

St. Simon Catholic Parish Weekly Bulletin

St. Simon Catholic Parish fosters Christ-centered discipleship through life long spiritual formation, open sharing of our gifts, and active participation in our church, schools, and greater community.

First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2017

Hospitality Sunday

Join us for coffee and donuts after morning Masses on Sunday, **December 3** in Spooner Hall. Come and enjoy some fellowship!! Nut-free donuts are available upon request.



Seniors "Young at Heart"

Tuesday, **December 5**, Senior Luncheon. For those of you "Regulars", we look forward to seeing you at the 11:30am **Mass** followed by our delicious lunch in the Simon Room. For those of you who have not attended, we extend a special invitation to this particularly festive gathering and Christmas Sing-a-Long! **ALL ARE WELCOME!** Suggested donation \$5. Any questions, please call Judy Howard 408-733-5549 or Joanne Schott 650-968-5155.

Today's Readings

First Reading — We are the clay and you, O LORD, are the potter: we are the work of your hands (Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7).

Second Reading — God is faithful; by God you were called to fellowship with the Son (1 Corinthians 1:3-9).

Gospel — Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. (Mark 13:33-37).

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Precautions During Cold and Flu Season

Due to Bishop McGrath's Memorandum, beginning this weekend **December 2/3** and for the duration of the flu season we will only be receiving communion: on the hands, not on the tongue. We will refrain from holding or shaking hands during the sign of peace. All Eucharistic Ministers must wash their hands with alcohol-based, antibacterial solution, this is for the homebound as well. Also, it is an act of **Christian Charity** to remain at home if one has a fever, cough, or other symptoms. God bless and keep well.

C.C. Refugee Dinner

On **December 19** we have the opportunity to prepare and serve dinner to 120 refugee foster families for the holidays at Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church from 6:00-9:00pm. To volunteer: <https://apps.stsimon.org/engage/> and click on "Refugee Dinner." Thank you for your help.

Parish Christmas Caroling

Gather with your fellow parishioners and school families to celebrate the holiday season in a special way by Christmas Caroling on Sunday, **December 10** from 1:00-4:00pm. There will be a short rehearsal and **TREATS** from 1:00-1:45pm. Then we will head over to Villa Sienna from 2:00-2:45pm and Los Altos Subacute from 3:00-3:45pm. At each site we will first sing in one community room and then we will "stroll" the hallways to reach the patients who cannot leave their rooms. We will also bring homemade Christmas cards to the residents from the kids.

We are looking for some volunteers to bring nut-free treats (salty or sweet), water, and juice for the rehearsal. You can drop off treats to Spooner Hall before the event. We could also use some hands to help set up and clean up before and after the rehearsal. Please sign up on **ENGAGE!** to help out with this festive event!

Cancer Healing Group

Welcoming newly diagnosed as well as long time cancer survivors. Our December gathering will be on Tuesday, **December 5** at an offsite location from 10:00-12:00noon. Please contact Keeth Courpet at **408-733-1110** for further information.

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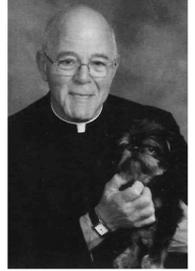
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From the Desk of the Pastor



Happy Birthday, Jesus!

Please join us in celebrating the most wonderful birthday of the year! On Saturday, **December 9** from 10:00am-12:00pm we will be gathering in Spooner Hall to celebrate Jesus' Birthday. Create holiday crafts with your children, blow out the birthday candles, sing songs, and learn more about the night that changed the world.

This event is hosted by MOPS and geared to children six years and younger, but older siblings are encouraged to attend. Please bring an unwrapped toy for donation. Email RSVP and/or questions to mops@stsimon.org.

Help Care for the Elders

“Thanks to support from the Retirement Fund for Religious, we are now in a much better position to care for our elders,” writes a religious sister. Your donation helps her religious community and hundreds of others provide for aging members and plan for long-term needs. Please give to next week’s Retirement Fund for Religious collection.

Married Couples

Want to give each other something really special this Christmas? How about a gift filled with Romance and Excitement? That’s just the beginning of what you will receive on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Marriage Encounter Weekend is **February 9-11** in San Jose. For more information visit our website at: sanjosewme.org or contact Ken & Claranne at applications@sanjosewme.org or 408-782-1413.



God Has a Different Plan

We begin the season of Advent with a heartfelt call for our own repentance. We remember God’s faithful love for us, and call upon God to help us to turn back. For “behold, you are angry, and we are sinful” (Isaiah 64:4). In the first reading and in the psalm, we recall God’s promises and lament our unfaithfulness and our guilt. We call upon God’s might and power in order to save us. With Isaiah, we ask God to “rend the heavens and come down, / with the mountains quaking before you” (Isaiah 63:19).

