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



Pictured are our RCIA candidates at the Rite of Acceptance on December 9 at 10:30 Mass.

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.



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Mass Intentions for the Week

Intentions for December 31-January 4, 2019

Mon.	6pm	†Alfredo Carrasco
Tues.	10am	†Mary Ann Hall
Wed.	10:30am	†Laurence Blanton
Thurs.	8am	†Theo Suwito
Fri.	8am	†Lynn Morgan

Saturday, January 5, 2019

4:00pm Intentions of Our Parish Family

Sunday, January 6, 2019

8:00am	†Barbara Burdick
	†Ernest Garnier
10:30am	Intentions of the Altar Society
12:30pm Spanish	†Alfredo Carrasco
	Intenciones de Cristobal Mosso Ramos

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

†Ed Fenske, father-in-law of Becky Fenske

†Alfredo Carrasco, padre del Rosy Borja, Irma Meza y Alfredo Carrasco

†Lynn Morgan, mother of Shelli Miller



Calendar/Information

Sunday, December 30 - Domingo, 30 de Diciembre

7:30am Knights Family Rosary
10:00am Knights Family Rosary
11:00am Ensayo del Coro Hispano

Monday, December 31 - Lunes, 31 de Diciembre

New Year's Eve/Fin de Año
4:00pm Uplift
6:00pm Holy Day Mass—Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Tuesday, January 1 - Martes, 1 de Enero

New Year's Day/Año Nuevo
Parish Office Closed/Oficina Parroquial Cerrada
10:00am Holy Day Mass—Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Wednesday, January 2 - Miércoles, 2 de Enero

9:00am Legion of Mary
10:30am Mass at Beautiful Savior
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (4:00 and 10:30 groups)
7:00pm Knights Business Meeting

Thursday, January 3 - Jueves, 3 de Enero

9:30am Piecemakers Quilting Group
7:00pm RCIA/RICA
8:00pm Choir Rehearsal (8:00 group)

Friday, January 4 - Viernes, 4 de Enero

8:30am Adoration

Saturday, January 5 - Sábado, 5 de Enero

3:00pm Confessions

Sunday, January 6 - Domingo, 6 de Enero

9:00am PSR/Parents Lounge
10:30am Taller de Hechura de Piñatas
11:00am Ensayo del Coro Hispano
11:00am Escuela de Religión
1:30pm Reyes Magos
7:00pm Confirmation and High School Youth Group

Holy Day Mass Times—Mary, Mother of God

Monday, December 31: 6:00pm Mass in English
Tuesday, January 1: 10:00am Mass in English

Parish Office Closed

Our parish office will be closed on January 1 in observance of New Year's Day.

Manos Amigas Update

Merry Christmas everyone!

It's an other cold winter season in Anapra. Getting well below freezing some nights. We've raised enough donations to provide heating sources (firewood and gas) for 3 months for over 26 elderly and have partnered with a prayer group from Lakeland church in Lee's Summit to provide an additional month as the cold season is longer this year.

Donations Needed:

However, we are still in need of donations for Christmas dinner baskets for families in need. A \$50 donation provides a food basket for a family of 4. Our goal for the season is \$3,500. If you'd like to make a donation, checks can be written to 'Manos Amigas' and mailed to St. Sabina.

Thank you all for your continued support! This mission is a collaborative effort!

Take Advantage of 'Silent Days for Retreat'

Throughout 2019, Marillac Center, Leavenworth, Kan., will offer silent days for retreat, providing time for quiet, Mass, rest, relaxation, reading, prayer and journaling. The first silent days for retreat are set for Jan. 11 to 13. Registration fee is \$150 and covers overnight accommodations and meals. \$15 deposit requested at time of registration. Spiritual direction available for an additional \$40. To register, visit www.marillaccenter.org; email retreats@scls.org; or call 913-680-2342. Scholarships are available.

From Catholic Charities

As we near the end of 2018, many of us look at how we spent the last 12 month and realize that we wish we had done more to share our many blessings. This is your chance to make that wish come true! Catholic Charities KCSJ is currently conducting our Year End Appeal. If you have generously donated before, you may have already received an email from us. If you're new to learning about all the great things Catholic Charities accomplishes, please go to www.helpkara.com to witness how quickly the lives of our clients can change and to read about our programs. You can also donate directly from this link. Please do what you can to help; the need is great.



