

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.



Fr. Jeff lights the first candle of the Advent wreath this year at 12:30 Mass.
El P. Jeff enciende la primera vela de la corona de Adviento en la Misa de las 12:30.

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)

Third Sunday of Advent—Tercer Domingo de Adviento

December 13, 2020

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Mass Intentions for the Week Peticiones de la Semana

Intentions for December 15—18, 2020

Tues.	11am	†Marv Henrich
Wed.	8am	†Fr Sandy Sinclair
Thur.	8am	†Marv Henrich
Fri.	8am	†Fr Sandy Sinclair

Saturday, December 19, 2020

4:00pm	†Charles Bybee Sr
	†Charles Bybee Jr

Sunday, December 20, 2020

8:00am	†Marv Henrich
	Intentions of Our Parish Family
10:30am	†Carrie Carrollo
12:30pm Spanish	†Margarito Nepomuceno Moran
	†Esther Flores Bahena

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

†**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

†**Andrew Erpelding**, grandson of Jerry and Marie Wilburn

†**Virginia Pierce**, aunt of Nancy Meiron



Parish Information—Información Parroquial

Sunday, December 13 - Domingo, 13 de Diciembre

9:00am PSR
10:30am RICA
11:00am Ensayo del Coro Hispano

Monday, December 14 - Lunes, 14 de Diciembre

7:00pm Cub Scouts
7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, December 15 - Martes, 15 de Diciembre

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, December 16 - Miércoles, 16 de Diciembre

7:00pm Knights Officers Meeting
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 17 - Jueves, 17 de Diciembre

7:00pm RCIA (Zoom)
8:00pm Choir Rehearsal (8:00 group)

Friday, December 18 - Viernes, 18 de Diciembre

No Scheduled Events

Saturday, December 19 - Sábado, 19 de Diciembre

8:00am Knights Highway Cleanup

Sunday, December 20 - Domingo, 20 de Diciembre

9:00am PSR
10:30am RICA
11:00am Ensayo del Coro Hispano
1:00pm Girl Scouts

happy birthday

Arturo Albor	Michelle Kopek
Jan Arroyo	Samuel Kudron
Michelle Atkinson	Kersten Laughlin
William Becker	Dean Lenz
Charlotte Blair	Kodia Lovelace
Gail Bland	Arturo Macias
Shirley Chevalier	Sadie Morales-Garcia
Thomas Coovert	Kaiden Mueller
Liliana Cortez	Jasmine Munoz
Doris Deschenes	Milo Noble
Spencer Dreas	Araceli Noriega
Lois Dull	Arminda Perez
Ivonne Escalante	Gisela Perez
Alexandra Estrella	Arturo Pinon
Javier Fiallos	Raquel Ramos
Julia Funes	Anastasia Rios
Ramon Gomez	Emily Rocha
Bryan Gomez	Phillip Rodriguez
Daniel Gomez	Jesus Santillanes
Henry Gomez	Abram Sosa
Alexa Gutierrez	Don Standley
Don Hemmen	Lucy Stout
Cody Hendrix	Juan Torres
Esteban Hernandez	Robert Triano
Lucia Hinojos	Irma Vieyra
Evelyn Hinojos	Victor Vieyra
Claudia Hinojos	Katherine Walker
Neida Hinojos	James Wall
Kristina Jacobs	Alyson Zarco
Ana Jimenez	Gissel Zarco

Happy Anniversary

Al and Kathleen Gebauer	68 Years!	12/16/1952
Angel and Arleen Martinez	28 Years!	12/19/1992
Julio and Alberta Jaimes	26 Years!	12/19/1994
Gerzo and Obdulia Guerrero	25 Years!	12/16/1995
Juan Medina and Elisabeth Quiroz	10 Years!	12/18/2010
Robert and Kristen Turner	7 Years!	12/16/2013
Jeff and Chevy Dierk	2 Years!	12/18/2018

Green Team Tip of the Week

Use a marker or pen to black out your name and address on mail so you can recycle, rather than shred the mail. Sensitive documents should still be shredded.



This Week's Do You

Know Video:

Every Dec 12, the St. Sabina parish community celebrates the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. We look forward to resuming this tradition after the pandemic. On Dec 12, 1531, soon after the Spanish conquerors arrived and began forcibly evangelizing the indigenous people of Mexico, Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared to the poor peasant, Juan Diego, addressing him by name, speaking in his native tongue and dressed as one of them. She identified herself as the Mother of the Lord and promised love, protection and care for all indigenous people. She asked for a church to be built at the site. The church authorities refused to believe Juan Diego till he brought a sign. The virgin told him to gather roses in winter and bring them to the authorities. Juan Diego gathered the roses, put them in his tilma or cloak and upon showing the roses to the religious authorities the tilma had the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, which is still as vibrant as ever and kept in the basilica to Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City. Celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe occurs on Dec 12, no matter the day of the week. Novenas, dance, music, mass and food are all strong components of the celebration to which the whole community is invited to participate. Make time to view this week's DYK video and learn more about the tradition of Our Lady of Guadalupe.



