

Saint Sabina Catholic Church

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Office Hours: The parish office is currently open by appointment only.
Horarios de la Oficina: En este momento la oficina parroquial está abierta solo con cita previa.



Members of our parish family gathered to pray a novena in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe.
Miembros de nuestra familia parroquial se reunieron para rezar una novena en honor a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe.

Mass Times

In Person (We request that you RSVP so that we have a list of attendees):

Saturdays at 4pm (English)
Sundays at 8am and 10:30am (English)
Sundays at 12:30pm (Spanish)

Online (via Facebook and parish website):

Saturdays at 6pm (English)
Sundays at 10:30am (English)
Sundays at 3pm (Spanish)

Horarios de Misa

En persona (Le pedimos que confirme su asistencia para que tengamos una lista de asistentes):

Sábados a las 4pm (inglés)
Domingos a las 8am y 10:30am (inglés)
Domingos a las 12:30pm (español)

En línea (a través de Facebook y el sitio web de la parroquia):

Sábados a las 6pm (inglés)
Domingos a las 10:30am (inglés)
Domingos a las 3pm (español)

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Mass Intentions for the Week Peticiones de la Semana

Intentions for December 31, 2020

Thur. 4pm Open

Saturday, January 2, 2021

4:00pm Intentions of Our Parish Family

Sunday, January 3, 2021

8:00am †Mary Ann Hall

†Rose Merker

10:30am †Raymond Burns

12:30pm Spanish †Mercedes Medrano Rodriguez

†Agustina Martinez Mejia

We also remember the special intentions requested in our virtual prayer book on Facebook and our family and friends on the sick list.

Recordamos tambien, las intenciones especiales en nuestro libro virtual de peticiones por Facebook, y nuestros amigos y familiares de nuestra lista de enfermos.

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

†Rodney Meyer, father of Beverly Renfro

†Margarito Nepomuceno Moran, padre de Amalia Rosas

†Tomas Rocha Velazquez, padre de Faustino y Gerardo Rocha

†Audelia Borrego Castro, madre de Gerardo Gutierrez

†Donnie Winter, cousin of Dick Danjou

†Andrew Erpelding, grandson of Jerry and Marie Wilburn

†Virginia Pierce, aunt of Nancy Meiron

†Jesus Carrasco, uncle of Monica Lopez, Edgar and Ivan Keesoon



Parish Information—Información Parroquial

Sunday, December 27 - Domingo, 27 de Diciembre

11:00am Ensayo del Coro Hispano

Monday, December 28 - Lunes, 28 de Diciembre

Parish Office Closed/Oficina Parroquial Cerrada

Tuesday, December 29 - Martes, 29 de Diciembre

Parish Office Closed/Oficina Parroquial Cerrada

Wednesday, December 30 - Miércoles, 30 de Diciembre

Parish Office Closed/Oficina Parroquial Cerrada

Thursday, December 31 - Jueves, 31 de Diciembre

Parish Office Closed/Oficina Cerrada

4:00pm Holy Day Vigil Mass

Friday, January 1 - Viernes, 1 de Enero

New Year's Day—Parish Office Closed/Oficina Cerrada

8:30am Adoration/Adoración

Saturday, January 2 - Sábado, 2 de Enero

8:30am Choir Rehearsal (8:00 group)

Sunday, January 3 - Domingo, 3 de Enero

10:30am RICA

11:00am Ensayo del Coro Hispano

1:00pm Girl Scouts

happy birthday

Guadalupe Ayala	Josue Hinojos	Ana Palomares
Ramona Benitez	Leonor Huerta	Blair Parker
Sheila Biondo	Yamilet Huerta	Valerie Pina
Maria Carpio	Isabel Jaimes	Ray Quinones
Anthony Cedillo	Lillian Jakobe	Riley Robinson
Alexander Coffin	Edith Jones	Luis Rocha
Monte Crosby	Nicole Jordan	Mercedes Rosa
Donna Dailey	Leticia Keesoon	Kenneth Samson
Honorio Dionicio	Julie Lafata	Conner Scott
Dustan Dvergsten	Susan Lager	Kurt Shatford
Macie Embry	Shari Lindsay	Jeff Shields
Gustavo Enriquez	Shelby Lueckenotto	Laurie Sigman
Helen Falcon	Chloe Mackall	Stanley Smith
Cezar Franco	Jennifer Mackinnon	Mary Theobald
Adriana Garcia	Mary Madrigal	Jesus Torres
Maria Garcia	Jordan Martin	Virginia Valenzuela
Ann Gomez	Axel Martinez	Jose Valenzuela
Zaira Gomez	Dora Martinez	Janet Villalobos
Yeni Gonzalez	Jamie McNiel	Terrance Wartell
Emily Gracida	Maribel Mendoza	Mary Weber
McKenna Griggs	Robert Miller	Jerry Wilburn
Eduardo Guzman	Harold Mitts	Theo Wilson
Shaun Halbhuber	Elias Morgan	Armando Yanez
David Heide	Ailed Novas	Maria Zuñiga
Axel Hernandez	Dennis O'Reilly	
Brisneida Hinojos	Mitchell O'Reilly	

