Saint Joseph Parish

A Christ-centered family engaging, connecting, and empowering God's people

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Breaking Open the Word
November 28, 2021
First Sunday of Advent
Lectionary: 3 Gospel LK 21:25-28, 34-36

Spiritual Reflection: "Advent, like its cousin Lent, is a season for prayer and reformation of our hearts. Since it comes at wintertime, fire is a fitting sign to help us celebrate Advent…If Christ is to come more fully into our lives this Christmas, if God is to become really incarnate for us, then fire will have to be present in our prayer. Our worship and devotion will have to stoke the kind of fire in our souls that can truly change our hearts. Ours is a great responsibility not to waste this Advent time." - Fire of Advent, Edward Hays, A Pilgrim's Almanac

Spiritual Questions:

1. How is this Advent going to be different from past Advents?
2. What logs (big things) do you need to do to keep the fire of faith alive in your heart?
3. What kindling (small things) do you need to do to keep the fire of faith alive in your heart?
4. Why do you think the Church begins Advent with today's Gospel?
5. Why is it so hard to be vigilant?

Broadcast Mass on the lower parking lot on Sundays at 11:00am
To listen on the radio: tune in to 88.7FM
To watch the live-stream:
https://www.stjoemanchester.org/celebrating-sunday
WiFi STJ_GUEST **Password** SSSTJ20!9

Masses

Saturday (Sunday obligation)	4:00 pm
Sunday	7:00, 9:00, 11:00 am
	1:00 pm (Spanish) & 5:00 pm
Monday-Friday	6:30 am
Monday- Saturday	8:30 am
Monday-Thursday	6:30 pm
Third Saturday of the month in Portuguese.	6:00 pm

Reconciliation

Wednesdays	7:30 pm
Saturdays	7:30 - 8:20 am

Anointing of the Sick

Celebrated on the first Saturday of the month after 8:30 am Mass and upon request.

Baptisms

All Baptisms are private. Call in advance to reserve your date and get information about the requirements.

Marriages

Couples need to call the parish office at least six months in advance.

Communion for the Sick

To request Communion, please call the parish office.

Eucharistic Adoration

Exposition begins after the 8:30 am Mass each Wednesday and concludes with Benediction at 8:15 pm. Perpetual Adoration is held in the Holy Family Chapel. Call the parish office for details.

Rosary

Daily Mon. - Sat.	7:45 am
Wednesday	7:30 pm

Rest in Peace

Amy Geiger Lindh
Niece of Lucia & George Lindh

Newly Baptized

Mason Kevin Coyne
Son of Patrick & Kathryn

Welcome to our parish

Andrew & Liz Johnson
of Strawberry Ridge Dr.

Pray For... Our Sick

Adrienne Barker
Nick Barker
Jake Besch
Mike Bick
Donna Brotske
Muriel Christman
Cailyn Craven
Pam Crotty
Jennifer Delgado
Len DeMoor
Michael Diekemper
Karen Doyle
Rob Evans
Bill Farnsley
Hyacinth Findlay
Jan Flake
Sue Hallett
Greta Haynes
Steve Hays
Fr. Houlihan S.J.
Rose Kacich
JoAnn Kaestner
Greg King
Lauren King
Judith Kopf
Liz Krocka
Donna Kwasinski
Gavin Lain
Kathleen Lancia
Lucia Lindh
Sophia Luetkemeyer
Ray Mantych
Carter Naeger
Isaac Naeger
Bennet Oswald
Mary Paul
Betty Penn
Clarita Pingel
Patrick Prifogle
Tina Ramsey
Peter Rolfe
Tiffany Schulz
Marie Signaigo
Maureen Sox
Ruth Strothkamp
Jo Ann Thomas
Carolyn Wamhoff
Larry Wamhoff

Eucharistic ADORATION

"Advent is the spiritual season of hope"
- Pope Benedict XVI

Come Lord Jesus; fill our hearts and souls with great love for You, as we faithfully pray with hope and joy, preparing ourselves for your glorious coming.

