

Saint Sabina Catholic Church

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



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Remember, Renew, Rejoice...



**Congratulations to Collin, son of Garrett and Jimi, who
was baptized on November 30!**

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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Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2019

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Intentions for December 9-13, 2019

Mon.	8am	Communion Service
Tues.	11am	†Bob Cummings †Stuart Miller
Wed.	10am	†David Berkley (Raymore Nursing & Rehab)
Thurs.	8am	†Nancy Christian
	7pm	†Pablo José Zayas
Fri.	8am	†Fr. Phil Luebbert

Saturday, December 14, 2019

4:00pm †Kaye Birkenbach

Sunday, December 15, 2019

8:00am	†Don Bannerman
10:30am	†Nancy Christian
12:30pm Spanish	Intenciones de Nuestra Familia Parroquial †Alejandro Cedillo Jr

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

†Nancy Christian, mother of Laura Pierce

†Tony Monteleone, brother of Steve Circo

†Kaye Birkenbach, sister-in-law of Mary Kottenbrock and Rita Birkenbach, aunt of Kris Larkey



Calendar/Information

Sunday, December 8 - Domingo, 8 de Diciembre

- 8:30am Breakfast with Santa
- 9:00am PSR/Parents Lounge
- 11:00am Escuela de Religión/Padres Hacen Piñatas
- 11:00am Ensayo del Coro Hispano
- 2:00pm Ensayo de Obra de Guadalupe
- 2:00pm Novena Guadalupe
- 6:00pm Ensayo de Matachines
- 7:00pm Confirmation and High School Youth

Monday, December 9 - Lunes, 9 de Diciembre

- 6:30pm Cub Scout Den Meeting
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts
- 7:00pm Ensayo de Matachines
- 7:00pm Novena Guadalupe
- 8:00pm Ensayo de Obra de Guadalupe

Tuesday, December 10 - Martes, 10 de Diciembre

- 7:00pm Green Team Meeting
- 7:00pm Novena Guadalupe
- 7:00pm Ladies Auxiliary Meeting
- 7:00pm Living Stones
- 8:00pm Ensayo de Obra de Guadalupe

Wednesday, December 11 - Miércoles, 11 de Diciembre

- 9:00am Legion of Mary
- 10:00am Mass at Raymore Nursing & Rehab (Formerly Redwood of Raymore)
- 11:00am Over 55 Christmas Party
- 6:00pm Boy Scout Religious Emblem Class
- 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (4:00 and 10:30 groups)
- 7:00pm Confirmation Sponsor Night
- 7:00pm Novena Guadalupe
- 8:00pm Ensayo de Obra de Guadalupe

Thursday, December 12 - Jueves, 12 de Diciembre

- Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
- 9:30am Piecemakers Quilt Group
- 6:00pm Obra de Guadalupe/Guadalupe Play
- 6:40pm Matachines
- 7:00pm Misa Guadalupe/Guadalupe Mass
- 7:00pm Cub Scout Committee Meeting
- 8:00pm Fiesta Guadalupe/Guadalupe Fiesta

Friday, December 13 - Viernes, 13 de Diciembre

- 9:00am Altar Society Church Cleaning

Saturday, December 14 - Sábado, 14 de Diciembre

- 10:00am Pláticas Pre-bautismales
- 3:00pm Confessions

Sunday, December 15 - Domingo, 15 de Diciembre

- 8:30am PSR Teachers Brunch
- 9:00am PSR/Parents Lounge
- 10:15am Desayuno para Catequistas
- 11:00am Escuela de Religión/Padres Hacen Piñatas
- 11:00am Ensayo del Coro Hispano
- 7:00pm Confirmation and High School Youth

Over 55 Christmas Party

Our Over 55 Christmas party will be held on Wednesday, December 11th at 11am. Menu includes smoked pork loin roast, loaded mashed potatoes, salad, rolls and dessert. Please bring a wrapped \$10 gift if you would like to participate in our fun gift exchange. Please RSVP to the parish office by Monday, December 9th. 816-331-4713.