Baptism Congratulations

Harrison Chase Bader, son of Matt and Stevie Bader

Is St. Sabina on Your Christmas Gift List?

We are officially in the 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 2020 gifts, they must be delivered or post-marked by December 31, 2020!



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

Cada 12 de diciembre, la comunidad parroquial de Sta. Sabina celebra la fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. Esperamos reanudar esta tradición después de la pandemia. El 12 de diciembre de 1531, poco después de que los conquistadores españoles llegaron y comenzaron a evangelizar por la fuerza a los indígenas de México, Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe se apareció al pobre campesino Juan Diego, llamándolo por su nombre, hablando en su lengua materna y vestida como uno de los ellos. Se identificó como la Madre del Señor y prometió amor, protección y cuidado a todos los pueblos indígenas. Ella pidió que se construyera una iglesia en el sitio. Las autoridades de la iglesia se negaron a creerle a Juan Diego hasta que trajo una señal. La virgen le dijo que recogiera rosas en invierno y las trajera a las autoridades. Juan Diego recogió las rosas, las puso en su tilma y al mostrar las rosas a las autoridades religiosas la tilma tenía la imagen de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, la cual sigue tan vibrante como siempre y se guarda en la basílica de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe en la ciudad de México. La celebración de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe ocurre el 12 de diciembre, sin importar el día de la semana. Novenas, baile, música, misa y comida son componentes fuertes de la celebración a la que toda la comunidad está invitada a participar. Tómese un momento para ver el video ¿Sabes? de esta semana y aprender más sobre la tradición de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe.



Felicidades Por Su Bautismo

Stacy Cristabel Mena Ayala, la hija de Ítalo Francisco Mena Pocasangre y Blanca Lidia Ayala Belloso

Roberto Carlos Sáenz Espinoza, Jr., el hijo de Roberto Carlos Sáenz y Guadalupe Espinoza

Juan Pablo Vázquez Martínez, el hijo de Juan Enrique Vázquez Palma y Jenni Martínez Medina

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.



Christmas Mass Schedule

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:

2:30 PM Thursday, December 24

4:30 PM Thursday, December 24

10:00 AM Friday, December 25

12:30 PM Friday, December 25

(Spanish language)

Horario de 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:

2:30 PM jueves 24 de diciembre

4:30 PM Jueves 24 de diciembre

10:00 AM viernes 25 de diciembre

12:30 PM viernes 25 de diciembre (español)



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—During high stress times it is more important than ever to find time for you. If you know that the holidays are going to be stressful, plan accordingly and make sure you are scheduling some "me" time and carving out time for self-care.

Breathe. This sounds like a no-brainer, but sometimes we forget to take deep breaths and really give our bodies the oxygen we need. Stopping to take a few deep, cleansing breaths can reduce your level of negative stress in a matter of minutes. If you visualize that you are breathing in serenity and breathing out stress, you will find the positive effects of this exercise to be even more pronounced.

Schedule some time to take a walk in nature each day if at all possible. Exercise and exposure to daylight can drastically reduce or even eliminate the symptoms of seasonal depression. (If climate or other factors prohibit this, try to find some time to sit by a window and look out; several minutes of exposure to natural light, even if through a window pane, can help.)

Be aware of the changing seasons. An often-unrecognized problem that comes with the holiday season is a by-product of the seasons changing from fall to winter. As daylight diminishes and the weather causes many of us to spend more time indoors, many people are affected to some degree by a type of depression known as seasonal affective disorder. It's a subtle but very real condition that can cast a pall over the whole season and be a source of stress and unhappiness during a time that people expect to feel just the opposite.

Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year. Ralph Waldo Emerson

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.

5 Ways to Support a Loved One with ANXIETY or DEPRESSION

1. Treat the person with **Respect** and **Dignity**.
2. Offer consistent emotional **Support** and **Understanding**.
3. Provide practical **Help**.
4. Give the person **Hope** for **Recovery**.
5. Offer **Information**.

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.

5 Formas de Apoyar a un Ser Querido con ANSIEDAD o DEPRESIÓN

1. Trate a la persona con **respeto** y **dignidad**.
2. Ofrezca **apoyo** emocional y **comprensión** consistentes.
3. Proporcione **ayuda** práctica.
4. Dele a la persona **esperanza** de **recuperación**.
5. Ofrezca **información**.

