

# SAINT DUNSTAN PARISH

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## MASSES:

Weekdays: 6:30 am, 8:00 a.m. & 5:10 pm  
Saturdays: 8:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m. (Vigil Mass)  
Sundays: 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, & 11:30 a.m.

Holy Days: 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 5:10, & 7:00 p.m.

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 8:30-9 a.m. & 3:30-4:30 p.m.

**BAPTISM:** Sundays at 12:30 pm preceded by instruction for the parents and godparents. Please call the rectory to register for classes.

**MARRIAGE:** Arrangements for the marriage preparation program must be made at least six months prior to the date of marriage. Call the Rectory for an appointment.

**ANOINTING THE SICK:** Call the rectory when you know of anyone who is ill at home, in the hospital, scheduled for surgery or homebound.

**DEVOTIONS:** Morning Prayer Monday through Saturday at 7:15 am. The Rosary will be recited in the church Monday through Friday at 7:40 am. The novena in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help is held every Tuesday morning after the 8:00 am Mass, followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, First Friday devotions include a Holy Hour from 7:00—8:00 am, followed by Mass. First Friday Eucharistic Adoration devotion will be held in the church from 3-5 pm. Please join us.

Come and let our parish pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

**REGISTRATION IN THE PARISH:** Our warmest welcome to all who worship in our community. If you are not registered in the parish, stop in or call the Rectory.



# Fourth Sunday of Advent December 23, 2018

Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.  
— Luke 1:42

## FROM THE PASTOR

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Christmas is upon us. We journey to Bethlehem. We bring our gifts. More importantly we are gifted with the birth of Jesus our Savior. "For unto us a child is born, and unto us a Son is given," In the Christmas story we read about, gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh being



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offered to the infant Jesus. This Christmas, let us also visit the manger and give the gift of ourselves. Let Gods love fill your hearts and homes with his joy and peace. On behalf of the priests and parish staff, I wish you all a blessed time with family and friends this Christmas. May you rejoice in his love this Christmas and throughout the New Year.

Fr. Joe

**You Are Cordially Invited to the  
"One Warm Encounter"  
Epiphany Dinner Dance**

**Saturday, January 5th, 2019  
St. Dunstan's Parish Center  
1133 Broadway Ave., Millbrae, CA**

6:00 PM No Host Bar  
7:00 PM Dinner Buffet

8:30 PM to Midnight – Silent Auction, Dancing & Raffle  
Cost: \$40.00 per person

Attire: Christmas, New Year and/or Three Kings

Sponsored by St. Dunstan Parish & The BLD

Contacts:  
Ann Woolen (650)-697-4730  
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All proceeds will go towards St. Dunstan's General Funds

**At this time we are in need of donations for the silent auction. Merchandise, gift cards or gift certificates can be dropped off at the parish office.**

**Thank you!**



## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT SAINT DUNSTAN PARISH.....

- Monday, December 24** ~Christmas Eve Masses at 4:30 pm & 11:30 pm  
Parish Office closed
- Tuesday, December 25** ~Christmas Day Masses at 7 am, 8:30 am, 10 am, 11:30 am  
Parish Office Closed
- Wednesday, December 26** ~Immaculate Heart of Mary
- Thursday, December 27** ~Immaculate Heart of Mary Prayer Group meets at 6 pm
- Saturday, December 29** ~Sorrowful & Immaculate Heart of Mary Group meets every 1st Saturday at 9 am in the convent  
~Chinese RCIA Meeting at 8:15 am in the convent

**Monday thru Saturday** Morning Prayer in the church at 7:15 am  
Rosary recited in the church 7:40 am

### Prayers of Protection for Our Men and Woman in the Service

In continued prayerful support of our men and women in the military, please call the rectory with name, rank, and branch of service and location (if allowed) of your loved ones who are serving our country.

- Richard "Nacho" Munoz
- Michael Grogan, CWO3, (P) US Army CID
- Christopher Bruzzone, SPC, Army Combat Medic
- 1LT Daniel Realini, US Army
- Eric M. Warren, US Air Force
- Major Deron T Warren, DO, US Air Force, MC
- Tom Harold Purple, US Army
- Adam J Helmers, US Navy
- Gregory M Grogan, CPL, US Marine Corps
- Michael Obregon, CPL, USMC
- Jesse Opalenik, US Marine Corps
- Luigi Lorenzo, 2nd Lieutenant US Airforce
- Enrico Enriquez US Army
- Jacob Arnold, Sergeant, US Army
- Ben Soto, US Airforce
- Ken Soto, US Air National Guard

**Christmas Celebrations at St. Dunstan 2018**

One of pleasures of the Christmas Season is the opportunity to send our thoughts and prayers to those whose friendship and goodwill we value so highly. The priests and staff of St. Dunstan Parish join in wishing you a very blessed Christmas. May the gift of faith, the blessing of hope, and the peace of God's love be with you and yours throughout the New Year.  
~ Fr. Joe, Fr. Diarmuid, Fr. Brendan, Fr. Al, Deacon Ric Cepriano and Parish Staff

**Christmas Eve Masses**  
4:30 pm Children's Mass with Pageant 11:00 pm Christmas Carols 11:30 pm Christmas Mass

**Christmas Day Masses**  
7:00 am, 8:30 am, 10:00 am and 11:30 am  
No 5:00 pm Mass on Christmas Day



**The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, December 24, Tuesday, December 25 and Wednesday, December 26.**

**WE ARE ALMOST AT OUR GOAL!!!!**

**Archdiocesan Annual Appeal**

To date St. Dunstan Parish is \$1,500 short of reaching this goal. This campaign ends on December 31, 2018.

