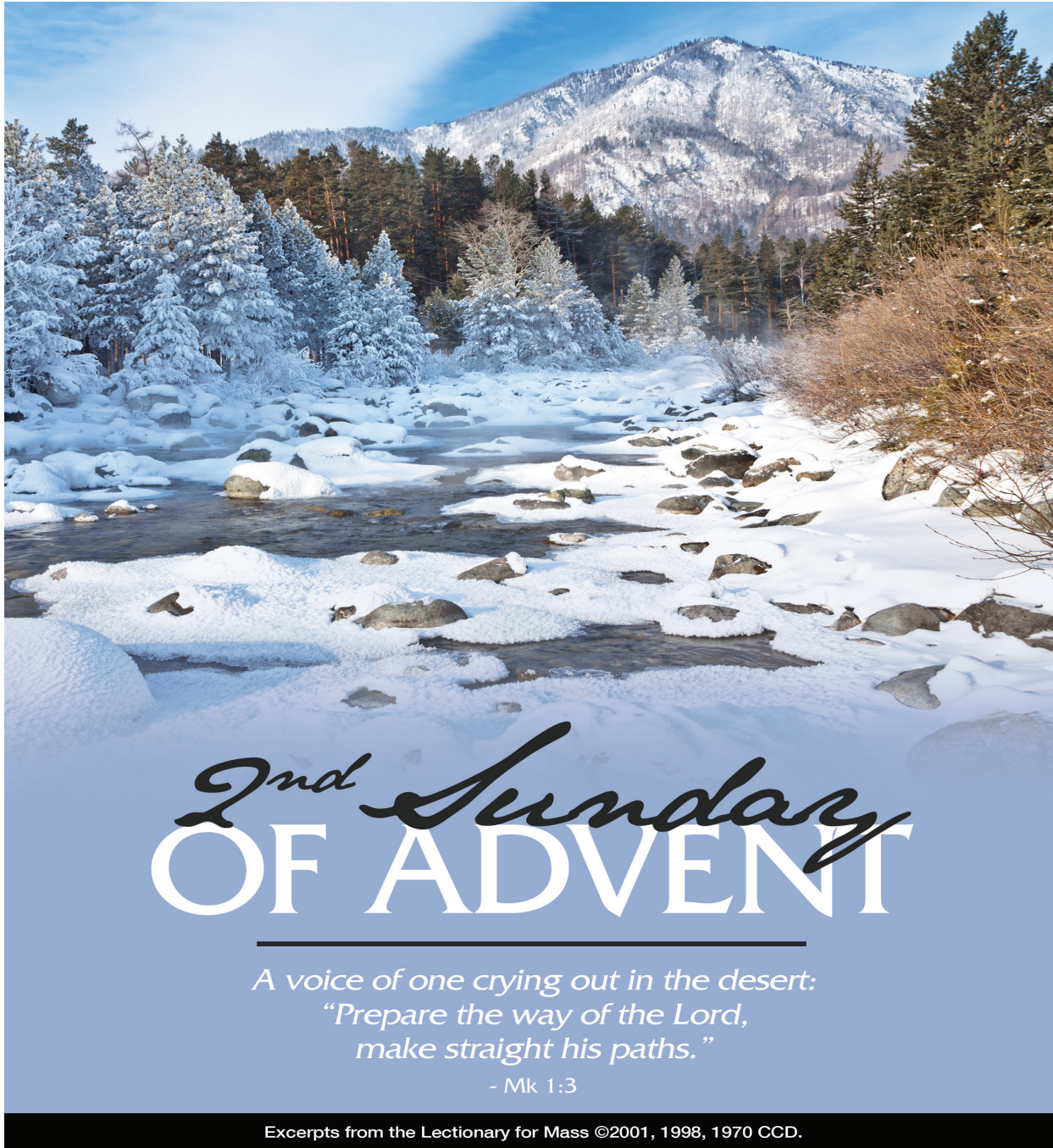


Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church

Iglesia Católica San Juan el Evangelista

DECEMBER 10, 2017 — SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
10 DE DICIEMBRE DE 2017 — SEGUNDO DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO



