

# Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church

## Iglesia Católica San Juan el Evangelista

DECEMBER 3, 2017 — FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
3 DE DICIEMBRE DE 2017 — PRIMER DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO



### 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  
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 2, 2017**

4:30 PM

Reconciliation

5:30 PM

Mass Benaventurada Pasarda Canoy & Zosima Flores

### SUNDAY

**DECEMBER 3, 2017**

9:00 AM

Mass Andrea & Carmela Young

10:00 AM

Rosary

12:15 PM

Misa

### WEDNESDAY

**DECEMBER 6, 2017**

12:00 Noon

Mass

### THURSDAY

**DECEMBER 7, 2017**

8:30 AM

Mass

### FRIDAY

**DECEMBER 8,, 2017**

9:00 AM

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION-ENGLISH

7:00 PM

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION-SPANISH

### SATURDAY

**DECEMBER 9, 2017**

4:30 PM

Reconciliation

5:30 PM

Mass soul Frances Leary

### SUNDAY

**DECEMBER 10, 2017**

9:00 AM

Mass

10:00 AM

Rosary

12:15 PM

Misa

**ST. PETER OFFERS MASS DAILY AT NOON**



**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS/  
RECUERDE EN SUS ORACIONES:**  
*Pray for*

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.



"Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping." - Mk 13:35-36

### Readings for the Week of December 3, 2017

Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/ Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/ Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [1a]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. Is 30:18d] / Mt 9:35--10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next 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

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### November 25 & 26, 2017

#### Weekly

Actual \$3,422  
Budgeted \$5,266  
Difference (\$1,844)

#### Year to Date

Actual \$ 98,731  
Budgeted \$115,852  
Difference (\$17,121)

Monthly Debt Expense \$1860.00  
Monthly Debt Collection \$2393.00  
Difference \$ 533.00

**Remaining Debt Balance \$37,636.00**

#### MASS ATTENDANCE

5:30	9:00	12:15
78	142	215

**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.

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

En el mes de **diciembre** necesitamos **Champú**

### **Happy Advent! Happy New Year!**

We as a Church we begin a new year this Sunday with the start of Advent.

Advent has two meanings.

First, we use it as a time of preparation for the great coming of Christ as an infant to Mary and Joseph at Christmas. And when I say preparation, I am not just talking about or even primarily talking about decorations, gifts, Christmas cookies or colorful lights. It is amazing people will stand in line for hours outside of a store to save \$100 on a TV but don't have time to worship God for an hour on Sunday.

I am talking about spiritual preparation. Are our hearts ready to make a home for the infant who was born for us in a manger? Are our hearts clean, pure, swept and emptied of those things we do not want him to encounter? Experiencing Christmas on the outside is all about presents, colorful lights, and cookies. Experiencing Christmas on the inside is all about making a well decorated interior life to welcome our Great Guest who comes to us December 25<sup>th</sup>. That is the first meaning of Advent, to prepare for Christmas.

The second meaning of Advent, which is often forgotten about, is to prepare for Christ's second coming. Did you know we still believe that? Yes. If you have ever read the Bible Jesus talks about it all the time. He is going to come again, down to earth, and definitively establish his rule for all to plainly witness.

But this time it's going to be a lot different from the first time he came. The first time he came he was small and weak as an infant. This time he will come in glory and all authority and power. The first time he came his entrance was quiet and only known to a few shepherds and the magi. This time every single person will know of his arrival. It will be like a meteor shower in the sky.

Oh what a day it will be. The whole world will be changed in the twinkling of an eye. Everything that we were worried about that day or had planned is going to change...big time (almost everything).

Wow. He is coming. And Advent is time to think about that and get ready, get ready by reordering our lives and daily routine as if he is coming tomorrow, or this afternoon.

I wonder how your day might look if you knew he was coming this afternoon?

Happy Advent.

Fr Rossi

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

Please mark your calendar for the baby shower dedicated to our Blessed Mother Virgin Mary on 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.

**DON'T FORGET ALL APPALACHIAN GIVING GIFTS MUST BE RETURNED BY THIS WEEKEND.**

### **Saint John Advent Calendar**

**Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**

Communal Penance Service at 6:30 PM

**Friday, December 8th**

**Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Mass at 9:00 AM **English** & Mass at 7:00 PM **Spanish**

**Sunday December 10th**

**Baby Shower and Breakfast with St Nicholas**

**All are invited at 10:15 AM (Social Hall)**

**Monday December 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Vigil of Our Lady of Guadalupe**

Mass at 10:00 PM **Spanish**

**Celebration after Mass**

**Tuesday December 12th**

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Mass at 7:00 PM **Spanish**

**Celebration after Mass**

### **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

**A special holiday gift** for someone who has everything: Consider a year's membership in the SJP 500 Club. For \$5.00 a month they can be in a drawing for prizes of \$500, \$200 and six \$50. There are eight changes to win! Purchase eleven months at \$55.00 and receive the twelfth month free. Profits go to St. John's. Join now! Applications are near the front door on the wall shelf. Or call Diana Young (804) 647-5665

SJP winners for **November** were Frances Milby, Trudy West, Tom Aidif, Trudy West, Phyllis Satterwhite, JoAnn Darlington, Roberta Small, Edna Stanley. The next drawing is December 21.

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