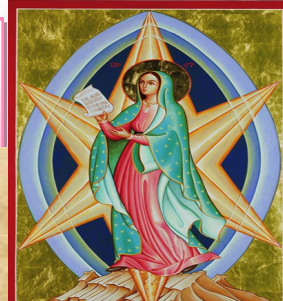


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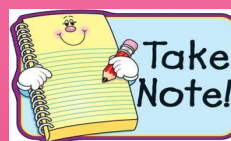
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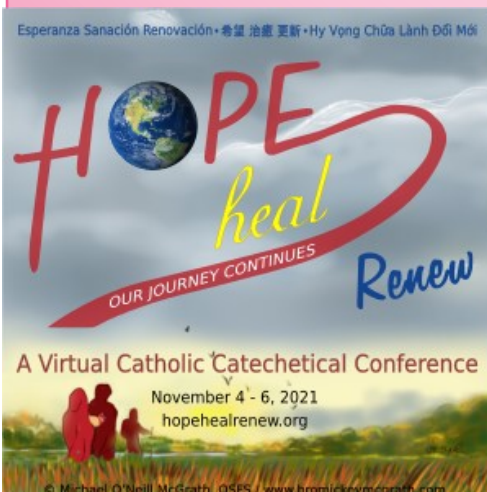
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Join with many throughout the region  
to celebrate our journey together  
in hope, healing and renewal



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You can still register for our annual Faith Formation Conference

Live sessions and all sessions taped to return back to for seeing through December.

Earn your Basic & Master Catechist credit for certification



Mark Your Calendar!  
 January 31, 2022  
 Time:

10:00 -12:30 or 6:00-8:30 PM

Reimagining the CCD Classroom:

A Webinar for the Archdiocese of San Francisco on the New Directory for Catechesis

Hosted by the Office of Faith Formation  
 Archdiocese of San Francisco

*Following the Spirit of the Catechetical Directories of 1977 and 1997, the newly published 2020 text invites the Church to re-evaluate, reconsider, and renew how we present the unchanging truths of our faith to our communities. As the Vatican's document which guides how the Catechism should be taught, it asks us to examine the extent to which Evangelization animates not only our teaching methods, but more importantly, the extent to which the living Christ, as revealed in Scripture, is at the center of who we are, how we pray as a family and local community, how sensitive we are to those at the margins, as well as how responsive we are to the pressing needs of our world.*

**Presenter: Fr. Phillip Alcon Ganir, S.J.**



Born in Seattle and raised in Honolulu, Fr. Phillip Alcon Ganir, S.J. joined the US West Province of the Jesuits in 1999 after graduating from the University of Hawaii at Mānoa in Political Science and Asian Studies. In addition to the spiritual, pastoral, and academic training required of Jesuits, he completed music degrees at the Manhattan School of Music and the University of Notre Dame, and worked as an Associate Pastor at St. Ignatius Parish, Sacramento. Currently a PhD Candidate in Catechetics at the Catholic University of America, he is writing his dissertation on the intersection of music and catechesis by exploring the catechetical potential of the repertoire of Scottish composer, Sir James MacMillan.

To register, fill in the form below and mail to: OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION, Archdiocese of San Francisco, One Peter Yorke Way, San Francisco, CA 94109, or fax to (415) 614 5650

Registration cost : \$10.00

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For questions/further information, send an email to Sr. Celeste Arbuckle, SSS — [arbucklec@sfarch.org](mailto:arbucklec@sfarch.org) or call

(415) 614-5652





As we journey through this Advent season may you find a place in your heart for those who have less, those needing shelter and warmth, those who are lonely, those who seek a friend.

The Office of Faith Formation are remembering you in special Masses for this season at the Mother-house of the Sisters of Social Service and with the assisted living facility throughout the year.

Blessings this holy season.



*Unto Us a Child Is Born!*

ISAIAH 9:6

# In Memory of



From Sr. Delia at Holy Angeles; Blessings and Rejoice we have a saint in heaven.

We are saddened by the passing away of our former CCD student, Maxeen Caballa. Maxeen was our student for First Communion for the school year 2019-2020. In April 2020, at the age of 9, she was diagnosed with stage 4 brain cancer. In the midst of the outbreak of Covid-19 last May 2020, she pleaded to receive her First Communion first and was especially granted last May 16, 2020 during the Mass of Fr. Estrada. After that she had been going for chemotherapy and other treatments. For this reason, she was not able to attend and continue her CCD class although she was still registered. We kept praying for her, but lately, she has become weaker. Last Friday, her mom called and informed me that she was already called by the Lord. Maxeen may live only for 10 years, but her life was offered totally to Jesus whom she loves.

