

# Saint Mary Roman Catholic Church

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Deacon Webster James

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November 29, 2015—First Sunday of Advent

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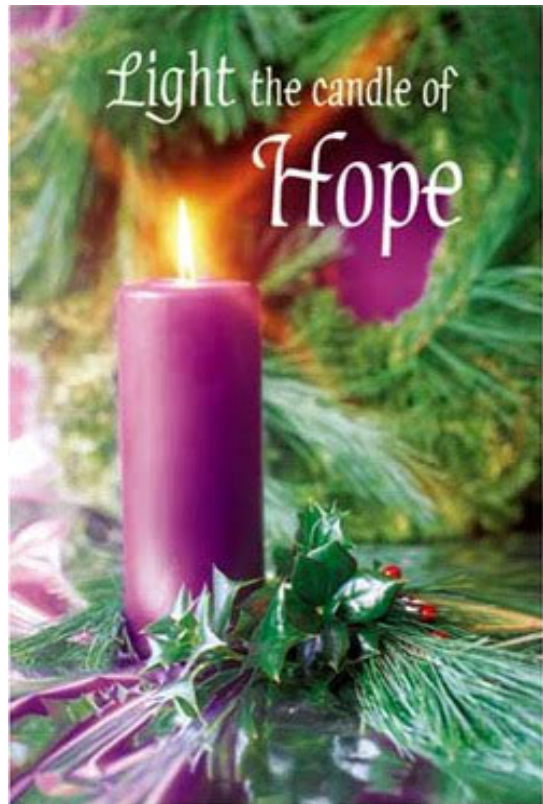
## The First Sunday of Advent

The first candle is lit on the first Sunday of Advent. It is called the Prophecy Candle and reminds us that Jesus' coming was prophesied hundreds of years before He was born. The candle's purple color represents Christ's royalty as the King of Kings.

**Pray the following prayer as you light the first Advent Candle the Candle of Hope;**

Stir up thy power, O Lord, and come, that by thy protection we may be rescued from the dangers that beset us through our sins; and be a Redeemer to deliver us; Who livest and reignest with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God world without end.

Amen.



## EUCCHARISTIC LITURGY

<u>Weekend</u>	<u>Fin de Semana</u>
Saturday Vigil	
5:00PM English	Sábado ~ 5:00 PM En Inglés
7:00PM Spanish	Sábado ~ 7:00 PM En Español
Sunday	
10:00 AM English	Domingo ~ 10:00 AM En Inglés
1:00 PM Spanish	Domingo ~ 1:00 PM En Español

<u>Weekdays</u>	<u>Días de Semana</u>
9:00 AM Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday	lunes, martes, miércoles, viernes
7:00 PM	Jueves en Español
No 9 AM Mass on Thursday	
No hay Misa los jueves a las 9 AM	

Holy Days check inside Bulletin  
Revise dentro del Boletín que se entrega en las Misas

First Friday Adoration begins after morning Mass and ends with Benediction at 9:30 PM.  
Todos los viernes primero de mes de 10:00 AM Adoración al Santísimo a 9:30 PM.

## WELCOME VISITORS AND NEWCOMERS

New members may register by calling the parish office (weekdays from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM).

## BIENVENIDOS LOS NUEVOS MIEMBROS

Para registrarse hablar con Elvira Ponce  
o llamar a la oficina

## Mission Statement

Saint Mary is a diverse Catholic community working together to live the Gospel, grow in faith through the Eucharist, and share our gifts in service to others.

## Misión de la Parroquia

La parroquia de Santa María es una comunidad católica y diversa que trabaja unida para vivir el evangelio, crecer en fe por la Eucaristía y compartir nuestros talentos en servicio a otros.

**PARISH DIRECTORY  
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**PASTORAL ADVISORY  
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 Finance Council Chair John Heeden,  
 John Beatty, Pat Emery, Lonnie Fissori, Anne Hurrey, Paula Long, Carlos Morales-Barrientos,  
 Phyllis Radford, Donna Stevenson.

The Parish Advisory Council meets August through May. Our next meeting will be December 1, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Faith Formation Conf. Room. All parishioners are invited to attend.

**Penance and Reconciliation**

Saturday ~ 4-4:40PM and by appointment.

