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INDOOR MASS SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE JUNE 19, 2021

100% Capacity

Parishioners/attendees/guests are encouraged to wear masks, if health conditions exist, or as a personal choice, to ensure maximum safety/precautions for all.

SATURDAY VIGIL

***5:15 pm English**

SUNDAY

6:30 am / 7:45 am / 9:00 am

***10:15 am - interpreted for the deaf**

12:00 pm / *1:45 pm Español / 5:15 pm

DAILY MASS-Effective September 22, 2021

***8:15 am & 5:30 pm**

Daily Mass in Spanish every Wednesday at 5:30 pm

Misa diaria en español cada miércoles a las 5:30 pm

(There is no 5:30 pm Mass from Memorial Day through Labor Day)

Above schedule in effect until further notice.

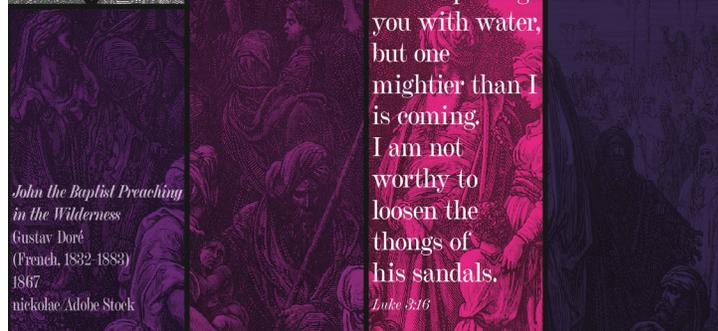
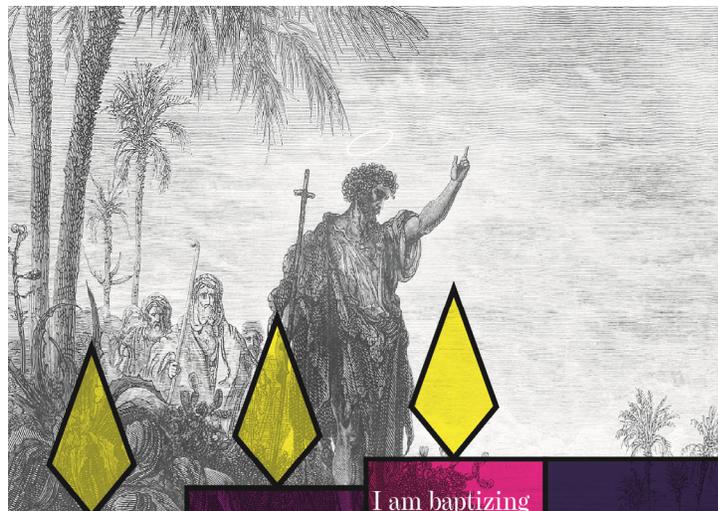
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CONFESSIONS (CONFESIONES)

Saturday (sábado): 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm



*John the Baptist Preaching
in the Wilderness
Gustav Doré
(French, 1832-1883)
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I am baptizing
you with water,
but one
mightier than I
is coming.
I am not
worthy to
loosen the
thongs of
his sandals.
Luke 3:16

Third Sunday of Advent

December 12, 2021

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**Es cierto que yo bautizo con agua,
pero ya viene otro más poderoso que yo,
a quien no merezco desatarle las correas
de sus sandalias.**

Lucas 3:16

Tercer Domingo de Adviento

12 de diciembre de 2021

PARISH VISION STATEMENT

One God, One people in Christ, One community of love guided by the Holy Spirit to impact lives.

Un Dios, Un pueblo en Cristo, Una comunidad de amor guiada por el Espíritu Santo para impactar vidas.

MASS INTENTIONS - INTENCIONES DE MISASSUNDAY - DOMINGO 12/12

6:30 am Guadalupe Palomares †
 7:45 am Pete & Daisy Noriega †
 9:00 am Intentions of Norb Murphy
 10:15 am Juanita Camacho †
 12:00 pm Josefina Pabalan Soriano †
 1:45 pm Eva O. Reyes †
 5:15 pm St. Catherine's Parishioners

MONDAY - LUNES 12/13

8:15 am Intentions of Dorothea Crews
 5:30 pm Rafael Ybanez †

TUESDAY - MARTES 12/14

8:15 am Imelda Baca †
 5:30 pm Urbano Murguia †

WEDNESDAY - MIÉRCOLES 12/15

8:15 am Intentions of Malou Lungay
 5:30 pm Jonathan Ferrett †

THURSDAY - JUEVES 12/16

8:15 am Maria Trinidad Hernandez †
 5:30 pm Intentions of Joshua McMahon

FRIDAY - VIERNES 12/17

8:15 am Fred Vargas †
 5:30 pm Eduvijos Jimenez †

SATURDAY - SÁBADO 12/18

8:15 am Deceased Members of the McCarron Family †
 10:00 am At WMV—Parishioners
 5:15 pm Intentions of Benjie & Malou Lungay

SUNDAY - DOMINGO 12/19

6:30 am St. Catherine's Parishioners
 7:45 am Urbano Murguia †
 9:00 am Deceased Members of the Steffler Family †
 10:15 am Carmela Cianciulli †
 12:00 pm Jaime Lian Lao †
 1:45 pm Cruz Pineda †
 5:15 pm Intentions of the De La Torre Family

† Symbolizes Soul of Deceased

LITURGY CORNER**December 12 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

December 6 - St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr

December 7 - St. John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church

Third Sunday of Advent is traditionally known as *Gaudete* Sunday, *Gaudete* "Rejoice", taken from the Latin translation of Philippians 4:4-5, "*Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near.*" It sets a tone of joyful expectation for the Lord's birth and Second Coming, as does the permitted use of rose-colored vestments.

