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December
11, 2016

Third Sunday of Advent



**"Go back and report to John what you hear and see:
the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are made clean,
the deaf hear, the dead are brought back to life
and good news is reaching the poor.**

And how fortunate is the one who does not take offense at me."

- Mt 11,4-6



MASS SCHEDULES



Sunday Mass in English

Saturday 4:30 PM

Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM & 12:15 PM

Daily Mass

7 & 8:30 AM (Saturday 8:30 AM)

Reconciliation

Saturday 3-4:00 PM

Misas Dominicales en Español

Sábado 6 PM, Domingo 2 & 6 PM

Misas en Español

Miércoles 7 PM

Reconciliación

Miércoles 6-7 PM, Sábado 3-4:00 PM



From the Pastor's Desk:

A number of years ago, a young college student was working as an intern at his college's Museum of Natural History. One day while working at the cash register in the gift shop, he saw an elderly couple come in with a little girl in a wheelchair.

As he looked more closely at this girl, he saw that she was kind of perched on her chair. The student realized that she had no arms or legs, just a head, neck and torso. She was wearing a little white dress with red polka dots. As the couple wheeled her up to the checkout counter, he turned his head toward the girl and gave her a wink. Meanwhile, he took the money from her grandparents and looked back at the girl, who was giving him the cutest and the largest smile he had ever seen. All of a sudden her handicap was gone, and all that the college student saw was this beautiful girl, whose smile just melted him and almost instantly gave him a completely new sense of what life is all about. She took him from being an unhappy college student and brought him into her world - a world of smiles, love and warmth. With the lighting of the third rose candle of the Advent Wreath among the purple candles and the priest's wearing the rose vestments, we are reminded that we are called to live with joy in our world of sorrows and pain. (Fr. James Farfaglia)

Under a cultural exchange program a rabbi from Russia was visiting with a Christian family in Texas. Since it was Christmas, the family wanted to take him to some of the finest places in Houston, so they all went to a favorite Chinese restaurant. Throughout the meal the rabbi extolled the wonders of America in comparison to the bleak conditions of his homeland. When they had finished eating the waiter brought the check, a fortune cookie, and a small brass Christmas tree ornament as a present for the rabbi. They all laughed when the rabbi pointed out that the ornaments were stamped "made in India." But the laughter soon subsided when they saw that the rabbi was quietly crying. They all thought that the rabbi must have been offended by receiving a Christmas tree as a gift. But no, he smiled and shook his head and said, "Nyet, I was shedding tears of joy to be in a wonderful country, in a Chinese restaurant in which a Buddhist gives a Jew a Christmas gift made by a Hindu!"

A man who thought he was John the Baptist was disturbing the neighborhood, so for public safety, he was committed. He was put in a room with another crazy one. The new inmate immediately began his routine, "I am John the Baptist! Jesus Christ has sent me!" The other guy looked at him and declared, "I did not!"

On a Sunday morning, he couldn't get out of bed. The pastor's mother who was on a visit to see her son tried to get him out of bed, but to little avail. She shouted up the stairs, "Get up!" and he shouted down the stairs, "No!" Then she shouted again, "Get up!" and he shouted down, "Why should I, I am so tired. Can I not take one day off?" She said, "Well, first of all your breakfast is ready, secondly this is the third Advent Sunday, and thirdly you're the Pastor and you have to say two Masses today. The whole church is waiting for you!"