**Mass Intentions and Readings  
for November 28 to December 6**

<b>Sat.11/28</b>	<b>Daniel 7:15-27; Daniel 3:82-87; Luke 21:34-36</b>
5:00PM	Lois B. Kastern, dec. by her family
7:00PM	Pro Populo
<b>Sun.11/29</b>	<b>Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalms 25:4-5, 8-10, 14; 1 Thessalonians 3:12—4:2; Luke 21:25-28, 34-36</b>
10:00AM	Donald Daniels, dec. by Deacon & Mrs. W. James
1:00PM	For a Special Intention by Brian Casey
<b>Mon.11/30</b>	<b>Romans 10:9-18; Psalms 19:8-11; Matthew 4:18-22</b>
9:00AM	Judy Farfour, dec. by Agnes Harris
<b>Tue.12/1</b>	<b>Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Luke 10:21-24</b>
9:00AM	Aunt Najal, dec. by Agnes Harris, Sandra & Robert Shackelford
<b>Wed.12/2</b>	<b>Isaiah 25:6-10a; Psalms 23:1-6; Matthew 15:29-37</b>
9:00AM	Rita Yurick, dec. by Toni Ann Gambella Sileno
<b>Thu.12/3</b>	<b>Isaiah 26:1-6; Psalms 118:1,8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Matthew 7:21, 24-27</b>
6:30PM	Parish Penance Service
<b>Fri.12/4</b>	<b>Isaiah 29:17-24; Psalms 27:1, 4, 13-14; Matthew 9:27-31</b>
9:00AM	Rita Yurick, dec. by SMS Staff
<b>Sat.12/5</b>	<b>Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Psalms 147:1-6; Matthew 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8</b>
5:00PM	Denise Griffith, dec. by Francis Lawrence
7:00PM	Pro Populo
<b>Sun.12/6</b>	<b>Baruch 5:1-9; Psalms 126:1-6; Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11; Luke 3:1-6</b>
10:00AM	Donald Daniels, dec. by K of C Council #5487
1:00PM	Deceased Souls in Purgatory by Gia Nguyen

**Sacramental Life**

Baptism

Baptisms are during Mass the third weekend of each month. Preparation is required before *scheduling* the time and date.

Marriage

Contact the Deacon *six months in advance* of the ceremony.

Sacrament of the Sick

If you wish to receive the sacrament of the sick during a prolonged illness or before surgery, please call the office.

Communion

If you wish to receive communion from a Eucharistic Minister due to illness, age, or handicap, please call the office. These visits are made after the Mass has been celebrated.

**Altar Flowers**

are in Loving Memory of **Carol A. Edmundson Belin** by her daughters.

**The Sanctuary Lamps for the week of November 29 to December 5**

**Church Lamp:** will be lit in Loving Memory of **Ann Dziarnowski** by the Theater Group.

**Chapel Lamp:** will be lit in Loving Memory of **Deceased Legionnaires** by Legion of Mary.

**Breakfast with Santa...**

On Saturday, December 5th our TYM will host their annual Breakfast with Santa. Children in 4th grade and younger are welcome to attend this fun filled event. Entrance fee is \$5.00 per child with a \$15.00 family cap. The Breakfast will take place in the School Auditorium from 9:00am to 11:00am. Besides having breakfast there will be story time, decorating cookies, making ornaments and more.

**Children’s Christmas Choir...**

What will you give Jesus for His birthday this year? Consider giving Him the gift of helping with music for the Children’s Mass on Christmas Eve. Practices begin on Dec. 3rd at 5:30pm. We only have 3 rehearsals. Dec. 3rd, 10 & 17. Call the Church office to register.

**Advent Holy Hours for Vocations...**

Our Church is in need of vocations to the Priesthood and Religious life...prayer is one way for us to do something to help...join us on the following Monday’s in Advent to spend an hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and pray for Vocations: November 30, December 7, 14 and 21. Holy Hours are from 6 to 7PM in the Chapel...unless we have so many people responding to this hour of prayer that we need to move to the Church!!

