

# Saint Sabina Catholic Church

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Office Hours: 9:00am-5:00pm, Monday - Thursday and 9:00am-1:00pm, Friday



Thank you to all who came to our Holiday Craft Sale. Thank you Gabe Mitsdarffer for organizing this event. Thanks to all the members of our St. Joseph Table Committee.

## Mass Times

**Saturday:** 4:00pm in English  
(Confessions at 3:00pm - 3:30pm)

**Sunday:** 8:00am and 10:30am in English,  
12:30pm in Spanish

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## Parish Happenings

### Christmas - New Year's Mass Times

Our Christmas Mass schedule is as follows:

#### Christmas Eve, Thursday, Dec 24

- 4:00pm in English
- 7:00pm in Spanish
- 10:00pm in English

#### Christmas Day, Wednesday, Dec 25

- 10:00am in English

#### New Year's Eve, Thursday, Dec 31

#### The Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God Vigil

- 6:00pm Bilingual

#### New Year's Day, Friday, January 1

#### The Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God

- 10:00am in English

### Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Each weekend of Advent, members of the parish are invited to help light the candles of the Advent Wreath during the entrance procession of each Mass. If you would like to light a candle, please sign up for a date and Mass time on the sign-up sheet in the gathering space. Please plan to arrive 15 minutes

before the Mass for which you have signed up. You will process in with Father and the servers, light the candle(s) for that week and then be seated in your pew. If children would like to help light a candle, we ask that a parent please assist them. Contact Susan Ratigan with questions or to sign up at [susan@stsabinaparish.org](mailto:susan@stsabinaparish.org)

### Parents Lounge

Are you looking for a group that offers discussion on "parent-generated" topics, socialization, and participation in creating family friendly events at the parish? If you answered yes to any of these, then Parents Lounge is for you! We meet Sundays from 9-10am (during PSR) in the Juan Diego room. Stop in, check it out, and enjoy some coffee and donuts while your kids are in class.

### El Salvador delegation - 2 spots left!

**We only have 2 openings remaining for our 2016 delegation to El Salvador.** During this trip, delegates will learn more about the scholarship program and will have the opportunity to meet and visit with our scholarship students and their families. We will travel to Cinquera and also to El Mozote. El Mozote was the site of one of many massacres that occurred in El Salvador during their Civil War. Our trip is scheduled for January 5-12. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Kris at 816-979-3151 or [kris@stsabinaparish.org](mailto:kris@stsabinaparish.org).

### Guadalupe Novena

All are invited to come and pray the rosary during our Guadalupe Novenario at 7pm each night (except December 8th) beginning December 3 and ending on December 11th in the church. Please note that on December 8th we will pray the rosary at 8pm, after the Holy Day Mass. Please note that this will be in Spanish, but all are welcome to attend.

### Our Lady of Guadalupe - Dec 12

All are invited to our annual parish celebration in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe. This year's celebration will be held on Saturday, December 12th. At 7pm we will present a play reenacting the apparition of Our Lady to Juan Diego. At 7:45pm our Matachines group will dance in prayer and homage to our Lady of Guadalupe. Mass will begin at 8pm. Please note that we will be using the readings for the third Sunday of Advent at this Mass. The Mass will be in Spanish, but we will have programs with English translations of the readings available. All are welcome to attend.

### Las Posadas - December 20 -

**1:30pm** All parishioners are invited to our annual celebration of Las Posadas on Sunday, December 20th after the 12:30 Mass. The children of our Hispanic Community will entertain us with a Christmas play and we will also reenact the journey of Joseph and Mary as they search for shelter in Bethlehem. Bring a dish to share, come and enjoy tamales, piñatas, music, and the wonderful tradition of Las Posadas.

### Christmas Caroling

The Knights of Columbus and the Ladies Auxiliary will be Christmas Caroling on December 5th at 3 of our local nursing homes and several individual homes. We have rented a bus, if you would like to join us, please contact Nancy Meiron at 816-820-6109.

**Welcome to our new members!  
Bienvenidos nuestros nuevos feligreses!**



**Moises Angel & Cecy Fonseca  
Moises Angel  
Samy Angel**

**Elba Castellon**

**Jesus Chavez**

**Paul & Judy Wantz**

**Jim Jursch**

**Camrie Minkler**

## Stewardship of Treasure - November 22

Due to early bulletin deadlines for Thanksgiving, contribution information for November 22 will be printed in the December 6 bulletin.

“Jesus said to his disciples: ‘There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.’”

Luke 21: 25-28

Everything we do during this holy period should be aimed at preparing our minds and hearts for Christ’s arrival. Our readings today, from our First Reading in which the prophet Jeremiah predicts the coming of Christ (“The days are coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise.”) to our Gospel from Luke (“And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.”) anticipate Christ’s arrival, both as an infant and in His return. — See more at [www.catholicsteward.com/blog/](http://www.catholicsteward.com/blog/)

## Stuff the Turkey Thanks!

Thank you to everyone who made donations to our Stuff the Turkey food and donation drive to help families have a great meal this Thanksgiving.

