

Saint Sabina Catholic Church

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



Pictured, Estelle Lewis and Rosie Falco prepare the church for Advent.
See page 7 to learn how you can help with Christmas preparations!

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.



Second Sunday of Advent

December 9, 2018

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Intentions for December 10-14, 2018

Mon.	8am	Communion Service
Tues.	6pm	†Bob Cummings
Wed.	10am	†Leonissa Fenske (Redwood of Raymore)
	7pm	†Ricardo Lopez Velazquez
Thurs.	8am	†Theo Suwito
Fri.	8am	†Fr. Anthony Vu Quang Minh

Saturday, December 15, 2018

4:00pm †Shirley Sullivan

Sunday, December 16, 2018

8:00am	†Jack and Nancy Henning
	†Bart Henke
10:30am	Intentions of Ed Fenske
	Intentions of Our Parish Family
12:30pm Spanish	†Antonio Zavala Gonzalez
	†Pablo José Zayas

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

†Patrick Davis, son of Barbara Davis

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

†Severiano Corrales, tío de Raul Felix

†Clarence Reynolds, father of Stephanie Reynolds

†Paul DeMar, husband of Cherie DeMar

†Marilyn Avalos, Beautiful Savior

†Pablo Zayas, husband of Berenice Zayas



Calendar/Parish Happenings

Sunday, December 9 - Domingo, 9 de Diciembre

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

Monday, December 10 - Lunes, 10 de Diciembre

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

Tuesday, December 11 - Martes, 11 de Diciembre

- 12:00pm Over 55 Christmas Party
- 7:00pm ESL/Inglés como Segunda Lengua
- 7:00pm Green Team Meeting
- 7:00pm Novena Guadalupana
- 7:00pm Ladies Auxiliary Meeting
- 7:00pm Living Stones

Wednesday, December 12 - Miércoles, 12 de Diciembre

- 9:00am Legion of Mary
- 10:00am Mass at Redwood of Raymore
- 6:00pm Guadalupe Play/Obra Guadalupana
- 7:00pm Guadalupe Mass/Misa Guadalupana
- 8:00pm Guadalupe Party/Fiesta Guadalupana

Thursday, December 13 - Jueves, 13 de Diciembre

- 6:55am High School Youth Prayer Breakfast
- 9:30am Piecemakers Quilting Group
- 7:00pm Choir Practice (4:00 and 10:30 groups)
- 7:00pm RCIA/RICA
- 7:00pm Cub Scout Committee Meeting

Friday, December 14 - Viernes, 14 de Diciembre

No Scheduled Events

Saturday, December 15 - Sábado, 15 de Diciembre

- 9:00am Living Stones
- 3:00pm Confessions
- 6:00pm Ensayo para Las Posadas

Sunday, December 16 - Domingo, 16 de Diciembre

- 9:00am PSR/Parents Lounge
- 11:00am Ensayo del Coro Hispano
- 11:00am Escuela de Religión
- 7:00pm Confirmation and High School Youth Group

Over 55 Christmas Luncheon

Our Over 55 Christmas Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, December 11th in the parish hall. We will have lunch followed by a white elephant gift exchange. Our menu for lunch will be lasagna, salad, bread and dessert. If you would like to participate in the gift exchange, please bring a wrapped gift valued at \$10. Please call the parish office to sign up. 816-331-4713.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Each weekend of Advent, members of the parish are invited to help light the candles of the Advent Wreath during the entrance procession of each Mass. If you would like to light a candle, please sign up for a date and Mass time on the electronic form sent in the parish online newsletter, on the website, or contact the parish office. Please plan to arrive 15 minutes before the Mass for which you have signed up. You will process in with Father and the servers, light the candle(s) for that week and then be seated in your pew. If children would like to help light a candle, we ask that a parent please assist them. Contact Susan Ratigan with questions or to sign up.



Christmas Caroling

Our Ladies Auxiliary is sponsoring a bus to take carolers to area nursing homes on Saturday, December 15 after the 4:00 Mass. All are welcome to join the Ladies! Contact Nancy Meiron with questions at 816-820-6109.