**First Friday Exposition...  
Please join us for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament!**

**When:** 10:00am to 9:30PM  
**Adoration Time:** no minimum or maximum time; you choose.

*“Come to me all you who labor and are overburdened, and I will give you rest.”*

**Offertory Report**

November 15: \$8,191.45  
 $\frac{\$7,750.00}{\$ 441.45}$

Family Life Center : \$1,662.80

**Second Collection December 6:**  
Saint Mary School Support

**Parish Calendar**

**Sunday, November 29 –First Sunday of Advent**

- \* No RCIA
- \* No Faith Formation Classes
- \* Catholicism—New Evangelization Parish House After 10:00am Mass
- \* Spanish Language Choir Church After 1:00pm Mass

**Monday, November 30**

- \* Advent Holy Hour for Vocations Chapel 6:00pm to 7:00pm

**Tuesday, December 1**

- \* PAC Meeting JPII Conf. Room 6:00pm
- \* Perpetual Novena Chapel 6:46pm
- \* Legion of Mary Library 7:00pm
- \* K of C Business Meeting Cafeteria 7:00pm

**Wednesday, December 2**

- \* 27:17 Fellowship (Men’s Group) 5 Star Restaurant 7:00am
- \* Youth Night, High School Parish House 6:00pm
- \* Bible Study—Corinthians 5th grade classroom 7:00pm

**Thursday, December 3**

- \* Children’s Christmas Choir Practice Lounge 5:30pm
- \* Parish Advent Penance Service Church 6:30pm
- \* No Spanish Mass this evening

**Friday, December 4-First Friday**

- \* School Liturgy Church 9:00am
- \* Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Chapel 10:00am
- \* Spanish Language Choir Practice Lounge 6:00pm
- \* Benediction Chapel 9:30pm

**Saturday, December 5**

- \* Breakfast with Santa Auditorium 9:00am
- \* 5:00pm Choir Practice Church 4:00pm

**Sunday, December 6-Second Sunday of Advent**

- \* Baby Bottle Drive Starts Today
- \* RCIA Lounge After 10:00am Mass
- \* Faith Formation MS & HS classrooms 11:15am to 12:45pm
- \* Faith Formation k to 5th grade classrooms 11:30am to 12:30pm
- \* AAMEN Meeting Parish House After 10:00am mass
- \* Spanish Language Choir Practice Church After 1:00pm Mass
- \* K of C Social Auditorium 2:00pm
- \* Youth Night Middle School Auditorium 6:00 to 8:00pm



**“The Star Tree”**...what is a Star Tree...it is our way of assisting those in need during the Christmas Season. This year our school will have a “Star Tree”. You can take a star off the tree and purchase the items listed...bring the **unwrapped** gift back with the star attached as the tag. All the items will be to assist the Wayne Pregnancy Center. If you have helped with our Dove Tree in the past this is taking the place of the Dove Tree this year. So let's be generous and help the young mother's and mother's to be and their babies. Wayne Pregnancy Center needs our assistance. Stars available week of Nov. 28/29.



### In our thoughts and prayers:

Pray for the intentions of those in nursing facilities, the homebound, the chronically ill, and those who are critically ill.

Please remember in a special way the following parishioners who have requested your prayers:

Santiago Acevedo, Robert Ames, Dolores Barton, Jesse Brickhouse, Nubia Cano, Marco Castaneda, Judy Cordeiro, Andrea Cruz, Lee & Sarah Davis, Marjorie Dixon, Elaine Evans, Chris Griffin, Gustavo Gonzalez, Chris Griffin, Agnes Harris, Mary Hayman, Joan Jones, Laura Jones, Dianne Kendall, Bertha Kish, Chuck Kirk, Erma Lawrence, Denise Lewis, Dorothy Lewis, Pat Marguglio, T.J. Mendoza, Billie Myers, Jim Myers, Wilburt & Mary Perry, Benjamin Raposa, Ben Rodriguez, Sr., Dolores Santi, Angela Scalia, Simon Scott, Natalie Ulrey.

If you would like your name included in the Prayers for the Sick in the Bulletin please contact our coordinators for "Prayers for the Sick", Gloria at 919-734-3810 or Barbara at 919-751-0024.

### Baby Bottle Drive...

From Nov. 28th to Dec. 24th we will once more be doing the Baby Bottle Drive to benefit Wayne Pregnancy Care Center. Just pick up a Baby Bottle from the back of the church starting Nov. 28th then fill it with change, or paper money, or a check and return to the Church or the Office by December 24th.

### March for Life...

The annual March for Life in Washington, DC will take place on Friday, January 22, 2016. We will have a bus, again, this year. If you would like to reserve a seat or sponsor a seat the cost is \$40.00. Just contact John.