Prepare for his coming during this Advent season by spending time in Eucharistic Adoration. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins each Wednesday after the 8:30 am Mass concluding with Benediction at 8:15 pm. Join in praying the Rosary at 7:30 pm.

Readings of the Week

SUN	11/28	Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 [1b]/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
MON	11/29	Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11
TUE	11/30	Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10]/Mt 4:18-22
WED	12/1	Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37
THR	12/2	Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27
FRI	12/3	Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31
SAT	12/4	Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. Is 30:18d]/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
SUN	12/5	Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

MASS INTENTIONS

† *indicates the person is deceased.*

Monday-*Lunes*-November 29
6:30 am Open
8:30 am † Edward Miller
6:30 pm † Luis & Gregorio Cancio Jr.

Tuesday-*Martes*-November 30 St. Andrew
6:30 am † George Schmitt
8:30 am † Edward Miller
6:30 pm Legion of Mary

Wednesday-*Miercoles*-December 1
6:30 am Douglas Salsbury
8:30 am † Jeannie Dandino
6:30 pm † Kathy Beffa

Thursday-*Jueves*-December 2
6:30 am † John Ottenad
8:30 am † Mary Miller
6:30 pm † Gregorio Acosta

Friday-*Viernes*-December 3 St. Francis Xavier
6:30 am Open
8:30 am † Phillip Robb

Saturday-*Sabado*-December 4 St. John Damascene
8:30 am Jane Oehlert
4:00 pm † Steven Schuessler

Sunday-*Domingo*-December 5 2nd Sunday of Advent
7:00 am People of St. Joseph
9:00 am † Ron Ryan
11:00 am † John Dulle
1:00 pm Open
5:00 pm † Mary Miller

RCIA

ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

- has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?
- was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation?

We offer an opportunity to learn more about our Catholic faith and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. There is a separate process for children or youth.

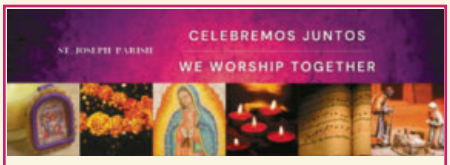
For more information on becoming Catholic, call the parish office at 636-227-5247.

The doors are open . . . We invite you to join us!

Advent
As we begin the season of Advent, I would like to invite everyone to see this time of preparing for Christmas as a gift of time that can help us grow spiritually. May everything we do this Advent to prepare for Christmas be done in a prayerful spirit. The following is a prayer, that I invite you to pray as you do your Christmas shopping this year.

PRAYER WHILE SHOPPING DURING ADVENT
Dear God, as I look through my gift shopping list, I hold up to you each person listed on it. Slowly, one by one, I ask that the fire of your abundant love burn within each of them. I pray that the gift I find for each person will bring joy into that life.
But help me to keep a balance this season, Lord. Let me keep my buying in perspective, not to spend more than I need to or can afford. Let me not give in to the pressures of this world and not equate love with money spent. Let me always remember the many, many people who have so much less in material things. Help me to buy wisely, so that my choices will not burden those in other countries who are so deeply affected by this country's economy.
And finally, loving God, help me to find time in the frantic moments of each day to become centered on you. Walking through a store, riding on the bus, hurrying down a street: let each of these times be moments when I can remember your incredible love for me and rejoice in it. Amen.

Prayerful Participation
Our parish is offering several special activities this Advent season, and I invite you to really make an effort to attend these events as a way to keep our focus on Christ. In a special way, I encourage you to attend some of our intercultural events and thus get a better perspective of what we truly mean when we sing "Joy to the World."