## Stewardship of Treasure: Jesse Tree Collection

Next weekend we continue with our Jesse Tree collections, collecting hats, gloves, scarves, coats, and socks. Some donations will be given to families that are struggling this Christmas in our parish family and local community. Others will be given to the homeless in Kansas City. Please bring your donations to Mass next weekend, where they can be placed under the Jesse Tree.

Thank you to all who brought in toys and teen gifts this week!

## Calendar

### Sunday, November 29 - Domingo, 29 de Noviembre

First Sunday of Advent

No PSR/ No habrán clases de Primera Comunión

Jesse Tree: Toys

10:30am RCIA Rite of Acceptance at 10:30am Mass

1:30pm Ensayo de la Obra de la Virgen de Guadalupe

7:00pm Ensayo de Matachines - Gimnasio

### Monday, November 30 - Lunes, 30 de Noviembre

8:00am Prayer Service

5:30pm Marian Prayer Group

6:00pm Cub Scouts

7:00pm Boy Scouts - Gym

7:00pm Ensayo de la Obra de la Virgen de Guadalupe

### Tuesday, December 1 - Martes, 1 de Diciembre

4:30pm Confessions

7:00pm Taller de Oracion y Vida

7:00pm Foundations for Living Stones

7:00pm Ensayo de Matachines - Gimnasio

7:00pm Ensayo de la Obra de la Virgen de Guadalupe

### Wednesday, December 2 - Miércoles, 2 de Diciembre

9:00am Legion of Mary

10:30am Mass at Beautiful Savior

6:00pm Cantor Practice

6:00pm Wedding Rehearsal: Harper/Hirt

7:00pm Ensayo de Matachines - Gimnasio

7:00pm Junior High Youth Group

7:00pm Choir Practice (10:30am Choir)

7:00pm Knights of Columbus Meeting

### Thursday, December 3 - Jueves, 3 de Diciembre

9:30am Quilters

6:00pm Wedding of Darek Harper & Samantha Hirt

7:00pm RCIA/RICA

7:00pm Church Teachings on End of Life Seminar

7:00pm Guadalupe Novena

8:00pm Choir Practice (8am Choir)

### Friday, December 4 - Viernes, 4 de Diciembre

8:30am Adoration

7:00pm Guadalupe Novena

8:00pm Wedding Rehearsal: Corchado/Figueroa

### Saturday, December 5 - Sábado, 5 de Diciembre

1:00pm Wedding of Alejandro Corchado & Eva Figueroa

3:00pm Confessions

4:00pm Mass

7:00pm Guadalupe Novena

### Sunday, December 6 - Domingo, 6 de Diciembre

Kids Liturgy

9:00am Parents Lounge

9:00am PSR

11:00am Escuela de Religion

1:30pm Ensayo de la Obra de la Virgen de Guadalupe

7:00pm Guadalupe Novena

7:00pm Confirmation & High School Youth

# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



## Intentions for November 30 - December 4, 2015

Mon. 8am Intentions of Jeanne Patterson  
 Tues. 6pm †Frances Andregg & Robert Andregg  
 Wed. 8am †Al Hoffman  
 10:30am †Wilma Tippet (Beautiful Savior)  
 Thurs. 8am †Dorothy Guetterman  
 Friday 8am †Jennie Doran  
 8:30am Adoration

## Saturday, December 5, 2015

4:00pm Intentions of Jeanne Patterson

## Sunday, December 6, 2015

8:00am Intentions of the Parish Family  
 10:30am Intentions of the members of the Altar Society  
 12:30pm Spanish †Octavio Gonzalez  
 †Juan Carlos Espinoza

## Nursing Home Mass Schedule

Dec 2 10:30am Beautiful Savior  
 Dec 9 10:00am Rehabilitation of Raymore  
 Dec 16 10:00am Foxwood Springs

## Pastoral Care

### From Death to New Life † De la Muerte a la Nueva vida

† Al Hoffman, brother-in-law of Al Gebauer  
 † Wilma Tippet, Carnegie Village  
 † Dorothy Guetterman, Rehabilitation of Raymore  
 † Jennie Doran, mother of Mary Stang and Jean Heavey  
 † Mary Adams, aunt of Charlene McGuire