- GOAL: \$99,456
- ACTUAL: \$96,556



If you have not yet contributed to this year's Archdiocesan Annual Appeal, please consider doing so today. Any shortfall will have to be paid from parish operating funds. Thank you for your support.

**ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL ~ THANK YOU!**

GOAL: \$99,456  
RECEIVED: \$96,556  
PLEDGES: 238



**Regular Collection: 12/16:  
Maintenance & Development Fund  
Collection: 12/16:**

Due to early transmission of the bulletin, these totals will be posted next weekend

**Online Giving to Date: \$8,105.00**

**Thank you for all your support!**

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent
- Monday: Vigil of Christmas
- Tuesday: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
- Wednesday: St. Stephen; First Day of Kwanzaa
- Thursday: St. John
- Friday: The Holy Innocents
- Saturday: Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Thomas Becket

**SUNDAY ENVELOPES** will no longer be picked up in the back of the church. They will be delivered to your home via US mail every two months. Another alternative is online giving. Click on the link on the parish website to enroll.

Many thanks to those who served as Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers this weekend:

**Sat., December 22**

**5:00 PM Lector: H Cook**  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** S Vaz, A Cook, F Gutierrez, T Griffin, J Griffin  
**Altar Servers:** R Ronquillo, M DeCamillis, C Santos

**Sun., December 23**

**7:00 AM Lector: J Cardon**  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** R Flahavan, M Hutchings, V Tanjuakio  
**Altar Servers:** A Casco, M Dela Rama  
**8:30 AM Lector: B Powell**  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** M Cownan, A Bartoli, J Lilles, V Hardwick  
**Altar Servers:** J Chan, H Macario, E Chan  
**10:00 AM Lector: R Seguire**  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** K Whitfield, E Whitfield, N DeJesus, L Borromeo, R Dueri  
**Altar Servers:** L Whitfield, S Cayanan, E DeGuzman  
**11:30 AM Lector: T Dizon**  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** B Vas, M Haven, E Balagot, R Balagot, B Santsos  
**Altar Servers:** SS Abello, M Kinnaman, M Fontana

Special thanks to all of our ushers for their dedicated service at our weekend Masses.



## December 23 - 29, 2018

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| <u>Sunday</u>    | 7:00 am       | For Parish                            |
|                  | 8:30 am       | Gaetano & Rosina Bernardo             |
|                  | 10:00 am      | Joseph Tonna                          |
|                  | 11:30 am      | Dylan Cappel                          |
| <u>Monday</u>    | 6:30 am       | Spiro & Anna Gauci                    |
|                  | 8:00 am       | Wilfredo & Myrna Viray (liv) & Family |
| <u>Tuesday</u>   | Christmas Day |                                       |
| <u>Wednesday</u> | 6:30 am       | Violet Petersen                       |
|                  | 8:00 am       | Jana Scandurra                        |
|                  | 5:10 pm       | Frank Camilleri                       |
| <u>Thursday</u>  | 6:30 am       | Angie Vendil                          |
|                  | 8:00 am       | Peggy Zanatta                         |
|                  | 5:10 pm       | Joseph Bosso                          |
| <u>Friday</u>    | 6:30 am       | Violet Petersen                       |
|                  | 8:00 am       | Frank Cannizzaro                      |
|                  | 5:10 pm       | Bill & Mary Murphy                    |
| <u>Saturday</u>  | 8:00 am       | Chachyamma Cownan                     |
|                  | 5:00 pm       | Paul Tsih                             |

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### **We pray for the sick members of our parish family and for those**

