

Saint Sabina Catholic Church

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



Pictured above are those parishioners who went Christmas caroling at our area nursing homes on Saturday, December 2nd. Thank you to the Ladies Auxiliary for coordinating this event!

Mass Times

Saturday: 4:00pm in English

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

Confessions: Saturdays, 3:00-3:30pm

**Visit our website for Holy Day and
special Mass times.**

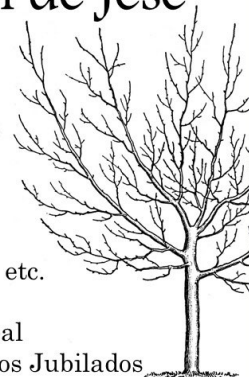
Jesse Tree Collections Colectas del Árbol de Jesé

Dec 2/3 – Toys
Juguetes

Dec 9/10 – Canned Food
Alimentos Enlatados

Dec 16/17 – Gloves, hats, socks, etc.
Guantes, gorros, calcetines, etc.

Dec 23/24 – Religious Retirement Appeal
Apelación para los Religiosos Jubilados



Second Sunday in Advent

December 10, 2017

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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Intentions for December 11-15, 2017

Mon.	8am	COMMUNION SERVICE
Tues.	7pm	†Ricardo Lopez Velazquez
Wed.	10am	†Joe Birkenbach (Redwood of Raymore)
Thurs.	8am	†Felix Suwito
Fri.	8am	†Benjamin James Kiefer

Saturday, December 16, 2017

4:00pm	†Felix Suwito
	†Patrick Simpson

Sunday, December 17, 2017

8:00am	Intentions of the Parish Family
	†Rita Miller
10:30am	†Carrie Carrollo
12:30pm Spanish	†Celia Zavala Gonzalez

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

†**Bill Reichert**, father of Christine Finchum, Bill Reichert and Brian Reichert

†**Laverne Bremer**, uncle of Tracy Wheeler



Calendar/Parish Happenings

Sunday, December 10 - Domingo, 10 de Diciembre

- 9:00am PSR/Parents Lounge
- 11:00am Ensayo del Coro Hispano
- 11:00am Escuela de Religión
- 1:30pm Coro de Guadalupe
- 1:45pm Ensayo para la Obra
- 6:00pm Ensayo para la Pastorela
- 7:00pm Confirmation and High School Youth Group
- 7:00pm Novena Guadalupeana
- 8:00pm Ensayo de Matachines

Monday, December 11 - Lunes, 11 de Diciembre

- 5:30pm Marian Prayer Group
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts
- 7:00pm Novena Guadalupeana
- 7:00pm Ensayo para la Pastorela

Tuesday, December 12 - Martes, 12 de Diciembre

- 7:00am HS Youth Prayer Breakfast
- 6:00pm Guadalupe Re-enactment/Obra de Guadalupe
- 7:00pm Guadalupe Mass/Misa Guadalupeana
- 7:00pm Living Stones

Wednesday, December 13 - Miércoles, 13 de Diciembre

- 9:00am Legion of Mary
- 10:00am Mass at Redwood of Raymore
- 6:00pm Cantor Practice
- 7:00pm Choir Practice (4:00 and 10:30 groups)
- 7:00pm Confirmation Sponsor Night
- 7:00pm Love Thy Neighbor Team Meeting

Thursday, December 14 - Jueves, 14 de Diciembre

- 9:30am Quilters
- 2:30pm El Salvador Meeting
- 7:00pm RCIA/RICA

Friday, December 15 - Viernes, 15 de Diciembre

- 6:00pm Ensayos para las Posadas
- 6:00pm Pequeñas Comunidades Cristianas

Saturday, December 16 - Sábado, 16 de Diciembre

- 3:00pm Confessions
- 6:00pm Ensayo para las Posadas
- 6:00pm Pastorela

Sunday, December 17 - Domingo, 17 de Diciembre

- 10:30am Bible Study
- 11:00am Ensayo del Coro Hispano
- 1:30pm Las Posadas

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve Falls on Sunday this year so it affects our Sunday and Christmas Mass schedule. Please note the difference in Sunday morning Mass times:

