

Saint Sabina Catholic Church

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



Pictured, Moises serves for his first time as an altar server on November 25. Thank you to Moises and all of our altar servers for sharing your time with our parish!

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.



First Sunday of Advent

December 2, 2018

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Intentions for December 3-7, 2018

Mon.	8am	Communion Service
Tues.	6pm	†Bill Reichert
Wed.	10:30am	†Shirley Sullivan (Beautiful Savior)
Thurs.	8am	†Theo Suwito
Fri.	8am	†Beverly Little
	6pm	†Pablo Zayas
		†Terry Henry

Saturday, December 8, 2018

4:00pm	†Shirley Sullivan
	†Paul DeMar

Sunday, December 9, 2018

8:00am	†Paul DeMar
10:30am	†Leonissa Fenske
	Intentions of Our Parish Family
12:30pm Spanish	†Alejandro Cedillo Jr.

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

†Patrick Davis, son of Barbara Davis

†Barbara Johnson, mother of Joseph Johnson, Cathy Johnson-Pruitt, Lori Sabaugh, and Brandi Johnson

†Severiano Corrales, tío de Raul Felix

†Clarence Reynolds, father of Stephanie Reynolds

†Paul DeMar, husband of Cherie DeMar

†Marilyn Avalos, Beautiful Savior

†Pablo Zayas, husband of Berenice Zayas



Calendar/Parish Happenings

Sunday, December 2 - Domingo, 2 de Diciembre

Altar Society Sale
 9:00am PSR/Parents Lounge
 10:30am Taller de Hechura de Piñatas
 11:00am Ensayo del Coro Hispano
 11:00am Escuela de Religión
 2:00pm Ensayo para la Obra de Guadalupe
 6:00pm Matachines
 7:00pm Confirmation and High School Youth Group
 7:00pm Novena Guadalupana

Monday, December 3 - Lunes, 3 de Diciembre

6:30pm Cub Scout Den Meeting
 7:00pm Boy Scouts
 7:00pm Novena Guadalupana

Tuesday, December 4 - Martes, 4 de Diciembre

6:30pm Matachines
 7:00pm ESL/Inglés como Segunda Lengua
 7:00pm Novena Guadalupana
 7:00pm Living Stones

Wednesday, December 5 - Miércoles, 5 de Diciembre

9:00am Legion of Mary
 10:30am Mass at Beautiful Savior
 6:00pm Cantor Practice
 7:00pm Choir Practice (4:00 and 10:30 groups)
 7:00pm Confirmation Sponsor Night
 7:00pm Novena Guadalupana
 7:00pm Knights Business Meeting

Thursday, December 6 - Jueves, 6 de Diciembre

6:55am High School Youth Prayer Breakfast
 9:30am Piecemakers Quilting Group
 6:00pm Matachines
 7:00pm Novena Guadalupana
 7:00pm RCIA/RICA
 8:00pm Choir Practice (8:00 group)

Friday, December 7 - Viernes, 7 de Diciembre

8:30am Adoration
 9:00am Altar Society Church Cleaning
 6:00pm Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass
 7:00pm Novena Guadalupana

Saturday, December 8 - Sábado, 8 de Diciembre

10:00am Platicas Pre-bautismales
 3:00pm Confessions
 6:00pm Ensayo para Las Posadas
 7:00pm Novena Guadalupana

Sunday, December 9 - Domingo, 9 de Diciembre

8:30am Breakfast with Santa
 9:00am PSR/Parents Lounge
 10:30am Bible Study
 11:00am Ensayo del Coro Hispano
 11:00am Escuela de Religión
 2:00pm Ensayo para la Obra de Guadalupe
 6:00pm Ensayo para Las Posadas
 7:00pm Novena Guadalupana

Upcoming Altar Society Sale

After all Masses on December 1-2, the Altar Society will be offering you an opportunity to purchase beautiful imported hand-made Italian, Mexican, and Holy Land rosaries, as well as a large variety of Catholic medals, crucifix necklaces, bracelets, and other faith-inspired necklaces. Advent wreaths, candles, and calendars will also be available. The proceeds from this sale support the needs of St. Sabina's Altar, Sanctuary, and Sacristy. Thank you for your support!