Uplift Cooking Schedule Change

This month, our normal cooking day for Uplift falls on the 24th. In order to not interfere with anyone's holidays, we are rescheduling our cooking day for Friday, December 21.



Parish Happenings/Area Information

This Week's Do You Know Video:

As we enter into a new liturgical year beginning with the Advent season, this week's DYK video examines why John the Baptist is so prominent during the Advent Season. Advent is a time of waiting and of joyful anticipation and expectation for the coming of the Lord. We celebrate the Lord's coming 2000 years ago as a baby, his return at the end of time, and his constant and abiding presence here with us now. According to Scripture, John the Baptist's identity and mission are to prepare the way for the Lord's coming. The second and third Sundays of Advent in every Lectionary year, focus on John the Baptist sharing his wisdom regarding the best way to prepare for the coming of the Lord. In the second Sunday of Advent in Lectionary Year C, John the Baptist challenges us to prepare the way of the Lord by levelling mountains and filling in valleys, thus making a straight and direct path for our God. In the third Sunday of Advent in Lectionary Year C, John speaks of various ways in which we can make a straight way for our God. First we should be content with what we have and share that with others. Secondly, we should live justly, always building right relationships with all, treating all with dignity, respect and of infinite worth, even those we do not like. Thirdly, to be people who advocate and promote peace. John challenges us to be people who share, who live justly and who work for peace. This message is countercultural to our lived experience, especially during Advent. That is why the liturgy provides John the Baptist as a focal point for what Advent and preparing the way for the Lord are all about. Make time to view this week's DYK video and see why John the Baptist is so prominent during the season of Advent.



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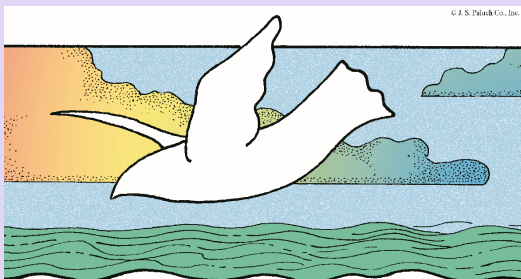
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Julia Funes	Kathy Muder	Alyson Zarco
Christopher Gates	Milo Noble	Mariana Zavala
Christopher Gnad	Arturo Pinon	

Happy Anniversary

Al and Kathleen Gebauer	66 Years!	12/16/1952
Ricardo and Graciela Lopez	45 Years!	12/15/1973
William and Sheila Birkner	41 Years!	12/10/1977
Gerzo and Obdulia Guerrero	23 Years!	12/16/1995

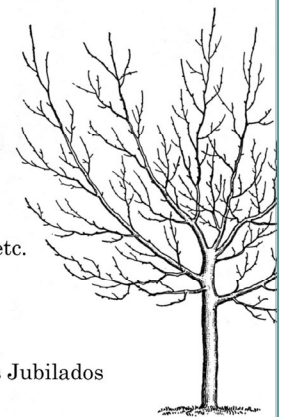
Baptism Congratulations

Elias Shawn Whitney, son of Jeremy and Katy Whitney



Jesse Tree Collections Colectas del Árbol de Jesé

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

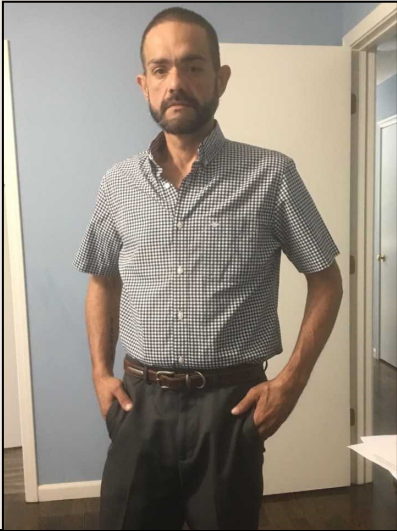


Information

Thank You from Berenice Zayas

I am grateful for all the kind words that I have received and the unconditional support in these moments after the death of my husband Pablo José Zayas. The love I have received from you has been so much that it has filled my heart with much hope. Thank you to each one of you in the community of Saint Sabina and to my co-workers... God bless you.