May the soul of Maxeen rest in peace.

Archbishop Cordileone's Statement: [Here](#)

Sign up: <https://sfarchdiocese.org/laudato-si->



Contact: Melissa Vlach | 415-614-5616

## Confirmation Dates



These confirmations throughout the Archdiocese may be a help to your candidate who could not make your ceremony. The Pastor should contact the parish pastor for permission for the candidate to attend. More dates will be coming

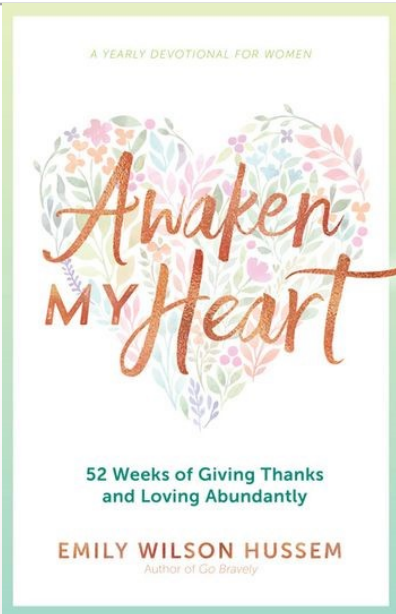


Laudato Si  
Action  
Platform

Archbishop Cordileone is inviting everyone to participate in the Laudato Si Action Platform, which officially launched on November 14. You can read his statement about the launch

St. Patrick	12/05/2021	2:00 PM
St. Stephen	2/25/2022	5:00 PM
Holy Angels Church and School	2/26/2022	10:00 AM
St. Dominic's Church	2/26/2022	5:30 PM
St. Pius Church	4/1/2022	6:30 PM





### Ditch the Hustle Culture

Are you immersed in the hustle culture? Do you feel like you have to keep doing, doing, doing? Are you running on empty and wondering why your heart is hurting?

Emily Wilson Hussem believes that this widespread burnout has put our hearts to sleep and wants to help you feel alive again. In *Awaken My Heart*, Emily invites you on a year-long journey written to help you slow down and come awake to the glory of God in your life and the glory He is calling you to share with the world.

### 52 Weeks of Giving Thanks and Loving Abundantly

*Awaken My Heart* is a 52-week devotional for women of ALL ages—whether you are in high school, a mom with three children, or a grandmother! This is a devotional you can walk through by yourself, with a friend, or a group of women.

### When Do You Start?

How and when you use the devotional is completely flexible: You can start on any day of the week and return to it as often as you need to. Each week’s focus is designed to draw you deeper into the heart of God by learning to love Jesus, others, and yourself more fully.

### Awaken My Heart Prayer Journal \$17.95

Contact our sales department Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. EST, by phone (800) 282-1865 ext.1, fax (800) 282-5681, or email [avemariapress.1@nd.edu](mailto:avemariapress.1@nd.edu).

## Goodbye & blessings

How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbyes so hard.

- Winnie the Pooh



Suzanne will be leaving the parish to retire with her husband in southern California. We are so thankful for the many years of ministry to the parish and the archdiocese. Suzanne hosted many catechist formation meetings for us.

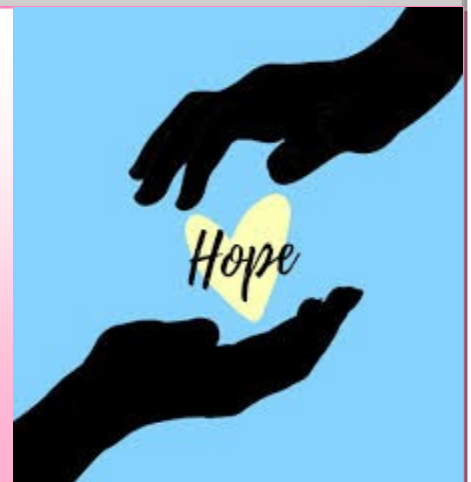
**Suzanne Chinn** Good Shepherd Catholic Church

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650-355-2593

Pope Francis offers us this consideration:

***“Advent is a continuous call to hope... God walks beside us to support us. The Lord does not abandon us; He accompanies us through the events of our lives to help us discover the meaning of the journey, the meaning of everyday life, to give us courage when we are under duress or suffering” (Angelus, November 29, 2020).***





## Course on the Eucharist

Beginning new year, the online SPM will be hosting a course on the Eucharist. I believe that it is an excellent course and I encourage all of you to sign for it. I also ask the Catholic School Religion Teachers to also sign up for this information course and it will help them in explaining the Mystery of the Eucharist to their students.