## Prayer Requests Peticiones de Oración

Peg Agnew	Richard Estes	Chuck Ramsey
Dick Anthony	Butch Ford	Mary Renfro
Kelly Anthony	Dick Garnier	Marjorie Rhodes
Pauline Bellm	Laverne Harlow	Austin Richards
Sheryll Bentley	Cherie Hatfield	Larry Schmidt
John Bidondo	Bart Henke	Patricia Smith
Allie Biondo	Mary Ellen Hermann	Joe Stanley
Nicky Biondo	Richard Hoedl	Noah Stanley
Richard Borriss	Kelly Jordon	Teresa Starks
Janet Bremer	Kelsey Krum	Jean Tate
Gretchen Butler	Don Kueck	Bob Westfall
Chlorine Bunch	Vernita Linenberger	Mary Westfall
Georgene Caoile	Beverly Little	Carmitia Yust
Marvin Cohen	Jo Locke	Berenice Zayas
Joseph Coots	Gloria McLaughlin	Pablo Zayas
Tyler Corlew	Helen Muenks	
Donna Dailey	Jerry Nowak	
Margaret Dellaguardia	Gary Palmer	
Margo Dellaguardia	Thelma Palmer	
Paul DeMar	Leanna Peachey	
Frances DiGeorge	Joni Peel	
Sheila Donner	Melinda Pickens	
Heather Dull	Brent Praiswater	

## Mark your calendars for Dec. 3, 7pm!

### “What does the Catholic Church teach about end-of-life issues?”

Join us on Thursday, December 3rd at 7pm in the Parish Hall. Most of us will not die suddenly, but rather will slowly “dwindle” and decisions will have to be made -- either for ourselves or for a loved one -- about on-going care. These decisions are typically complex, and therefore, difficult. The Catholic Church has some wisdom to share with us on this topic. Tom Turner, adjunct teacher of Ethics and Bioethics at Avila University and Executive Director of Bishop Sullivan Center, will present the Church’s teachings on this subject. Plan on joining us for this presentation Dec 3rd at 7pm in the parish hall.

## School of Religion

### No Parish School of Religion classes on Sunday, November 29th!

Our School of Religion will be closed on Sunday, November 29th in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. We will see you all the following Sunday, December 6th!

### Children's Liturgy Sunday will be on December 6th!

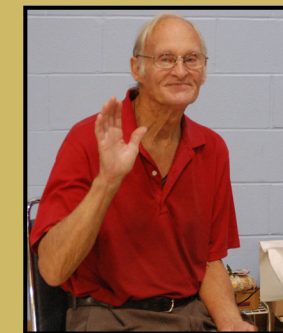
Children from our parish are invited to be Lectors, Ushers, Greeters and Gift Bearers at a Mass each month. Our next Mass date is Sunday, December 6th at the 10:30am Mass. Please contact Kirstie Roberts if your child would like to sign up for this ministry.

### Form for Communication with Minors

Parents and guardians must now sign a form giving permission for St. Sabina staff, specifically the Youth Director, Kirstie Roberts to respond to text messages, emails and phone calls from the youth of the parish. These forms are available in the back of the church with the PSR registrations and in the Youth Office.

### All volunteers with youth and children must attend one Protecting God's Children workshop, submit to a background check and sign the policy on Ethics and Integrity in Ministry, (EIM).

## More Craft Sale Pictures



## Youth Ministry

### Confirmation Sponsor Night

Your next meeting will be December 9th in the Parish Hall from 7-8:30pm. If your sponsor is unable to attend the meeting, you must still be present. If you need help finding a sponsor, please call Kirstie in the Youth Office.

**Harvesters!** This local food bank provides food to needy families around the KC area. Volunteers are needed to help sort food donations and pack weekend food bags for kids to help fight hunger in our community. We will be taking a group of 5 people on the third Thursday of each month. If you would like to volunteer, call or email Kirstie in the Youth Office to sign up. This ministry is open to all ages!

Our next date is November 19th from 6-8pm.

**Uplift Cooks!** Anyone who would like to help prepare a meal for the homeless is welcome to join our team on the 4th Monday of each month at 10am in the gym. It's recommended that you bring a good cutting knife and vegetable peeler.

**Uplift Org.** needs volunteers! If you would like to bring meals to the homeless on the 4th or 5th Monday of any month, please contact Kirstie Roberts to sign up! This ministry is open to all parishioners age 14 and older. Volunteers must report to the Uplift Warehouse by 5pm and will be finished around 9:30pm.

### Junior High Youth!

Our next meetings will be December 2nd and 16th, from 7-8:30pm in the Parish Hall.

### High School & Confirmation Youth

Our next meetings are December 6th and January 10th from 7-8:30pm.

## Child Safety

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combating sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse:

- 1) Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
- 2) Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
- 3) After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected *sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult* to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Jenifer Valenti, at 816.812.2500 or [JeniferValenti@att.net](mailto:JeniferValenti@att.net), if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact Victim Advocate Bonnie Kane at 816.392.0011 or [kane@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:kane@diocesekcsj.org) for more information.

# Wellness Center

**Walk In Policy** To save time and avoid confusion, the staff at the St. Sabina Wellness Center wants you to know how to most efficiently use the services we offer.

## Appointments and Walk-in Hours

- Appointments are scheduled Monday through Thursday and the first and third Saturdays, 9:00am-11:30am.
  - Walk-in hours are Monday through Thursday 2:45pm - 4:15pm. No walk-ins on Saturdays.
  - Walk-in hours provide an opportunity to talk with a clinician about health concerns of a minor nature requiring fifteen minutes of discussion.
  - Clients will be seen on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- Exams and tests are NOT performed during walk-in hours.
- If your concerns or questions are in-depth or will require testing, they will be addressed in an appointment.