Happy Anniversary

Joe and Sue Lager	55 Years!	12/29/1965
James and Ann Morales	54 Years!	12/31/1966
Eliceo and Maria Rocha	54 Years!	1/1/1967
John and Barbara Clark	53 Years!	12/30/1967
Gary and Peggy Manning	53 Years!	12/30/1967
Jeffrey and Sandy Spiller	51 Years!	12/29/1969
Lou and Sue Scaccia	40 Years!	1/3/1981
Arturo and Rosa Borja	31 Years!	12/29/1989
Carlos and Maria Arroyo	31 Years!	12/31/1989
Jaime Perez and Doraida Aguirre	27 Years!	12/31/1993
Ramon and Isela Gomez	25 Years!	12/31/1995
Juan and Ampara Aguilera	20 Years!	12/29/2000

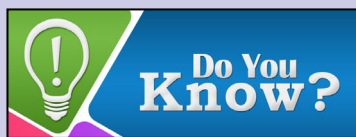
Green Team Tip of the Week

Save your jar lids and bottles caps for metal recycling.



This Week's Do You Know Video:

Every Dec 25, we celebrate the Incarnation of God, that is God literally taking on flesh and as John's gospel points out, "pitching his tent among us." Why did God choose to become 100% human like you and I in the person of Jesus? The traditional response is that Jesus was God's plan B who came to save us from sin. Why? Because we as human beings freely thwarted God's original plan in creating us by not being content with just being human, but rather desiring to be like God. Because of this human offense against God, what we call original sin, our relationship with God was disrupted. Jesus came to pay the price for the offense and thus restore our relationship with God by willingly dying on the cross. The Franciscans offered another explanation in our tradition that unfortunately became the minority opinion. It states that God becoming human was God's plan from the very moment of creation. God created us out of love and the most intimate connection with a loved one is for the lover to become one with the loved. In this tradition, the incarnation is God's intimate desire from the beginning of creation to be intimate with all creation, the lover becoming one with the loved, modeling for the loved one what being human is all about, namely intimacy, connection, care and concern for one another, the heart of love. Make time to view this week's DYK video and explore the rich implications of this other aspect of the incarnation.



Holy Day Mass Time - Dec 31 - 4pm

We will celebrate a Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God on Friday, December 31 at 4pm.

No Daily Masses December 28-Jan 1

There will be no daily Masses the week after Christmas, December 28-January 1.

Adoration January 1

Adoration will be held in the church on Friday, January 1 from 8:30am - 8pm.



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En Nuestro Video ¿Sabes...? de Esta Semana:

Cada 25 de diciembre, celebramos la Encarnación de Dios, es decir, Dios literalmente se hace carne y, como señala el evangelio de Juan, "habitó entre nosotros". ¿Por qué Dios eligió volverse 100% humano como tú y yo en la persona de Jesús? La respuesta tradicional es que Jesús era el plan B de Dios que vino a salvarnos del pecado. ¿Por qué? Porque nosotros, como seres humanos, frustramos libremente el plan original de Dios al crearnos al no contentarnos con ser humanos, sino deseando ser como Dios. Debido a esta ofensa humana contra Dios, lo que llamamos pecado original, nuestra relación con Dios fue interrumpida. Jesús vino a pagar el precio de la ofensa y así restaurar nuestra relación con Dios al morir voluntariamente en la cruz. Los franciscanos ofrecieron otra explicación en nuestra tradición que lamentablemente se convirtió en la opinión minoritaria. Afirma que hacerse humano Dios, fue el plan de Dios desde el mismo momento de la creación. Dios nos creó por amor y la conexión más íntima con un ser querido es que el que ama se vuelva uno con el amado. En esta tradición, la encarnación es el deseo íntimo de Dios desde el principio de la creación de tener intimidad con toda la creación, el amoroso se vuelve uno con el amado, modelando para el amado lo que es ser humano, es decir, intimidad, conexión, cuidado y preocupación. el uno para el otro, el corazón del amor. Tómese un momento para ver el video ¿Sabes? de esta semana y explorar las ricas implicaciones de este otro aspecto de la encarnación.

