

Retirement Fund for Religious

Thank you for supporting senior religious. A sister from Indiana writes, "Because of your kindness, our elderly sisters will have the comfort, security, and joy of living out their remaining years here in their home. You truly

honor them and their many years of service by your generosity." Religious across the United States offer sincere thanks for your generosity to last week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.



Fondo para la Jubilación de Religiosos

Gracias por su apoyo a los religiosos ancianos. Una hermana de Indiana escribe, "Su bondad hace posible que nuestras hermanas ancianas tengan la comodidad, seguridad y alegría de vivir sus años restantes en su casa. La

generosidad de ustedes los honra a ellos y a sus muchos años de servicio". Los religiosos por todos los Estados Unidos están profundamente agradecidos por su generosidad con la colecta del Fondo para la Jubilación de Religiosos de la semana pasada.



The Administration Office will be closed on December 23, 2016 thru January 2, 2017 due to the Christmas and New Year Holidays. The Administration Office will reopen on Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.

La Oficina de la Parroquia estará cerrada el 23 de diciembre, 2016 hasta el 2º de enero del 2017, debido a las fiestas de Navidad y Año Nuevo. La oficina de la parroquia abrirá el martes, 3 de enero del 2017 a las 8:30 a.m.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK/EL NEGOCIO DE LA SEMANA

Metro Custom Jewelers

Please patronize our bulletin sponsors.



ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE
Horario Semanal de Adviento/Navidad

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Servicio de Reconciliación (Confesiones)

Monday, December 19, 2016

7:00 p.m. – Saint John the Apostle Parish

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES/Nochebuena

Saturday, December 24, 2016

4:00 p.m. – English Mass

6:00 p.m. – English Mass

8:00 p.m. – Misa en Español

12:00 a.m. – Midnight Mass (English)

No Confessions/No habrá confesiones

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES/Navidad

Holy Day of Obligation/Misa de Obligación

Sunday, December 25, 2016

10:00 a.m. – English Mass

12:00 p.m. – Misa en Español

FEAST OF SAINT JOHN THE APOSTLE

Tuesday, December 27, 2016

12:00pm – Bilingual Mass

(No 8:15a.m. daily Mass)



"Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give Him the throne of David His father, and He will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end." - Luke 1

On this last Sunday of Advent,
we quietly reflect on the mystery.

We rest in awe, in wonder,

at how our God entered our world and came to be with us.

We pause to receive the gift offered us:
that the Spirit of God will open up our lives and
that Jesus will really come into our hearts.

May we have watchful hope today,
believing what the Lord promises us.

Let us pray today, that we might be God's servants,
that we might be instruments of God's love
for our families and all we serve this week.

I will give you rest from all your enemies 2 Sm 7:11

<http://onlineministries.creighton.edu>

Fourth Sunday of Advent/ Cuarto Domingo de Adviento

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

December 20/21 No Class
Merry Christmas
December 27/28 No Class
January 3/4 Class



Calling All Youth! The Annual Youth Ministry Christmas Party is this Sunday, December 18, 2016 from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.



Congratulations to the following who achieved the St. Frances de Sales Catechist Certificate, a testimony of commitment to learning more about our faith!

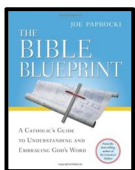


¡Muchas felicidades a las siguientes personas que adquirieron el certificado de catequista de San Francisco de Sales, es un testimonio de compromiso de aprender más acerca de nuestra fe!

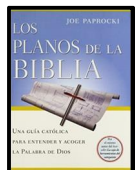
Ariel Aguirre, Rosa Alvarez Aguirre, Carolina Andino, Agnes Deel, Charles Deel, Ha Duong, Isabel Escobar, Henry Flores, Diego Gomez, Amelia Grimstad, Marcelino Guerrero, Eugenia Guerrero Meza, Gilda Guevara, Irma Landeros, Patricia Miranda, James Muller, Sally Newman, Annette Padilla, Gary Paetzold, Nancy Paetzold, José Pichardo, Josefina Pichardo, Isadora Ponce, Ruby Ponce, Irma Ramirez, Ramón Ramirez, Rosa Ramirez, Guadalupe Rodriguez, José Rodriguez, Helmud Romero, Miguel Romero, Norma Romero, Jack Sheffield, Norma Soto, Gloria Tambunga, Yolanda Ulloa, Liz Ungacta, Fred Ungacta, Linda Vessell, and Judy Whitley

If you would like information on this certificate program, please visit <http://fwdioc.org/dp-st-francis-de-sales-program> or contact Paola Quintero-Araújo at (817) 945-9353.