St. Nicholas Tree Lighting
December 6
Las Mañanitas
December 11
Our Lady of Guadalupe
December 12
Candlelight Advent Mass
December 14
Giving Tree Collection
December 18 & 19
Bilingual Reconciliation Service
December 21

St. Nicholas Tree Lighting & Children's Shoe Drive
I am excited to announce that our first ever St. Nicholas Tree Lighting will take place on the feast of St. Nicholas, Monday, December 6th. Join us for Mass at 6:30 pm. Bring a new pair of children's shoes and place them at the foot of the altar. Then join us in the courtyard for our tree lighting ceremony, cookies, hot chocolate and a St. Nicholas surprise. See the website for details.

Being Good News for Others
The priests at St. Joseph have been blessed by the number of people who provide meals to us through the Meal Train on the parish website. We are grateful. I also know that Deacon George has expressed his gratitude for all those who provided meals for him and his family when Mary was sick and after she had passed away. Thank you for being Good News for others.

Being an Inviting Church Challenge
The Lamb of God at Mass reminds us that Christ came to show us God's love by becoming a living sacrifice. We are challenged to show others love by sacrificing our comfort to make them feel welcome.

Giving Tuesday
We are participating in Giving Tuesday this year which is on November 30. Please consider making a donation on this day which has been set aside as a special day of giving. See the ad below for more information. Donations can be made online on the parish website.

Fr. Thomas Pastorius **November 28, 2021**
Spiritual Ponderings
Four Common Tactics of the Devil

One way of looking at sin is to see that sin is us giving into the devil's temptation or trick to harm ourselves. Like the Eskimo who never lays a hand on the wolf, the devil tricks us into harming ourselves by turning away from God.
Msgr. Charles Pope, in an article titled "Four Common Tactics of the Devil" breaks down the four most common ways the devil temps us into sin. Quotes from Msgr. Pope's article will be in bold and my commentary will be in the normal font.

IV. Discouragement – As human beings, and certainly as Christians, it is good to have high aspirations. But Satan often seeks to poison that which is good. For along with high aspirations, we sometimes lack the humility to recognize that we must make a journey to what is good and best. Too easily, then, Satan tempts us to be impatient with ourselves or others. We sometimes expect to reach our aspirations in an unreasonably short amount of time and show a lack charity toward ourselves or others. Some grow discouraged with themselves or others and give up on the pursuit of holiness. Others give up on the church because of the imperfections found there.
In the confessional, I often counsel people to be aware of the difference between temptation and sin. The devil is always going to tempt us. Temptations are not sins. Even Jesus was tempted but He did not sin. If we are beating ourselves up for simply being tempted then we are making it easier for the devil to lead us into sin. Temptations can become moments of virtue. An alcoholic wanting to drink but choosing to call his or her sponsor instead is a victory. Temptations are a part of life.

The devil also discourages us with open-ended aspirations. The fact is, there is always room for improvement; we can always do more. But here the devil enters, for if we can always do more, then it is also possible to think that we've never done enough. And thus, the devil discourages us, sowing unreasonable demands within us as to what we can or should do each day.
If goals are too vague, we can become paralyzed as well. Leadership coaches talk about making SMART goals, SMART meaning Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, and Trackable. It is one thing for me to say that I am going to pray more and it is another to say I am going to pray the rosary each day. The daily rosary goal is better because it is Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant and Trackable.

The devil also discourages us through simple things like fatigue, personal failings, setbacks, and other obstacles that are common to our human condition and to living in a fallen world with limited resources.
God never brings up past sins. This is the work of the devil. Once you confess your sins, and receive absolution you are given a clean slate.

In all these ways the devil seeks to discourage us, to make us want to give up. Only a properly developed sense of humility can help to save us from these discouraging works of Satan. Humility, which is reverence for the truth about ourselves, teaches us that we grow and develop slowly, that we do have setbacks, and that we live in a world that is hard and far from perfect. Being humble and recognizing these things helps us to lean more on the Lord, and to trust in His providential help, which grows in us incrementally.
The devil simply wants us to give up.