Over 55 Christmas Luncheon

Save the date for our Over 55 Christmas Luncheon which will be held on Tuesday, December 11th. More details to come.

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 electronic form sent in the parish online newsletter, on the website, or contact the parish office. 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.



Parish Happenings/Area Information

This Week's Do You Know Video:

This week's DYK video digs into the



significance of the feast of St. Andrew, celebrated each year on November 30. The Greek Orthodox tradition refers to Saint Andrew as the First Called, jumping off the account of Andrew found only in John's gospel. We know from the other gospels that Andrew was a fisherman and the brother of Simon Peter, both children of Jonah. As they were fishing on the seashore, Jesus calls them to discipleship and they immediately respond. In John's gospel, the account differs in that Andrew and others are disciples of John the Baptist, who invites his disciples to follow, Jesus. Andrew and others follow Jesus, become disciples and the next day Andrew tells his brother Simon that they have found the Messiah. Simon goes with Andrew to see Jesus and Jesus changes his name to Peter. Tension developed when in 324, Constantine moved the Roman capital from Rome to Constantinople. The patriarch of Constantinople claimed higher importance as a center of Christianity than Rome simply because of the presence of the Emperor. Rome responded by claiming importance based on its bishops being connected to Peter, the leader of the disciples. Constantinople responded by claiming Andrew as the First Called and therefore having greater priority than Peter. The controversy exists to this very day. Make time to view this week's DYK video to find out more interesting and fascinating facts and influences centered on St. Andrew, the First Called, along with the significance of St. Andrew's Cross.

happy birthday

Israel Amador	Angel Gracida	Patrick Mittelstadt
Anna Anderson	Yuan Gutierrez	Casey Morgan
Leonardo Arreola	Edgar Guzman	Christine Morris
Steven Ayers	John Hagemann	Caroline Neal
Matalin Barberis	Sarah Hagemann	Isham Nelson
David Barberis	Jean Hanover	Bryan Olvera
Krissy Berkovich	Jessica Hernandez	Ailyn Palomares
Arturo Borja	Steve Imming	Brittany Parker
Fatima Bretado - Picasso	Kathy Keary	Jaime Perez
Apolinar Canchola	Renee Kerckhoff	Vivian Petersen
Paul Castonguay	Whitney Kirchhoff	Gabriel Pinon
Oscar Chavez	Bob Kottenbrock	Zayden Priewe
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Jose Garcia	Leonard Meiron	
Emily Goffoy	Erandy Melendez	

75th Anniversary Coffee Table Book and Pictorial Directory

2019 marks the 75th anniversary of our parish. As a part of our celebration, we will publish a special anniversary coffee table book/pictorial directory. We invite you to purchase a space in this special edition directory to insert your own memories or memorials. Memory and Memorial space prices are listed below. Contact Bridget in the parish office with questions or to reserve your space. Photography will take place in April and we hope to have the book completed by fall.

Full Page—\$200
Half Page—\$120
Quarter Page—\$70

Happy Anniversary

Sherman and Leona Ragsdale	55 Years!	12/7/1963
Clemente Landa and Azucena Abonza	24 Years!	12/3/1994
Brian and Caroline Niemeyer	20 Years!	12/5/1998
Mark and Melissa Adams	16 Years!	12/9/2002
Robert and Samantha Hafkesbring	2 Years!	12/3/2016
Jeremy and Kathleen Whitney	2 Years!	12/9/2016



Information

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL'S FIRST

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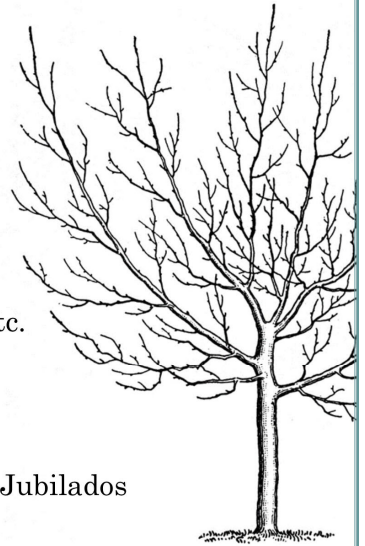
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Jesse Tree Collections Colectas del Árbol de Jesé

