

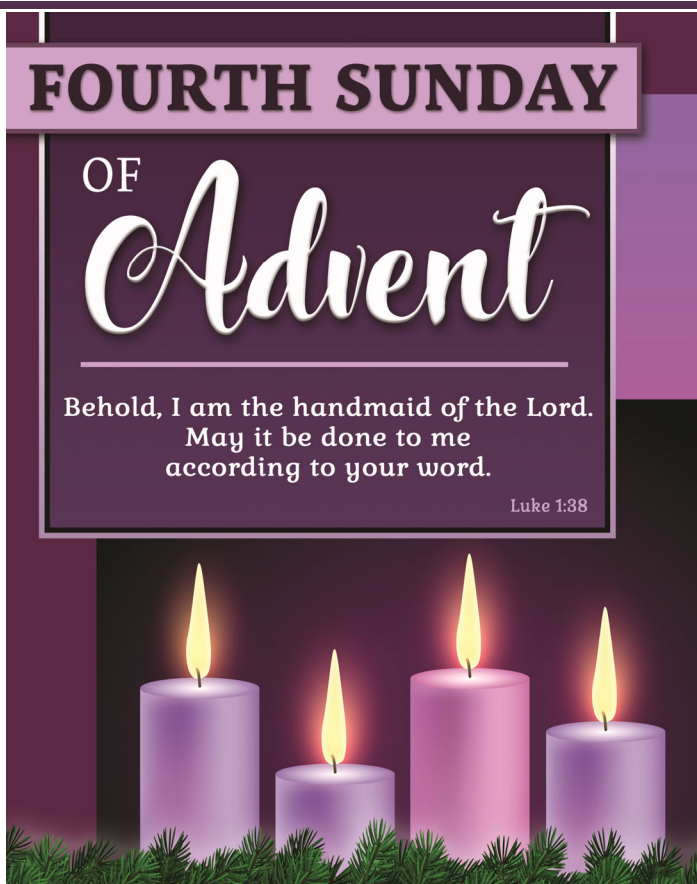
Saint Mary Roman Catholic Church

1603 Edgerton Street, Goldsboro NC 27530-3141

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Rev. Alex Gonzalez, Pastor

December 24, 2017— Fourth Sunday of Advent



EUCHARISTIC LITURGY

Weekend

Fin de Semana

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

Weekdays

Días de Semana

9:00 AM Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday

Lunes, Martes, Miércoles, Viernes

7:30 PM Jueves en Español

No 9:00 AM Mass on Thursday

No hay Misa los Jueves a las 9:00 AM

Holy Days check inside Bulletin

Días Santos revisar el interior del Boletín

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

Nuevos miembros pueden inscribirse llamando a la oficina parroquia (de lunes a viernes de 8:30 AM a 4:00 PM).

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.

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Chair Harold Breindel, Vice-Chair, Secretary Robert Lewis, Finance Council Chair John Heeden, Silverio Bárcenas, Ralph Benedetto, Pat Emery, Anne Hurrey, Paula Long, Carla Berger, Michael Stewart, Robert Terry

The Parish Advisory Council meets August through May. All parishioners are invited to attend.

**Mass Intentions and Readings
for December 23 to December 31**

Sat. 12/23	Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24; Psalms 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Luke 1:57-66 5:00PM Leo & Mary Knauf, dec. by Linda Warner 7:00PM Pro Populo
Sun. 12/24	2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Psalms 89:2-5, 27, 29; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38 10:00AM Bi-lingual 4:00PM Children's Vigil Liturgy 7:30PM Spanish Mass 12:00AM Midnight Mass
Mon. 12/25	Vigil: Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalms 89:4-5, 16-17, 27-29; Acts-Apostles 13:16-17, 22-25; Matthew 1:1-25 [18-25] During the Night: Isaiah 9:1-6; Psalms 96:1-3, 11-13; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14 Dawn: Isaiah 62:11-12; Psalms 97:1, 6, 11-12; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:15-20 Day: Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalms 98:1-6; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14] 11:00AM Pro Populo
Tue. 12/26	Acts-Apostles 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Psalms 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Matthew 10:17-22 9:00AM No Mass
Wed. 12/27	1 John 1:1-4; Psalms 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; John 20:1a, 2-8 9:00AM Ruth Kendall, dec. by Lisa Ruggery
Thu. 12/28	1 John 1:5 -- 2:2; Psalms 124:2-5, 7cd-8; Matthew 2:13-18 7:00PM For all the Souls in purgatory by Gia Nguyen
Fri. 12/29	1 John 2:3-11; Psalms 96:1-3, 5b-6; Luke 2:22-35 9:00AM Billie Smith, dec. by Mike Nault
Sat. 12/30	1 John 2:12-17; Psalms 96:7-10; Luke 2:36-40 5:00PM Patrick & Mary Walsh, dec. by Gary & Pat Emery 7:00PM Pro Populo
Sun. 12/31	Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 or Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Psalms 128:1-5 or Psalms 105:1-6, 8-9; Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17] or Habakkuk 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Luke 2:22-40 [22, 39-40] 10:00AM Bertha Kish, dec. by Dr. & Mrs. Tony Hamm 1:00PM Community