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Bible Blueprint Class: Guide to Understanding the Bible (Saturday, January 14, 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.) *How do Catholics read and study the Bible?* To answer this and similar questions, sign-up for a class on January 14, 2017 (\$5 for materials). For more information or to registrar, contact the Church Office at (817) 284-4811.



Los Planos de la Biblia Clase: Una Guía Para Entenderla la Biblia (sábado, 14 de enero, 9-3:00) *¿Cómo leer y estudiar la Biblia los católicos?* Para responder a esto y preguntas similares, regístrese a una clase el 14 de enero del 2017 (\$5, materiales). Para más información o para registrarse, llamar a

la oficina a (817) 284-4811.

SECURITY / MAINTENANCE HELP WANTED!!

We are currently seeking a part time Evening Security/Maintenance person. The Evening Security/Maintenance person will be responsible for opening and securing the entire campus for evening events as well as be a visible presence for any circumstances that may arise. The hours for this position are from 6:00 p.m. -10:00 p.m. weekdays and some weekends. A background check and Safe Environment training will be required. Bilingual (spoken and written) in English and Spanish is highly preferred. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. For more information or to apply contact Byanka Peffers, Saint John the Apostle Business Manager, at (817) 284-4811 ext. 220.



You may have noticed a new envelope with your offertory envelope for the Saint Joseph Fund. This envelope is used to provide an additional gift to the Parish for building maintenance needs. Our campus and buildings are over 50 years old and need additional repairs and maintenance (plumbing, roofing, and the like) to be usable into the future. Please continue to give as in the past with your regular offerings, and when possible an offering to the Saint Joseph Fund is greatly appreciated.

Se habrán dado cuenta de que han recibido un nuevo sobre para los fondos de San José con su sobre de donación normal. Este sobre va a ser utilizado para poder proveer regalos adicionales para la Parroquia para ayudar en el mantenimiento del edificio. Nuestro campo y edificios tienen más de 50 años de viejos y necesitan reparaciones adicionales y mantenimiento (plomaría, techo, etc.) para que puedan ser utilizados en el futuro. Por favor continúe dando como lo está haciendo con su ofrenda regular, y cuando le sea posible dar una donación a los fondos de San José, estaremos muy agradecidos.



ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES **Servicios de Reconciliación en Adviento**

Thursday, December 15, 2016
7:00pm – Saint Catherine of Siena, Carrollton

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





The first two days of last week we served over 50 clients for food. We depend on your generosity to provide food for these clients. Please continue your generosity especially with the following:

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| Tomato product | Dried Beans | Rice | Pasta Sauce |
| Shampoo | Laundry Detergent | Paper Bags | |



Baby World: The volunteers have had the task of sorting through large amounts of donated clothing. We appreciate all the donations especially jackets and shoes. We are in need of size 4, 5 and 6 diapers.



We are very grateful to all the volunteers who have worked so hard during this Advent season to help provide a better Christmas for so many hurting people in our community and abroad. Our parish once again, shows its generous heart in responding to the needs of our brothers and sisters.



We have delivered the gifts to the nursing home facility this past week. Thank you for all the donations to make the elderly feel connected to someone who cares. We will be distributing the final group of gifts to children this week. If you have not had a chance to drop off your gift yet please do so by Monday so we will have enough gifts for each child. This is a beautiful program and a sign to our community of our shared love for God and each other.



We will be hosting our homeless guests again in January and February on Friday nights. If you are interested in participating in this program please contact Lupe at the Church Office at (817) 284-4811.

Patzun Scholarships: We have several students in need of sponsors for the scholarship program in our sister parish in Patzun, Guatemala. With each scholarship a daily snack, school supplies and a portion of the teacher's salary is funded. If you would like to know more about this program, please contact Colleen at ccargile@sjtanrh.com or (817) 284-4811.

Faith in Action: This week a gentleman arrived at the office asking for a small bag of food to eat. He was homeless and hungry. There are very few resources for homeless in our area and he quickly ate his food as he walked away. A few hours later he returned. He explained that he would be sleeping outside that night and had no blanket or bedroll. We gave him a blanket, for which he was very grateful; knowing that the temperature would reach the low 40's that night. Please pray for him as he looks for more stable housing.



Saint John the Apostle Catholic School

Pre-K – 8th Grade
(817) 284-2228 www.stjs.org

Why Choose SJS?