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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:30 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m.
Daily Masses: ..Thursday 8:30 a.m.
 ..Wednesday and Friday 12 noon
CONFESSIONS (Saturday) 4:30 p.m. or by appointment

HORARIO LITURGICO

Domingo 12:15 p.m. (Español)
Misa Diaria: ..Jueves 8:30 a.m. (Ingles)
 ..Miércoles y Viernes 12:00 del medio día
CONFESIONES (Sábado) 4:30 p.m. o por cita

HORARIO DE OFICINAS

LUNES—JUEVES: 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
VIERNES: 9:00 a.m. - 12 del medio día

OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday: 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
Friday: 9:00 a.m.—12 NOON

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St John Parish Calendar

SATURDAY

DECEMBER 9, 2017

4:30 PM

Reconciliation

5:30 PM

Mass soul of Frances Leary

SUNDAY

DECEMBER 10, 2017

9:00 AM

Mass for all military personnel

10:00 AM

Rosary

12:15 PM

Misa militar personal

WEDNESDAY

DECEMBER 13, 2017

12:00 Noon

Mass soul of Enrica Rosali

THURSDAY

DECEMBER 14, 2017

8:30 AM

Mass soul of Felica Rosali

FRIDAY

DECEMBER 15, 2017

Mass for soul of Adriano Rosali

SATURDAY

DECEMBER 16, 2017

4:30 PM

Reconciliation

5:30 PM

Mass parishioners St. John, St. Patrick
And St. Peter

SUNDAY

DECEMBER 17, 2017

9:00 AM

Mass souls Paul Johnson & Mary Beth
Enderson

10:00 AM

Rosary

12:15 PM

Misa Jose Guadalupe Garcia y
Maria del Carmen Guerrero

ST. PETER OFFERS MASS DAILY AT NOON



The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus." - Lk 1:30-31

Readings for the Week of December 10, 2017

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/2 Pt 3:8-14/
Mk 1:1-8

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 35:4f]/Lk
5:17-26

Tuesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde,
19 [15:9d]/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 [1]/Mt 11:28-
30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt
11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Mt
17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 [Is
61:10b]/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

December 2 & 3, 2017

Weekly

Actual \$4,562

Budgeted \$5,266

Difference (\$ 704)

Year to Date

Actual \$103,293

Budgeted \$121,118

Difference (\$17,825)

Monthly Debt Expense \$1860.00

Monthly Debt Collection \$1948.00

Difference \$ 88.00

Remaining Debt Balance \$35,870

MASS ATTENDANCE

5:30

65

9:00

159

12:15

299



Pray for

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS/ RECUERDE EN SUS ORACIONES:

Keith Pinney, Rudy Calo'oy, John Kolakoski, Ron Price, Jr., Red and Nancy Goodman, Pat & Jerry Nolte, Richard Painter, Deborah Shorter, Maxine DiMarino, Isaias Fuentes,

Melanie Patterson, Lillan Arthur, Mary Helen Sohaski, Thomas Whitehead, Esperanza Godinez, Shirley Hughes, Sherry Wright, Barbara Greene, David Stull, Otts Miskimon, Dan Mages, Austin Okoli, Jr., and Georgina Gerhardt.

The item being collected for **FISH** for **December Shampoo**

En el mes de **diciembre** necesitamos
Champú

An English-speaking reenactment of the Apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe to Saint Juan Diego will take place at the end of the 5:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday, December 9, and the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, December 10.

Message from our Pastor...

Did you know that all the money you have is going to be dissolved away? Whether you have plenty of it or just a few dollars to your name, every single dollar is going to be dissolved away. And not just for you, but for everyone. Everyone's money is going to be dissolved away. The CEO of Amazon recently became the richest person in the world. He has over 100 billion dollars. Did you know that even with all that money, he cannot stop what will inevitably happen to every single dollar he has. It will be dissolved away.

What about your dream home? Do you live in your dream home? Are you working so that one day you can live in your dream home? I personally love beautiful and architecturally ornate homes and buildings. And my hobby is home remodeling. I love remodeling rooms, knocking down walls, giving dated fixtures a face-lift. But did you know that even our lovely homes are going to be dissolved away. It's not going to be something you can prevent with a smoke alarm. Your home is gone. It will be dissolved away, so will everything inside it...all the furniture, the big TV, the antiques, dust...it's all going to be dust.

