



**Second Sunday of Advent
December 9, 2012**

God has commanded
that every lofty mountain be made low.

— *Baruch 5:7*

AWAITING THE SALVATION OF GOD

The world does not seem big enough to contain the jubilation of the first reading. In the Gospel reading, the Roman empire isn't big enough, either. The great powers of Rome are named and made to stand waiting for the arrival of God's salvation. And we find Paul meditating joyfully on what really matters.

According to Baruch, the city of Jerusalem is like a person standing on tiptoe looking for God's salvation, which is coming from the east. Those who were led away on foot, heads down, now come back, a proud people. Why, the very way is smoothed out. The path is lined with fragrant, lush trees.

It can't get any better than this, can it? Well, yes, it can. For a voice calls out in the desert. Here is the beginning of the salvation of God.

Questions for Reflection on the Gospel

For Adults:

In what areas of your life do you need God's forgiveness right now? What Advent practice would assist you in expressing your repentance?

For Children:

What do you want to ask God to forgive you for?
What can you do during Advent to show you are sorry?

FILIPINO CHOIR MASS

Next Sunday, December 16th at noon

There will be a special collection **THIS** weekend for the
Retirement Fund for Religious

Your donation supports the day-to-day care of thousands of elder sisters, brothers and religious order priests. Please "Share in the Care" and give generously for those who have served you.



Sunday Collection	\$11,001.77
Parish Education	\$2,506.40

Thank you! Your generous contributions
help to make our ministries possible.

NEW PARISH DIRECTORY

It's been more than 10 years, so we're publishing an updated parish directory and invite all parish families to participate. Photographers will be in the Catcombs for 9 days between January 2 and January 12 for individual and family portrait sessions.

Parishioners who participate will receive at no cost:

- * A professional portrait sitting
- * A hardcover parish directory
- * A FREE 8 x 10 print of your directory portrait
- * Access to the online directory

There's no obligation, but if you purchase prints, you can also take advantage of:

- * a 20% Senior Discount certificate (60 years +)
- * 10% discount if you make your appointment online
- * a \$5.00 off coupon if you bring a food item for the Feed the Need program

Make an appointment online today
on the parish website
<http://www.saintgregorychurch.org>

If you're unable to make your appointment online, volunteers will be available in the church vestibule to assist after all Masses on December 15 and 16.

For questions, contact
Barb Cordery @ 650-508-0601
or Lisa Souther @ 650-345-0762

Peninsula Catholic Young Adults



The PCYA invites young adults to our 2nd Sun 5:30 PM Mass this Sun and to our Bible study on Tues. Please check out the website or FB for more detailed information.

FB: facebook.com/peninsulacya
Email: peninsulacya@gmail.com
<https://sites.google.com/site/peninsulacya>

Lisa Souther is the **Parish Council**
contact member for the month of December.
Call her at 345-0762 with questions or suggestions.



DID YOU KNOW about Vatican II...?

At all times and in every nation, anyone who fears God and does what is right has been acceptable to him.

Constitution on Church, #9

Come celebrate our Faith with us ...

"Simbang Gabi"

A Novena of Advent Masses

Our 9th year of celebration

December 15th to 23rd at 7:00 in the Evening

Daily Confessions: 6:00 - 6:45 pm

St. Mark Church

325 Marine View Avenue, Belmont

Opening Mass on December 15th will be celebrated by Archbishop George Niederauer

Our own Fr. David Schunk will be the celebrant on Sunday, Dec 16th

Sponsored by the Filipino-American communities of Deanery 10

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Our Lady of Angels, St. Bartholomew, St. Catherine, St. Gregory, St. Luke and St. Mark

For more information, call St. Mark Church at (650) 591-5937

Mass Intentions For The Week



**DECEMBER 8
TO
DECEMBER 16**

Saturday	5:00 †	Elsa P. Feraren
Sunday	7:30 †	Mrs. Lee Schneider
	9:00 †	Edward Schulte and Ralph Cozad, Sr. Families, Living and Deceased
	10:30	St. Gregory Parishioners
	12:00 †	Gordon Hall
	5:30	Vicente Cualoping Birthday
Monday	8:30 †	Karen and Richard Abbey
Tuesday	8:30	In honor of Our Lady of Loreto
Wednesday	8:30 †	Hugo Arevalo
Thursday	8:30 †	Irene Eggerman
Friday	8:30 †	Eleonore Bader
Saturday	8:30 †	Emile and Eleanor Nurisso, Wedding Anniversary
	5:00 †	Alma Ottino
Sunday	7:30 †	Richard Steffen
	9:00 †	Donald Brozzo
	10:30	St. Gregory Parishioners
	12:00 †	Virginia Vogel
	5:30 †	Carmel Romanski

KINDERGARTEN APPLICATIONS

St. Gregory School is now accepting applications for Kindergarten students for the 2013-2014 school year. Students must be 5 years old by September 1, 2013 and the family must be registered parishioners of St. Gregory's Parish. Applications are on-line at

stgregs-sanmateo.org

RACIAL NON-DISCRIMINATORY POLICY AS TO STUDENTS

St. Gregory, mindful of its mission to be witness to the love of Christ for all, admits students of any race, color and national and/or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded to or made available to students at this school. St. Gregory does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color and national and/or ethnic origin, age, gender or disability in administration of educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs and athletic and other school-administered programs.



As you prepare for your own family holidays, you are invited to experience the spirit of

the Advent Season by reaching out to those in need. Every year St. Gregory parishioners have been generous in helping our less fortunate brothers and sisters.

We hope you will choose a tag (perhaps more than one) from our Giving Trees located in the vestibule of the Church. **Bring your UNWRAPPED gifts (NEW items only, please) or gift cards and place them in the containers in front of the Mary and Joseph shrines by Sunday, DECEMBER 16th.** You may also bring your gifts to the parish office (2715 Hacienda Street) no later than Friday, December 14th.

St. Francis Center and Catholic Worker House will benefit from your generosity.



Red Poinsettias Needed

Parishioners are invited to help decorate the altars for Christmas with red poinsettia plants. Please deliver them to the church **by December 21st**. Your donation will be much appreciated.

St. Gregory's Liturgy Environment Committee is looking for 10-12 people to help put up and decorate the Christmas trees on Thursday December 20th at 7pm in the church. **We really need your help!**



Please RSVP to Karen at 345-8506



Christmas Food Delivery at St. Francis of Assisi Saturday, December 15th at 9:15am

St. Vincent de Paul thanks the volunteers who helped us with our Thanksgiving food delivery for our sister parish, St. Francis in East Palo Alto. 187 families were served. They're asking for our help again. So please mark your calendars and be in the school yard at 9:15 am to sign up and get directions. This is a great family activity!

Questions? Call John at 349-9630.

Our Lady of Guadalupe PRO-LIFE PROCESSION

Join our rosary-praying procession beneath Our Lady's banner starting from **St. Matthew** El Camino Real & 9th Avenue north up El Camino to **Planned Parenthood** 35 Baywood Avenue and return [about 1.5 mile round trip]
Rain or Shine!



For info call Jessica 572-1468

This Sunday Dec. 9th at 2:00 pm

*Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Pre-born,
Pray for us!*



Please join us
after 9am Mass this Sunday, Dec 9th
in the Vanos gym

Sponsored by the Young Families of St. Gregory's