**We hope that in clarifying our procedures, you will receive the care you need in the most professional, efficient manner.**

## Simple Approach to Stress

When you're feeling frazzled, adopt an attitude of acceptance, suggests psychotherapist Tara Brach: "Notice what's going on inside you, and mentally whisper Yes to the experience: Yes to the anxiety, yes to the tension, yes to the irritation. With each yes, you give space for the experience to unfold." Letting your feelings progress to their logical conclusion helps them dissolve. Good advice for the upcoming holiday season. May you all enjoy the Holidays to the fullest!

## Wellness Center Class Schedule

- Monday:** Yoga Basics 1- 2pm  
Gentle Yoga 2 - 3pm  
Yoga 6 - 7pm
- Tuesday:** Strength & Stretch 1- 2pm  
Gentle Stretch & Strength 2 - 3pm
- Wednesday:** Yoga Basics 1- 2pm  
Gentle Yoga 2 - 3pm  
Strength & Restore 6 - 7pm
- Thursday:** Stretch & Strength 1- 2pm  
Gentle Stretch & Strength 2 - 3pm  
ReFit 5 - 6pm  
Strength & Stretch 6 - 7pm
- Friday:** Yoga Basics 1- 2pm  
Gentle Yoga 2 - 3pm  
Boxing Beats 5 - 6pm
- Saturday:** Open Workout 8:30 - 10am  
Health Screenings 8:30 - 11:30am  
Refit Cardio Class 10 - 11am



# Area Information

## Keeping Christ in Christmas

The men of St. Thomas More Knights of Columbus council would like to invite everyone to a night of Prayer to remember the true meaning of Christmas, on Tuesday - Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> from 6:30 – 7:30 PM. We will pray Evening prayer together praising the Gift of Christ, and the sacrifices made by the Holy Family. Fr. Richard Rocha, who is the Faith Enrichment chairman for the Knights of Columbus, will be the presider, and will deliver a special message concerning Keeping Christ in Christmas. This is truly a family event and will enrich your Holiday Season as we begin Advent; any questions please contact Deacon Tyrone Gutierrez at 816 786 8209.

**Missouri Life Caravan** is once again organizing buses for the Annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. Thursday - Saturday, Jan. 21 - 23, 2016. Join us and thousands of others from across the U.S. for this huge pro-life gathering in our nation's capital. This trip does not involve overnight

stays in hotels as we sleep on the buses. The cost before December 25 is \$165. The cost after December 25 is \$180. For registration and bus information contact us at: 314-434-4900 or [mrl.eastern@yahoo.com](mailto:mrl.eastern@yahoo.com). You can also download our registration form at [www.missourilife.org](http://www.missourilife.org). Registration deadline is Jan. 4, 2016.

**Job Opening: Director of Stewardship and Development** The Diocese of Kansas City – St. Joseph is searching for a Director of Stewardship and Development. This full-time position will direct and implement a comprehensive program, including stewardship education on time, talent, treasure; the annual Bishop's appeal; annual fundraising activities, the coordination of special events, and long-term development efforts such as support of the Catholic Community Foundation, estate planning and corporate donor programs. The position is eligible for benefits, paid time off, and two retirement plans. Please visit Job Opportunities at [www.diocese-kcsj.org](http://www.diocese-kcsj.org) for a complete job description or to apply.

## Cass County Public Library - Northern Resource Center Christmas Posada (Belton Library)

The Northern Resource Center and the Consulate of Mexico in Kansas City invite you and your family to participate in the Posada that will take place on Monday, December 14th from 5:00-7:00pm. The Northern Resource Center is located at 164 Cedar Tree Sq. Belton, MO.

There will be music, food, surprises and lots of fun. We look forward to seeing you there.

## Advent Penance Service

Our Advent Penance Service will be held on Tuesday, December 15 at 7:00pm. Other area penance services are at the following locations, also at 7:00pm:

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|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Monday, Dec. 14         | St. Regis         |
| <b>Tuesday, Dec. 15</b> | <b>St. Sabina</b> |
| Wednesday, Dec. 16      | St. Catherine     |
| Thursday, Dec. 17       | St. Bernadette    |

## Reflection on the First Sunday of Advent, Year C

**The First Sunday of Advent** highlights a number of happenings in the church's liturgical calendar. Advent begins a new liturgical year along with a new lectionary cycle, Year C, devoted to a reflection on the gospel according to Luke. This Sunday inaugurates the Advent season, the four Sunday preparation for and anticipation of the coming of the Lord.

**We begin our preparation for celebrating the Lord's coming** by first focusing on the final coming of Christ at the end times and secondly on Jesus becoming one of us fully and completely, the coming that we joyfully celebrate at Christmas. As is true with any new beginning, the readings challenge us to make the best of this year, especially in terms of depth and growth in our relationship with God, others and the world.