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Advent is a time rich in family traditions. Many of them have been so effectively absorbed into our culture that their religious origins are hidden. Some of us will set candles in our windows tonight. The custom began in Ireland during the so-called "penal" days, extending from 1691 to the "Catholic Emancipation" in 1829 and beyond. There were harsh penalties and fines for not attending the government church. Priests were forced into hiding, but people were resourceful and determined in guarding their faith. At Christmas, Irish families, particularly in the countryside, placed a lighted candle in the cottage window and left the door unlatched, hoping that a priest might come by and celebrate the Christmas Mass for them.

The possibility of the Mass coming into the family home gave rise to other Irish customs at the beginning of Advent. The cottage received a fresh coat of whitewash, the threshold was swept especially clean, and fresh curtains were hung in the windows. The house was scrubbed until it gleamed, including all the pots and pans, and all garments and table linens were laundered. The custom of the Irish window candle was so admired in Catholic Europe that it was widely copied there, and now finds a welcome in households that may not exactly expect a priest to wander in!  
--Rev. James Field, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.

### Diocese of Raleigh

[www.dioceseofraleigh.org](http://www.dioceseofraleigh.org)

### Sixth Annual Love My Life Youth Rally

On Saturday, January 16 at 10:00 the Sixth Annual Love My Life Youth Rally will be held at Halifax Mall in downtown Raleigh. The Rally is an opportunity for Catholic teens to come together in celebration, to connect with others from across the Diocese, and to learn more about living and promoting the pro-life culture. Contact your school or youth leaders for more information on this awesome, spirit filled event. The Diocesan Respect Life mass will immediately follow at noon. All of these events will be held in a heated tent!

### Project Rachel Support

**Group** Abortion is one of the most common procedures in the US, experienced by millions of women, many of whom are Catholic. Abortion creates a wound in post-abortive women, (and men) resulting in spiritual and emotional problems. The Project Rachel ministry assists women and men who have been wounded by abortion to find truth and healing. There is a support group beginning in the Triangle area in January. If you have experienced an abortion and would like more information about the support group, contact Project Rachel at (919) 852-1021 or email [projectrachel@nc.rr.com](mailto:projectrachel@nc.rr.com). For more information go to <http://projectrachelnc.org/> (website) Calls and appointments are kept strictly confidential.

### Rite of Blessing of Child in the Womb...

Expectant parents in the Diocese of Raleigh are invited to participate in a ceremony to bless their child in the womb, which will be held on Sunday, December 13th at all Masses.

This Sunday is sometimes called Gaudete Sunday (Gaudete means "Rejoice") which reminds the church of the joy that Christ's birth will bring to us.

This ceremony during Mass not only provided the opportunity for God's blessing for expectant parents and their child in the womb, but also for effective witness to the sanctity of human life from the first moment of conception.

*"God, author of all life, bless, we pray, this unborn child; give constant protection and grant a healthy birth that is the sign of our rebirth one day into the eternal rejoicing of heaven..."* ~excerpt from "Rite for the Blessing of a Child in the womb."



## Saint Mary School Corner

*Keeping Spirit and Faith in Education*

### The Week at Saint Mary School:

- Thursday, December 3rd the Kindergarten has the Bake Sale.
- Friday, December 4th we have school Liturgy at 9:00am in the Church. As always, we invite parents to join us for the Mass. As this is First Friday we will also have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass in the Chapel.

Look for our “**Star Tree**” in the hallway at the main entrance to the school. This year we will be collecting gift items for Wayne Pregnancy Center. Just take a star, purchase what is listed on the star then return the **unwrapped** gift with the star as the tag. Gifts need to be returned to the school by December 17th.

### Advent...

The Catholic Church has designated the four weeks preceding Christmas as Advent, a time to prepare the way of the Lord for His coming as our King and Savior. In addition, the Church teaches that: when the Church celebrates *the liturgy of Advent* each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Saviors first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming. By celebrating [John the Baptists] birth and martyrdom, the Church unites herself to his desire: He must increase, but I must decrease (Catechism, no. 524; original emphasis).

By participating in various time-honored traditions, such as making Jesse trees or putting on a Christmas play at home, Catholic families can engage more fruitfully in the seasons of Advent and Christmas.

~www.CatholicEducation.org

## Respect Life



### The Silence Is Deafening

Even though miscarriage affects millions of men and women each year, it will not be featured or discussed on the news.

