

MASS INTENTIONS			
Saturday	-	December 12	- 6:30 AM
Susan Thornes, her Birthday			
Saturday	-	December 12	- 5:00 PM
Art & Terri Foltz, their Wedding Anniversary			
Sunday	-	December 13	- 7:30 AM
Ziola Family --- Req. by Tom & Wannee Edgington			
Sunday	-	December 13	- 9:00 AM
+Paul & +Michael Quintos --- Req. by the Antonio Family			
Sunday	-	December 13	- 10:30 AM
+Bienvenido Fama			
Sunday	-	December 13	- 12:30 PM
Trevor Lopez			
Sunday	-	December 13	- 5:00 PM
Missa Pro Populo			
Monday	-	December 14	- 6:30 AM
Matthew Joseph Herrera & Family +Tom Hernandez			
Monday	-	December 14	- 8:00 AM
Jim & Anne Abbona and for the soul of +Martin Jaureguay			
Tuesday	-	December 15	- 6:30 AM
Ramona J. Romero			
Tuesday	-	December 15	- 8:00 AM
+Martin Itcea --- Req. by Jim & Anne Abbona & Family			
Wednesday	-	December 16	- 6:30 AM
Mark & Sylvia Durbin, their 42nd Wedding Anniversary			
Wednesday	-	December 16	- 8:00 AM
Ramona J. Romero			
Thursday	-	December 17	- 6:30 PM
+Teofila Cancio & +Dionisio Peralta			
Thursday	-	December 17	- 8:00 AM
Ramona J. Romero			
Thursday	-	December 17	- 9:00 PM
Elizabeth Vicario			
Friday	-	December 18	- 6:30 AM
+Richard G. Sanchez --- Req. by his daughter, Elizabeth Vicario			
Friday	-	December 18	- 8:00 AM
+Joe & +Danny Herrera			
Saturday	-	December 19	- 6:30 AM
+Ignatius Botelho --- Req. by his brother, Anthony Botelho			
Saturday	-	December 19	- 5:00 PM
+Daisy Raposo --- Req. by her Family			

Please pray for the victims of the shooting in San Bernardino

INTENTIONS FOR THE SICK
 Vanessa Vargas, Mother Lily, Eugene Hackbarth, Ron & Steve Espalin, Robert Tim Kline, Sue Strough, Joe, Evelyn & Ramona Aranda, Doreen Botelho, Luis Tiong, Laura Ann Lima, Sr. Kathleen Lamia, Mary, Daniel & Ron Moore Sr., Hilma Anderson, Betty Mead, Jude Zechariah Aquino, Bill Domer, Mary Elizabeth Quan, Donna Loeffler, Frank Aguirre, Bob and Carolyn Salle, Carol Kelly, Joe & Anna Palfreyman, Michael P. Sweeney, Patricia Higgins, Jacob Tanner-Means, Deborah Baron, Stan Cook, Suzie Hudson, Ramona J. Romero, Consuelo Dominguez, Robert Durbin, Peter Moglia, Vivian Balandran, Bertha Cano, Lillian Wojak, Liliana Luna, Royce Edgington, Edward Goff, Jose Tecero, Ben Mackall, Esther Farmer, Annie Bustamante, Doreen Thornes, Guadalupe Velasco, Colin Campbell, Martha Garrett, Felipe Martinez, Chris Herrera, Benito Aguirre, Carlos Garcia, Donald Schabow, Marua Suncin, Laura E. Betancourt, Betsy Pirrone, Xiamora Largaespada, Leslie Timmons

INTENTIONS FOR THE DECEASED
 Paula Gerber, Tom Hernandez, Travis Ryan Thomas Pettit, Gabriel, Connie, Fred, Tony, Al & Christine Aguirre, Joseph Gilwood, David O. & Dona Powell, Alejandro Zendejas, Fernando Saucedo, Paul Hagenburger, Albert R. Sanchez, Cindy Eddins, Joseph Gallo, Ignacio Munoz, Irene Rodriguez, Frank Sanchez, Windy M. Poremba, Ignatius Botelho, Mary M. Mashburn, Mynard Swarthout, Dana Pearson, John Orlando Trujillo, Noemi Gonzales, Officer Ricardo Galvez, John P. Holbach, Martina Medina, Ana Arguello,

CHOOSE LIFE – Pregnancy Hot Line (909) 398-4838
 “In every child which is born and in every person who lives or dies we see the image of God’s glory. We celebrate this glory in every human being, a sign of the living God, an icon of Jesus Christ.” Pope John Paul II, *The Gospel of Life*

PRO LIFE COLLECTING SIGNATURES TODAY!
 Our Pro Life Ministry will be collecting signatures on two separate petitions: For Parental Notification and against Assisted Suicide. Requirements for petition signers: Must be a California resident, 18 years or older, registered to vote at a current address and sign only petitions of your county. Please follow the directions carefully, for example there are two separate lines for street address and for listing your city and state. If you have any questions, please ask the representative at the table.

THANK YOU FROM FATHER MATTHEW
 Dearest parish family of San Secondo's parish, I would like to thank you all for your prayers and support of my humble parish's feast day celebration and bazaar. It was a great blessing to see so many of you good souls there praying and visiting with us. Thank you for taking the time last Sunday to come and pay us a visit. Know very well that many of you can find a hearty and cheerful welcome from me the parish priest and know that we walk together in following Holy Mother Church and loving tradition from our being as a Byzantine Rite Catholic parish church. God bless you all as we journey in this Advent (Philip's Fast) time toward the celebration of the birth of Our Lord, God and Saviour Jesus Christ!

SAN SECONDO DIRECTORY
 San Secondo d'Asti is excited to announce a new Parish Directory for 2016. We would like to include a photo of each of our parishioners and families.

