

Saint Sabina Catholic Church

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



Christmas - New Year's Mass Times

Christmas Eve, Thur. Dec 24

- 4:00pm in English
- 7:00pm in Spanish
- 10:00pm in English

Christmas Day, Wed. Dec 25

- 10:00am in English

New Year's Eve, Thur. Dec 31

The Solemnity of Mary the
Mother of God Vigil

- 6:00pm Bilingual

New Year's Day, Friday, January 1

The Solemnity of Mary the
Mother of God

- 10:00am in English

Pictured above are some of our parishioners and staff members who attended the Guadalupe Novena.

Mass Times

Saturday: 4:00pm in English
(Confessions at 3:00pm - 3:30pm)

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

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Parish Happenings

Las Posadas - December 20 - 1:30pm

All parishioners are invited to our annual celebration of Las Posadas on Sunday, December 20th after the 12:30 Mass. The children of our Hispanic Community will entertain us with a Christmas play and we will also re-enact the journey of Joseph and Mary as they search for shelter in Bethlehem. Bring a dish to share, come and enjoy tamales, piñatas, music, and the wonderful tradition of Las Posadas.

Diocesan Raffle for Image of Guadalupe

The Diocesan Youth Office is conducting a raffle for a beautiful image of Guadalupe. Each raffle ticket is \$2.00. Please call Kris in the parish office to purchase a ticket. All proceeds enable the diocese to help send Hispanic young adults to the March for Life Pilgrimage in Washington DC in January 2016. The drawing will be held on Sunday, December 20th at 2:30pm at Holy Cross Church. You do not need to be present to win.

Parish Raffle for 50" Magnavox Television

Our Romero Committee is conducting a raffle for a 50" Magnavox television. We will draw the winning ticket at the 12:30 Mass on Sunday, December 20th. To purchase a ticket, please contact Kris in the parish office. You do not need to be present to win. All proceeds go towards our 2016 Romero celebration.

Parents Lounge

Are you looking for a group that offers discussion on "parent-generated" topics, socialization, and participation in creating family friendly events at the parish? If you answered yes to any of these, then

Parents Lounge is for you! We meet Sundays from 9 - 10am (during PSR) in the Juan Diego room. Stop in, check it out, and enjoy some coffee and donuts while your kids are in class.

Blood Drive - January 10

Our next blood drive will be held on Sunday, January 10th from 8am - 1pm in the gym. Book your appointment today at savealifenow.org, enter sponsor code: `saintsabina`. For more information, please contact Michael Dailey at 816-853-8386 or mgdailey123@yahoo.com. Thanks to the Knights of Columbus for sponsoring this blood drive.

Guadalupe Play



Stewardship of Treasure - December 13

Envelopes/Sobres:	\$10,502.49
Plate/Canasta:	\$ 626.00
Maintenance-Upkeep:	\$ 796.00
Religious Retirement:	\$ 1,095.00
Guadalupe Mass:	\$ 1,588.61
Immaculate Conception:	\$ 773.00

“When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, ‘Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?

For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.”

Luke 1: 41-45

As we complete our preparations for the coming of the Lord at Christmas, we need to consider Mary’s total trust in God and her willingness to place her entire life at His service, and ours. If we can even be a fraction of the steward she was, we will be ready for Christ’s coming and better prepared to be disciples and good stewards. In the midst of our joy and celebration at this holy time, we, too, must bear in mind that we are called and chosen. - See more at www.catholicsteward.com/blog/

Stewardship of Treasure: Jesse Tree Collection

Thank you to all who donated to our Jesse Tree collections. We were able to help 11 parish families this year with your donations, and all of the extras went on to West Central Community Action Agency to help with their food pantry and Operation Santa program! Thanks to your generosity, many families in need will be helped this year.