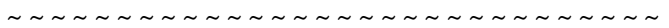
Saint John the Apostle Catholic School follows the traditions of the Catholic Church, providing students a challenging education that encourages the success of each student.

How to Become Part of the SJS Family

We would love for you to come, visit our school and learn more about what SJS has to offer. Applying to attend SJS is ongoing throughout the year. Call us to schedule a tour and/or a shadow day.

School Fundraiser Nights

The SJS family would like to thank all parishioners that have attended any of our scheduled Fundraiser Nights; with your support we have been able to fulfil some of our teachers' wish lists. We have been able to purchase 2 educational floor mats for Pre-K and will continue granting teachers' wishes.



¿Por qué escoger SJS?

La escuela Saint John sigue las tradiciones de la Iglesia Católica, brindando una educación retadora la cual engrandece el éxito de cada estudiante.

¿Cómo Formar Parte de la Escuela St. John the Apostle?

Nos encantaría que venga a visitarnos para aprender todo lo que SJS puede ofrecer. Inscripciones para la escuela permanecen abiertas a través del año escolar. Llámenos, haga una cita para un recorrido guiado en español y para que su niño(a) pase un día con nosotros.

Restaurantes para Recaudar Fondos para la Escuela

La familia SJS agradece a todos los feligreses que han atendido cualquiera de nuestras noches dedicadas en restaurantes, con su ayuda hemos podido hacer realidad algunos de los deseos de nuestros maestros, y hemos podido adquirir una alfombra educacional para Pre-K y continuaremos con las demás clases.

Fourth Sunday of Advent/ Cuarto Domingo de Adviento

FAITH DIRECT

In this season of Advent, we are continuously preparing ourselves for the celebration of Christ's birth. Why not help our own parish prepare for the coming New Year by signing up with Faith Direct? By supporting St. John the Apostle through Faith Direct, both you and our parish can save some time and peace of mind this holiday season. Already using Faith Direct? Don't forget to add your Christmas or End-of-Year contributions to your account.

Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our Church Code: **TX534**

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Hoa Nguyen
Pastor



Reminder!! Reminder!!

Please remember that all Church contributions for 2016 must be in by December 31, 2016, if you want to take credit for them on your income tax for this year. Anything received after that time will be credited to the 2017 year. **Also, please update your phone number, email and address with the parish office, if necessary.**



Agradecemos a todos los que participaron con sus dones y talentos para hacer posible el Novenario y la celebración de la Virgen de Guadalupe. Dios les siga bendiciendo por su generosidad.
Sr. Yolanda / Diacono Matias, Ministerio Hispano

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate with us, whether visitors, long-time residents or newly arrived in the parish. If you are not registered at St. John's or are registered and need to make changes, please fill out the form below and place in the collection or mail to the parish office.

Name/Nombre: _____

Address/Domicilio: _____

City/Cuidad: _____

Zip Code/Codigo Postal: _____

Phone/# de Telefono: (____) _____

- New Parishioner/Nuevo Feligres
 New Address or New Phone Number/Nuevo Domicilio o número de Telefono
 Moving – Please remove from census list/
Mudándose Fuera de la Parroquia.

Stewardship

When he discovered that Mary was with child, Joseph resolved to end their engagement with as little disgrace as possible. But obedient to the voice of God, he changed those plans and became instead the protector of the child Jesus and His mother, Mary. God grant that I may be as open to the leading of the Holy Spirit!

Corresponsabilidad

Cuando José descubrió que María estaba embarazada, él decidió ponerle un fin a su compromiso tratando de no deshonrar a María. Pero siendo obediente a la voz de Dios, cambió ese plan y se convirtió en el protector del niño Jesús y de su madre, María. ¡Que Dios permita a que yo también esté abierto a la guía del Espíritu Santo!



*Our Stewardship of Treasure ...
Our giving Your gifts helps us to
better serve our Parish.
St. John the Apostle...
A Full Stewardship Parish.....*

2016 – 2017

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Offeritory Collection December 11 th	\$	42,165.50
Month to Date Collection	\$	71,997.46
Monthly Offeritory Collection Budget	\$	134,680.26
Immaculate Conception Collection	\$	3060.00
Our Lady of Guadalupe Collection	\$	1051.00
Retired Religious Collection	\$	4808.00
Social Services	\$	1,504.00

*“How shall I make a return to the
Lord for all the good He has done
for me?”*

Psalm 116:12

Scripture Reflection

Advent is drawing to a close. Christmas is just around the corner. Are you ready? House decorated, gifts purchased, dinner planned? These are all very important tasks to be completed.

