



# 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

**Fourth Sunday of Advent  
December 23, 2012**

**WELCOME** *Bienvenidos*

### Our Parish Clergy

**Rev. Juan Manuel Lopez**, Parish Administrator

**Rev. Charles Fermeglia**, Parochial Vicar  
email: frcharlie@yahoo.com

**Rev. Charles Onubogu**, In Residence

**Deacon John McGhee**

**Deacon John Sequeira**, Parish Manager

### Mass Schedule

**Celebrate  
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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 22, 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 23, 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

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

May the Blessings of this joyous season be with you and all those you love. The Responsorial hymn has a beautiful message for us as we anticipate the coming of the Christ Child: *“Lord, make us turn to You. Let us see Your Face, and we shall be saved.”* May the experience of the Holy Eucharist help you turn to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in a closer and more meaningful way.

Que las bendiciones de esta festividad los acompañe y a sus seres queridos. El responsorio de hoy nos ofrece un mensaje singular en cuanto anticipamos la venida de Cristo Jesús: *“Señor, déjanos volver hacia ti. Déjanos contemplan tu cara, y seremos salvos.”* Que la experiencia de la Sagrada Eucaristía nos ayude a volver hacia nuestro Señor y Salvador Jesucristo de un modo más profundo.

**May God Bless you all,  
Fr. Juan Manuel**



### Parish Coordinators and Staff

RCIA | Adult Faith Formation: Terry Ruppel

Religious Education K-6<sup>th</sup> 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  
email: [hilda@ourladyofthepillar.org](mailto:hilda@ourladyofthepillar.org)

- 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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**OLP Living Nativity | 25th Anniversary**

Be sure to stop by to see the Holy Family before and **after** the 5 PM Vigil Masses on December 22, 24, and January 5, and **before** and **after** 10 AM; December 23, 25, and January 6. See the specific times posted in the vestibule and on our OLP website under "Bulletins" in the top menu.



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**Special Christmas Mass Schedule**

**Monday, December 24**

- 5 PM Vigil Mass — English
- 7 PM Misa de Noche Buena - Español
- 10 PM Candlelight Mass - English

**Tuesday, December 25**

- 8 AM Morning Mass - English
- 10 AM Christmas Day Mass - English
- 12 Noon Misa de Navidad - Español

**With Gratitude...**

Many thanks to Lesley Bazigian Kissick and Charles Kissick for the beautiful incense stand used during our Parish Liturgies. We are grateful for this Blessing!

**New! from Our Parish Photo Gallery** | See new photos and a video of OLP Altar Servers' *Award-Winning Live Nativity* Float at the **HMB Night of Lights Parade**. Visit our Parish Photo Gallery: <http://bit.ly/OLPservers>

**We Welcome Greta Morgan Phillips to Our Parish Family!**

Greta was baptized on Sunday, December 9, 2012. See photos in our ONLINE Parish Photo Gallery.

**Flower Offerings** | Your contributions during the Christmas Season support the beauty of our liturgy all year-round. Please place *Flower Offering* envelopes in the collection basket or deliver to the Parish Office.



INSIGHTS  
*with Fr. Charlie*

**The First Crèche**

**Our Gift from St. Francis of Assisi**  
Greccio, Italy: December 23, 1223 A.D.

Early in the 13<sup>th</sup> Century, St. Francis of Assisi gave us the first Crèche — *the Nativity of the Jesus Child*. He put a living couple, representing Mary and Joseph, a *live* Christ Child, and *live* animals in front of the Altar where mass was celebrated on Christmas Eve.

St. Bonaventure, *Doctor of the Church*, described what he witnessed about St. Francis' devotion: "*The man of God, filled with tender love, stood before the manger, bathed in tears, and overflowing with joy. Solemn Masses were celebrated over the manger, Francis chanting the Holy Gospel. Then he preached unto the people standing around at the Birth of the King of poverty; often calling Him, the Child of Bethlehem...*"

This is how our tradition of the Crèche began. Since the time of St. Francis of Assisi, we remember this wonderful Gift from the Patron Saint of our diocese. These connections give a special significance to this tradition at Our Lady of the Pillar.

What do we see in the crèche? We see the Holy Family, Mary, Joseph and the Child in the manger. The donkey, the symbol of Israel; the ox, the symbol Zeus — reminding us that the Jews and Gentiles are bound in Christ. The Sheep represent all of us — the People of God, witnessing the Miracle of Christ's Birth.

In the inside of our church, our OLP Crèche comes from your generous donations to the OLP Art & Environment Committee. In front of the church, our Living Nativity, celebrating its 25th Anniversary, is made possible by a group of dedicated parish volunteers. These are your Gifts to our Parish Family. We thank you!

*Merry Christmas!*

Peace,  
**Fr. Charlie**



## Youth Confirmation

**Are you looking for a special way to use your Gifts?** Our **Youth Confirmation** program is looking for a few talented teachers and classroom aides. Classes meet Wednesday evenings from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm. For more information, contact Liz Neapolitan at 650 726-5587 x 209 or email [confirmation@ourladyofthepillar.org](mailto:confirmation@ourladyofthepillar.org)



## 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](http://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](http://www.ourladyofthepillar.org/groups) or find other information in the vestibule of the church.



Visit! Like us! [www.facebook.com/OLP](http://www.facebook.com/OLP) community

## 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  
Josephine  
Nicki Galle

Nancy Madieros  
Deacon McGhee  
Margaret Phelan

Cherie Schwing  
Donald Therry  
Mike Warner  
Marilyn Wright

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## Supporting Our Parish | Your Offerings

### December 15 and 16 OFFERINGS

Our Lady of the Pillar     \$  
Our Lady of Refuge         \$  
St Anthony's                 \$

WILL BE ANNOUNCED NEXT BULLETIN

## Mass Schedule and Intentions

### Saturday EVENING, December 22, 2012

5:00 pm Maria & Jose Matos+, Luis & Bernardette Belo+,  
Nancy Lilly+  
8:00 pm Por la Parroquia

### Sunday, December 23, 2012

8:00 am Antonio Costa & Family+, Manuel Ferreira  
& Family+  
10:00 am Manuel & Julia Silveira+, Jose & Maria Matos+,  
Maria Mendes+  
12:00 noon Por la Parroquia  
6:00 pm Manuel Machado+, Joe Lopes+, Isabel & Jose  
Gabriel+, Manuel Jose+

### Monday, December 24, 2012

8:00 am Antonio Alves & Celestino Bettencourt+

### Tuesday, December 25, 2012

8:00 am For the Parish

### Wednesday, December 26, 2012

8:00 am Antonio Alves & Celestino Bettencourt+

### Thursday, December 27, 2012

8:00 am Francisco Costa+, Maria Silveira+

### Friday, December 28, 2012

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

### Saturday, December 29, 2012

8:00 am Manuel Ferreira+, Palmira Cota & Parents+