**The first reading from Jeremiah** asks us to remember God's promises to be with the people forever. God calls us into relationship and is faithful to that relationship no matter what. God's promise to be with the house of David forever will be actualized. God will raise from David's house "a just shoot" who "shall do what is right and just in the land." As a result of the presence and action of that "shoot" of living justice, the land itself will be called, "The Lord our justice."

**Christians see Jesus as**

**that "just shoot," who came to inaugurate the kingdom of God** by doing right and practicing justice. Jesus, the "just shoot," is what we joyfully anticipate during the Advent season and celebrate fully at Christmas. Such joy and celebration brings with it the challenge of living justly, in imitation of the "just shoot" who chose to be fully one of us.

**Paul, in the second reading from the first letter to the Thessalonians**, prays that God may "strengthen our hearts" so as to "increase and abound in love for one another and for all." It takes courage to live justly and to love unconditionally. Yet, this is how God wants us to conduct ourselves. Jesus is our model and our source of strength for living lives of justice. In living like Jesus, we cooperate with God in building up the reign of God.

**Luke's gospel asks us not to "become drowsy"** in responding fully to God's call for justice living. We are challenged "to be vigilant" so that no matter when the Lord returns, it should not be a surprise. The distress and calamities that will signal the Lord's return will not overwhelm us. Rather, if we have practiced justice in our lives, then the Lord's return should be the occasion for standing erect and raising our heads to meet the Lord with great joy, for our "redemption is at hand."

**Biblical justice demands that we strive for right relationship with all people.** Our lives should reflect God's love in terms of concern for others, so that all people are treated with dignity and with respect. The stranger, the oppressed, the marginalized and the powerless call upon us to uphold their rights as human beings deserving of dignity, respect and love. How will you respond?

**The Advent season is a time to begin anew our baptismal call to live lives of justice.** The readings for this first Sunday of Advent call us to be faithful to our baptismal promises, challenging us to be alert, to watch, to be mindful of our call and allow it to impact our lives. As in the first reading, we too should act and live in such a manner that like the people of Jerusalem, we too can claim the name, "The Lord our justice."

**As we begin a new year of grace**, ask God to be with you as you commit yourself once more to live out our baptismal call to be people of justice. Allow this Advent season to be a time for deepening your relationship to God, and for sharing God's love with all.

**Biagio Mazza,  
Pastoral Associate**

## Readings

### Sunday, November 29, 2015

**1st Reading:** Jeremiah 33:14-16

**Psalm:** Psalm 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14

**2nd Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

**Gospel:** Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

### Sunday, December 6, 2015

**1st Reading:** Baruch 5:1-9

**Psalm:** Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6

**2nd Reading:** Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

**Gospel:** Luke 3:1-6



## Bible Study

Catholics are mostly exposed to the Bible through the Sunday Lectionary Readings. In order to help us all enter into the Bible through the Sunday readings, we are offering study sessions that will provide an opportunity to read, to study background to the readings, and to reflect on how to apply the readings to our lives. **We will gather on December 6th and 20th at 10:30am.** All are welcome. Bring a Bible and a friend. To register for these sessions, please call Biagio at 816-979-3153.



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# happy birthday

Theresa Ailshire, Leonardo Arreola, Teresa Arroyo, Steve Ayers, David Barberis, Mattie Barberis, Bryce Beilman, Sheila Birkner, Jim Boike, Arturo Borja, Doug Butscher, Guadalupe Campos, Manuela Carrasco, John Carrell, Judith Carrera, Barbara Clark, Emily Cortes, Jorge Damian, Breckin Embry, Jennifer Escobar, Dinora Flores, Carlos Garcia, Austin Gardiner, Al Gebauer, Dennis Glaser, Victor Guerrero, Rachael Haefele, John Hagemann, Ryan Hale, Jean Hanover, Daniel Hintz, Samantha Hoffman, Barbara Hopkins, Braxton Hoyt, Chance Hummel, Clara Jakobe, Nadia Jimenez, Renee Kerckhoff, Clemente Landa, Philip Lang, Sydney Latham, Jamie Logan, Araceli Lopez, Jaimy Mackedanz, Melvin Marquez, Leonardo Martinez, Ryan Martinez, Tim McDonough, Karla Menjivar, Isabel Messer, Patrick Mittelstadt, Casey Morgan, Fidencio Navarro, Ruben Oropeza, Michelle Owens-Fogarty, Eddie Palomares, Jennifer Parker, Jaime Perez, Vivian Petersen, Preston Pointer, Elisabeth Quiroz, Jaiden Renfro, Teresa Richardson, Rubi Rios, Javier Rivera, Matthew Rocha, Tiffanie Rodriguez, Andrew Rogers, Virginia Rojo, Omar Sanchez, Ron Schock, Benjamin Sell, Kristina Sellmeyer, Nickolas Shelley, Katie Stewart, Marge Storm, Jovel Tobias, Danielle Weeks, Patty Zeitelhack

### Wedding Congratulations

Congratulations to Darek Harper and Samantha Hirt who will be married on December 3rd.