Abortion-on-demand in our society has no doubt had its impact. It is hard for a society to mourn the loss of WANTED unborn life when it is busy calling it “tissue” and discrediting the innocent child's personhood. It is hard for a society to embrace a mourning mother for her loss when it is busy defending another mother's right or “choice” to abort her child. Yet, for a woman who prays ceaselessly for life to fill her womb, or who has tried for years to have children, the “material” in her tummy is anything but tissue. It is most definitely life...cherished life. That is how abortion has changed the discussion of miscarriage -- it has silenced it. Because if the media refers to babies when referring to miscarriages, then all of the aborted ones are babies too. And the silence speaks the loudest.

It's time to change the discussion of miscarriage – by starting one. It is time to acknowledge the loss of pre-born life as...life. It is time to stop expecting women and men who have experienced miscarriage to stay silent in their own pain.

They have lost a child.

~ProLife Articles for Bulletins

Please, Pray the Rosary for an end to abortion.



## THE COMING KINGDOM

Jeremiah could see it coming--the kingship of Jesus and the restoration of Jerusalem. But was anybody listening? Is anybody listening now? It must have been tough being a prophet, but Jeremiah was persistent in his message because he knew that it needed to be heard.

Also persistent in his message is Paul as he encourages the Thessalonians--and all of us--to live in accordance with the kingship that Jeremiah foretold. He encourages us to conduct ourselves in ways of holiness so that we may be well prepared for the king's coming. Finally, Jesus himself tells us to be ever diligent so that we may gain favor before our God and King.

Jeremiah could see the kingship of Jesus coming. As we begin the season of Advent, Paul and Jesus tell us not only how to prepare for the Kingdom, but how to live it day to day.

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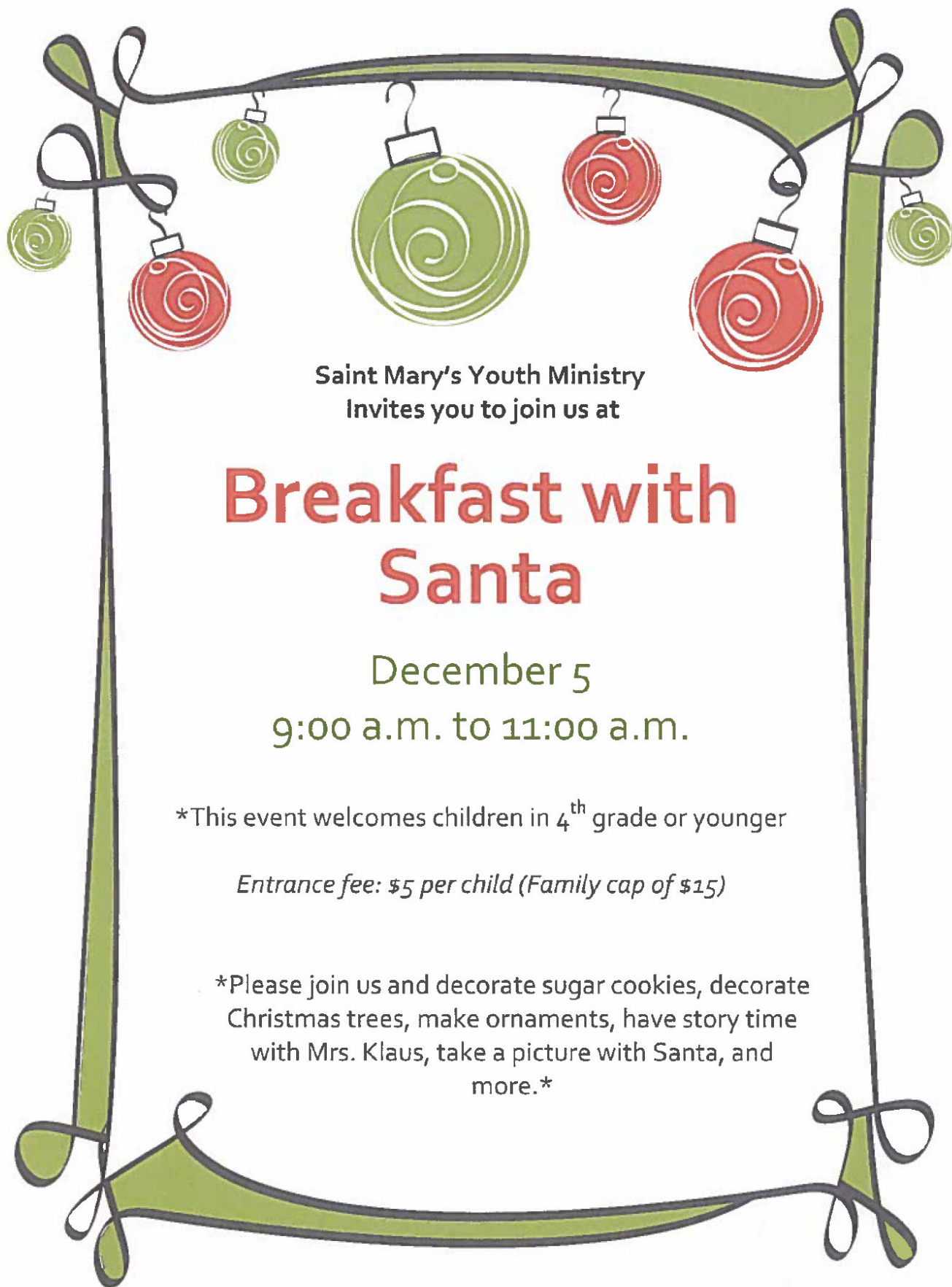
### TYM ...What are They Doing?