Penance and Reconciliation
 Saturday ~ 4 to 4:40PM and by appointment.

Baptism
 Baptisms are during Mass the third week-end of each month. Preparation is required before *scheduling* the time and date.

Marriage
 Contact the Pastor *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.

The Sanctuary Lamps for the week of December 24 to December 30

Church Sanctuary Lamp in loving memory of **Mr. & Mrs. Edward Parr & Mr. Ronald Record** by Stephen & Susan Parr.

The Christmas Flowers are donated by our parishioners In Honor of and Memory of friends and family.



Parish Calendar

Parish Office Holiday

Schedule...

The Parish Office will be closed for the Christmas Holiday from Friday, December 22nd and reopening on Wednesday, January 3rd.

We wish all of our Parishioners a very Blessed and Peaceful Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

End of Year Financial Donations...

If you have donations that you want counted for the year 2017 you can drop them in the collection basket at Masses on the weekend of Dec. 24 or Dec. 31. Thank you for your generosity to St. Mary Parish.

Thank you from the St. Mary Anchors!!!

Mistletoe Mingle with St. Nicholas had a great turn out. Thank you to everyone who showed up. Thank you to the Ladies Guild.

March for Life...

The annual March for Life in Washington, DC will take place on Friday, January 19, 2018. We will have a bus, again, this year. If you would like to reserve a seat or sponsor a seat please let the parish office know. If you would like to reserve a seat there is a \$25.00 deposit. Just contact the Parish Office.

Offertory Report

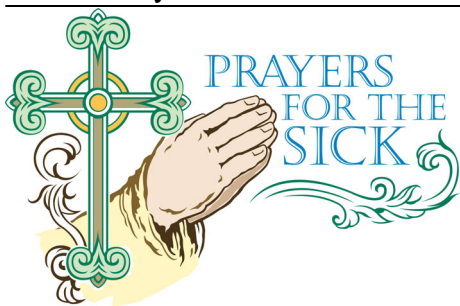
December 10	\$11,257.82
	\$7,750.00
	\$3,507.82

Retirement Fund for Religious:
\$1,160.00

Second Collection December 31:
Capital Improvement Fund

<u>Sunday, December 24—Fourth Sunday of Advent</u>		
* Bi-Lingual Mass	Church	10:00am
* No RCIA		
* No Faith Formation		
* Christmas Eve Children's Mass (English)	Church	4:00pm
* Spanish Mass	Church	7:30pm
* Midnight Mass	Church	12:00am
<u>Monday, December 25</u>		
* Parish Office & SMS Closed		
* Mass	Church	11:00am
<u>Tuesday, December 26</u>		
* Parish Office & SMS Closed		
* No Mass		
* Perpetual Novena	Chapel	3:45pm
* Legion of Mary	Library	4:00pm
* SVDP Meeting	JPII	6:00pm
<u>Wednesday, December 27</u>		
* Parish Office & SMS Closed		
<u>Thursday, December 28</u>		
* Parish Office Closed		
* 10am Choir Practice	Lounge	7:00pm
* Spanish Mass	Church	7:00pm
<u>Friday, December 29</u>		
* Parish Office Closed		
* Hispanic Youth Group	JPII Room A	6:00pm
<u>Saturday, December 30</u>		
* 5pm Choir Practice	Lounge	4:00pm
<u>Sunday, December 31—The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</u>		
* No RCIA		
* No Faith Formation		