Hilde Berenice Zayas and Family



GLTB Catholics:

A 25 year existing group called HOPE of gay and lesbian Catholics that meets regularly on the third Sunday of the month, welcomes new members. Its mission is: Providing a safe, supportive and affirming environment for integrating sexuality and spirituality. Regular activities, along with monthly conversation, include a yearly retreat, providing meals for persons in hospice and AIDS centers, worshipping together in local parishes, hosting speakers and interacting with other local groups. Parents and guests are always welcome. For info contact:

Dean at 913-748-7433 or

Sr. Donna Ryan RSM at 816-304-7913

Saint Sabina Parish

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

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Wednesday, December 12, 2018



6:00pm:

Re-enactment of the apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe to Juan Diego

6:45pm:

Matachines dancers

7:00pm

Mass in Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00pm:

Fiesta/Party



Pastoral Care

Nursing Home Mass Schedule

Dec 12	10:00am	Redwood of Raymore
Dec 19	10:00am	Foxwood Springs
Dec 26	No Mass or Service	

Prayer Requests/Peticiones de Oración

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

Grieving a Loss Through the Holidays

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

Beginning Experience "Coping with Life Alone"

is a Beginning Experience grief support program that meets for seven weeks. The program helps those who have lost a love relationship due to death, divorce or separation, move through the experience of grief and loss into a future of renewed hope. The next program will be Saturdays from 2-4pm, January 5 through February 16 at Church of the Ascension, Overland Park, KS. For information and registration contact Donna at 816-305-3760.

Wellness Center

Holiday Eating, Myth Busting—We've separated the fact from fiction with an insider look at the truth on holiday eating. Remove the guilt, here are the facts!

Myth #1: Most people put on five to seven pounds during the holidays.

Reality: The average weight gain during the six-week span from Thanksgiving to New Year's is just under one pound, according to a study in The New England Journal of Medicine. **Eat-smart strategy:** Many holiday foods, sweet potatoes, dried fruit and turkey are a few examples of nutritious options to enjoy in moderation. Add in a little extra physical activity every day to burn off additional calories and benefit from the stress-reducing effects of exercise.

Myth #2: Eat a lot of turkey, and you'll be snoozing shortly.

Reality: Studies have linked an essential amino acid found in cooked turkey to a feeling of sleepiness, but it's unlikely that eating turkey during the holidays will have a sedating effect, says Milton Stokes from the American Dietetic Association. The real reason a nap is so appealing after any big meal is the large amount of energy required to digest it. **Eat-smart strategy:** One way to avoid a post-meal energy drain is to approach a big dinner with an appetite that's in check. Eat a regular breakfast and lunch so you don't arrive at dinner feeling famished.

Myth #3: Great cooks and festive parties place our willpower at risk.

Reality: Research indicates that it's not the parties that prompt us to eat, but being around friends and family that may lead to diet missteps. When you're socializing, it's natural to lose track of what and how much you're eating. **Eat-smart strategy:** Mindful eating is key to maintaining your equilibrium during social situations. Since you don't want to offend your host and their special dishes, take smaller servings. Make a conscious effort to balance your plate with plenty of fruits and veggies.



Stewardship

"John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah: *A voice of one crying out in the desert: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'*"

Luke 3: 3-6

While it can be tempting to give in to the materialism and calls for self-indulgence that surround us, (ironically more than ever at this time of year), this reading calls us back to the spiritual reality that this life is passing and that we are made for eternal life with God. We are called to prepare for eternal life by the way that we use our time, our talents and our treasure now. John tells us how to celebrate to the fullest this first "coming" on the feast of Christmas and how to prepare for the second coming — through repentance.

See more at www.catholicsteward.com/blog/

Green Team Tip of the Week

How to compost and recycle your single serving coffee and tea.