Calendar

Sunday, December 20 - Domingo, 20 de Diciembre

Jesse Tree: Religious Retirement Collection

1:30pm Decorating Church for Christmas

1:30pm Las Posadas

Monday, December 21 - Lunes, 21 de Diciembre

5:30pm Marian Prayer Group

7:00pm Scouts Pack Meeting

7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, December 22 - Martes, 22 de Diciembre

6:00pm Mass

6:00pm Girl Scouts

Wednesday, December 23 - Miércoles, 23 de Diciembre

9:00am Legion of Mary

11:00am Mass at Carnegie Village

6:30pm Christmas Choir Practice

6:30pm Girl Scouts

7:30pm Choir Practice (10:30am Choir)

Thursday, December 24 - Jueves, 24 de Diciembre

Christmas Eve

Parish Office Closed/Oficina Parroquial Cerrada

4:00pm Christmas Eve Mass - English

7:00pm Misa de Nochebuena

10:00pm Christmas Eve Mass - English

Friday, December 25 - Viernes, 25 de Diciembre

Christmas Day

Parish Office Closed/Oficina Parroquial Cerrada

10:00am Christmas Day Mass - English

Saturday, December 26 - Sábado, 26 de Diciembre

3:00pm Confessions

4:00pm Mass

Sunday, December 27 - Domingo, 27 de Diciembre

8:00am Mass

10:30am Mass

12:30pm Misa en Español

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Intentions for December 21-25, 2015

Mon. 8am †Robert Rhodes
 Tues. 6pm †Lance Kelley Jr.
 Wed. 8am †Fr. Paul A. Blaes
 11am †George Bleier & his deceased family
 (Carnegie Village)

Christmas Eve Mass

Thurs. 4pm †Pat Simpson
 †Charles Bybee Sr. and Charles Bybee Jr.
 7pm †Bertha Lopez
 10pm †Anna White

Christmas Day Mass

Friday 10am Intentions of Jeanne Patterson

Saturday, December 26, 2015

4:00pm †Jim & Vera Hamburg

Sunday, December 27, 2015

8:00am †Janet Bremer
 10:30am Intentions of the Parish Family
 †Greg Cullen
 12:30pm Spanish †Alfredo Garcia Rojas

Pastoral Care

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

†Janet Bremer, aunt of Tracy Wheeler
 †Fred Jones, father of Richard Jones
 †Bob Rhodes, father of Judy Onderstal
 †Mary McGan, mother of Sandy Sloan

Prayer Requests Peticiones de Oración

Dick Anthony	Richard Estes	Melinda Pickens
Kelly Anthony	Butch Ford	Mary Renfro
Bev Bell	Dick Garnier	Marjorie Rhodes
Pauline Bellm	Laverne Harlow	Austin Richards
Sheryll Bentley	Cherie Hatfield	Patricia Smith
John Bidondo	Bart Henke	Joe Stanley
Allie Biondo	Mary Ellen Hermann	Noah Stanley
Richard Borris	Richard Hoedl	Teresa Starks
Gretchen Butler	Kelly Jordon	Bill Sullivan
Chlorine Bunch	Kelsey Krum	Jean Tate
Georgene Caoile	Vernita Linenberger	Ruth Tayler
Marvin Cohen	Beverly Little	Bob Westfall
Joseph Coots	Jo Locke	Mary Westfall
Tyler Corlew	Gloria McLaughlin	Carmitia Yust
Donna Dailey	Nadine Monnig	Berenice Zayas
Margaret Dellaguardia	Helen Muenks	Pablo Zayas
Margo Dellaguardia	Gary Palmer	
Paul DeMar	Thelma Palmer	
Frances DiGeorge	George Panebianco	
Heather Dull	Joni Peel	

Please remember the sick and homebound of our parish family in your daily prayers!

Anointing the Sick

If you suffer from a chronic illness, the affect of advanced years or have an upcoming surgery and wish to receive the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick please let Fr. Jeff or Fr. Curt know at the Mass you attend and they will be happy to celebrate the sacrament with you.

If you have questions or would like to schedule it ahead of time, please call Marta Roper in the parish office at 816-979-3154.

Nursing Home Mass Schedule

All are welcome at our nursing home and senior center Masses. For more information, contact Marta Roper at 816-979-3154 or marta@stsabinaparish.org.

Dec 23 11:00am	Carnegie Village
Dec 30 8:00am	St. Sabina Parish
Jan 6 10:30am	Beautiful Savior
Jan 13 10:00am	Rehabilitation Center of Raymore
Jan 20 10:00am	Foxwood Springs

Social Justice

Fair Trade items still available!

We still have fair trade coffee and chocolate available for sale. You can find it in the display in the entrance to the Wellness Center. You may also contact Bridget Hernandez in the parish office if you would like to know what is still available.