I have compiled here a list of demonic titles and descriptions from the Rite of Major Exorcism that refer to some of these tactics of the Father of Lies: *Enemy of the faith / Foe of the human race / Carrier of death / Robber of life / Shirker of justice / Root of evil / Fomenter of vice / Seducer of men / Traitor of the nations / Instigator of envy / Font of avarice / Source of discord / Exciter of sorrows / Transgressor / Seducer full of deceit and lies / Enemy of virtue / Persecutor of the innocent / Horrible dragon / Prince of accursed murder / Author of incest / Leader of sacrilege / Teacher of all negative action / Teacher of heretics / Inventor of every obscenity / Hateful one / Scourge / Unclean spirit / Every satanic power / Every assault of the infernal adversary / Legions congregations and diabolical sects / Evil dragon / Diabolical legion / Inventor and teacher of every lie / Enemy of man's salvation / Prince of this world / Deceiver of the human race / Ancient foe of mankind / Father of lies / Evil dragon / Cunning serpent.*
The titles alone make me want to stay away from the devil!

The Thanksgiving season marks an annual celebration of family, food, and even football. But for Catholics, Thanksgiving has a much deeper meaning that goes to the core of our spiritual beliefs… reverence to God for all of His blessings to mankind through His son Jesus Christ. During this Thanksgiving holiday, please think about some of our neighbors in need who face uncertain times. Thanks to your generous donations we are able to bring peace, love and a friendly face to these neighbors. If you or someone you know needs help with food or financial assistance please call our St. Vincent de Paul office phone at 636-779-5616. All calls are confidential. Happy Thanksgiving!

PRO-LIFE

"Having received the gift of the Gospel of Life, we are the people of life and a people for life. It is our duty to proclaim the Gospel of Life to the world. To proclaim Jesus is to proclaim life itself. Gratitude and joy at the incomparable dignity of the human person impel us to bring the Gospel of life to the hearts of all people and make it penetrate every part of society."
- USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
"The Gospel of Life: A Brief Summary"
respectlife.org/gospel-of-life-summary

JONAH PRAYER

Our St. Joseph community has a beautiful prayer ministry called Jonah Prayer. We offer confidential, intercessory prayer for and with members of our parish family on **the 2nd Sunday of every month after the 9am, 11am, and 5pm Masses.** Simply walk over to the Baptismal font after Mass and you will see us there. Jonah Prayer Ministry allows us to be the loving and prayerful presence of Jesus to our brothers and sisters in Christ. We look forward to confidentially praying for and with you.

TIME Talent TREASURE

"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." - Luke 21:28

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation for the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await His second coming. What will you do differently this Advent season to grow in friendship and love with Jesus? How will you inspire others to do the same? Start by sharing your God story with others, especially those closest to you. Invite and accompany them on their faith journey this Advent.

Thank you for your patience as we have been working on creating a new reporting format that gives you a clearer picture of the parish giving. The financial gifts you make, whether they are made in cash, through your envelope, electronic giving, qualified gifts or stock sales are the regular income for the parish and allow us to budget the programs and services we can offer to help bring you closer to Christ.

Weekly Offertory 10/31/21	
Envelopes	11,902
Electronic	14,642
Total Weekly Offertory	26,544

You will see to the left the weekly offertory. We will publish this each week with no reference to budget.

Each month we will add the additional information (below) showing the monthly and year-to-date actual offertory and other unrestricted gifts (Required Minimum Distributions RMD, stock sales, Charitable Fund Distributions, etc.) We will compare those actual numbers to the budget for the same time period. This will allow you to see where we are in relation to our projections.

You can see that in October we had a deficit to budget of $16,408, but for the year the deficit is only $12,228. So although we aren't currently meeting our budget, we have much of the fiscal year to work our way back up to budget (our fiscal year ends June 30, 2022).

