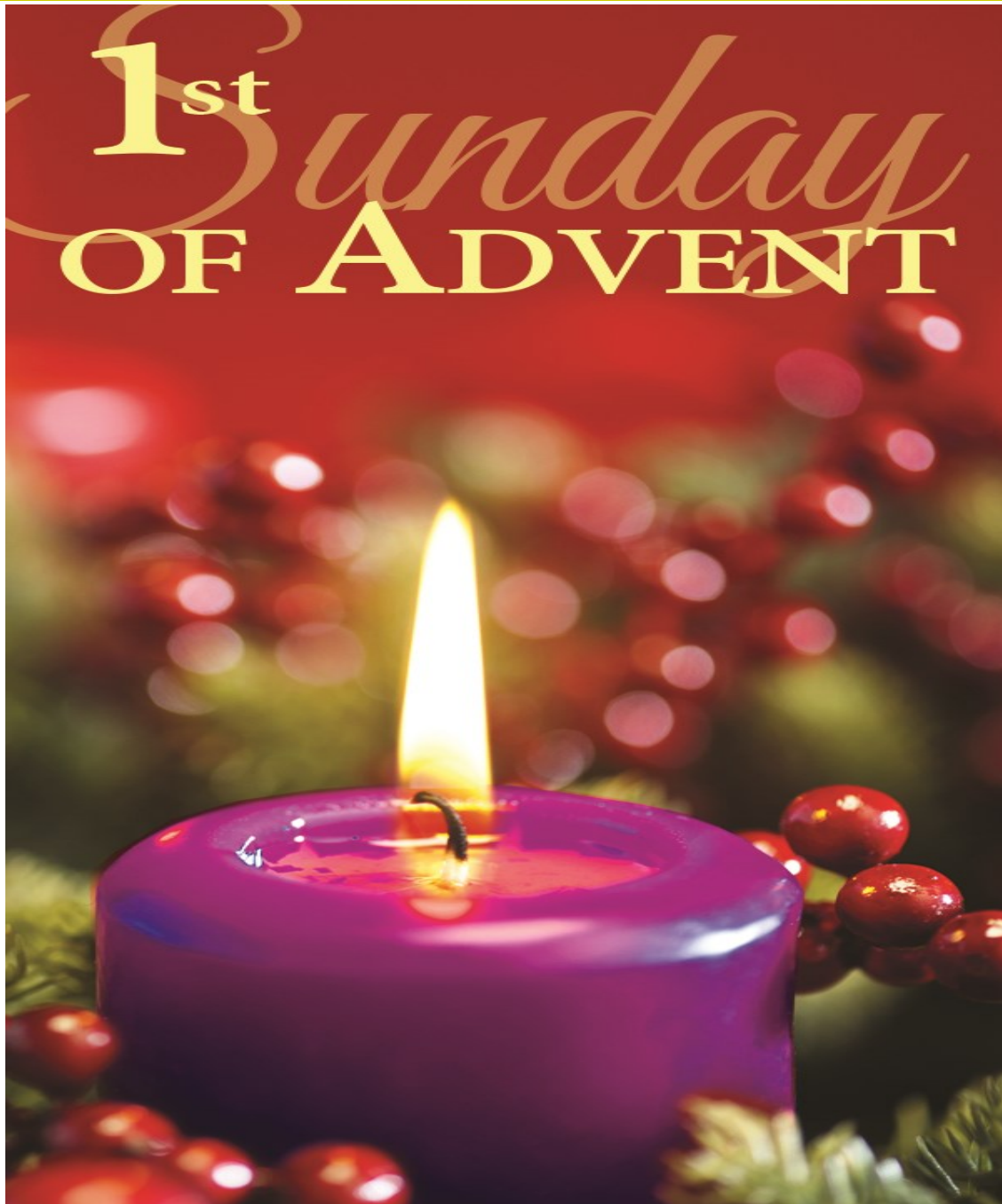


Saint John Catholic Church Iglesia Católica San Juan

December 1, 2019 – First Sunday of Advent
1ro de diciembre de 2019—Primer Domingo de Adviento