School of Religion

No Parish School of Religion classes from Dec 13 - Jan 3!

Our School of Religion will be closed the following Sundays for Winter break: Dec 13, Dec 20, Dec 27, and Jan 3. Classes will resume on Sunday January 10th! Have a blessed Winter break!

Children's Liturgy Sunday will be on January 17th!

Children from our parish are invited to be Lectors, Ushers, Greeters and Gift Bearers at a Mass each month. Our next Mass date is Sunday, January 17th at the 10:30am Mass. Please contact Kirstie

Roberts if your child would like to sign up for this ministry.

Form for Communication with Minors

Parents and guardians must now sign a form giving permission for St. Sabina staff, specifically the Youth Director, Kirstie Roberts to respond to text messages, emails and phone calls from the youth of the parish. These forms are available in the back of the church with the PSR registrations and in the Youth Office.

Christmas Poinsettia Thanks

Thank you to all that have made donations for the beautiful poinsettia plants which have been placed in the church in memory of the following:

José G. Echevarria, Damiana Campoverde, María C. Campoverde, Bob Meiron, George Pierce, Joe Falco, Sr., Charlie and Carrio Carrollo, Lisa Ninci Denney, Kathryn Eidenhammer, William Hare, Dan Barberis, Robert Rose, Sr., John Sellmeyer, Casey Pointer, Fabian Villareal, Claudia Wilbur, Mike Villareal, Dorothy Wilbur, Martha and Arthur Anthony, Cierra Anthony, Harvey Joe Castañeda, Jay, Maria, Maggie, Ernest McDougal, Carl Parrott, Della White, Billy Caruthers, Gene and Agnes McEwen, Marty Glatz, Mary Pat Ahlfeldt, Mary Teresa Grosko, Walter Zmuda, James and Bernadine Martin, Carol, Rose, Mary, and Denny Martin, Albert and Loritta Verhulst, L. James Wolfe, John C. Mayabb, Ivan Dull, Gayle and Clyde Holder, Gertrude and Raymond Friedl, Betty Autrey, Frank Ranes, Mary Shelby, Kathleen Muder, Juan G. Gogue, Magdalena K. Gogue, Regina F. Gogue, Charlie Shelby, Nona Strassk, Harold L. Brown, The Morrison Family, The Littler Family, Helen Ralston, Brandon Dennis and Ralph and Mary Iseman.

Youth Ministry

Confirmation Sponsor

Night Your next meeting will be January 13th in the Parish Hall from 7-8:30pm. If your sponsor is unable to attend the meeting, you must still be present. If you need help finding a sponsor, please call Kirstie in the Youth Office.

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 to help fight hunger in our community. We will be taking a group of 5 people on the third Thursday of each month. If you would like to volunteer, call or email Kirstie in the Youth Office to sign up. This ministry is open to all ages! Our next date is January 21st from 6-8pm.

High School Sports Lock-In

On January 16th we are packing up and heading to Legacy Park in Lee's Summit

for an overnight of fun! There will be swimming, basketball, volleyball, racket ball, a movie room, game room and a room for pizza and snacks. We will leave St. Sabina at 8pm on the 16th and go to St. Margaret's church for Mass and then head next door to begin the Lock In. We will return to St. Sabina at 6:30am on Sunday morning. The cost is \$20 per person. Boys are to bring a 2 liter of pop to share and girls are to bring a snack (chips or cookies) to share. You are welcome to bring a friend and everyone must have permission slips which are available in the Youth Office and on the parish website. If any parents can help with driving or chaperoning, please contact Kirstie Roberts, 816-979-3155.

Junior High Youth!

Our next meetings will be January 6th and 20th, from 7-8:30pm in the Parish Hall.

High School & Confirmation Youth

Our next meetings are Sunday, January 10th and 24th from 7-8:30pm.

Child Safety

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combating 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, Jennifer Valenti, at 816.812.2500 or JenniferValenti@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).