J.M.J.
3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 6th, 2015

Spirit of ADVENT

If Christmas is essentially Christ, it is also Mary, for it is impossible to think of the Child without the Mother.

We do not find it hard to picture her, mounted on the little gray donkey, stolidly plodding the Bethlehem Road. That journey was 90 miles from Nazareth to Bethlehem, and usually took four days.

Joseph walked at her side, at once her guide and her guard. When you think of it, he was protecting the most valuable cargo this old earth has seen. No Western stagecoach, no modern armored car ever carried a treasure half so precious as the unborn Christ.

If you look at the picture from another angle, Mary with the Child under her heart was like a priest going on a sick call, the Blessed Sacrament under his coat, his hands devoutly on his breast. **Our Lady, too, was brining our Lord to a sick world.** Those of good will would be cured who came near him, even if they but touched the hem of His garment.

BUT THE LORD CAME with His redemption for all times and this is just as true of the intercession of Mary. His salvation continues through each generation of men and so does Mary’s sweet, but strong influence on her Son.

In Bethlehem she knelt beside the rough manger with its bed of bristling straw and its hard, bleak poverty, but the same Mary is on her knees now before His throne of blinding glory and infinite riches. With a mother’s warm-hearted eloquence, she can plead for any petition we place in her unselfish hands.

In Tune with Advent

If we are in tune with the true spirit of Advent, we shall ask her for such gifts as: **a little more fervor in prayer, a little more kindness toward our fellow-men, a little more gratitude to God for the gift of His saving Son.**

HE WAS SO CLOSE to Mary’s heart during those first pre-Christmas days, then. May He be close to our thoughts in these Advent days, now! And we can be sure that for us Christmas will dawn as the **Birthday of the Long-awaited Redeemer** and not just the holiday of December 25th!

--Father Joseph Manton, C.S.S.R.

SAN SECONDO D'ASTI CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE TODAY!
 Today is our Annual Christmas Boutique! There will be Catholic home businesses, homemade foods, desserts, gifts and craft items. Please come and support your Catholic Parish family and keep Christ in Christmas!

CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE – TODAY & DEC. 20th
 The San Secondo Food Pantry will be having its Christmas Food Drive today and Sunday, Dec. 20th. Food donations for our Christmas baskets are urgently needed! We are in need of boxes of mashed potatoes and stuffing, gravy, cranberry sauce, cookies, condensed milk, pumpkin pie filling, etc. We are also in need of frozen turkeys or hams. Monetary and grocery gift card donations are always appreciated. **We will also be accepting donations in the Parish Office until Dec. 22nd.** It is by your generous donations that we can continue this ministry at our Parish!

FR. MARX INVITES ALL TO JOIN THE SAN SECONDO 33 DAYS CONSECRATION

Fr. Marx invites all to join in the San Secondo 33 Days to Morning Glory Consecration To Jesus Through Mary, a 'retreat' starting on December 27th inside the Parish Hall at 3:00PM. This Consecration will end on the Feast of the Presentation of our Lord, February 2nd. The 33 Days Consecration is a way to enter into a peaceful interior reflection on our relationship with Christ in the context of Marian devotion. We begin with the Immaculate Heart because Mary leads us to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The end result is that, by learning to trust ourselves to the Mother of Our Lord, we can discover a transforming trust in Jesus Himself. The books will be available next Sunday, and the videos can be viewed on-line on the FORMED.org website which Fr. Marx has subscribed to as a gift to parishioners. **We will have a table outside the church on Sunday, December 20th for sign ups and a free book--a gift from Father Marx.**

We will be having a second collection for the Retirement Fund for the Religious today. Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

2016 COLLECTION ENVELOPES
 The 2016 collection envelopes that have not been picked up are available in the Parish Hall and organized by number. If you do not remember your number, there will be an alphabetical Parishioner lists. If you are not on the list in the Parish Hall then please come into, or call, the parish office so we can reassign you a new Parishioner Number. Thank you!

FORMED.ORG - THE CATHOLIC FAITH ON DEMAND

We are excited to announce that Fr. Marx has subscribed to a dynamic new online platform for San Secondo parishioners; it is called FORMED.org. Every parishioner will have 24/7 access to the best Catholic content on any device, including your computer, smartphone and tablet with internet access. With FORMED.org you’ll find video programs about the Catholic faith, or about the deepest meaning of marriage, or Bible studies on a variety of topics; there are inspiring audio presentations and books and good Catholic movies. You’ll find presenters like Dr. Tim Gray, Dr. Edward Sri, Dr. Mary Healey, Chris Stefanick, Dr. Scott Hahn and a lot more. Log on to www.FORMED.org; you’ll see the registration box for parishioners where you’ll type in our parish code which is 907571; then you’ll set up a username (which is your email address) and then a password. Make a note of your username and password, as you’ll use these to enter the site every time you go there.

Readings: Cycle C, Weekday Readings: Year 2
12/14/15 Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a, Mt 21:23-27 (187) - *St. John of the Cross*
12/15/15 Zep 3:1-2, 9-13, Mt 21:28-32 (188)
12/16/15 Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25, Lk 7:18b-23 (189)
12/17/15 Gn 49:2, 8-10, Mt 1:1-17 (193)
12/18/15 Jer 23:5-8, Mt 1:18-25(194)

Advent Time: The beginning of a new liturgical year. Time of remembering Our Lord's second coming. Time for the Church to be waiting and to renew her hope. Time to talk with Mary our Mother who welcomes the mystery of the depth of her being. Time to take action, and practice the inviting words we hear in the Scriptures.
December General Intention: That all may experience the mercy of God, who never tires of forgiving.
Mission Intention: That families, especially those who suffer, may find in the birth of Jesus a sign of certain hope.