Parish Information

This Week's Do You Know Video:

As we peer into Latin American Christmas



customs and traditions, this week's DYK video talks about the tradition of Las Pastorelas. Similar to Las Posadas, Las Pastorelas is a retelling and reenactment of the Christmas story from the shepherds' point of view. Las Pastorelas were used by the missionaries to the New World to teach, catechize and entertain the natives about bible stories and Christian teachings. Beginning with the angels' announcement of Jesus' birth to the shepherds, the plot unfolds around the shepherds' journey to Bethlehem to see the baby Jesus. Lucifer and his minions attempt to prevent them from doing so. The demons tempt the shepherds with vices from the seven deadly sins, namely drunkenness, laziness or sloth and lust. Some of the shepherds are severely tempted to give up on their journey to Jesus, but something or someone always snaps them out of their temptation and they pursue their journey. There is plenty of humor and comic interactions throughout, but ultimately the demons are unsuccessful in diverting the shepherds from their journey. Finally, Lucifer appears to force the shepherds off their journey, but Michael the Archangel also appears and drives out Lucifer, and the shepherds are able to complete their journey, see Jesus, adore him and announce the good news to all. Make time to view this week's DYK video and learn the lesson of Las Pastorelas, that evil will always attempt to divert us from God, but God consistently helps and guides us on our journey to be with God.

happy birthday

Alexander Arreola	Hector Hernandez	Ana Palomares
Guadalupe Ayala	Josue Hinojos	Itzel Perez
Ramona Benitez	Yamilet Huerta	Josafat Placencia
Renee Biondo	Tom Iseman	Diana Ramirez
Elizabeth Breier	Isabel Jaimes	Reina Razo
Maria Candia	Claude Jewell	Luis Rocha
Anthony Cedillo	Kathy Kratoofil	Eliceo Rocha
Cristin Coakley	Julie Lafata	Mercedes Rosa
Monte Crosby	Sue Lager	Conner Scott
Donna Dailey	Robert Lang	Mercy Segovia
Enrique Esparza	Shari Lindsay	Kurt Shatford
Cezar Franco	Marina Lopez	Jeff Shields
Adriana Garcia	Shelby Lueckenotto	Laurie Sigman
Maria Garcia	Hailey Lueckenotto	Larry Spencer
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Marie Graves	Mary Madrigal	Rosa Torres
McKenna Griggs	Jordan Martin	Jose Valenzuela
William Guardado	Nancy Meiron	Janet Villalobos
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		Mary Weber
		Jerry Wilburn
		Maria Zuñiga

Welcoming the Poor, the Outcast and the Stranger II

Luke-Acts and its Challenge to the Modern World

Wed. Evenings, Jan. 9, 16, 23 & 30, 7-9pm

Repeated Thur. Mornings, Jan. 10, 17, 24 & 31, 10am-Noon

On the first Sunday of Advent, 2018, we began a new Liturgical year focused on the Gospel according to Luke. Luke is the author of a two volume work, the gospel and the Acts of the Apostles. In both volumes Luke's key concern is hospitality towards all, especially the poor, the stranger, the marginalized, and those rejected.

These sessions will jump off the Gospel of Luke as a means of exploring his second volume, the Acts of the Apostles. Starting with the Ascension and Pentecost, Luke focuses the bulk of Acts on two key followers of Jesus, Peter and Paul. Table fellowship, eating with Gentiles, Jew and Gentile relationship and discipleship – all play a key role in Acts. Modeling themselves on Jesus, his early followers struggled to welcome the poor, the migrant and the stranger to fellowship meals, and how to cross boundaries and build community with all people. Many of the issues that the early followers of Jesus faced are issues that we still struggle with today, especially with regards to welcoming strangers at the table and building relationships with all regardless of differences.

The sessions will be facilitated by Biagio Mazza, Pastoral Associate, St. Sabina Parish. To register, call Biagio at 816-979-3153 or e-mail at biagio@stsabinaparish.org

Green Team Tip of the Week

Follow Pope Francis and make changes to live lighter on the Earth in 2019! <http://greenabilitymagazine.com/blog/2018/01/green-life-10-new-years-resolutions/>.