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
Chris Armstrong
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

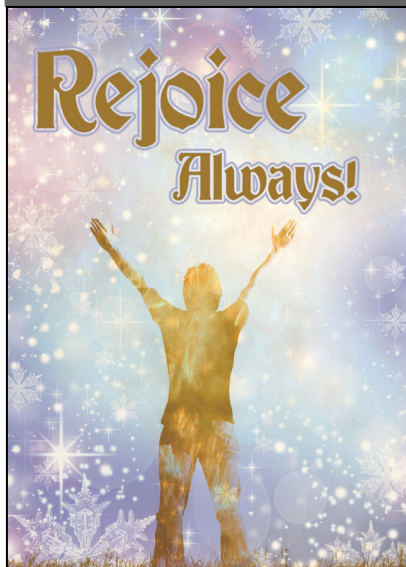
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Jean Frank
Jim Frezza
Gary Gallup
Miguel Angel Salinas Gonzalez
Karen Grantham
Ginny Hainey
Jackie Hamilton
Rita Ann Hand
Judy Hansel
Bob Harman
Karen Harman
Jeanette Hart
Bonnie Haskins
Cherie Hatfield
Martha Healy
Ted Henry
Rhonda Henke
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Marilyn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

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Michael Kempster
John Key
Jack King
Todd Kudron
Don Kueck
Susan Lager
Dale Lammer
Ellen Lilek
Emmy Long
Alyson Lopez
Leonard Meiron
John Mackey
Manuel Miramontes Gonzalez
Karen Muelbach
Joan Muench
Joan Nowak
Jerry Nowak
Laura Oresteen
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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
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 is **Gaudete** or **Rejoice Sunday** coming from the first word of the entrance prayer, as well as the key theme of the readings. This **third Sunday of Advent** is “**rose candle**” **Sunday on the Advent Wreath**. When Advent was a season of fast and abstinence modeled on Lent, this Sunday marked a break in the season, indicating that Christmas was near and that our Advent fast and penance would soon be over.

The readings present two key people who play significant roles in the Advent season intended as a time of joyful anticipation and preparation for the coming of the Lord. Both **Mary and John the Baptist**, each in their own way, **make possible the presence of Christ among us**. Mary willingly agrees to cooperate with God’s plans for her to be the mother of the Lord while John assumes the role of forerunner for the adult Jesus, preparing the way of the Lord.

The **responsorial psalm** does not come from the book of Psalms, but is one of those rare lectionary instances when it comes from another book, **Luke’s gospel**. It is known as Mary’s “**Magnificat**,” a hymn of joy, praise and thanksgiving to God for all the marvels that God had done for the people, the lowly ones, who trust and rely on God’s love and goodness. **Mary proclaims that**

God turns the world’s values on their head by filling “the hungry with good things,” while “the rich” are “sent away empty.” We are invited to join Mary in her hymn by responding “My soul rejoices in my God.” Mary becomes the ideal Advent model in that she was open to being the vessel through whom God would be delivered to the world and become truly present in it. **Like Mary, our Advent focus is to prepare ourselves so that, through us, God can be delivered and made present to all we encounter.**

The first reading from **Isaiah** is one of the primary sources of Mary’s **Magnificat** response. Like Mary, **Isaiah rejoices in the Lord because God makes justice “spring up before all the nations.”** Those who experience the goodness of God’s justice and care respond by “wrapping” themselves “in a mantle of justice,” modeling the Lord who has blessed and anointed them.

Isaiah is overwhelmed by God’s faithful and attentive care and concern for the poor, the prisoners and the brokenhearted. His response is a hymn of praise. For Mary, Isaiah’s joy and praise of God is made real through the child growing in her womb. **Such motherly awareness of God informs the child in her womb to such an extent that the adult Jesus makes this passage from Isaiah the primary focus of his mission and ministry.**

While **Lectionary year B** is focused on **Mark’s gospel**, we will hear a good bit of **John’s gospel** being interspersed with Mark. This Sunday, **John’s gospel** presents the person of **John the Baptist**, whose primary role was “**to testify to the light so that all might believe through him.**” John testified by preparing the way for others to experience the Lord and enter into deeper relationship with God. Like John, our primary vocation is to witness to Jesus through the living example of our words and actions. **Through us, others should be able to experience the living and attentive presence of God, especially in our concern for the poor and oppressed.**

Paul’s first letter to the Thessalonians commends us to rejoice always, to pray without ceasing, and to give thanks to God in all circumstances. **Praying without ceasing is when our every word and action attunes us to God and allows others to be attuned to God through our example.**

This Advent, take time to thank God for all that God has done in your life, praising and rejoicing in the Lord. Like Mary, ask God for help in becoming a vessel through which others will come to know the Lord. Like John, testify to the Lord by living a life of care, concern, justice and love for all. May we always rejoice in the Lord.

