

Our Lady at St. Germaine

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December 25, 2022

Nativity of the Lord



A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Parish Family of Our Lady at St. Germaine,

“The Bells of Our Lady at St. Germaine” will joyously peal on Christmas calling us to worship, with the heavenly choirs of angels, Christ our Savior. They are just one of the many sounds of this Christmas season, along with the laughter of children, traditional carols of the season, bell ringers on street corners, and of course the sound of the words, “Merry Christmas!”

We are able to enjoy these sounds of Christmas; we are able to utter the words of our Christmas greetings, because Mary, the Mother of God, proclaimed with faith, with hope, with joy, and yes, especially with love, that she would accept God’s calling for her to be the mother of Christ, our Savior.

Will we be like Mary, extending ourselves in care and love and friendship going out to visit and be true family and friends to one another as Mary was to Elizabeth, even when she herself should have been filled with anxiety and worry? Instead, she trusted in the grace and power of the Holy Spirit.

Will we too trust in the Almighty to lift us up as did Mary? And, will we in turn raise up the lowly, the hungry, and poor? Will we like Mary, Our Lady of Loretto, and St. Germaine Savior, as we read in Mary’s Magnificat, (Luke 1:46-55):

*Proclaim the greatness of the Lord
Rejoice in God my savior.
Do great things for others
Speak of God’s name as holy
Show mercy to all generations
Fill the hungry with good things;
Be the Lord’s faithful servants of mercy
Help fulfill God’s promise as made to
To Abraham and Sarah and their descendants.
(That is made to each of us.)*

If we say yes through our words and actions, we can be assured that this Christmas, this coming new of 2023, our families, our loved ones, friends and neighbors, our parish family of Our Lady at St. Germaine, will be blessed with sounds of joy, the laughter and the harmony of God’s children, that is each of us, and the peace of the Christ child will resound from our hearts..

On my behalf and that of the entire parish staff, may your Christmas be filled with the sounds of Christmas joy. May this coming year of 2023 keep us embraced in the peace and love of the Lord through the intercession of Our Lady of Loretto and St. Germaine.

Rev. Thomas S. Cabalq

SIMBANG GABI 2022

Thanks to all who volunteered to help with our Simbang Gabi Mass and reception. It was a wonderful celebration.

Special thanks to:

Flor Filomino, Maria & Marc Natividad, Mary Grace & Miro Samardzich, Felicitas Ramos, Angelina B. Parale, Nanette Bugayong, Joven Bugayong, Asuncion ILarde, Dr. Emelie ILarde, Dr. Anastacia Largosa, Dr. Pascual Sales, Dr. Remedios Sales, Dr. Virgilio Jonson, Teresita F. McCoo, Josephine Bugayong, Eva Bugayong, Rosaline Bugayong, Anabel Armada, Francis Victoria, Cora Suiva, Vincent Ramos. Thank you also for all those who helped with setting up, serving and cleaning up. Blessings and peace to you all!

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday, December 26-St. Stephen**

8:30AM Mass:
Irene Kaval

Tuesday, Dec. 27-St. John

8:30AM Mass:
William Meyering

Weds, December 28-The Holy Innocents

7:00AM Mass: Kevin M. Casey
8:30AM Communion Service:

Thurs., December 29-5th Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord, St. Thomas Becket

8:30 AM Mass:
Michael Pacetti, Jacqueline LaPorte, Sally Links,
Felecia & Harry Bealles

Friday, December 30-The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8:30 AM Mass:
John & Mary Barry

Saturday, December 31-Christmas Eve 7th Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord, St. Sylvester, New Year's Eve

8:30 AM: Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Hanson
4:00 PM: Ellen Johnson Rohde

Sun., Jan. 1-Solemnity of Mary, New Year's

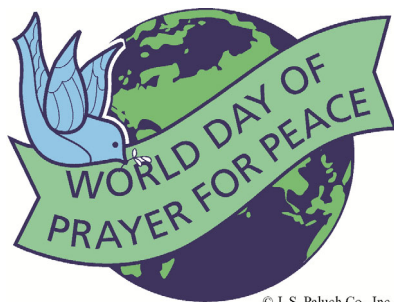
7:30AM- Carolyn Dawes
9:30AM-Our Lady at St. Germaine Parish
11:30AM- Kevin Casey

