# DECEMBER 19, 2021 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy." - Lk 1:43-44



¿Quién soy yo, para que la madre de mi Señor venga a verme? Apenas llegó tu saludo a mis oídos, el niño saltó de gozo en mi seno". - Lc 1, 43-44 PARISH OFFICE 502 S Harry Ave. Monahans, Texas 79756 PH:432.943.5114 FAX:432.251.5003 email: <u>stjohnchurchmonahans</u> <u>@gmail.com</u>

OFFICE HOURS MONDAYS OFFICE CLOSED Tuesday-Friday: 9AM-12PM

1 PM- 3 PM ANOINTING OF THE SICK BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

CONFESSION TIMES SATURDAYS: 3-4 PM TUESDAY BY

APPOINTMENT ONLY

## MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY: 5PM (ENGLISH)-LiveStreamed SUNDAY: 9AM (SPANISH)-Live Streamed 11:30AM (ENGLISH)-Live Streamed 5 PM (ENGLISH) Public Weekday Masses 5:15 PM Wednesday Mass 5:15 PM Spanish St Gertrude (Grandfalls Mission) SUNDAYS at 1:15 PM English

**Chaplet of the Divine Mercy** 

Monday at 6:00 PM Public but still celebrated live streamed

#### **Online Giving URL**

http://giving.parishsoft.com/stjohnapostle <u>Text Giving</u> 432-200-9370 <u>Facebook Page</u> St John the Apostle & Evangelist Catholic Church <u>Parish Website</u> stjohnmonahans.com **myParishapp** 



BULLETIN DEADLINE Monday before noon in writing.

Pastor Rev. Joe Raj Deacon Ruben Gomez St John The Apostle and Evangelist Catholic Church 500 S Ike Ave Monahans, Texas 79756

#### MASSES THIS WEEK "Mass is Heaven on Earth"— St John Paul II SATURDAY-DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup> (Live on Facebook) (5PM)

- Valentin & Santa Maldonado by Leticia Maldonado & Eric Salazar & family
- † Mario Jose Rios by Virginia Rios & family
- \* Ramon, Sara, Adolfo Chavez & Erminia Gomez by Almanza & Chavez family

# En Acción de gracia by M/M Jose Borrego DOMINGO-19 DE DICIEMBRE (Vivo Via Facebook) (9AM)

- † Laura Cortez de parte de Teresa Salcido
- † Jose Alberto Reyes de parte de Blanca Galindo
- † Reyes Galindo Jr. de parte de Juanita Ruiz y familia
- Virgen de Guadalupe de parte de la familia Domingiuez

# SUNDAY – DECEMBER $19^{TH}$ (Live on Facebook) (11:30AM)

- † Richard, Josie Hernandez & Antonio Sr., Edelmira Calzada by family
- † Alex Romo Sr. by Anna Salazar, Jr. & Andy Romo
- Mario Rios by M/M Joshua Johnson
- † Margarita Oyerbides & Catarina Ortega by M/M Porfirio Garcia

#### (5PM)

<sup>†</sup> Connie Arredondo, Edward & Gloria Sanchez by Amanda Rives & family PRO-POPULO

#### (1:15) PM- Grandfalls Mission

 Our Lady of Fatima intercede for the forgotten Souls in Purgatory by Dolores Blanco
PRO-POPULO

#### MONDAY-DECEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>

- T Raymond Briseno by Bereavment Committee TUESDAY-DECEMBER 21<sup>TH</sup>
- † Felisano, Josefa, Andres Gonzales by M/M Alfredo Franco
- † Jesus Tavarez & Esperanza Arriola by Eva Tavarez
- Virgen de Guadalupe En Acción de gracias

#### WEDNESDAY- DECEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup>

- <sup>†</sup> Sarah Ana Cortez (Heavenly Birthday) by France Dominguez
- † Luz devina Tavarez Y Rosa Ellena Tavarez
- de parte de Eva Tavarez