Biagio Mazza
Pastoral Associate

Readings



Sunday, December 13

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

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

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

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

Sunday, December 20

1st Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

Psalm: Psalm 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 (2a)

2nd Reading: Romans 16:25-27

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

Reflexión Sobre las Lecturas

Hoy es el Domingo "Gaudete" o de "Regocijar", que viene de la primera palabra de la oración de entrada, al igual que el tema clave de las lecturas. Este tercer domingo de Adviento es el domingo de la "vela rosa" en la Corona de Adviento. Cuando el Adviento era una temporada de ayuno y abstinencia modelada en la Cuaresma, este domingo marcó un descanso en la temporada, indicando que la Navidad estaba cerca y que nuestro ayuno y penitencia de Adviento pronto terminarían.

Las lecturas presentan a dos personas claves que desempeñan un papel importante en la temporada de Adviento la cual pretende ser un momento de anticipación y preparación alegre para la venida del Señor. Tanto María como Juan el Bautista, cada uno a su manera, hacen posible la presencia de Cristo entre nosotros. María voluntariamente acepta cooperar con los planes de Dios de ser la madre del Señor, mientras que Juan asume el papel de precursor del Jesús adulto, preparando el camino del Señor.

El salmo responsorial no proviene del libro de los Salmos, sino que es uno de esas instancias leccionarias raras cuando proviene de otro libro, el evangelio de Lucas. Es conocido como el "Magnificat" de María, un himno de alegría, alabanza y acción de gracias a Dios por todas las maravillas que Dios ha hecho por la gente, los humildes que confían en el amor y la bondad de Dios. María proclama que Dios invierte los valores del mundo colmando a "los hambrientos de bienes", mientras que "los ricos" son despedidos "sin nada". Estamos invitados a unirnos a María en su himno respondiendo "Se alegra mi espíritu en Dios mi Salvador". María se convierte en el modelo ideal de Adviento en el sentido de que ella estaba abierta a ser la vasija por medio de la cual Dios sería entregado al mundo y se haría verdaderamente presente en él. Al igual que María, nuestro enfoque de Adviento es prepararnos para que, a través de nosotros, Dios pueda ser entregado y hecho presente a todos los que encontramos.

La primera lectura de Isaías es una de las fuentes principales de la respuesta Magnificat de María. Como María, Isaías se regocija en el Señor porque Dios hace que la justicia "brote ante todas las naciones". Quienes experimentan la bondad de la justicia y el cuidado de Dios responden "envolviéndose" en un "manto de justicia", modelando al Señor quien los ha bendecido y ungido.

Isaías se siente abrumado por el cuidado y la preocupación fieles y atentos de Dios por los pobres, los prisioneros y los quebrantados de corazón. Su respuesta es un himno de alabanza. Para María, el gozo y la alabanza de Dios a Isaías se hacen realidad a través del niño que crece en su vientre. Tal conciencia maternal de Dios informa al niño en su vientre a tal punto que el Jesús adulto hace que este pasaje de Isaías sea el enfoque principal de su misión y ministerio.

Mientras que el año leccionario B se centra en el evangelio de Marcos, escucharemos un buen fragmento del evangelio de Juan intercalado con Marcos. Este domingo, el evangelio de Juan presenta a la persona de Juan el Bautista cuyo papel principal era "dar testimonio de la luz, para que todos creyeran por medio de él". Juan testificó preparando el camino para que otros experimenten al Señor y entren en una relación más profunda con Dios. Al igual que Juan, nuestra vocación principal es dar testimonio de Jesús a través del ejemplo viviente de nuestras palabras y acciones. A través de nosotros, otros deberían poder experimentar la presencia viva y atenta de Dios, especialmente en nuestra preocupación por los pobres y oprimidos.

La primera carta de Pablo a los Tesalonicenses nos recomienda alegrarnos siempre, orar sin cesar y dar gracias a Dios en todas las circunstancias. Orar sin cesar es cuando cada palabra y acción nos sintoniza con Dios y permite que los demás se sintonicen con Dios a través de nuestro ejemplo.

En este Adviento, tómese el tiempo para agradecer a Dios por todo lo que Dios ha hecho en su vida, alabando y regocijándose en el Señor. Como María, pídale ayuda a Dios para que se convierta en un recipiente a través del cual otros llegarán a conocer al Señor. Como Juan, testifique al Señor viviendo una vida de cuidado, preocupación, justicia y amor por todos. Que siempre nos regocijemos en el Señor.