Felicidades Por Su Bautismo

Ailed Ailani Novas Rodríguez, la hija de Elvis Novas y Montserrat Rodríguez

Misa del Día de Precepto - 31 de Dic - 4pm

Celebraremos una Misa de Vigilia por la Solemnidad de María Madre de Dios el viernes 31 de diciembre a las 4pm.

No Hay Misas Diarias Esta Semana

No habrá misas diarias la semana después de Navidad, del 28 de diciembre al 1 de enero.

Adoración 1 de enero

La adoración se llevará a cabo en la iglesia el viernes 1 de enero de 8:30 am a 8 pm.

Platicas Pre-Bautismales - 9 de Enero

Normalmente cada segundo Sábado del mes de las 10 am a las 11am. (Sólo para niños de 0-6 años.) Salón Parroquial. Para niños mayores de 7 años requerirán una formación especial. **No se ofrece cuidado de niños.**

PRÓXIMOS BAUTISMOS: llamar a Kris al 816-979-3151. Favor de llenar su aplicación para asistir a las platicas con anterioridad.

Faith Formation Offering

“TAKE UP YOUR CROSS AND FOLLOW ME” (MK 8:34) MARK’S GOSPEL AND THE CHALLENGE OF DISCIPLESHIP

**Wednesday Evenings – January 6, 13, 20 and 27, 2021 ~ 7-9 PM
repeated on Thursday Mornings – January 7, 14, 21, and 28, 2021 ~ 10 AM to Noon**

Lectionary Year B focuses on the Gospel of Mark, the first gospel to be written somewhere between 67-73 CE. Mark is the first evangelist to give Jesus a human face along with a mission to proclaim the realm of God. Suffering, misunderstanding, rejection and persecution are an inherent part of that mission for Mark’s Jesus, for his followers, and for the community that forms itself once Jesus is no longer with them.

Beginning with an overview of the Christian approach to Scripture and the biblical tools used to unpack a gospel, these four two-hour sessions examine the mind and heart of Mark and the community that produced the gospel. We will carefully examine the gospel, focusing on its key themes and message for the community that produced it. The situation, needs and concerns of Mark’s community will be highlighted through an examination of specific gospel passages.

Mark’s image of Jesus as God’s suffering servant continually challenges those who claim to be disciples. Each generation of disciples has to discern how to carry out Jesus’ mission and ministry in light of Mark’s community focus on Jesus as God’s suffering servant and on disciples’ need to take up their cross and follow him.

Come with a bible and invite a friend along to explore Mark’s gospel together and to be better prepared to enter more deeply into this lectionary year. All Christian churches and other faith traditions are most welcomed. The sessions will be conducted via Zoom and facilitated by Biagio Mazza, Pastoral Associate at St. Sabina Catholic Church in Belton, MO. For more information, or to register please e-mail Biagio at biagio46@gmail.com. Once registered, you will be sent a Zoom link to the sessions.

Scripture Study is the soul of theology and a solid foundation for immersion into the Sunday Eucharist.



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Youth News

Ministerio Juvenil

Quarantined from School?

If your child is quarantined from school, please contact Kirstie to be added to the Zoom email each week for PSR and youth meetings.



¿En cuarentena de la escuela?

Si su hijo está en cuarentena de la escuela, comuníquese con Kirstie para que lo agreguen al correo electrónico de zoom cada semana para reuniones de jóvenes y Escuela de Religión.



Child Safety

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting 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, Joe Crayon, at 816.812.2500 or crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org, 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.

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 info at <https://kcsj catholic.org/the-office-of-child-and-youth-protection/>.



Wellness Center



Did You Know-- The World Health Organization defines health as “not merely the absence of disease or infirmity, but a state of complete physical well-being.