<https://www.sfarch.org/eucharist/>

Tuesday Nights at 7 PM (January 11, 18, 25, February 1, 8, 15)

The Eucharist is, like so many aspects of our faith, a great mystery. But to call something a mystery in the theological sense is not to say that we cannot understand anything about it. Instead, it is to say that we can never learn *everything* about it. A theological mystery is not unintelligible; it is infinitely intelligible. In other words, even though we can never fully comprehend it, can never just put it in a box and move on, we can always learn more about a theological mystery.

In our course together we will look at the multifaceted mystery of the Eucharist through several lenses. We'll use Bishop Barron's wonderful little book, titled simply *Eucharist*, as well as some of my own writings to look at themes like meal, sacrifice, real presence, transubstantiation, Christian Unity, and liturgy. Here's a little sampler.

- The Eucharist is a meal, but a unique kind of meal. The Eucharist is a sacrifice, but a unique kind of sacrifice. And meal and sacrifice, far from being opposing ideas, inform one another. It is the essence of every meal that something dies so that others might live.
- In the Eucharist Christ is *really* present, but not in a way that our contemporary categories – materialist, on the one hand, or purely subjective, on the other – can make much sense of. What does the Church mean by calling Christ's Eucharistic presence "real"? And how does that shape how we understand *reality* more generally?
- Catholics believe in transubstantiation. What exactly does this mean? And what *doesn't* it mean? Is transubstantiation compatible with the ways in which other Christians think about Christ's Eucharistic presence? Is agreement about the Eucharist possible for Catholics and other Christians?
- Humans are formed by practices. How does our celebration of the Eucharist form and inform us? Can we learn to recognize how other cultural practices – cultural liturgies, even – seek to form and inform us? In what ways does our liturgy, the Mass, counter that formation?

These are some of the questions that will guide our discussion, but please bring your own questions as well. I love Q & A and will leave time for it at the end of each session. If you want to learn more about this central mystery of our Catholic faith, register today and invite a friend.

*“the single most critical factor in an effective parish catechetical program is the leadership of a professionally trained parish catechetical leader.”* (NDC, Chapter 8 No. 5)



## 2021-2022 Foundational Training Course for Parish Catechetical Leaders

The Foundational Training Course is a series of workshops conducted by the Office of Faith Formation to assist parish catechetical leaders in their practice of their ministry in accordance with the Certification Standards and Core Competencies set forth in the National Certification Standards for Lay Ecclesial Ministers, in particular, Standard No. 5 — the Professional Practice of Ministry.

The Course is recommended

- ⇒ To those who are new or nearly new in parish catechetical leadership role
- ⇒ As a ‘refresher’ and ‘update’ to those who are already in catechetical leadership role.
- ⇒ To those who are considering catechetical leadership roles in the near future.
- ◆ The Course specifics are cited on the side panels.
- ◆ Participants may choose to attend all or any of the courses.
- ◆ A Certificate of Completion will be awarded to participants who had attended the entire series.



The courses will be conducted **virtually via Zoom**

Daytime: 1:30 to 4 pm  
Evening: 6:00 to 8:30 pm



To register, please fill in the registration form on page 2

## Topics & Schedule of Sessions

### 2021

#### December 8— Program Design: Parish Sacramental Programs– Preparation & Celebration

- ⇒ Requisites When Designing Parish Sacrament Programs, Guidelines & Policies
- ⇒ Planning Liturgies for Sacramental Celebrations
- ⇒ Adult Faith Formation and the Catechumenate as the Model for All Catechesis

### 2022

#### February 7— Program Planning

- ⇒ Essentials for Developing Parish Faith Formation/Youth Ministry Program Handbook for Families and Volunteers
- ⇒ Calendaring and Time Management
- ⇒ Budget, Record Keeping and Forms

#### March 7— Program Administration

- ⇒ Recruitment, Supervision and Support of Volunteers in Ministry
- ⇒ Catechist Training and Formation

#### April 4— Program Administration

- ⇒ Planning and Conducting Meetings with Parents and Catechetical Staff/ Volunteer Team
- ⇒ Communication Skills and Conflict Management

#### May 2 — Program Assessment & Evaluation

- ⇒ Creating Assessment and Evaluation Tools for Faith Formation Program
- ⇒ Self-Assessment Process for Parish Catechetical Leaders based on the National Certification Standards for Lay Ecclesial Ministers



## 2021-2022 Foundational Training Course Registration Form

Kindly fill in the information requested below, and email to Anelita Reyes — [reyesa@sfarch.org](mailto:reyesa@sfarch.org) or fax (415) 614-5651.