Mass times for the 4th Sunday of Advent, Dec 24

4:00 PM Saturday, Dec 23

10:00 AM Sunday, Dec 24--NO 8:00 AM OR 10:30 AM MASS

Christmas Mass times

12:30 PM Sunday, Dec 24 (Spanish)

4:00 PM Sunday, Dec 24

10:00 AM Monday, Dec 25

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Each weekend of Advent, members of the parish are invited to help light the candles of the Advent Wreath during the entrance procession of each Mass. If you would like to light a candle, please sign up for a date and Mass time on the sign-up sheet in the gathering space. Please plan to arrive 15 minutes before the Mass for which you have signed up. You will process in with Father and the servers, light the candle(s) for that week and then be seated in your pew. If children would like to help light a candle, we ask that a parent please assist them. Contact Susan Ratigan with questions or to sign up. susan@stsabinaparish.org.



Baptism Congratulations

Elaine Rose Becker and Wesson Jerome Becker,
children of Brian and Andrea Becker

Help needed for Christmas Preparations:

Join us to help decorate the church for Christmas on Wednesday, December 20 at 9:00 AM. This is when we place the nativity set, Christmas banners, and other decorations. Many hands make the job go quickly! Please sign up on the sheet in the gathering space.



Parish Happenings

Parents Lounge

The Parents Lounge would like to welcome you and hope you can join us on Sundays at 9am, during the PSR hour in the education wing. It is a great opportunity to meet other parents and families of the parish. This ministry is just a couple years old but is slowly growing with new members, and we look forward to seeing where God leads us as a group this year. Parents Lounge at St. Sabina is where we just gather together and talk. In past years we have had planned topics for discussion on occasion, but typically it is just informal discussion on anything from parenting subjects, kids' school events, vacation destinations, family events, local activities, etc. There is no long term commitment. Parents Lounge is a come as you want type meeting. Different events we have been involved in are: Trunk or Treat, Stuff the Turkey, family oriented Stations of the Cross during Lent, and summer activities such as bowling. Don't have any kids in PSR yet?? That's okay! Younger children are welcome to come. We have some toys and coloring books for the children to play together. Feel free to contact Anita Frey with questions. 816-804-3127 or afreyhome@sbcglobal.net

Fr. Chuck Tobin has moved from Belton to Conception Abbey; his new address is:
Fr. Chuck Tobin
PO Box 502
Conception, MO 64433
His email remains the same, padrechuck@gmail.com. Fr. Chuck wishes all of us a blessed Advent!

Over 55

New Theatre Restaurant

The next show we will be seeing at the New Theatre Restaurant is *Funny Money* on Tuesday, February 6th at 6:00pm. Tickets are \$49 each. If you would like to go, please contact Bridget Hernandez at 816-979-3159 with the number of tickets you will need by Friday, December 29th.

St. Sabina Parish

Invites you and your family to our parish celebration
in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Tuesday, December 12, 2017

6:00pm: Re-enactment of the Apparitions of Our
Lady of Guadalupe to Juan Diego

6:45pm: Matachines Dancers

7:00pm Mass in Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00pm: Fiesta/party



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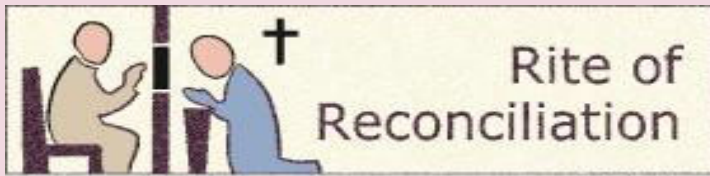
Information

Save Our Seminarians (SOS) Benefit Dinner

Save the date of Friday, January 26th for the SOS Benefit Dinner, an annual dinner and marketplace to benefit the seminarians of Conception Seminary College, the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph and the Archdiocese of Kansas City, KS. The event will be held at Union Station in Kansas City beginning at 5:30pm. For more information or to donate a gift for the marketplace, please contact Martha Hodes at 913-207-9893 or mmmhsos512@gmail.com.

Area Advent Reconciliation Service

St. Regis/St. Matthew Advent Reconciliation Service will be at St. Regis Church on Wednesday, December 13 at 6pm.



Missouri Adoption Law is Changing!

