

Saint Sabina Catholic Church

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



Congratulations to Karson, son of Kyle and Erin,
who was baptized on November 29th.

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

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

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 re-enact 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.

Diocesan Raffle for Image of Guadalupe

The Diocesan Youth Office is conducting a raffle for a beautiful image of Guadalupe. Each raffle ticket is \$2.00. Please call Kris in the parish office to purchase a ticket. All proceeds enable the diocese to help send Hispanic young adults to the March for Life Pilgrimage in Washington DC in January 2106. The drawing will be held on Sunday, December 20th at 2:30pm at Holy Cross Church. You do not need to be present to win.

Parish Raffle for 50" Magnavox Television

Our Romero Committee is conducting a raffle for a 50" Magnavox television. We will draw the winning ticket at the 12:30 Mass on

Sunday, December 20th. To purchase a ticket, please contact Kris in the parish office. You do not need to be present to win.

All proceeds go towards our 2016 Romero celebration.

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.

Please take note:

We want to make all parishioners aware that the Belton Code of Ordinances

Over 55 Christmas Party

Our Over 55 Christmas lunch and party will be held on Thursday, December 17th. We will begin with Mass at 11:00am and then enjoy a Christmas meal in the parish hall. Our menu for this special day will be pork tenderloin with a white wine cream sauce and mushrooms, egg noodles, salad, French baguette and dessert. We will have a gift exchange after the meal. Please bring a wrapped \$10 gift if you would like to participate in the gift exchange. There is no cost for the luncheon. Please RSVP to the parish office at 816-331-4713.

states that nowhere within the city are people allowed to "beg" or ask for money. If someone asks you for money in our parking lot when you come to attend Mass, please direct them to any staff member at that Mass, or to the parish office during office hours, rather than giving them money. A staff member is present after every Mass for any questions or concerns. You can find us in the South Alcove of the Gathering Space. We will direct them to the appropriate resources.

Pictured below are those who attended the "What does the Catholic Church teach about End of Life Issues" Presentation by Tom Turner.



Stewardship of Treasure - December 6

Envelopes/Sobres:	\$16,732.62
Plate/Canasta:	\$ 1,036.92
Maintenance-Upkeep:	\$ 2,104.00

“Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, ‘I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.’ “
Luke 3: 15-16

It is not too late; it is never too late in the eyes of the Lord for us to make a determined effort to change, to repent, and to find ways to properly serve the Lord as disciples. On this day of Joy let us renew our efforts to be good stewards of all of our gifts. Stewardship, of course, is founded in trust. On Gaudete Sunday in 2013 Pope Francis said, “Those who trust in God experience the peacefulness in their hearts and nothing and no one can take that away. Our joy is Christ.” - See more at www.catholicsteward.com/blog/

Stewardship of Treasure: Jesse Tree Collection

Next weekend we continue with our Jesse Tree collections, with a special collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests spent years working in Catholic schools, hospitals, and agencies - often for little pay. Their sacrifices leave their religious communities without adequate savings for retirement and eldercare. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious collection helps provide prescription medications, nursing care, and more. Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

Thank you to all who brought in non-perishable food this week!

Time and Talent:

Thank you, again, to all who donated their time and talent to and to all who supported our second annual bake sale which benefitted the Community Meals at Lord of Love. We raised \$416.40 this year!

Calendar

Sunday, December 13 - Domingo, 13 de Diciembre

Jesse Tree: Canned Food

1:30pm Decorating Church for Christmas

Monday, December 14 - Lunes, 14 de Diciembre

5:30pm Marian Prayer Group

6:00pm Cub Scouts

7:00pm Boy Scouts - Gym

7:00pm Advent Penance Service - St. Regis

Tuesday, December 15 - Martes, 15 de Diciembre

4:30pm Confessions

6:00pm Mass

7:00pm Boy Scout Committee Meeting

7:00pm Foundations for Living Stones

7:00pm Green Team meeting

7:00pm Advent Penance Service at St. Sabina

Wednesday, December 16 - Miércoles, 16 de Diciembre

9:00am Legion of Mary

10:00am Mass at Foxwood Springs

6:30pm Christmas Choir Practice

7:00pm Junior High Youth - Longview Lights

7:00pm Knights Annual Christmas Party

7:00pm Advent Penance Service - St. Catherine

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

Thursday, December 17 - Jueves, 17 de Diciembre

9:30am Quilters

11:00am Over 55 Mass

11:30am Over 55 Christmas Party

6:00pm Harvesters

7:00pm RCIA/RICA

7:00pm Advent Penance Service - St. Bernadette

8:00pm Choir Practice (8am Choir)