Biagio Mazza
Asociado Pastoral

Lecturas



Lecturas del Domingo, 13 de Diciembre

Primera Lectura: Isaías 61:1-2, 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

Lecturas del Domingo, 20 de Diciembre

Primera Lectura: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 16
Salmo: Salmo 88:2-3, 4-5, 27 y 29
Segunda Lectura: Romanos 16:25-27
Evangelio: Lucas 1:26-38



Stewardship

"They asked him, 'Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?' John answered them, 'I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie.'"

John 1:25-27

It is God Who is the source of our joy and contentment — not things or achievements or comfort, but our relationship with God. This is why stewards can share so freely of their time, talents and material possessions — because ultimately, we are not attached to these things. We recognize them as good gifts from our loving Father, but we are attached to the Giver of the gifts, not the gifts themselves. This allows for great freedom in life and the capacity for great joy in the Lord. We can become like John the Baptist, in today's Gospel passage from the Book of John. We read this description of the prophet: "He came for testimony, to testify to the light... He was not the light but came to testify to the light." This is our calling too — to testify to the Light, our wonderful Savior — by the way we make use of the time, talent and treasure He has entrusted to our care. — See more at www.catholicsteward.com/blog/.

Corresponsabilidad

"Le preguntaron: 'Entonces ¿por qué bautizas, si no eres el Mesías, ni Elías, ni el profeta?' Juan les respondió: 'Yo bautizo con agua, pero en medio de ustedes hay uno, al que ustedes no conocen, alguien que viene detrás de mí, a quien yo no soy digno de desatarle las correas de sus sandalias'."

Juan 1:25-27

Es Dios quien es la fuente de nuestro gozo y contentamiento, no cosas, logros ni consuelo, sino nuestra relación con Dios. Es por eso que los cristianos corresponsables pueden compartir libremente su tiempo, talentos y posesiones materiales, porque en última instancia, no estamos apegados a estas cosas. Los reconocemos como buenos dones de nuestro Padre amoroso, pero estamos apegados al Dador de los dones, no a los dones en sí. Esto permite una gran libertad en la vida y la capacidad de un gran gozo en el Señor. Podemos llegar a ser como Juan el Bautista, en el pasaje del Evangelio de hoy del Libro de Juan. Leemos esta descripción del profeta: "vino como testigo, para dar testimonio de la luz.... Él no era la luz, sino testigo de la luz. ". Este es también nuestro llamado: testificar de la Luz, nuestro maravilloso Salvador, por la forma en que hacemos uso del tiempo, el talento y el tesoro que Él ha confiado a nuestro cuidado. —Vea mas en www.catholicsteward.com/blog/.

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Contributions for the Week of November 22

Envelopes/Sobres:	\$22,280.00
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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.
- 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.

Quarterly Financial Report

Income	1st Quarter (July-Sept)
Weekly Env	\$144,883.00
Weekly Plate	\$ 3,135.65
Holy Days	\$ -
Maint/Upkeep	\$ 12,731.37
Gifts	\$ 13,285.40
Fund Raising/Misc.	\$ 68.61
Operational	\$ 6,251.12
Ministry & Program	\$ -
Religious Ed	\$ 3,365.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 805.00
Total Income	\$184,525.15

Expenses	1st Quarter
Salaries/Ben/FICA	\$150,785.97
Utilities	\$ 13,334.65
Facilities	\$ 7,495.55
Operational	\$ 6,490.98
Prayer & Worship	\$ 508.39
Monthly Diocese	\$ 46,344.00
Religious Ed	\$ 2,121.77
Youth Ministry	\$ 499.05
Pastoral Ministry	\$ -
Extraordinary Exp	\$ -
Total Expenses	\$227,580.36
Income Less Exp	\$ (43,055.21)

Depreciated Assets

Avoid transferring a depreciated asset, such as stock that has lost value, to the parish or any charity. Rather, sell the asset and take the tax benefit of the loss. Then donate the proceeds. Consult your tax advisor.



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.
- 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 in Raymore.



Los Más Pequeños

Jim Burrows



Vino al mundo un hombre enviado por Dios, cuyo nombre era Juan. Este vino como testigo, para testificar de la luz, a fin de que todos creyeran por medio de él. No era él la luz, sino que vino para dar testimonio de la luz. Jn 1:6-8

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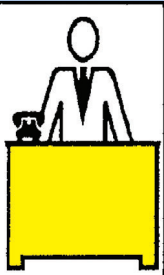
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