REMEMBER OUR BELOVED DEAD

Kevin M. Casey
Virginia C. Schick

Please pray for those who are sick, their families & caregivers, including:

David Akai, Michael Barry, Brian Bednarski, Chris Benjamin, Virginia Bovilsky, Elaine Bridgeman, Baby Nolan Burby, Diane Cernivivo, Pat Cesak, Geri Chaput, Taylor Collard, Mary Connolly, Alexandra Connor, Matthew Connor, Ann Contorno, Elizabeth Czajka, Jericho Jeffrey DeVivo, Emily DiPierro, Adriana Elgas, Paige Epstein, Karen Finn, Walter Furtner, Patsy Galecki, Giblin Family, Lynn Groebe, Gerardo Gonzalez, Pearl Goworowski, Tom Hamilton, Peg Hansen, Kaitlyn Hedderman, Debbie Heitz, Cathy Hinz, Gina Jakelski, Robert "Mitch" Jones, Liz Kapovich, Dennis Kelsch, Garry Keller, Lorna Kendall, Alvina Kita, Richard Kita, Joe Kress, Mario LaPorte, Judith Lasky, Charles Lee, Kim Lewis, LaVerne Lewandowski, Frank Lopez, Ray Lynch, Eileen Carroll Lynch, Rita Martin, Eugene Martyn, Michael Mattalano, Raimonda Miknius, Dean Ojeda, Raul Osornio, Katherine Pape, Nicolas Rossio, Frank Roti, Guadalupe Martin Ruvalcaba, Marty Safstrom, Sharon Safstrom, Norma Salas, Devin Sanchez, Audrey Schmitz, Monica (Ranalli) Schuberth, Mary Schwappach, Phillip Scropp, Jayme Shipman, Ellie Smith, Ryan Smith, Joe Smyth, Kayla Smyth, Carol Spero, Michael Stupay, Rita Daniels Suchor, Jay Szewczyk, Patty Tapia, Kimberly Thielen, Mary Ann Trop, Ethan Trusk, Tom Trusk, Zach Trusk, Vickie Vertucci, Pat Walker, Casey Wiedenski, Adrienne Wild, Susan Zak, Gussie Zawaski



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The Adoration Chapel is closed.

The chapel will reopen

Tuesday, January 10, 2023.

May you celebrate the birth of Christ with joy and peace, renewed courage and a bright vision that makes the New Year truly happy.

The Adoration Committee



The Miracle of Christmas

Ministers' Schedule for December 31, 2022 & January 1, 2023

	SAT 4:00 PM	SUN 7:30 AM	SUN 9:30 AM	SUN 11:30 AM
Proclaimer	C. Brejcha	W. Lavelle	C. Murphy	J. Maughan
Eucharistic Ministers	J. Tliffy J. Akai	F. Genender J. Antos	E. Akroush M. Panarella	G. Maughan J. Maughan



Adoration Chapel

Adorers are needed for the following hours

Tuesday 3~4pm 4~5pm

Thursday 1~2pm 2~3pm

Please call Fran Barba at 708-567-6119 if you are able to be a scheduled adorer or be a temporary adorer

***Greetings from Fr. George!
He is settling well in California.
If you would like to contact him,
here is his info;***

Fr. George Velloorattil
1884 Arlington Court
Manteca CA 95337

vgeorge78@yahoo.com

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:36-40

Friday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18

Sunday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Help Needed

We are looking for anyone who would be interested in crocheting baby Christening Blankets and assisting in special projects moving forward. The yarn is provided for you. If you would be interested in helping, please contact Eleanor at 708-422-3643.



Many blessings are crocheted and knit into what we make through the prayers we say for every shawl. We have come to realize that there are endless possibilities for the use of Prayer Shawls. Whether there is a serious need or a special celebration the one common factor is that the comfort and healing power of prayer is sent with every shawl. Stop in the Parish Center or call 636-5060 to request one.



THE MARION GIVING TREES

THANK YOU for your generosity in helping so many families! Together, we were able to help over 75 families this holiday season.