Friday, December 18 - Viernes, 18 de Diciembre

8:00am Mass

Saturday, December 19 - Sábado, 19 de Diciembre

Jesse Tree: Religious Retirement Collection

3:00pm Confessions

4:00pm Mass

Sunday, December 20 - Domingo, 20 de Diciembre

Jesse Tree: Religious Retirement Collection

1:30pm Decorating Church for Christmas

1:30pm Las Posadas

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Intentions for December 14-18, 2015

Mon. 8am †Fr. Paul A. Blaes
 Tues. 6pm †Fred Jones
 Wed. 8am †Janet Bremer
 10am †Jennie Doran (Foxwood Springs)
 Thurs. 8am †Frances Andregg
 11am †Fred Jones
 Friday 8am †Wilma Tippet

Saturday, December 19, 2015

4:00pm †Pat Simpson

Sunday, December 20, 2015

8:00am Intentions of the Parish Family
 10:30am †Carrie Carrollo
 12:30pm Spanish †Francisco Esparza

Nursing Home Mass Schedule

Dec 16 10:00am Foxwood Springs
 Dec 23 11:00am Carnegie Village
 Dec 30 8:00am St. Sabina Parish

Social Justice

Fair Trade items still available!

We still have fair trade coffee and chocolate available for sale. You can find it in the display in the entrance to the Wellness Center. You may also contact Bridget Hernandez in the parish office if you would like to know what is still available.



Pastoral Care

From Death to New Life † De la Muerte a la Nueva Vida

†Janet Bremer, aunt of Tracy Wheeler
 †Fred Jones, father of Richard Jones
 †Robert Rhodes, father of Judy Onderstal

Prayer Requests Peticiones de Oración

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

Anointing the Sick If you suffer from a chronic illness, the affect of advanced years or have an upcoming surgery and wish to receive the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick please let Fr. Jeff or Fr. Curt know at the Mass you attend and they will be happy to celebrate the sacrament with you.

If you have questions or would like to schedule it ahead of time, please call Marta Roper in the parish office at 816-979-3154.

Thank you to everyone who attended the presentation on "What the Catholic Church teaches about end of life issues."

Holidays can be difficult if you are grieving: suggestions for the season

- ⇒ Allow yourself to feel your emotions on the special day; don't feel that you need to just "get over it." You may want to write your feelings down in a journal. Take time for reflection.
- ⇒ Take time with family and friends and share memories of the loved one who died.
- ⇒ Light a candle in honor of your deceased loved one. Set out a picture and tell stories of his or her life.
- ⇒ Plan ahead to help you set limits and do what is meaningful for you and your family.
- ⇒ Be open to good experiences that the holidays may bring. Live in the present, honor the past.
- ⇒ Do something for someone else. Reaching out to someone else who is in need can help with your feelings of helplessness and hopelessness.

School of Religion

No Parish School of Religion classes from Dec 13 - Jan 3!

Our School of Religion will be closed the following Sundays for Winter break: Dec 13, Dec 20, Dec 27, and Jan 3. Classes will resume on Sunday January 10th! Have a blessed Winter break!

Children's Liturgy Sunday will be on January 17th!

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, January 17th 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).



Youth Ministry

Confirmation Sponsor Night

Your next meeting will be January 13th 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 will be Thursday, December 17th from 6-8pm.

Jr. High Youth: Christmas lights at Longview Lake

On December 16th we are heading out to Longview Lake to see the Christmas lights. Everyone will need a permission slip which will be handed out in class and available on the website. Parent drivers are also needed. Please contact Kirstie Roberts if you can help drive. Youth are asked to bring a snack to share with their car buddies and a travel mug if they want hot cocoa for the ride. This meeting will go until 9pm.