CUPS: Empty grounds, remove filter, rinse and recycle cup (#5 plastic)
GROUNDS: Compostable
FOIL TOP: recycle with aluminum
THIS BOX: recycle with cardboard

Appreciated Securities

"At the heart of stewardship in my own reflections and my own search for how it touches my life, it has prompted me to ask that question more than once, 'What do I own and what owns me?'" --Archbishop Thomas Murphy

Examining ourselves in the way Archbishop Murphy examined himself can inspire thoughts about all that we have. You may find that you have appreciated securities purchased some time ago at a much lower value that could make a meaningful impact on your parish.

Tax Treatment

Donating publicly traded appreciated stock or mutual fund shares is a strategic gift-planning method. The after-tax cost is less than a cash gift.

- If held for more than 12 months, the **fair market value** as of the date of the gift is eligible for deduction, if your tax situation allows.
- The donated value may be **deductible up to 30% of your adjusted gross income** and can be carried over for up to five years.
- **Capital gains tax will not be assessed.**

The IRS offers guidance to establish the value of your securities donations in publication 561.

How to donate appreciated securities

The diocese processes securities donations as a service to parishes and ministries. How your gift is processed depends upon whether you hold your securities in a brokerage account or have physical possession of the certificates. Contact the Office of Stewardship and Development at (816) 714-2363 or 816-714-2359, if you need help determining how to proceed.

To transfer securities from your brokerage account to the diocesan brokerage account, you will need a securities donation form (DTC Transfer form). You can download the form from the Planned Giving section of the diocese website www.kcsjdiocese.org. The diocese will sell your securities and forward the proceeds to the parish or ministry you designate. Please consult with your own attorney and other professional advisers regarding your personal tax and financial situation.

Contributions for November 25

Envelopes/Sobres:	\$9,608.00
Plate/Canasta:	\$ 782.75
Maintenance-Upkeep:	\$ 345.00
Thanksgiving:	\$ 529.27

Contributions for December 2

Envelopes/Sobres:	\$15,568.12
Plate/Canasta:	\$ 1,011.00
Maintenance-Upkeep:	\$ 1,846.00

Community Garden Campaign

The St. Sabina Community Garden donated 1684 lbs of fresh produce to our neighbors in need. Please help us grow more food in 2019 by contributing to goal of raising \$1800 for a fence through the non profit Seed Money. Deadline is Friday, Dec 15, 11am CST. Your donation is tax deductible! <https://donate.seedmoney.org/2756/st.-sabina-community-garden>

Help needed for Christmas Preparations:

Join us to help decorate the church for Christmas on **Thursday, December 20 at 9:00 AM**. This is when we place the nativity set, Christmas banners, and other decorations. Many hands make the job go quickly! Please sign up on the sheet in the gathering space or online on the parish website www.stsabinaparish.org.



Youth Ministry/Young Adults

Youth News

Thursday

Morning Donuts!

Every Thursday that Belton High School is in session, Kirstie will have donuts and a little prayer

for High School youth heading to school. The Youth Office doors will open at 6:55am for kids to stop in on their way to school.

Confirmation Candidates! All youth enrolled in the Confirmation program must have a Sponsor to join them on the journey to the sacrament of Confirmation. There will be once a month meetings which are listed on the Youth Calendar which is available on the parish website. A sponsor is an adult Catholic who is confirmed, in good standing with the Catholic church and who is available to attend the meetings with the youth. It is not recommended that a parent serve as a sponsor. Our next Sponsor Night will be February 13th from 7-8:30pm in the Parish Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Kirstie Roberts.

PSR News

Breakfast with Santa!

