

Saint John Catholic Church Iglesia Católica San Juan

December 15, 2019 –Third Sunday of Advent
15 de diciembre de 2019–Tercer 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 DECEMBER 14, 2019
 4:30 PM Reconciliation
 5:30 PM Mass soul Sister Helen Ruth, O.P.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 15, 2019
 9:00 AM Mass parishioners St. John, St Patrick & St. Peter
 10:00 AM Rosary
 12:15 PM Misa

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 18, 2019
 12:00 NOON Mass

THURSDAY DECEMBER 19, 2019
 8:30 AM Mass

FRIDAY DECEMBER 20, 2019
 12:00 NOON Mass

SATURDAY DECEMBER 21, 2019
 4:30 PM Reconciliation
 5:30 PM Mass soul Zosima Canoy

SUNDAY DECEMBER 22, 2019
 9:00 AM Mass soul of Benjamin Young
 10:00 AM Rosary
 12:15 PM Misa Jose Guadalupe Garcia y Maria Del Carmen Guerrero

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, Lillian 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, Hallet and Frances Harrison, Maria Teresa Casas, Carole & Bob Trent, Frances Martin, John Smith and Rudy Calo'oy Jr.

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.

“This is the one about whom it is written: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you. Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.” - Mt 11:10-11

Readings for the week of December 15, 2019

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/ Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 [Is 35:4]/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17

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

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

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

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

Next Sunday: Is 7:10-14/ Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7c, 10b]/ Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

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.

December 7 & 8, 2019

	Weekly	Year to Date
Actual	\$4,333.30	\$ 89,988.40
Budget	<u>\$4,827.00</u>	<u>\$111,020.00</u>
	(\$493.70) difference	(\$21,031.60)

MASS ATTENDANCE

5:30	9:00	12:15
101	132	223

Happy Gaudete Sunday!

Gaudete means 'rejoice.' So rejoice!!!

Today is the mini-celebration day on the way to Christmas. The priest wears rose vestments and the rose candle is lit in the Advent wreath because rose is the color for joy. And today, everyone is supposed to be joyful and rejoice in anticipation of Christ's birth just a few weeks away.

So rejoice! Smiles on all faces!

You always have something to rejoice about. No matter how bad things may be, you can always rejoice because our faith give us reasons to rejoice that are indestructible.

The gift of the Eucharist is indestructible. So rejoice.

You can confess (and should confess!) your sins this advent and God will forgive every one of them (we have confessions 30 minutes before and after every Mass). So rejoice.

Christ voluntarily became human so that when you die you can become divine. So rejoice.

God has a plan for your life. So rejoice.

God walks with you every moment of every day. So rejoice.

You are part of the Church God founded and dwells in and can never be destroyed. So rejoice.

You are surrounded by a multitude of saints and angels and even a loving Mother who is praying for you and cheering you on every day. So rejoice.

I could go on. For a long time. Because there are many many many reasons that our faith gives us to rejoice.

It is Gaudete Sunday. So rejoice!

Fr Rossi

Saint John Advent Calendar

Tuesday December 24th—Christmas Eve Mass

St Patrick Mass 4:30 PM (English)
St Peter Mass 5:00 PM (English)
St John Mass 6:15 PM (English)
St John Mass 8:30 PM (Bilingual)

Wednesday December 25th—Christmas Day Mass

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

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

Tuesday December 31st

St Patrick Mass 5:00 PM

Wednesday January 1st

St John Mass 10:00 AM
St Peter Mass: 12:05 PM

THANK YOU

A big THANK YOU to all who worked so hard to put on a wonderful Christmas concert at St John and St Patrick. Katie and the choirs and lectors and all who cooked for the reception afterwards made for a great event. What a great way to help us prepare for our Savior's birthday. Great work and thank you! - Fr Rossi

CONDOLENCES

Saint John family extends deepest sympathy to the family and friends of our choir cantor Nancy Heltman on the loss of her husband David who died this past week.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family of Lara Parker on the loss of her mother and our long time parishioner Frances Martin. Frances died this past week. Please keep both families in your prayers.

Adult Faith Formation

So much of what we do in life is of passing importance. The only thing that is of eternal consequence is our relationship with God. This relationship is expressed in our lives and relationships with our families, our church and our community. How do we relate? How do we live our lives? How we relate is directly influenced by our relationship with God. To develop that relationship we need to first know God and how he has chosen to relate to us in his church and his sacraments. We have a wonderful opportunity to grow in that relationship by participating in the adult education series being offered at St. John in the conference rooms on Sundays at 10:15 right after the 9:00 mass. Following is the next four scheduled sessions. Please gift yourself an advent, and a new year's gift by attending. If you would like to attend just on specific topics you are more than welcome to attend only those. The next 4 are:

December 15	The Church and the Resurrection of the Dead
January 12	The Sacraments and the Paschal Mystery
January 26	The Sacraments of Initiation
February 2	The Eucharist

The SJP 500 Club drawing is this coming Thursday, December 19th after the 8:30 Mass. Please have your dues in by Monday, December 16th. All are welcome to join us for the drawing. Any questions? Call Diana Young 647-5665.

2020 CHURCH CALENDARS

The new calendars are now on the counter for your convenience. Please note that they are issued as the 200th Anniversary of the Diocese, with pictures of many of the diocesan churches.

Choose a special holiday gift or birthday gift for that special someone: 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 monthly! Purchase eleven months at \$55.00 and receive the twelfth month free. Profits go to St. John's. Join now! Applications are on the clipboard on the counter in the back of church. Or call Diana Young (804) 647-5665.

St. Paul's Catholic Church in Richmond is celebrating its 100th Anniversary in 2020. One highlight of the year-long celebration will be a homecoming Mass and dinner on Saturday, April 25, 2020. Former parishioners are asked to contact the church and provide their names and addresses so they can be invited to the Mass and dinner.