



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

Third Sunday of Advent | *Gaudete Sunday*
December 16, 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
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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 15, 2012

8:00 am - Fr. Onubogu

5:00 pm - Fr. Charlie

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

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

Sunday, December 16, 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,

We welcome you to *Our Lady of the Pillar* on the third Sunday of Advent, as we prepare to welcome the Christ Child. In the gospel according to Luke, we learn from John the Baptist that when we put our faith and trust in our Lord Jesus Christ that we will be forgiven and given a chance to *live a good and just life*. As you worship, ask for God's blessing to strengthen you and renew the goodness in your life that He intends.

Bienvenidos todos a *Nuestra Señora del Pilar* en esta tercera semana de Adviento en cuanto nos preparamos a recibir al Niño Jesús. Juan Bautista en el evangelio de San Lucas nos enseña que cuando ponemos nuestra fe y confianza en Nuestro Señor Jesús, seremos perdonados, y tendremos una *vida buena y justa*. Cuando haga un acto de veneración, pída a Dios su bendición para que enderezca y renueve su cometido en la vida que Él le inspire.

**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

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- Parish Secretary and Bulletin Editor: Hilda Krup
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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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Parish Tree Lighting | Wednesday, DEC 19

Join your Parish Family for this special community gathering at 7:00 pm to light our parish Christmas Tree, sing Christmas Carols and have warm cocoa and cookies.

Celebrate Christmas with us!

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

With Our Gratitude...

The *rose* vestments worn today for *Gaudete Sunday* by the celebrant are the gift of Dr. Joy Enriquez in memory of her beloved mother, Corcencia. If you would like to memorialize a vestment or other liturgical gift to honor your beloved deceased, please contact Fr. Charlie or the Church Office at 726-4674

Congratulations! OLP Altar Servers Win Honors

for their *live* Nativity Float at **Night of Lights** Parade. Don't miss photos/video Parish Photo Gallery on OLP website.



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!



Christmas Giving Tree — REMINDER to return your purchased, wrapped gifts to the office or donation box in the vestibule before DEC 18 for St. Vincent de Paul.

INSIGHTS
with Fr. Charlie

**Gaudete Sunday
Many Reasons to Rejoice**

The third Sunday of Advent is the half-way point for this Holy Season. Its special distinction is illuminated with the color *rose* — and its intended spirit is described in the first word of Gregorian chant *introit* for the day:

Gaudete in Domino semper: iterum dico, gaudete.
Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.

Despite the somewhat somber readings of the season of Advent, on the third Sunday, the readings emphasize the joyous anticipation of the Lord's coming.

The traditional English Christmas Carol "*Adam lay ybounden*," also known as "*Deo Gratias*" dates back to the 15th century. I've always loved its message. It captures the essence of why this is a day to *rejoice!* It describes the fall of Adam, the gift of Our Blessed Lady, and the redemption of mankind by the birth of Christ:

Adam lay ybounden,
Bounden in a bond;
Four thousand winter
Thought he not too long.

And all was for an apple,
An apple that he took,
As clerkës finden written
In their book.

Ne had the apple taken been,
The apple taken been,
Then had never Our Lady
A-been heaven's queen.

Blessed be the time
That apple taken was.
Therefore we may singen
Deo gratias! (Thanks be to God!)

How will you rejoice in Lord today?

Peace,
Fr. Charlie

Supporting Our Parish | Your Offerings

December 8 and 9 OFFERINGS

Our Lady of the Pillar	\$ 4,524.
Our Lady of Refuge	\$ 233.
St Anthony's	\$ 247.

Special OFFERING — Retirement of Religious

Our Lady of the Pillar	\$ 1,647.
Our Lady of Refuge	\$ 102.
St Anthony's	\$ 114.



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 Office 726-4674 or visit our website: www.ourladyofthepillar.org/sacraments

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
Casey	Deacon McGhee	Donald Thery
Cunningham	Mike Warner	Marilyn Wright
Nicki Galle		

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WISDOM to Keep

"In tribulation immediately draw near to God with confidence, and you will receive strength, enlightenment, and instruction."

— St. John of the Cross

Priest and Doctor of the Church | Feast Day DEC 14

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday EVENING, December 15, 2012

5:00 pm Jose Silveira+, Belmira Vaz+, John & Sophia Switalski+
8:00 pm Edwin J. Nunes+

Sunday, December 16, 2012

8:00 am Antonio & Serafina Avila & Family+, Joe Garcia+
10:00 am John Costa & Parents+, Jose & Maria Leonardo+, Agnes & Pablo Labaj+
12:00 noon For the Parish
6:00 pm Louis & Gina Frangione

Monday, December 17, 2012

8:00 am Maria Silveira+, Joe Lourenco

Tuesday, December 18, 2012

8:00 am Manuel Machado+, Maria Mendes+

Wednesday, December 19, 2012

8:00 am Francisco & Florenda Ferreira+, Frank Sr. & Maria Vaz+

Thursday, December 20, 2012

8:00 am Francisco Costa+, Antonio & Maria Avila+, The Molnar Family+

Friday, December 21, 2012

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

Saturday, December 22, 2012

8:00 am Fiorina Evan+, Virginia & Antonio Coelho+



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