To mail the form:   Office of Faith Formation  
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Please check which session time you will attend:

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Evening session: 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Course Fee: \$60.00            Bill Parish

Or Make check payable to OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION and mail to: Office of Faith Formation, Archdiocese of San Francisco, San Francisco, CA 94109



**Email/Fax/Mail your registration by September 25**

**Questions???**

**Need more information about this program?**

**Call Anelita Reyes(415) 614-5651 or email [reyesa@sfarchdiocese.org](mailto:reyesa@sfarchdiocese.org).**





# Simbang Gabi Commissioning Mass

Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption

December 10, 2021 | 7:30pm

Contact: Edgar Estonia | 415-370-9879 | [eestonia@comcast.net](mailto:eestonia@comcast.net)

Each year, the Archdiocese of San Francisco holds a Mass with Commissioning Rites to herald the beginning of the "Simbang Gabi Masses" widely celebrated in various parishes throughout the Archdiocese, in the days leading up to Christmas. "Simbang Gabi" is a centuries-old Filipino Catholic faith practice dating back to the 1600's. With the country's agricultural roots, the practice traditionally began as a novena of pre-dawn masses, but more recently, has been

adapted to evening celebrations.

We encourage you to attend our Simbang Gabi Commissioning Mass. Bring your own Filipino Christmas "Parol", and your family "Creche" (or Nativity scene) to receive a special blessing during the Mass. Please verify the dates and times of Simbang Gabi Masses that may be celebrated at your parish of choice.



## Resources to help us understand Pope Francis' call for Synodality

[Synodality: the fruit of prayer, a letter to all brothers and sisters called to monastic and contemplative life](#)

[What is Synodality? Article by Bishop Barron, February 18, 2020](#)

[A closer look at synodality and its promise for a more inclusive church](#)

[General Audience, November 25, 2020](#)

[Pope Francis: The People of God must be consulted before the October 2023 synod of bishops](#)

[Synod of Bishops will begin in the local Churches](#)

[Sister Becquart: there is no synodality without spirituality](#)

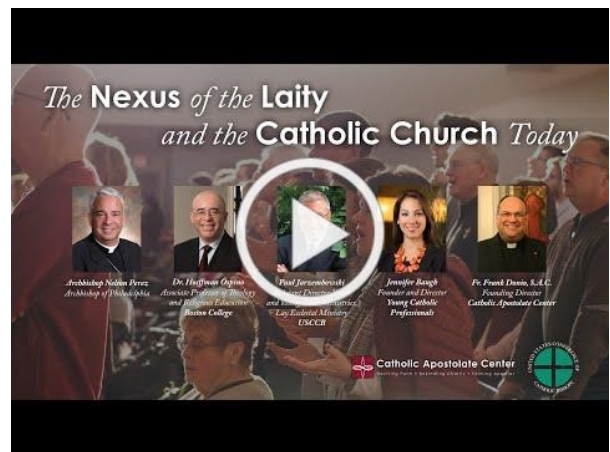
[What is 'synodality'? Catholic News Agency, October, 25, 2018](#)

[What is a synod in the Catholic Church?](#)

Be sure to watch our first webinar in this series on co-responsibility, synodality, and lay formation in collaboration with the **USCCB: *The Nexus of the Laity and the Catholic Church Today***.

This webinar featured **Archbishop Nelson Perez**, **Archbishop of Philadelphia**, **Jennifer Baugh**, Founder and Director of **Young Catholic Professionals**, **Fr. Frank Donio, S.A.C.**, Founding Director of the **Catholic Apostolate Center**, **Dr. Hosffman Ospino**, Associate Professor of Theology and Religious Education at **Boston College**, and Paul Jarzebowski, Assistant Director of **Youth and Young Adult Ministries**, **Lay Ecclesial Ministry at the USCCB**.

