

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.



Congratulations to Mark and Dawn Hartsock, who celebrated the blessing of their marriage in the church on November 12th!

¡Felicidades a Mark y Dawn Hartsock, quienes celebraron la bendición de su matrimonio en la iglesia el 12 de noviembre!



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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)

First Sunday of Advent—Primer Domingo de Adviento

November 29, 2020

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Mass Intentions for the Week Peticiones de la Semana

Intentions for December 1—4, 2020

Tues.	11am	†David Honigman
Wed.	8am	Open
Thur.	8am	Open
Fri.	8am	Open

Saturday, December 5, 2020

4:00pm †Amalia Sanjuan Ortiz

Sunday, December 6, 2020

8:00am	Intentions of Our Parish Family
10:30am	Open
12:30pm Spanish	†Alfredo Carrasco
	†Nicolas Rodriguez Lopez

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

†**Maximiliano Guevara**, tío de Jesús, Eduardo, Sandra y Ramiro Menjivar

†**Ricardo López**, esposo de Graciela López Hernández, padre de José, Hugo, Ricardo, Alfredo, Adrián, Maria, Mónica, Fernando y Lorena López

†**Cory Smith**, son of Betty Berkley, dear friend of Gina Buice and the Katzer Family

†**Carmen Esperanza Martinez**, madre de Adriana Miramontes

†**Fran Rosenhan**, Carnegie Village

†**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



Parish Information—Información Parroquial

Sunday, November 29 - Domingo, 29 de Noviembre

11:00am Ensayo del Coro Hispano

Monday, November 30 - Lunes, 30 de Noviembre

7:00pm Cub Scouts

7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, December 1 - Martes, 1 de Diciembre

No Scheduled Events

Wednesday, December 2 - Miércoles, 2 de Diciembre

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (4:00 and 10:30 groups)

7:00pm Knights Business Meeting

Thursday, December 3 - Jueves, 3 de Diciembre

6:00pm Novena a Nuestra Señora

7:00pm RCIA (Zoom)

8:00pm Choir Rehearsal (8:00 group)

Friday, December 4 - Viernes, 4 de Diciembre

8:30am Adoration/Adoración

8:00pm Novena a Nuestra Señora

Saturday, December 5 - Sábado, 5 de Diciembre

7:00pm Novena a Nuestra Señora

Sunday, December 6 - Domingo, 6 de Diciembre

9:00am PSR

10:30am RICA

11:00am Ensayo del Coro Hispano

1:00pm Girl Scouts

7:00pm Novena a Nuestra Señora

happy birthday

Eddie Aldrine	Fabian Lopez
Israel Amador	Erin Lowther
Leonardo Arreola	Ángel Madrid
Steven Ayers	Ryan Martinez
Matalin Barberis	Jimena Martinez
David Barberis	Tim McDonough
Krissy Berkovich	Camila Mejia
Sheila Birkner	Valeria Mejia
Arturo Borja	Erandy Melendez
Manuela Carrasco	Patrick Mittelstadt
Oscar Chavez	Casey Morgan
Barbara Clark	Bryan Olvera
Ellen Connor	Ruben Oropeza
Breckin Embry	Leonardo Ortega
Andrea Emerick	Zugey Ortega
Josue Escalante	Rachael Palmer
Yocelin Escobar	Jaime Perez
Dora Estrada	Vivian Petersen
Sandy Flynn	Preston Pointer
Elvira Garay	Zayden Priewe
Jose Garcia	Elisabeth Quiroz
Austin Gardiner	Jaiden Rewald
Al Gebauer	Rubi Rios
Madalynn Gill	Javier Rivera
Dennis Glaser	Tiffanie Rodriguez
Yuan Gutierrez	Sharon Schmidt
John Hagemann	Ron Schock
Jean Hanover	Stephanie Solis
Laura Hense	Rene Soriano
Daniel Hinojos	Arissel Soriano
Daniel Hintz	Kathryn Stewart
Braxton Hoyt	Marjorie Storm
Chance Hummel	Jovel Tobias
Nadia Jimenez	Ronald Vargas
Kathy Keary	Ximena Vazquez
Renee Kerckhoff	Leticia Villa
Reba Lancaster	Danielle Weeks
Clemente Landa	Lucas Weeks
Philip Lang	Patricia Zeitelhack
Louise Large-Gurin	