We appreciate your generosity and your consistent giving, even through the pandemic and ask that you approach your giving in a prayerful way. If you would like more detailed information, please contact Jim Weiskopf at the parish office.

Monthly for October			
	Actual	Budget	Variance
Envelopes	61,401	68,247	(6,846)
Electronic	53,728	63,382	(9,654)
Other Unrestricted Gifts	10,471	10,379	92
Total Unrestricted Giving	125,600	142,008	(16,408)

Fiscal Year to Date Total Giving July - October 2021			
	Actual	Budget	Variance
Envelopes	219,968	243,163	(23,195)
Electronic	212,608	228,176	(15,569)
Other Unrestricted Gifts	68,051	41,516	26,535
Total Unrestricted Giving	500,626	512,855	(12,228)

PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

Online Giving is one of the best and most helpful ways to give to our parish.

For more information on how to register for online giving, please go to our website, www.stjoemanchester.org and click "online giving."

Our parish is grateful for your continued support. Thank you!

If you need assistance, please contact Jim Weiskopf or Katie Markiewicz in the parish office. Your continued generosity gives the parish a firm foundation to help people become good news for others.

For an easy way to make a donation to St. Joseph Parish, you can text "STJM" to 800-950-9952 and follow the instructions on the reply text OR simply scan the QR code.

Giving Sunday
December 12

Please drop off peanut butter & jelly, canned meat, pancake mix & syrup, diapers, blankets or spreads in the Giving Sunday bins in the courtyard **before 11:00 am** on Giving Sunday.

DRIVERS ARE NEEDED FOR DECEMBER 12TH.

Please think about giving two hours to drive to St. Augustine's Wellston Center with donated items. You can make a difference in a family's life. Call Pat at 636-227-8704.

Boy Scout Troop 751 Annual Wreath Sale

Wreath pickup will be this weekend, **November 27th & 28th** after all Masses at the Upper Garage.

Early bulletin dates!

- Announcements for Dec. 12 are due Dec. 3rd.
- Announcements for Dec. 19 are due Dec. 9th.
- Announcements for Dec. 26 are due Dec. 15th.
- Announcements for Jan.2, 2022 are due Dec. 22nd.

We have very few of the Pro-Life Christmas cards left. We would like to thank all who purchased the cards. Sales of the cards support the pro-life ministry of our parish. If you would like to purchase more cards, please call the parish office to check availability. You can also call the Birthright office in St. Charles at 636-724-1200 to see if they have cards remaining. For additional information, please call 636-541-1152 and leave a message.

YOUNG AT HEART CHRISTMAS and 14TH ANNIVERSARY...

Please join us as we commemorate the birthday of Jesus and celebrate 14 fun-filled years of our gatherings. We started December 7, 2007 with twenty-eight in attendance held in the church basement. With the opening of our Parish Center we have been able to accommodate many more.

The date is Tuesday, December 7 at 11:00 am in the Parish Center.

A special holiday lunch will be served followed by great entertainment by the choral group "Joyful Notes."

We will have a gift exchange. If you'd like to participate, please bring a wrapped $5.00 to 10.00 gift. If you bring a gift, you will take home a gift.

Also, please bring one dozen Christmas cookies, wear your holiday colors and join us for this special celebration.

If you have never attended, this would be a good time to start. Reservations are not required and there is no admission fee, just a free-will offering. If you have any questions, please call Trudy at 636-225-5762.

The weather outside might be getting frightful, but Java at Joe's is delightful.

Java at Joe's continues after all morning Masses! Stay after Mass for coffee and a pastry and be warmed by the firepits.

You can also preorder for pickup after ALL WEEKEND MASSES!
https://www.stjoemanchester.org/java-at-joes

CHRISTMAS OUTREACH

2021 Christmas Outreach

Let's Give the Gift of HOPE

Please choose an envelope from the Giving Trees in the back of church and buy the items listed for the person on the envelope. Be sure to fill out the purple tag inside the envelope and hang it back on the tree. This information is critical to the success of the program.