- Dec 1/2: Toys
Juguetes
- Dec 8/9: Gloves, hats, socks, etc.
Guantes, gorros, calcetines, etc.
- Dec 15/16: Canned Food
Alimentos Enlatados
- Dec 22/23: Religious Retirement Appeal
Apelación para los Religiosos Jubilados



Saint Sabina Parish

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

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Wednesday, December 12, 2018



- 6:00pm: Re-enactment of the apparition 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



Pastoral Care

Nursing Home Mass Schedule

Dec 5	10:30am	Beautiful Savior
Dec 12	10:00am	Redwood of Raymore
Dec 19	10:00am	Foxwood Springs

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 or write a letter to your loved one or God.
- 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.

Beginning Experience "Coping with Life Alone" is a Beginning Experience grief support program that meets for seven 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 of renewed hope. The next program will be Saturdays from 2-4pm, January 5 through February 16 at Church of the Ascension, Overland Park, KS. For information and registration contact Donna at 816-305-3760.

Prayer Requests/Peticiones de Oración

Anna Anderson	Allyson Harkins	Sherman Ragsdale
Dick Armstrong	Connie Harper	Larry Rhodes
Barry Ballenger	Cherie Hatfield	Anna Ryan
Pauline Bellm	Beth Heide	Ron Schock
John Bidondo	Rhonda Henke	Brenda Sheppard
Peter Bowen	John Hirt	Brian Sheppard
Betty Bremenkamp	Shayla Hoffman	Doris Shields
Maxine Bremer	John Holden	Kathy Shields
Joyce Callahan	Cecilia Imming	Lois Simpson
John Caoile	Lisa January	Michelle Soto
Alfredo Carrasco	Araceli Jimenez	Charles Stinger II
Joseph Coots	Don Kueck	Marie Stinger
Rikki DeVaul	Darrell Littler	Ursula Suwito
Nolan Dickerson	Ellen Lovelace	Svoboda Family
Pete DiGeorge	Ray Malisos	Jean Tate
Steven DiGeorge	Angela Maria	Faith Taylor
Jim Dillon	Jamie Martinez	Angel Thomas
Kelly Dirks	Lynn Morgan	Bruce Thompson
Paula Dull	Janet Moorman	Karen Tomlinson
Judy Giannini	Harry Muench	Priscilla Tristani
Kelly Hall	Joan Muench	Robert VanMeter
Emily Emke-Hayes	Bella Nouryeh	Jim Wall
Terry Eppert	Ezequil Olarte	Donna West
David Feller	Thelma Palmer	Mary Westfall
Cheryl Frezza	George Panebianco	Marie Wilburn
Jim Frezza	David Pierce	Travis Woods
Sergio Gallardo	Gary Prendergast	Carmitia Yust
Al Gebauer	Rita Pruitt	Debra Zayas
Ginny Hainey	Earl Puls	
Laverne Harlow	Thelma Putnam	

Wellness Center

Wellness Center Class Schedule

Monday:	Intermediate Yoga 1-2pm Gentle Yoga 2-3pm Yoga 6-7pm
Tuesday:	Stretch & Strength 1-2pm Gentle Stretch & Strength 2-3pm Circuit Training 6-7pm
Wednesday:	Intermediate Yoga 1-2pm Gentle Yoga 2-3pm Restorative Yoga 6-7pm
Thursday:	Stretch & Strength 1-2pm Gentle Stretch & Strength 2-3pm Yoga 6-7pm
Friday:	Intermediate Yoga 1-2pm Gentle Yoga 2-3pm

7pm



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Stewardship

"Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap. For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth. Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man."