Wellness Center

Nutrition Quiz: At a cocktail party

- A. Broccoli and dip
- B. Goat cheese and crackers
- C. Shrimp cocktail

"The shrimp platter is where you'll find me at any party," says Susan Kleiner, PhD Registered Dietitian and author of *Power Eating*. She is a fan of the crustacean's high B12 content (five large shrimp provide 19 percent of your recommended dietary allowance). Broccoli's benefits are all but negated by the fat-laden mystery dip at most parties. And while goat cheese may

have fewer calories than other popular varieties, one ounce contains six grams of saturated fat-roughly, one-third your daily limit. That makes it a snack worth skipping. And the final tip before attending that party, eat a protein snack before you go. It is much easier to not overeat when you aren't ravenous.

Cheers!

Wellness Center Class Schedule

Monday:	Yoga Basics 1- 2pm Gentle Yoga 2 - 3pm Yoga 6 - 7pm
Tuesday:	Strength & Stretch 1- 2pm Gentle Stretch & Strength 2 - 3pm
Wednesday:	Yoga Basics 1- 2pm Gentle Yoga 2 - 3pm Strength & Restore 6 - 7pm
Thursday:	Christmas Eve - CLOSED
Friday:	Christmas Day - CLOSED
Saturday:	CLOSED

Area Information

Diocesan healing prayer services

The diocese continues to reach out to those impacted by abuse by offering healing services. The next services will be held at St. Anthony Parish on Monday January 11th at 7:00 p.m., 318 Benton Boulevard, Kansas City and at St. Margaret Parish on Thursday February 4th at 7:00 p.m., 777 NE Blackwell Road, Lee's Summit.

Support our Seminarians Dinner

The 23rd annual "SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS" Benefit Dinner is dedicated to Our Lady of Kibeho, Rwanda, and the Rosary of the Seven Sorrows of Mary. It is scheduled for Friday, January 29, 2016. This event benefits seminarians from the Archdiocese of Kansas City, Kansas, the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph and Conception Seminary College. It promises to be an evening filled with fun and laughter, celebrating our Catholic faith, dining on wonderful food, and socializing with our priests and seminarians! We have a wonderful speaker this year,

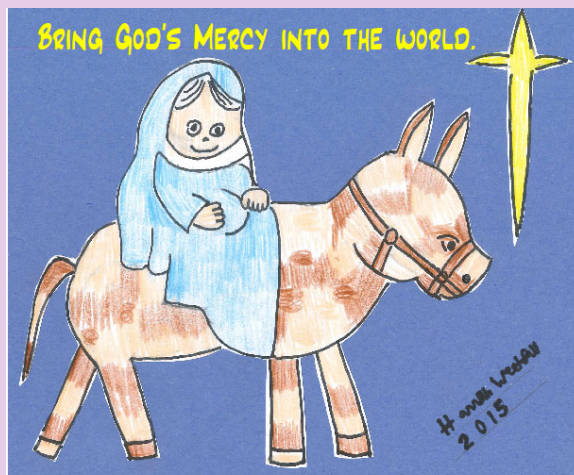
Monsignor Stuart Swetland, who is President of Donnelly College in Kansas City, KS. S.O.S. will be held at the Union Station, 30 West Pershing Road, Kansas City, Missouri 64108. The reservation price is \$175.00 per person at tables of ten people. To reserve your place, or an entire table, or donate to the marketplace or VIP silent auction, contact Martha Hodes at 913.207.9893 ormmh66@sbcglobal.net.

Guardian Angels Christmas Concert & Carols

- **What:** "The Mercy of God"
- **When:** December 20th at 2:00pm
- **Where:** Guardian Angels Church, 1310 Westport Rd. KCMO 64111

Pre-concert music begins at approximately 1:30 pm provided by Kansas City Kansas Community Orchestra. Come join us and expe-

rience the Mercy of God through music and narration. Get into the Christmas Spirit with inspirational songs for the Season. Free to the public with donations graciously accepted.



Guardian Angels 26th Annual Christmas Concert & Carols

"The Mercy of God"

When: December 20th at 2:00 pm
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Kansas City, Mo 64111

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Get into the Christmas Spirit with inspirational songs for the Season.

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Reflection on the Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year C

This fourth Sunday of Advent surfaces the theme of expectation, anticipation and immediate preparation for God's eternal desire to take on our human flesh. God became one of us. Each of the readings speaks of the longing for God and the overwhelming joy of that longing fulfilled in the person of Jesus.

The prophet Micah, writing during the Babylonian exile of the people from their land, announces that from insignificant places and lowly status, the promised one of God would come to restore the people to their land and to bring about God's peace. The connection with Bethlehem and with one born of woman indicate the longing of the people for God's anointed, for one like us who would bring peace to the land and be Israel's true shepherd.