Alternatively, back by popular demand is our Online Giving Tree. You can choose from this tree, and we will mail the envelope with the labels and instructions to you. The Online Giving Tree can be found on the parish website on the Outreach Programs page.

If you are not able to select an envelope and shop, we will gladly accept monetary donations via WeShare on the parish website.

Gift Collection weekend is December 18/19. All gifts should be delivered, wrapped and labeled, to the Parish Center no later than 11AM on Sunday, December 19. Please note that it is preferred that you drop off your gifts on Saturday, December 18.

Volunteers are needed the weekend of December 18/19. Sign ups available soon.

LILY & HAMMER CLUB

Congratulations to *Kathleen Dunn* our Lily & Hammer winner for November!

Haven't joined the Lily & Hammer Club yet?
Join NOW and you will be entered into the remaining seven monthly drawings.
The club runs from July 1 —June 30 each year.
See the parish website for details and registration information:
https://www.stjoemanchester.org/lily-and-hammer-club
or stop by the ambassador's station for a brochure.

Calling all middle schoolers!
ARIZE
UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 20 Service Saturday - Leaf Raking

Dec. 3 Friday Social - Ice Skating

Dec. 17 Christmas Outreach and Social

See the Arize website for more info!

We Are Back!
Knights of Columbus
26th Annual Trivia Night
Saturday, February 12, 2022

Doors Open: 6:00 PM
Games Start: 7:00 PM

COME JOIN THE FUN!
CASH PRIZES for TOP THREE TABLES
SODA, WATER, WINE, & BEER
AMAZING SILENT AUCTION

Registration forms available in the back of church OR
Register and Pay Online at:
www.stjoemanchester.org/trivia-night
(Tables of Eight only $200.00)

Zip Rzeppa is back!
St. Louis' all time favorite Sportscaster

Abby Llorico returns!
KSDK Super Reporter

THE HONEY BAKED Ham co. EST 1957

Get Your Honey Baked Ham!

St Joseph Knights of Columbus - Marian Council 952
2021 Christmas Fundraiser
Save 10% Off Retail Price

Knights of Columbus

Order on the parish website: www.stjoemanchester.org

Small Bone-In Ham	5 lbs	$52
Large Bone-In Ham	8 lbs	$73
Small Boneless Ham	4 lbs	$48
Large Boneless Ham	6.5 lbs	$89
Roasted Turkey Breast	3 lbs	$32
Smoked Turkey Breast	3 lbs	$32

Online orders only.
Last day to order is Dec 16th.

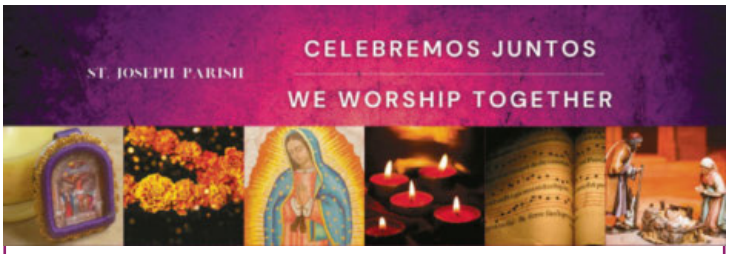
Pickup at Church:
Dec 21st, 4 – 8 PM

BEHOLD

St. Joe Manchester parish is pleased to offer our second BEHOLD program, a ministry for both separated and divorced members of the body of Christ. Through the use of DVD's, this 12 week program will provide each person an opportunity to be met through the Church by encountering Christ's Compassionate Embrace. Compassion Saturday mornings will be offered on topics that will bring healing to participants. **Sessions began on October 9th, 2021 in Room 2 in the school building and continue until January 9, 2022.** *Please note: we will not have sessions on Christmas Day and New Year's Day.* Each session starts at 10am and ends at Noon.