Wellness is much more than the absence of illness; it is creating health-promoting behaviors to achieve your full potential. In other words, wellness is the pursuit of your best possible health and well-being.

The Wellness Center is a free resource to help you achieve your best possible health and well-being. Although the Wellness Center is closed, we are offering many of our services online and by phone—

- Health screenings
- Health coaching appointments
- Fitness classes
- Health literacy classes



Call the Wellness Center for more information 816-979-3090. In 2021, our goal is to improve the health and well-being of the parish. We are here to serve you!!

Pastoral Care

Cuidado Pastoral

SELF-CARE: Take Care of Your Mental Health during COVID 19

- ⇒ Look for opportunities to **Laugh**.
- ⇒ Get enough **Sleep**.
- ⇒ **Exercise** as appropriate.
- ⇒ Set healthy **Boundaries**.
- ⇒ Be **Kind** to yourself.
- ⇒ Stay **Connected** to loved ones.

Hospitalized?

If you are hospitalized and would like us to know, please call or have a family member call Marta in the parish office at 979-3154 or 331-4713. Due to privacy laws hospitals cannot contact us.

Bulletin Prayer Request List

Parishioners who are ill, or who have a loved one who is ill, may request to have the person remembered on the Prayer Request list published in our bulletin. Names will remain on the list for two months, but may be resubmitted upon request. Please remember permission must be given by the individual before the name can be published. To add or remove a name from the list, contact Marta Roper in the parish office 816-979-3154 or marta@stsabinaparish.org.

CUIDADO PERSONAL: Cuide Su Salud Mental Durante COVID 19

- ⇒ Busque oportunidades para **reír**.
- ⇒ **Duerma** lo suficiente.
- ⇒ **Haga ejercicio** según corresponda.
- ⇒ Establezca **límites** saludables.
- ⇒ Sea **amable** con usted mismo.
- ⇒ Manténgase **conectado** con sus seres queridos.

Hospitalizado?

Si está hospitalizado y desea que lo sepamos, llame o pídale a un familiar que llame a Marta en la oficina parroquial al 979-3154 o 331-4713. Debido a las leyes de privacidad, los hospitales no pueden comunicarse con nosotros.

Lista de Peticiones de Oración para el Boletín

Los feligreses que están enfermos, o que tienen un ser querido que está enfermo, pueden solicitar que se recuerde a la persona en la lista de Peticiones de Oración publicada en nuestro boletín. Los nombres permanecerán en la lista durante dos meses, pero se pueden volver a agregar su nombre. Recuerde que la persona debe dar permiso antes de que se pueda publicar el nombre. Para agregar o eliminar un nombre de la lista, comuníquese con Marta Roper, en la oficina parroquial 816-979-3154 o marta@stsabinaparish.org.

Prayer Requests/Peticiones de Oración

Christina Albarez
Chris Armstrong
Joy Banks
Dennis Berg
John Bidondo
Mary Pat Biondo
Betty Bremenkamp
Maxine Bremer
Ruth Brown
Veronica Burks
Joyce Callahan
Patty Carr
John Cikan
Steve Circo
Harrison Cummings
Mark DeLuca
Mark Deterding
Marcia DiGeorge
Lois Dull
Paula Dull
Denise English
Terry Eppert
Rosa Escobedo
Joe Evans
Lili Flores
Maria Luisa Flores
Larry Foster

Jean Frank
Jim Frezza
Gary Gallup
Miguel Angel Salinas Gonzalez
Karen Grantham
Ginny Hainey
Jackie Hamilton
Rita Ann Hand
Judy Hansel
Bob Harman
Karen Harman
Jeanette Hart
Bonnie Haskins
Cherie Hatfield
Martha Healy
Ted Henry
Rhonda Henke
Bob Henningsen
Marilyn Henningsen
Ann Heinzler
Jeff Hemmen
Jennifer Huffman
Richard Huffman
Rick Johnson
Kenneth Jones
John Jongenelen
Michael Kempster

John Key
Jack King
Todd Kudron
Don Kueck
Susan Lager
Dale Lammer
Ellen Lilek
Emmy Long
Alyson Lopez
John Mackey
Leonard Meiron
Manuel Miramontes Gonzalez
Wendy Mora Cedillo
Karen Muelbach
Joan Muench
Joan Nowak
Jerry Nowak
Laura Oresteen
Zenaida Ortiz
Rita Pruitt
Diane Quinn
Larry Rhodes
Alfonso Rivera
Agustin Rivera
Michelle Rose
Anna Ryan
Ron Schock