Happy Anniversary

David and Melody DeRosear	31 Years!	12/2/1989
Clemente Landa and Azucena Abonza	26 Years!	12/3/1994
Transito Vides and Mercedes Rosa	25 Years!	12/1/1995
Jonathan and Kristian Rayos	25 Years!	12/2/1995
Brian and Caroline Niemeyer	22 Years!	12/5/1998
Raymond and Carol Miederhoff	19 Years!	12/1/2001
John and Diane Hirt	5 Years!	12/3/2015
Robert and Samantha Hafkesbring	4 Years!	12/3/2016



This Week's Do You Know Video:

In the early church, Easter was celebrated rather early. Christmas began to be celebrated soon after Emperor Constantine



made Christianity acceptable in the Roman Empire in the fourth century. From Dec 17-23, as daylight started to return, the Romans celebrated a major festival dedicated to Saturn, the god of agriculture, known as Saturnalia. The church decided to baptize that Roman pagan feast in honor of the "unconquerable sun" by devoting it to the birth of the "Son" of God, zeroing in on Dec 25. Such an important celebration necessitated a time of preparation, thus began the season of Advent. Originally it was modeled on the forty days of Lent with similar timeframe, colors and the focus of penance, fasting and conversion. Soon, the Roman church shifted the time frame to the four Sundays before Dec 25 with the focus being one of joyful anticipation. Eventually the two themes were joined. To this day the Advent season, from the first Sunday of Advent to Dec 16, stresses repentance and conversion, and from Dec 17-24 we focus our attention on the joyful anticipation of the celebration of God-with-Us on Dec 25. Make time to view this week's DYK video and learn more about the origins of Advent and its meaning and significance for us today.

Plan Ahead for Christmas Masses

This year, everyone wanting to attend Christmas Masses must call ahead and register for seats. We will be making seating charts to allow for the best use of available pews. We will not be able to seat walk-ins. Please plan ahead and call the office now to reserve your seats for Christmas Masses. You will not need to arrive early, as seating is reserved. Please plan to arrive no more than 20 minutes before Mass starts. Thank you for your understanding.

Christmas Mass times this year are:
 2:00 PM Thursday, December 24
 4:00 PM Thursday, December 24
 10:00 AM Friday, December 25
 12:30 PM Friday, December 25 (Spanish language)



Planifique con Anticipación para las Misas Navideñas

Este año, todos los que quieran asistir a las Misas de Navidad deben llamar con anticipación y registrarse para los asientos. Asignaremos asientos para permitir el mejor uso de los bancos disponibles. No podremos sentar personas sin registro previo. Planifique

con anticipación y llame a la oficina ahora para reservar sus asientos para las misas de Navidad. No necesitará llegar temprano, ya que los asientos están reservados. Planee llegar no más de 20 minutos antes de que comience la misa. Gracias por su comprensión.

Las horas de la Misa de Navidad de este año son:

2:00 PM jueves 24 de diciembre
 4:00 PM Jueves 24 de diciembre
 10:00 AM viernes 25 de diciembre
 12:30 PM viernes 25 de diciembre (español)

Green Team Tip of the Week

Trash almost doubles during the Christmas Holiday. Learn ways to reduce your trash <https://greenabilitymagazine.com/blog/2019/12/try-5-easy-ideas-reduce-holiday-waste/>.

Novena a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

Del 03 al 11 de Diciembre, 2020

Jueves, 3 de dic. a las 6pm

Viernes, 4 de dic. a las 8pm

Sábado, 5 de dic.-Viernes, 11 de dic. a las 7pm



*Dígnate sólo mirarme, y ya con esto
alentaré mis esperanzas*

Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena

All are welcome to join us in prayer for a Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe the nine days leading up to the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, December 3-11. Thursday, December 3, we will pray at 6pm, Friday, December 4 at 8pm, and Saturday, December 5—Friday, December 11 at 7pm.

This novena will be led in Spanish but you are welcome to pray along in your native language. Bring your rosary!

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://kcsjatholic.org/the-office-of-child-and-youth-protection/>.



Wellness Center



Did You Know—Small changes in your daily routine add up to big differences in energy use, environmental protection and more. Read on to find out what you can do to promote sustainability in your everyday life.