The second reading from the letter to the Hebrews presents Jesus as the Christ, God's anointed, who came into the world to do God's will. Christ was so attuned to God that he was able to model for us, as a full human being, what God desired of us. To do God's will is to be attuned to God's perspective, allowing God's mindset to influence, direct and shape our lives.

In the reading from Luke, we honor two women who in their own way "saw" God face to face, attuned themselves to God's will and allowed it to shape their lives. Mary allowed God to take flesh in her life while Elizabeth, in her old age, would give birth to John, who would prepare the way for God's coming. Both were prepared to cooperate in God's

plan, willing to do God's will no matter the challenges. Through them, God was able to come fully as one of us.

This Sunday we too express our longing for and anticipation of that coming, by calling upon God to allow us to "see your face." It was usually understood that God was so beyond our experience and comprehension that humans could not "see" God and live. Even Moses, God's chosen one, had to be careful on Mt. Sinai so as not to be overwhelmed by the presence of God.

However, the refrain from responsorial Psalm 80 asks God to allow us that very intimacy. This Sunday we are invited to sing, "Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved." This is the perennial paradox of all religious experience. God is mystery beyond all human comprehension. Yet our human desire, yearning and longing is to plumb the depths of such mystery. In striving to fulfill that desire, the lurking danger is that we might not be prepared or able to be one with God. That is where the wisdom of the psalm refrain dominates this Sunday.

Throughout this Advent season, we have been joyfully anticipating God's coming into our lives as the judge at the end time, as the baby at Christmas, and as the one whose constant presence suffuses our daily lives. But that anticipation also calls for adequate preparation so that the encounter with the living God is a fruitful one, enriching our lives.

As the readings during all of Advent have stressed, this preparation involves living and

Readings

Sunday, December 20, 2015

1st Reading: Micah 5:1-4a

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

2nd Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10

Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

Sunday, December 27, 2015

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

Psalm: Psalms 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

2nd Reading: 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

Gospel: Luke 2:41-52



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 are offering study sessions that will provide an opportunity to read, to study background to the readings, and to reflect on how to apply the readings to our lives. **We will gather on December 20th at 10:30am.** All are welcome. Bring a Bible and a friend. To register for these sessions, please call Biagio at 816-979-3153.

acting justly in all our dealings. We are challenged to live justly and it demands much of us. That is why the psalm calls upon God to help us turn our faces and hearts toward God so that we may fully encounter the face of God and live.

How have you turned your face and heart toward God this Advent Season? How have you lived lives suffused with justice? Even at this late date, the psalm reminds us that with God, it is never too late to turn towards God and experience the fullness of God. So what are you waiting for?

Biagio Mazza,
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Happy Anniversary

Jose Damian & Maria Albor	6 Years!	12/26/2009
Tom & Susan Rolli	10 Years!	12/26/2005
Mike & Janet Kimble	12 Years!	12/23/2003
Jorge & Carmen Damian	13 Years!	12/21/2002
Alberto & Maria Mancha	14 Years!	12/23/2001
John & Janet Dailey	15 Years!	12/21/2000
Jose Luis Castillo & Reyna Razo	16 Years!	12/23/1999
Ed & Gwen McGuire	16 Years!	12/22/1989
Angel & Maria Rocha	18 Years!	12/26/1997
Luis & Maria Hinojos	19 Years!	12/21/1996
Jason & Steph Jones	19 Years!	12/21/1996
Alfredo & Elvia Torres	25 Years!	12/23/1990
Anthony & Sandra Coyazo	27 Years!	12/26/1988
Terry & Mary Eppert	47 Years!	12/21/1968

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Reflexión sobre el Cuarto Domingo de Adviento, Ciclo C

Este cuarte Domingo de Adviento emerge el tema de las expectativas, anticipación y preparación inmediata por la voluntad eterna de Dios de asumir nuestra carne humana. Dios se convirtió en uno de nosotros. Cada una de las lecturas habla del anhelo de Dios y la inmensa alegría de ese anhelo cumplido en la persona de Jesús.