Yes, God is faithful to us, because we are the work of God’s hands. God is the potter, we are the clay. And yet, our concept of how God will come to save us is rooted in our own expectations of a warrior God who crushes mountains and thunders into our lives with great noise and glory. But God has a different plan: the Incarnation. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Young Adult Circle

Join Young Adult Circle, a Catholic community for young adults in their 20’s and 30’s, single or married, from this and neighboring parishes, at our upcoming events.

Annual Christmas Party, Saturday, **December 9** at 7:00pm, St. Albert’s Church Meeting Hall, 1095 Channing Ave, Palo Alto. Join us to celebrate the holidays at our annual Christmas Party. Please bring your favorite dessert or side dish and a \$5 donation to help cover expenses. We will also be collecting Christmas gifts for children in need. After the party, we will head to the Early Holiday Liturgy being held at Stanford Memorial Church at 11:00pm.

Young Adult Circle Service Event, Sunday, **December 17,** 9:00 – 11:00am. Come volunteer with us as we join the Catholic Community at Stanford and Family Giving Tree to “shop”, sort, and wrap gifts for children in need around the Bay Area during the Winter Holidays. After, we will gather for lunch together. Spots are limited so RSVP by December 10 to yacircle@gmail.com.

Website
www.youngadultcircle.org or
Facebook, yacircle@gmail.com.

Liturgical Celebrations

MASSES

Daily Mass - Monday—Friday
6:30am and 8:30am

Weekend Mass

Saturday 8:30am,
5:00pm (Sun. Observance)

Sunday 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:15am,
and 5:00pm

Holy Days of Obligation

6:30am, 8:30am and 6:30pm

Weekday National Holidays

9:00am only

School Masses

8:30am 2nd and 4th Wednesdays
of the month during the school year

DEVOTIONS

Eucharistic Adoration Tuesdays
from 9:00am to 3:30pm in the chapel.

SACRAMENTS

RCIA Youth and adults interested in exploring the Catholic Faith or completing the Sacraments of initiation, please call 650-967-8311.

Baptism Infant baptism is celebrated upon completion of our parish Baptism Preparation Program. Generally celebrated during Mass on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. For more information contact a parish priest at the rectory, 650-967-8311.

Reconciliation 4:00pm Saturdays or by appointment, 650-967-8311.

Marriage Couples must complete Marriage Preparation. Contact a parish priest to make arrangements at least six months prior to the date of marriage, at 650-967-8311.

Sacrament of the Sick Ministers can bring communion or, anointing can be arranged, for parishioners who are ill, home-bound or in the hospital. For more information please contact the Rectory office, 650-967-8311. Also offered every first Saturday of the month at the 8:30am Mass.

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: First Sunday of Advent

Wednesday: St. Nicholas

Thursday: Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

Friday: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Next Week’s Gospel Readings

Monday: Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Pt 3:8-14;

Mk 1:1-8

Children's Faith Formation (CFF) Weekly Schedule

Sunday Nursery Cooperation, ages 8 months to 3 years old, caregiving session from 8:45-10:15 am. *The service is provided compliments of St. Simon Parish for parents to attend 9:00am Mass.*

Sunday Pre-School Faith Formation (PSFF), ages 3-5, from 8:55-10:05 am

Sunday Children's Faith Formation (CFF), grades 1-5, RCIA adapted for Children & Older Children Sacramental Preparation, grades 4-5, from 10:10am-11:10am.

Tuesday Children's Faith Formation (CFF), grades 1-5 and RCIA adapted for Children & Older Children Sacramental Preparation, grades 4-5 from 6:30pm-7:30pm.

For more information, <http://parish.stsimon.org/cff>.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Sunday 9:00am **Children's Liturgy of the Word**, while the adults listen to the Scriptures and homily in the Church, from now on, we will **only** take children from **1st-2nd grades** out with a catechist to read and reflect on the Scriptures at the children's level.

Questions for the Week:

Question for Children: What special things do you do to get ready for a visitor at your house? What things can you do like that to get ready for Jesus?

Question for Youth: What is one thing that you can do this week to help you remember that Jesus is coming?

Question for Adults: When you're getting ready to receive a guest, what are some things you do? How do you apply this to receiving Christ?

Baptism Preparation Class

2nd Thursday of the month Parents and Godparents Baptism Preparation session, Infant/children 1-7 years old, 7:15pm in the Parish Office Conference Room. Parents are to attend. It's recommended godparents attend. Please R.S.V.P. to [650-967-8311](tel:650-967-8311).

Sacred Heart Outreach Tuesday Morning of Service

Sacred Heart Community Services in San Jose helps low income families and homeless people by providing food and clothing to those in need, along with many other services. We have monthly trips to Sacred Heart on the **1st and 3rd Tuesday** of every month. For further information about volunteering at Sacred Heart please email Sue@marrion.com.

