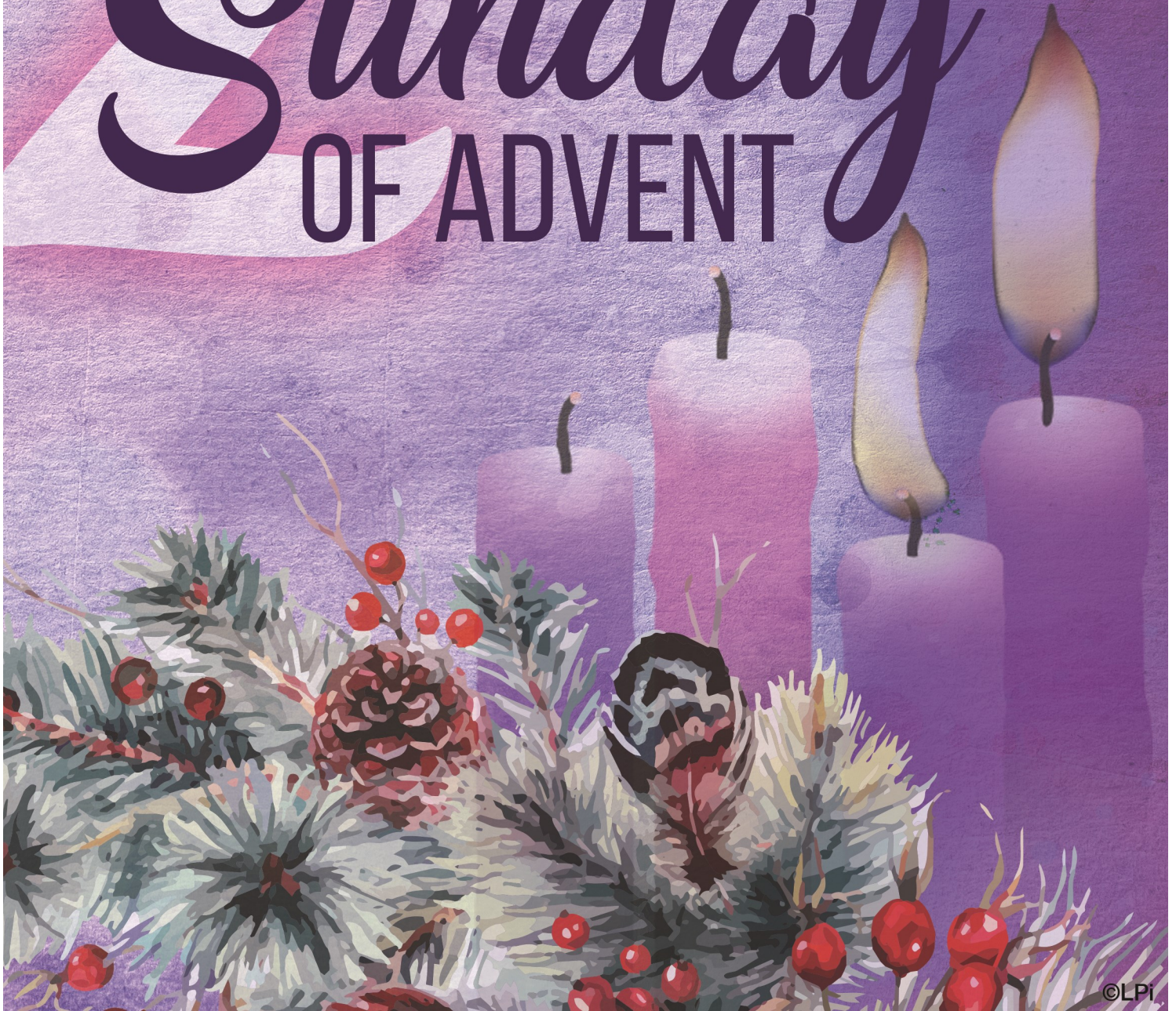


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OFFICE HOURS - HORARIO DE OFICINAS

Monday—Thursday / LUNES—JUEVES: 9a.m.—3p.m.