Journey to Bethany Diocesan Healing Program

Our Diocesan Vision, One Family: Restored in Christ – Equipped for Mission, identifies the need for healing and restoration. Bishop Johnston, in collaboration with lay faithful, has established Journey to Bethany, a program designed to address a variety of wounds and broaden awareness of healing resources within our diocese. This program will initially focus on those harmed by clergy sexual abuse. An email survey, titled “Bishop Johnston’s Healing Our Family Survey,” will soon to be sent to randomly selected parishioners throughout the diocese. Your responses will help identify the manner by which we can assist all of those impacted by clergy sexual abuse. Those who do not receive the email survey will have opportunities to attend presentations to hear results and provide additional input. Thank you for your participation, support and prayers!

Baptism Congratulations

Ramsey Joseph Comley, son of Russ and Allie Comley

Christmas Mass Times

4:00 PM Tuesday, Dec 24 with music and readings prior to Mass beginning at 3:15 PM.

10:00 AM Wednesday, Dec 25 with prelude music beginning at 9:40 AM. Everyone from age 1 to 99 is invited to bring bells to play on the last song at this Mass!

12:30 PM Wednesday, Dec 25 (Spanish language)



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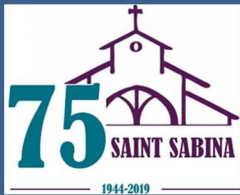
St. Sabina Parish

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

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Thursday, December 12, 2019

6:00p.m.	Re-enactment of the Apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe to Juan Diego
6:45p.m.	Matachines Dancers
7:00p.m.	Mass in Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe
8:00p.m.	Fiesta/party



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happy birthday

Arturo Albor	Edgar Guzman	Milo Noble
Brenda Arenivas	Lucy Harlan	Ailyn Palomares
Luisa Arreola	Cody Hendrix	Arturo Pinon
Jan Arroyo	Ron Hoffman	Kimberly Pointer
Michelle Atkinson	Fred Honigman	Lois Pusateri
William Becker	Steve Imming	Raquel Ramos
Gail Bland	Carlos Jaimes Chavez	Alexa Robledo
Fatima Bretado - Picasso	Anika Karlsson	Joanna Rodelo
Anthony Carlock	Bob Kottenbrock	Claudia Rodriguez
Martha Carter	Samuel Kudron	Phillip Rodriguez
Alejandro Castañeda	Nate Lamley	Sue Scaccia
Miranda Como	Diane Lang	Cleo Srader
Leslye Coronado	Emmie Lenz	Don Standley
Doris Deschenes	Dean Lenz	Brenda Stoddard
Lois Dull	Leocadio Lopez	Lucy Stout
Jose Escalante	Kodia Lovelace	Rodney Stoverink
Ivonne Escalante	Arturo Macias	Jackson Tobias
Oscar Escamilla	Esmeralda Madrid	Jenessys Vargas
Daniela Escamilla	Nicholas McGurn	James Wall
Javy Fiallos	Leonard Meiron	Kian Wilkes
Javier Fiallos	Andy Melendez	Victoria Yonker
Julia Funes	Christine Morris	Alyson Zarco
Christopher Gnad	Kathy Muder	Mariana Zavala
Missy Goffoy	Valeria Negrete	
Jessica Gonzalez	Isham Nelson	

This Week's Do You Know Video:



The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, the RCIA, involves a process that welcomes into the Catholic community catechumens, those who have never been baptized, candidates, those who have been baptized in another Christian tradition but now seek full communion with Catholicism, and renewals, those baptized as Catholics who desire to renew and recommit themselves to their faith. The first ritual step in the process is the Rite of Welcome, in which they are introduced to the community, and the community is asked to welcome them and pray for them as they journey to the Easter celebration of sacraments. During the rite, they become the property of Christ by being signed with the cross on all their senses. They now belong to Christ and to the community that has welcomed them. Make time to view this week's DYK video and enter into the rich experience that is the RCIA Rite of Welcome.



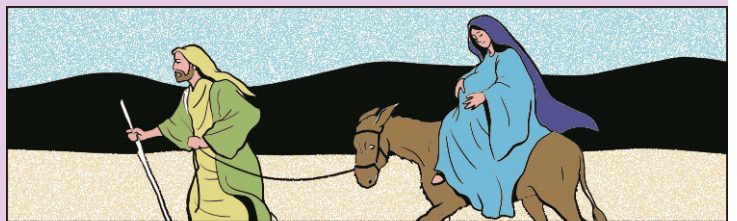
Happy Anniversary

Ricardo and Graciela Lopez	46 Years!	12/15/1973
Bill and Sheila Birkner	42 Years!	12/10/1977
Bob and Mary Lee Piepho	38 Years!	12/10/1981
Mark and Melissa Adams	17 Years!	12/9/2002
Jeremy and Kathleen Whitney	3 Years!	12/9/2016

Where Are You Walking Now?