Society St. Vincent de Paul

Canned fruits and vegetables are needed for our Christmas food boxes. We would also like to include tuna or canned meats! Pick up those grocery specials and donate them to St. Vincent De Paul!

Angel Tree

You must have your gift(s) back by Sunday, **December 10**. We will sort the gifts on Tuesday, **December 12** at 8:00am by the big trailer. Any help would be greatly appreciated. We are usually finished by 11:00am. On Thursday, **December 14**, we will meet in Spooner Hall at 7:30pm to wrap and fill in missing gifts.

On Saturday, **December 16**, at 7:30am we will be filling food boxes and delivering food and gifts to the families we are helping. If you can help with any of these projects it would be greatly appreciated. There will be a sign up sheet by the tree for drivers to deliver the gifts on Saturday, **December 16** or you can email Walt Fant at waltfant@yahoo.com. We need lots of help on the 16th and it is a great family project. The members of SVDP wish you a joyous Christmas and many blessing in the New Year.

Welcome!

Registration forms may be found in the main vestibule or may be downloaded at www.stsimon.org. For more information regarding registration, or St. Simon Parish's ministries and organizations contact [650-967-8311](tel:650-967-8311), rectory@stsimon.org.

Name: _____

Address, City, State, Zip: _____

Phone Number / Email: _____

New Parishioner

New Phone Number

New Address

Moving—Remove from list

New Email Address

Please Send Contribution Envelopes

Please Consider the St. Simon Parish Endowment for Tuition Assistance for Year-End Giving

Last month we announced the St. Simon Parish Endowment for Tuition Assistance. For 60 years the St. Simon Parish community has been committed to providing excellence in Catholic Education. The strong Catholic identity of St. Simon Parish School provides the foundation for families seeking academic excellence and opportunities for community outreach and mission, thus growing and nurturing the whole child. Our Parish community is mindful of the financial constraints that many families experience when considering Catholic education. We are fortunate to provide high quality Catholic education, but the need for financial assistance continues to grow.

In response to this need, St. Simon donors have established a new endowment to provide tuition assistance. One generous anonymous family has offered a \$250,000 matching donation. We have until October 31, 2019 to raise another \$250,000 to meet this match. While it is the ambition of the Parish leadership to have this endowment be greater than \$500,000, it is imperative that we raise the initial \$250,000 within the next two years to receive the full match, and then over time add to the endowment.

The good news is that we are off to a strong start. Thirteen families have contributed to the endowment and we have raised \$39,000 that will be matched 100%. So our endowment currently stands at \$78,000! We thank and appreciate all those who have given so far. As you think of your year-end giving, we ask that you please keep this endowment in mind. Also, while the average contribution has been \$3,000, this fundraising is also about many small gifts adding up to a big number. 210 families agreeing to give \$500 this year and \$500 next year put us at our goal of \$250,000! While we are not discouraging large gifts, it is the leveraged power of many gifts which will make the difference.

Perhaps you may also want to donate shares of appreciated stock. If you bought a share for \$50 and it is now worth \$100, contributing the stock directly gives you a \$100 tax deduction for a charitable contribution. If you sell the stock first, you could pay at least 23% federal tax and up to 13% California tax, so after taxes you are, in this example, left with \$82 to contribute. As with all tax items, please consult your tax advisor but this simple example is to illustrate the advantage of contributing appreciated stock.

HOW TO GIVE TO THE ENDOWMENT

There are many ways to make a gift directly to our parish endowment for Tuition Assistance. The Catholic Community Foundation accepts payment in the form of:

A Check made out to “The Catholic Community Foundation of Santa Clara County” with “St. Simon Parish Endowment for Tuition Assistance” in the memo line. Please mail your checks to: **777 North First Street, Suite 490; San Jose, CA 95112**

An Online Donation using your credit card. Our online donation form may be found at <https://giving.cfoscc.org/stsimon-tuitionassistance>

A Stock Transfer using the CCFSCC Stock Transfer Form. Give your broker this form located at: www.cfoscc.org/wp-content/themes/Catholic/pdf/Forms_StockTransfer.pdf

Make a Planned Gift Bequest (Recommended after we fully fund the first \$250,000) Use our Sample Bequest Language to easily make a gift to your parish endowment in your will. You can view the sample language here: <http://cfoscclegacy.org/bequest-language>

If you would like to make a complex gift (e.g. real estate, gifting an insurance policy) please contact the Catholic Community Foundation of Santa Clara County **408-995-5219**.

For more information about our Parish Endowments please visit the St. Simon Parish Website at <http://parish.stsimon.org/stsimonparishendowments>. Thank You!