Happy Anniversary

James and Ann Morales	52 Years!	12/31/1966
Eliceo and Maria Rocha	52 Years!	1/1/1967
Lou and Sue Scaccia	38 Years!	1/3/1981
Carlos and Maria Arroyo	29 Years!	12/31/1989
Jesus and Rosa Torres	28 Years!	1/5/1991
Jaime Perez and Doraída Aguirre	25 Years!	12/31/1993
Ramon and Isela Gomez	23 Years!	12/31/1995
Ruben Oropeza and Hortensia Vazquez	16 Years!	1/6/2003
Derek and Sarah Noble	5 Years!	1/4/2014



Over 55 Christmas Party



Pastoral Care

Nursing Home Mass Schedule

Jan 2	10:30am	Beautiful Savior
Jan 9	10:00am	Redwood of Raymore
Jan 16	10:00am	Foxwood Springs

Tips for Being with a Person with Alzheimer's

- I am not stupid, please respect me.
- Come close, speak slowly.
- Be patient with me.
- Approach me with an open heart. Take your time.
- Be aware that your body language and facial expressions are communicating to me.
- Make eye contact with me. I am in here, encourage me.
- Please don't raise your voice, I'm not deaf.
- Honor the healing power of sleep.
- Trust that I am trying-just not with your skill level.
- Ask me questions with specific answers. Allow me time to hunt for an answer.
- Do not assess my cognitive ability by how fast I can think.
- Celebrate all my little successes. They inspire me.
- Please don't finish my sentences for me or fill in words I can't find. I need to work my brain.
- Love me for who I am today. Don't hold me to being the person I was before. I have a different brain now.

Save the Dates: St Sabina's Grief Recovery Group: March 12, 2019 through April 16, 2019

Prayer Requests/Peticiones de Oración

Anna Anderson	Allyson Harkins	Larry Rhodes
Dick Armstrong	Connie Harper	Amy Ritchie
Pauline Bellm	Cherie Hatfield	Jim Ruffini
John Bidondo	Beth Heide	Anna Ryan
Peter Bowen	Rhonda Henke	Ron Schock
Maxine Bremer	John Hirt	Brenda Sheppard
Joyce Callahan	Shayla Hoffman	Brian Sheppard
John Caoile	John Holden	Doris Shields
John Cikan	Cecilia Imming	Kathy Shields
Joseph Coots	Lisa January	Lois Simpson
Rikki DeVaul	Araceli Jimenez	Michelle Soto
Nolan Dickerson	Don Kueck	Baby Stone
Pete DiGeorge	Darrell Littler	Kayla Stone
Steven DiGeorge	Ray Malisos	Rita Stout
Jim Dillon	Angela Maria	Ursula Suwito
Kelly Dirks	Jamie Martinez	Jean Tate
Paula Dull	Janet Moorman	Angel Thomas
Judy Giannini	Harry Muench	Bruce Thompson
Kelly Hall	Joan Muench	Priscilla Tristani
Emily Emke-Hayes	Bella Nouryeh	Robert VanMeter
Terry Eppert	Ezequiel Olarte	Jim Wall
Dave Feller	Thelma Palmer	Mary Westfall
Cheryl Frezza	George Panebianco	Marie Wilburn
Jim Frezza	David Pierce	Travis Woods
Sergio Gallardo	Gary Prendergast	Jeanette Woolworth
Al Gebauer	Doug Pritchett	Carmitia Yust
Ginny Hailey	Rita Pruitt	Debra Zayas
Cathy Hall	Thelma Putnam	
Laverne Harlow	Sherman Ragsdale	

Wellness Center

Did you know it is a proven fact that reading can help reduce stress? Many of us take this simple act for granted, because we have so much "required" reading in our daily lives-the newspaper, traffic signs, emails, and bills. But how often do we read for pleasure?



Reading can be a wonderful (and healthy) escape from the stress of everyday life. By simply opening a book, you allow yourself to be invited into a literary world that distracts you from your daily stressors. Reading can even relax your body by lowering your heart rate and easing the tension in your muscles. A recent research study found that reading can reduce stress by up to 68%. It works better and faster than other relaxation methods, such as listening to music or drinking a hot cup of tea. This is because your mind is invited into a literary world that is free from the stressors that plague your daily life.