[Watch the Webinar](#)



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A thorough assessment of our parish's catechumenal ministry is beneficial for the life and vibrancy of the faith community. The NGCI team members will use the RCIA ritual text and the 2020 *Directory for Catechesis* to guide participants through an honest evaluation process. While we will celebrate the good work that is being done in the parish community, we will also ask the hard questions and raise the bar as we strive to fully implement the Church's vision. Finally, participants will have the opportunity to develop a strategic plan that includes a more fruitful collaboration with clergy and full inclusion of the baptized faithful in the initiation process.

Register now to take advantage of the Early Bird discount

Early bird pricing is available through March 2, 2022

Visit [NGCI.org](http://NGCI.org) for additional details and registration information.



Synod  
2021  
2023

This month, the global Catholic Church began a synod process that will culminate in 2023 with the

Synod of Bishops. The Synod on Synodality is a two-year process of listening and dialogue beginning with a solemn opening in Rome on October 9 and 10, 2021 with each individual diocese and church celebrating the following week on October 17. The synodal process will conclude in 2023.

Pope Francis invites the entire Church to reflect on a theme that is decisive for its life and mission: "It is precisely this path of synodality which God expects of the Church of the third millennium." This journey, which follows in the wake of the Church's "renewal" proposed by the Second Vatican Council, is both a gift and a task: by journeying together and reflecting together on the journey that has been made, the Church will be able to learn through Her experience which processes can help Her to live communion, to achieve participation, to open Herself to mission.

#### Leadership Roundtable to partner with U.S. Bishops, Vatican leaders to promote Synod.

We are pleased to be a partner with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and continue collaboration with leaders in Rome to promote the synodal process.

Since our inception, we have sought to model the spirit of synodality in our convenings and our services and programs. We are eager to offer our leadership in this area to the broader Church to facilitate the conversations that will happen in parishes and dioceses across the U.S. in these next two years. We hope all of you will take part in the synod process to help our Church discern its future. To learn more about the Synod:

[Process for Facilitating Synodal Consultations](#)

[Official Vatican Synod website](#)

[USCCB Synod website](#)



Prayer to St. Joseph to encourage families to come back to Faith Formation Programs)

**Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**

**To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became Man.**

**Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself  
a father & guide us in the path of life for our faith formation programs.**

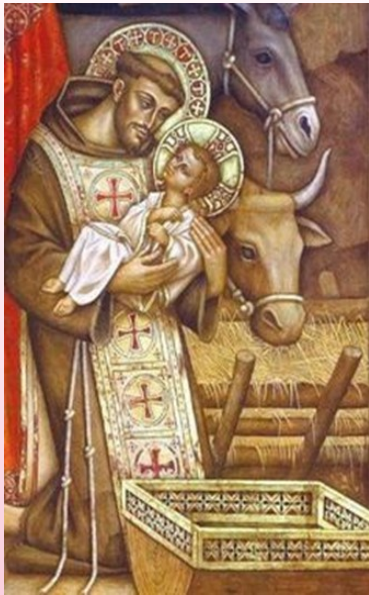
**We pray that families will be open to returning to their on-going formation.**

**Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,  
love and willingness to reach out to all who need  
to hear the call of discipleship with Jesus. Amen**

The Year of St. Joseph ends December 8th. You may want to say this prayer between now and then.

# ESPAÑOL

## A Christmas message of Simplicity and Tenderness



Al contemplar la esencia de la Navidad, nos fijamos en el pesebre y la cuna para la inspiración en medio de tantas realidades duras que nos enfrentamos hoy en día. Algunos de ustedes tal vez no quieran contemplar el rostro de la humanidad sufriente, pero eso es precisamente lo que hace que la Navidad sea tan especial. El sufrimiento nos pone en contacto con nuestra condición humana vulnerable y la conciencia profunda de que Jesús asumió esta naturaleza nuestra para traernos paz y gozo, consuelo y amor. El Papa Francis dice:

**“En la sencillez del pesebre encontramos y contemplamos la ternura de Dios, manifestada en el Niño Jesús.”**

Contemplando este Dios-hecho-carne, nuestros corazones se inspiran por la belleza y la simplicidad del establo y nos invitan a "mirar, considerar, contemplar, para que pueda imitar," en las palabras de Santa Clara de Asís. San Francisco fue el corazón y inspiración de reproducir en vivo el nacimiento de Jesús. El invita al pueblo de Asís a formar parte del primer pesebre navideño que simulaba para que todo el mundo pudiera ser movido por el "amor que nos ha amado".