How about walking with Jesus, Mary and Joseph?

The parish of Our Lady of Lourdes in Harrisonville has invited us to attend their parish mission presented by Fr. Joel Rogers C.P.M. The mission will be December 8-12 at 7pm.



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Pastoral Care

Nursing Home Mass Schedule

Dec 11	10:00am	Raymore Nursing & Rehab (Formerly Redwood of Raymore)
Dec 18	10:00am	Foxwood Springs
Dec 25		Christmas Masses at St. Sabina

Grieving a Loss Through the Holidays

- Allow yourself to feel your emotions on that special day; don't feel that you need to just "get over it." You may want to write your feelings down.
- Take time with family and friends and share memories of your loved one that died.
- Light a candle in honor of your deceased loved one. Set a picture out and tell stories of his or her life.
- Don't avoid long-standing traditions. Children often find comfort in them. On the other hand, new traditions say you are still a family.
- Be open to good experiences that the holidays may bring.
- Allow yourself to feel joy. You are not betraying your loved one.

The National Catholic Office for the Deaf will be hosting their national conference "Pastoral Week 2020: Bread of Life, Heart of Christ" in the Kansas City metro area Jan. 9-13, 2020. It is an amazing opportunity for deaf and hard of hearing individuals in the region to have access to national speakers to learn more about their faith, how to be active in the Church, and how to serve as missionary disciples to evangelize their deaf brothers and sisters in Christ. To register for the conference, email ncodmidwest3@gmail.com or call: VP 913-324-5378.

Prayer Requests/Peticiones de Oración

Anna Anderson	Rhonda Henke	Anna Ryan
Dennis Berg	Alex Henningsen	Lorena Sandozal
Jean Berg	Morgan Hilliard	Ron Schock
John Bidondo	Richard Hoedl	Doris Shields
Mary Pat Biondo	Gale Holsman	Jaxton Shipley
Betty Bremenkamp	John Jongenelen	Lois Simpson
George Bremer	Jack King	Rachael Casady Smith
Maxine Bremer	Don Kueck	Cleo Srader
Sheila Brown	Emmy Long	Wally Srader
Joyce Callahan	Kristy McClain	Don Standley
Marge Campbell	Ray Malisos	Amalie Steinspring
John Caoile	Cullen Manser	Marie Stinger
John Cikan	Laurie Marmon	Lois Stogsdill
Joseph Coots	Bienvenido Martinez	Rita Stout
Peggy Dodd	Janet Moorman	Willow Szczygiel
Barry Dougherty	Mona Neighbors	Jean Tate
Irene Down	Mike Nichols	Joe Taylor
Paula Dull	Bogumila Oczko	Angel Thomas
Terry Eppert	Ezequiel Olarte	Bruce Thompson
Jean Frank	Mark Parson	Priscilla Tristani
Bettianne Gardiner	George Panebianco	Tierney VanMeter
Butch Geer	Monica Peek	Margaret Vargo
Judy Giannini	Diane Quinn	Senny Vigil
Rita Ann Hand	Leona Ragsdale	Richard Vogel
Cherie Hatfield	Larry Rhodes	Mary Westfall
Martha Healy	Agustin Rivera	Merle Woolworth
Beth Heide	Michelle Rose	Carmitia Yust

Wellness Center



Similar to 'First Aid' and CPR, 'Mental Health First Aid' teaches individuals how to help those experiencing mental health challenges or crises.

Mental health challenges – such as depression, anxiety, psychosis and substance use – are shockingly common in the United States. In fact, more than 1 in 5 American adults will have a mental health problem in any given year.

The National Council for Behavioral Health certifies individuals throughout the nation, including the St. Sabina Wellness Center to provide Mental Health First Aid courses to prepare their communities with the knowledge and skills to help individuals who are developing a mental health problem or experiencing a mental health crisis. Identified on SAMHSA's National Registry of Evidence-Based Programs and Practices, the training helps the public better identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illnesses.

