



OUR LADY OF THE PILLAR CATHOLIC CHURCH
Iglesia Católica de Nuestra Señora del Pilar

400 Church Street, Half Moon Bay, CA 94019 • 650-726-4674

Second Sunday of Advent
December 9, 2012

Our Parish Clergy

Rev. Juan Manuel Lopez, Parish Administrator

Rev. Charles Fermeglia, Parochial Vicar
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Rev. Charles Onubogu, In Residence

Deacon John McGhee

Deacon John Sequeira, Parish Manager

Mass Schedule

**Celebrate
 Christmas**
with us!

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 View and share our special
 Christmas mass schedule online at this
 link: <http://bit.ly/OLPmasses>

Monday through Friday: 8:00 am

Saturday, December 8, 2012

8:00 am - Fr. Juan Manuel | Feast Day
 The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

10:00 am - Fr. Charlie | *Faces of Mary* (Lecture)

5:00 pm - Fr. Charlie

6:00 pm - Fr. Charlie | *Faces of Mary* (Lecture)

8:00 pm (Spanish) - Fr. Juan Manuel

- Reconciliation / Confessions 4:00 - 4:45 pm

Sunday, December 9, 2012

8:00 am 10:00 am 6:00 pm - Fr. Charlie

12:00 Noon (Spanish) - Fr. Juan Manuel

St. Anthony's — Pescadero

696 North Street, Pescadero, CA 94060

Saturday: 6:00 pm (Spanish) - Fr. Juan Manuel

Sunday: 9:00 am - Fr. Onubogu

Our Lady of Refuge — La Honda

146 Sears Ranch Road, La Honda, CA 94020

Sunday: 10:30 am - Fr. Onubogu

WELCOME *Bienvenidos*

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings to each of you! May you receive God's blessing as we experience the Second Sunday of Advent together. We are again reminded by the *Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary* that nothing is impossible for God. Through our faith, He opens our hearts to receive the love intended for us through the coming of the Christ-Child, our Lord and Savior.

Nuestros saludos para todos y la bendición de Dios al presenciar juntos el segundo domingo de Adviento. La *Inmaculada Concepción de la Santísima Virgen* nos recuerda que nada es imposible para Dios. Por nuestra fe, Él abre nuestro corazón para recibir el amor destinado a cada uno de nosotros mediante la venida del Infante Jesús, nuestro Señor y Salvador.

May God Bless you all,
Fr. Juan Manuel



Parish Coordinators and Staff

RCIA | Adult Faith Formation: Terry Ruppel
 Religious Education K-6th Grade: Eileen Arnold
 Religious Education (Spanish): Claudia Miramontes
 Spanish Weddings: Juana Ruano
 Youth Confirmation: Elizabeth Neapolitan

Church Office:

Monday – Friday 9:30 am - 12:00 Noon; 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm
 650-726-4674 FAX: 650-726-0980 Religious Ed 650-726-5587
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 - Management Advisor: Dr. James Spilker

As a Catholic community, we strive to grow in faith together through the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena of Masses

began Monday, December 3 at 7:00 pm (Spanish). They are being held each night, concluding on the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12.

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Feast Day at the 8:00 am Mass on December 8th.

FACES of MARY | Saturday, DEC 8th | 10am & 6pm

No other woman in all history has been studied with such depth as Mary, the mother of Jesus. In art, music and literature the praises of this woman have been sung more than any other. On Saturday, December 8th at 10 am and again at 6 pm, Fr. Charlie Fermiglia will give a PowerPoint presentation on this remarkable woman. Please join us in the Church Hall.

This Sunday, DEC 9th | Annual Christmas Bake Sale

Our Art & Environment Committee is hosting their annual Christmas Bake & Gift Sale after morning masses. Stock up on baked treats and holiday gifts for family and friends. Your generous contributions help bring beauty to our worship experience throughout the year.



The Coastside Community Christmas Sing

This Sunday, December 9 at 7 pm The Coastside Lutheran Church is hosting the family event this year. Local area churches participate. Free event, open to the public. Includes refreshments. Coastside Lutheran Church is located at 900 North Cabrillo Highway, Half Moon Bay.

Flower Offerings | Your generous contributions during the Christmas Season support the purchase of poinsettias, altar flowers, and other seasonal decorations year-round. Please place your Flower Offering envelopes in the collection basket or deliver them to the Parish Office. Thank you!

Parish Tree Lighting | Wednesday, December 19

Join us at 7:00 pm to light our parish Christmas Tree, sing Christmas Carols and have warm cocoa and cookies.

Christmas Giving Tree | St. Vincent de Paul Society invites you to make Christmas a little brighter for families in need. Take a tag from the tree in the vestibule, purchase a gift, wrap it with the tag attached, and return to the office or donation box in the vestibule before December 18.