As we contemplate the essence of Christmas, we look to the stable and crib for inspiration in the midst of so many harsh realities we are faced with today. Some of you might not want to contemplate the face of suffering humanity, but that is what precisely makes Christmas so special. Suffering puts us in touch with our vulnerable, human condition and the profound awareness that Jesus assumed this nature of ours to bring us peace and joy, comfort and love. Pope Francis says,

**“In the simplicity of the crib  
we find and contemplate  
the Tenderness of God  
manifested in the Child Jesus.”**

Contemplating this God-made-flesh, our hearts are warmed by the beauty and simplicity of this setting of the stable and we are invited to “gaze, consider, contemplate, so that you might imitate,” in the words of St. Claire of Assisi. St. Francis went to the heart of the matter when he invited the people of Assisi to be part of the first Christmas stable that he simulated so that everyone could be moved by the “Love that has loved us.”



Dios te salve, Guardián del Redentor,  
Esposa de la Santísima Virgen María.

A ti Dios te confió a su único Hijo;  
en ti María puso su confianza;  
contigo Cristo se hizo hombre.

Bendícenos José, a nosotros también,  
muéstrate padre y guíanos en el camino de la  
vida para nuestros programas  
de formación en la fe.

Oramos para que las familias se abran a  
regresar a su formación permanente.

Obtén para nosotros gracia, misericordia y  
valor, amor y disposición para llegar a todos  
los que necesitan escuchar el llamado del  
discipulado con Jesús.

Amen.



# December

1	SF DRE cluster meeting	1 to 2 pm	Virtual	Anelita Reyes reyesa@sfarch.org
2	Deanery 10 PCL Meeting	10:00-11:30	TBA All parish catechetical leaders are invited	Sr. Celeste Arbuckle <a href="mailto:arbucklec@sfarch.org">arbucklec@sfarch.org</a>
2	SF DRE Cluster meeting	10 to 11 am	Virtual	Anelita Reyes reyesa@sfarch.org
3	SF DRE cluster meeting	10 to 11 am	Virtual	Anelita Reyes reyesa@sfarch.org
6	Foundational Training Course Session # 4	1:30 to 4 pm 6 to 8:30 pm	Virtual	Anelita Reyes reyesa@sfarch.org
7	Deanery 11 PCL Meeting	10:00—Noon	Place: TBA	Sr. Celeste Arbuckle <a href="mailto:arbucklec@sfarch.org">arbucklec@sfarch.org</a>
8	Immaculate Conception	Holy Day of Obliga- tion		
12	Our Lady of Guadalupe			
15	Simbang Gabi Novena Begins			
17	O Antiphons Begin	O Wisdom	<a href="#">O Sapientia</a> O Wisdom of our God Most High, guiding creation with power and love: come to teach us the path of knowledge!	
18	O Antiphons	Leader of the House of Israel	<a href="#">O Adonai</a> O Leader of the House of Israel, giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai: come to rescue us with your mighty power!	
19	O Antiphons	Root of Jesse	<a href="#">O Radix Jesse</a> O Root of Jesse's stem, sign of God's love for all his people: come to save us without delay!	
20	O Antiphons	Key of David	<a href="#">O Clavis David</a> O Key of David, opening the gates of God's eter- nal Kingdom: come and free the prisoners of darkness!	

21	O Antiphons	Radiant Dawn	O Oriens O Radiant Dawn, splendored of eternal light, sun of justice, come and shine on those who dwell in darkness in the shadow of death	
22	O Antiphons	King of All Nations	<a href="#">O Rex Gentium</a> O King of all nations and keystone of the Church: come and save man, whom you formed from the dust!	
23	O Antiphons	O Emmanuel	<a href="#">O Emmanuel</a> O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law: come to save us, Lord our God!	
				
24-Januray 1	Christmas Break	Pastoral Offices are closed		
<h1>January</h1>		Pope's intention for the month: Human Fraternity	May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellow- ship with our brother and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all	Kick off of Respect Life Es- say Contest begins
1	Feast Mary, Mother of God  New Years Day			
7 & 8	Diocese of Reno Annual Diocesan Conference	"Blessed Benedicidos And Grateful		<a href="http://www.reno-diocesan-conference.org">www.reno-diocesan-conference.org</a>
8-9	High School Retreat	Open to all High School students	Redwood Glen Retreat Center	<a href="mailto:Marianoc@sfarch.org">Marianoc@sfarch.org</a>
9	Liturgical Training—Youth in Service		Our Lady of Angels, Burlingame	<a href="mailto:Marianoc@sfarch.org">Marianoc@sfarch.org</a>
17	Martin Luther King Day	Pastoral Offices are closed		
24	Deaneries 8 & 9 DRE Meeting	10 am to 12 noon		Anelita Reyes <a href="mailto:reyesa@sfarch.org">reyesa@sfarch.org</a>