For more information on our FREE Mental Health First Aid training call 816-979-3090 and reserve your seat.

When: Thursday December 12, 2019 9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. (Lunch provided)

Where: St. Sabina Wellness Center 700 Trevis Ave. Belton, MO 64012



Stewardship

Consider Naming the Parish as a Beneficiary

As you think about those who matter most to you, you can insure that your intentions are carried out by remembering those people and the church in a properly worded will. Contact Kris to learn how to name our parish as a beneficiary of your estate. Or, contact Laura Gray at gray@diocesekcsj.org, 816-714-2363.

Christmas Shopping & AmazonSmile Donations

Did you know that we are eligible to receive donations based on your Amazon purchases? Last quarter, we received donations based off of over \$3000 of your purchases! Please remember this while doing your Christmas shopping! To support us in this way, be sure to do your Amazon shopping through smile.amazon.com and select "St. Sabina Catholic Church, Belton" as your charity of choice.



Select
**St. Sabina Catholic
Church, Belton**
as your charity of choice
and a percentage of your
purchases will be
donated to our parish!

#1 holiday hack:

When you buy your gifts
at **smile.amazon.com**,
Amazon donates.



Contributions for November 24

Envelopes/Sobres:	\$11,645.00
Plate/Canasta:	\$ 1,353.07
Maintenance-Upkeep:	\$ 447.37

Contributions for December 1

Envelopes/Sobres:	\$14,465.00
Plate/Canasta:	\$ 1,364.49
Maintenance-Upkeep:	\$ 1,329.00
Thanksgiving Day Mass:	\$ 927.00

2020 March for Life Pilgrimage

Registration is now open for the 2020 March for Life Pilgrimage to Washington DC, January 23-25. This three-day trip will include Mass each day, Rally on the National Mall, and participation in the March for Life. Registration will remain open through Thursday, December 12 and the cost is \$355. To sign up or for more information, please visit www.respectlifekcsj.org or call the Diocesan Respect Life Office at 816-714-2367.

Green Team Tip of the Week

Some big box stores accept Christmas lights for recycling if you miss the Green Team recycling bin.

"May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus, that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God.

Romans 15: 5-7

On this Second Sunday of Advent, our second reading from St. Paul's letter to the Romans encourages us to focus our Advent preparations in this way: "Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God." And how does Christ welcome us? With unconditional love. This is the essence of Christian hospitality, a vital aspect of stewardship living. Fully embraced, it has the power to transform our lives and the lives of those who experience it through us. — See more at www.catholicsteward.com/blog/

St. Sabina Community Garden—Winter Update

The Community Garden harvested over 1815 lbs of food to feed our neighbors in need. Thanks to Melissa, Mark and Fisher Adams, Belton Community Service volunteers, Belton HS FFA, Boy Scout Troop 32, Cub Scout Troop 111, Suzanne Daniels, David and Nick Pierce, Preston Pointer, Denny Retter, Michelle Rose, Mary Skaggs, Dennis Squires, Steve Wasleski, Tracy Wheeler, and Yvonne Garman for all your help! Contact David Pierce 816-392-1110 to help next year.

Congratulations to our New Knights

Congratulations to seven men from our parish who became members of our Knights of Columbus council here at St. Sabina by taking their First Degree on Wednesday, November 20th. We invite all Catholic gentlemen 18 years or older to join our order. Call Corey Morgan, Grand Knight, at 816-349-0176 or Spencer Dreas, Membership Director at 816-304-8729, for more information.

Pictured below: Matt Bader, Fr. Jeff Stephan-Knights Chaplin, David Kille, Edgardo Rodriguez, Mark Adams, Benito Rodriguez, Glen Byerly, Luis Loayza, and Mark Hartig-Knights District Deputy.



Stewardship

Delegation to El Salvador - February 10-17

Due to responses from parishioners interested in working to build homes in Paso Puente, we have changed the itinerary and the dates of our delegation to El Salvador. Our new dates of the delegation will be February 10-17. While in El Salvador, we will spend the majority of our time in Paso Puente, as well as visit with some of our scholarship students. This will be an incredible experience, joining our brothers and sisters in solidarity to build dignified homes for families. The children living in Paso Puente have never lived in a dignified home, instead they've only lived in shacks assembled from scrap materials. Our delegation will also have the opportunity to visit Romero Community, which is a neighborhood across the street from Paso Puente. Just four years ago, Romero Community was living in squalor, like Paso Puente is now. They received title to their land and, through many generous donations, 65 dignified homes have been built in Romero Community. For more information, please contact Kris Larkey in the parish office at 816-979-3151 or kris@stsabinaparish.org.

