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PRAY & WORSHIP WITH US

Sunday Masses

Vigil Mass (Saturday) | 4:30pm
Sunday | 8:00am, 10:00am
& 12:00pm

Daily Mass

Monday thru Saturday | 8:30am

Confession

Saturday | 3:00pm - 4:00pm
Other | By Appointment

Eucharistic Adoration

Friday | 9:00am - 12:00pm
Saturday | 3:00 pm- 4:00pm

Daily Devotions

9:00am after Mass

Mon - Sat | Holy Rosary
Mon | Holy Spirit
Tues | Saint Joseph
Wed | Mother of Perpetual Help
Thur | St. Therese of Lisieux
Fri | Sacred Heart of Jesus
Sat | Our Lady of Assumption

SACRAMENTS

Call the office for Baptism, Marriage
and Faith Formation Classes

Second Sunday of Advent
December 10, 2023

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
All flesh shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia, alleluia. -LK 3:4, 6

SUNDAY GOSPEL Reflection

Gospel for the Second Sunday of Advent, Year B

MK 1:1-8

One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.

Embracing Humility and Repentance

John the Baptist exemplifies humility, a virtue essential for Advent preparation. He acknowledges his role as merely the forerunner to someone greater – Jesus. John's humility in recognizing his place in God's plan is a powerful model for us. In our parish communities and personal lives, embracing humility like John's allows us to make room for others to lead and for God's work to be done through them.

Our Advent journey, then, is marked by a dual movement: inward, to confront and repent of our sins, and outward, to embrace humility and allow God to work through us and others. As we reflect on the messages of Isaiah and John the Baptist for the 2nd Sunday of Advent Year B, we're invited to smooth the path for Christ's coming into our hearts and communities, transforming our lives in anticipation of His arrival. This preparation is not just an Advent exercise but a continual call to live in alignment with the divine will, guided by Jesus, our shepherd, who leads us out of the exile of sin into the embrace of God's love.

- In what ways can you practice 'active patience' during Advent, using this time not just to wait but to grow and prepare spiritually?
- How does the concept of repentance manifest in your life, and what steps can you take this Advent to deepen your understanding and practice of it?
- Reflect on John the Baptist's humility. How can you incorporate this virtue into your own life, especially in your interactions within your parish community and personal relationships?

• (Source: <https://young-catholics.com/3060>)

THANK YOU

Sunday Collection, December 3, 2023
Christmas Flowers

\$4,808.00
\$1,539.00

Sign up for **ON-LINE GIVING** through **VANCO**.



MASS Intentions

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

8:30am Evelia Ramos+
4:30pm Simon & Teresa Nisperos+

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

8:30am Barbara Maroni+
JoAnn Horton+
10:00am DeeDee Soltes+
Enzo Magabo (Birthday)
12:00pm Confirmation Students
Evelia Ramos+

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

8:30am Evelia Ramos+
James McCloy+

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

8:30am Forgotten Souls in Purgatory
Evelia Ramos+
6:30pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Ministry

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

8:30am John Gomes Jr+
Heidi Brady (Birthday)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

8:30am George Hastings (Healing)
Bernhardt Garon+

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

8:30am Marnelle Vieira-Ducey+
Evelia Ramos+

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

8:30am Lolita Pimenta+
Evelia Ramos+
4:30pm Simon & Teresa Nisperos+

Please Pray for Healing

**Julie Richardson, Dennis Kuzmicky,
Baby Shioyenne Mullins, Juan Garcia,
Virginia Riveria**

In Loving Memory George Brandt

MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS REQUESTS

Let your Assumption Community offer prayers for your special intentions for a family member, a friend, a deceased love one or a special occasion.
Email info@assumptionsanleandro.org
or visit the Rectory Office. Forms are available at the back of the Church.

UPCOMING FAMILY EVENTS

Annual Giving Tree- Gifts due December 10

Let us continue our giving tree tradition. Gift Tags with suggested gifts for children of Building Futures are available in the back of the church. Unwrapped gifts need to be returned by Monday morning at the latest. Gifts will be delivered to Building Futures on Monday.

Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe now until December 11

You are invited to pray the rosary each evening at 6:30pm except on Monday, 12/11 at 7:30pm. We have been praying the novenarios to in preparation for her feast which we will celebrate on December 12th at 6:30pm Celebrant Fr. Fernando Cortez

SVDP Christmas Food Drives 12/10

Please bring your donation this weekend to the history room

SIMBANG GABI December 15-23

Join us and our Filipino Community in celebrating 9- day Novena Masses as we prepare ourselves and our Church for Christmas - which starts tomorrow evening December 15 and continues thru December 23 at 6:30pm every night. During mass, the Filipino Choir will fill the church with Filipino Christmas songs and carols. After every Mass, the faithful gather for food and fellowship.

Breakfast with Santa - December 17

8am-12pm in the gym. Come and have photos with Santa Claus, eat a delicious pancake breakfast, hot chocolate bar, crafts for children and mimosas for adults. Volunteers needed to set up Saturday evening and assistance Sunday morning. Children & Seniors \$10. / Adults \$12. Tickets available at door by cc, check & cash.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0E4BAAAD23ABF58-46509173-breakfast#/>

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ASSUMPTION COUNCIL 8217

Support our Knights of Columbus "O Come, Let Us Adore Him" fundraising raffle. The drawing will be held on the Feast of the Epiphany. Tickets are available for ten dollars apiece. **Raffle Tickets make a wonderful Stocking stuffer** for your family and friends.

Christmas Eve Pageant

Calling all kids in our Assumption community to participate in our traditional Christmas Eve pageant. We need Shepards, angels, the Holy Family and more!!