1. Recycle right— Keep materials out of the landfills by only recycling things that are clean and not mixed with non-recyclables.
2. Grass-cycle your lawn— Grass clippings and leaves help your lawn retain moisture and return up to 25% of their nutrients back to the soil saving you money on fertilizing.
3. Keep oils and grease out of sink drains— When oils and grease from your kitchen are poured down the drain, they cool and solidify on the walls of sewer pipes, restricting or clogging wastewater flow.
4. Make your home more energy efficient— Minor changes in your thermostat can add up to a big difference in your energy consumption and save money on your utilities.
5. Minimize food waste— Up to 40% of food produced in the United States is never eaten. When food goes to waste, the environmental and financial resources used to grow and transport that food are wasted too.



Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Repeat!

Grieving a Loss Through the Holidays

- Allow yourself to feel your emotions on that special day; don't feel that you need to just "get over it." You may want to write your feelings down.
- Take time with family and friends and share memories of your loved one that died.
- Light a candle in honor of your deceased loved one. Set a picture out and tell stories of his or her life.
- Don't avoid long-standing traditions. Children often find comfort in them. On the other hand, new traditions say you are still a family.
- Be open to good experiences that the holidays may bring.

4 Tips to Help Manage BURNOUT—Mental Health First Aid

1. Recognize how you're **feeling**.
2. Understand your **wellness** domains.
3. Create a **self-care** plan.
4. Talk to someone you **trust**.

Mental Health Resource Numbers

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

1-800-273-TALK (8255) Available 24/7

ACI Mental Health Crisis Hotline

1-888-279-8188 Available 24/7, Multilingual

Estando de Luto Durante los Festivos

- Permítase sentir sus emociones en ese día especial; no sienta que necesita "superarlo". Quizás quiere escribir sus sentimientos.
- Tómese un tiempo con familiares y amigos y comparta los recuerdos de su ser querido que murió.
- Encienda una vela en honor a su ser querido fallecido. Ponga una foto de él y cuente historias de su vida.
- No evite las tradiciones antiguas. Los niños a menudo encuentran consuelo en ellos. Por otro lado, las nuevas tradiciones muestran que siguen siendo una familia.
- Esté abierto a las buenas experiencias que puedan traer los días festivos.

4 Consejos para Ayudar a Controlar AGOTAMIENTO: Primeros Auxilios de Salud Mental

1. Reconozca cómo se **siente**.
2. Comprenda sus dominios de **bienestar**.
3. Cree un plan de **cuidado personal**.
4. Hable con alguien con quien tiene **confianza**.

Números de Recursos de Salud Mental Línea de Vida Nacional para la Prevención del Suicidio

1-800-273-TALK (8255) Disponible 24/7

Línea de Crisis de Salud Mental de ACI

1-888-279-8188 Disponible 24/7, multilingüe

Prayer Requests/Peticiones de Oración

Christina Alvarez
Juanita Becerra
Dennis Berg
John Bidondo
Mary Pat Biondo
Betty Bremenkamp
Maxine Bremer
Ruth Brown
Veronica Burks
Joyce Callahan
Angel Cedillo
Javier Cedillo
John Cikan
Steve Circo
Harrison Cummings
Mark DeLuca
Mark Deterding
Marcia DiGeorge
Lois Dull
Paula Dull
Denise English
Terry Eppert
Rosa Escobedo
Joe Evans
Maria Luisa Flores
Larry Foster

Jean Frank
Jim Frezza
Miguel Angel Salinas Gonzalez
Gary Gallup
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
Bienvenido Martinez
Leonard Meiron
Manuel Miramontes Gonzalez
Karen Muelbach
Joan Nowak
Jerry Nowak
Laura Oresteen
Zenaida Ortiz
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 Svboda
Jean Tate
Joel Taylor
Priscilla Tristani
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



Today begins the Advent season, our community's new year of grace. New beginnings always rise up from the ashes of the past. So too in the liturgical year. The closing liturgical emphases of this past year of grace are reprised again as we begin anew. **We transition slowly to a new year of grace by recalling similar liturgical themes of end time, judgment, and the return of Jesus to bring God's reign to fulfillment.**

With each new liturgical year, our gospel focus shifts. Year B is devoted to unpacking the gospel according to Mark. This Sunday's gospel cries out with advice from Jesus to "be watchful! Be alert!" But aren't we preparing to celebrate the birthday of Jesus, the coming of God-with-us as a baby? If so, why are we being challenged to be watchful and alert? **What is there about Advent that necessitates being watchful and alert?**

The first two Sundays of Advent tend to be stark reminders that our beginning and our end are intimately related. **Both Sundays focus our attention on the Lord's surprise second coming in judgment and fulfillment.** We are to be watchful and alert for we do not know when the Lord will come. **Therefore, our attention and**

our lives are to be lived continually from the perspective that the Lord may return today. Will you be ready to welcome the Lord fully and enthusiastically? For this reason, Mark's Jesus challenges all his disciples to be watchful and alert.