We recently identified feminine hygiene products as a need for members of our community that struggle financially. In addition to non-perishable food, please consider donating all types of hygiene products to our Jesse Tree next week.

Online Giving

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



Community Garden Campaign

Our community garden is participating in the #SeedMoneyChallenge, a 30-day fundraising challenge, to raise money for fencing and more/better trellis arches and we could really use your support! In addition to keeping the funds we raise from individuals like you, we have a chance to win a challenge grant of up to \$600 from SeedMoney based on how much we raise over the course of the 30-day period running from Nov 15 to Dec 15. As an extra incentive, SeedMoney is offering 35 \$100 bonus grants to the 35 garden projects that have raised the most after the first week. Thanks to a generous donation, we have reached our initial goal in the first week! The campaign has added a stretch goal to receive even more grant money from Seed Money. Please help support our garden by visiting <https://donate.seedmoney.org/3213/st-sabina-community-garden>. Thank you!

Jesse Tree Collections Colectas del Árbol de Jesé

Nov 30/Dec 1: Toys

Juguetes

Dec 7/8: Gloves, hats, socks, etc.

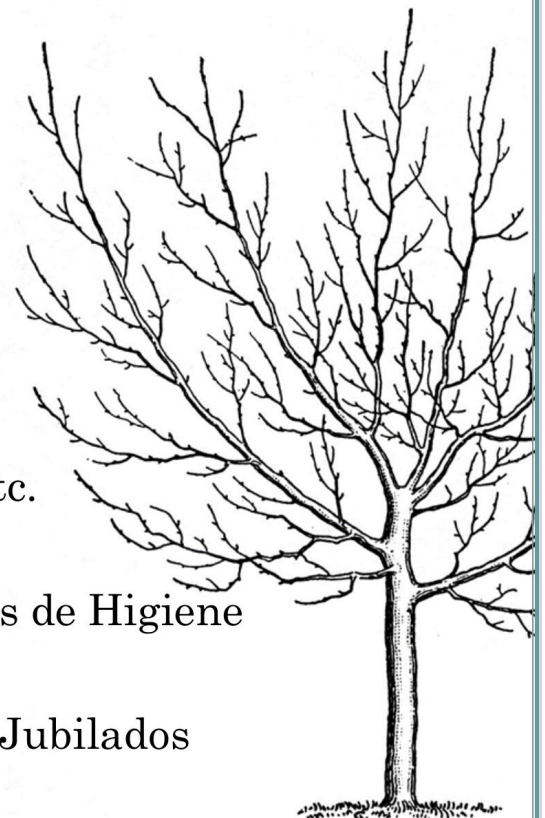
Guantes, gorros, calcetines, etc.

Dec 14/15: Canned Food/Hygiene Items

Alimentos Enlatados/Artículos de Higiene

Dec 21/22: Religious Retirement Appeal

Apelación para los Religiosos Jubilados



Parish Information/Youth Ministry

PSR News

Breakfast with Santa! The second grade PSR class will be hosting Breakfast with Santa on Sunday, December 8, 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. Kids 3-12, \$5. 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 18 at 7pm. The fun will include sing-a-long Christmas music and a cookie exchange!

Youth News

Junior High Youth! Our next meeting is Wednesday, January 8 at 7pm.

Confirmation Candidates! Our next Sponsor Night will be December 11 from 7-8:30pm in the Parish Hall.

High School Service Project Night! Our December 15 meeting is a service project night! Please bring items for the homeless so that we can prepare Christmas care packages. Items would include travel size toiletries, hand and foot warmers, individually wrapped snacks (beef jerky is a favorite), bottled water, can openers, matches, candles, mini flashlights and anything else you can think of that would be a welcome gift.