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
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 NOVEMBER 30, 2019
 4:30 PM Reconciliation
 5:30 PM Mass deceased Flores & Pasarda families

SUNDAY DECEMBER 1, 2019
 9:00 AM Mass soul of Angelina Paravati
 10:00 AM Rosary
 12:15 PM Misa Feliciana Puluc

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 4, 2019
 12:00 NOON Mass soul of Billy Taylor

THURSDAY DECEMBER 5, 2019
 8:30 AM Mass

FRIDAY DECEMBER 6, 2019
 12:00 NOON Mass

SATURDAY DECEMBER 7, 2019
 4:30 PM Reconciliation
 5:30 PM Mass soul of Buenaventurada Pasarda

SUNDAY DECEMBER 8, 2019
 9:00 AM Mass souls of Dan & Elliot Hinton
 10:00 AM Rosary
 12:15 PM Misa

ST. PETER OFFERS MASS DAILY AT NOON

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS/ RECUERDE EN SUS

ORACIONES: Keith Pinney, Rudy Calo'oy, John Kolakowski, Ron Price, Jr., Red & Nancy Goodman, Richard Painter, Maxine DiMarino, Melanie Patterson, Lillan Arthur, Mary Helen Sohaski, Sherry Wright, Otts Miskimon, Dan Mages, Martha Livingston, Austin Okoli, Jr., Georgina Gerhardt, Elena Chavez, Doris Bartlett, Lynn Miskimon, Jeff Konschak, Virginia Saunders, Gerry Biartel, Fred Brown, Ewing Family, Jones Family, Beverly Burrow, Marie Ellett, Evelyn Clatterback, Dick Wassel, Bobby & Christie Osterloh, Nathaniel Young, Chris Nolte, Hallet and Frances Harrison, Maria Teresa Casas, Carole & Bob Trent, Frances Martin, and John Smith.

The item being collected for **FISH** for **DECEMBER RICE A RONI**

En el mes de **DICIEMBRE** necesitamos Arroz instantáneo

St. Peter Clothes Closet is now accepting clean, gently used clothes, blankets, jackets and backpacks. Also they are accepting can goods for their pantry. There is a box marked St Peter in the commons area.

“Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into. So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.” - Mt 24:43-44

Readings for the week of December 1, 2019

Sunday: Is 2:1-5/ Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 1]/ Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

Monday: Is 4:2-6/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: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/ Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday: Is 11:1-10/ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 19 [cf. 7]/ Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

Liturgical Publications Inc.

If someone you know is sick, hospitalized or home bound and would like our Eucharistic Minister or a priest to visit, please call the office. **Unless you call we have no way of knowing.** If you need a priest for someone who is dying or gravely ill, call our emergency number **804-402-1221.**

SCAM ALERT

You may received an email purporting to be Fr. Rossi requesting monetary donations. **IT IS A SCAM.** This is just the latest efforts from criminals to trick people out of their money. So please be careful.

November 16 & 17, 2019

Weekly Year to Date

Actual	\$3,688.00	\$78,251.10
Budget	<u>\$4,827.00</u>	<u>\$96,539.00</u>
-	(\$1,139.00)	(\$18,287.90)

MASS ATTENDANCE

5:30	9:00	12:15
77	139	220

Pastor Message

Happy Advent!!!!

Today begins our spiritual preparation for the Holy Christmas Season. We have 4 weeks to get ready for the coming of Christ in a new way.

He wants to come into your heart. He wants to live with you and reside with you. He wants to walk with you at each moment of your day, in all your thoughts and help you in all your tasks of life.

And at Christmas time He comes in a new and special way. Will you be ready?

I am going to tell you about a special way for you to get ready. It involves you preparing your heart so that it is a suitable place for Him to dwell. Make a beautiful home for Him to dwell in.

This you can do by confessing your sins to Him and receiving forgiveness so they will be wiped away. He will forgive your sins if you will confess them to Him.

Why wouldn't you want to do this? Why wouldn't you want to be forgiven and feel His embrace as He wipes away your sins and throws them to the bottom of the ocean. They will be completely gone.