Congratulations to Alejandra Corchado and Eva Figueroa who will celebrate their wedding on December 5th!

## Happy Anniversary

Adalberto Rivera & Antonia Molina	9 Years!	11/29/2006
Ray & Carol Miederhoff	14 Years!	12/01/2001
Brian & Caroline Niemeyer	16 Years!	12/05/1999
Transito Vides & Mercedes Rosa	20 Years!	12/01/1995
Byron & Kristy Rayos	20 Years!	12/02/1995
Clemente Landa & Azucena Abonza	21 Years!	12/03/1994
Victor & Alma Duarte	22 Years!	12/04/1993
David & Melody DeRosear	26 Years!	12/02/1989
Jose & Laura Muñoz	28 Years!	12/05/1987
Ed & Louise Fleetwood	48 Years!	12/02/1967
Rich & Kathy Owen	53 Years!	12/01/1962





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## Reflexión sobre el Primer Domingo de Adviento, Ciclo C

**El Primer Domingo de Adviento** le pone énfasis a una serie de acontecimientos en el calendario litúrgico de la iglesia. El Adviento le da comienzo a un nuevo año litúrgico, junto a un nuevo ciclo leccionario, el Ciclo C, dedicado a una reflexión sobre el Evangelio según a San Lucas. Este domingo inaugura la temporada de Adviento, la preparación y anticipación de cuatro domingos para la venida del Señor.

**Comenzamos nuestra preparación para celebrar la venida del Señor** primeramente por enfocarnos en la última venida de Cristo al final de los tiempos, y en segundo lugar nos enfocamos en que Jesús se convirtió en uno de nosotros por completo, la venida que gozosamente celebramos en Navidad. Como ocurre con cualquier nuevo comienzo, las lecturas nos retan a hacer lo mejor de este año, sobre todo en términos de profundidad y crecimiento en nuestra relación con Dios, con los demás y con el mundo.

**La primera lectura de Jeremías** nos pide que recordemos las promesas de Dios que estará con su pueblo para siempre. Dios nos llama a una relación con él, y él es fiel a esa relación sin importar lo que pase. La promesa de Dios de estar con la casa de David para siempre será realizada. Dios levantara de la casa de David “un vástago santo, que ejercerá la justicia y el derecho en la tierra.” Como resultado de la presencia y acción de este “vástago santo” de la justicia viva, la tierra misma se llamara, “El Señor nuestra justicia.”

**Los cristianos ven a Jesús como el “vástago santo”,** quien vino a inaugurar el reino de Dios a través de hacer el bien y practicar la justicia. Jesús, el “vástago santo”, es lo que anticipamos con alegría durante el tiempo de Adviento y celebramos plenamente en Navidad. Esa alegría y celebración trae consigo el reto de vivir con justicia, a imitación del “vástago santo” quien eligió ser plenamente uno de nosotros.

**Pablo en la segunda lectura de la primera carta a los Tesalonicenses** reza para que Dios “fortalezca nuestros corazones” a fin de que “los llene y los haga rebosar de amor mutuo y hacia todos los demás.” Se necesita valentía para vivir con justicia y para amar incondicionalmente. Sin embargo, así es como Dios quiere que nos comportemos. Jesús es nuestro modelo a seguir y nuestra fuente de fortaleza para vivir vidas de justicia viva. Al vivir como Jesús, cooperamos con Dios en la edificación del reino de Dios.

**El Evangelio de Lucas** nos pide que “no entorpezcan su mente” al responder plenamente al llamado de Dios de vivir en justicia. Nos desafían a “estar en alerta” por lo que nos importa cuando el Señor regrese, no debería ser una sorpresa. La angustia y las calamidades que señalaran el regreso del Señor no nos agobiaran. Más bien, si hemos practicado la justicia en nuestras vidas, entonces el regreso del Señor debe ser la ocasión para estar de pie erguido y levantar la cabeza para recibir al Señor con alegría, “porque se acerca la hora de su liberación.”

**La justicia bíblica exige que nos esforcemos** para tener las relaciones correctas con todas las personas. Nuestras vidas deben reflejar el amor de Dios en términos de preocupación por los demás, de modo que todas las personas sean tratadas con dignidad y con respeto. El desconocido, los oprimidos, los marginados, y las personas indefensas nos llaman para hacer valer sus derechos como seres humanos merecedores de la dignidad, del respeto y el amor. ¿Cómo responderá usted?

**La temporada de Adviento es un tiempo para comenzar de nuevo** nuestro llamado bautismal a vivir una vida de justicia. Las lecturas de este primer Domingo de Adviento nos llaman a ser fieles a nuestras promesas bautismales, desafiándonos a estar alertas,

para ver, para ser conscientes de nuestro llamado y permitir que tome efecto en nuestras vidas. Al igual que en la primera lectura, nosotros también debemos actuar y vivir de tal manera que al igual que los habitantes de Jerusalén, nosotros también podemos reclamar el nombre, “El Señor nuestra justicia.”