But are you ready? Are you ready to once again celebrate the birth of our Lord? Have you prepared yourself, opened up your heart and mind to hear His Word and make it a part of everything you do? Advent is all about preparing to welcome Jesus. I hope you had the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, to repair strained relationships, to come closer as a family.

In our Gospel we hear how the birth of the Savior came about. In Matthew's Gospel, the angel brings the good news to Joseph. In Luke's Gospel the angel brings the good news to Mary. Both announcements sum up the Advent announcement: God spoke faithfully through the prophets. Jesus, in His divinity and His humanity, fulfills the promise.

Traveling mercies if you will be going out of town. May your last week of Advent have a few moments of peace and relaxation!

Reflexiones de Escrituras

Se acerca el final de Adviento. ¿Estás listo? La Navidad está a la vuelta de la esquina. ¿Está la casa decorada, ya compraron los regalos, y esta la cena planeada? Todas estas cosas son importantes y deben de estar completados.

¿Pero está usted listo? ¿Está listo para celebrar una vez más el nacimiento de nuestro Señor? ¿Se ha preparado, ha abierto su corazón y mente para escuchar Su palabra y que sea parte de todo lo que usted va hacer? El tiempo de adviento se trata de prepararnos para darle la bienvenida a Jesús. Espero que usted tuvo la oportunidad de tomar parte de la celebración del Sacramento de la Reconciliación, para arreglar las relaciones quebrantadas, para unirse mas como familia.

En el Evangelio escuchamos acerca de como ocurrió el nacimiento de nuestro Salvador. En el Evangelio de Mateo, el ángel le da la buena nueva a José. En el Evangelio de Lucas el ángel le da la buena nueva a María. Las dos buenas nuevas se suma el anuncio del Adviento: Dios nos habla con fe a traves de los profetas. En Su divinidad y Su humanidad Jesús cumple la promesa.

Viajando misericordias si vas a salir de la ciudad. ¡Que su última semana de Adviento tenga unos momentos de paz y relajación!



Saint John welcomes you. If you come to mass and tithe but have not filled out a registration packet, you are not a member yet. Come by the Parish Office to fill one out or call (817) 284-4811 and have a packet mailed out to you. If you are just visiting, you are always welcome.

Readings for the Week of December 18, 2016

- Sunday** Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24
- Monday** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
- Tuesday** Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
- Wednesday** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
- Thursday** 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
- Friday** Ml 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Lk 1:57-66
- Saturday** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Lk 1:67-79
Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29;
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
- Sunday** Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6;
Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

***+* Mass Intentions
for the Week**

Mass	For	Requested By
Sat. 12/17		
5:00 PM	✠Paul Ramon	Gloria Ramon
Sun. 12/18		
7:30AM	Thanksgiving (Sp. Int.)	Susan Nguyen
9:00AM	✠Beatrice M. Whitcomb	Gloria Magee
11:00AM	FOR THE PARISH	(Pro Populo)
1:00 PM	✠Jose Raul Hernandez	Emma Hernandez
3:00PM	Alonzo Ramirez (Sp. Int.)	Alma Alvarez
5:00PM	✠Paul Kiem Tran	Tran Family
Mon. 12/19		
8:15AM	Laura & Jonathan McDonald (Sp. Int.)	Heather Bosse
Tues. 12/20		
8:15 AM	Safe Journey (Sp. Int.)	Susan Nguyen
Wed. 12/21		
8:15AM	✠Eustace Morgese	Sam & Madeline Tetro
6:30 PM	Anthony Leung (Sp. Int.)	Anna Nguyen
Thur. 12/22		
8:15AM	Michael DeLeon (Sp. Int.)	Sam & Madeline Tetro
7:00 PM	Benditas Almas de Purgatorio	Guadalupe Padrón
Fri. 12/23		
8:15AM	✠Todd Serba	Barb & Dennis Serba
Sat. 12/24	Christmas Eve	
4:00PM	✠Phyllis Denise Pandolfo	Stephen Pandolfo
6:00PM	✠Manuel Robert Garza	Connie Sanchez & Family
8:00PM	Velasquez Family (Sp. Int.)	Annette Velasquez
12:00AM	Elizabeth O. Ott	Louis Ott
Sun. 12/25	Christmas Day	
10:00AM	FOR THE PARISH	(Pro Populo)
12:00PM	Aurelio Valadez	Jesus Valadez

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 especially ✠Ramona Brunt.