Find a book or magazine that piques your interest-a romantic paperback, gardening magazine, or even a cookbook. Set aside 30 minutes to read every day in a quiet place where you won't be interrupted. Get comfy, curl up, sit back read and relax!



Stewardship

"When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, 'Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety.' And he said to them, 'Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' But they did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart."

Luke 2: 48-51

Mary and Joseph faced every parents' worst nightmare — they can't find Jesus! What parent cannot relate to this awful moment or at least the fear of such a moment. In these times, we can look to the Holy Family for guidance. Mary's very human initial reaction upon finding Jesus — "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety" — comforts us in our own suffering as we realize that our Blessed Mother has been through difficult times in family life, too. The Holy Couple didn't always understand their Divine Son. But they loved Him deeply and gave Him the best of themselves as parents. The Divine Son, though God, obeyed His parents, giving witness to the value of parents and family life. On this Feast of the Holy Family, let us reclaim the beauty and importance of family life. Let's commit to steward our families well in 2019, making time spent with God and practicing our faith the most important appointments on our family calendars. — See more at www.catholicstewardship.com/blog

Contributions for December 16

Envelopes/Sobres:	\$13,327.35
Plate/Canasta:	\$ 1,239.97
Maintenance-Upkeep:	\$ 639.37
Guadalupe Mass:	\$ 1,665.92

Contributions for December 23

Due to early bulletin deadlines, the December 23 contributions will be listed in the January 6 bulletin.

Poinsettias in Memory/Honor of our Loved Ones

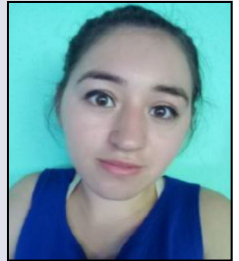
Thanks to everyone who contributed funds to purchase poinsettias to decorate our church for Christmas. Poinsettias have been placed in the sanctuary in memory of the following: Karen Taylor, Walt and Ann Oliver, George Pierce, Bob Meiron, Albert and Loritta Verhulst, L.B. Storenski, Harold Brown, Ray Silvers, Casey Pointer, Megan Ramos, James P. Adams, Dodie and Joe Maurer, Raymond P. Burns, Justin H. Chrane, Keith Buell, Ursula Buell, Ray Yust, Sr., Veronica Yust, Irena Oczko, Halina and Edward Pawlus, Stefania and Robert Papez, Phil Moore, Della White, Billy Caruthers, Donny Caruthers, Juan G. Gogue, Magdalena K. Gogue, Jay K. Gogue, Maria K. Gogue, Maggie K.

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Poinsettias have also been placed in the sanctuary in honor of the Ron and Jeanie Hoffman Family and the Gebauer Family.

El Salvador Scholarship Student, Alicia

Alicia Guadalupe Artiga Cartagena lives in the community of Cinquera. She is 18 years old and she attends the Lutheran University of El Salvador located in San Salvador. She is currently in her first year of study and she is majoring in Agro-ecological Engineering. She entered the scholarship program in 2018 and she is expected to graduate in 2023.



Alicia has classes Tuesday – Friday from 9:40am – 3:30pm. She lives in an apartment in San Salvador with five other scholarship students and travels home to Cinquera on weekends to be with her family.

Alicia's family makes its living by farming. Her home is built of brick, and it has a toilet, potable water and electricity.

Alicia's father, Antonio, is 58 years old and is a farmer and received a ninth-grade education. Her mother, Alicia, is a housekeeper, is 62 years old and never had the chance to attend school. Alicia's sister, Norma, is 36 and graduated from university.

This year Alicia's community project was Prevention before Treatment, a program which taught adolescents in Cinquera about sexual education in order to reduce the risk of teenage pregnancies, educate about sexual and reproductive responsibility and raise awareness about sexually transmitted diseases.

Alicia's greatest challenge is lack of funds. There is never much money to cover the costs of extra expenses, such as copies or access to the internet. Also challenging is the distance from Cinquera to San Salvador. Not only does this cost money, but it takes a lot of time to travel.

Alicia hopes to be able to graduate with good grades and be able to find a job within her community.

To donate to our El Salvador Scholarship fund, please visit our website at www.stsabinaparish.org and click on on-line giving or drop a check in the collection with El Salvador written in the memo line.



Youth Ministry

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 February 13th from 7-8:30pm in the Parish Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Kirstie Roberts.

