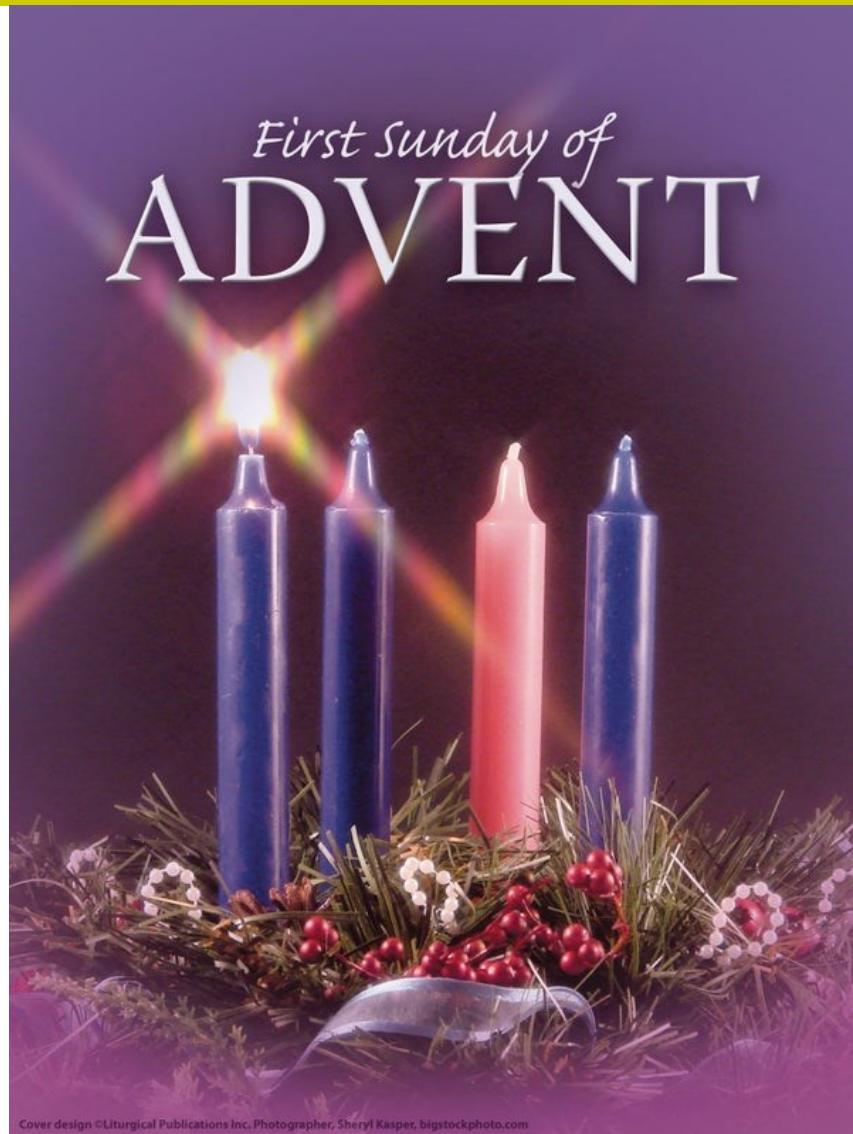


# Saint John Catholic Church

## Iglesia Católica San Juan

November 28, 2021—First Sunday of Advent  
28 de noviembre de 2021 – Primer Domingo de Adviento



### LITURGY SCHEDULE

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

### HORARIO LITURGICO

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

### HORARIO DE OFICINAS

LUNES—JUEVES: 9:00 a.m. — 2:00 p.m.  
VIERNES: 9:00 a.m. - 12 del medio día

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday — Thursday: 9:00 a.m. — 2:00 p.m.  
Friday: 9:00 a.m. — 12 NOON

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### St John Parish Calendar

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| <b>SATURDAY</b>  | <b>November 27, 2021</b>                   |
| 4:30 PM          | Reconciliation                             |
| 5:30 PM          | Mass for souls of Tom & Frances Leary      |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>    | <b>November 28, 2021</b>                   |
| 9:00 AM          | Mass                                       |
| 12:30 PM         | Misa Eusebio Velasquez Gonzalez            |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b> | <b>DECEMBER 1, 2021</b>                    |
| 12:00 Noon       | Soul of Mrs. Tony Kisowski                 |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>  | <b>DECEMBER 2, 2021</b>                    |
| 9:00 AM          | Mr. & Mrs. John Alsko                      |
| <b>SATURDAY</b>  | <b>DECEMBER 4, 2021</b>                    |
| 4:30             | Reconciliation                             |
| 5:30 PM          | Mass souls of Francis & Emma Yates         |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>    | <b>DECEMBER 5, 2021</b>                    |
| 9:00 AM          | Mass                                       |
| 12:30 PM         | Misa Edgar Rene Sipa y Jose Alexander Sipa |

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

### REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS/ RECUERDE EN SUS ORACIONES:

Helen Rice, John & Jolene White, Junie Kirby, Maxine Di-Marino, Wayne Ewing, Jeff Konschack, Mary Higgins, Elena Chavez. John & Peggy Smith, Stanhope Flournoy, Betty Yingst, Paul Greene, Virginia Johnson, Frank Haselton, Leonora Gray, Leslie Gray, Ann Gillikin, Melissa Harrington, Chris Jones, Carl Saunders, Hallett Harrison, Robert Lilley, Joseph Di Marino, Mike Elrod and JoAnn Darlington

**Holy Hour of Adoration with Benediction**  
**1st Wednesday of each month – 6:00pm**

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 of gravely ill, call our emergency number 804-402-1221.