Junior High Youth!

Our next meetings will be December 16th and January 6th, from 7-8:30pm in the Parish Hall.

High School & Confirmation Youth

Our next meetings are Sunday, January 10th and 24th 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, Jennifer Valenti, at 816.812.2500 or 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 Kathleen Chastain at 816.392.0011 or chastain@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

Wellness Center

Less stress and more joy this holiday season

Consider giving time and friendship rather than presents.

Take care of your body:

- 30 minutes of brisk exercise most days of the week
- Stop eating when you're full, but don't skip meals
- Get plenty of sleep

Take care of your spirit:

- Allow time to do what you really want to do
- Breathe in all the goodness of the season

Meet with your family and find out what everyone likes and dislikes about the holidays and then plan your holidays around what everyone likes

and enjoys. It's a great time to start new family traditions!

Don't accept every invitation. Say "yes" only to commitments when you really want to participate.

Realize that you are not responsible for making others' holidays special.

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
Friday:	Yoga Basics 1 - 2pm Gentle Yoga 2 - 3pm Boxing Beats 5 - 6pm
Saturday:	Open Workout 8:30 - 11:30am Health Screenings 8:30 - 11:30am ReFit Cardio Class 10 - 11am

"You get more than you give when you give more than you get."

Area Information

Diocesan healing prayer services

The diocese continues to reach out to those impacted by abuse by offering healing services. The next services will be held at St. Mary Parish on Sunday December 6th at 4:00 p.m., 1606 N 2nd Street in St. Joseph, MO and St. Anthony Parish on Monday January 11th at 7:00 p.m., 318 Benton Blvd, KCMO.

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:

Monday, Dec. 14	St. Regis
Tuesday, Dec. 15	St. Sabina
Wednesday, Dec. 16	St. Catherine
Thursday, Dec. 17	St. Bernadette

Service to remember churchwomen killed in El Salvador

Join us in prayer, song and reflection remembering the four US Churchwomen martyred in El Salvador. We have invited Marie Dennis, co president of Pax Christi International, to share perspec-

tives from her lifelong work for peace around the globe.

- Date: Sunday, Dec. 6, 2:00 PM
- Location: St Teresa's Academy, Windmoor Center
5600 Main, Kansas City, MO
- Parking and entrance off 57th and Main
- Reception will follow
- Sponsored by: Kansas City Sister Parishes with El Salvador Communities, Religious Sisters' Communities

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.

Support our Seminarians Dinner

The 23rd annual "SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS" Benefit Dinner is dedicated to Our Lady of Kibeho, Rwanda, and the Rosary of the Seven Sorrows of Mary. It is scheduled for Friday, January 29, 2016. This event benefits seminarians from the Archdiocese of Kansas City, Kansas, the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph and Conception Seminary College. It promises to be an evening filled with fun and laughter, celebrating our Catholic faith, dining on wonderful food, and socializing with our priests and seminarians! We have a wonderful speaker this year, Monsignor Stuart Swetland, who is President of Donnelly College in Kansas City, KS. S.O.S. will be held at the **Union Station**, 30 West Pershing Road, Kansas City, Missouri 64108. The reservation price is \$175.00 per person at tables of ten people. To reserve your place, or an entire table, or donate to the marketplace or VIP silent auction, contact Martha Hodes at 913.207.9893 ormmmh66@sbcglobal.net.

Reflection on the Third Sunday of Advent, Year C

Today is the third Sunday of Advent, the pink-candle-on-the-Advent-Wreath Sunday. In Latin it was known as Gaudete, or Rejoice Sunday, jumping off the reading from Philippians, as well as the first reading from Zephaniah and the responsorial from Isaiah, in which we are called to rejoice in the Lord. Why rejoice? When the Advent season was modeled on Lent and was heavily penitential, this Sunday was an anticipation that the penitential season was drawing to a close. Today, when Advent is understood as a season of joyful anticipation, this Sunday functions as the theme for the whole season.