On January 1st, 2018, adult adoptees (ages 18 and older) will be granted access to their original birth certificate. Birth parents have the right to protect their confidentiality under the new law, but they must act before January 1st. For more information, contact the Missouri Bureau of Vital Records by phone at (573) 751-6387 OR by email at vitalrecordsinfo@health.mo.gov. Visit the Bureau's website at www.health.mo.gov/data/vitalrecords/adopterightsact.php for more detailed information about the new law.

"COPING WITH LIFE ALONE" - Peer-To-Peer Grief Support

"COPING WITH LIFE ALONE®" is a Beginning Experience® grief support program that meets each week for 7 weeks. The program helps those who have lost a love relationship due to death, divorce or separation, move through the experience of grief and loss into a future with renewed hope.

UPCOMING PROGRAM DATES AND LOCATION:

Kansas City, MO – Sundays, January 14 through February 25, at St John Francis Regis Church, 8941 James A. Reed Road, KCMO. Contact Donna at (816-305-3760), for information and registration. Sessions will be from 1:30-3:30pm.

happy birthday

Laura Aguilera	Christopher Guerra	Eckhard Preuss
Arturo Albor	Barbara Hall	Lois Pusateri
Theresa Arnold	Cody Hendrix	Rosalina Ramirez
Luisa Arreola	Esteban Hernandez	Raquel Ramos
Jan Arroyo	Carson Hill	Gregory Reinhart
Michelle Atkinson	Colton Hill	Claudia Rodriguez
William Becker	Lucia Hinojos	Efrain Rodriguez
Gail Bland	Jessica Hodges	Phillip Rodriguez
Sheila Brown	Fred Honigman	Maria Salas
Anthony Carlock	Brynnley Howard	Rosa Salinas
Martha Carter	Elisabeth Ismert	Magdie Sanchez
Leslye Coronado	Carlos Jaimes Chavez	Elizabeth Scaccia
Liliana Cortez	Michelle Kopek	Gary Schumacher
Connie Cowley	Samuel Kudron	Kate Sidun
Doris Deschenes	Dean Lenz	Cleo Srader
Lois Dull	Socorro Lopez	Don Standley
Ivonne Escalante	Kodia Lovelace	Brenda Stoddard
Oscar Escamilla	Sandra Menjivar	Lucy Stout
Daniela Escamilla	Gabriel Miranda	Alexander Sytsma
Tiffany Evans	Valarie Morales	Jackson Tobias
Javy Fiallos	Maria Morales	Maria Torres
Javier Fiallos	James Moss	Lazara Torres
Dora Flores	Adela Nava Solis	Cataleya Urrutia
Francisca Flores	Paul Needels	Jenessys Vargas
Julia Funes	Milo Noble	Irma Vieyra
Sadie Garcia	Joshua Olivares	Rosemarie Wall
Christopher Gates	Hermes Osorio	James Wall
Melissa Goffoy	Brielle Parker	Kian Wilkes
Rosa Gomez	Arturo Pinon	Alyson Zarco
Ramon Gomez	Kimberly Pointer	Mariana Zavala
Jose Gonzalez	Gary Pratt	

Happy Anniversary

Al and Kathleen Gebauer	65 Years!	12/16/1952
Martin and Zoraida Alicea	58 Years!	12/12/1959
Ricardo and Graciela Lopez	44 Years!	12/15/1973
Gerzo and Obdulia Guerrero	22 Years!	12/16/1995
James and Lori Meckstroth	18 Years!	12/17/1999



Stewardship

"Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day. The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard 'delay,' but he is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance."

2 Peter 3: 8-9

God is waiting for us. St. Peter in his Second Letter, from which our Second Reading is drawn, indicates that God, however, "is patient with you." You might say on this Second Sunday of Advent that the Lord is giving us a second chance to respond to His call. One of the basics of St. John the Baptist's messages was that we need to get ourselves right with the Lord, perhaps turn our lives in a different direction. We can change; now is the time to do that. Pope St. John XXIII once stated during a homily in Advent, "We are all part of an immense family. This is proven by what is in our hearts during Advent and Christmas." Now is the time to put love in our hearts and to truly prepare the way of the Lord. — See more at www.catholicsteward.com/blog/

Community Garden Update

The Community Garden donated 1368 lbs of produce in 2017. Thanks to the following volunteers who made such a bountiful harvest possible; Nolan Campbell and the Boy Scouts, Juan and Carmina Arroyo, Avila Volunteers, Suzanne Daniels, Yvonne Garmin, Kathy Griggs, Diane Hughes, Lisa Janner, Sandy Katzer, Dr. Teresa Kelly, The Pierce Family, Corey & Preston Pointer, Marsha Puleo, Michelle Rose & Steve Wasleski, the St. Francis Home School Co-op, and John Samson. Please consider joining us next year to continue feeding the hungry.



