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*Happy Thanksgiving!  
To You And Your Family*

The Administration Office will be closed from Thursday, November 24 through Sunday, November 27, 2016 due to the Thanksgiving holiday. The office will reopen on Monday, November 28, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. We would like to wish you and your family a Blessed Thanksgiving Day.

La Oficina de Administración estará cerrada jueves, 24 de noviembre, hasta el domingo, 27 de noviembre, 2016 en honor al Día de Acción de Gracias. Abriremos el lunes, 28 de noviembre, 2016 a las 8:30 a.m. Nos gustaría desearle a usted y su familia un bendito día de acción de gracias.

**SPONSOR OF THE WEEK/EL NEGOCIO DE LA SEMANA**

*Chris Angel Catholic Store*

*Please patronize our bulletin sponsors.*



**SECURITY / MAINTENANCE  
HELP WANTED!!**

Applications are now being taken for an Evening Security/Maintenance position. The hours for this position are from 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m., weekdays and some weekends. Bilingual preferable. For more information or to apply contact Byanka Peffers, Director of Operations, at (817) 284-4811 ext. 220.



Advent is the season of expectation of the Christ and is penitential in tone. Advent is four weeks long. The first two focus on Jesus' final coming as Lord and judge. The third week, traditionally named Gaudete Sunday, expresses a joyful note of anticipation. The final eight days anticipate His coming in history (Christmas).

*(The Catholic Source Book; page 333 and CCC #524)*

**ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES**

**Servicios de Reconciliación en Adviento**

- Monday, November 28, 2016  
7:00 p.m. – Saint Michael Catholic Church, Bedford
- Tuesday, November 29, 2016  
7:00 p.m. – Saint Philip Catholic Church, The Colony
- Thursday, December 1, 2016  
7:00pm – Good Shepherd Catholic Church, Colleyville
- Monday, December 5, 2016  
7:00pm – Saint Francis Catholic Church, Grapevine
- Thursday, December 15, 2016  
7:00pm – Saint Catherine of Siena, Carrollton
- Monday, December 19, 2016  
7:00pm – Saint John the Apostle Catholic Church, North Richland Hills
- Wednesday, December 21, 2016  
7:00pm – Holy Cross Catholic Church, The Colony
- Thursday, December 22, 2016  
7:00pm – Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Keller



No Numbers Available

*"How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good He has done for me?"  
Psalm 116:12*

## First Sunday of Advent/ Primer Domingo de Adviento

### Class Schedule for Religious Education and Youth:

- No class, Sunday, November 27, 2016
- Classes resume the week of November 28, 2016



**Volunteer Opportunity:** Sunday mornings, 9:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m., supporting our families whose children are preparing to join the Church

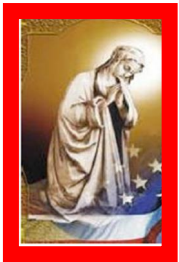
- Someone to make and set-up coffee/water stations
- Someone to set-up chairs

Contact Donna Chesshir for more information at [dchesshir@sjtanrh.com](mailto:dchesshir@sjtanrh.com) or (817) 284-4811.

*Calling All Youth!* Mark your calendars for the Annual Youth Ministry Christmas Party: Sunday, December 18, 2016 from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 pm



Nolan Catholic High School's Holly Jolly Open House is on Sunday, December 4, 2016 from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Bring your family and join us to explore the Nolan Catholic Difference while experiencing our Catholic community spirit, visiting with our administrators, faculty and students during campus tours. Learn about our fine arts, athletic programs and extra-curricular clubs. Enjoy our live Nativity, carolers, cookies and cocoa and our Viking Santa and his elves. Questions? Please contact Lisa Griffith at [lgriffith@nchstx.org](mailto:lgriffith@nchstx.org) or (817) 395-0436.



### **PATRIOTIC ROSARY/PRAYER FOR AMERICA**

Come let us pray to our Blessed Mother, that she will guard and protect our country from those who wish to destroy it; bring God's influence to our leaders that they lead us based on His will and not our own, restore love and peace in our hearts, and heal us so that we can truly be one nation under God indivisible with liberty and justice for all.