Luke 21: 34-36

How easy it is to lose focus on our Lord either by too much indulgence in our lives or by too much worry about our lives. Both extremes are easy to fall prey to. To avoid these traps we are told to "be vigilant" and "pray for strength to sustain us." During Advent, we Christian stewards must ask ourselves some hard questions. Am I staying faithful to my prayer life? Am I using my energy and skills to serve others? Am I overly concerned about material gain? Am I relying on my "stuff" or my investments as my source of comfort or security? Am I living for the moment or for the coming of the Lord? Get ready Christian stewards! He's coming! Let us prepare with awe and wonder. See more at www.catholicsteward.com/blog/



Holy Day Mass

Mass for the Holy Day, Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, will be on Friday, December 7 at 6:00 PM. The Mass is bilingual. This is the only Mass we will celebrate for Immaculate Conception. The 4:00 Mass on Saturday, December 8 will be for the Second Sunday of Advent, not for Immaculate Conception.

Green Team Tip of the Week

Consider eco-friendly gift giving ideas this Christmas <http://greenabilitymagazine.com/blog/2017/12/give-unforgettable-memory-holiday-season-2/>

Contributions for November 18

Envelopes/Sobres:	\$13,515.12
Plate/Canasta:	\$ 1,295.02
Maintenance-Upkeep:	\$ 486.00

Contributions for November 25

The contributions for November 25 will be listed in the December 9 bulletin.

Parish and Diocesan Annual Appeals

As the holidays approach, we give thanks to God for all His blessings to us and our families. We especially thank the families who have contributed or pledged to contribute to our annual stewardship renewal and towards our parish's goal for the Annual Catholic Appeal. If you have not already done so, please prayerfully consider joining our efforts. No gift is too small.

Community Garden Campaign

The St. Sabina Community Garden is participating in an international effort to fund community gardens from 11am CST November 15 to 11am CST on December 15. We are trying to raise \$1800 for a fence. The first 50 campaigns to reach \$600 in funds raised will receive a \$400 challenge grant from Seed Money. Campaigns that don't win challenge grants will automatically be entered into consideration for one of 50 \$200 merit grants. Please help make our campaign a success by donating. <https://donate.seedmoney.org/2756/st.-sabina-community-garden>

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 2018 gifts, they must be delivered or post-marked by December 31, 2018!



Youth Ministry/Young Adults

Youth News

Thursday

Morning Donuts!

Every Thursday 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 6:55am for kids to stop in on their way to school.



Confirmation Candidates! All youth enrolled in the Confirmation program must have a Sponsor to join them on the journey to the sacrament of Confirmation. There will be once a month meetings which are listed on the Youth Calendar which is available on the parish website. A sponsor is an adult Catholic who is confirmed, in good standing with the Catholic church and who is available to attend the meetings with the youth. It is not recommended that a parent serve as a sponsor. Our next Sponsor Night will be December 5th from 7-8:30pm in the Parish Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Kirstie Roberts.

PSR News

Breakfast with Santa!

The second grade PSR class will be hosting Breakfast with Santa on Sunday, December 9, 8:30am-noon. Come

enjoy a breakfast of biscuits and gravy, eggs, bacon, sausage and pancakes, and get your wish list in to Santa! Adults are \$10 each, Families are \$20 each. Age 2 and under are free. Funds will help the second grade class purchase Christmas gifts for a family in need.



Save the Date! We will have a family Christmas party



for all PSR and Junior High families on Wednesday, December 19 at 7pm. The fun will include sing-a-long Christmas music and a cookie exchange! More info to come.

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/>

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



Jesus said to his disciples: "Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." Mt 24:42

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Reflection on the Readings

The First Sunday of Advent highlights a number of happenings in the church's liturgical calendar. Advent begins a new liturgical year along with a new lectionary cycle, Year C, devoted to a reflection on the gospel according to Luke. **This Sunday inaugurates the Advent season, the four Sunday preparation for and anticipation of the coming of the Lord.**

We begin our preparation for celebrating the Lord's coming by first focusing on the final coming of Christ at the end times and secondly on Jesus becoming one of us fully and completely, the coming that we joyfully celebrate at Christmas. As is true with any new beginning, the readings challenge us to make the best of this year, especially in terms of depth and growth in our relationship with God, others and the world.

The first reading from Jeremiah asks us to remember that God promises to be with the people forever. God calls us into relationship and is faithful to that relationship no matter what. **Despite the end of the Davidic line with Zedekiah, the last of the Davidic kings, God's promise to be with the house of David forever will be actualized.** God will raise from David's house "a just shoot" who "shall do what is right and just in the land." As a result of the presence and action of that "shoot" of living justice, the land itself will be called, "The Lord our justice."