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

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

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



Child Safety

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

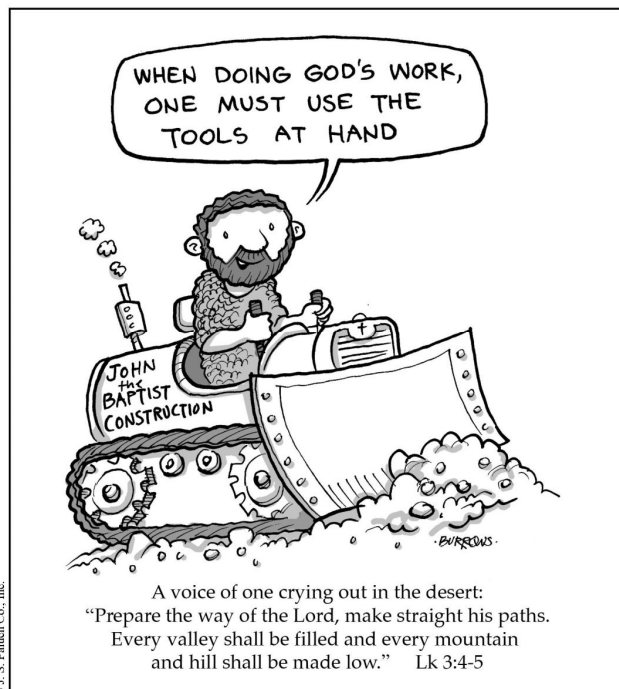
1. **Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and**
2. **Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and**
3. **After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable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

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

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

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



Reflection on the Readings

Compassion, healing and liberation are necessary components in our journey to fullness of life. Our God is a God who activates these very realities, simply because the very essence of our God is one who heals, liberates, sets free, and continually brings about new life and meaning.

The readings on this second Sunday of Advent speak of these realities in the lives of those who have gone before us in faith, as well as in our lives today as people of faith. **These realities are also the core message of the feast honoring La Morenita del Tepayc, Our Lady of Guadalupe, which we celebrate this coming December 12.** Our parish community does an excellent job in celebrating this important feast of the patron saint of the Americas. **Take time to participate in the festivities and learn the lesson that Our Lady of Guadalupe can teach all of us.**

The first reading from Baruch for this Sunday presents a glorious vision of Jerusalem. **Baruch consoles God's people as they encounter life's various challenges.** "Take off your robe of mourning...put on the splendor of glory from God..." **By rejecting sinfulness and putting on the "cloak of justice," the people activate compassion and healing.** For this, they will be named "by God forever the peace of justice, the glory of God's worship."

Reflective of John the Baptist's message in the gospel reading, God takes the lead in leveling mountains and making valleys smooth so that the people can journey secure in the Lord. **Baruch counsels a life style in which God takes the lead, allowing God's mercy and justice to become our lifetime companions.**

Paul's letter to the Philippians challenges us to "discern what is of value" by taking on the mind and heart of Christ. Only in so doing can we properly discern what is of value, allowing love to color and dominate all our knowledge and actions. **Such a life style enables us to be "filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ..."** Filled with such fruit, our lives radiate God's compassion, healing, and liberation.

Luke's gospel presents us with the ordinary setting of time and space, in which God's light and justice break forth. By mentioning Roman political rulers along with Jewish political and religious

authorities, Luke symbolically presents Jesus as the universal savior of all, Jew and Gentile alike. John the Baptist announces that God's universal saving light is made manifest in Jesus. **John prepares us for the breaking forth of God's saving light by preaching repentance that leads to lives of justice.**

Justice, when truly activated, demands that all be treated with dignity and respect, leading to healing of wounds and divisions, thus making all things new. This Advent journey is no easy pilgrimage. With God's help we are to prepare the way of the Lord by leveling mountains and filling in valleys. **We make a straight path for all those refugees knocking at our door for an opportunity to be treated with justice that leads to healing and peace.** In so doing, we make God present in our own lives and in the lives of all we encounter. Advent then becomes a true preparation for the breaking forth of God's saving light manifested in the presence of Jesus among us.

This Sunday, we are invited to acclaim the refrain of responsorial Psalm 126, "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy." **Let us reflect on the great things that God has done for us by committing ourselves to lives of justice and compassion.** Let us strive to share God's abundant blessings with all who have little or none, who flee for their lives from violence and tyranny, and who ask to be treated with dignity and respect.