Mary Schwartz
Peter Shea
Jaxton Shipley
Shellie Smoot
Rachael Smith
Lois Stogsdill
Rita Stout
Jessica Svoda
Jean Tate
Joel Taylor
Priscilla Tristani
Donnie Vonderhoe
Debbie Wagner
Denise Vargo Wallace
Bob Watts
Donna West
Ron West
Mary Westfall
Sarah Wheeler
Mary Wickstrum
Veryl Dean Wickstrum
Marie Wilburn
Carmitia Yust



Reflection on the Readings

The Sunday between Christmas and January 1 is dedicated to the Holy Family. We often imagine the Holy Family living peacefully and without conflict. But we all know from our own families that struggles and anxieties continually surface, leading to tension and conflicts. This is normal in all human interactions. **What we learn today from Luke's portrayal of Mary, Joseph and Jesus is a way of dealing with the inevitable tensions and conflicts that surface in all families.**

A key lesson that we learn from Mary and Joseph is that they are mindful of their duty to one another, to their child and to God. They are attuned to the religious duties required of them as new parents, both in securing a blessing from God and in dedicating their first-born child to God. **They are willing to do what is required so that family life with the new child in the family will have its proper orientation towards God and will operate out of God-directed values and perspectives.** Like any child, Jesus will learn from his parents what it means to be faithful to God's ways, and how to live out those values in everyday life. **As with any parent and child, the proverbial saying, "the apple doesn't fall far from the tree," also applies to Jesus.**

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In their temple visit, Mary and Joseph encounter two people who have dedicated their lives to God, living as God wished. They waited and prayed anxiously hoping that God would remember the covenant promises to send someone who would bring justice, peace and light to the Jewish people and through them to the whole world.

Both Simeon and Anna, because of their lifetime attunement to God, are able to perceive that in this child, God has kept the covenant promises. This child is both the glory of the Jewish people, as well as the light for all the nations. They both acknowledge that this child will bring about the "redemption of Jerusalem" as well as the salvation of all people. So with them this Sunday we sing the refrain of responsorial Psalm 105, "The Lord remembers his covenant forever".

However, as Simeon understands it, this will not be an easy task. The child's presence and life will bring about tension and division. The child will challenge people to make God-choices in their lives. This kind of choosing always brings conflict. Both Mary and Joseph will feel the pain resulting from this conflict. As a family, they will face many struggles in their desire to be continually dedicated to God. **Their desire for a harmonious family life will be constantly tested and challenged by the choices that their son makes, as well as by the way they and others respond to him.**

How are families to deal with the inevitable conflicts that result from attempting to make good choices in life? The family of Mary, Joseph and Jesus provide us with some guidance along this path. **For all families, a God-direction and orientation is essential. It does not have to be perfect but it is essential. Another is constant trust and reliance on God who is faithful, keeps promises and is always life-giving, no matter how dark and deadly things may look. Finally, a life lived in reflection and prayer always helps in attuning ourselves and our families to God's ways.**

As a family, Mary, Joseph and Jesus struggled just like we do. Yet, they remained trusting, prayerful and faithful. **Ask God for help and guidance as you celebrate your family on this feast of the Holy Family.**

Biagio Mazza
Pastoral Associate

Readings



Sunday, December 27

1st Reading: Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3

Psalm: Psalm 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

2nd Reading: Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

Sunday, January 3

1st Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalm: Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

2nd Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Reflexión Sobre las Lecturas

El domingo entre la Navidad y el 1 de enero está dedicado a la Sagrada Familia. Muchas veces nos imaginamos a la Sagrada Familia viviendo en paz y sin conflicto. Pero todos sabemos por nuestras propias familias que emergen dificultades y ansiedades continuamente, lo que genera tensión y conflicto. Esto es normal en todas las interacciones humanas. **Lo que aprendemos hoy de la representación según Lucas de María, José y Jesús, es una forma de lidiar con las tensiones y conflictos inevitables que surgen en todas las familias.**