Christians see Jesus as that "just shoot," who came to inaugurate the reign of God by doing right and practicing justice. Jesus, the "just shoot," is what we joyfully anticipate during the Advent season and celebrate fully at Christmas. Such joy and celebration brings with it the challenge of living justly, in imitation of the "just shoot" who chose to become fully one of us.

Paul in the second reading from the first letter to the Thessalonians prays that God may "strengthen our hearts" so as to "increase and abound in love for one another and for all." **It takes courage to live justly and to love unconditionally.** Yet, this is how God desires that we conduct ourselves. **Jesus is our model and our source of strength for living lives of justice. In living like Jesus, we cooperate with God in building up the reign of God.**

Luke's gospel asks us not to "become drowsy" in responding fully to God's call for living justly. We are challenged "to be vigilant" so that no matter when the Lord

returns, it should not be a surprise. The distress and calamities that will signal the Lord's return will not overwhelm us. **Rather, if we have practiced justice in our lives, then the Lord's return should be the occasion for standing erect and raising our heads to meet the Lord with great joy, for our "redemption is at hand."**

Biblical justice demands that we strive for right relationship with all people. Our lives should reflect God's love in terms of concern for others, so that all people are treated with dignity and respect. **The stranger, the oppressed, the marginalized and the powerless call upon us to uphold their rights as human beings deserving of dignity, respect and love.** In light of the world migration crisis in which people flee their home for fear of their lives and that of their children, what do today's readings demand of us? How will you respond? What if you were in the same situation as the migrants fleeing for their lives, how would you want others to respond as you knocked on their door for help and safety?

The Advent season is a time to begin anew our baptismal call to live lives of justice. The readings for this first Sunday of Advent call us to be faithful to our baptismal promises, challenging us to be alert, to watch, to be mindful of our call and allow it to impact our lives. As in the first reading, we too should act and live in such a manner that like the people of Jerusalem, we too can claim the name, "The Lord our justice."

As we begin a new year of grace, ask God to be with you as you commit yourself once more to live out our baptismal call to be people of justice. **Allow this Advent season to be a time for deepening your relationship to God, and for sharing God's love with all, especially the stranger and the migrant knocking at our doors.**

Biagio Mazza
Pastoral Associate

Readings



Bible Study

Sunday, December 2

1st Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Psalm: Psalm 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 (1b)

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Sunday, December 9

1st Reading: Baruch 5:1-9

Psalm: Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)

2nd Reading: Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

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 dates are Dec 9 and 23 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

El primer domingo de Adviento destaca una serie de acontecimientos en el calendario litúrgico de la iglesia. El Adviento comienza un nuevo año litúrgico junto con un nuevo ciclo leccionario, Año C, dedicado a una reflexión sobre el evangelio según San Lucas. **Este domingo inaugura la temporada de Adviento, los cuatro domingos de preparación y anticipación de la venida del Señor.**

Comenzamos nuestra preparación para celebrar la venida del Señor enfocándonos primero en la venida final de Cristo en los tiempos finales y, segundo, en que Jesús se convierta plenamente y completamente en uno de nosotros, la venida que celebramos con alegría en Navidad. Como ocurre con cualquier nuevo comienzo, las lecturas nos desafían a sacar lo mejor de este año, especialmente en términos de profundidad y crecimiento en nuestra relación con Dios, los demás y el mundo.

La primera lectura de Jeremías nos pide que recordemos que Dios promete estar con la gente para siempre. Dios nos llama a una relación y es fiel a esa relación sin importar nada. **A pesar del final de la línea Davídica con Sedequías, el último de los reyes Davídicos, la promesa de Dios de estar con la casa de David para siempre se actualizará.** Dios levantará de la casa de David "un vástago santo", quien "ejercerá la justicia y el derecho en la tierra". Como resultado de la presencia y acción de ese "vástago" de justicia viva, la tierra en sí se llamará "El Señor es nuestra justicia".