Mass will be at 4:30 on Christmas Eve and all participants will need to attend 2 practices which will be held in the church on 12/14 5-6:30, 12/18 - 3:30-5pm, & 12/19 - 3:30-5pm

George Brandt's Celebration of Life

George's life will be honored in a vigil on Monday, December 11 . Visitation will be from 4 to 6 pm. A rosary and vigil will follow from 6 pm. to 7 pm. A funeral mass will be held Tuesday, December 12 at 11 a.m.

ADVENT SEASON 2023

Sunday, December 10 - Second Sunday of Advent
Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe & Celebration 10:00am Mass
Reception immediately following 11:15am Small Hall
Blessing of Creche at all masses
Novena for Our Lady of Guadalupe 6:30pm
Last evening of OLOG novena is Monday 7:30pm

Tuesday, December 12
Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass 6:30pm

Wednesday, December 13 - School Christmas Concert 6:30

December 15-23 - Simbáng Gabi Mass 6:30pm
Reception following every evening

Sunday, December 17 - Third Sunday of Advent
Pancake Breakfast with Santa Claus 8:00am-12:00pm Gym
Assumption University 11:30am Rectory

Wednesday, December 20 - Eighth Grade Victorian Tea

Thursday, December 21 - School Christmas Pageant 10:00am

Sunday, December 24 - Fourth Sunday of Advent
Masses at 8:00am, 10:00am, and 12:00pm

Christmas Eve
Children's Mass 4:30 & Evening Mass 8pm

Monday, December 25 - The Birth of Our Lord
Christmas Day Masses at 8:00am, 10:00am, and 12:00pm

Blessing of an Advent Wreath

Advent Week 2: Peace

Pray Around the Advent Wreath:

Leader: Come Holy Spirit! In this second week of Advent, we ask You to fill our hearts with peace as we prepare for Christ's coming.

All: Come, Lord Jesus.

Family member lights the first and second purple advent candles.

Leader: Lord, we ask to receive the peace of Your Holy Spirit throughout this week and especially right now as we pray together as a family. Help us to be peacemakers, sharing Your peace within our home and beyond.

All: Come, Lord Jesus.

Leader: Help us make room in our hearts; help us clear out all that is not from You, so that the Holy Spirit might fill us with the fruits of eternal life and happiness. As we prepare for Jesus' coming, let Your peace fill our hearts and minds; let Your peace inform our words, actions, and attitudes.

All: Fill our hearts with hope and peace! Amen.

During this second week of Advent, we reflect on our lives and orient ourselves toward Christ's coming, preparing our hearts to receive Him anew.

- Recall a time when you experienced deep peace. What did it feel like?
- What circumstances "steal" your peace? How can you guard your heart against losing peace?

(source:<https://kcascension.org/advent-week-2-peace/>)

THE SECOND PURPLE CANDLE IS THE

"Candle of Peace."

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Nativity reminds us: Sacrifice part of our own journey

Notable in many homes every Christmas season is the creche, otherwise known to many of us as the Nativity scene. Officially, it represents the scene at Jesus Christ's birth, and it is displayed at homes and churches and public spaces during Christmas in various places around the world.

Unofficially, it is the scene of a mom, a new and young mom who said yes to God's promises and — after a grueling trip to Bethlehem during the last stages of her pregnancy — found that there was no place for her to rest along with her husband and, later, newborn child.

Her "yes" had come resiliently when Mary saw the angel, heard the words and trusted her God. But that was then. This scene, daunting by anyone's measure, had to be sobering to a vulnerable mother. Even under those trying circumstances, Mary still soldiered on. Hers was a "yes" that would grow more costly in time, when her child wandered, when he grew into a man and when he died violently on a cross after suffering humiliation and physical pain.

Mary's was an expensive "yes," and yet the angel had told Mary that God would be with her. The funny thing about God's promises is that they sound like what we most want to hear. However, knee-deep in the middle of them, they look nothing as we imagined them.

Sometimes what we yearn for looks good, seems reasonable. We never imagine that the reality may also mean hardship. But as time passes, we realize that sacrifice is part of the journey, and we tether ourselves to God and walk one step at a time, obediently saying "yes".

We experience God, even if it's among the stinky animals, like Mary and her child did in that stable. There is nothing, nothing, nothing like nestling in the promises of God, especially when the promises are big ones. Remember that he promised Mary he would be with her each step of the way, and he kept that promise.

May our Nativity scene at Christmas remind us this season of the possibilities that begin with our simple, small, flawed but willing "yes" and carry on with a God who honors his promises to those like Mary.

(source:<http://issues.catholicaccent.org/>)

*Please Join the Filipino Community of the
Church of the Assumption, San Leandro*

in Celebrating

Simbang Gabi

December 15 ~ 23 at 6:30 PM

Food & Fellowship After Each Mass



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Guest Priests for Simbang Gabi 2023



Dec. 15th & 20th

Fr. John Carillo

Assumption Church



Dec. 16th

Fr. Carl Arcosa

St. Michael Livermore



Dec. 17th

Fr. Ramon Gomez

All Saints, Hayward



Dec. 18th

Fr. Emilio Reyes

Divine Word Missionaries



Dec 19th

Fr. Erick Villa

St. Raymond, Dublin

Author-Book: Desire of
the Everlasting Hills



Dec. 21st

Fr. Geoffrey Baraan

St. Joseph, Pinole



Dec. 22nd

Fr. Ken Sales

Holy Spirit, Fremont



Dec. 23rd

Fr. Julius Almeria

Assumption Church