Contributions for December 3

Envelopes/Sobres: \$15,167.00

Plate/Canasta: \$ 780.67

Maintenance-Upkeep: \$ 1,758.37

Online Giving

St. Sabina offers an online giving option for parishioners and visitors. This is an easy, safe and secure way to make contributions online. To set up a one-time or recurring contribution: go to our parish website at www.stsabina.org, click the "Online Giving" button in the top right section and fill out the online contribution form.

Is St. Sabina on Your Christmas Gift List?

We are officially in Christmas shopping season. Please remember our parish as you prepare your Christmas gifts and finish your giving for the end of the year. Your gifts to our parish help pay the utilities to keep it running, provide necessary supplies for our programs and ministries, allow us to create fellowship opportunities for our parish family, pay our staff who keep things running smoothly, and cover unexpected repair and maintenance expenses. The livelihood of our parish depends on the gifts of all members of our parish family. Please prayerfully consider making a special Christmas and year end gift in addition to your regular tithing. Remember that in order to get a tax deduction for your 2017 gifts, they must be delivered or post-marked by December 31, 2017!

Breakfast with Santa Thanks

Thank you to all who supported our second grade class by attending their Breakfast with Santa Fundraiser. The money that they raised will allow them to buy Christmas gifts for a family in need.

Thank you to our students, who shared their time at this event, so that they can help others; an excellent example of living the Stewardship Lifestyle!



Green Team Tip of the Week

Protect your health by getting a free radon test kit for your home. <http://health.mo.gov/living/environment/radon/> info@health.mo.gov or call 866-628-9891.



Pastoral Care

Nursing Home Mass Schedule

Dec 13 10:00am Redwood of Raymore
Dec 20 10:00am Foxwood Springs
Dec 27 NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

The Holiday Season can be difficult when you are grieving the loss of a loved one.

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 in a journal.
- 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.
- Some days, putting one foot in front of the other is all you can do. But it's enough!
- Be open to good experiences that the holidays may bring.

Prayer Requests/Peticiones de Oración

Bill Aldridge	Laverne Harlow	Doris Shields
Dick Armstrong	Bonnie Haskins	Jo Ann Shrout
Marilyn Avalos	Cherie Hatfield	Lois Simpson
Joy Banks-Wilson	Bob Heffernan	Ashley Smith
Louise Battaglia	Beth Heide	Shelline Smoot
Nikki Barrett	Bart Henke	Charles Stinger II
Pauline Bellm	Rhonda Henke	Marie Stinger
Beverly Bell	Pam Kelleher	Juanita Stockton
John Bidondo	Donna Kozar	Jim Storm
Ryann Burrows	John Lally	Leo Storm
Ramon Caratachea	Susan Lewis	Marge Storm
Anna Clark	Beverly Little	Mary Jane Storm
Helen Cook	Bill Locke	Jean Tate
Joseph Coots	Debbie Locke	Ruth Tayler
Bob Cummings	Jo Locke	Angel Thomas
Paul DeMar	Israel Luna	Bruce Thompson
Nolan Dickerson	Bonita Mackedanz	Priscilla Tristani
Steven DiGeorge	Leonard Meiron	Rhonda VanDyne
Frances DiGeorge	Harry Muench	William VanDyne
Argentina Meza Dubon	Joan Muench	Harvey Vice
Carol Eckford	Bella Nouryeh	Sunny Vigil
Brian Effertz	Jane Nouryeh	Donna West
Terry Eppert	Thelma Palmer	Mary Westfall
Joan Feedback	Dee Raya	Marie Wilburn
Larry Foster	Patricia Rellihan	Jeannette Woolworth
Emily Frezza	Clarence Reynolds	Merle Woolworth
Dick Garnier	Helen Rush	Carmitia Yust
June Glunt	Yvonne Salmon	Pablo Zayas
Karen Grantham		

Wellness Center

Holiday Eating, Myth Busting

We've separated the fact from fiction with an insider look at the truth on Holiday eating. Remove the guilt, here are the facts!