**Al comenzar un nuevo año de gracia,** pídanle a Dios que este con ustedes mientras se comprometen una vez más a vivir nuestro llamado bautismal a ser personas de la justicia. Permitan que esta temporada de Adviento sea un tiempo para profundizar se relación con Dios, y para compartir el amor de Dios con todos los demás.

**Biagio Mazza, Asociado Pastoral**



## Lecturas

### Lecturas del Domingo, 29 de Noviembre

**Primera Lectura:** Jeremías 33:14-16

**Salmo:** Salmo 24:4bc-5ab, 8-9, 10, 14

**Segunda Lectura:** 1 Tesalonicenses 3:12-4:2

**Evangelio:** Lucas 21:25-28, 34-36

### Lecturas del Domingo, 6 de Diciembre

**Primera Lectura:** Baruch 5:1-9

**Salmo:** Salmo 125:1-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6

**Segunda Lectura:** Filipenses 1:4-6, 8-11

**Evangelio:** Lucas 3:4-6



# Escuela de Religión

## No habrán clases de Religión para los niños preparándose para su Primer Comunión el Domingo, 29 de Noviembre!

Nuestra Escuela de Religión estará cerrada el Domingo, 29 de Noviembre en observancia del día de Acción de Gracias. Los veremos el próximo Domingo, 6 de Diciembre!

### Formas de Comunicación con Menores

Padres y guardianes deben de llenar una forma dándole permiso al personal de Santa Sabina, especialmente a la directora de los Jóvenes, Kirstie Roberts, para ella poder responder a cualquier mensaje de texto, correo electrónico o llamadas de teléfono de parte de los jóvenes de nuestra parroquia. Estas formas están disponibles en la Oficina.

**Todas las personas que son voluntarios con los jóvenes o niños de nuestra parroquia deben atender a un taller llamado Protegiendo a los Niños de Dios, también necesitaran someterse a una verificación de antecedentes y deberán firmar la póliza sobre Éticas e Integridad en el Ministerio. (EIM)**

## Ministerio Juvenil

### Jóvenes de High School o Confirmación

Sus juntas serán el 2 de Diciembre y el 10 de Enero en el salón Parroquial 7-8:30pm.

### Jóvenes de Junior High

Sus próximas juntas serán el Miércoles, 2 y 16 de Diciembre de 7-8:30pm.

### Noche de Padrinos de Confirmación

Su primer noche de Padrinos de Confirmación será el Miércoles, 9 de Diciembre de 7-8:30pm. Un padrino de Confirmación es un adulto Confirmado en la fe Católica, que no sean los padres del joven y que estén en buenos términos con su Iglesia.

## Child Safety

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combating sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse:

- 1) Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
- 2) Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
- 3) After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected *sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult* to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Jenifer Valenti, at 816.812.2500 or [JeniferValenti@att.net](mailto:JeniferValenti@att.net), if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact Victim Advocate Bonnie Kane at 816.392.0011 or [kane@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:kane@diocesekcsj.org) for more information.

## Información de la Zona

### Posada Navideña en la Biblioteca Publica de Cass County en Belton, MO

La biblioteca publica de Cass County y el Centro de Recursos del Norte, y el Consulado de México en Kansas City les invitan a usted y a su familia a participar en las Posadas que se llevara a cabo el Lunes, 14 de Diciembre de 5:00-7:00pm. El Centro de Recursos del Norte esta ubicado en 164 Cedar Tree Sq. Belton, MO.

Habra música, comida, sorpresas y mucha diversión. Los esperamos!

### Servicio para recordar a las mujeres de la iglesia quienes han muerto en El Salvador

Acompañenos en oración, canto y reflexión para recordar a las 4 mujeres de la Iglesia Americanas quienes fueron martirizadas en El Salvador.

Hemos invitado a Marie Dennis, co-presidenta de Pax Christi International, para compartir su punto de vista de su trabajo de toda la vida trabajando por la paz en el mundo entero. Se llevara a cabo el Domingo, 6 de Diciembre a las 2pm en St. Teresa's Academy, Windmoor Center 5600 Main, Kansas City, MO. El estacionamiento y la entrada esta en el lado de la Calle 57 y la Main. Después habra una recepción. Este evento es patrocinado por las Iglesias Hermanas de Kansas City con las Comunidades de El Salvador, Comunidades de Hermanas Religiosas.

## Corresponsabilidad

### Tesoro:

#### Colecta del Árbol de Jesé

La próxima semana continuamos con las colectas del Árbol de Jesé, recaudando gorros, bufandas, guantes, calcetines, y chamarras. Unas donaciones se regalarán a las familias necesitadas este Navidad en nuestra familia parroquial y comunidad local. Otras se regalarán las personas sin hogar en Kansas City. Por favor traigan sus donaciones a la Misa la semana que viene, donde se puede poner debajo del Árbol de Jesé.