#### THURSDAY-DECEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>

- <sup>†</sup> Gabriel Acosta by Celia Acosta
- Acción de gracias para Sacrado Corazon de Jesus de parte de Eva Tavarez

#### FRIDAY– DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>

#### (5:15) PM- Children's Mass

#### **Christmas Program**

#### (9:00) PM-Vigil Mass

- † Fr. John Lucido, Manuel, Lina, Audelio, Isidro Cobos, Cecilia & Eledia Villa &
- Augustina Hernandez by M/M Gregorio Garcia
- **†** Federico & Faustina Gonzales by Effie Gonzales
- Anselmo, Margarita, Bartolo & Manuela Gonzales by Beatrice Chavez

#### \*ALL MASS INTENTIONS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE TO BE POSTED IN THE BULLETIN

### Adjusted Pandemic Protocols

Face Masks: In accordance with the Diocese of El Paso it is encouraged for all to wear a mask, those who are not vaccinated or vaccinated against the coronavirus. We are still required to wear our mask.

Holy Water fonts: Holy water may again be provided in fonts around the church, though the fonts should regularly be cleaned as a matter of good hygiene. Bleach or other disinfectants may not be added to the holy water.

Presentation of the bread and wine: The "praiseworthy practice" of the offerings of bread and wine being presented by members of the faithful at the beginning of the Liturgy of the Eucharist may again resume. The offerings should be received by the priest or deacon, then brought to the altar. Those presenting the offerings should wear face masks.



We encourage everyone to continue with your weekly contributions through:

\* Text giving: text GIVE to (432-200-9370) \* Online giving

(The URL for online giving and text giving

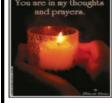
Information can be found on our Facebook page, website and my parish app.)

- \* Mail
- \* Drop them by the parish office
- \* Via phone calls

For questions, please contact the parish office (432-943-5114).



#### PRAYER REQUEST



Amelia Sanchez, Elsa Valles, Stacie Gaddis, Jonathan Chavez, Soyla Chabarria, Alifonsa Huertas, Christy Adams, Mary Ann Robison, Tommy Escamilla, Berlinda Rivera, Norma Day, Elvira G. Medina, Orlando Hernandez, Chip Reyes, Ramon Flores, Hortencia Silvas, Marina George, Ramon Salgado Jr., Braulio & Reveca Fuentes, Juan & Martha Arredondo, Oscar Aguilar, John Asbury, Kate Fitzpatrick, Joe Hernandez, Domingo Fuentes, Pricilla Nuñez, Jennifer Garcia, Kianna Medellin, Marian Fuentes, Cy Benavidez, Freddy Mendez, Tony Q Lara, Shonna Rios, Arthur Martinez, Adolfo Almanza Sr., Elvira Almanza, Tony Calzada III, Pam Fuentes, Chris Heredia, Lydia Oyerbides, Lupita Calzada, Noah Anthony Medellin, Oscar Perez, Mr. & Mrs. Francisco Bejaron, Jocelyn S. Hernandez, Kiko Gonzalez, Laura Farber, Edward Muníz, Michelle Sheldon, Carl

Bosard, Robert Maldonado, Milani Ramirez, Lola Gonzales, Ed Lopez, Benny Villa, Manuel Ontiveroz, Edilia Mendoza, Carmen Rodriguez, Julian Porras, Christian Moya Juarez, Mary Frances Villarreal, Micaela & Alfredo Franco, Frank & Edna Garcia, Andres Rayos, Eufemia Reyes, Beatrice Reyes, Luz Elena Ybarra, Anna Lopez, Sarah Vega, Rene Galindo, Josefina Gonzales, Amanda Ochoa, Esther Jaquez, Ruben Aguilar, Becky Flores, Ofelia Pena, Eric Ortiz, Oscar Bermea, Andy Ontiveroz, Alicia Gomez, Fernando Lujan, Louisa Ortiz, Tony Hernandez, Virginia Vasquez, Melissa Stinner, Juanita Muñiz, Elias Ornelas, Danny Armenta, Roberto Marquez Sr., Guadalupe Ochoa, Ofelia Garcia, Irma Martinez, Armando Esqueda Jr., Robbie Carnero, Luisa Valenzuela, Belinda Almanza, Dotsy Esparza, Estefania Cortes, Sylvia Villanueva, Leticia Maldonado, Charles Crouch, Diona Vicente, Jr. Vicente, Marlene Calderon, Adalee Tavarez, Erasmo Lara, Randal Hill, Anita Cano, Fred Bullock, Loris Scott, Maria Ibarra, Ramiro Gonzales, Jessica Armendariz, Mary Carrasco, Rose Ogilvie, Vianca Rios.