INSIGHTS
with Fr. Charlie

Seeing Little Things Differently
An Advent Lesson from St. Thérèse of Lisieux
Carmelite Nun | Feast Day October 1

The Holy Season of Advent is an invitation to each of us to see our lives and our church from a new perspective.

St. Thérèse of Lisieux, also known as *The Little Flower of Jesus*, became a nun at age 15, joining two of her older sisters in a cloistered Carmelite community of Lisieux, Normandy. She became a saint in 1925. In 1997, Pope John Paul II declared her the 33rd *Doctor of the Church*, the youngest and only the third woman to be so honored. She teaches us by her example:

In 1886, on Christmas Eve, St. Thérèse, then age 13, began to see *things differently*. She called this the moment of her "complete conversion"... *"God worked a little miracle to make me grow up in an instant. ...On that blessed night, Jesus, who saw fit to make Himself a child out of love for me, also saw fit to have me come forth from the swaddling clothes and imperfections of childhood... Since this blessed night, I was not defeated in any battle, but instead, I went from victory to victory..."*

I've been drawn to Saint Thérèse not because of the great miracles she performed, but because she became a saint by *doing little things* with great love — *putting up with frustrating companions, obeying superiors, finishing the laundry—doing the mundane*. She appeared so ordinary to some of the sisters in her French Carmelite convent, they were unaware of her remarkable *prayer life* until she died at age *twenty-four*.

This is a favorite prayer that she left behind. She invites each of us to *stop* — to take a new look at what is most important as we experience this time of renewal together.

My life is an instant,
a fleeting hour.
My life is a moment,
Which swiftly escapes me.
O my God, you know that on earth,
I have only today to love you.

What discovery will Advent bring to you?

Peace,
Fr. Charlie



Supporting Our Parish | Your Offerings

December 1 and 2 OFFERINGS Thanksgiving

Our Lady of the Pillar	\$ 5,424.	\$1,006.
Our Lady of Refuge	\$ 136.	
St Anthony's	\$ 368.	

OLP Building Fund OFFERINGS

Our Lady of the Pillar	\$ 1,448.
Our Lady of Refuge	\$ 73.
St Anthony's	\$ 50.



Sacrament Preparation

Baptism • Marriage

Communion in the Home • Anointing the Sick

SPECIAL NOTE: English Baptism classes have been changed to 3rd Thursday each month at 7:00 pm. For preparation information, call the church or visit our website: www.ourladyofthepillar.org/sacraments Parish 726-4674.



Parish Organizations and Services

We have a wide array of organizations, committees, faith formation groups, and service organizations that serve our parish community. For a complete list and meeting times, go to our parish website: www.ourladyofthepillar.org/groups or find other information in the vestibule of the church.

Pray for Our Parish Family Who are Sick

Pray that God's healing power will fill them with strength and hope. To add a name, please call the Parish Office at 726-4674. Each name is put on the parish prayer list for three weeks; to extend the listing beyond the initial three weeks, please call the parish office.

Geraldine Carter	Nancy Madieros	Cherie Schwing
Nicki Galle	Deacon McGhee	Donald Therry
		Mike Warner
		Marilyn Wright

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WISDOM from the Blessed Virgin Mary

"And Mary said, 'My soul glorifies the Lord. And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior, for He has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me—Holy is His name.

Luke 1:46-48 from *The Magnificat*

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday EVENING, December 8, 2012

- 5:00 pm Joe, Artur & Sophia Cunha+, Giobatta & Maria Adreveno+, Joseph & Delfina Micallef+
8:00 pm Margarita Arriola+, Animas Benditas del Purgatorio

Sunday, December 9, 2012

- 8:00 am Michael Rodrigues+, Antonio Costa & Family+, Manuel Ferreira & Family+
10:00 am Joe Lopes+, Diane Lopes+, Serafina & Maria Lopes+
12:00 noon Animas Benditas del Purgatorio
6:00 pm For the Parish

Monday, December 10, 2012

- 8:00 am Maria Silveira+, Manuel Machado+
7:00 pm Animas Benditas del Purgatorio

Tuesday, December 11, 2012

- 8:00 am O.L. & Katie McGuire+, Frances, John, Rosemary & Helen Mc Ghee+
7:00 pm Animas Benditas del Purgatorio

Wednesday, December 12, 2012

- 8:00 am Luis & Bernardette Belo+ Jose & Maria Matos+, Jose & Guadalupe Ramirez+
7:00 pm Animas Benditas del Purgatorio

Thursday, December 13, 2012

- 8:00 am Francisco Costa+

Friday, December 14, 2012

- 8:00 am Rosanna & Clifford Hollander+, Rita Grodt+, Larry Johnson+

Saturday, December 15, 2012

- 8:00 am Manuel Ferreira & Family+, Jose Cota & Family+



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