Confirmation Sponsors! Thank you to all of the parishioners who have stepped forward to sponsor our confirmation students who needed you! This is our largest class so far and it's wonderful to see our parish family support them!

Search Team! All current and former Peer Ministers are invited to contact Kirstie if you would like to serve on the Search Retreat this spring, March 1st-3rd. We will begin meetings at the end of January.

PSR News

First Reconciliation service for all students in the 2nd grade and those preparing for First Holy Communion will be on January 22nd at 7pm in the church.



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/>



Pictured are members of the Parents Lounge at their Christmas Party. The Parents Lounge meets every Sunday that PSR is in session, during PSR. All parents are invited to join and little ones are welcome to tag along!

Reflection on the Readings

Today the Holy Family is used as a model of the dynamics of family life between parents and children. Someone once exclaimed that such a family model was not fair. After all, this family was made up of two saints and God incarnate. This person knew rather clearly that such was not the status of their family. While somewhat humorous, it does point out the need for a corrective in terms of the way we look at Jesus' family. **Today's readings allow us to consider another way to look at the holy family as a model for our families.**

The refrain from responsorial Psalm 84 invites us to acclaim, "Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord." **While God's house might be understood as the Jewish temple or our parish church, the meaning is more inclusive. As families, we are called to make our house, God's house. By singing the psalm refrain, we call blessings upon our house, which is to be transformed into God's house.** How do we transform our house into God's house? The readings offer important clues for such transformation to happen.

In the first reading from 1 Samuel, Hannah and Elkanah make their house God's house by blessing God for the gift of a long awaited son, Samuel. **When God granted their request, they returned that gift to God by bringing up the child as one who would be dedicated to the Lord.** How do we bring up our children so that they are conscious of their relationship and dedication to the Lord?

The reading from 1 John reminds us that in our baptism we become God's children. **We are all members of the family of God, living out our commitment to make our houses God's house, by modeling ourselves on Jesus who commanded us to love one another.** Those who live this life style remain in God and God remains in them. In so doing, we make our house God's house.

Only Luke's gospel relates this account of the twelve year old Jesus on Passover pilgrimage to Jerusalem with his parents. Jesus is of the age when a Jewish boy became a "son of the commandments" assuming responsibility for his faith journey with God. **This context provides the dynamics that are operative in the story.**

Jesus is at the age in which he is asserting the need and desire to explore his faith life with God. He uses this pilgrimage opportunity to talk with the religious educators of his time, asking questions and learning from their shared wisdom. When his parents show up, worried sick about his whereabouts, he merely states what he was about, namely to be in his Father's house. **While this can be interpreted as an affirmation of his divinity and special affinity to God, it can also be interpreted as the awakening of any righteous Jew's desire to be in deep and intimate relationship with God.** That is exactly what "being in my father's house" actually indicates.

It is very obvious that as parents, Mary and Joseph are upset at Jesus' actions and do not hesitate to let him know. At the same time, Jesus asserts his need to explore and deepen his relationship with God, along with determining his own identity and sense of direction in life. Jesus, mindful of his awakening desire for closer intimacy with God, is also aware of his family responsibilities, and responds in obedience and love. He returns to Nazareth. With his family, he continues cultivating his love of God and nurturing his desire for deeper intimacy with God. **With his parents as guides, Jesus grows in age, wisdom and grace. Their house is God's house.**

Such tensions and dynamics are the mainstay of family life. The Holy Family is no different. Trying to understand where the other is coming from is crucial in all family interactions. How can Mary and Joseph respect the awakening desire in their son, while at the same time reminding him of his need for further growth and maturity in the context of family? How can Jesus, aware of his awakening desire, also be faithful to his family life, responsibilities and respect due his parents?

