

Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church

Iglesia Católica San Juan el Evangelista

DECEMBER 17, 2017 — THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

17 DE DICIEMBRE DE 2017 — TERCER DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

Third Sunday of ADVENT



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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday5:30 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
CONFESSIONES (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 16, 2017

4:30 PM Reconciliation
5:30 PM Mass parishioners St. John, St. Patrick & St. Peter

SUNDAY

DECEMBER 17, 2017

9:00 AM Mass for souls Paul Johnson & Mary Beth Enderson
10:00 AM Rosary
12:15 PM Misa José Guadalupe García y Maria del Carmen Guerrero

WEDNESDAY

DECEMBER 20, 2017

12:00 Noon Mass soul of Flora Geordano

THURSDAY

DECEMBER 21, 2017

8:30 AM Mass for the health of Elena Chavez

FRIDAY

DECEMBER 22, 2017

Mass

SATURDAY

DECEMBER 23, 2017

4:30 PM Reconciliation
5:30 PM Mass soul of William Draper

SUNDAY

DECEMBER 24, 2017

9:00 AM Mass soul of Benjamin Young
10:00 AM Rosary
12:15 PM Misa por el alma de Padre Allister McKay



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 17, 2017

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

Monday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25

Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45

Friday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-56

Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66

Next Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

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December 9 & 10, 2017

Weekly

Actual 3,143
Budgeted 5,266
Difference (2,123)

Year to Date

Actual 106,436
Budgeted 126,384
Difference (19,948)

Monthly Debt Collection **\$2,058.00**

Remaining Debt Balance \$35,870

MASS ATTENDANCE

5:30 **9:00** **12:15**
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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



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**

A few things today.

First, this is Guadete Sunday. It means 'rejoice.' You will see the priest wearing rose colored vestments as a sign of our subdued celebration and excitement for the coming of Christ at Christmas. We are still in the season of Advent. We are not in the Christmas season yet but we rejoice at what is coming to us on that great day. It is only a week or so away!!!

Second, a big thank you to all the staff and volunteers who have been doing so much to make our season so special. From the breakfasts with Santa, to the Our Lady of Guadalupe celebrations, to the decorating, to the Simbang Gabi celebration, to the Christmas concerts and all the other events that make this season so special. Thank you for your generous hearts!!

Finally, during Advent at each of the parishes, I have been preaching about one topic. I hope you remember what that topic is. It is CONFESSION. The sacrament of Reconciliation is the absolute best way to prepare spiritually for the grace that God is going to extend to us on Christmas day. If our hearts are hard because of sin (and remember, everyone sins), then the grace of Christmas will bounce off us like rubber against a stone. If we confess our sins it softens our hearts and makes room in them for God's presence. Remember, every Catholic has to go to confession at least one time per year (at least) and when conscious of a mortal sin BEFORE they can receive Holy Communion. And Advent is a great time to go. So GO. Especially if you have been away, I can absolutely promise you will feel so much better after you go. You will feel like a giant weight has been lifted off your shoulders. The longer it's been, the more it will feel like a weight has been removed. The bigger the sin you are afraid to confess, the more it will feel like a weight has been removed. Look in the bulletin for confession times or call any Catholic Church. No one can force you to go, it is your responsibility. Do you want to have a spiritually significant Christmas or just a material one?

Happy Advent. We have only a week left to prepare for Christmas.

Fr Rossi

Saint John Advent Calendar

Sunday December 17th
Annual Christmas Concert
4 PM at St. Patrick

Sunday December 24th
Regular Sunday schedule

Christmas Eve Mass at 4 PM Bi-lingual

Monday Christmas Day
Mass at 9:00 AM

The SJP drawing is this Thursday, December 21st after the 8:30 am Mass. You are welcome to join us. For information call Diana Young 647-5665.

A big thank you—Muchisimas Gracias

This past week we had another successful Breakfast with St. Nicholas. Thank you to all who came and had a great time and also to those who came and helped. A special thank you to St. Nicholas in the person of Ed Gillikin. Thank you to April Painter, Mary Miskimon, Gisela Estrada, Zoila Arteaga and all the catechists who come and help as well as all the parents who always are there to give us a hand. We could have not done it without all of you. We also want to thank those who brought gifts for "Our Blessed Mother Virgin Mary's baby shower". We collected a lot of great items for the women who decided to say YES to life and no to abortion. All the gifts will benefit the East End Pregnancy Center. Again thank you.



Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration



Thank you to our youth from Religious Education who participated in the reenactment of the apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe during our two English masses as well at the Spanish Mass. The cast were Wilson Sanchez, Emmauel Coronado, Maria Coronado, Gloria Alejo, Paulo Matheny, Edsson Estrada y Gerardo Diaz. They did an awesome job. Big kudos to them. We are also thankful for all who donated the food and the drinks and those who decorated inside and outside the church. The mass was wonderful; Thank you to Victor Flores and his choir. Thank you to Zoila Arteaga for leading the Novena, Juan Coronado for leading the celebration. Many people came to celebrate the Feast of our Blessed Mother Mary. May God bless all of you.