Los cristianos ven a Jesús como ese "vástago santo", que vino a inaugurar el reino de Dios haciendo el bien y practicando la justicia. Jesús, el "vástago santo", es lo que anticipamos con alegría durante la temporada de Adviento y celebramos plenamente

en Navidad. Dicha alegría y celebración conllevan el desafío de vivir con justicia, en imitación del "vástago santo" que eligió convertirse en uno de nosotros.

Pablo, en la segunda lectura de la primera carta a los tesalonicenses, ora para que Dios "conservar sus corazones" a fin de que "los llene y los haga rebosar de un amor mutuo y hacia todos los demás". **Se necesita valor para vivir con justicia y amar sin condiciones.** Sin embargo, así es como Dios desea que nos comportemos. **Jesús es nuestro modelo y nuestra fuente de fortaleza para vivir vidas de justicia.** Al vivir como Jesús, cooperamos con Dios para edificar el reino de Dios.

El evangelio de Lucas nos pide que estemos alertas para responder plenamente al llamado de Dios de vivir con justicia. Tenemos el desafío de velar para que sin importar cuándo regrese el Señor, no será una sorpresa. La angustia y las calamidades que marcarán el regreso del Señor no nos abrumarán. Más bien, **si hemos practicado la justicia en nuestras vidas, entonces el regreso del Señor debería ser la ocasión para mantenernos erguidos y elevar nuestras cabezas para encontrarnos con el Señor con gran alegría, ya que "se acerca la hora de nuestra liberación".**

La justicia bíblica exige que luchemos por una relación correcta con todas las personas.

Nuestras vidas deben reflejar el amor de Dios en términos de preocupación por los demás, para que todas las personas sean tratadas con dignidad y respeto. **El desconocido, el oprimido, el marginado y el impotente nos piden que defendamos sus derechos como seres humanos que merecen dignidad, respeto y amor.** **A la luz de la crisis migratoria mundial en la que las personas huyen de su hogar por temor a sus vidas**

y la de sus hijos, ¿qué nos exigen las lecturas de hoy? ¿Cómo responderá? ¿Qué pasaría si estuviera en la misma situación que los inmigrantes que huyen por sus vidas, cómo querría que respondieran los demás cuando toca su puerta para pedir ayuda y seguridad?

La temporada de Adviento es un momento para comenzar nuevamente nuestro llamado bautismal a vivir vidas de justicia. Las lecturas de este primer domingo de Adviento nos llaman a ser fieles a nuestras promesas bautismales, desafiándonos a estar alertas, a observar, a ser conscientes de nuestro llamado y permitir que afecte nuestras vidas. Al igual que en la primera lectura, nosotros también debemos actuar y vivir de tal manera que, como la gente de Jerusalén, también podamos declarar el nombre: "El Señor es nuestra justicia".

Al comenzar un nuevo año de gracia, pídale a Dios que esté con usted mientras se comprometa una vez más a vivir nuestro llamado bautismal de ser personas de justicia. **Permita que esta temporada de Adviento sea un momento para profundizar su relación con Dios, y para compartir el amor de Dios con todos, especialmente con el extranjero y el migrante que tocan a nuestras puertas.**

Biagio Mazza
Asociado Pastoral

Lecturas



Lecturas del Domingo, 2 de Diciembre

Primera Lectura: Jeremías 33:14-16
Salmo: Salmo 25:4bc-5ab, 8-9, 10 y 14
Segunda Lectura: 1 Tesalonicenses 3:12-4:2
Evangelio: Lucas 21:25-28, 34-36

Lecturas del Domingo, 9 de Diciembre

Primera Lectura: Baruc 5:1-9
Salmo: Salmo 126:1-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6
Segunda Lectura: Filipenses 1:4-6, 8-11
Evangelio: Lucas 3:1-6

Noticias Juveniles



Donas los Jueves por la Mañana! Cada jueves 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 6:45am para que los jóvenes pasen antes de la escuela.

¡Candidatos de la Confirmación! La próximo noche de Padrinos para la Confirmación será el 5 de diciembre, 7-8: 30pm en el Salón Parroquial. Se espera que todos los candidatos a la confirmación (jóvenes) y su padrino adulto 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 Juventud y ella estará encantada de encontrar a alguien para ti.