**who care for them:** William Dill, Ted & Eileen Damian, Pat Saracini, Helen & Vicky Noceti, Elsie Noceti, Pauline & Joseph Burgio, Susan Silvera-Dunn, George Rodriguez Jr, Nafal Jweinat, Helen Maternia, Richard Castro, Joseph Conrad Rodriguez, Emily Marshall, Joseph Caruana, Mrs. Lina U. Dowell, Ursula & Greg Mendoza, John Fuste, Phyllis Perez, Mary Spiteri, Annie O'Sullivan, Wilma & Heather Aragon, Julie Montiel, Lourdes Poquiz, Donna Cambrozzi, Mark Moressi, Peter MacDonnell, Kathleen Corry, Vonnie Spencer, Frank Sanchez, Maria Teresa Rosario, Jose Magsaysay, Nico Castro, John Regal, Kathy Montiel, Cathy Prince, Chris Sevieri, Gloria & Ralph Fernandez, Heather Fiske, Mark Domenico, Sue Joseph, Mr & Mrs Figenbaum, Michael J Fetterman, Cristie Arguel, Olga Petrella, Jeffrey Kollmann, Gil Chacon, Ida Marinaro, Robert Deshaies, Benjamin Ready, Kay Foreman, Frances Chetcuti, Anita Shoop Komula, Arnette & Marie Martman, Arnette Bonzani-Borla, Iris & Roger Presa, Cathy Schwarz, Anita Verdugo, Doug Uthman, Letty Santa Cruz, Ann Heersink, Caoilte O'Casey, Pauline Bertolino, Mike Phipps, Karen Neal, Nancy Grainger, Joel Rivera, Jonathan Kocjan, Diane Vanoncini, Eric B. Garcia, Peggy Winkenbach, Carlota Del Real, Eisirt Casey, Justin Shurtleff, Hugh O'Neill, Jr, Barbara Cappel, Cora Beloy, Anne Gardner, Theresa Vella, Pete Pallari, Bill Motta, Esther "Y.B." Litton, Irene Aubright, Jane Bowden, Christine Monahan, Paul Leung, Garry Pretes, Arthur Starrh, Margaret Armstrong, Joe Gracia, Gordon Seelos, Chris Sigillo, Pauline Ryan, George Maloney, Patricia Zlatunich, Deidre Warren, Emer O'Keefe, Ernie Wing, James Wing, Vikky Kaplan, Rena Weinert, Valentino Regal, Josephine Enriquez, Christine Regal, Becky Griffey, Fred Starrh, Sr., Matilda An, Dora Mazzoni Cappel, Fr. Brendan Smyth, Carolina Cedia Orantes, Lori Coustier, Carole Weldon, Rosa Mallare, Janelle Simmons, Doug Wright, Joan Walsh, Epitacio Sison Jr, Cheryl Spray, Joseph Lofranco, June O'Sullivan, Frank Motta, Conchita Chao, Lucrecia Merida, David Marquez, Roy Fry, Charlie Martin. Joshua Liu, Andrew de los Reyes, Marchita Obregon

### **We pray for the deceased members of our parish family:**

Rudy Torigiani

## **Fourth Sunday of Advent** **O Little Town of Bethlehem**

There is a Christmas song that says of Bethlehem: "Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light." Bethlehem is a suburb of Jerusalem. Its main tourist attraction in the time of Jesus was that it was the birthplace of David. Though today it has many modern homes and buildings, you can still see that it is part of "the hill country. . .of Judah." (Lk 1:39) It is not too far from En Kerem, where John the Baptist was born, and apparently where today's Gospel takes place.

We see in the Gospel reading today how Elizabeth and her unborn child rejoiced at the news of Jesus' coming birth. The story implies that Mary went to see Elizabeth as soon as the angel told her about Jesus. Maybe it was easier to tell her cousin, who was also with child, than her fiancé. I would think that talking about it made this miracle more real. I know that talking about my faith makes it more real to me.

Jesus is the "everlasting Light" mentioned in the song. That light shines today, not just in Bethlehem, but everywhere that his followers bring it. When we console someone who is mourning, that light shines. When we offer to help someone in need, it shines brighter. When we forgive someone who hurt us, the light is burning. When we offer to sponsor a candidate in the RCIA, the light grows. When we teach a child how to pray, it shines even brighter.

Our dark streets need the everlasting Light today as much as they did 2000 years ago. Today we remember how Mary and Elizabeth shared their faith in God. They did so much like we do today. Mary could not see her unborn son yet, but helped Elizabeth to believe by her words. Jesus, who seems to be invisible today, is seen in the shared faith of those who bring him into the world by their words and actions.

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### **O COME, LONG FORETOLD**

O come, Desired of nations,  
Whom priest and prophet long foretold  
Will break the captive fetters,  
Redeem the long-lost fold.  
Dear Savior, haste; come, come to earth,  
Dispel the night and show your face,  
And bid us hail the dawn of grace.

—Simon J. Pellegrin (1663-1745), Tr. by Mary of St. Philip (1825-1904)

### **TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

In ancient pagan Rome, these days in mid-December were a time for general slacking off at work and far too much rejoicing. The period of leisure after the harvest and a whole cluster of pagan festivals were a force for the church to reckon with. The Saturnalia, breaking out on December 17, was a time of high living and loose morals. Christians were advised by their bishops to drop out of the mayhem and do some serious fasting. A famous church council at Saragossa in Spain made a season of fasting mandatory from December 17 to December 23, exactly coinciding with the Saturnalia. The bishops at that time were perhaps less concerned with preparing for Christmas than with resisting the kind of loose living going on.

Modern times have restored a bit of the Saturnalia spirit to our culture, so that a general period of partying with a vague connection to religion is now upon us. How does a Christian keep balance? The practice of charity by remembering the poor in our giftgiving, of hospitality in finding a place at our holiday tables for the poor and lonely, and of daily prayer in the home and at church are great helps. Although Advent is not a penitential season like Lent, it is a time for making room in our lives for what matters most.

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