Child Safety

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you *observe or suspect* sexual abuse:

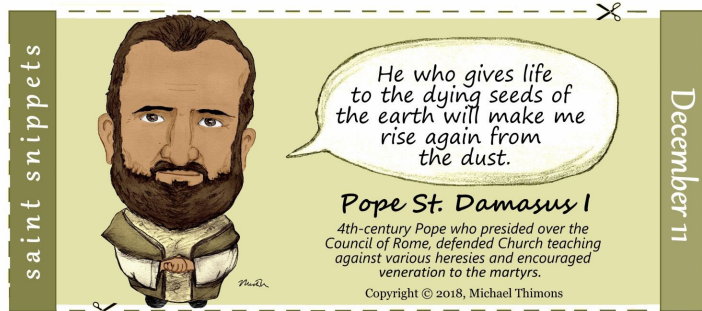
1. **Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and**
2. **Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and**
3. **After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected *sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult* to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at 816.812.2500 or crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.**

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact Victim Advocate, Kathleen Chastain, at 816.392.0011 or chastain@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

All volunteers with youth and children must attend one Protecting God's Children workshop, submit to a background check and sign the policy on Ethics and Integrity in Ministry, (EIM). More info at <https://kcsj catholic.org/the-office-of-child-and-youth-protection/>

Now Available—Missals for Children:

We now have Missals for grade school aged children to use during Mass. My First Mass Book is an illustrated booklet containing all the prayers and responses we say during Mass. It is a great tool to help children learn the prayers and the order of the liturgy. The books are in a basket near the St. Sabina statue at the entrance to church. Please return the books to the same basket after Mass so they will continue to be available for all children to use. Thank you to a generous parishioner for the donation of the books.



The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



John himself had a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist; and his food was locusts and wild honey. Mt 3:4

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Reflection on the Readings

Advent is a season of joyful expectation and anticipation, focused on preparation for God's coming into our lives in the person of Jesus. God, in Jesus, came as a full human person over two thousand years ago. God will come again at the end of time. **Advent prepares and attunes us to God's presence in all our daily comings and goings.** Preparation demands from us much work if it is ever to lead to fulfillment in the coming of Jesus. **Today's readings remind us once again of the work that needs to be done if we are to make Christ fully present to all.**

Christ has indeed come and is already present among us. The joyful work of Advent challenges us to make real Christ's presence in our words and deeds. **The first reading from Isaiah proclaims that the anticipated messiah will teach us "how to judge the poor with justice and decide aright for the land's afflicted."** The messiah will model a lifestyle that will result in a world containing "no harm or ruin...for the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the Lord, as water covers the sea."

We believe that Jesus, the messiah, came and modeled such a life style for us to imitate. **In desiring peace for all, Jesus treated all with justice.** Every time we act in similar fashion, we make Christ more clearly present for others to see. Jesus taught us that if we desire peace, it is essential that we work for justice. **How do you work for justice towards the poor and the afflicted in your interactions with others?**

Responsorial Psalm 72 loudly affirms that "Justice shall flourish in his time and fullness of peace forever." This royal psalm speaks of the work of the king who represents God to the people. Christ is our God-representative who models justice work. **Advent's preparatory work should ultimately lead to the flourishing of justice in our time, and to fullness of peace forever.** The psalm specifies the particulars of such work: "rescue the poor... and the afflicted...have pity for the lowly and the poor." **How will you do such preparatory work with joy and anticipation of making Christ more present than ever in your family and work environment?**

The second reading from Paul's letter to the Romans challenges us to do Advent work by welcoming "one another...as Christ welcomed you." The work of hospitality

at its best and most inclusive captures the entire reason for the Advent season. By being welcoming, hospitable and inclusive of all, we make everyone feel valued, honored and respected. **This is especially true whenever we welcome the stranger, the outcast, the oppressed, the asylum seeker, and the foreigner as honored members of God's family.** In so doing, all will come to experience the presence of Christ in deed and in truth.