Saying "Thank you" doesn't seem enough, but know that it comes with prayers of gratitude for all of our generous givers. May the baby, born in a manger, fill your Christmas with love, joy and peace.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!!!!

CHOIR NEWS

Our choir practices will be Wednesday evenings from 6:50pm-8:00pm.

New members are always welcome!



THE COURAGE PROGRAM THANKS YOU!!!

Christmas is that wonderful time of year when we have the opportunity to bridge the generosity of this parish with the needs of the women and children in the COURAGE Program.

Thank you for the baby care items, toys, clothes, hats, gloves, gifts for moms, gift cards, & monetary donations which bring joy to so many!
We could not do this without your loving concern.

**We wish you and your families all the peace and joy of Christmas
throughout the New Year!**

A wonderful celebration of St. Juan Diego and the Miracle of Our Lady of Guadalupe led by our students! Thank you to all of our volunteers!



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Please be generous in your support of our parish ministries and services.

December 11, 2022

Sunday:	\$11,766.00
Sunday (GIVE CENTRAL):	\$3,239.50
SUNDAY TOTAL:	\$15,105.50
*AID ED(GIVE CENTRAL):	\$30.00
Food Baskets:	\$420.00
Human Development:	\$6.00
Religious Retirement::	\$907.00
Christmas Flowers:	\$55.00
Christmas:	\$610.00
Aid to Education:	\$268.00
Immaculate Conception:	\$100.00
Thanksgiving:	\$45.00

Split The Pot Drawing



On December 11th envelope #334 was drawn and did not participate in the drawing. The amount of **\$1,037.50** will be added to next weeks pot.

Don't forget to put your regular Sunday envelope and your orange envelope in for your chance to win!
Good Luck!



FOOD PANTRY

Needed this month....

Tomato soup, veggie soup, canned tomatoes, pasta sauce, jelly, coffee, cereal, mac & cheese, pudding cups, cookies, toilet paper.
Gift cards to buy perishables

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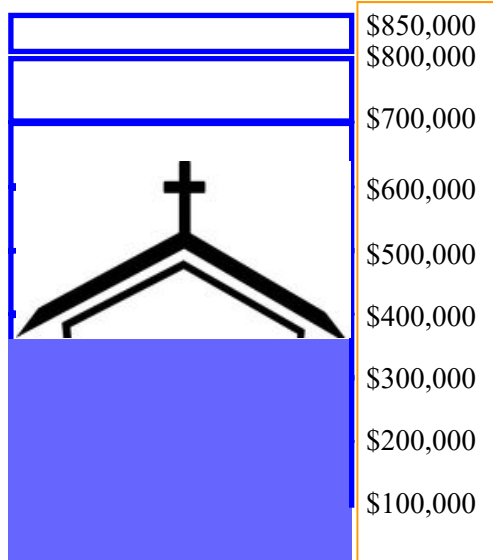
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Thank you to the **274** donors who have started off our **Raise the Roof** campaign pledging **\$380,639.23!**

We continue to receive pledge cards in the mail daily and will keep you updated on how successful this campaign is.
Thank you for your sacrifice and generosity.

Can you help us raise the roof?



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Parish Center Hours:

Monday—Friday 9:00am ~ 2:30pm

Website: ourladyatstgermaine.org

WEEKDAY MASS:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday: 8:30AM Mass
Wednesday: 7:00AM Mass, 8:30AM Communion Service

WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday: 4:00 PM; Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM

RECONCILIATION: Saturday from 2:45-3:30 PM

ADORATION CHAPEL:

Tuesdays 9-6pm, Wednesdays 9-8pm, Thursdays 9-6pm

Welcome to Our Lady at St. Germaine Parish!

To register in the parish, or for information about any of our organizations, ministries, services, or educational opportunities, please call the Parish Center at 636-5060.

BAPTISMS— Call Parish Center to schedule.

Fr. Thomas S. Cabala

Jack Malone

Joe Gonzalez

Frank Mamolella

Amy Condon

Phillip O'Rourke

Marianne Powers

Sr. Regina DeVitto CND

Dan Arens

Casey Wiedenski (636-6647)

Nancy Dunne

Molly O'Grady (636-8001)

Jen Stazak

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