Finally, although this isn't Lent, we also remember the words we hear when we get ashes on Ash Wednesday, "remember you are dust and to dust you will return." Even our own bodies will turn to dust. No matter how many years we may have ahead of us (or not) our bodies will be dust.

In fact, everything will be turning to dust folks. Science cannot stop it. Computers cannot stop it. Doctors cannot stop it and you cannot buy, bargain or cheat your way out of it.

The reason I know this is because the bible says "the elements will be dissolved by fire...everything is to be dissolved" (from the second reading at Mass this weekend). Like I said, everything is going to be turning to dust.

Some people might see this as frightening or a reason to dread. I don't. I see it as the great equalizer. I see it as the great reset button for all of existence. This time for hitting the reset button is called in the bible 'the day of the Lord.' When Jesus comes, it all goes to dust.

The bible also says 2 other things related to this dissolving of everything. It says "everything done on it [earth] will be found out" and "since everything is to be dissolved in this way, what sort of person ought you to be."

What that means is that when all this stuff gets dissolved away, and the 'day of the Lord' comes, everything that everyone has ever done is going to be 'found out.' It's going to be like back in the early church when they used to have public confession. People think it's hard to go to confession now...they should have lived in the early church when you used to go to confession in front of the whole church.

Well there is one more big public confession we all have to go to. It happens on the day of the Lord. Because of this, that's why the next phrase says "since" this is going to happen, "what sort of person ought you be." If everything is going to be known, what type of person should I be now knowing that everything I do will be brought to light? If I do a lot of shady, underhanded things, the day of the Lord is going to be pretty embarrassing. But if behind closed doors I am faithful, full of devotion and love for God, moral and decent, well then all those little acts of kindness and sacrifice that I did without anyone knowing, will then come to light. And the day of the Lord will be a joy. Get ready.

Fr. Rossi

Saint John Advent Calendar

Tuesday December 12th

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Mass at 7:00 PM **Spanish**

Celebration after Mass at the Social Hall

Saturday December 16th

Simbang Gabi

Mass at 5:30 PM

Followed by reception at the Social Hall

Sunday December 17th

Annual Christmas Concert

4 PM at St. Patrick

Sunday December 24th

Mass at 4 PM Bi-lingual

Monday Christmas Day

Mass at 9:00 AM

January 1, 2018 Solemnity of Mary

Mass 10:00 AM

"Our Blessed Mother Virgin Mary's Baby Shower" and Breakfast with Saint Nicholas

Don't forget to attend the baby shower dedicated to our Blessed Mother Virgin Mary today Sunday, December 10th, from 10:00 am to 11:45 am in the social hall. We will celebrate the blessings of life with a breakfast in which we will have a special visitor, St Nicholas. There is no cost but a donation will be greatly appreciated. All are welcome. At the baby shower we will collect items to benefit the East End Pregnancy Center. Your presence and your presents will be greatly appreciated.

Simbang Gabi,

Simbang Gabi which means Mass at Dawn, is a journey of spiritual preparation to welcome and receive the Child Jesus. Please come out and support our Filipino Brothers and Sisters at the 5:30 PM mass Saturday December 16, followed by a reception in the Social Hall. All are welcome

St. Patrick Christmas Concert

All are invited to attend the annual Christmas Concert at St. Patrick on Sunday, December 17, at 4:00 pm. The concert will feature the combined choir from St. John, St. Patrick, and St. Peter; the children's Schola and St. Gregory Choir; as well as several soloists and ensembles. Along with music, the story of Christmas will be proclaimed. Come join us as we journey to the manger of Bethlehem with the kings, shepherds, angels, and, of course, Joseph and Mary. O Come, let us adore him! Jesus, who is Christ, the Lord! Thank you! Angie

THANK YOU NOTE FROM THE K OF C

Thanks so much for your generosity in supporting our annual Appalachia giving tree. Your kindness will brighten the hearts of the 4 families living in the mountains of Appalachia we assisted during this Christmas season