Myth #1: Most people put on five to seven pounds during the holidays.

Reality: The average weight gain during the six-week span from Thanksgiving to New Year's is just under one pound, according to a yearlong study of nearly 200 people published in The New England Journal of Medicine. Even though enjoying delicious holiday dishes might not increase your waistline by as much as you'd expect, calorie consciousness is still important.

Eat-smart strategy: Many common holiday foods-sweet potatoes, dried fruit, and turkey, to name a few-are nutritious options when enjoyed in moderation. Sneak in a little extra physical activity every day to burn off additional calories and benefit from the stress-reducing effects of exercise.

Myth #2: Eat a lot of turkey, and you'll be snoozing shortly.

Reality: Studies have linked L-tryptophan, an essential amino acid found in cooked turkey, to a feeling of sleepiness, but it's unlikely that eating turkey during the

holidays will have a sedating effect, says Milton Stokes from the American Dietetic Association. The real reason a nap is so appealing after any big meal is the large amount of energy required to digest it. Your body signals you to rest because it has a lot of work to do.

Eat-smart strategy: One way to avoid a post-meal energy drain is to approach a big dinner with an appetite that's in check. Avoid eating smaller-than-normal portions for breakfast and lunch, which may leave you feeling ravenous at dinner and prompt you to eat more than normal.

Myth #3: Great cooks and festive parties place our willpower at risk.

Reality: Research indicates that it's not the parties that prompt us to eat, but being around friends and family that may lead to diet missteps. When you're socializing, it's natural to lose track of what and how much you're eating.

Eat-smart strategy: Mindful eating is key to maintaining your equilibrium during social situations. Since you don't want to offend by skipping your host's offerings, try taking a smaller serving. Make a conscious effort to balance your plate with plenty of fruits and veggies, and a healthy portion-about three to four ounces-of protein.



School of Religion/Youth Ministry

Volunteer Opportunities

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

Uplift Cooks! Anyone who would like to help prepare a meal for the homeless is welcome to join our team on the 4th Monday of each month at 10am in the gym. We recommend that you bring a good cutting knife, vegetable peeler and can opener. **Our next cooking date is Monday, December 25th.**

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 in our community. We will be taking a group of 5 people on the third Thursday of each month. **Our next date is December 21st, 6-8pm.** If you would like to volunteer, call or email Kirstie in the Youth Office.

Community Meals Lord of Love Lutheran Church offers a free meal to the community each Wednesday. Every third Wednesday of the month St. Sabina volunteers help prepare, serve and clean up in an effort to work together with other Christians to carry out Christ's work. **Our next volunteer date is December 20th.** Contact Berenice Zayas for more information or to sign up at 816-979-3150 or berenice@stsabinaparish.org.

Youth News

Tuesday Morning Donuts! Every Tuesday that Belton High School is in session, Kirstie will have donuts and a little prayer for High School youth heading to school. The Youth Office doors will open at 7am for kids to stop in on their way to school.

The Next Confirmation Sponsor Night will be on December 13th, 7-8:30pm in the Parish Hall. All Confirmation Candidates (youth) and their adult Sponsor are expected to attend these meetings. If the Sponsor is unable to attend a meeting with the youth, the youth should still attend. If you are having difficulty finding a Sponsor, please contact Kirstie Roberts in the Youth Office and she will be happy to find someone for you.

On December 10th, the High School Youth Group will be stuffing stockings for the homeless of Kansas City through Uplift Organization. We are accepting donations of travel size toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, mouthwash, toothpaste, toothbrushes,

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, Jenifer 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.

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/>

lotion, hand sanitizer, deodorant etc.), small snacks, candles, matches, hand and foot warmers, Christmas cards, ribbon and candy. You may drop your gift off at the Youth Office during the week during office hours or after Masses in the Uplift box in the back of church.