Our TYM program is a busy one, over the next few months the teens will be participating in the *Love My Life Rally* held in Raleigh on January 16th. Some of the teens will attend the DC March for Life on January 22nd.

On February 7th the teens will do the “Souper Bowl” collection after all Masses with all donations going to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

### Advent the First Week...

When we wake up, each day this week, we could light the first advent candle, just by taking a few moments to focus. We could pause for a minute at the side of our bed and light an *inner* candle. We could each find our own way to pray something like this; “*Lord, the light I choose to let into my life today is based on my trust in you. It is a weak flame, but I so much desire that it dispel a bit more darkness today. Today, I just want to taste the longing I have for you as I go to the meeting this morning, carry out the responsibilities of my work, face the frustration of some difficult relationships. Let this candle be my reminder today of my hope in your coming.*”



Saint Mary's Youth Ministry  
Invites you to join us at

# Breakfast with Santa

December 5  
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

\*This event welcomes children in 4<sup>th</sup> grade or younger

*Entrance fee: \$5 per child (Family cap of \$15)*

\*Please join us and decorate sugar cookies, decorate Christmas trees, make ornaments, have story time with Mrs. Klaus, take a picture with Santa, and more.\*



ST MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

# **BABY BOTTLE DRIVE**

**FROM: NOV 28, 2015 TO: DEC 24, 2015**

**BENEFIT! WAYNE PREGNANCY CARE CENTER**

Choose Jesus

Choose Family

Choose Life

Children are a gift from God

**Directorio**

Padre John Alexander Gonzalez  
919 734-5033 ext. 27

Bautismos—Elvira Ponce 919-252-0768

**Sacramentos**

**Bautismo:** Asistir a la preparación, padres y padrinos y fijar la fecha con el sacerdote.

**Confesión:** Sábados de 4:00pm a 4:40pm

Para enfermos en el hospital o en casa comuníquese con la parroquia.

**Unción de los Enfermos:** Si usted quiere recibir el sacramento por enfermedad u operación favor de comunicárnoslo.

**Comunión para enfermos:** Si tiene algún familiar en el hospital o en casa que desee recibir la comunión comuníquese con la parroquia.

**Matrimonios:** Iniciar la preparación con seis meses de anticipación.

**Platicas Pre-Bautismales**

Requisitos:

- \* Asistir a las pláticas, padres y padrinos.
- \* Traer copia del acta de nacimiento del niño (a).
- \* Traer copia del acta de matrimonio de los padrinos.
- \* Llenar una solicitud por niño.
- \* Estar registrados o registrarse en la parroquia.

**Confirmaciones**

- \* Estar bautizado.
- \* Haber hecho la primera comunión.
- \* Ser mayor de 15 años.

**Presentaciones**

Requisitos:

- \* Solicitarla 2 meses antes.
- \* Estar bautizado (a).
- \* Donación
- \* Se hacen en la Misa del sábado o Domingo

**XV Años**

Si cumples y/o deseas celebrar tus XV años en los primeros 6 meses del año te invitamos a inscribirte para la preparación:

Requisitos:

- \* Estar bautizada

- \* Haber hecho la primera Comunión
- \* Inscribirse con 4 meses de anticipación con María la coordinadora.
- \* Asistir a la preparación
- \* Donación
- \* Llevarse un volante de información y seguir las reglas.

**TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE**

Es más que justo empezar el tiempo litúrgico de Adviento con la Virgen María. Esta semana celebramos la Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción de María. Esta es una fiesta especial para varios países americanos como Nicaragua, Panamá, Paraguay y los Estados Unidos que tienen como patrona nacional a la Madre de Jesús bajo este título.

Esta creencia tiene siglos de ser discutida por teólogos cristianos como Ambrosio, Agustín, Buenaventura y Tomás de Aquino, pero fue solo con la Constitución Ineffabilis Deus del Papa Pío IX en 1854 que pasó a ser doctrina oficial de la Iglesia. La enseñanza de la Inmaculada Concepción de la Madre de Jesús insiste que María nació y permaneció sin pecado. Según el teólogo franciscano Juan Duns Escoto, María fue salvada del pecado desde el vientre de su madre Ana. De esta manera Jesús pudo salvarla no después de haber pecado como ha hecho con nosotros, sino antes de que ella hubiera pecado. La Inmaculada Concepción se hizo en vista de la venida de Jesús quien nos puede hacer inmaculados gracias al perdón y la gracia que nos ofrece. --Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.

**EL SILENCIO ES ENSORDECEDOR**

No importa que los abortos naturales afecten a millones de mujeres y hombres, nunca se presentara o se hablara en las noticias.

El aborto-por-demanda en nuestra sociedad, sin duda, ha tenido un gran impacto. Es difícil para una sociedad afligirse por la pérdida de una vida QUERIDA aun no nacida cuando esta es llamada "tejido" y descredita la personalidad del niño inocente. Es

difícil para una sociedad abrazar a una madre que se aflige para su pérdida cuando está ocupada defendiendo el derecho de otra madre o "la opción" de abortar a su hijo. Sin embargo, para una mujer que ora sin cesar para cargar un hijo en su vientre, o que ha intentado durante años tener hijos, "la materia" en su vientre es todo menos un "tejido". Es definitivamente vida.....Vida apreciada Así es como el aborto a cambiado la discusión del aborto espontaneo -lo ha silenciado. Porque si los medios se refieren a bebés cuando realmente se refieren a abortos espontáneos, entonces todos los abortos son bebés también. Y el silencio grita. Es hora de cambiar el debate del aborto natural- por empezando uno. Es tiempo de reconocer la pérdida de vida antes de nacer como....vida. Ya es hora de dejar de.

**LA VENIDA DEL REINO**

Jeremías lo veía venir -el reinado de Jesús y la restauración de Jerusalén. Pero, ¿había alguien que le escuchara? ¿Alguien escucha ahora? Ser profeta tenía que haber sido muy difícil, pero Jeremías era persistente en su mensaje, porque sabía lo necesario que era escucharlo.

Persistente en su mensaje también es Pablo, animando a los tesalonicenses -y a todos nosotros- a vivir de acuerdo al reino que Jeremías anunció. Nos motiva a comportarnos en el camino de santidad para que estemos bien preparados para la llegada del rey. Finalmente, Jesús mismo nos dice que estemos siempre atentos para lograr el agrado de nuestro Dios y Rey.

Jeremías podía ver que se acercaba el reinado de Jesús. Al comenzar el tiempo de Adviento, Pablo y Jesús nos enseñan no sólo cómo prepararnos para el Reino, sino cómo vivirlo día a día.

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**Lecturas De La Semana**

**Lunes:** Romanos 10:9-18; Salmos 19 (18):8-11; Mateo 4:18-22

**Martes:** Isaías 11:1-10; Salmos 72 (71):1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lucas 10:21-24

**Miércoles:** Isaías 25:6-0a1; Salmos 23 (22):1-6; Mateo 15:29-37

**Jueves:** Isaías 26:1-6; Salmos 118 (117):1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mateo 7:21, 24-27

**Viernes:** Isaías 29:17-24; Salmos 27 (26):1, 4, 13-14; Mateo 9:27-31

**Sábado:** Isaías 30:19-21, 23-26; Salmos 147 (146):1-6; Mateo 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

**Domingo:** Baruc 5:1-9; Salmos 126:1-6; Filipenses 1:4-6, 8-11; Lucas 3:1-6

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Felicidades a **Alejandro Trejo**, hijo de Mercedes Trejo, se bautizó aquí el día 24 de octubre de 2015.

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