But you have to make the decision to go to confession. You have to have the courage to go to confession. You have to push yourself to examine your conscience and then push yourself to go to confession.

I promise it will not be as scary or as difficult as you think. And you will feel very, very good after you confess. You will feel great. You may even cry you feel so good. That is a great peace.

To assist with your ability to go to confession before Christ comes at Christmas, we priests at our cluster parishes are going to be hearing confessions before and after every Saturday evening and Sunday Mass. We will hear confessions 30 minutes before and after every Saturday and Sunday Mass during the Advent season to make it very convenient for you to go to confession.

Please take advantage of this opportunity. You will be very glad if you do.

Fr Rossi

Saint John Advent Calendar

Confessions are available before and after every Saturday, Sunday and daily Masses or by appointment

Sunday, December 8th

**Baby Shower and Breakfast with St Nicholas
All are invited at 10:15 AM (Social Hall)**

**Christmas Presentation and Concert
3:00 Pm—St John's Church**

Thursday, December 12th

**Lady of Guadalupe of Guadalupe
Mass at 7:00 PM Bilingual
Celebration after Mass—All Welcome**

Tuesday December 24th—Christmas Eve Mass

**Mass at 6:15 PM (English)
Mass 8:30 PM (Bilingual)**

Wednesday December 25th—Christmas Day Mass

**St John 9:00 AM
St Patrick 10:45 AM
St Peter: 10:00 AM**

GIVING TUESDAY

Global giving day known as #GivingTuesday falls each year on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving. which is **December 3rd**. It was created to remind us, after all that shopping on Black Friday and Cyber Monday, to also spend our money benefitting the Charities that are near and dear to our hearts. We encourage you to give to your favorite charitable cases on #GivingTuesday this year and we hope that St. John's Capital Campaign will be one of them!. Please visit our webpage www.stjohnscatholicchurch.org and click the E-Giving logo then choose #givingtuesday fund. Thank you in advance.

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS

We are ordering offering envelopes for 2020. Remember there is an easy way to make your donations without having to remember to write a check. Use e-giving, it is easy, secure and convenient. Just visit our webpage at stjohnscatholicchurch, click the e-giving logo and follow the prompts or call the office.

Breakfast with St Nicholas and our Blessed Mother Virgin Mary's Baby Shower

Once again this year we will be hosting the baby shower dedicated to our Blessed Mother Virgin Mary on Sunday December 8th 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. At the baby shower we will collect items to benefit the East End Pregnancy Center. Bring diapers, (especially new born) and size 4, 5, & 6, baby wipes, baby blankets, gift cards and clothes for newborn babies. Your presence and your presents will be greatly appreciated.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTATION

You are invited to this year's Christmas Presentation - **3:00pm on Sunday, December 8th**, at St. John Catholic Church. if you'd like to join us as ushers, readers, singers, or instrumentalists, please reach out to Katie as soon as possible!! email her - musicministerkate@gmail.com or leave a message @ 804-256-3450. Free admission, but please consider bringing a donation of non-perishable food or new baby items (diapers, wipes, formula, etc) to benefit those in great need in our community.

November SJP winners are Arniel Uzel, Marilyn Reilly, Stephany Covington, Trudy West, Martin Getz Jr. Charlotte Brooks, Elena Penarrieta, Tim & Crystal Sorensen. The next drawing is December 19.

Appalachian Giving Tree: The Knights of Columbus will be collecting Christmas gifts for families living in Appalachia, the poorest part of Virginia where the need is great. We will be collecting presents for 4 families. Please consider taking a tag or tags from the tree in the vestibule & **return the wrapped gift with the tag attached no later than 12-8-19**. Any questions please contact Eddie & Donna Baird at 804.986.2898. Many Thanks

Is God calling you to Religious life?

Come and See! Join others for an Advent Discernment retreat weekend for single women discerning a vocation to the Benedictine Monastic life—December 13-15 at St Benedict Monastery, 9535 Linton Hall Rd, Bristow, VA 20136. RSVP by December 9th to Sister Kathy Person at vocations@osbva.org or call 804-814-2793