*Patriotic Rosary* will be held at St. Patrick Cathedral focusing on prayer for our nation and our Church on:

**Monday, November 28, 2016**

Program 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (free rosaries will be available)

**PRAY--ERS ARE NEEDED!! PLEASE JOIN US.** For additional information please call the Ft. Worth Queen of Peace Center at (817) 244-7733 or (817) 558-9805.

### **Annual Diocesan Co-Op Mission Pallottine Missions**

At the weekend liturgies of **December 3 & 4, 2016**, a Pallottine priest, Fr. Balaji Boyalla SAC, will be here to speak about the missionary work of the Pallottines in India. Fr. Balaji is presently serving as the Pastor at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Mineral Wells, in the Diocese of Fort Worth. Prior to this he has worked in India for several years and has much knowledge of the missions. He is a member of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Province, Bangalore, India.

The congregation of the Pallottine Fathers and Brothers is present in 50 countries all over the world. In India, the Pallottines have been involved in the work of evangelization for the last 64 years. Recently, they have taken up mission work in Taiwan too. The Pallottines work in partnership with laity throughout the world furthering the Church's mission to renew faith and rekindle love. The help and support of many generous people all over the world makes it possible to continue God's work. Your own efforts to support the Missions all over the world are greatly appreciated. Know that when you give to the Missions, you give to a good cause. For more information on the Pallottines visit: [www.pallottines.org](http://www.pallottines.org).

**There will be a second collection to support this Mission. Please give generously.**

### **Misión Co-operativa Diocesana Anual Misiones Palatinas**

En las Misas del fin de semana del 3 y 4 de diciembre, 2016, el P. Balaji Boyalla SAC, un sacerdote Palatino, estará aquí para hablar sobre la obra misionera de los Palatinos en la India. El Padre Balaji está actualmente sirviendo como Párroco en la Iglesia de Nuestra Señora de Lourdes, Mineral Wells, en la Diócesis de Fort Worth. Antes de esto él trabajó en la India por un número de años y tiene mucho conocimiento de las misiones. Él es un miembro de la Provincia de la Asunción de la Virgen María, en Bangalore, India.

La congregación de Padres y Hermanos Palatinos está presente en 50 países de todo el mundo. En la India, los Palatinos han estado involucrados en la obra de evangelización durante los últimos 64 años. Recientemente, también han asumido el trabajo misionero en Taiwán. Los Palatinos trabajan en asociación con los laicos en todo el mundo, promoviendo la misión de la iglesia de renovar la fe y reavivar el amor. La ayuda y el apoyo de muchas personas generosas a través de todo el mundo, hace que sea posible continuar la obra de Dios. Agradecemos sus esfuerzos para apoyar a las Misiones en todo el mundo. Cuando usted da a las Misiones, usted da a una buena causa. Para más información sobre las obras de los Palatinos visite: [www.pallottines.org](http://www.pallottines.org)

**Habrá una segunda colecta para apoyar a esta Misión. Agradecemos su generosidad.**



*Las Posadas* son celebradas con una serie de nueve procesiones que recuerdan el viaje de María y José a Belén y su búsqueda por una posada. Cada noche, una familia recibe a los peregrinos en su hogar, cantamos, y ofrecemos un rosario, seguido por una piñata y dulces para los niños. La parroquia de Saint John the Apostle invita a nuestra comunidad a participar en *Las Posadas*, las cuales comenzaran el viernes, 16 de diciembre y continuaran hasta el sábado, 24 de diciembre, Nochebuena, 2016. Si su familia desea tener una Posada en su hogar, favor de comunicarse con Lola Pasillas: (817) 284-4811 ext. 206; e-mail: [lpasillas@sjtanrh.com](mailto:lpasillas@sjtanrh.com) antes del 30 de noviembre, 2016.

*Las Posadas* are celebrated with a series of nine nightly processions that remind us of the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem and their search for lodging. Each night a host family will receive the pilgrims in their home, with caroling and a rosary, followed by a piñata and candy for the children. Saint John the Apostle Parish invites our community to participate in *Las Posadas* which begin on Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> and continue until Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Eve, 2016. If you are interested in hosting a Posada in your home, please contact Lola Pasillas: (817) 284-4811, ext. 206; e-mail: [lpasillas@sjtanrh.com](mailto:lpasillas@sjtanrh.com) by November 30, 2016.

