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## Rev. Isaac S. Schuller



### Santa Claus or Saint Nicolas?

How many of us know about Santa Claus? How many of us know about Saint Nicolas? Santa Claus is based off of a Christian man who was a pastor that lived during the third century named Nicolas. He was raised by wealthy parents who taught him the fear and love of the Lord. “Nicolas’ parents died when Nicolas was still young. With his inheritance Nicolas helped the needy, the sick and the suffering. He became Bishop of Myra. People knew him because of his generosity toward others and his love for children. Nicolas was imprisoned for his Christians faith and when He was released he attended the Council of Nicaea in 325AD” (Saint Nicolas Center-Discovering the truth about Santa Claus). This Council wrote the famous Nicene Creed which we still state today Sunday after Sunday. Pastor Nicolas preached, baptized and administered the Lord’s Supper. Yet today

many people do not know who the true Santa Claus is. They teach their children about a fairytale instead of the God fearing Saint Nicolas.

Saint Nicolas knew the true meaning of Christmas, Jesus Christ. Today, Santa Claus brings our focus to material possessions. Christmas is about the gift but it is not made of plastic, nor does it require batteries or money to purchase. The gift of Christmas is that Jesus who is God in the flesh was born to save us from our sins. **“She [Mary] will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” Matthew 1:21.** Bless people this Christmas by telling them of the gift, Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world.

Inn Christ,

*Pastor Schuller*

# Community Outreach Ministry Endeavor

374 South Third Street, San Jose

## 2019 Christmas Distribution, Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>

Our annual Christmas give-away is fast approaching and we are still in need of both volunteers and gift items (see below) to help to make it happen! Approximately 75-100 families come through during the evening to receive the gifts that have been lovingly prepared; won't you join us?

### 10 AM – 2 PM Shift

Organizing and packaging the various gift items for children and families.

### 4:30 PM – 8:30 PM Shift

Distribution of all gifts and clean-up.

To volunteer, please call or leave a message with Georgette at 408-723-0342 with the time(s) you would like to help. You do not need to commit to an entire shift; any amount of help is greatly appreciated.

### NEW items still needed between now and December 12<sup>th</sup>

*(Please contact COME at 408-286-8413 for drop-off information)*

Small 2020 calendars

Quilts and blankets

Gift cards (for no more than \$20/each)

Basketballs and soccer balls, teen sports items

Art and craft kits

Youth science kits (e.g. slime)

Portable cell phone chargers/power banks

Knick-knacks and other gift-like items for gift baskets/bags

New knit caps, gloves, scarves, raingear, flashlights for our homeless clients

If you would prefer to make a monetary donation, we will use it to purchase some of the items above on your behalf. Please make checks payable to COME and mail to P.O. Box 24799, San Jose, CA 95154.

All donations are fully tax deductible.

*Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!*

# *Preparing for Christmas*



## Advent Services

Wednesdays Dec. 4 & 11

Dec. 18 Posada

11:00 AM & 7:00 PM

6:00 PM Supper



## Christmas Services

Tuesday Dec. 24

6:30 Noche Buena

8:00 Christmas Eve Candelight Service

Wednesday Dec. 25

9:00 AM Christmas Day Service

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A  
**Christmas Party**  
**Potluck**

December | 07 | Saturday  
2019 | | 4:30 PM

at First Immanuel Lutheran Church

Please bring a ready to serve dish for 10 - 12 people

Last name beginning with:

A - F Side Dish or Salad

G - P Main Course

Q - Z Dessert

(Beverages and rolls will be provided)

We will be collecting knit hats and scarves  
to donate to C.D.M.E.

RSVP by December 1<sup>st</sup> in the Narthex



## Planning for 2019/2020

### December

- Advent starts Wednesdays December 4 - 18 11:00 AM & 7:00 PM Dinner 6:00 PM
- Christmas Dinner Saturday December 7th 4:30 p.m.
- COME Christmas give away Thursday December 12th all day
- Caroling Saturday, December 14, 1:00 - 2:00
- Caroling Saturday, December 21 1:00 - 2:00
- Nochebuena, Tuesday December 24 6:30 PM
- Christmas Eve Candlelight service December 24, 8:00 PM
- Christmas Day service December 25 9:00 am

## Looking ahead at 2020

### January 2020

- Life Sunday, Sunday January 19

### February 2020

- Ash Wednesday February 26th 11:00 AM & 7:00 PM , Dinner 6:00 PM

### March 2020

- Lenten Services March 4 - April 1, 11:00 AM & 7:00 PM, Dinner 6:00 PM

### April 2020

- Maundy Thursday April 9 7:00 PM
- Good Friday, April 10 11:00 AM & 7:00 PM
- Easter Sunday, April 12 10:00 AM Service