What discipline is required to become watchful and alert disciples? Awareness of our own limitations, especially our desire to have things our own way rather than God's way, is crucial. The first reading from Isaiah clearly presents a Jewish covenant community fully aware of its failure to be faithful to God in their daily comings and goings. Yet they are also alert to the reality that God is a loving father, always faithful, and ever ready to forgive if we but turn to the Lord for mercy.

The refrain from responsorial Psalm 80 attunes us to our constant need of God's help if we are to be alert and watchful for the Lord's presence in our daily encounters. We are invited this Sunday to sing "Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved." Being alert and watchful enables us to see God's face in every human encounter.

Paul's second reading from 1 Corinthians assures that by aligning ourselves with Christ Jesus, we will have no fear of the end time. Living like Christ will keep us firm to the end, empowering us to see the face of God in the other, no matter how difficult or demanding. **With *Les Miserables*, we are reminded that "to love another person is to see the face of God."**

This Advent, as we joyfully anticipate the celebration of God-with-us at Christmas, **what discipline will you cultivate to attune yourself to seeing the face and presence of God in your daily life?**

How will you keep watchful and alert for any and all opportunities to show love and to practice justice to others, especially toward those you find most challenging and demanding? **Think of ways that you can do this for one another as we continually struggle with the exponential growth in the numbers of those infected with the coronavirus.**

The trappings of commercialism and spending, Christmas parties and gatherings, seem to dominate in an endless manner the entire season of Advent. **How will you ensure that the trappings of commercialism and consumerism do not distract you or make you drowsy and sleepy on your faith journey as a disciple of Jesus?**

May this Advent be an enriched beginning to our new year of grace full of justice and peace.

Biagio Mazza
Pastoral Associate

Readings



Sunday, November 29

1st Reading: Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7

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

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

Sunday, December 6

1st Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Psalm: Psalm 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14

2nd Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

Reflexión Sobre las Lecturas

Hoy comienza la temporada de Adviento, el nuevo año de gracia de nuestra comunidad. Nuevos comienzos siempre surgen de las cenizas del pasado. Así también en el año litúrgico. El énfasis litúrgico conclusivo de este año pasado de gracia se vuelve a repetir cuando comenzamos de nuevo. **Transitamos lentamente a un nuevo año de gracia recordando temas litúrgicos similares sobre el tiempo del fin, el juicio y el regreso de Jesús para llevar a cabo el Reino de Dios.**

Con cada nuevo año litúrgico, nuestro enfoque evangélico cambia. El año "B" está dedicado a desempacar el evangelio según San Marcos. El evangelio de este domingo grita con el consejo de Jesús: "Velen y estén preparados" ¿Pero no nos estamos preparando para celebrar el cumpleaños de Jesús, la venida de Dios-con-nosotros como un bebé? Si es así, ¿por qué nos desafían a estar atentos y preparados? **¿Qué hay acerca del Adviento que necesita el estar atento y preparado?**

Los primeros dos domingos de Adviento tienden a ser claros recordatorios de que nuestro comienzo y nuestro final están íntimamente relacionados. **Ambos domingos centran nuestra atención en la segunda venida del Señor en el juicio y la realización.** Debemos estar atentos y preparados porque no sabemos cuándo vendrá el Señor. **Por lo tanto, nuestra atención y nuestras vidas deben ser vividas continuamente desde la perspectiva de que el Señor pueda regresar hoy.** ¿Estará listo para recibir al Señor de manera plena y entusiasta? Por esta razón, el Jesús de Marcos reta a todos sus discípulos a estar atentos y preparados.

¿Qué disciplina se requiere para convertirse en discípulos atentos y preparados? La conciencia de nuestras propias limitaciones, especialmente nuestro deseo de hacer las cosas a nuestra manera y no a la de Dios, es crucial. La primera lectura de Isaías presenta claramente una comunidad de alianza judía plenamente consciente de su fracaso de ser fieles a Dios en sus idas y venidas diarias. Sin embargo, también están alertas a la realidad de que Dios es un padre amoroso, siempre fiel y siempre listo para perdonar si nos volvemos hacia el Señor por misericordia.

