



# CONEXIÓN

**El Boletín Oficial de la Comunidad Catolica de Santo Niño**

**December 25, 2021**

**M**erry Christmas! It is the season of Peace, Love, and Joy because the Emmanuel is born. As Prophet Isaiah declares, "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone. For a child is born to us, a son is given us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:1-6)

Christ is the reason for the season, and He is the greatest gift to us! We have witnessed tremendous blessings as we prepare for our 2021 Christmas celebration. We started our big events with Thanksgiving Holiday Food Box (with turkey and ham), sponsored by Valley Guardians. Over 500 families had great Thanksgiving with turkey and ham on their table. As always, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, which included the procession around the neighborhood, *matachines* (traditional danzas), food, and dance for all was a great celebration. Two huge food distribution events for December and feeding the homeless in December were blessings to poor families. Then the Adult volunteer White Elephant party and annual Children's Christmas Party. With the generous support of Valley Guardians and ABA, we served over over 800 children to receive Christmas gifts. Most importantly, we're deeply humbled by the presence and support by the officers and members of Valley Guardians during the Christmas Party. They beautifully decorated the church parking lot to provide a meaningful Christmas experience and gift giving for all children and their families. They helped as affirm our slogan as the "Small Community with a Big Heart." Finally, both our Christmas Eve and Christmas day Masses included First Holy Communion for 33 children.

We are very grateful to all volunteers and our sponsors because they all made our celebrations a great Thanksgiving to God who is the source of everything. Blessings!

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**¡Bienvenidos!**  
Come and worship with us!

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We exist to serve! It means welcoming every single person as a child of God. It means giving ourselves to all who need our services.

¡Existimos para servir!  
Significa dar la bienvenida a cada persona como hijo de Dios. Significa darnos a todos los que necesitan nuestros servicios.

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O Lord, source of everything that is good, let our humble worship and service to our brothers and sisters give glory to our Heavenly Father!

¡Oh Señor, fuente de todo lo que es bueno, deja que nuestra humilde adoración y servicio a nuestros hermanos y hermanas den gloria a nuestro Padre Celestial!

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**Sunday Worship Services/ Servicios Dominicales**

**10:00 a.m.** English Mass, **11:00 a.m.** Sunday School (Primera Comunión, Confirmación, etc), **11:30 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.** Misa en Español





¡Felicidades!

# SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

USE WHATEVER GIFT YOU HAVE RECEIVED TO SERVE OTHERS

- 1 PETER 4:10 -



## Food Distribution + Distribucion de Comida

Monday—Friday/ Lunes—Viernes 7:00 a.m.—8:00 a.m.

Mobile Food Pantry/Móvil de Comida 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday/4<sup>o</sup> Sabado 8:00 a.m.

Feeding the Homeless / Comida a los sin hogar 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday 1:30 p.m.

Growing in Faith



## Growing in Faith Ministries + Educación Cristiana

Teaching in Sunday School (Clases de Primera Comunión, Confirmación)

Youth & Young Adult Ministries (Formación de jóvenes y jóvenes adultos)

Bible Study/Estudio Bíblico + Wednesday/Miércoles 6:00 p.m.



## Worship Ministries/Ministerios de Adoración

You can serve the Lord as a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Hospitality Minister, Altar Server, Choir member, etc.



## Pastoral Care for the Sick & Dying

We pray for healing and speedy recovery for the sick dying. We can bring them the Eucharist. We help families prepare for their dying members.

## Bereavement Ministry

We pray and journey with families in times of loss, sadness, and pain.

## Practice Generous Stewardship

Support our church ministries and keep the church property clean and safe!



## PRAYER FOR HEALING

Dear Lord,  
I come before You today in need of Your healing hand. In You all things are possible. Hold my heart within Yours, and renew my mind, body and soul. I am lost, but I come to You with grace. You gave us life, and You also give us the gift of infinite joy. Give me the strength to move forward on the path you've laid out for me. Guide me towards better health and give me the wisdom to identify those you've placed around me to help me get better.

Amen.



## **NEW YEAR 2022: LOOKING AHEAD!**

As we thank God for the many blessings in 2021, it is time to be prayerfully hopeful in 2022! With God among us, we are all called to invest in His amazing presence in our families and in the Church as a whole.



No one knows what's ahead of us, but we keep our faith in God alive in our worship, acts of love, and fellowship.

We are still in the pandemic, yet we always see in God's great power and promise for all. With God's power and promise, we are called to be humble. Humility is the key to truly worship God, deliver acts of love and services to our brothers and sisters in need, and better relate with one another. We humbly do everything

in words and deeds to proclaim God's glory.

The Santo Niño de Cebu festival will be our first event right after the New Year's. The humble and innocent baby Jesus is a model par excellence for us as we navigate and live through the New Year 2022. Señor Santo Niño de Cebu is always our Guide and Companion in both good and challenging times ahead of us. We humbly ask for His miracles to do God's will in our journey and to better our faith experience through worship, acts of charity, and fellowship.

In particular, we ask Señor Santo Niño de Cebu to help us complete the SNCC Parking Lot project in 2022. It's been delayed due to limited funds and the COVID-19 pandemic. Many members are looking forward to the day when our elderly and wheelchair users will be able to walk or navigate their wheelchair on a smooth parking lot. It will also be a huge blessing to have a paved parking lot when we distribute pallets of food and hold outdoor celebrations like Children's Christmas Party, Our Lady of Guadalupe matachines danzas, etc.

So, as welcome the New Year 2022, we use the same blessing as the Lord instructed Moses in the book of Number 6:22-27:

**THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU!**

**THE LORD LET HIS FACE SHINE UPON**

**YOU, AND BE GRACIOUS TO YOU!**

**THE LORD LOOK UPON YOU KINDLY AND GIVE YOU PEACE!**





## Sunday Readings

### First Reading

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14

Psalm 128

### Second Reading

Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17

### Gospel

Luke 2:41-52

## Next Sunday

### First Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalm 72

### Second Reading

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

### Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12



## Weekly Giving

The collection last Sunday was

\$

10:00 a.m. : \$

11:30 a.m. : \$

Thank You! We need your support!

¡Gracias! Necesitamos su apoyo!

## Feeding the Homeless/Comida para Homeless

- ♦ **January 15th, 1:30p.m.-3:00p.m.**
- ♦ **February 19th, 1:30p.m.-3:00p.m.**
- ♦ **March 19th, 1:30p.m.-3:00p.m.**
- ♦ **April 16th, 1:30p.m.-3:00p.m.**



## Contact Us

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## UNA REFLEXIÓN PARA NUESTRO TIEMPO

Parece casi obvio que la familia humana puede ser una imagen de la Trinidad. Como en la Trinidad hay tres personas unidas entre sí, así en la familia hay tres (o más personas) unidas entre sí. No obstante, la teología católica siempre ha abrigado dudas acerca del tema de la familia humana como imagen divina. Estas dudas tienen que ver con el carácter carnal de la familia humana (las personas divinas no pueden nacer físicamente una de otra) y con la subordinación de los hijos a los padres (las personas divinas son iguales y no conocen subordinación). Otro motivo importante, sin embargo, es porque las familias humanas no siempre se comportan como buenas imágenes de Dios, ya que pueden sufrir rupturas y violencia entre sus miembros. ¿A quién refleja nuestra familia, a la Trinidad o a la humanidad fragmentada y violenta? (La Verdad Católica)

  
**STEWARDSHIP**  
*"God loves a cheerful giver"*