Nota de nuestro pastor: Hace un número de años, un joven estudiante

estaba trabajando como interno en el Museo de Historia Natural de su colegio. Un día mientras trabajaba en la caja registradora en la tienda de regalos, vio a una pareja de ancianos llegando con una niña en silla de ruedas. Mirando más de cerca a esta chica, él vio que ella casi estaba encaramada en su silla. El estudiante se dio cuenta que no tenía brazos ni piernas, sólo cabeza, cuello y torso. Llevaba un vestidito blanco con lunares rojos. Cuando la pareja la llevó hasta el mostrador, volvió su cabeza hacia la chica y le dio un guiño de ojo. Mientras tanto, él tomó el dinero de sus abuelos y miró hacia atrás a la chica, que le estaba dando la más linda y más grande sonrisa que jamás había visto. De repente su incapacidad se había ido, y todo lo que el estudiante universitario vio fue a esta hermosa chica, cuya sonrisa lo derritió y casi al instante le dio un sentido completamente nuevo sobre todo lo que es la vida. Ella lo llevó de ser un estudiante infeliz y lo puso en su mundo - un mundo de sonrisas, amor y calidez. Con la iluminación de la vela rosa en el tercer lugar de la corona de Adviento, entre las velas púrpura y los ornamentos color de rosa que el Sacerdote usa, nos recuerda que somos llamados a vivir con alegría en nuestro mundo de tristezas y dolor. (P. James Farfaglia)

Bajo un programa de intercambio cultural un Rabino de Rusia estaba de visita con una familia Cristiana en Texas. Puesto que era Navidad, la familia quiso llevarlo a algunos de los mejores lugares en Houston, así que todos fueron a un restaurante Chino favorito. A lo largo de la comida el rabino ensalzó las maravillas de América en comparación con las condiciones sombrías de su patria. Cuando habían acabado de comer el camarero trajo el cheque, una galleta de la fortuna y un ornamento de latón de un pequeño Árbol de Navidad como un regalo para el rabino. Todos se rieron cuando el rabino señaló que los adornos llevaban el sello "hecho en India". Pero la risa pronto se desplomó cuando vieron que el rabino estaba llorando silenciosamente. Todos pensaron que el rabino se había ofendido al recibir un Árbol de Navidad como regalo. Pero no, él sonrió, meneó la cabeza y dijo, "Nyet, estaba derramando lágrimas de alegría por estar en un país maravilloso, en un restaurante chino en el que un Budista le da a un Judío un regalo de Navidad hecho por un Hindú!"

Un hombre que pensaba que era Juan el Bautista fue a molestar al vecindario, así que por la seguridad pública, fue encerrado. Lo pusieron en una habitación con otro loco. El nuevo paciente comenzó inmediatamente con su rutina, "yo soy Juan el Bautista! Jesucristo me ha enviado." El otro tipo lo miró y declaró, "No lo hice!"

En una mañana de Domingo, él no podía levantarse de la cama. La madre del Párroco que fue de visita a ver a su hijo trató de levantarle de la cama, pero sin resultado. Ella gritó desde las escaleras, "Levántate!" y el gritó debajo de las escaleras, "¡No!" Entonces ella gritó otra vez, "Levántate!" y el gritó, "por qué debería, yo estoy tan cansado. No puedo tomar un día de descanso?" Ella dijo, "bueno, en primer lugar tu desayuno está listo, en segundo lugar este es el tercer Domingo de Adviento y en tercer lugar eres el Pastor y tienes que celebrar dos Misas hoy. Toda la Iglesia te está esperando!"

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week
of December 11, 2016

Sun/Dom:

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

Mon/Lunes:

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/
Jdt 13/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Tues/Martes:

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34/Mt 21:28-32

Wed/Mier:

Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25/Ps 85/Lk 7:18b-23

Thurs/Juev:

Is 54:1-10/Ps 30/Lk 7:24-30

Fri/Vier:

Is 56:1-3a, 6-8/Ps 67/Jn 5:33-36

Sat/Sab:

Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72/Mt 1:1-17

Next Sun/Dom:

Is 7:10-14/Ps 24/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday—Dec 12th

Our Lady of Guadalupe

4:30 AM Mananitas
5:00 AM Mass
6:00 AM Breakfast in the Gym
6:00 PM Mass

Festival following Mass in the Gym

Wednesday — Dec 14th

Communal Reconciliation

7 PM in the Church

Friday — Saturday Dec 16-17

Simbang Gabi begins

5:30 AM Mass
Followed by Breakfast in the Gym

Friday — Saturday Dec 16-17

Las Posadas begins

7:00PM Novena in the Hall

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Bilingual available 10 AM-4 PM