The first reading from Zephaniah calls us to “shout for joy...sing joyfully...be glad and exult...for the King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst, you have no further misfortune to fear.” The prophet reaffirms God’s desire to be in continual covenant love. The Lord welcomes the people back, removing any reproach or judgment from them. Twice Zephaniah assures the people that “the Lord your God is in your midst...he will rejoice over you...renew his love...he will sing joyfully because of you.” The feeling of joy and renewed love suffuse the whole reading.

The responsorial psalm is taken from Isaiah 12:2-6. It is one of those rare occasions in the lectionary when a responsorial psalm does not come from the book of Psalms. Again we are asked to “Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and holy one of Israel.”

The second reading from Paul’s letter to the Philippians twice directs us to rejoice, as Paul invites his beloved Philippians as well as ourselves to “have no anxiety at all” for “the Lord is near.” This awareness should fill us with “the peace of God that surpasses all understanding.” Paul and his communities expected Jesus to return at any time. So they, like us, continue to wait in “joyful

hope” for the coming of the Lord. Such expectation and anticipation is a cause for great joy.

The reality is that God has already come in the person of Jesus. What are we joyfully anticipating? We joyfully anticipate how we can make that presence more and better known to others primarily by the way we act.

John the Baptist challenges his hearers with the good news. It consists of last Sunday’s challenge of leveling the mountains and filling in the valleys. It calls us to right relationship with God, others and the world. That challenge is made more specific this Sunday by telling us exactly what right relationship entails. God’s desire for us, expressed in the presence of his Son already in our midst, is that we should act justly with all. We should treat all with dignity, respect and love, just as God has dealt with us. If we build such relationships and act accordingly, then “the Lord is near,” “God is in your midst,” and with Isaiah, we “cry out with joy and gladness.”

This season of joy is truly tested in the fire of everyday life. If that joyful anticipation endures after all the presents have been opened and all the decorations have been put away, then we will know that we have prepared well. This Sunday, as well as the whole Advent season, is a reminder of what we should be about the whole year. We are about the business of justice, of right relationship with God, others and all creation. This is how God becomes real in our midst.

How well are you preparing for celebrating God’s presence with us? Is justice and right relationship part of your Advent discipline? Will justice and right relationship be one of the gifts that you share with others during this season of joyful anticipation? Happy Gaudete Sunday to all.

Readings

Sunday, December 13, 2015

1st Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18a

Psalm: Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6

2nd Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

Sunday, December 20, 2015

1st Reading: Micah 5:1-4a

Psalm: Psalms 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

2nd Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10

Gospel: Luke 1:39-45



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 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

Arturo Albor, Arturo Amador, Jan Arroyo, Michelle Atkinson, Gail Bland, Brantley Bossler, Sheila Brown, Martha Carter, Shirley Chevalier, Thomas Coovert, Doris Deschenes, Lois Dull, Ivonne Escalante, Alexandra Estrella, Tiffany Evans, Javier Fiallos, Dora Flores, William Forrest, Sadie Garcia, Christopher Gates, Maria Gomez, Ramon Gomez, Rosa Gomez, Blanca Grado, Robert Gulick, Nicky Hall, Don Hemmen, Samantha Hennessey, Adan Hernandez, Esteban Hernandez, Carson Hill, Colton Hill, Claudia Hinojos, Lucia Hinojos, Lisa Ismert, Krisi Jacobs, Michelle Kopeck, Samuel Kudron, Dean Lenz, Socorro Lopez, Kodia Lovelace, Alexandra Macan, Sandra Menjivar, Gabriel Miranda, Belia Morales, James Moss, Pete Muenks, Jasmine Munoz, Adela Nava Solis, Joshua Olivares, Hermecito Osorio, Brielle Parker, Arturo Pinon, Kim Pointer, Gary Pratt, Raquel Ramos, Greg Reinhart, Phillip Rodriguez, Magdie Sanchez, Jesus Santillanes, Sue Scaccia, Gary Schumacher, Cleo Srader, Don Standley, Jane Stout, Cataleya Urrutia, Irma Vieyra, Katie Walker, Anita Walkingstick, James Wall, Kian Wilkes, Alyson Zarco, Gissel Zarco