Friday: / Viernes 9:00 a.m.—12:00 noon / medio dia

LITURGY SCHEDULE—HORARIO LITURGICO

Saturday—Sabado— 5:30 p.m (English)

Sunday- Domingo 9:00 a.m. (English) 12:30 p.m. (Spanish)

Daily Masses: Wednesday— Miercoles 12:00 Noon (English)

.....Thursday - Jueves - 8:30 a.m (English)

CONFESSIONS—CONFESIONES

Saturday—Sabado 4:30 p.m. or by appointment / o por cita

ADORATION—ADORACION

ST. JOHN 1ST WEDNESDAY - 1er Miercoles—6PM

ST. PATRICK 3RD SUNDAY AFTER MASS

ST. PETER 1ST FRIDAY AFTER MASS

WEEKLY COLLECTION

November 19 & 20, 2022

Weekly

Actual \$4,381.00

Budget \$4,714.00

(\$333.00)

Year to date

\$104,701.87

\$103,708.00

\$993.87

All totals include weekly collection and e-giving

MASS ATTENDANCE

5:30

40

9:00

127

12:30

281

St John Parish Calendar

SATURDAY

4:30 PM

5:30 PM

December 3, 2022

Reconciliation

Mass soul of John Kalokoski

SUNDAY

9:00 AM

12:30 PM

December 4, 2022

Mass soul Maxine DiMarino

Misa Elida Leon Lopez de Macias

WEDNESDAY

Noon

December 7, 2022

Mass soul of Tom DeLeonardo

THURSDAY

December 8, 2022
THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGEN MARY—Holy day of Obligation

9:00 AM

7:00 PM

Mass—Erica Varacalle

Mass—Bilingual

SATURDAY

4:30 PM

5:30 PM

December 10, 2022

Reconciliation

Mass soul of Mary Jane Messich

SUNDAY

9:00 AM

12:30 PM

December 11, 2022

Mass soul Robert Wayne Gillikin

Misa— Edgar Rene Sipac and Jose

Alexander Sipac



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS/ RECUERDE EN SUS ORACIONES:

Helen Rice, John & Jolene White, Wayne Ewing, Jeff Kenschack, Elena Chavez. John & Peggy Smith, Stanhope Flournoy, Betty Yingst, Frank Haselton, Leonora Gray, Leslie Gray, Melissa Harrington, Chris Jones, Carl & Virginia Saunders, Hallett Harrison, Joseph Di Marino, Mike Elrod, Theresa Mosely, Joan Purcell, Paul Evans, Frank & Kathy McCollum, Red Goodman, and Brendan, Audra Yerian and Pauline Sorensen.

Readings for the week of December 4, 2022

Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

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

DONATION FOR FISH

REQUEST FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

CANNED TOMATOES

DONACIONES PARA FISH ESTE MES DE DICIEMBRE

TOMATES ENLATADOS

December 4, 2022 – Second Sunday of Advent
4 de diciembre de 2022 – Segundo Domingo de Adviento

From the Desk of the Pastor

Dear people of God,
After a wonderful family reunion of Thanksgiving, in a few days, the church celebrates the Feast of the *Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*. This is a doctrine of the belief that Mary the mother of Jesus was graced by God in such a way that she was preserved from the stain of sin from the first moment of her existence. *Immaculate* refers to the absence of sin due to the fact that she was preserved from original sin, and *Conception* refers to Mary's very beginning of life as a human person in her mother's womb. It therefore points to God's graciousness to her as she came into the world full of grace. Belief in Mary's original sinlessness celebrates God's victory over the powers of sin as this woman comes into the world. It is fitting that she should receive God's free abundant grace because of her role as the faith-filled mother of Jesus who is God, and it symbolizes the good news that in the life of every human being, grace is more original than sin. The biblical texts implicitly supporting the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception are: a) the angel Gabriel's greeting to Mary at the annunciation as "full of grace" already (Lk. 1:28); ii) Elizabeth's tribute to Mary as "blessed are you among women" (Lk. 1:42) and iii) the promise after the Fall of Adam and Eve that serpent's head would be crushed (Gen. 3:15)