Sunday 9 AM-4 PM

Bilingual available 12 PM-4 PM

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Pastor

Monday,Tuesday,Wednesday,&Friday
10 AM to 12 PM

5 PM to 8 PM (*with appointment*)

lunes, martes, miércoles, y Viernes
10 AM a 12 PM

5 PM a 8 PM (*con cita*)

Rev. Stephen Ayisu, SVD

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5 PM to 8 PM (*with appointment*)

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5 PM a 8 PM (*con cita*)

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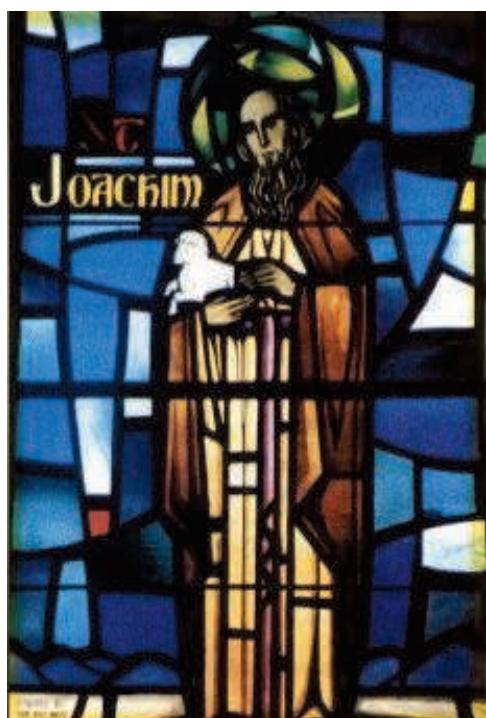
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Communal Reconciliation
7:00 PM
Wednesday—Dec. 14th
In the Church



Third Sunday of Advent

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SHARE

Christmas in a Nursing Home

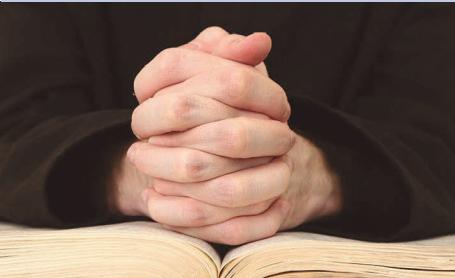
Brighten a Nursing Home Residents Christmas by giving them a NEW Christmas Gift . Please wrap your gift and tag if it is for a male or female and include size if applicable.

Bring your gifts to Church by December 18th

Navidad en un hogar de ancianos

Illumina residentes de un hogar de ancianos esta Navidad, dándoles un regalo nuevo de Navidad. Por favor, envuelve el regalo y etiquétalo si es para hombre o mujer e incluye tamaño si es necesario.

Tráelos a la iglesia antes del 18 de diciembre



PRAY FOR

Priscila McIntire
Betty Evans
Ellen Rodel Ramil Hilario
Adam Pachkofsky
Robert Burkfield
Diana Cajilog Chua
Teresa Castro
Cesar Gutierrez
Pilar Valenzuela
Isabel Burkfield
Jim Smith
Pelagia Limos
Anita Urbino
Geraldine Fabio-Abdon
Diego Trujillo
Paul Seishas
Felicitima Buendia

DONATIONS

St Vincent de Paul
Food offering for next week:

Peanut Butter, Jelly or Crackers

Creme de cacahuate, mermelada o galletas

CONTRIBUTIONS CONTRIBUCIONES

COLLECTION FOR WEEK
December 4

The Plate Collection
\$ 8,415.50
EFT Collection
\$ 540.00
On Line Giving
\$ 314.00

**TOTAL for the WEEK
\$9,269.50**

MASS INTENTIONS

December 10-17, 2016

Saturday 4:30 PM

The Community of St. Joachim

Saturday 6:00 PM

Silvano Martin (*accion de gracia*)