#### CANDY DONATIONS NEEDED

We are collecting wrapped candy (including any leftover Halloween candy) to give to the children who participate in **LAS POSADAS**. Please drop off your donations in the Administration Office. We appreciate your support.

#### NECESITAMOS DONACIONES DE DULCES

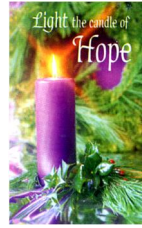
Estamos colectando donaciones de dulces (envueltos individualmente) para darles a los niños que participaran en **LAS POSADAS**. Favor de llevar sus donaciones a la Oficina de la Parroquia. Agradecemos su apoyo.



**Saint Nicholas is coming for Breakfast at Saint John the Apostle/ San Nicolás va a venir a desayunar a Saint John the Apostle**

**December 11, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**

The Feast of St. John the Apostle  
December 27, 2016 Mass at 12:00 p.m., no 8:15 a.m. Mass  
Potluck & Community gathering after Mass.



*"Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord"*

*The new liturgical year has begun, but Christ's message to us remains the same: be prepared. The word Advent comes from the Latin, Adventus meaning appearing. As we enter into Advent, may our hearts yearn for to truly encounter God to be present in our lives and hearts.*

#### WEEKLY ADVENT SCHEDULE Horario Semanal de Adviento

##### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

##### Inmaculada Concepción

##### Holy Day of Obligation/Misa de Obligación

Wednesday, December 7, 2016

7:00pm – Vigil Mass

Thursday, December 8, 2016

8:15am – Mass English

6:30pm – Mass English

7:30pm – Bilingual Rosary/Rosario Bilingüe

8:00pm – Misa en Español



#### Annual Mission Dinner



On Sunday, December 4, 2016 at 6:00 p.m., we will be celebrating our 17<sup>th</sup> year of relationship with our Sister Parish in Patzun, Guatemala. We will have information about Patzun, Fair Trade items for sale and an opportunity to sponsor a child with a scholarship. The meal is complimentary but we ask for an RSVP by Tuesday, November 29, 2016 to the Church Office at (817) 284-4811. Please come in support of our Parish Mission!



It's time for the Annual Saint John's Christmas Pageant. The Christmas Pageant is a small play telling the Nativity Story that will be performed right before the 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. We need about 20 kids to help tell this beautiful story. If your child is interested in being a part of this, please contact Laura Murillo at the Church Office at (817) 284-4811 ext. 202 or e-mail at [lmurillo@sjtanrh.com](mailto:lmurillo@sjtanrh.com).

Se llegó la hora para la celebración anual de la Obra de Navidad. La obra de navidad nos comparte la Historia de la Navidad que va hacer representada por los niños de la parroquia, el sábado 24 de Diciembre antes de la misa de las 4pm. Vamos a necesitar la participación de aproximadamente 20 niños para poder hacer la presentación de esta hermosa historia. Si su hijo o hija quiere participar, favor de llamar a Laura Murillo a la oficina de la parroquia al (817) 284-4811 ext. 202 o al correo electrónico [lmurillo@sjtanrh.com](mailto:lmurillo@sjtanrh.com).

## First Sunday of Advent/ Primer Domingo de Adviento



Each week the number of clients is growing. Last week on Thursday we served 34 clients and were still serving 30 minutes after we closed. This has depleted our shelves and we would appreciate a donation of food especially one of the following:

**Tomato Product**      **Dried Beans**      **Peanut Butter**      **Soup**  
**Toothpaste**      **Dish Detergent**      **Paper Bags**



**Baby World:** In October we were able to assist 88 families in Baby World. Fifteen of these families were new. We distributed 1130 articles of clothing. We are low on shampoo, baby wash, lotion and large size diapers.



We appreciate all the volunteers who participated in the Goodfellows Program this year. The day was spent reviewing documents and distributing Christmas gift cards to hundreds of needy families. The

holidays will be much happier for these families thanks to the generous parishioners who donated their time this weekend.