Happy Anniversary

Brad & Stephanie Pitman	1 Years!	12/13/2014
Juan Medina & Elisabeth Quiroz	5 Years!	12/18/2010
James & Lori Meckstroth	16 Years!	12/17/1999
Gerzo & Obdulia Guerrero	20 Years!	12/16/1995
Julio & Alberta Jaimes	21 Years!	12/19/1994
Angel & Arleen Martinez	23 Years!	12/19/1992
Ted & Anna Ewbank	29 Years!	12/19/1986
Ricardo & Graciela Lopez	42 Years!	12/15/1973
Al & Kathleen Gebauer	63 Years!	12/16/1952



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Reflexión sobre el Tercer Domingo de Adviento, Ciclo C

Hoy es el tercer domingo de Adviento, el Domingo de la Vela Rosa de Adviento. En Latín se conoce como Gaudete, o Domingo de Regocijar, de la lectura de Filipenses, así como la primera lectura de Sofonías y el responsorial de Isaías, en el que estamos llamados a regocijarnos en El Señor. ¿Porque regocijarse? Cuando el tiempo de Adviento se inspiró en la Cuaresma y era un tiempo de mucha penitencia, este domingo era una anticipación que la temporada penitencial ya casi llegaba a su final. Hoy en día, cuando el adviento se entiende como una temporada de anticipación de gozo, este domingo funciona como el tema para toda la temporada.

La primera lectura de Sofonías nos llama a “gritar de alegría...cantar alegremente...y a alegrarnos y regocijarnos...porque el Señor será el rey de Israel en medio de ti y ya no temerás ningún mal.” El profeta reafirma el deseo de Dios de estar en pacto de amor continuo. El Señor le da la bienvenida a la gente de nuevo, eliminando cualquier reproche o juicio de ellos. Dos veces Sofonías asegura a la gente que “el Señor esta en medio de ti...él se regocijara por ti...renovara su amor...el cantara con gozo por ti.” El sentimiento de alegría y amor renovado satisfacen toda la lectura.”

El Salmo responsorial es tomado de Isaías 12:2-6. Es una de esas raras ocasiones en el leccionario cuando el salmo responsorial no viene del libro de los Salmos. Una vez más se nos pide que “griten jubilosos, porque Dios de Israel ha sido grande con ustedes.”

La segunda lectura de la Carta de Pablo a los Filipenses nos dice que nos alegremos en dos ocasiones, cuando Pablo invita a sus amados Filipenses igual que a nosotros a “no inquietarnos por nada” porque “el

Señor está cerca.” Este conocimiento nos debe llenar de “la paz de Dios, que sobrepasa toda inteligencia.” Pablo y sus comunidades esperaban que Jesús volviera en cualquier momento. Así que ellos, como nosotros, continuamos esperando con “esperanza gozosa” la venida del Señor. Tal expectativa y anticipación es un motivo de gran alegría.

La realidad es que Dios ya ha venido en la persona de Jesús. ¿Qué estamos anticipando con alegría? Anticipamos con alegría como podemos hacer la presencia cada vez más conocida a los demás por nuestra forma de actuar.

Juan el Bautista desafía a sus oyentes con las buenas noticias. El desafío consiste de la nivelación de las montañas y llenando los valles como leímos el Domingo pasado. Nos llama a una relación correcta con Dios, con los demás y con el mundo. Ese desafío se hace más específico este Domingo al decirnos exactamente lo que implica una relación correcta. El deseo de Dios para nosotros, expresado en la presencia de su Hijo ya en medio de nosotros, es que actuemos con justicia hacia todos. Debemos tratar a todos con dignidad, respeto y amor, como Dios lo ha hecho con nosotros. Si construimos este tipo de relaciones y actuamos de esta manera, entonces “el Señor está cerca,” “Dios está en medio de ti,” y junto a Isaías, “gritamos de gozo y alegría.”

Esta temporada de alegría es realmente puesta a prueba en el fuego de la vida cotidiana. Si esa alegría de anticipación perdura después de que todos los regalos se han abierto y todas las decoraciones se han guardado, entonces sabremos que nos hemos preparado bien. Este domingo, así como toda la temporada de Adviento, es un recordatorio de lo que debemos

ser sobre todo el año. Creemos en la justicia, en la relación con Dios, con los demás y toda la creación. Así es como Dios se hace real en medio de nosotros.