This week, take time to consider how you work at leveling mountains and filling in valleys so that all, most especially the refugees at our door, can experience the glory, love and compassion of the Lord. As we continue our Advent journey, reflect on how you can be a source of compassion, healing and liberation both to yourself and to all of God's people.

Biagio Mazza
Pastoral Associate

Readings



Bible Study

Sunday, December 9

1st Reading: Baruch 5:1-9

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

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

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

Sunday, December 16

1st Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18a

Psalm: Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (6)

2nd Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

Catholics are mostly exposed to the Bible through the Sunday Lectionary Readings. In order to help us all enter into the Bible through the Sunday readings, we offer study sessions that provide an opportunity to read, to study background to the readings, and to reflect on how to apply the readings to our lives. **Our next Bible Study dates are Dec 9 and 23 at 10:30am in the conference room.** All are welcome; bring a Bible. To register, call Biagio at 816-979-3153.



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Reflexión Sobre las Lecturas

La compasión, la sanación y la liberación son componentes necesarios en nuestro viaje hacia la plenitud de la vida. Nuestro Dios es un Dios que activa estas realidades, simplemente porque la misma esencia de nuestro Dios es alguien que sana, libera y continuamente trae nueva vida y significado.

Las lecturas de este segundo domingo de Adviento hablan de estas realidades en las vidas de quienes nos han precedido en la fe, así como en nuestras vidas de hoy como personas de fe. **Estas realidades también son el mensaje central de la fiesta en honor a La Morenita del Tepeyac, Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, que celebramos el próximo 12 de diciembre.** Nuestra comunidad parroquial hace un excelente trabajo al celebrar esta importante fiesta de la santa patrona de las Américas. **Tómese el tiempo para participar en las festividades y aprender la lección que Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe puede enseñarnos a todos.**

La primera lectura de Baruc para este domingo presenta una visión gloriosa de Jerusalén. **Baruc consuela al pueblo de Dios al enfrentar los diversos desafíos de la vida.** "despójate de tus vestidos de luto... vístete con el esplendor de la gloria que Dios te da..." **Al rechazar el pecado y al ponerse el "manto de la justicia", el pueblo activa la compasión y la sanación.** Por esto, serán nombrados por Dios para siempre "Paz en la justicia y gloria en la piedad".

Reflejando el mensaje de Juan el Bautista en la lectura del evangelio, Dios toma la iniciativa de nivelar montañas y hacer que los valles sean suaves para que el pueblo pueda viajar seguro en el Señor. **Baruc aconseja un estilo de vida en el que Dios toma la iniciativa, permitiendo que la misericordia y**

la justicia de Dios se conviertan en nuestros compañeros de por vida.

La carta de Pablo a los filipenses nos desafía a "escoger siempre lo mejor" al tomar la mente y el corazón de Cristo. Solo así podemos escoger adecuadamente lo mejor, permitiendo que el amor coloree y domine todos nuestros conocimientos y acciones. **Tal estilo de vida nos permite estar "llenos de los frutos de la justicia, que nos viene de Cristo Jesús..."** Llenos de ese fruto, nuestras vidas irradian la compasión, la sanación y la liberación de Dios.

El evangelio de Lucas nos presenta el contexto ordinario del tiempo y del espacio, en el que se manifiesta la luz y la justicia de Dios. Al mencionar a los gobernantes políticos romanos junto con las autoridades políticas y religiosas judías, Lucas presenta simbólicamente a Jesús como el salvador universal de todos, judíos y gentiles por igual. Juan el Bautista anuncia que la luz salvadora universal de Dios se manifiesta en Jesús. **Juan nos prepara para el desatamiento de la luz salvadora de Dios al predicar el arrepentimiento que conduce a vidas de justicia.**

La justicia, cuando se activa de verdad, exige que todos sean tratados con dignidad y respeto, lo que lleva a la curación de heridas y divisiones, haciendo que todas las cosas sean nuevas. Este viaje de Adviento no es un peregrinaje fácil. Con la ayuda de Dios, debemos preparar el camino del Señor al nivelar montañas y llenar valles. **Hacemos un camino directo para todos los refugiados que llaman a nuestra puerta para tener la oportunidad de ser tratados con justicia lo cual conduce a la sanación y la paz.** Al

hacerlo, hacemos a Dios presente en nuestras propias vidas y en las vidas de todos los que encontramos. El Adviento, entonces, se convierte en una verdadera preparación para el surgimiento de la luz salvadora de Dios manifestada en la presencia de Jesús entre nosotros.