El estribillo del Salmo responsorial 79 nos sintoniza con nuestra constante necesidad de la ayuda de Dios si queremos estar alertas y preparados para la presencia del Señor en nuestros encuentros diarios. Estamos invitados este domingo a cantar "Señor, Dios nuestro, restáuranos, que brille tu rostro y nos salve". Estar alerta y preparado nos permite ver el rostro de Dios en cada encuentro humano.

La segunda lectura de Pablo de 1 Corintios asegura que al alinearnos con Cristo Jesús, no tendremos miedo del tiempo final. Vivir como Cristo nos mantendrá firmes hasta el final, dándonos la facultad de ver el rostro de Dios en el otro, sin importar que tan difícil o exigente sea. **Con *Les Misérables*, se nos recuerda que "amar a otra persona es ver el rostro de Dios".**

Este Adviento, mientras esperamos con alegría la celebración de Dios-con-nosotros en Navidad, **¿qué disciplina cultivará para sintonizarse a usted mismo al ver el rostro y la presencia de Dios en su vida diaria?**

¿Cómo velará y estará preparado para todas y cada una de las oportunidades para mostrar amor y practicar la justicia a los demás, especialmente a aquellos que le parecen más desafiantes y exigentes? **Piense en formas en que pueden hacer esto el uno por el otro mientras luchamos continuamente con el crecimiento exponencial en el número de personas infectadas con el coronavirus.**

Las trampas del comercialismo y el gasto, las fiestas y reuniones navideñas, parecen dominar de manera interminable toda la temporada de Adviento. **¿Cómo se asegurará de que las trampas del comercialismo no le distraigan ni le adormezcan en su camino de fe como discípulo de Jesús?**

Que este Adviento sea un comienzo enriquecedor para nuestro nuevo año de gracia lleno de justicia y paz.

Biagio Mazza
Asociado Pastoral

Lecturas



Lecturas del Domingo, 29 de Noviembre

Primera Lectura: Isaías 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2b-7
Salmo: Salmo 79:2ac y 3b, 15-16, 18-19
Segunda Lectura: 1 Corintios 1:3-9
Evangelio: Marcos 13:33-37

Lecturas del Domingo, 6 de Diciembre

Primera Lectura: Isaías 40:1-5, 9-11
Salmo: Salmo 84:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14
Segunda Lectura: 2 Pedro 3:8-14
Evangelio: Marcos 1:1-8



Stewardship

“Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: ‘Watch!’”

Mark 13:35-37

Whatever we feel God calling us to do this Advent — committing to a daily Gospel reflection, calling a lonely neighbor, or donating money to those in dire need — there is no time to waste. Jesus makes this clear in our Gospel passage from Mark. He tells the parable of a man going off on a journey. Before he leaves, he “places his servants in charge, each with his own work.” We, of course, are the servants in this parable, each with a mission to accomplish in building the Kingdom of God. Jesus warns us over and over in this passage to remain vigilant to the work He has given us to do because we do not know when we will be called to give an account for it. Our lives are a gift. This holy season is a gift. Let us recommit to living the stewardship way of life. Love came down to us as a Baby. And He is coming again. Be watchful! — See more at www.catholicsteward.com/blog/.


Corresponsabilidad

“Velen ustedes, pues no saben a qué hora va a regresar el dueño de la casa: si al anochecer, a la medianoche, al canto del gallo o a la madrugada. No vaya a suceder que llegue de repente y los halle durmiendo. Lo que les digo a ustedes, lo digo para todos: permanezcan alerta.”

Marcos 13:35-37

Independientemente de lo que sintamos que Dios nos llama a hacer este Adviento, comprometiéndonos con una reflexión diaria del Evangelio, llamando a un vecino solitario o donando dinero a los que lo necesitan, no hay tiempo que perder. Jesús deja esto claro en nuestro pasaje del Evangelio de Marcos. Cuenta la parábola de un hombre que se va de viaje. Antes de irse, “encomienda a cada quien lo que debe hacer”. Nosotros, por supuesto, somos los siervos en esta parábola, cada uno con una misión que cumplir en la construcción del Reino de Dios. Jesús nos advierte una y otra vez en este pasaje que permanezcamos alertas a la obra que nos ha encomendado que hagamos porque no sabemos cuándo seremos llamados a dar cuenta de ella. Nuestras vidas son un regalo. Esta temporada santa es un regalo. Volvamos a comprometernos a vivir el estilo de vida de la corresponsabilidad. El amor nos llegó como un bebé. Y viene de nuevo. ¡Permanezcan alerta!—Vea mas en www.catholicsteward.com/blog/.