Sunday 7:30 AM

The Community of St. Joachim

Sunday 9:00 AM

Ha Van San †
Rosita Devilla † (*anniversary*)
Basilio Sales †

Sunday 10:30 AM

Rafael Valderrama (*healing*)
Elizabeth Mance & Alfredo Reyes †
Jocelyn Alcantara †
Elenita Salting †
Manuel Magsaysay †

Sunday 12:15 PM

Florencio Marquez † (*anniversary*)
Gloria Marquez Flores †

Sunday 2:00 PM

Maria Teresa Castro (*salud*)
Isabel Rodriguez (*accion de gracia*)
Benjamin Morales †
Nicolas Rodriguez †
Maria Cisneros †
Alfredo Garcia † (*3rd aniversario*)

Sunday 6:00 PM

Maria Ines & Alejo Velasquez †
Lourdes Alvarez † (*1st aniversario*)
Jose & Maria Preciado † (*aniversario*)

Monday 5:00 AM

Our Lady Of Guadalupe Mass

Monday 8:30 AM

Ranielle & Kristine Garcia (*birthday*)
Jesus Rios Sanches (*healing*)
Josefina Rios Gallegos (*healing*)
Salvador Rios Gallegos †
Souls in Purgatory

Monday 6:00 PM

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass

Tuesday 7:00 AM

The Community of St. Joachim

Tuesday 8:30 AM

Arielle Lucille Garcia (*birthday*)
Mark Delos Angeles (13th birthday)
Ramon G. Garcia †

Wednesday 7:00 AM

The Community of St. Joachim

Wednesday 8:30 AM

Faustino Juan Jr. (*birthday*)

Thursday 7:00 AM

Jocelyn, Ignacio & Dolores Cruz †
(*anniversary*)

Thursday 8:30 AM

Valeriano Pilapil (*89th birthday*)
Jonas Paiso († *birthday*)

Friday 5:30 AM

Simbang Gabi Mass

Friday 8:30 AM

The Community of St. Joachim

Saturday 5:30 AM

Simbang Gabi Mass

Saturday 8:30 AM

The Community of St. Joachim

Las Posadas
Dec 16-24
7 PM
in the Hall



Q
A

What is the Hispanic Advent custom of "Las Posadas"?

Posada is the Spanish word for inn or lodging. "Las Posadas" refers to a traditional Advent custom in preparation for the birth of Jesus, beginning on December 16. For nine successive evenings, groups reenact the search of Mary and Joseph for shelter in Bethlehem.

Two children dress as Mary and Joseph, sometimes with Mary riding on an actual donkey. They are usually accompanied by children dressed as angels and shepherds along with the Wise Men. Adults accompany them as they process to designated homes where they sing Christmas songs and request lodging. Part of the group enters the home and becomes the chorus that responds to the request for lodging. In the beginning the request is rebuffed. They move to several more homes where the ritual is repeated. Eventually, at the last home, their need is recognized, and they all enter the home where a party ensues. This is repeated in different neighborhoods and homes each of the nine days.

While this custom teaches children an important aspect of the Christmas story, it also emphasizes the need for hospitality to strangers and the continual need we all have to make room for Jesus in our "posada." As we struggle to arrive at a fair and just immigration policy, especially with Mexico, it would be good to recall the fact that Mary, Joseph, and Jesus were also immigrants looking for a hospitable place to dwell.

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VATICAN CORNER On September 19, 2016, four prominent cardinals wrote a letter to Pope Francis and to Cardinal Gerhard Müller, prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, citing conflicting interpretations of the Apostolic Exhortation on Love in the Family and requesting that some uncertainties be resolved to clear up “grave disorientation and great confusion.” The four cardinals are: Italian Carlo Caffarra, American Raymond Burke and Germans Walter Brandmüller and Joachim Meisner. That Apostolic Exhortation was published in April, 2016 and it consists of the gathering of the contributions from the two synods on the family held in 2014 and 2015, and from other conferences, along with dialogue and reflections from Pope Francis and his predecessors. The