If someone needs to be added to the prayer list or needs to be removed from the list please contact the office.

Thank You!

60<sup>™</sup> YEARS ANNIVERSARY MASS For St. John the Apostle & Evangelist Church Dec. 27,2021 at 6pm Pot Luck dinner after mass At the parish hall. Come join us.

No Baptismal Classes For December we will resume classes back to normal on January 2022

Christmas Schedule Masses December 24 - Children's mass at 5:15 pm Christmas program Vigil Mass at 9 pm December 25—Christmas mass at 9 am (bilingual) December 27 - 60 Years Anniversary Mass at 6 pm

Christmas

POSADAS 2021 6:30 PM 16 Jueves Mirna Tavarez 3816 S. Wilma 709 W 7th St. 17 Viernes Lorena Quintana Blanca Galindo 301 N Alice 18 Sabado 19 Domingo Raquel Marmolejo 819 N Allen 20 Lunes Flor Sauceda 400 West 4th St 21 Martes Gaby Vela 700 S Dwight 22 Miercoles Armida Salazar 201 S Georgia 23 Jueves Yolanda Marquez 1403 S Franklin Iglecia 500 S Ike Ave 24 Viernes Juanita Ruiz (432) 664-6925

LAS POSADAS

#### **Gospel Reading** Luke 1:39-45

Mary visits Elizabeth, who sings praise to Mary and her child.

#### Background on the Gospel Reading

On this the last Sunday before Christmas, our Gospel reading prepares us to witness Christ's birth by showing us how Jesus was recognized as Israel's long-awaited Messiah even before his birth. The Gospel turns our attention from the ministry of John the Baptist to the events that preceded John the Baptist's birth. The story of John the Baptist and his parents, Elizabeth and Zechariah, are reported only in Luke's Gospel. Luke pairs the birth of John the Baptist and Jesus, establishing John's early connection to the Messiah.

Our Gospel reading recalls Mary's actions after the announcement of Jesus' birth by the angel Gabriel. Mary goes to visit Elizabeth, her cousin, who is also with child. Elizabeth greets Mary with full recognition of the roles that they and their unborn children will play in God's plan for salvation. If we were to continue to read the verses that follow in Luke's Gospel, we would hear Mary respond to Elizabeth's greeting with her song of praise, the Magnificat. Both women recall and echo God's history of showing favor upon the people of Israel.

In Luke's Gospel the Holy Spirit helps reveal Jesus' identity as God to those who believe. Elizabeth is filled with the Holy

Spirit and sings Mary's praise because she bears the Lord. We sing these words of praise to Mary in the Hail Mary. Even John the Baptist, the unborn child in Elizabeth's womb, is said to recognize the presence of the Lord and leaps for joy.

It is appropriate in this season of Advent that we consider the role of Mary in God's plan of salvation. Elizabeth describes Mary as the first disciple, as the one who believed that God's word to her would be fulfilled. Mary's faith enabled her to recognize the work of God in her people's history and in her own life. Her openness to God allowed God to work through her so that salvation might come to everyone. Because of this, Mary is a model and symbol of the Church. May we be like Mary, open and cooperative in God's plan for salvation.

www.loyolapress.com



For ad info. call 1-800-950-9952 • www.4lpi.com

St. John the Apostle and Evangelist, Monahans, TX A 4C 05-1155