El profeta Miqueas, escribiendo durante el exilio babilónico de la gente de su tierra, anuncia que el Dios prometido vendría a restaurar a la gente de sus tierras y traría la paz de Dios desde los lugares más insignificantes e humildes. La conexión con Belén y uno nacido de la mujer indican el anhelo del pueblo de Dios de ser ungidos, porque uno como nosotros traería paz a la tierra y sería el verdadero pastor de Israel.

La segunda lectura de la carta a los Hebreos presenta a Jesús como el Cristo, el ungido de Dios, quien vino al mundo para hacer la voluntad de Dios. Cristo estaba tan en sintonía con Dios que él fue capaz de servir como ejemplo para nosotros, como ser humano, lo que Dios desea de nosotros. Hacer la voluntad de Dios es estar en sintonía con la perspectiva de Dios, permitiendo que el pensar de Dios nos influía, nos dirija y le dé forma a nuestras vidas.

En la lectura de Lucas, honramos a dos mujeres, quienes a su manera “vieron” a Dios cara a cara, en sintonía con la voluntad de Dios y le permitieron darle forma a sus vidas. María le permitió a Dios tomar carne en su vida, mientras que Isabel, en su vejez, daría a luz a Juan, quien prepararía el camino para le venida de Dios. Ambas estaban dispuestas a cooperar con

el plan de Dios, dispuestas a hacer la voluntad de Dios sin importar los retos. A través de ellas, Dios pudo ser plenamente uno de nosotros.

Este domingo, nosotros también expresamos nuestro anhelo y anticipación por esa venida, pidiéndole a Dios que nos permita “ver su rostro.” Se suele entender que Dios era tan allá de nuestras experiencias y comprensión que los humanos no podían “ver” a Dios y vivir. Incluso Moisés, el elegido de Dios, tuvo que tener cuidado en el monte de Sinaí para no ser agobiado por la presencia de Dios.

Sin embargo, el estribillo del Salmo 80 le pide a Dios que nos permita esa intimidad. Este domingo se nos invita a cantar, “Señor dirígenos hacia ti; permítenos ver tu rostro y seremos salvos.” Esta es la paradoja perenne de toda experiencia religiosa. Dios es el misterio más allá de toda comprensión humana. Sin embargo, nuestro deseo humano, con nostalgia y anhelando llegar a los más profundo de este misterio. Al esforzarnos para cumplir ese deseo, el peligro que nos acecha es que poder estar listos para ser uno con Dios. Ahí es donde la sabiduría del refrán del salmo domina este Domingo.

A lo largo de esta temporada de Adviento, hemos estado anticipando con gozo la venida de Dios en nuestras vidas como el juez en el momento final, como él bebe de Navidad, y como aquel que cuya presencia constantemente cubre nuestra vida diaria. Pero esa anticipación también exige una preparación adecuada para que el encuentro con Dios sea fructífero, enriqueciendo nuestras vidas.

Como las lecturas durante todo el Adviento han acentuado, esta preparación consiste con vivir y actuar justamente en todas nuestras relaciones. Tenemos el desafío de vivir justamente y eso exige mucho de cada uno de nosotros. Por eso el Salmo le pide a Dios que nos ayude a voltear nuestros rostros y corazones hacia Dios para poder encontrar plenamente el rostro de Dios y vivir.

¿De qué manera usted le ha dado la cara y corazón a Dios esta temporada de Adviento? ¿Cómo usted ha vivido cubierto de la justicia? Incluso a estas alturas, el salmo nos recuerda que con Dios, nunca es demasiado tarde para voltear hacia Dios y experimentar la plenitud de Dios. ¿Entonces, que espera?

Biagio Mazza
Asociado Pastoral



Lecturas

Lecturas del Domingo, 20 de Diciembre

Primera Lectura: Miqueas 5:1-4a

Salmo: Salmo 79:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19

Segunda Lectura: Hebreos 10:5-10

Evangelio: Lucas 1:39-45

Lecturas del Domingo, 27 de Diciembre

Primera Lectura: 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

Salmo: Salmo 127:1-2, 3, 4-5

Segunda Lectura: 1 Juan 3:1-2, 21-24

Evangelio: Lucas 2:41-52



Escuela de Religión

No habrá clases de Religión para los niños los domingos 13, 20, y 27 de Diciembre ni el 3 de Enero, 2016

Nuestra Escuela de Religión estará cerrada los domingos 13, 20, y 27 de Diciembre y el 3 de Enero, debido a nuestras vacaciones de invierno. Las clases comenzaran de nuevo el Domingo, 10 de Enero del 2016. Que tengan una Feliz Navidad y un Prospero Año Nuevo.