Una lección clave que aprendemos de María y José es que son conscientes de su deber entre ellos, con su hijo y con Dios. Están en sintonía con los deberes religiosos que se les exige como padres nuevos, tanto para obtener una bendición de Dios como para dedicar a su primogénito a Dios. **Están dispuestos a hacer lo que se requiere para que la vida familiar con el nuevo hijo en la familia tenga su orientación adecuada hacia Dios y operará con los valores y perspectivas dirigidos por Dios.** Como cualquier niño, Jesús aprenderá de sus padres lo que significa ser fiel

a los caminos de Dios y cómo vivir esos valores en la vida cotidiana. **Como con cualquier padre e hijo, el dicho proverbial "la manzana no cae lejos del árbol" también se aplica a Jesús.**

En su visita al templo, María y José se encuentran con dos personas que han dedicado sus vidas a Dios, viviendo como Dios deseaba. Esperaron y oraron ansiosamente esperando que Dios recordara las promesas del pacto de enviar a alguien que llevaría justicia, paz y luz al pueblo judío y, a través de ellos, al mundo entero.

Tanto Simeón como Ana, debido a su sintonía de por vida con Dios, son capaces de percibir que en este niño, Dios ha guardado las promesas del pacto. Este niño es tanto la gloria del pueblo judío, como la luz para todas las naciones. Ambos reconocen que este niño traerá la "redención de Jerusalén" y la salvación de todas las personas. Así que con ellos este domingo cantamos el estribillo del Salmo responsorial 105, "El Señor es nuestro Dios, se acuerda de su alianza eternamente".

Sin embargo, como Simeon lo entiende, esta no será una tarea fácil. La presencia y la vida del niño provocarán tensión y división. El niño desafiará a las personas a hacer elecciones de Dios en sus vidas. Este tipo de elección siempre trae conflicto. Tanto María como José sentirán el dolor resultante de este conflicto. Como familia, enfrentarán muchas luchas en su deseo de estar continuamente dedicados a Dios. **Su deseo de una vida familiar armoniosa será constantemente probado y desafiado por las elecciones que hace su hijo, así como por la forma en que ellos y otros responden a él.**

¿Cómo pueden lidiar las familias con los conflictos inevitables que resultan de intentar tomar buenas decisiones en la vida? La familia de María, José y Jesús nos proporciona una guía a lo largo de este camino. **Para todas las familias, la dirección y orientación de Dios es esencial. No tiene que ser perfecto, pero es esencial. Otra es la confianza constante en Dios que es fiel, cumple sus promesas y siempre da vida, sin importar qué tan oscuras y mortales puedan parecer las cosas. Finalmente, una vida vivida en la reflexión y la oración siempre ayuda a sintonizarnos a nosotros mismos y a nuestras familias con los caminos de Dios.**

Como familia, María, José y Jesús lucharon como nosotros. Sin embargo, permanecieron confiando, orando y siendo fieles. **Pídale ayuda y guía a Dios mientras celebra a su familia en esta fiesta de la Sagrada Familia.**

Biagio Mazza
Asociado Pastoral

Lecturas



Lecturas del Domingo, 27 de Diciembre

Primera Lectura: Génesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3

Salmo: Salmo 104:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

Segunda Lectura: Hebreos 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

Evangelio: Lucas 2:22-40.

Lecturas del Domingo, 3 de Enero

Primera Lectura: Isaías 60:1-6

Salmo: Salmo 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

Segunda Lectura: Efesios 3:2-3a, 5-6

Evangelio: Mateo 2:1-12



Stewardship

"Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do.

And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection."

Colossians 3:12-14

The ultimate aim of Saint Paul's Letter to the Colossians is to teach the community how to deepen its relationship with Christ Jesus. His list of virtues summarizes the ideals of communal stewardship: compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. For Paul, practicing these virtues opens our hearts to Christ as individuals and as a worshipping community. This is how the Christian community ought to live. This is how its members should behave in their dealings with others, particularly with fellow believers. As we approach a new year, how might we embrace one of these virtues more fully in order to deepen our relationship with Jesus? — See more at www.catholicsteward.com/blog/.

Corresponsabilidad

"Puesto que Dios los ha elegido a ustedes, los ha consagrado a él y les ha dado su amor, sean compasivos, magnánimos, humildes, afables y pacientes. Sopórtense mutuamente y perdónense cuando tengan quejas contra otro, como el Señor los ha perdonado a ustedes. Y sobre todas estas virtudes, tengan amor, que es el vínculo de la perfecta unión."