<p><u>IV Sunday of Advent</u> <u>(Bilingual Mass):</u> Sunday, December 24 at 10:00AM</p> <p><u>Christmas Eve—</u> <u>Sunday, December 24</u> 4:00PM (Children's Vigil Liturgy) 7:30PM (Spanish Language Liturgy) 12:00AM (Christmas Liturgy-Midnight Mass)</p> <p><u>Mass of Christmas Day (English):</u> Monday, December 25 at 11:00AM</p>	<p><u>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph:</u> Saturday, December 30, 2017 English—5:00PM Spanish—7:00PM Sunday, December 31, 2017 English—10:00AM Spanish—1:00PM</p> <p><u>New Year's Day Liturgy</u> <u>Mary the Holy Mother of God:</u> Monday, January 1, 2018 at 11:00AM Bilingual Mass</p>
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In our thoughts and prayers:

Pray for the intentions of those in nursing facilities, the homebound, and those chronically ill. Please remember in a special way the following parishioners who have requested your prayers:

José Antonio Acevedo, Santiago Acevedo, Dolores & Gary Barton, Joseph Brickhouse, Marco Castaneda, Fran Charbonneau, James Cobb, Judy Cordeiro, Maria del Socorro Cruz, Lee & Sarah Davis, Marjorie Dixon, Mary Lindsey Edwards, Elaine Evans, Gustavo Gonzalez, Johan Gonzalez, Agnes Harris, Mary Hayman, Sharon Heeden, Rogisides Jamies, Dale & Loretta Jarrett, Laura Jones, Snag Kannan, Chuck Kirk, Lynn Kuczynski, Gary & Emma Lampson, Erma Lawrence, Pat & John Marguglio, William Martin, Billie Myers, Paul Paquette, Terry Panza, Mary & Wilbert Perry, Jeff Price, Phyllis Radford, Nellie Ryan, Betty Scott, Anthony Scrufari, Edna Earl Simmons, Rafael Torres, Fabiola Trejo, Natalie & Christopher Ulrey, José Vega, Olivia West.

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 919-736-3265 or Barbara at 919-751-0024.

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www.dioceseofraleigh.org

Women of Grace Foundational Study January 19–May 11, 2018 Friday’s, 9:30 AM Our Lady of Lourdes, Fallon Center Join other women on a journey to discover your mission and purpose in the world today. Grow closer to Christ and His Church through Scripture, the Catechism, and wisdom of early Church fathers and Popes. Childcare available for a nominal fee – indicate if needed. Cost \$50 for book and workbook Please contact Cathy Gephart (cathy@gephartbuilt.com) to register.

LML Youth Rally

Don’t miss the 8th annual Love My Life Youth Rally, Saturday, January 13 at Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral beginning at 9:30 AM. We welcome Chris Padgett this year to a special new tent on the Cathedral grounds, followed by a procession into Mass, celebrated by Bishop Luis Rafael Zarama. Next we will grab a light lunch and travel to Halifax Mall to join NC Right to Life for the annual March for Life!



Save the Date! 15th Ignited By Truth Catholic Conference April 28, 2018 Reynolds Coliseum, Raleigh “Bringing to light the truth of the teachings of the Catholic Church and igniting in all hearts a love for the Faith” Speakers: **Dr. Scott Hahn, Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, Mark Hart, Fr. Donald Calloway, and Fr. Robert Spitzer!** For more details, visit www.IgnitedByTruth.org

Please Pray for Our Diaconate Candidates

As one of 18 Candidates for the Permanent Diaconate in the Diocese of Raleigh I humbly request that Saint Mary’s parishioners keep these men (listed below), their wives and their families in your prayers that we may have the fortitude to continue, the wisdom to understand and the docility to do God’s will. All of us are in the 3rd year of a five-year program, of which prayer is central.

I ask you to keep their wives and families in your prayers as well, as any man following a call to the Diaconate needs the support of their wives and family and must strike a balance between their regular jobs, their marriage and family life and our service to the church as Deacons should we be blessed to be ordained at the end of the 5 years.