Formas de Comunicación con Menores

Padres y guardianes deben de llenar una forma dándole permiso al personal de Santa Sabina, especialmente a la directora de los Jóvenes, Kirstie Roberts, para ella poder responder a cualquier mensaje de texto, correo electrónico o llamadas de teléfono de parte de los jóvenes de nuestra parroquia. Estas formas están disponibles en la Oficina.

Todas las personas que son voluntarios con los jóvenes o 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)

Ministerio Juvenil

Jóvenes de High School o Confirmación

Sus juntas serán el 10 y el 24 de Enero en el salón Parroquial 7-8:30pm.

Jóvenes de Junior High

Sus próximas juntas serán el Miércoles, 6 y 20 de Enero de 7-8:30pm.

Noche de Padrinos de Confirmación

Su primer noche de Padrinos de Confirmación será el Miércoles, 13 de Enero de 7-8:30pm. Un padrino de Confirmación es un adulto Confirmado en la fe Católica, que no sean los padres del joven y que estén en buenos términos con su Iglesia.

Marcha Pro-Vida 2016 en Washington, DC

Los jóvenes adultos hispanos del Comité Diocesano de la Pastoral Juvenil Hispana les invitamos a todos ustedes a apoyarnos con sus oraciones y en nuestras actividades pro-fondos para poder representar a nuestra comunidad en la Marcha Pro Vida 2016 en Washington DC, y para comenzar el proceso de construir Ministerios de Respeto a la Vida en nuestras comunidades Hispánas.

Estaremos ofreciendo en Pre Venta tamales y boletos de rifa del Cuadro de la Virgen de Guadalupe en las parroquias los próximos dos fines de semana en las misas de domingo. Una docena de tamales por \$15 Dólares. Un boleto de Rifa \$2 o 3 Boletos de Rifa por \$5. También aceptamos sus donaciones generosas. Si quiere más información, llame a Edith Montes al 816-756-1850.

Noche de deportes! El 16 de Enero tomaremos un viaje a Legacy Park en Lee's Summit para una noche de diversión! Habrá natación, baloncesto, voleibol,

racket ball, una sala de cine, sala de juegos y sala de pizza y bocadillos. Saldremos de Santa Sabina a las 8pm el 16 de Enero e iremos a la iglesia St. Margaret para la Misa esa noche y después iremos al parque Legacy que se encuentra al lado de la iglesia. Regresaremos a Santa Sabina el Domingo a las 6:30am. El costo por persona será \$20. Los muchachos deben traer un litro de soda para compartir y las muchachas un bocadillo como chips o galletas para compartir. Le invitamos a traer a un amigo, todas la personas que asistirán deben tener una forma de permiso firmada por sus padres, estas formas se encuentran en la oficina y también en nuestra pagina web.

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, o 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), 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 victimas de abuso sexual y a sus familias. Por favor póngase en contacto con la Defensora de Victimias, Kathleen Chastain al 816.392.0011 o chastain@diocesekcsj.org para mas información.

Información de la Zona

Rifa Diocesana de Imágenes de la Virgen de Guadalupe

La Oficina de Jóvenes Diocesana estará rifando una hermosa imagen de la Virgen de Guadalupe. Cada ticket de rifa costará \$2.00. Por favor llámeme a Kris al 816-979-3151 para comprar su ticket de rifa. Todos los fondos recaudados serán para que la Diócesis pueda ayudar a mandar jóvenes Hispánicos a la Marcha de Peregrinación de Vida en Washington, DC en Enero del 2016. La rifa se llevará a cabo el Domingo, 20 de Diciembre a las 2:30 en la Iglesia Holy Cross. No necesita estar presente para ganar.

Alcohólicos Anónimos

El Grupo Fe y Decisión se reúne cada Lunes, Miércoles, y Viernes de 7:00pm-8:30pm a 708 Main St., Grandview, MO.

Para más información, llame 816-721-0594 o 816-682-7210. Creer tener problemas con la bebida? Ven, nosotros te podemos ayudar.