Finally, Matthew offers us the modeling of John the Baptist, the ultimate example of the challenge and hard work required in preparing the way for experiencing God's presence. John stresses that making Christ truly present involves the heavy work of repentance, leading to the producing of good fruit. **We cannot presume that familiarity with God will lead to ultimate intimacy with God.** Some Jews thought so, as do some people in the various faith traditions of today. Matthew warns us through John's words that intimacy with God is only and truly manifested by doing good works that lead to justice. **Justice happens when all are treated with dignity, respect and have what they need for a full life. Only in this fashion will we cultivate the lived context for making Christ fully and truly present.**

Advent work is arduous, yet full of joy and anticipation, for it will lead to the fullness of Christ's presence among us. The readings today offer multiple ways in which we are to go about doing Advent work. What will you do to ensure that Christ becomes truly and fully present for all those you encounter this Advent? **How can we work together as a nation to ensure that justice, hospitality and inclusion of all continue to flourish in our land and be the hallmark of our national identity?**

Biagio Mazza
Pastoral Associate

Readings



Sunday, December 8

1st Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalm: Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 (7)

2nd Reading: Romans 15:4-9

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

Sunday, December 15

1st Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10

Psalm: Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (Isaiah 35:4)

2nd Reading: James 5:7-10

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

Bible Study

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Reflexión Sobre las Lecturas

El Adviento es una temporada de gozosa expectativa y anticipación, enfocada en la preparación para la llegada de Dios en nuestras vidas en la persona de Jesús. Dios, en Jesús, vino como una persona completamente humana hace más de dos mil años. Dios vendrá nuevamente al final de los tiempos. Adviento nos prepara y nos sintoniza con la presencia de Dios en todas nuestras idas y venidas cotidianas. La preparación nos exige mucho trabajo si alguna vez nos lleva a la realización en la llegada de Jesús. **Las lecturas de hoy nos recuerdan una vez más el trabajo que se debe hacer para que Cristo esté completamente presente para todos.**

Cristo ciertamente ha venido y ya está presente entre nosotros. El gozoso trabajo de Adviento nos reta a hacer realidad la presencia de Cristo en nuestras palabras y obras. **La primera lectura de Isaías proclama que el mesías anticipado nos enseñará cómo "defender con justicia al desamparado y con equidad dar sentencia al pobre".** El mesías modelará un estilo de vida que dará como resultado un mundo que no contiene ningún "daño ni estrago...porque así como las aguas colman el mar, así está lleno el país de la ciencia del Señor".

Creemos que Jesús, el mesías, vino y modeló ese estilo de vida para que lo imitemos. **Al desear la paz para todos, Jesús trató a todos con justicia.** Cada vez que actuamos de manera similar, hacemos que Cristo esté más claramente presente para que otros lo vean. Jesús nos enseñó que si deseamos la paz, es esencial que trabajemos por la justicia. **¿Cómo trabaja por la justicia hacia los pobres y los desamparados en sus interacciones con los demás?**

El Salmo responsorial 71 afirma en voz alta "que en sus días florezca la justicia, y la paz abunde eternamente". Este salmo real habla de la obra del rey quien representa a Dios ante el pueblo. Cristo es nuestro representante de Dios que modela el trabajo de la justicia. **El trabajo preparatorio de Adviento debería conducir finalmente al florecimiento de la justicia en nuestro tiempo y a la plenitud de la paz para siempre.** El salmo especifica los detalles de tal trabajo: "librará al pobre... al afligido... se apiadará del pobre y del indigente". **¿Cómo va a hacer con alegría y anticipación tal trabajo preparatorio de hacer a Cristo más presente que nunca en su entorno familiar y laboral?**

La segunda lectura de la carta de Pablo a los romanos nos reta a hacer el trabajo de Adviento al acogernos "los unos a los otros, como Cristo los acogió a ustedes". El trabajo de hospitalidad en su mejor y más inclusivo captura toda la razón de la temporada de Adviento. Al ser acogedores,

hospitalarios e inclusivos con todos, hacemos que todos se sientan valorados, honrados y respetados. **Esto es especialmente cierto cuando acogemos al desconocido, al marginado, al oprimido, al solicitante de asilo y al extranjero como miembros honrados de la familia de Dios.** Al hacerlo, todos llegarán a experimentar la presencia de Cristo en hecho y en verdad.