### Readings for the week of November 28, 2021

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 [1b] /Lk 21:25-28, 34-36  
Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9  
Mt 8:5-11  
Tuesday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10]  
Mt 4:18-22  
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  
[cf. Is 30:18d]/ Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8  
Next Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/  
Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/ Lk 3:1-6

### DONATION REQUEST FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER FOR FISH IS

**SOUP**

**DONACIONES PARA FISH ESTE MES DE  
NOVIEMBRE**

**SOPAS**

**Fully Vaccinated**  
**NO MASK**  
**Unvaccinated**  
**MUST WEAR MASK**

### WEEKLY COLLECTION

November 20 & 21, 2021

**Weekly**  
**Actual**  
**Budget**

**Year to date**  
**Actual**  
**Budget**

All these information was not available at time of printing

**MASS ATTENDANCE**  
5:30 9:00 12:30



### Message to begin Advent from the Administrator

Days come and days go, the rhythm of each moment brings its own unique packages and offers. Taking a walk in the neighborhood, one sees the leaves falling off the trees, an indication that the season of autumn (Fall) is giving way to the winter. In much the same way, the Christ the King feast ending the liturgical Cycle B last weekend, points to the beginning of a new liturgical season, cycle C, which starts Advent, a time of preparation for the coming of God into the world manifested in Jesus Christ, his son over 2,000 years ago.

Interestingly, Christmas this year is 26 days from today and in order to understand very well and appreciate the birth and mission of Christ, I will humbly recommend that each of us takes his or her time to read all the 24 chapters of the Gospel of Luke (at least one chapter a day at your free time), so as to prepare and understand the celebration of Christmas.

The tradition of blessing Advent candles in all catholic churches worldwide and in family homes during this period is a symbol of preparation towards the coming of Christ, our savior and king. And these candles lit, will be increasing each week to show our closeness to the presence of Christ who drives out all darkness. The candles which are four represent, **Hope, Love, Joy and Peace**, whilst the violet color throughout the season symbolizes the call to penance and prayer.

I wish you all, a very fruitful Advent Season. Maranatha, come Lord Jesus.  
Fr. Maxwell.

### ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Our annual Christmas Concert will be held on December 12th, 2021 **at 3:30pm** in the sanctuary of St. John's Catholic Church. All are invited to attend! Please bring a donation of non-perishable foods, personal hygiene goods, or new baby items. Questions? Please email Katie ([musicministerkate@gmail.com](mailto:musicministerkate@gmail.com)). We hope to see you there!

Saint John depends upon your generosity. These walls, built by generations past, now need you to nurture them. Give what you can. No amount is too small. E-Giving makes it easy. Visit [www.stjohnscatholicchurch.org](http://www.stjohnscatholicchurch.org) and click on the logo



### Baby Essentials Drive

Once again this year we will be collecting baby items to benefit the **East End Pregnancy Center**. Bring diapers, (especially new born) and size 4, 5, & 6, baby wipes, baby blankets, and clothes for newborn babies. We Will be accepting your donations in the common area near to Our Lady of Guadalupe until December 12th. Thank you for your help with this annual project.

### THANK YOU

A big Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for power washing the bell area and the repair of the Cross on the Religious Education Building.

**Workbook for lectors, Gospel Readers, and Proclaimers of the Word 2022** available at the Office. A donation of \$15 gladly accepted.

### Life is Messy by New York Times Bestselling author Matthew Kelly.

*The mess of life is both inevitable and unexpected. It is filled with delightful mysteries and frustrating predicaments. In our disposable culture we throw broken things away. So what will we do with broken people, broken relationships, broken institutions, broken families, and of course, our very own broken selves? We are all broken and wounded. This book is about putting our lives back together, and allowing ourselves to be put back together, when life doesn't turn out as we expected it to. Based on his own heart-wrenching personal journals, Matthew Kelly shares how the worst three years of his life affected him, by exploring this question: Can someone who has been broken be healed and become more beautiful and more lovable than ever before? The answer will fill you with hope. This is quite simply the right book at the right time.*

**Please take a book for FREE and enjoy reading during this Advent season. The books are place on the counter in the commons in English and in Spanish.**

**The Busy Bees Craft and Bake sale is on Dec. 4 & 5 and Dec. 11 & 12.** Come shop for rosaries, stove towels, ornaments, pot holders, and lots of baked goods.

**SJP winners for November** are Virginia Saunders, David Matteson, John Stewart, Rebecca Phillips, Anita French, Michelle Marshall, Frances Milby and Gail Wulf.

### THANK YOU NOTE FROM MARY MISKIMON

Thank you to all who prayed, sent cards, had Masses said and attended the Mass on November 11 for my husband, Otts Miskimon. I ask that you please continue praying for my family as I will be for my family here at St. John's. To Father Maxwell and Father Nick, the Mass was most beautiful and very personable.