uncertainties stated in the cardinals' letter related mainly to the reception of Communion by the divorced who are in a new civil marriage. In their letter the cardinals asked 5 questions that were expected to be answered either “yes” or “no” and did not require “theological argumentation.” Not receiving a response from Pope Francis, the four cardinals took the very rare step of publicizing their 5 questions on November 14, 2016 saying that they took the Pope’s non-response as an invitation “to continue the reflection and the discussion, calmly and with respect,” and therefore have decided to inform “the entire people of God about our initiative and offering all of the documentation.” The practice of asking such questions is a long-standing method to achieve clarity on Church teaching, but going public is not a common practice at all. The cardinals say they are carrying out their duty in accordance with Canon 349 of Canon Law: to help the Pope “care for the universal Church.” They stress that their motives are that they are “deeply concerned about the true good of souls, the supreme law of the Church and not about promoting any form of politics in the Church.” Since the publication of the Apostolic Exhortation, Church leaders like Cardinal Walter Kasper and papal adviser Father Antonion Spadaro have insisted that the document is in continuity with Church doctrine, and yet also opens the door to admission of some remarried divorcees to the sacraments. Others such as Archbishop Charles Chaput of Philadelphia, believes it does not allow such a change in pastoral practice and that a divorced-and remarried Catholic can only receive holy Communion if living in continence, as “brother and sister.” This is because, based on Christ’s teaching, a person who remarries without an annulment and engages in sexual relations with another person is committing adultery and in a state of mortal sin. After the 4 cardinals’ actions, Pope Francis in an interview criticized “a certain legalism” saying some people think issues are “black and white, even though it is in the course of life that we are called to discern.” Newly created Cardinal Kevin Farrell said the Catholic Church cannot react by “closing the doors before we even listen to the circumstances and the people, that’s not the way to go.” Sources: ncregister.com, catholicherald.co.uk, catholicnewsagency.com

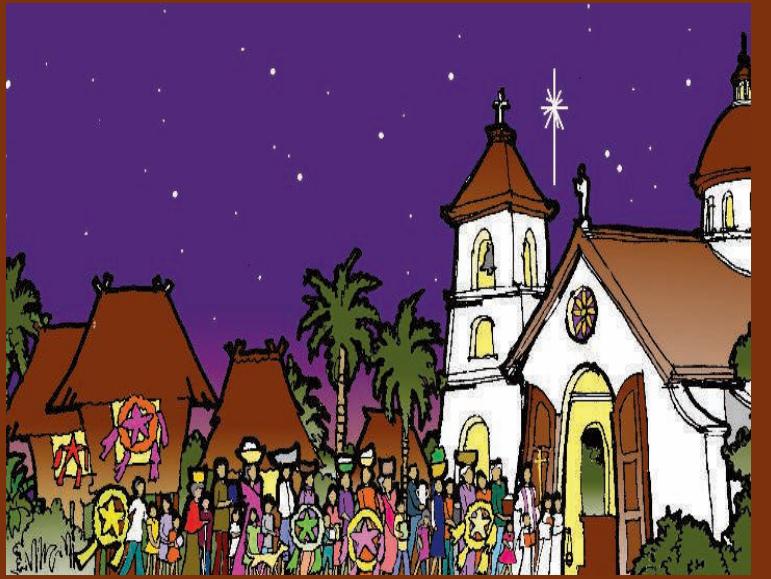


Simbang Gabi

December 16-24

Mass at 5:30 AM

Breakfast follows in the Gym



Solemnes Fiestas en honor a:

Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

Guadalupe Celebration

12 de Diciembre

Celebremos juntos
a la Virgen
de Guadalupe

4:30 am mañanitas
con mariachi.

5:00 am Misa.

6:00 am desayuno

6:00 pm Misa

Seguimos el festival
en el Gimnasio en
honor a nuestra
Madre,
tendremos
musica comida y
danza.

Todos estan invitados!

December 12th

Celebration to the
Virgen of Guadalupe.

4:30 am mañanitas

with mariachi

5:00 am Mass

6:00 am Breakfast

Join us for Mass at

6:00 pm, followed by

celebration in the
Gym honoring our
blessed Mother ,we

will have music, food
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