¿Qué tan bien no estamos preparando para celebrar la presencia de Dios con nosotros? ¿Es la justicia y la relación correcta parte de la disciplina de Adviento? ¿Serán la justicia y la relación correcta uno de los regalos que usted compartirá con los demás durante esta temporada de anticipación gozosa? Feliz Domingo de Gaudete para todos.

**Biagio Mazza,
Asociado Pastoral**



Lecturas

Lecturas del Domingo, 13 de Diciembre

Primera Lectura: Sofonías 3:14-18

Salmo: Isaías 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6

Segunda Lectura: Filipenses 4:4-7

Evangelio: Lucas 3:10-18

Lecturas del Domingo, 20 de Diciembre

Primera Lectura: Miqueas 5:1-4a

Salmo: Salmo 79:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19

Segunda Lectura: Hebreos 10:5-10

Evangelio: Lucas 1:39-45



Escuela de Religión

No habrán clases de Religión para los niños los domingos 13, 20, y 27 de Diciembre ni el 3 de Enero, 2016

Nuestra Escuela de Religión estará cerrada los domingos 13, 20, y 27 de Diciembre y el 3 de Enero, debido a nuestras vacaciones de invierno. Las clases comenzaran de nuevo el Domingo, 10 de Enero del 2016. Que tengan una Feliz Navidad y un Prospero Año Nuevo.

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 10 y el 24 de Enero en el salón Parroquial 7-8:30pm.

Jóvenes de Junior High

Sus próximas juntas serán el Miércoles, 16 de Diciembre y el 6 de Enero de 7-8:30pm.

Noche de Padrinos de Confirmación

Su primer noche de Padrinos de Confirmación será el Miércoles, 13 de Enero 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.

Luces Navideñas en Longview Lake

El 16 de Diciembre nuestros jóvenes de Junior High tomaran un paseo a ver las luces navideñas en Longview Lake. Todos los jóvenes que deseen ir necesitaran una forma de permiso firmada por sus padres, estas formas se repartirán durante nuestra reunión y también están disponibles en nuestra pagina web. Por favor comuníquese con Kirstie si usted podría ayudar ese día a manejar. Se les pide a los jóvenes que traigan algún bocadillo para compartir con sus amigos en el carro, y una taza de viaje si quieren chocolate caliente para el paseo. Esta reunión durara hasta las 9pm.

Marcha Pro-Vida 2016 en Washington, DC

Los jóvenes adultos hispanos del Comité Diocesano de la Pastoral Juvenil Hispana les invitamos a todos ustedes a apoyarnos con sus oraciones y en nuestras actividades pro-fondos para poder representar a nuestra comunidad en la Marcha Pro Vida 2016 en Washington

DC, y para comenzar el proceso de construir Ministerios de Respeto a la Vida en nuestras comunidades Hispanas.

Estaremos ofreciendo en Pre Venta tamales y boletos de rifa del Cuadro de la Virgen de Guadalupe en las parroquias los próximos dos fines de semana en las misas de domingo. Una docena de tamales por \$15 Dólares. Un boleto de Rifa \$2 o 3 Boletos de Rifa por \$5. También aceptamos sus donaciones generosas... Si quiere más información, llame a Edith Montes al 816-756-1850.

Seguridad Infantil

La Diócesis de Kansas City-St. Joseph esta comprometida a luchar contra el abuso sexual en la Iglesia. Si usted es victima de abuso sexual, o si usted observa o sospecha de abuso sexual, por favor:

- 1) Llame a línea directa de Abuso Infantil en Missouri al 1.800.392.3738 (si la victima tiene menos de 18 años de edad), y
- 2) Póngase en contacto con su departamento de policía local o llame al 911, y
- 3) Después de informarle a las autoridades de la orden civil y de leyes, reporte el abuso sexual del menor o del adulto vulnerable al Defensor del Pueblo Diocesano, Jenifer Valenti, al 816.812.2500 o a su correo electrónico, jennifervalenti@att.net, si el abuso implica a un sacerdote, diacono, empleado o voluntario de la Diócesis de Kansas City-St. Joseph

La Diócesis tiene un sincero compromiso con los recursos del cuidado y la curación para las victimas de abuso sexual y a sus familias. Por favor póngase en contacto con la Defensora de Victimias, Kathleen Chastain al 816.392.0011 o chastain@diocesekcsj.org para mas información.