Just as Jesus, Mary and Joseph struggled in their family interactions, we too struggle in our families to know God's will in our lives and how to carry it out to the best of our abilities. In so doing, we make our house, God's house. **This week, reflect on how the holy family can be a source of strength and encouragement as we engage in all the dynamics of being family together.**

Biagio Mazza
Pastoral Associate

Readings



Bible Study

Sunday, December 30

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

Psalm: Psalm 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 (see 5a)

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

Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

Sunday, January 6

1st Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalm: Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (11)

2nd Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

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 January 13 and 27 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

Hoy en día, la Sagrada Familia se usa como modelo de la dinámica de la vida familiar entre padres e hijos. Alguien una vez exclamó que tal modelo de familia no era justo, ya que esta familia estaba formada por dos santos y Dios encarnado. Esta persona sabía bastante claramente que ese no era el estado de su familia. Aunque un poco humorístico, señala la necesidad de una corrección en términos de la forma en que vemos a la familia de Jesús. **Las lecturas de hoy nos permiten considerar otra manera de ver a la Sagrada Familia como un modelo para nuestras familias.**

El estribillo del Salmo Responsorial 84 nos invita a aclamar: "Señor, dichosos los que viven en tu casa". **Si bien la casa de Dios puede entenderse como el templo judío o nuestra iglesia parroquial, el significado es más inclusivo. Como familias, estamos llamados a hacer nuestra casa, la casa de Dios. Al cantar el refrán del salmo, invocamos bendiciones en nuestra casa, que se transformará en la casa de Dios. ¿Cómo transformamos nuestra casa en la casa de Dios? Las lecturas ofrecen pistas importantes para que tal transformación suceda.**

En la primera lectura de 1 Samuel, Ana y Elcaná hacen de la casa de Dios su casa, bendiciendo a Dios por el regalo de un hijo tan esperado, Samuel. **Cuando Dios concedió su pedido, ellos le devolvieron ese regalo a Dios al criar al niño como alguien que estaría dedicado al Señor. ¿Cómo criamos a nuestros hijos para que estén conscientes de su relación y dedicación al Señor?**

La lectura de 1 Juan nos recuerda que en nuestro bautismo nos convertimos en hijos de Dios. **Todos somos miembros de la familia de Dios, cumpliendo con nuestro compromiso de hacer de nuestras casas la casa de Dios, al modelarnos en Jesús, quien nos ordenó amarnos unos a otros.** Quienes viven este estilo de vida permanecen en Dios y Dios permanece en ellos. Al hacerlo, hacemos de nuestra casa la casa de Dios.

Solo el evangelio de Lucas relaciona este relato del peregrinaje de la Pascua del Jesús de doce años a Jerusalén con sus padres. Jesús es de la época en que un niño judío se convirtió en "hijo de los mandamientos" asumiendo la responsabilidad de su viaje de fe con Dios. **Este contexto proporciona las dinámicas que son operativas en la historia.**

Jesús se encuentra en la edad en que afirma la necesidad y el deseo de explorar su vida de fe con Dios. Él usa esta oportunidad de peregrinación para hablar con los educadores religiosos de su tiempo, haciendo preguntas y aprendiendo de su sabiduría compartida. Cuando sus padres aparecen, preocupados por su paradero, él simplemente dice de qué se trataba, es decir, de estar en la casa de su padre. **Si bien esto puede interpretarse como una afirmación de su**

divinidad y especial afinidad con Dios, también puede interpretarse como el despertar del deseo de cualquier judío justo de estar en una relación profunda e íntima con Dios. Eso es exactamente lo que realmente indica "estar en la casa de mi padre".

Es muy obvio que, como padres, María y José están molestos por las acciones de Jesús y no dudan en avisarle. Al mismo tiempo, Jesús afirma su necesidad de explorar y profundizar su relación con Dios, además de determinar su propia identidad y sentido de dirección en la vida. Jesús, consciente de su deseo de despertar una intimidad más cercana con Dios, también es consciente de sus responsabilidades familiares y responde con obediencia y amor. Vuelve a Nazaret. Con su familia, él continúa cultivando su amor por Dios y nutriendo su deseo de una intimidad más profunda con Dios. **Con sus padres como guías, Jesús crece en edad, sabiduría y gracia. Su casa es la casa de Dios.**

Tales tensiones y dinámicas son el pilar de la vida familiar. La Sagrada Familia no es diferente. Tratar de entender de dónde viene el otro es crucial en todas las interacciones familiares. ¿Cómo pueden María y José respetar el deseo de su hijo, mientras que al mismo tiempo le recuerdan su necesidad de un mayor crecimiento y madurez en el contexto de la familia? ¿Cómo puede Jesús, consciente de su deseo, también ser fiel a su vida familiar, sus responsabilidades y el respeto debido a sus padres?