If you have any questions about your donation, please contact Kirstie Roberts in the Youth Office.



PSR News

Donut Sunday! The PSR Second Grade class will be hosting Donuts in the gathering space after the 8am & 10:30am Masses on Jan 7. Please stop by their table to say hello!



Reflection on the Readings

The first two Sundays of Advent continue the focus on the end times that was stressed during the last few Sundays of the past liturgical year. This second Sunday emphasizes the need to prepare the way for the coming of the Lord. All the readings highlight the need to prepare by turning to the Lord in repentance and conversion of heart.

Responsorial Psalm 85 petitions the Lord with the refrain "Lord let us see your kindness and grant us your salvation." *Those who wait on the Lord call upon the Lord for help in time of distress, mindful of God's covenant love and promises.* But the psalmist is very aware of our covenant need to repent, trust the Lord, and turn our minds and hearts to God. The second reading from the second letter of Peter affirms that "conducting yourself in holiness and devotion" will hasten "the coming of the day of God." "Since you await these things," we are encouraged to "be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace." *We need to discipline our lives consistently in preparation for the Lord's coming in our midst. Such discipline is an essential component in making God's presence among us real and tangible.*

The first reading from Isaiah consoles those in exile that God has listened to their call for help and is ready to bring about new and even greater things than before. *God is always ready to respond to our needs and concerns.* This does not mean that life will be less burdensome. It does mean that no matter what happens, God will be with us, supporting, guiding and sustaining us. *We are challenged to cultivate trust and abiding confidence in the Lord.* In such fashion we cultivate the necessary preparation for the coming of the Lord.

At the beginning of Mark's gospel, John the Baptist identifies himself as the one sent to prepare the way for the Lord. John proclaims a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins as the best way to prepare for "one mightier than I" who "will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." *Mark applies to John the quote from Isaiah about the need to prepare for the Lord by filling in every valley and making low every mountain and hill. In order to make a straight way in the desert and wasteland for our God, a lot of work has to be done beforehand.*

While these Sundays have an endtime focus to them, we also know that the Lord has already come among us in the person of Jesus, and continues to be fully with us in our daily encounters and our sacramental celebrations. *At*

Christmas we celebrate once again Jesus, God-with-us, and at the same time we wait in joyful hope and expectation for his final return. But how do we prepare for the daily comings of God in our lives here and now?

What valleys in our lives need to be filled in so that God can enter our daily encounters without stumbling over our personal and communal potholes? What mountains and hills in our lives need to be leveled so that God can be made manifest without being blocked or overshadowed by our personal and communal obstacles? All this can block God's entryway into our lives. *How do we go about making God's entryway into our daily lives one that is smooth and straight?*

This Advent season, take John the Baptist as a model and consistently work on preparing the way for the Lord by making straight and smooth the path for God's entryway into your life.

Biagio Mazza
Pastoral Associate



Readings

Sunday, December 10

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

Psalm: Psalm 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)

2nd Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

Sunday, December 17

1st Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11

Psalm: Luke 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 (Isaiah 61:10b)

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28



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 offer study sessions that provide an opportunity to read, to study background to the readings, and to reflect on how to apply the readings to our lives. **Our next Bible Study date is Dec 17 at 10:30am in the conference room.** All are welcome; bring a bible. To register, call Biagio at 816-979-3153.

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Reflexión Sobre las Lecturas

Los primeros dos domingos de Adviento continúan enfocándose en los tiempos del fin que se destacaron durante los últimos domingos del año litúrgico pasado. Este segundo domingo enfatiza la necesidad de preparar el camino para la venida del Señor. Todas las lecturas resaltan la necesidad de prepararse acudiendo al Señor en arrepentimiento y conversión de corazón.