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Lector Workbooks

Lectors: The Workbook for Lectors for 2021 is available for pickup in the sacristy. Please take the book with your name on it. If you are able to make a donation of \$10 to help defray the cost of the books, it is greatly appreciated, but if you cannot make the donation, please take a book anyway. Thank you!

Appreciated Stock

A good steward uses his or her assets in a way that does the most good. Gifts of securities can help you avoid Capital Gains Tax! If you own appreciated stock, you may wish to consider giving the stock to the parish rather than cash. Depending on your tax situation, you may be able to deduct the full fair market value of the stock, avoid the capital gains tax and make a substantial gift to the parish. Contact Kris at kris@stsabinaparish.org with questions.

Altar Society Virtual Fundraiser

The Altar Society of St. Sabina is offering an on-line Jewelry and Rosary Fundraiser Sale November 21st - Dec 4th. These beautiful religious articles will enhance your faith journey and those who receive your gift. These items will ship directly to you within a week of purchase.

<http://www.totallycatholicfundraising.com/shop>. **Enter our parish code, 2784, during checkout.**

All proceeds from this sale directly support St. Sabina Altar Society, which provides the hosts and wine used at Mass, server robes, and many other items for the parish. Thank you for your support of this important ministry!

Jesse Tree Collection Alternatives

Out of precaution and due to COVID, we will not be accepting Jesse Tree donations in the church this year. You can still help local families have a great Christmas by donating directly to the following organizations:

- TOYS can be donated directly to Heart-n-Hand Ministries via the collection bin inside the thrift store located at 305 N Scott Ave, Belton, or through the contactless drive-thru donation drop off event on December 12, 10am-2pm, at 200 B Street, Belton.
- Gift cards for Walmart or Target can be placed in the collection basket or mailed to the parish office, to be used to purchase HATS, GLOVES, SOCKS, ETC. for Uplift.
- Non perishable food items can be donated directly to Heart-n-Hand Ministries in Belton, the community pantry box in the Vox Dei parking lot (Belton) or West Central Community Action Agency in Raymore.

Manuales para Proclamadores

Lectores: El Manual para Proclamadores de la Palabra para el 2021 está disponible para recogerlo en la sacristía. Por favor, lleve el libro con su nombre. Si puede hacer una donación de \$10 para ayudar a sufragar el costo de los libros, es muy apreciado, pero si no puede hacer la donación, por favor lleve un libro de todos modos. ¡Gracias!

Recaudación de Fondos Virtual de la Sociedad del Altar

La Sociedad del Altar de Santa Sabina está ofreciendo una venta de recaudación de fondos de alhajas y rosarios en línea del 21 de noviembre al 4 de diciembre. Estos hermosos artículos religiosos mejorarán su viaje de fe y de aquellos que reciben su regalo. Estos artículos se enviarán directamente a usted dentro de una semana de la compra.

<http://www.totallycatholicfundraising.com/shop>. Ingrese nuestro código de parroquia, 2784, durante el pago.

Todas las ganancias de esta venta apoyan directamente a la Sociedad del Altar de Santa Sabina, que proporciona las hostias y el vino que se usan en la Misa, las batas de monaguillos y muchos otros artículos para la parroquia. ¡Gracias por su apoyo a este importante ministerio!

Árbol de Jesé—Alternativas

Por precaución y debido a COVID, no aceptaremos donaciones del Árbol de Jesé en la iglesia este año. Aún puede ayudar a las familias locales a tener una mejor Navidad, donando directamente a las siguientes organizaciones:

- Los JUGUETES se pueden donar directamente a Heart-n-Hand Ministries a través del contenedor de recolección dentro de la tienda de segunda mano ubicada en 305 N Scott Ave, Belton, o, a través del evento de entrega de donaciones sin contacto el 12 de diciembre, de 10am a 2pm, en 200 B Street, Belton.
- Las tarjetas de regalo para Walmart o Target pueden colocarse en la canasta de la colecta o enviarse por correo a la oficina parroquial, para ser utilizadas para comprar GORROS, GUANTES, ETC. para Uplift.
- Los alimentos no perecederos se pueden donar directamente a Heart-n-Hand Ministries en Belton, la despensa comunitaria en el estacionamiento de Vox Dei (Belton) o West Central Community Action Agency en Raymore.



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