Colosenses 3:12-14

El objetivo principal de la Carta de San Pablo a los Colosenses es enseñar a la comunidad cómo profundizar su relación con Cristo Jesús. Su lista de virtudes resume los ideales de la corresponsabilidad comunitaria: compasión, bondad, humildad, gentileza y paciencia. Para Pablo, la práctica de estas virtudes abre nuestro corazón a Cristo como individuos y como comunidad de adoración. Así debe vivir la comunidad cristiana. Así es como sus miembros deben comportarse en su trato con los demás, particularmente con sus hermanos en la fe. Al acercarnos a un nuevo año, ¿cómo podemos adoptar una de estas virtudes más plenamente para profundizar nuestra relación con Jesús?—Vea mas en www.catholicsteward.com/blog/.

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The CARES Act Expands Tax Deductions for Charitable Giving.

New above-the-line charitable contribution

Among the many provisions contained in the \$2 trillion aid package signed into law on March 27, 2020, is the expansion of certain tax deductions for 2020, including a new "above-the-line" deduction of up to \$300 for individuals making *cash* donations to charity who do not itemize and will take the standard deduction on their 2020 tax returns.

"You can offset up to 100% of your income in 2020 with charitable contributions."

Percentage limitations for cash gifts are suspended

For those who will itemize, the incentive to give is even greater. The Act removes the 60% of adjusted gross income (AGI) limitation for most cash gifts to public charities for 2020. That means you can offset up to 100% of your income in 2020 with charitable contributions. Contributions in excess of this amount can be carried forward for five years subject to the 60% of AGI limit in those years.

However, both the above-the-line deduction for those who take the standard deduction and the suspension of the percentage limitation in 2020 only apply to *cash* contributions and are not available for contributions to donor advised funds or gifts to 509(a)(3) supporting organizations. For more information, please visit, *Forbes*, "CARES Act Rewards Generosity with Generous Tax Deductions" at <https://www.forbes.com/sites/rcarson/2020/05/04/cares-act-rewards-generosity-with-generous-tax-deductions/#2db505555993>.

Ministry Thanks

Babies bring us the joy of new life. The Christmastime arrival of the baby Jesus brings us even more, the promise of redemption. We act on our embrace of that promise by engaging in His work through ministry. Thank you to all who engage in ministry at St. Sabina!

From Catholic Charities—CARES GRANT EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

Catholic Charities received an award from the State of Missouri to provide housing and utility assistance to families in our diocese. Our goal was to reach a wide geographic area throughout our 27 counties and many of our parishes were willing to host these distributions. Thanks to your help we were able to distribute \$185K in direct assistance to community members and parishes. It is our plan to continue identifying available funds for this continual need. For information about our programs and services please contact Nancy Butters, Parish Outreach Manager at 816-659-8266 or nbutters@ccharities.com.

DACA Reinstated

DACA, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, has been reinstated. Here is what you need to know:

- A judge in New York has ordered the government to return DACA to its original Form. The order instructs the government to revert the DACA program back to its original form before the September 5, 2017 rescission memo.
- If you never had DACA and are eligible, you can apply for the first time.
- Advance Parole is back in its original form.
- DACA renewals for those who have DACA or have ever had DACA remain open
- The judge's order is immediate. Consult a lawyer or trusted legal representative so you can make the choice to apply for DACA for the first time or Advance Parole.

For more information, please contact El Centro at 913-677-0100 and ask for a Community Organizer.

Se Reinstaló la DACA

DACA, Acción Diferida para los Llegados en la Infancia, ha sido restablecida. Esto es lo que necesita saber:

- Un juez de Nueva York ordenó al gobierno que devuelva la DACA a su forma original. La orden instruye al gobierno a revertir el programa DACA a su forma original antes del memorando de rescisión del 5 de septiembre de 2017.
- Si nunca tuvo DACA y es elegible, puede solicitarlo por primera vez.
- Permiso de reingreso, o Advance Parole, ha vuelto a su forma original.
- Las renovaciones de DACA para aquellos que tienen DACA o alguna vez han tenido DACA permanecen abiertas
- La orden del juez es inmediata. Consulte a un abogado o representante legal de confianza para que pueda tomar la decisión de solicitar DACA por primera vez o Advance Parole.

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