## Forget Me Not Prayers

*If you have an opportunity, please reach out with a call, a visit or a card!*

- **Mother of Dan Whitney**, God's peace, comfort and strength as she nears the end of her life.
- **Lowell Marcus**, God's guidance, peace and strength
- **Terry**, critically injured in a bike accident, *brother-in-law of Shirley Stager*

*Those in need of prayer for health and healing:*

- **Juan Vargas**
- **David**, *the nephew of Shirley Stager*
- **Harriett Glass**
- **Flordeliz V. Villegas**
- **Christy Gonzales**
- **Bob and Donnie White**
- **Mark**, *nephew of Karen Deichmann*
- **Bernarda**, *sister of Beatriz Scott*
- **Joan DeMay-Baker**
- **Ayela**
- **Richard Paradies**
- **Paul Gesso**
- **Gail Castro**
- **Arcele Thompson**

*Those unable to make it to our worship due to health or other issues:*

- **Rosemary Thode**
- **Joan Barnes**
- **Bob & Donnie White**

*Those receiving treatment for cancer:*

- **Dave**, *friend of Beatriz Scott*
- **Angie**, *friend of Beatriz Scott*
- **Angelena**, *friend of Rena Torres*
- **Joyce** (*Beatriz Scott*)
- **Amparo** (*Beatriz Scott*)

*All those serving our country in the Military including:*

- **Dimas Jr. & Veronica Cuevas**
- **Benjamin Brighton**
- **David Newton**

*We pray for God's protection on our missionaries around the world and especially:*

- **Pastor Jerry & Patty Lawson**

*We pray for God's strength and protection for:*

- **Mario & Christy** • **Abby Reyes & Family** • **Emma y • Mateos** • **Lucia** • **Jorge & Estella Vasques**



- 12/6 **Ramiro Muñoz**
- 12/12 **Aiden Flores**
- 12/13 **Linda Meyer**
- 12/14 **Estella I Ohashi**
- 12/16 **Mariluz Fregoso**
- 12/17 **Francisco Herrera**
- 12/17 **Noe Jimenez**
- 12/18 **Alexandria Meyer**
- 12/21 **Harriett Glass**
- 12/22 **Michael Hockenson**
- 12/23 **Silverio Tomas**
- 12/24 **Mauro Rodriguez**
- 12/26 **Christopher David Monohar**
- 12/28 **Max Mello**
- 12/29 **Sofia Pardo**



- 12/20 **Manuel Castrillo and Epifinia Lopez ~ 5 years**
- 12/26 **Bob & Priscilla Newton ~ 48 years**
- 12/29 **Cruz Montano & Hermelinda Sandoval**
- 12/31 **John & Joan Baker ~ 3 years**

# DECEMBER

## First Immanuel Lutheran Church

2019

301 South Third Street, San Jose, CA 95133

Rev. L. Schaller

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sunday
<p>1 <b>Ascension to Heaven</b></p> <p>10:00 <b>Worship Service</b></p> <p>12:00 <b>Practical Women's Day</b></p>	<p>2</p> <p>10:00 <b>Practical Women's Day</b></p>	<p>3</p> <p>10:00 <b>Practical Women's Day</b></p> <p>12:00 <b>Practical Women's Day</b></p> <p>1:00 <b>Practical Women's Day</b></p> <p>2:00 <b>Practical Women's Day</b></p>	<p>4 <b>Advent</b></p> <p>10:00 <b>Advent Service</b></p> <p>12:00 <b>Advent Service</b></p> <p>1:00 <b>Advent Service</b></p> <p>2:00 <b>Advent Service</b></p> <p>3:00 <b>Advent Service</b></p> <p>4:00 <b>Advent Service</b></p> <p>5:00 <b>Advent Service</b></p>	<p>5</p> <p>10:00 <b>Advent Service</b></p> <p>12:00 <b>Advent Service</b></p> <p>1:00 <b>Advent Service</b></p> <p>2:00 <b>Advent Service</b></p> <p>3:00 <b>Advent Service</b></p> <p>4:00 <b>Advent Service</b></p> <p>5:00 <b>Advent Service</b></p>	<p>6 <b>Jesus' Birthday</b></p> <p>10:00 <b>Jesus' Birthday</b></p> <p>12:00 <b>Jesus' Birthday</b></p> <p>1:00 <b>Jesus' Birthday</b></p> <p>2:00 <b>Jesus' Birthday</b></p> <p>3:00 <b>Jesus' Birthday</b></p> <p>4:00 <b>Jesus' Birthday</b></p> <p>5:00 <b>Jesus' Birthday</b></p>
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