29	Archdiocesan High School Confirmation Retreat	10:00 AM	Candidates must register with parish	<a href="mailto:Marianoc@sfarch.org">Marianoc@sfarch.org</a>
31	New Directory Meeting	10:00-12:30 Or 6:00-8:30	Virtual	Sr. Celeste Arbuckle <a href="mailto:arbucklec@sfarch.org">arbucklec@sfarch.org</a>
31	Mission Office Christmas Art Work	Due for school year 2021-2022		
<b>February</b>				
1	Black History Month Begins			
7	Foundational Training Session 5	1:30 to 4 pm 6 to 8:30 pm	virtual	Anelita Reyes <a href="mailto:reyesa@sfarch.org">reyesa@sfarch.org</a>
16	Required Master Catechist Gathering New Beginnings	10:00-Noon	Join on the 16th or 17th Virtual	Sr. Celeste Arbuckle <a href="mailto:arbucklec@sfarch.org">arbucklec@sfarch.org</a>
17	Deanery 10 PCL Meeting Date may change	10:00-11:30	TBA	Sr. Celeste Arbuckle <a href="mailto:arbucklec@sfarch.org">arbucklec@sfarch.org</a>
22	Deanery 11 PCL Meeting	3:30—4:45	Place: TBA	Sr. Celeste Arbuckle <a href="mailto:arbucklec@sfarch.org">arbucklec@sfarch.org</a>
28	Deaneries 8 & 9 DRE Meeting	10 am to 12 noon		Anelita Reyes <a href="mailto:reyesa@sfarch.org">reyesa@sfarch.org</a>
26	Archdiocesan High School Confirmation Retreat	10:00 AM St. Dunstan Parish	Candidates must register with parish	<a href="mailto:Marianoc@sfarch.org">Marianoc@sfarch.org</a>
<b>March</b>		Pope's intention for the month: Sacrament of Reconciliation	Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God	
1	Women's History Month Begins			
2	Ash Wednesday	Lent Begins	Do you have your Rice Bowls ready to give out?	
5	Catechists' Retreat Hosted by Deaneries 1 & 2	3:00 to 5 pm	Virtual	Anelita Reyes <a href="mailto:reyesa@sfarch.org">reyesa@sfarch.org</a>
6	Rite of Election	4:00 PM St. Mary Cathedral		Office of Worship Laura Bertone <a href="mailto:bertonel@sfarch.org">bertonel@sfarch.org</a>
7	Foundational Training Session 7	1:30 to 4 pm Or 6 to 8:30 pm	virtual	Anelita Reyes <a href="mailto:reyesa@sfarch.org">reyesa@sfarch.org</a>
9	Lenten Retreat for catechists and PCLs #1	6:30-7:45	Virtual	Sr. Celeste Arbuckle <a href="mailto:arbucklec@sfarch.org">arbucklec@sfarch.org</a>
10	Deaneries 1 & 2 DRE Meeting	10:00-to 12 noon		Anelita Reyes <a href="mailto:reyesa@sfarch.org">reyesa@sfarch.org</a>