Gracias a todos quienes trajeron juguetes y regalos para los adolescentes esta semana!

## Mas Fotos



# Información Parroquial

## Felicidades de Boda

Felicidades a **Darek Harper y Samantha Hirt**, quienes se casaran el 3 de Diciembre.

Felicidades a **Alejandro Corchado y Eva Figueroa** quienes celebraran su boda el 5 de Diciembre!

## 2016 Delegación a El Salvador

Nuestra parroquia llevara a su segunda delegación a El Salvador para aprender mas sobre el programa de becas allí y para tener la oportunidad de conocer a nuestro estudiantes becados y a sus familias. Viajaremos a Cinquera y a El Mozote. El pueblo de Mozote fue uno de los muchos donde ocurrieron masacres durante la Guerra Civil en El Salvador. Por ahora, planeamos viajar a El Salvador el 5 de Enero y quedarnos aproximadamente 8 días.

## Las Posadas - 20 de Dic - 1:30pm

La Parroquia les invita a nuestra Posada Navideña el Domingo, 20 de Diciembre. Los niños de la parroquia nos entretendrán con una obra de Navidad y vamos a volver a representar el viaje de José y María en su búsqueda de refugio en Belén. Por favor traiga a sus niños y un platillo para compartir. Venga y disfrute de piñatas, música, y la maravillosa tradición de Las Posadas. Para más detalles e información, por favor comuníquese con Kris en la oficina al 816-979-3151.

## Novenario de Guadalupe

Todos están invitados a acompañarnos a rezar el rosario durante nuestro Novenario de Guadalupe a las 7pm cada noche (con excepción el 8 de Diciembre) comenzando el 3 de Diciembre y terminando el 11 de Diciembre en la Iglesia. Por favor tenga en cuenta que le 8 de Diciembre el rosario se rezara a las 8pm, después de la Misa del Día Santo.

## Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe - 12 de Diciembre

Todos están cordialmente invitados a nuestra celebración anual en honor a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. Este año nuestra celebración se llevara a cabo el Sábado, 12 de Diciembre. A las 7pm, tendremos una obra de teatro recreando la aparición de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. A las 7:45pm nuestro grupo de matachines bailara en oración y homenaje a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. La Misa comenzara a las 8pm. Por favor anoten que ese día usaremos las lecturas del Tercer Domingo de Adviento. La Misa será en español pero tendremos programas disponibles en Ingles. Todos están bienvenidos a asistir.

## Refrigerio de Guadalupe

Si usted quiere ayudar para el refrigerio de nuestra celebración a la Virgen de Guadalupe, puede hacerlo, estaremos recibiendo pan dulce, galletas o chocolate para mayor información por favor comuníquese con Kris en la oficina Parroquial al 816-979-3151. Gracias. Favor de traer sus donaciones el 6 de Diciembre a la Misa de ese día.

## Servicio de Penitencia de Adviento

Nuestro Servicio de Penitencia de Adviento se llevara acabo el Martes, 15 de Diciembre a las 7:00pm. También habrán otros Servicios de Penitencia en el área, en las locaciones y fechas que siguen, también a las 7:00pm.

Lunes, 14 de Dic	St. Regis
<b>Martes, 15 de Dic</b>	<b>St. Sabina</b>
Miércoles, 16 de Dic	St. Catherine
Jueves, 14 de Dic	St. Bernadette

## Horarios de Misa de Navidad y de Año Nuevo

Nuestros horarios de Misas para Navidad son los siguientes:

**Nochebuena, Jueves, 24 de Diciembre**

4:00pm en Ingles  
7:00pm en Español  
10:00pm en Ingles

**Navidad, Viernes, 25 de Diciembre**  
10:00am en Ingles

**Víspera del Año Nuevo, Jueves, 31 de Diciembre**

La Solemnidad de María, La Vigilia de la Madre de Dios 6:00pm Bilingüe

**Año Nuevo, Jueves, 31 de Diciembre**

La Solemnidad de María la madre de Dios 10:00am en Ingles



Gracias a todos nuestros feligreses quienes comparten su tiempo y talento con nosotros los Domingos.

## Platicas

### Platicas Pre-bautismales - 12 de Diciembre

Normalmente cada Segundo Sábado del mes de las 10 am a 1 pm (Sólo para Niños de 0-6 años) Salón de juntas. Sótano de la Parroquia. Para niños mayores de 7 años requerirán una formación especial.

**PRÓXIMOS BAUTISMOS:** Llamar Kris al 816-979-3151. Favor de llenar su aplicación antes de asistir a las platicas. **No se ofrece cuidado de niños.**

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## Horarios de Misa

**Sábado:** 4:00pm en Ingles  
(Confesiones de 3:00pm - 3:30pm)

**Domingo:** 8:00am and 10:30am en Ingles,  
12:30pm en Español

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