## ANGEL TREE

The Angel Tree will be displayed in the back of the Church with several different colors of angels. We have diversified the recipients of our gifts to give parishioners options on their donations. We will again be partnering with the public elementary and middle school in our community to offer gifts to the children. We also have angels for nursing home patients from a local facility. Another option is to contribute toward the education of a child in the Catholic elementary school in our sister parish in Patzún, Guatemala. We have lost several sponsors over the last few years and will be short in our contribution to this very important resource for these children. If you have any questions about these programs, contact Lupe Hernandez at (817) 284-4811.

**Please return the gifts by December 4, 2016 and remember to attach the angel to the outside of the gift when it is returned.**

### The Sack Lunch Chuck Wagon

Starting January 12, 2017, 225 people will report for 12 hour shifts, 6 days a week for each week of the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo. Cost for Stock Show food runs high and earning minimum wage means needing to keep costs low. We can help by providing a nutritional sack lunch of healthy, nonperishable foods. More information and a fuller list of sack lunch items can be found at [www.tarranttogether.org](http://www.tarranttogether.org) or by calling (817) 737-5554.



**Saint John the Apostle  
Catholic School**  
Pre-K – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
(817) 284-2228 [www.stjs.org](http://www.stjs.org)

Our curriculum provides an integrated education where children can grow intellectually, spiritually, socially, and culturally. We were awarded the prestigious National Blue Ribbon award in 2008.

### How to Become Part of the SJS Family

Let us introduce you to our community, answer your questions and have your children experience a day in our school! Call us at (817) 284-2228 to schedule a tour and/or a shadow day.

### School Pride Mass

Saint John the Apostle School students will be assisting this Sunday with the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Join us and see our students practicing their faith as they greet, usher, serve, and sing in the choir.

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Nuestro currículo provee una educación integral donde los niños pueden crecer intelectuales, espirituales, social y culturalmente. La escuela fue ganadora del prestigioso Galardón Nacional "Blue Ribbon" en el 2008.

### ¿Cómo Formar Parte de la Escuela Saint John the Apostle?

¡Permítanos presentarle nuestra comunidad, contestar a sus preguntas y permita que sus hijos vengan a pasar un día completo en nuestra escuela para que la conozcan! Llámenos al (817) 284-2228 y haga una cita para un recorrido guiado en español y para que su niño(a) pase un día con nosotros.

### Misa de Orgullo Escolar

Los estudiantes de la escuela Saint John the Apostle estarán ayudando este domingo con la misa de las 11:00 a.m. de la mañana. Venga y observe a nuestros estudiantes practicar su fe mientras saludan, sientan, sirven, y cantan en el coro.



The **1st Sunday of Advent** symbolizes Hope with the "Prophet's Candle" reminding us that Jesus is coming.

**Scripture Reflection**

Happy New Year! The Church begins its year as we prepare for the birth of our Savior. Our readings this weekend point us in a direction of change, of preparation of looking toward the Kingdom, and asking us “are we ready?”

This time of year we make all kinds of preparations. There were preparations for Thanksgiving, we are working on our shopping lists, getting ready to mail Christmas Cards, decking the halls, and putting together the Christmas menu. So much to do, so little time. The Christmas rush is upon us.

May I suggest that you carve a few minutes from your day to reflect on the wonderful gift that God bestowed upon us in the form of His Son? Take time by yourself, and as a family, to recall the birth of the infant who changed the world.

We make lots of preparations for one very special day, how are we preparing of eternity? We prepare for eternity in the many ways we live, exercise our gifts and talents in service to the community and to the parish. Maybe God is calling you to give of your gifts, time or talent as you exercise your Stewardship.

This Advent take some moments to reflect, to pray, and to thank God for your blessings and gifts. Take time to reflect on your Stewardship and how you are demonstrating your love of the Lord. Take time to appreciate the wonderful gift we have in each other. Take time preparing for eternity.

**Reflexiones de Escrituras**

¡Feliz Año Nuevo! La Iglesia comienza el nuevo año litúrgico con nuestra preparación para el nacimiento de nuestro Salvador. Las lecturas de este domingo nos dirigen al cambio, de preparación mirando hacia el Reino, y nos preguntan si ¿estamos listos?