<b>March</b>					
16	Lenten Retreat for catechists and PCLs #2	6:30-7:45	Virtual	Sr. Celeste Arbuckle <a href="mailto:arbucklec@sfarch.org">arbucklec@sfarch.org</a>	
17	Feast of St. Patrick Patron of the Archdiocese				
16-19	LA Religious Education Congress				
19	Feast of St. Joseph Patron of the Archdiocese				
22	Deanery 11 PCL Meeting	3:30-4:45	Place: TBA	Sr. Celeste Arbuckle <a href="mailto:arbucklec@sfarch.org">arbucklec@sfarch.org</a>	
28	Deaneries 8 & 9 DRE Meeting	10 am to 12 noon		Anelita Reyes <a href="mailto:reyesa@sfarch.org">reyesa@sfarch.org</a>	
<b>April</b>		Pope's intention for the month: Fundamental Rights	We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under	dictatorship, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis	
4	Foundational Training Session 8	1:30 to 4 pm 6 to 8:30 pm	virtual	Anelita Reyes <a href="mailto:reyesa@sfarch.org">reyesa@sfarch.org</a>	
9	Archdiocesan High School Confirmation Retreat	10:00 AM	Candidates must register with parish	<a href="mailto:Marianoc@sfarch.org">Marianoc@sfarch.org</a>	
10	Palm Sunday				
17	Easter Sunday				
18	Easter Monday Holiday	Pastoral offices are closed			
21	Deanery 10 PCL Meeting	10:00-11:30	TBA	Sr. Celeste Arbuckle <a href="mailto:arbucklec@sfarch.org">arbucklec@sfarch.org</a>	
24	Respect Life Essay Contest Mass	11:00 AM	St. Mary Cathedral		
25	Deanery 8 & 9 PCL Meeting	10 am to 12 noon		Anelita Reyes <a href="mailto:reyesa@sfarch.org">reyesa@sfarch.org</a>	
26	Deanery 11 PCL Meeting	3:30-4:45	Place: TBA	Sr. Celeste Arbuckle <a href="mailto:arbucklec@sfarch.org">arbucklec@sfarch.org</a>	

# May

		<b>Pope's intention for the month: The World of Finance</b>	<b>Let us pray for those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the</b>	<b>financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers</b>
1	Asian American & Pacific Islanders Heritage Month			
2	Foundational Training Session 8	1:30 to 4 pm 6 to 8:30 pm	virtual	Anelita Reyes <a href="mailto:reyesa@sfarch.org">reyesa@sfarch.org</a>
6-7	Adult Confirmation Classes	Friday 6:00-8:30 PM & Saturday 10:00-4:00	All adults 17 years of age and older are invited with permission of their pastor	Sr. Celeste Arbuckle <a href="mailto:arbucklec@sfarch.org">arbucklec@sfarch.org</a>
12	Pius X Dinner and Recognition	6:30 PM	St. Mary Cathedral with Archbishop Cordileone	Sr. Celeste Arbuckle <a href="mailto:arbucklec@sfarch.org">arbucklec@sfarch.org</a>
24	Deanery 11 PCL Meeting	3:30-4:45	Place: TBA	Sr. Celeste Arbuckle <a href="mailto:arbucklec@sfarch.org">arbucklec@sfarch.org</a>
30	Memorial Day	Pastoral offices are closed		
<b>June</b>		<b>Pope's intention for the month: The Beauty of Marriage</b>	<b>Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a</b>	<b>Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.</b>
5	Pentecost Sunday			
5	Adult Confirmations	11:00 AM St. Mary Cathedral		Office of Worship Laura Bertone <a href="mailto:bertonel@sfarch.org">bertonel@sfarch.org</a>
16	Deanery 10 PCL Meeting	10:00-11:30	TBA	Sr. Celeste Arbuckle <a href="mailto:arbucklec@sfarch.org">arbucklec@sfarch.org</a>
28	Deanery 11 PCL Meeting	3:30-4:45	Place: TBA	Sr. Celeste Arbuckle <a href="mailto:arbucklec@sfarch.org">arbucklec@sfarch.org</a>
12-14	National Gathering in Christine Initiation	"Evaluating and Revitalizing the RCIA in Your Parish"	Chicago, Ill	<a href="http://LTP.org">LTP.org</a>

## Some Simple Things to Pray For During Advent:



*Pray for attentiveness to what truly matters, without being distracted by trivial things.*

*Pray for opportunities to learn something new regularly.*

*Pray for discernment of how God would like you to set your priorities and the ability to focus on them consistently to fulfill His purposes in your life.*

*Pray for the grace to be able to rest, become aware of God's presence, and enjoy it.*

*Pray for strong relationships with other people in the bond of a loving community.*

*Pray for peace in all situations, no matter what the circumstances.*

*Pray for an enlivened imagination that helps you contribute to the world in creative ways.*

*Pray for freedom from all that burdens you - past mistakes, fears, destructive habits, hurts other people have inflicted, and more.*

*Pray for joy and a sense of humor.*

*Pray for confidence in God's love for you and trust in His power to work things out for the best in your life.*

*Pray for a clear mind and the ability to clearly communicate what you value to others.*

*Pray for purity so you can grow as a person and encounter God more fully.*

*Pray for openness to the Holy Spirit's guidance.*

*Pray for a genuine awareness of God's grace in your life and the humility to extend grace to others.*

*Pray for a passion to pursue justice.*

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