Rick Autry	Steven Canalli
Erick Crump	Daniel Doban
Vincent Govan	George Keenan
Joshua Klickman	Virgilio Maisonet
Gerardo Segundo Mercado Roman	John Mullins
Arthur Powers	Eric Rosario Ramos
Kevin Sullivan	Charles VanHeusen
John Walsh	David Wulff
Matthew Yurksaitis	Bernard Zdancewicz



Saint Mary School Corner

Keeping Spirit and Faith in Education

The week of December 25 at Saint Mary School:

The school staff and students wish you a very Merry, blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

A Lifeline for Marriage –

Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It is designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back on track. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. You will not be sharing your struggles with other people. You will hear from couples that have been through the program themselves. They will share their journey from brokenness to reconciliation. This program has helped couples experiencing all levels of marital difficulty, even those in deep misery. For confidential information or to apply for the next program beginning with a weekend February 2, 2018, call 800-470-2230 or 434-793-0242, e-mail us at retrouvaille@msn.com, or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org.



Raising Pro-Life Children

It often takes many decades to correct social injustices and human rights' problems. For example, it took many decades to abolish slavery.

Our generation might not see an end to the injustice of abortion. However, the younger generation is becoming increasingly pro-life and it is vitally important that we raise pro-life children. If so, they will one day see our nation becoming one of liberty and justice not just for some, but for all human beings.

A baby and, indeed, life itself, is nothing short of a miracle. As faithful Catholics, we should be teaching our children ---at every opportunity---that all human beings, at all stages of development, should be cherished, respected, loved and protected at all times.

Also, we need to teach children that being pro-life does not only mean opposing abortion. Sometimes, children are born with disease, Down syndrome or some other problem---and these children are nevertheless all precious gifts from God and are extremely valuable, no matter what.

Teaching children to have a pro-life attitude is the indispensable antidote to today's selfish, "me-first" society, with many people more concerned about pleasure or money than the inherent value and dignity of every human life.

"A person's a person, no matter how small." Horton Hears a Who! Dr. Seuss.

SVDP Needs the Following...

Pantry needs: jelly, soup, spaghetti sauce, spaghetti and potted meat.

Thank you in advance for helping us help the poor in our community.

The Message of the Glorious Mystery Manifested

Reflection 4th Sunday of Advent 2017
M. Yurksaitis

This week we find ourselves nearing the celebration of Christmas and this week's readings in the last week of Advent bring us a message, a resounding message of a Glorious mystery to be made manifest. This message resounds through the opening antiphon, the collect, both readings and reaches its pinnacle in this week's Gospel. During advent, we have been preparing for the first coming of the Lord and Savior and find ourselves waiting and longing for His second coming. We have been reflecting on our lives and where our hearts and minds are focused and what is truly important and are on the threshold of celebrating the first coming of our Lord with the Annunciation to Mary and Mary's fiat in response., or have we? *Have we taken the time this advent to truly reflect and prepare for the coming of our Lord & Savior?*

"I will sing of your steadfast love O Lord, with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations" is the response to this weeks Psalm. Just as the angel announced the conception and birth of our Lord and savior to Mary are we proclaiming the message of the Psalm to all around us? *Are we sharing the good news of the Lords Love, Faithfulness and Mercy to our friends, family & communities?*

This weeks Gospel is one of the most well known and told accounts of the annunciation of the conception and birth of our Lord and savior and Mary's "yes" in response to God. The Gospel tells us how great the Lord will be, which we also read and heard in the first reading from the second book of Samuel. In addition the Angel tells us even Elizabeth has conceived a son in her old age reminding us that nothing is impossible for God. What an awesome miracle & mystery is about to unfold – God is about to come among humans, not as purely divine; but totally self-giving becomes a human baby, with both human and divine natures; born of a human mother for our salvation. *Have we reflected on the true greatness of this Mystery and Miraculous Gift?*





Father Alex's Christmas Letter

Wow! I do not know about you, but Advent seems to have flown by this year. Flown perhaps, because we need to slow down and savor a bit. I once heard that a priest launched a campaign for Christmas that announced: "Slow down...for Christ's sake"! That particular priest had lawn signs made and dotted the church property so that people who drove by on an extremely busy street (a major artery in town) thought at first that it meant that they had to drive more slowly. Not a bad idea, it turns out, since they race like the Indy 500 (much like our townsfolk do on routes 70 and 117. It was, instead, an Advent message – let us slow down to greet the Christ Child. They had the church open one night a week for quiet time for people to drop by and slow down. No talks, no audible prayer, just quiet. Many people expressed appreciation that year.