Noticias de la Escuela de Religión



¡Guarde la fecha!
Tendremos una fiesta familiar de Navidad para

todas las familias de la Escuela de Religión y de los 7º y 8º grados el miércoles 19 de diciembre a las 7 pm. ¡La diversión incluirá karaoke de música navideña y un intercambio de galletas! Más información por venir.

¡Desayuno con Santa Claus! La clase del segundo grado de la Escuela de Religión será la anfitriona de un Desayuno con Santa Claus el domingo, 9 de diciembre de las 8:30am-12:00pm. ¡Vengan a disfrutar de un desayuno de hot cakes y entreguen sus listas de deseos a Santa! Los adultos pagan \$10 cada uno, las familias pagan \$20 cada una. Niños de dos años o menos son gratis. Los fondos recaudados ayudarán a los niños a comprar regalos de Navidad para una familia necesitada.

Seguridad Infantil

La Diócesis de Kansas City-St. Joseph esta comprometida a luchar contra el abuso sexual en la Iglesia. Si usted es victima de abuso sexual, 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 victima tiene menos de 18 años de edad).
- 2) Póngase en contacto con su departamento de policía local o llame al 911.
- 3) Después de informarle a las autoridades de la orden civil y de leyes, reporte el abuso sexual del menor o del adulto vulnerable al Defensor del Pueblo Diocesano, Jenifer Valenti, al 816.812.2500 o a su correo electrónico, jennifervalenti@att.net, si el abuso implica a un sacerdote, diacono, empleado o voluntario de la Diócesis de Kansas City-St. Joseph.

La Diócesis tiene un sincero compromiso con los recursos del cuidado y la curación para las victimas de abuso sexual y a sus familias. Por favor póngase en contacto con la Defensora de Victimas, 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://kcsicatholic.org/the-office-of-child-and-youth-protection/>

Los Más Pequeños

Jim Burrows



Corresponsabilidad/Información

Donaciones por Internet

Sta. Sabina ofrece una opción de donar en línea para los feligreses y visitantes. Esta es una manera fácil, y segura de contribuir por internet. Para establecer una contribución única o recurrente: visite nuestro sitio web de la parroquia en www.stsabina.org, haga clic en el botón "Online Giving" en la parte superior derecha y llene el formulario de contribución en línea.

Apelaciones Anuales de la Parroquia y Diócesis

Ya que se acercan los días festivos, damos gracias a Dios por todas sus bendiciones para nosotros y nuestras familias. Agradecemos especialmente a las familias que han contribuido o se han comprometido a contribuir a nuestra renovación anual de corresponsabilidad y hacia nuestra meta parroquial para la Apelación Católica Anual. Si aún no lo ha hecho, por favor considere unirse a nuestros esfuerzos. Ningún regalo es demasiado pequeño.

Platicas Pre-Bautismales - 8 de Diciembre

Normalmente cada segundo Sábado del mes de las 10 am a la 1 pm. (Sólo para niños de 0-6 años.) Salón doble del área de educación. 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**

Misa del Día de Precepto

La Misa para La Inmaculada Concepción de la Santa María Virgen, será el viernes 7 de diciembre a las 6:00pm. La Misa es bilingüe. Esta es la única Misa que celebraremos para la Inmaculada Concepción. La Misa de las 4:00 el sábado 8 de diciembre será para el segundo domingo de Adviento, no para la Inmaculada Concepción.

La Iglesia Santa Sabina

Les invita a usted y su familia a nuestra celebración parroquial en honor de

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Miércoles, 12 de Diciembre del 2018

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6:45pm: Danzas de los Matachines
7:00pm: Misa en su Honor
8:00pm: Fiesta



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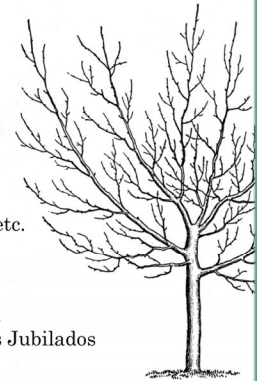


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Horarios de Misa

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Domingo: 8:00am y 10:30am en Ingles,
12:30pm en Español

Confesiones: Sábados, 3:00-3:30pm

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Primer Domingo de Adviento

2 de Diciembre, 2018