El Salmo responsorial 84 hace una petición al Señor con el estribillo "Muéstranos, Señor, tu misericordia y danos tu salvación". *Los que esperan el Señor, apelan al Señor por ayuda en tiempos de angustia, conscientes del amor de pacto y las promesas de Dios.* Pero el salmista está muy consciente de nuestra necesidad de pacto de arrepentirnos, confiar en el Señor y acudir nuestras mentes y corazones a Dios. La segunda lectura de la segunda carta de Pedro afirma que viviendo santidad y entrega, apresurará "el advenimiento del día del Señor". "Apoyados en esta esperanza", se nos alienta a que "pongan todo su empeño en que el Señor los halle en paz con él, sin mancha ni reproche". *Necesitamos disciplinar nuestras vidas consistentemente en preparación para la venida del Señor entre nosotros. Tal disciplina es un componente esencial para hacer que la presencia de Dios entre nosotros sea real y tangible.*

La primera lectura de Isaías consuela a aquellos en el exilio que Dios ha escuchado su llamado de ayuda y está listo para producir cosas nuevas y aún mejores que las anteriores. *Dios siempre está listo para responder a nuestras necesidades y preocupaciones.* Esto no significa que la vida será menos pesada. Lo que sí significa es que pase lo que pase, Dios estará con nosotros, apoyándonos, guiándonos y manteniéndonos. *Se nos desafía a cultivar la confianza permanente en el Señor.* De esa manera cultivamos la preparación necesaria para la venida del Señor.



Al comienzo del evangelio de Marcos, Juan el Bautista se identifica como el que prepara el camino para el Señor. Juan proclama un bautismo de arrepentimiento para el perdón de los pecados como la mejor manera de prepararse para "uno que es más poderoso que yo" quien "los bautizará con el Espíritu Santo". *Marcos aplica a Juan la cita de Isaías sobre la necesidad de prepararse para el Señor al llenar cada valle y aplanar cada montaña y colina. Para hacer un camino recto en el desierto y en el páramo para nuestro Dios, se debe hacer mucho trabajo de antemano.*

Si bien estos domingos tienen un enfoque del tiempo final, también sabemos que el Señor ya ha venido entre nosotros en la persona de Jesús, y continúa estando plenamente con nosotros en nuestros encuentros diarios y en nuestras celebraciones sacramentales. *En Navidad celebramos una vez más a Jesús, Dios-con-nosotros, y al mismo tiempo esperamos con gozosa esperanza para su regreso final. Pero, ¿cómo nos preparamos para las venidas diarias de Dios en nuestras vidas aquí y ahora?*

¿Cuáles valles en nuestras vidas necesitan ser rellenados para que Dios pueda

entrar en nuestros encuentros diarios sin tropezar con nuestros baches personales y comunitarios? ¿Cuáles montañas y colinas en nuestras vidas necesitan nivelarse para que Dios pueda manifestarse sin ser bloqueado o ensombrecido por nuestros obstáculos personales y comunitarios? Todo esto bloquea la entrada de Dios en nuestras vidas. *¿Cómo hacemos la entrada de Dios en nuestras vidas diarias una que sea lisa y recta?*

En esta temporada de Adviento, tome a Juan el Bautista como modelo y trabaje consistentemente en preparar el camino para el Señor, al allanar el camino para la entrada de Dios en su vida.

Biagio Mazza
Asociado Pastoral

Lecturas



Lecturas del Domingo, 10 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

Lecturas del Domingo, 17 de Diciembre

Primera Lectura: Isaías 61:1-2a, 10-11
Salmo: Lucas 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54
Segunda Lectura: 1 Tesalonicenses 5:16-24
Evangelio: Juan 1:6-8, 19-28

Ministerio Juvenil

Oportunidades para Voluntarios

Uplift Org. Si le gustaría traer comidas a las personas sin hogar en el 4º o 5º Lunes de cada mes, por favor, póngase en contacto con Kirstie Roberts! Este ministerio está abierto a todos los feligreses mayores de 14 años. Los voluntarios deben reportarse a la bodega de Uplift a las 5pm y se terminan a las 9:30pm.

Cocineros de Uplift! Cualquier persona que le gustaría ayudar a preparar una comida para las personas sin hogar está bienvenido a unirse a nuestro equipo en el 4º Lunes de cada mes a las 10am en el gimnasio. Le recomendamos que traiga un cuchillo y pelador de verduras buenos. El próximo día de cocinar es el 22 de Enero.