Today, on the Fourth Sunday of Advent and the eve of Christmas and Christmas itself, we are invited to "slow down" with Jesus, Mary and Joseph and the peace of the manger. We are being left to ponder the mystery of this night and to live with it with glorious and gracious mode.

One of the joys of Christmas for many is being a part of a loving parish family –and we in general, have that here at Saint Mary's Church. As we celebrate this most Holy Night, we are given new life in the light of Christ that is born in us again, and we are blessed to share that with one another, tonight, and every time we gather here.

While for some there have been great joys this past year, 2017 has been for many people a dark and difficult year. The hate and fear that permeates our society, the violence in our streets and around the world, and personal tragedies some have experienced, the deaths in families, and many more other things are a reminder that our work as bearers of Christ's light is far from over. In a world in distress, we are not a people without hope. We know, through our Savior Jesus Christ, that life is stronger than death, and no darkness can ever overcome the light of God in Christ! And so, we are given a gift at Christmas, one that we are asked to share beyond our doors. We need to take that light of Christ out into a world still filled with "people who walk in great darkness." And we need to invite them in too – into the church, and into our hearts. When we do, no one is ever the same – not us, nor those we meet.

In this Christmas, may we be reminded that Christ came into the world as a humble and poor child, and calls us all to recognize that our salvation lies not in tangible riches, but in spiritual ones. It is the humble, the meek, the lowly, the oppressed, the forgotten, and the lonely that are closest to God's heart.

God calls each of us to say "Yes" too. To give birth to Jesus in our lives, by proclaiming good news to the poor, in our love and service. Christ does not ask us to judge one another, but to welcome all, and love all, as he loved us. That is how we proclaim the Gospel – the good news that is born to us at Christmas.

Let us prepare ourselves to enjoy the blessings of Christmas in our individual and family life and ask the divine grace to be the heralds of the message of joy, peace, inclusivity, respect and hope everywhere. During this Christmas season let us make an ardent prayer to the Lord together with St. Francis of Assisi: *"Lord, make me an instrument of Your Peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; Where there is injury, pardon; Where there is doubt, faith; Where there is despair, hope; Where there is darkness, light; Where there is sadness, joy"*.

Wishing you all a safe, joyous, and Merry Christmas, and blessings in the year to come.

Fr. Alex





¡Mensaje de Navidad!

No sé ustedes, pero el Adviento parece haber volado este año. Y si ha volado de verdad porque necesitamos parar y saborear un poco. Una vez escuché que un sacerdote lanzó una campaña en Navidad que anunciaba: "¡Reduzca la velocidad... por el amor de Cristo"! Ese sacerdote en particular tenía letreros hechos que puso en el césped de la propiedad de la iglesia para que las personas que pasaran por allí (una calle extremadamente transitada, una arteria principal de la ciudad) lo vieran. Las personas pensaron al principio que eso significaba que tenían que conducir más despacio. No es una mala idea, ya que corrían como lo hacen lo de la Indy 500 (muy parecido a como lo hacen nuestros ciudadanos en las rutas 70 y 117). Pero en cambio, este fue un mensaje de Adviento: detengamos la marcha para saludar al Niño Jesús. La iglesia abrió una noche a la semana para dar tiempo de silencio para que las personas se acercasen. Sin pláticas, sin oraciones audibles, solo silencio. Muchas personas expresaron su gusto por eso ese año.

Hoy, en el Cuarto Domingo de Adviento y la víspera de Navidad y Navidad misma, estamos invitados a "disminuir la velocidad de nuestras preocupaciones" y concentrarnos con Jesús, María y José en la paz del pesebre. Debemos pensar en cómo esta noche gloriosa nos llena de gracia.

Una de las alegrías de la Navidad para muchos es ser parte de una familia parroquial amorosa, y en general, tenemos eso aquí en la Iglesia de Santa María. Al celebrar esta Noche Santa, se nos da nueva vida a la luz de Cristo que nace en nosotros de nuevo, y tenemos la bendición de compartir eso con los demás, esta noche y cada vez que nos reunamos aquí.