Thus, the renowned biblical scholar R.E. Brown states that by the Immaculate Conception, "Mary receives a primacy in a privilege that all disciples of Jesus receive. In Christian faith we are delivered through baptism from original sin. We Roman Catholics believe that Mary was conceived free of original sin – a preparation by God for the sinlessness of Jesus who would take flesh in her womb....the immaculate conception says by anticipation the grace of Christ's redemption was given first to Mary as the first Christian disciple even from the time of her conception, since she is the only human person in history of salvation who has been immaculately conceived."

Pope Pius IX therefore declared: "the dogma that holds that the most Blessed Virgin Mary, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege from Almighty God and in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, was kept free of every stain of original sin." The three things noted in this definition are: the nature of Mary's privilege, the ground of the privilege and the mode of preservation.

Mary's holiness as deduced from this privilege should encourage us to seek her help and protection in our continual effort to overcome sin and sanctify our lives by responding positively to the promptings of the Holy Spirit so as to live as our baptism requires, and to entrust our striving for holiness to the all-holy Virgin.

Since it is a holyday of obligation, kindly attend mass to receive maternal blessings from the Blessed Mother as she intercedes for us.

Fr. Maxwell

COLLECTION ENVELOPES 2023

Attention parishioners, we are ordering offering envelopes for 2023. Please let us know if you are not interested in receiving a set of envelopes this year. 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.org, click the e-giving logo and follow the prompts or call the office.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
OF THE *Blessed Virgin Mary* OP

Thursday December 8th, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception,
patron saint of the USA,
This is a Holy Day of Obligation.
The Masses for this feast are:
Saint John 9:00 AM (English) and 7:00 PM (Bilingual)
Saint Peter 12:05 PM
Saint Patrick 6:00 PM

CANDLELIGHT VESPERS & CAROLS

Please join us for Solemn Advent Vespers on Friday December 9 at 6:30pm at St. Patrick's Church. After the service, we will enjoy refreshments before joining the Church Hill Association Candlelight Walk to Libby Hill Park for Christmas caroling!

MASS AND CELEBRATION



Our Lady of Guadalupe is not just for Mexicans Even among Hispanics there is the tendency to think of Our Lady of Guadalupe as a purely Mexican celebration. That belief is not accurate, however. Pope Benedict XIV, in the 1754 letter *Non est equidem* declared Our Lady of Guadalupe as the patron of what was then called "New Spain," meaning Central and Northern America. Pope Pius XIII declared the Virgin of Guadalupe "Queen of Mexico and Empress of the Americas" in 1945, and "Patroness of the Americas" in 1946. On the 25th of December we will celebrate once more the moment when God was born into our world as the infant Jesus. December is also a month in which we celebrate the unique role that our Blessed Virgin Mary played in the life of Jesus, and continues to play in the lives of all the followers of Jesus. Whether we call her Queen, Empress, Patroness, or simply Mother, we are reminded of the personal love she has for each of us, and of the love each of us should have for her. CELEBRATING THE APPARITION OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE THE PATRONESS OF THE AMERICAS. We will celebrate the apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe to St Juan Diego on Monday December 12th with a mass at 7:00 PM, follow by a celebration. Come and join us while we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

THANK YOU—GRACIAS

We would like to thank everyone who participated in the Box of Joy campaign. Between St. John's and St. Patrick's we sent 168 boxes to the poorest of the poor children of Central America. Additionally, any extra funds will help to support the Cross Ministry priests and religious as they lend support to the poor people of these areas all throughout the year.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS IN MEMORY/HONOR OF

If you wish to have flowers in memory of or in honor of a loved one and you do not use the boxed sets, there are Flower Offering envelopes on the counter in the Northax. Your loved ones name should be listed on the back of the envelope.