Please pray for our sick, homebound, those with special prayer needs, and all the sick of our parish. *With permission we publish the names of those individuals who request special prayers for themselves or immediate family members. Names will appear in this section of our bulletin for three weeks. If you wish to have your name left on or included please call 650-967-8311 or email bulletin@stsimon.org.*

Jerry Bellerive	McCoy Martin
Nancy Bettini	Lisa McBride
William Brugnoli	Rita McDevitt
Christine Brugnoli	Joanne Moore
John Cherrstrom	Patrick O'Sullivan
Betty Clarke	Anita Patton
Bernice Comfort	Shelly Profitt
Ann D'Amore	Edward Schlosser
Ron Essary	Thai Quang Tang
Antoinette Fouillard	Maureen Teubert
Nelson Guiab	Larry Thompson
Connie Hall	Barbara Turner
Tom Henley	Catherine Veit
Joan W. Hill	Eberhard Veit
Tina & Walt Koza	Jaime Well
Cole Lazzarini	Art Woods



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Congratulations to Our Parishioners Celebrating Births, Baptisms, Marriages, Milestone Birthdays or Anniversaries! *We publish the names of those individuals who request an announcement for themselves or immediate family members. We will note milestone birthdays when we know them. Names will appear in our bulletin for one week. To request inclusion 650-967-8311 or bulletin@stsimon.org.*

Donna Antosiak	William Condon
Peter Culberson	Nicholas Schott
Thomas Surran	Tori Reynaga
Hendrix Mocker	Meredith Wojcik
Mary Scherer	Jonathan Chan
Jennifer Finley	Michael Meissner
Eric Naes	Marianne Middleton
Jennifer Perkins	Rudy Birnel

Mass Intentions for December 2/3

Sat., Dec. 2	8:30am	Terrence Daniel Hanley	Fr. Warwick
	5:00pm	Dorothy Ready	Fr. Maurice
Sun., Dec. 3	7:30am	James Marren	Fr. Warwick
	9:00am	Joe Schram	Fr. Mendie
		Forum Residents' Mass *PPI	Fr. Maurice
	11:15am	Peter Giannini, Sr.	Fr. Warwick
	5:00pm	JoAnn Black	Fr. Mendie
Mon., Dec. 4	6:30am	Micaela & Gabriel Raygada	Msgr. Mitchell
	8:30am	Kurt Motogawa	Fr. Maurice
Tues., Dec. 5	6:30am	Elizabeth & Margarita Castro	Fr. Mendie
	8:30am	Sp. Int. of Joan Sullentroup	Fr. Maurice
Wed., Dec. 6	6:30am	Ben Bruno	Fr. Maurice
	8:30am	Dec.MembersLegionMary	Fr. Mendie
Thur., Dec. 7	6:30am	Peter Bernot	Fr. Mendie
	8:30am	Mary Morgan	Fr. Warwick
Fri., Dec. 8	6:30am	Thomas Hogan	Fr. Warwick
	8:30am	Andrew Myer	Fr. Warwick
		STUDENTS PRESENT	
	6:30pm	Sp. Int. of Peer Seipelt	Fr. Maurice
Sat., Dec. 9	8:30am	Dec.MembersLegionMary	Fr. Maurice
	5:00pm	Helen & Ronald Dunn	Fr. Warwick
Sun., Dec. 10	7:30am	Bob Keller	Fr. Maurice
	9:00am	Luis Torres	Fr. Warwick
		Forum Residents' Mass *PPI	Fr. Mike
	11:15am	John Reidy	Fr. Mendie
	5:00pm	Bill Gilwee	Fr. Maurice

*PPI = Priest's Personal Intention.

Please pray for the repose of the souls who've died this week. Pray especially for **Mario Vincenzini, Jr.**

PLG Cash Calendar

Congratulations to our weekly \$100 Cash Calendar winner: **Y. Spencer!**

THANK YOU to all who have participated in the Cash Calendar Raffle so far. ***We are only a little over halfway to our goal!*** Make sure you turn in your raffle tickets soon so you may be entered into our next big drawing at the Ladies Christmas Dinner. Funds from this raffle go toward our education and faith formation programs, parish ministries, outreach efforts, and maintaining our campus facilities. Tickets are \$10 each. Raffle tickets may be purchased at our parish and school offices as there are still many opportunities to win this school year: (10) **\$500** and (16) **\$100** in prizes! ***Be a sport and show your support!***



Sharing the Gifts of Treasure

Following is the budgeted and actual money received from Sunday and Holy Day collections: as of November 26, 2017. Does not include all the online giving numbers.

YTD Budgeted	\$464,654.
YTD Collected	\$394,611.
YTD Variance	(70,043.)

Join over 310 fellow parishioners who now enjoy the convenience of safe, secure and easy Online Giving. Please visit: <http://parish.stsimon.org/online-giving> to sign up today.

Online Giving