Justicia Social

Productos de Comercio Justo todavía disponibles!

Todavía tenemos café y chocolate del comercio justo disponibles para la venta. Se los puede encontrar en la entrada del Centro de Bienestar. También se puede comunicar con Bridget Hernández en la oficina parroquial si le gustaría saber de cuales tenemos todavía.



Corresponsabilidad

Al acercarnos a la fiesta de la Natividad, nosotros escuchamos dos veces la gran proclamación de corresponsabilidad en la segunda lectura de hoy de la Carta a los Hebreos: “¡Heme aquí, para cumplir tu voluntad, Oh Dios!” ¿Quién es este Jesús? ¿Quiénes somos nosotros que debemos seguirle? Muchos le quieren como un amigo, un guía, un rey, un abogado. Nosotros anhelamos ver el rostro de Dios. Jesús revela la naturaleza de Dios, el siervo enviado para darnos nueva vida en la casa de Dios.

Tome tiempo para considerar estas preguntas: ¿tenemos nosotros el valor para seguir a Jesús? ¿Reflexionamos sobre la naturaleza de Dios en nuestra vida diaria? ¿Estamos dispuestos a decir confiadamente, “heme aquí, Señor, para hacer tu voluntad?”

Tesoro:

Colecta del Árbol de Jesé

Gracias a todos quienes donaron a nuestras colectas del Árbol de Jesé. Pudimos ayudar a 11 familias este año con sus donaciones, y las demás se entregó a West Central Community Action Agency para ayudar con su banco de comida y programa de Operación Santa Claus!

Información Parroquial

Las Posadas - 20 de Dic - 1:30pm

La Parroquia les invita a nuestra Posada Navideña el Domingo, 20 de Diciembre. Los niños de la parroquia nos entretendrán con una obra de Navidad y vamos a recrear el viaje de José y María en su búsqueda de refugio en Belén. Por favor traiga a sus niños y un platillo para compartir. Venga y disfrute de piñatas, música, y la maravillosa tradición de Las Posadas. Para más detalles e información, por favor comuníquese con Kris en la oficina al 816-979-3151.

Rifa para Televisión 50" Magnavox

Nuestro Comité Romero estará rifando una televisión Magnavox de 50". La rifa se llevara acabo el Domingo, 20 de Diciembre después de la Misa de las 12:30pm, cada ticket de rifa costara \$5. Para comprar una rifa por favor comuníquese con Kris en la oficina. No necesita estar presente el día de la rifa para ganar. Todos los fondos recaudados serán para nuestra celebración de Romero en el 2016.

Donación de Sangre - 10 de Enero

Nuestro próximo evento para donar sangre se llevara a cabo el Domingo, 10 de Enero de las 8am - 1pm en el gimnasio. Puede hacer su

cita en la pagina web savealifenow.org, el código de patrocinador es: saintsabina. Para mas información, por favor comuníquese con alguien en la oficina parroquial al 816-331-4713. Gracias a los Caballeros de Colon por patrocinar este evento.

Horarios de Misa de Navidad y de Año Nuevo

Nuestros horarios de Misas para Navidad son los siguientes:

Nochebuena, Jueves, 24 de Diciembre

4:00pm en Ingles
7:00pm en Español
10:00pm en Ingles

Navidad, Viernes, 25 de Diciembre

10:00am en Ingles

Víspera del Año Nuevo, Jueves, 31 de Diciembre

La Solemnidad de María, La Vigilia de la Madre de Dios 6:00pm
Bilingüe

Año Nuevo, Jueves, 1 de Enero

La Solemnidad de María la madre de Dios 10:00am en Ingles



Platicas

Platicas Pre-bautismales - 9 de Enero

Normalmente cada Segundo Sábado del mes de las 10 am a 1 pm (Sólo para Niños de 0-6 años) Salón de juntas. Sótano de la Parroquia. Para niños mayores de 7 años requerirán una formación especial.

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

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Horarios de la Oficina: 9:00am-5:00pm, Lunes - Jueves y 9:00am-1:00pm, Viernes



Gracias a todos nuestros feligreses quienes participaron en nuestra celebración del Día de la Virgen de Guadalupe.

Horarios de Misa

Sábado: 4:00pm en Ingles
(Confesiones de 3:00pm - 3:30pm)

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

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