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.

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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.

Rifa Diocesana de Imágenes de la Virgen de Guadalupe

La Oficina de Jóvenes Diocesana estará rifando una hermosa imagen de la

Virgen de Guadalupe. Cada ticket de rifa costara \$2.00. Por favor llámeme a Kris al 816-979-3151 para comprar su ticket de rifa. Todos los fondos recaudados serán para que la Diócesis pueda ayudar a mandar jóvenes Hispanos a la Marcha de Peregrinación de Vida en Washington, DC en Enero del 2016. La rifa se llevara a cabo el Domingo, 20 de Diciembre a las 2:30 en la Iglesia Holy Cross. No necesita estar presente para ganar.

Alcohólicos Anónimos

El Grupo Fe y Decisión se reúne cada Lunes, Miércoles, y Viernes de 7:00pm-8:30pm a 708 Main St., Grandview, MO. Para mas información, llame 816-721-0594 o 816-682-7210. Creer tener problemas con la bebida? Ven, nosotros te podemos ayudar.

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Corresponsabilidad

En el Evangelio de hoy nosotros escuchamos la profunda pregunta de corresponsabilidad hecha al profeta Juan el Bautista: "¿Qué debemos hacer?" cada grupo desea conocer la respuesta apropiada al llamado de Juan; cada respuesta señala e instruye cómo deben ellos tratar a otros. Juan no dice simplemente, "sean bautizados." Más bien, él se dirige a sus trabajos y a sus relaciones personales. El mensaje de Juan es simple: el juicio está cerca, y el arrepentimiento incluye tratar bien a los otros. Nosotros debemos estar dispuestos a compartir lo que tenemos con aquellos en necesidad. Escuchar a Juan el Bautista es ser llamado a rendir cuentas. ¿Doy solamente de lo que me sobra, o soy el buen corresponsable dispuesto al sacrificio para ayudar a otros?

Tesoro:

Colecta del Árbol de Jesé

La próxima semana continuamos con las colectas del Árbol de Jesé, con una colecta especial para el Fondo para la Jubilación de Religiosos. Los religiosos y religiosas ancianos necesitan de la ayuda de ustedes. Hermanas, hermanos y sacerdotes católicos de órdenes religiosas mayores pasaron su vida en escuelas, hospitales, y agencias de servicio social católicos muchas veces con poco o ningún salario. Sus sacrificios ahora dejan a sus comunidades religiosas sin fondos suficientes para su jubilación y cuidados geriátricos. Su donativo al Fondo para la Jubilación de Religiosos ayuda con las recetas medicas, cuidados de enfermería y mas. Done a aquellos que dieron toda una vida. Gracias a todos quienes trajeron comida enlatada esta semana!

Venta de Pasteles: Gracias, de nuevo, a todos quienes donaron su tiempo y talento y a todos quienes apoyaron a la venta de pasteles, que benefició a las comidas comunitarias. Recaudamos \$416.40 este año!

Información Parroquial

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.

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
Martes, 15 de Dic	St. Sabina
Miércoles, 16 de Dic	St. Catherine
Jueves, 14 de Dic	St. Bernadette

Rifa para Televisión 50" Magnavox

Nuestro Comité Romero estará rifando una televisión Magnavox de 50". La rifa se llevara acabo el Domingo, 20 de Diciembre después de la Misa de las 12:30pm, cada ticket de rifa costara \$5. Para comprar una rifa por favor comuníquese con Kris en la oficina. No necesita estar presente el

día de la rifa para ganar. Todos los fondos recaudados serán para nuestra celebración de Romero en el 2016.

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, 1 de Enero

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



Gracias a todas las personas que atendieron a la presentación organizada por Rekha y Michael Sharma-Crawford para nuestra comunidad hispana sobre Inmigración el Domingo, 29 de Noviembre.

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Platicas

Platicas Pre-bautismales - 9 de Enero

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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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