Este domingo, estamos invitados a aclamar el estribillo del Salmo responsorial 126: "El Señor ha estado grande con nosotros, y estamos alegres". **Reflexionemos sobre las grandes cosas que Dios ha hecho por nosotros al comprometernos con vidas de justicia y compasión.** Luchemos por compartir las abundantes bendiciones de Dios con todos los que tienen poco o nada, con los que huyen la violencia y la tiranía, y con los que piden ser tratados con dignidad y respeto.

Esta semana, tómese un tiempo para considerar cómo trabaja en la nivelación de montañas y el relleno de valles para que todos, especialmente los refugiados que están a nuestra puerta, puedan experimentar la gloria, el amor y la compasión del Señor. Mientras continuamos nuestro viaje de Adviento, reflexione sobre cómo puede ser una fuente de compasión, sanación y liberación, tanto para sí mismo como para todo el pueblo de Dios.

Biagio Mazza
Asociado Pastoral

Lecturas



Lecturas del Domingo, 9 de Diciembre

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

Lecturas del Domingo, 16 de Diciembre

Primera Lectura: Sofonías 3:14-18
Salmo: Isaías 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6
Segunda Lectura: Filipenses 4:4-7
Evangelio: Lucas 3:10-18

Ministerio Juvenil/Información

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.

Noticias de la Escuela de Religión

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

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- 2) Póngase en contacto con su departamento de policía local o llame al 911.
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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/>

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Apelaciones Anuales de la Parroquia y Diócesis

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

Platicas Pre-Bautismales - 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.

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La Iglesia Santa Sabina

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Miércoles, 12 de Diciembre del 2018

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



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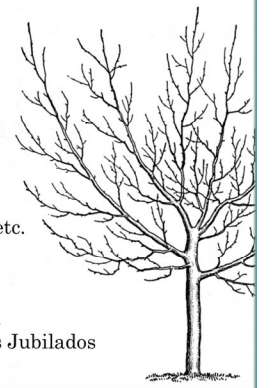


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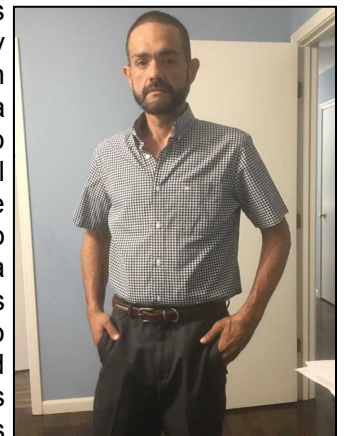
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Dec 15/16: Canned Food
Alimentos Enlatados
Dec 22/23: Religious Retirement Appeal
Apelación para los Religiosos Jubilados



Agradecimiento de Berenice Zayas

Agradezco todas las palabras de cariño que me han dicho y el apoyo incondicional en estos momentos tras la muerte de mi esposo Pablo José Zayas, ha sido tanto el amor recibido por parte de ustedes que me han llenado el corazón de mucha esperanza. Gracias individualmente a cada uno de ustedes en la comunidad de Santa Sabina como a mis compañeros de trabajo...Dios les bendiga.

Hilde Berenice Zayas y Familia



Felicidades Por Su Bautismo

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Felicidades a Yeni Gonzalez, Eduardo Lopez y Wendy Mora quienes completaron su capacitación Pastoral Migratoria en la diócesis. El Pastoral Migratoria es un grupo de individuos capacitados que ayudan a las personas con necesidades y dudas migratorias.



Horarios de Misa

Sábado: 4:00pm en Ingles

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