En esta época del año hacemos diferentes preparaciones. Tuvimos las preparaciones para el día de Acción de Gracia, estamos trabajando en nuestra lista de compras, nos estamos preparando para enviar tarjetas de Navidad, cantamos villancicos y preparamos un menú para la Navidad. Hay mucho que hacer, pero tan poco tiempo. El apuro de la navidad esta sobre nosotros.

Sera que les puedo sugerir que tomen unos minutos de su día ¿para reflexionar en el regalos maravilloso que Dios nos ha dado en forma de Su Hijo? Tomo tiempo a solas, y como familia, para recordar el nacimiento del niño que cambio el mundo.

Hacemos muchas preparaciones para un día muy especial, pero ¿Cómo nos estamos preparando para la eternidad? Nos preparamos para la eternidad en las diferentes maneras que utilizamos nuestros regalos y talentos al servicio de la comunidad y a la parroquia. De pronto Dios te está llamando para que compartas tus regalos, tiempo y talento al utilizar tu administración.

En este Adviento toma algunos momentos para reflexionar, orar, y dar gracias a Dios por tus bendiciones y regalos. Tomate el tiempo para reflexionar en tu administración y como estas demostrando tu amor al Señor. Tomate el tiempo para apreciar el regalo maravilloso que son los unos a los otros. Tomate el tiempo para prepárate para la eternidad.

**Readings for the Week of November 27, 2016**

- Sunday** Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44
- Monday** Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 8:5-11
- Tuesday** Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
- Wednesday** Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8,9,10,11; Mt 4:18-22
- Thursday** Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
- Friday** Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
- Saturday** Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:35b—10:1, 5a, 6-8
- Sunday** Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

*✦ Mass Intentions  
for the Week*

| <u>Mass</u>        | <u>For</u>              | <u>Requested By</u>    |
|--------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Sat. 11/26</b>  |                         |                        |
| 5:00 PM            | ✦Maria C. Gonzalez      | Cora & Rudy Herrera    |
| <b>Sun. 11/27</b>  |                         |                        |
| 7:30AM             | ✦Rex Bierko             | Dionne Bierko          |
| 9:00AM             | ✦Peter Thai Ho          | Victoria Ho            |
| 11:00AM            | <b>FOR THE PARISH</b>   | <b>(Pro Populo)</b>    |
| 1:00 PM            | ✦Johnny Ray Molina      | Hector & Carmela Garza |
| 3:00PM             | ✦Charlie Horak          | Schneider Family       |
| 5:00PM             | All Souls (Sp. Int.)    | Tran Family            |
| <b>Mon. 11/28</b>  |                         |                        |
| 8:15AM             | ✦Peter Thai Ho          | Victoria Ho            |
| <b>Tues. 11/29</b> |                         |                        |
| 8:15 AM            | All Souls (Sp. Int.)    | Ann Le                 |
| <b>Wed. 11/30</b>  |                         |                        |
| 8:15AM             | ✦Anthony Nguyen         | Susan Nguyen           |
| 6:30 PM            | Danny Pierre (Sp. Int.) | Emmanuela Pierre       |
| <b>Thur. 12/01</b> |                         |                        |
| 8:15AM             | ✦Delora Ayala           | Paulie Sosebee         |
| 7:00 PM            | ✦Anna Horak             | Schneider Family       |
| <b>Fri. 12/02</b>  |                         |                        |
| 8:15AM             | ✦Adolf Huizar           | Cora & Rudy Herrera    |
| <b>Sat. 12/03</b>  |                         |                        |
| 8:15 AM            | Thanksgiving (Sp. Int.) | Susan Nguyen           |
| 5:00 PM            | ✦Ruben Santillan        | Connie Sanchez         |
| <b>Sun. 12/04</b>  |                         |                        |
| 7:30AM             | ✦Paul Tran Van Thiet    | Brittany Le            |
| 9:00AM             | ✦Russell Reeve          | Jimmy & Neng Reeve     |
| 11:00AM            | <b>FOR THE PARISH</b>   | <b>(Pro Populo)</b>    |
| 1:00 PM            | ✦Sofia Rivas del Loya   | Hijos                  |
| 3:00PM             | ✦Teresa Ramirez         | Agustine Puente        |
| 5:00PM             | Tavo Family (Sp. Int.)  | Alekisio Tavo          |

Please remember in your prayers all those listed in our book of the sick located in the back of the Church. We pray for those who have died.