say correctly that I am a king. For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears my voice." Jn 18:37

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Let us remember that, as much has been given us, much will be expected from us, and that true homage comes from the heart as well as from the lips, and shows itself in deeds.

—Theodore Roosevelt

FUNDRAISER: SEE'S CANDIES FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Please support our **Catholic Youth Faith Formation** program by purchasing See's Candies for the Christmas Season.

See's Candies will be on sale **after the 9 am Sunday Mass November 21 and 28.**

Prefer to purchase online? Click to our parish's storefront: <https://bit.ly/3bTXXJ6>. The last day to order is **December 3rd**. Please share the link with your "out-of-town" friends and relatives!



Thank you for supporting the Ascension Religious Education! We'll receive all profits from any items you purchase below. Order more to help us reach our fundraising goal!

Candy will be available for pick up after the 9 am Sunday Mass December 12 and 19.

PARISH GROUP CONTACTS

Administration and Communications

Pastoral Council	John Pozniak	408-230-6006
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Liturgy

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Lector Training	Wilma Brisendine	408-725-3939
Ushers	Tom Gaynor	408-839-3473
Altar Servers	Fr. Rey Sarmiento	408-725-3939
Musicians - 5 p.m. Sat	Fr. Rey Sarmiento	408-725-3939
Musicians - 9 a.m.	Cheryl Snyder	408 674 4361
Musicians - 11 a.m.	Barbara Mandal	408-921-7319
Musicians - 5 p.m. Sun	Fr. Rey Sarmiento	408-725-3939
Rosary Group	Evelyn Tanner	408-867-1600

Catechetical Ministries

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Baptism Preparation	Fr. Hao Dinh	408-725-3939
Marriage Preparation	Fr. Hao Dinh	408-725-3939
Faith & Scriptures	Gene Plevyak	408-257-3490
RCIA	Fr. Hao Dinh	408-725-3939

Community and Service

Men's Club	Chuck Schoppe	408-867-9229
Handcrafters	Ruby Hauffe	408-725-3939
Couples Bridge	David Tong	415-606-1476
Young Adults	Doris/Michael Atkinson	408-725-3939
CONNECT	Don Van Buren	408-996-2619
Communion to Sick	Fr. Rey Sarmiento	408-725-3939
Marriage Encounter	Tony/Dale Fadelli	408-253-1533
Engaged Encounter	Fr. Hao Dinh	408-725-3939
Cursillo	Gene/Elaine Plevyak Harry Stice	408-857-1075 408-996-7842
Knights of Columbus	John Pozniak	408-230-6006
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Pastoral Visit Team	Wilma Brisendine	408-725-3939
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