Así como Jesús, María y José lucharon en sus interacciones familiares, nosotros también luchamos en nuestras familias para conocer la voluntad de Dios en nuestras vidas y cómo llevarla a cabo de la mejor manera posible. Al hacerlo, hacemos nuestra casa, la casa de Dios. **Esta semana, reflexione sobre cómo la Sagrada Familia puede ser una fuente de fortaleza y ánimo cuando nos involucramos en todas las dinámicas de ser familia juntos.**

Biagio Mazza
Asociado Pastoral

Lecturas



Lecturas del Domingo, 30 de Diciembre

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

Salmo: Psalm 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10

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

Evangelio: Lucas 2:41-52

Lecturas del Domingo, 6 de Enero

Primera Lectura: Isaías 60:1-6

Salmo: Salmo 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

Segunda Lectura: Efesios 3:2-3, 5-6

Evangelio: Mateo 2:1-12

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 próxima noche de Padrinos para la Confirmación será el 13 de febrero, 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.

¡Padrinos de Confirmación! ¡Gracias a todos los feligreses que han dado el paso adelante de ser padrino de nuestros estudiantes de confirmación! ¡Esta es nuestra clase más grande hasta ahora y es maravilloso ver a nuestra familia parroquial apoyarlos!

¡Equipo de Search (retiro de confirmación)! Todos los ministros actuales y anteriores están invitados a ponerse en contacto con Kirstie si desea participar en el Retiro de Search esta primavera, del 1 al 3 de marzo. Comenzaremos las reuniones a fines de enero.

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Noticias de la Escuela de Religión

El servicio de Primera Reconciliación para todos los estudiantes en el segundo grado y los que se preparan para la Primera Comunión será el 22 de enero a las 7pm en la iglesia.



DE RELIGIÓN

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/>



Participantes del taller de hechura de piñatas hicieron la piñatas para nuestra celebración de Las Posadas. ¡Gracias!

Corresponsabilidad/Información

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Horario de Misas del Día de Precepto

María, Santa Madre de Dios

Lunes, 31 de diciembre a las 6pm en Inglés

Martes, 1 de enero a las 10am en Inglés

Los Reyes Magos

La celebración de los Reyes Magos será el domingo 06 de enero del 2019, repartiremos dulces y cacahuates a los niños después de la misa. Si desea donar dulces puede traerlos a la oficina o dejarlos en el espacio de reunión de la iglesia.



Platicas Pre-Bautismales - 12 de Enero

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**

Oficina Parroquial Cerrada

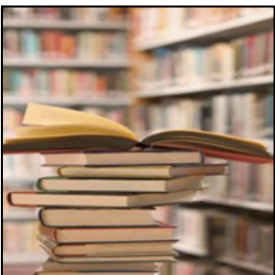
Nuestra oficina parroquial estará cerrada el martes, 1 de enero, en observancia del Año Nuevo.



Centro de Bienestar

¿Sabía que es un hecho comprobado que leer le puede ayudar a reducir el estrés? Muchos de nosotros damos por sentado este simple acto, porque tenemos muchas cosas "obligatorias" que leer en nuestra vida diaria: el periódico, las señales de tráfico, los correos electrónicos y las facturas. ¿Pero con qué frecuencia leemos por placer?

Leer puede ser un escape maravilloso (y saludable) del estrés de la vida cotidiana. Al simplemente abrir un libro, se permite ser invitado a un mundo literario que le distrae de los factores estresantes diarios. Leer también puede relajar su cuerpo, disminuyendo su ritmo cardíaco y aliviando la tensión en sus músculos. Un estudio de investigación reciente descubrió que leer puede reducir el estrés hasta en un 68%. Funciona mejor y más rápido que otros métodos de relajación, como escuchar música o tomar una taza de té caliente. Esto se debe a que su mente está invitada a un mundo literario que está libre de los factores estresantes que plagan su vida diaria.



Encuentre un libro o revista que despierte su interés: un libro de bolsillo romántico, una revista de jardinería o incluso un libro de cocina. Reserve 30 minutos para leer todos los días en un lugar tranquilo donde no hay interrupciones. Póngase cómodo, acurrúquese, siéntese, lea y relájese.



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Gracias a Kathy y Doug Moorman, quienes donaron la nueva
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