Mientras que para algunos ha habido grandes alegrías el año pasado, 2017, para otros ha sido un año oscuro y difícil. El odio y el miedo que impregna nuestra sociedad, la violencia en nuestras calles y en todo el mundo, y las tragedias personales que algunos han experimentado, las muertes en familias y muchas otras cosas son un recordatorio de que nuestro trabajo como portadores de la luz de Cristo está lejos de acabar. En un mundo en peligro, somos personas de esperanza. Sabemos a través de nuestro Salvador Jesucristo, que la vida es más fuerte que la muerte, ¡y que ninguna oscuridad puede vencer la luz de Dios en Cristo! Y así, el regalo de Navidad más grande que podamos dar es ir más allá de nuestras puertas. Necesitamos llevar esa luz de Cristo a un mundo todavía lleno de "personas que caminan en una gran oscuridad". Y también debemos invitarlos a entrar a la iglesia y a nuestros corazones. Cuando lo hacemos, nadie sigue siendo el mismo, ni nosotros ni los que conocemos.

En esta Navidad, se nos recuerda que Cristo vino al mundo como un niño humilde y pobre, y nos llama a todos a reconocer que nuestra salvación no reside en las riquezas tangibles, sino en las espirituales. Son los humildes, los oprimidos, los olvidados y los solitarios los que están más cerca del corazón de Dios.

Dios llama a cada uno de nosotros a decir "Sí" también. Dar a luz a Jesús en nuestras vidas, proclamando la buena nueva a los pobres con nuestro amor y servicio. Cristo pide que no nos juzguemos unos a otros, sino darles la bienvenida a todos, y amar a todos, como él nos amó. Así es como proclamamos el Evangelio: las buenas nuevas que nacen en Navidad.

Preparémonos para disfrutar de las bendiciones de la Navidad en nuestra vida individual y familiar y pidamos la gracia divina para ser heraldos del mensaje de alegría, paz, inclusión, respeto y esperanza en todas partes. Durante este tiempo de Navidad, hagamos una ardiente oración al Señor junto con San Francisco de Asís: *"Señor, haz de mí un instrumento de Tu Paz. Donde hay odio, siembre yo amor; Donde haya injuria, perdón; Donde haya duda, fe; donde hay desesperación, esperanza; Donde hay oscuridad, luz; Donde hay tristeza, alegría"*.

Les deseo a todos una Feliz Navidad, y bendiciones en el año que viene.

Padre Alex



Directorio

Padre John Alexander Gonzalez
919 734-5033 ext. 227

Sacramentos

Bautismo: Asistir a la preparación, padres y padrinos y fijar la fecha con el sacerdote. Comuníquese con la parroquia para fechas de preparación.

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 comunicármolo.

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.

Pláticas Pre-Bautismales

Requisitos: Con la señora Evelyn Shafer

- 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.
- Estar en octavo grado

Presentaciones

Requisitos: Con la señora Evelyn Shafer

- Solicitarla 1 mes antes
- Donación Voluntaria
- Se hacen solo 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 6 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

De las muchas tradiciones latinoamericanas para celebrar el Adviento y la Navidad, las Posadas parecen ser lo mejor conocido en EE. UU. Tienen su origen en la última mitad del siglo XVIII cuando las estrepitosas Misas de Aguinaldo dejaron de ser celebradas en México. Para remplazar la festividad de esas Misas, los laicos decidieron celebrar en sus casas tomando lo que habían visto dramatizado en los templos, esto es, el recorrido de José y María mientras buscaban posada en Belén. Como las "Antífonas de la O" de la liturgia oficial cristiana, estas Posadas llegaron a ser celebradas nueve noches consecutivas.

200 años después, muchos latinos continúan celebrando las Posadas en EE. UU. Recuerdo como de niño cantábamos "En el nombre del cielo" recorriendo las calles del barrio hasta llegar a la casa donde nos abrirían con cantos, tamales, galletitas y chocolate. Ese recorrido de José y María lamentablemente sigue todos los días en los pasos temerosos y cansados de tantos inmigrantes en este país. Como la Sagrada Familia, otras familias latinoamericanas continúan buscando hospedaje con la esperanza de dar a luz una nueva vida para sus hijos e hijas.

--Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Gl, OFM,
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SVDP necesita lo siguiente ...

La despensa necesita: Salsa de espagueti, tanto pequeñas como grandes, vegetales enlatados (no judías verdes o maíz), gelatina, sopa (cualquier tipo), carne en macetas, arroz seco o frijoles (1 # o más) y macarrones con queso.

Gracias de antemano por ayudarnos a ayudar a los pobres de nuestra comunidad.

Educando hijos Pro-Vida

Frecuentemente toma varias décadas para corregir injusticias sociales y problemas de derechos humanos. Por ejemplo, llevó muchas décadas para abolir la esclavitud.

Nuestra generación puede no ver el final de la injusticia del aborto. Sin embargo, la nueva generación se está transformando cada vez más en Pro-Vida y es vitalmente importante que eduquemos hijos Pro-Vida. Si hacemos eso, un día ellos verán nuestra nación transformarse en una en la cual la libertad y la justicia existen no sólo para algunos sino para todos los seres humanos.

Un bebé y por cierto, la vida misma, son una especie de milagro. Como fieles Católicos, debemos enseñar a nuestros niños ---en cada oportunidad-- que todos los seres humanos, en todas las etapas de su desarrollo, deben ser apreciados, respetados, amados y protegidos en todo momento. También debemos enseñar a nuestros niños que ser Pro-Vida significa no sólo oponerse al aborto. Algunas veces, hay niños que nacen con enfermedades, síndrome de Down o algún otro problema---y todos esos niños son sin embargo, regalos preciosos de Dios y son extremadamente valiosos en todos los casos.

Enseñarles a los niños que tengan una actitud Pro-Vida es el antídoto indispensable contra la egoísta, "yo primero" sociedad de hoy en día, en la cual mucha gente está más interesada en el dinero y el placer que en el valor inherente y dignidad de cada vida humana.

"Una persona es una persona, sin importar cuan pequeña" dice el libro: "¡Horton escucha a Quién!" del Dr. Seuss.

Por favor, recen el Rosario por el fin del aborto.



Lecturas De La Semana

- Lunes:** Vigilia: Isaías 62:1-5; Salmos 89 (88):4-5, 16-17, 27-29; Hechos 13:16-17, 22-25; San Mateo 1:1-25 [18-25]
 Noche: Isaías 9:1-6; Salmos 96 (95):1-3, 11-13; Tito 2:11-14; San Lucas 2:1-14
 Aurora: Isaías 62:11-12; Salmos 97 (96):1, 6, 11-12; Tito 3:4-7; San Lucas 2:15-20
 Día: Isaías 52:7-10; Salmos 98 (97):1-6; Hebreos 1:1-6; San Juan 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
- Martes:** Hechos 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Salmos 31 (30):3cd-9; San Mateo 10:17-22
- Miércoles:** 1 San Juan 1:1-4; Salmos 97 (96):1-2, 5-6, 11-12; San Juan 20:1a, 2-8
- Jueves:** 1 San Juan 1:5 -- 2:2; Salmos 124 (123):2-5, 7b-8; San Mateo 2:13-18
- Viernes:** 1 San Juan 2:3-11; Salmos 96 (95):1-3, 5b-6; San Lucas 2:22-35
- Sábado:** 1 San Juan 2:12-17; Salmos 96 (95):7-10; San Lucas 2:36-40
- Domingo:** Eclesiástico 3:2-6, 12-14 o Génesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Salmos 128 (127): 1-5 o Salmos 105 (104):1-6, 8-9; Colosenses 3:12-21 [12-17] o Hebreos 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; San Lucas 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]

Marcha por la Vida ...

La Marcha anual por la Vida en Washington, DC tendrá lugar el Viernes, 19 de Enero de 2018. Tendremos autobuses este año. Si desea reservar un asiento o patrocinar un asiento, el costo es de \$25.00 de depósito. Simplemente comuníquese con hablar con Diana Ponce después de Misa. Esté atento a más noticias sobre la hora en que la Misa será en el Santuario Nacional de la Inmaculada Concepción y la hora de salida para el autobús.