Harvesters! Este banco de alimentos local proporciona alimentos a las familias necesitadas de todo el área de KC. Se necesitan voluntarios para ayudar a organizar las donaciones de alimentos y para preparar bolsas de comida para fines de semana para niños en nuestra comunidad. Vamos a llevar un grupo de 5 personas en el tercer Jueves de cada mes. Nuestra próxima fecha es el 21 de Diciembre de 6-8 pm. Si desea ser voluntario, llame ó mande un correo electrónico a Kirstie en la Oficina de los jóvenes.

Comidas Comunitarias La Iglesia Luterana Lord of Love ofrece una comida gratis a la comunidad cada miércoles a la cual usted está invitado. Cada tercer miércoles del mes voluntarios de Sta. Sabina ayudan a preparar, servir y limpiar en un esfuerzo de trabajar junto con otros cristianos para llevar a cabo la obra de Cristo. Nuestra próxima fecha como voluntarios es el 20 de Diciembre. Contacte a Berenice Zayas en la oficina parroquial para más información. 816-979-3150.

Noticias Juveniles

Donas los Martes por la Mañana! Cada martes que Belton High School tiene clases, Kirstie tendrá donas y hará oraciones con los jóvenes de High School antes de ir a la escuela. Las puertas de la Oficina de la Juventud se abrirán a las 7am para que los jóvenes pasen antes de la escuela.

La Próxima Noche de Padrinos para la Confirmación es el 13 de diciembre, 7-8:30pm en el Salón Parroquial. Se espera que todos los candidatos a la confirmación (jóvenes) y sus padrinos adultos asistan a estas reuniones. Si el padrino no puede asistir a una reunión con el joven, el joven todavía debe asistir. Si tienes dificultades para encontrar un padrino, póngase en contacto con Kirstie Roberts en la Oficina de la

Seguridad Infantil

La Diócesis de Kansas City-St. Joseph esta comprometida a luchar contra el abuso sexual en la Iglesia. Si usted es víctima de abuso sexual, ó 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 víctima 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 víctimas de abuso sexual y a sus familias. Por favor póngase en contacto con la Defensora de Víctimas, Kathleen Chastain al 816.392.0011 o chastain@diocesekcsj.org para mas información.

Todas las personas que son voluntarios con los jóvenes ó 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). Más información en <https://kcsj catholic.org/the-office-of-child-and-youth-protection/>

Juventud y ella estará encantada de encontrar a alguien para ti.

El 10 de diciembre, el Grupo Juvenil de la High School rellenará calcetines navideños para las personas sin hogar de Kansas City a través de la Organización Uplift. Estamos aceptando donaciones de artículos de higiene (champú, acondicionador, enjuague bucal, pasta de dientes, cepillos de dientes, loción, desinfectante para manos, desodorante, etc.), pequeños bocadoillos, velas, cerillas, calentadores de manos y pies, tarjetas de Navidad, listones y dulces. Puede dejar su donación en la Oficina de la Juventud durante la semana durante el horario de oficina o después de las Misas en la caja de Uplift en el espacio de reunión. Si tiene alguna pregunta sobre su donación, comuníquese con Kirstie Roberts en la Oficina de la Juventud.



Información/Corresponsabilidad

Platicas Pre-Bautismales - 13 de Enero

Normalmente cada segundo Sábado del mes de las 10 am a la 1 pm (Sólo para niños de 0-6 años.) En el salón doble del área de la escuela. Para niños mayores de 7 años requerirán una formación especial.

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

Las Posadas

Este 17 de Diciembre inmediatamente después de la Misa, le invitamos a compartir en familia de "Las Posadas" en el gimnasio en conmemoración al nacimiento de nuestro Niño Jesús; por favor prepare un plato con comida para compartir, ¡Les esperamos!

Felicidades Por Su Bautismo

Kendra Guadalupe Correa-Martinez, hija de Juan Carlos Correa y Yadira Guadalupe Martinez

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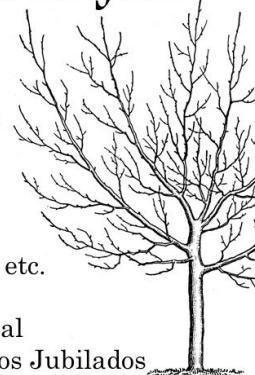
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Apelación para los Religiosos Jubilados



Segundo Domingo en Adviento

10 de Diciembre del 2017