Please contact Fr. Christopher Rubie at the parish office to enroll, 636-227-5247 ext. 1612.

For any additional questions please feel free to contact Mike & Connie Page, 636-346-3310 or Mary Libby, 314-497-1497.



Iluminación del árbol de San Nicolás
6 de diciembre

Las Mañanitas
11 de diciembre

Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe
12 de diciembre

Misa de Adviento a la luz de las velas
14 de diciembre

Recogida del árbol de los regalos
18 y 19 de diciembre

Servicio de reconciliación bilingüe
21 de diciembre

MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO – ALENTAR UN ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA
28 de noviembre de 2021
1er Domingo de Adviento

Estemos preparados o no, hoy empieza el Adviento. Y es importante que notemos los siguientes puntos importantes para una mejor participación cuando asistimos a la Eucaristía. Estrenamos el Año Litúrgico e iniciamos un período de cuatro semanas dedicadas a prepararnos para la Navidad. Durante casi todo el año, escucharemos con gozo el Evangelio escrito por San Lucas, en el cual nos presenta a un Jesús muy sensible a los necesitados y muy compasivo con los pecadores. Describe la infancia de Jesús y la presencia de María en algunas de las narraciones. En este primer domingo de Adviento, Jesús nos trae la liberación de todas nuestras ataduras. Si estamos atentos y con el corazón abierto, la Palabra de Dios tocará nuestro corazón logrando que le hagamos caso al Señor y que demos un nuevo comienzo a nuestra vida.

El papa Francisco nos da algunas pautas para levantar la mirada hacia el Señor, quien ya viene a nosotros: *"En Adviento, no vivimos solamente la espera navideña, también estamos invitados a despertar la espera del glorioso regreso de Cristo. Durante estas cuatro semanas, estamos llamados a despojarnos de una forma de vida resinada y rutinaria y a salir alimentados de esperanza y sueños para un futuro mejor. Estar despiertos y orar: he aquí como vivir este tiempo desde hoy hasta la Navidad. Rezar, esperar a Jesús, abrirse a los demás, estar despiertos, no encerrados en nosotros mismos. Pero, si pensamos en la Navidad en un clima de consumismo, de ver, que puedo comprar, Jesús pasará y no lo encontraremos. Nosotros esperamos a Jesús y queremos esperarle en oración vigilante" (12-2-2018).*

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Directorio Hispano
Parish Office 636-227-5247
De Lunes a Jueves 8:30am - 4:30pm

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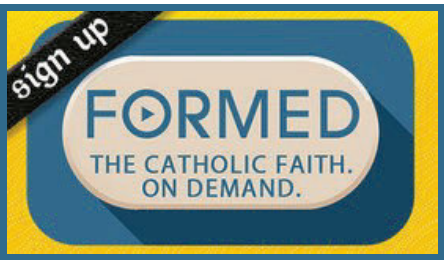

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We will therefore be maintaining the right bank (baptismal font side) of pews as mask mandatory and social distancing protocols will remain in place.

We will also continue to broadcast our 11am Mass into the parking lot over the radio and bring communion to your cars.

I have asked all staff to have a mask handy, so if you would like to speak to a staff person and they are not wearing a mask, simply ask them to put one on.

Please remember that even though the dispensation has been lifted the following remains true:
"Please note that parishioners who are sick, homebound, immunocompromised and gravely concerned for their health retain the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass, which has always been the case in normal times." - Archbishop Rozanski

Thank you to everyone for being compassionate toward each other at this time.

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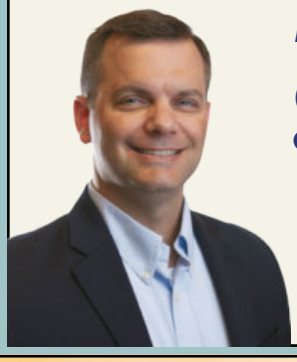

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