Finalmente, Mateo nos ofrece el modelo de Juan el Bautista, el ejemplo principal del desafío y el arduo trabajo requerido para preparar el camino para experimentar la presencia de Dios. Juan enfatiza que hacer que Cristo esté realmente presente implica el arduo trabajo del arrepentimiento, que conduce a la producción de buenos frutos. **No podemos presumir que la familiaridad con Dios conducirá a una intimidad con Dios.** Algunos judíos pensaban eso, al igual que algunas personas en las diversas tradiciones de fe de hoy. Mateo nos advierte a través de las palabras de Juan que la intimidad con Dios se manifiesta única y verdaderamente al hacer buenas obras que conducen a la justicia. **La justicia ocurre cuando todos son tratados con dignidad, respeto y tienen lo que necesitan para una vida plena. Solo de esta manera cultivaremos el contexto vivido para hacer que Cristo esté plena y verdaderamente presente.**

El trabajo de Adviento es arduo pero lleno de alegría y anticipación, ya que conducirá a la plenitud de la presencia de Cristo entre nosotros. Las lecturas de hoy ofrecen varias formas en que debemos hacer el trabajo de Adviento. **¿Qué hará para asegurarse de que Cristo esté verdaderamente presente para todos aquellos con quienes se encuentre este Adviento? ¿Cómo podemos trabajar juntos como nación para asegurar que la justicia, la hospitalidad y la inclusión de todos continúen floreciendo en nuestra tierra y sean el sello distintivo de nuestra identidad nacional?**

Biagio Mazza, Asociado Pastoral

Lecturas



Lecturas del Domingo, 8 de Diciembre

Primera Lectura: Isaías 11:1-10
Salmo: Salmo 71:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17
Segunda Lectura: Romanos 15:4-9
Evangelio: Mateo 3:1-12

Lecturas del Domingo, 15 de Diciembre

Primera Lectura: Isaías 35:1-6a, 10
Salmo: Salmo 145:6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10
Segunda Lectura: Santiago 5:7-10
Evangelio: Mateo 11:2-11

Noticias de la Escuela de Religión

¡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, 8 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 3-12 años, \$5. Niños de dos años o menos son gratis. Los fondos recaudados ayudarán a los niños a comprar regalos de Navidad para una familia necesitada.

Noticias de los Jóvenes

¡Jóvenes de la Middle School! Nuestra próxima reunión será el 8 de enero a las 7pm.

¡Candidatos de la Confirmación! Nuestra próxima Noche de Padrinos será el 11 de diciembre de 7 a 8:30 pm en el Salón Parroquial.

¡Noche de Servicio de Jóvenes de la High School! Nuestra reunión del 15 de diciembre es una noche de servicio! Por favor traiga artículos para las personas sin hogar para que podamos preparar paquetes de cuidado de Navidad. Los artículos incluirían productos de higiene de tamaño de viaje, calentadores de manos y pies, refrigerios envueltos individualmente (la carne seca empaquetada es la favorita), agua embotellada, abrelatas, fósforos, velas, mini linternas y cualquier otra cosa que pueda pensar que sería un regalo apreciado

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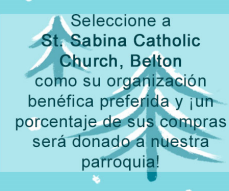
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Novena a Nuestra Señora

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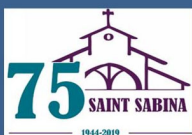
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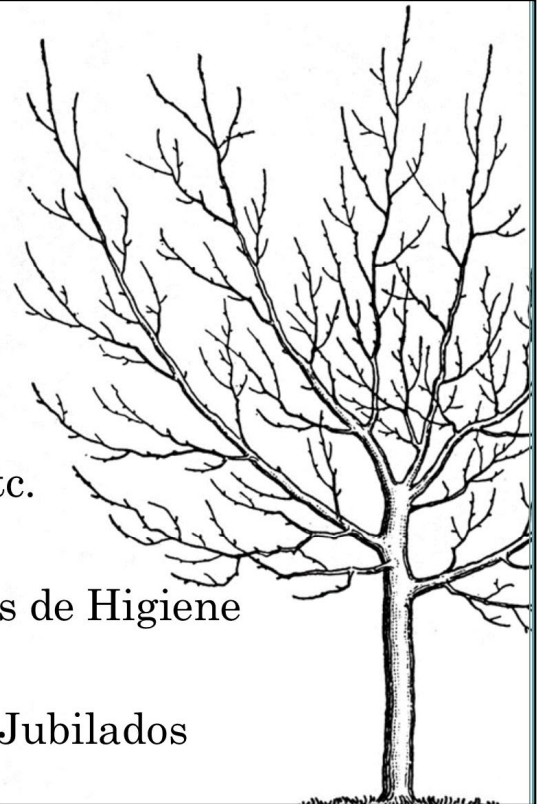
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