December 12 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe:

Our Lady first appeared to Saint Juan Diego on December 9, 1531, as he hurried to morning Mass near Mexico City. She communicated to Juan that she wished to have a church built and to be acknowledged as the Mother of the True God.

On the 12th of December, Juan Diego collected roses in his cloak as a sign to take to the Bishop. Unfurling his cloak in front of the Bishop, Juan Diego revealed a miraculous image of the Virgin; this image hangs in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City.



Since 12 December falls on a Sunday, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe is replaced by the Third Sunday of Advent. Our Lady of Guadalupe will be honored at all our Sunday masses.

Saint Lucy martyred around the year 303 in Syracuse, is one of the fifteen saints mentioned after the consecration in the canon of the Mass. The fifteen saints are martyrs, for "saint" in the early Church referred to those who witnessed to Christ by their blood. Because of her name, she is the patroness of those afflicted with diseases of the eye and associated with festivals of light.

Saint John of the Cross joined the Carmelites in 1563. His mystical theology teaches the renunciation of all creaturely comforts for the sake of union with God. "*Feed not your spirit on anything but God. Cast off concern about things, and bear peace and recollection in your heart.*" "*At the evening of our life we will be judged on love,*" John said; he died in 1591 and is hailed as the Mystical Doctor.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9;
Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23;
Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday: Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b; Lk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17;
Mt 1:1-17

Saturday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19;
Mt 1:18-25

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19;
Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Shout for joy! Sing joyfully! Be glad and exult! The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior (Zephaniah 3:14-18a).

Psalm — Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel (Isaiah 12).

Second Reading — Rejoice! The Lord is near. Make your requests known to God (Philippians 4:4-7).

Gospel — John tells his hearers to share their possessions with the needy; be honest; do not threaten or accuse others falsely (Luke 3:10-18).

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Brothers and Sisters,

On this 3rd Sunday of Advent let's talk about one of our most popular Advent traditions: The lighting of the Advent wreath. Its origin is in pre-Christian Germany and Scandinavia to celebrate the return of the sun after the winter solstice. For us, the lighting of the Advent candles represents the promise of the coming of Jesus, the light of the world. As the candlelight of the Advent wreath glows, we share the expectation of Isaiah, John the Baptist and Mary for the fulfillment of God's promise to send a savior. We look forward to the coming of Jesus who pierces the darkness of our sins by the light of his love.



Today we light the 3rd candle of our Advent wreath, the one rose colored candle. Today is "Gaudete Sunday" and as a sign of our joyful anticipation of the coming of Jesus, purple is replaced not only in the candles of our wreath, but in the vestments of our priests and the liturgical color of our church. This Sunday is also called "Rejoice Sunday" and takes its name and theme from the first word of our second reading "Rejoice" (Gaudete). The reading itself proclaims the reality that the glorified Jesus is near.

As Christmas gets closer, have you been watching your children? Maybe they have been told that Santa has a book and "he's checking it twice, he's going to find out whose been naughty or nice." It seems the harder they try to be good, the more anxious they get and the harder it becomes to be good! And, like our children, we begin Advent with lots of good intentions, confident this year, everything will be calm and peaceful. However, three weeks into Advent our bodies are tired out and our nerves shot. A word of comfort from the Lord can refresh tired bodies and lift weary spirits. Listen for that word of comfort in a gentle word of encouragement from a loved one. In turn, speak it to someone who needs reassurance.

Today's readings repeatedly echo with words and sounds of joy and gladness. In our first reading the prophet Zephaniah proclaims to Judah that despite the people's many infidelities God will renew Judah "in his love" (Zph. 3:17). St Paul in our second reading tells the Philippian community to "rejoice in the Lord always", for the Lord is near.

In the gospel of Luke, we hear the simple and clear message of John the Baptist: Repent! John's mission was to bring God's people to faith and in turn challenge them to repentance. Today he addresses various groups of people in the crowd. Tax collectors were told to stop collecting more than what was fair and lawful. Anything they collected over and above what was lawful was considered their commission. This practice usually resulted in the tax collectors gouging the poor. The soldiers were told to act justly and honestly, not to extort others, or falsely accuse anyone and to be satisfied by what were their wages. The people in general were to act justly towards the poor, sharing their extra cloak with someone without one. The same with their food. Put another way, share what you have with your neighbor-share your respect, your kindness, your material goods. By doing so, you spread "joy". In doing these things we are sharing the joy we know in the Lord. We are preparing the way of the Lord by serving others. Final thoughts: Traditionally on December 12th, we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Of all the apparitions of Mary, this is the only one in which no warnings were given, no disasters predicted. Mary in her simplicity says to Juan Diego in his native language the words, "Am I not your mother?"

Rejoice,

Faithful

STEWARDSHIP . . . Thank you for supporting your parish, St. Catherine of Alexandria!

Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022 Summary of Weekly Sunday Offering November 28, 2021

	<u>Actual Collection</u>	<u>Budgeted Collection</u>
November 7th	\$ 17,544.76	\$ 15,500.00
November 14th	\$ 16,239.06	\$ 15,500.00
November 21st	\$ 14,516.72	\$ 15,500.00
November 28th	\$ 16,451.12	\$ 15,500.00
Actual Collection		\$ 351,697.39
Budgeted Collection		330,000.00
YTD Collection Overage		<u>\$21,697.39</u>

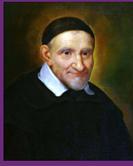
2021 Diocesan Development Fund November 28, 2021

Total Pledges Made	\$ 89,074
Less: DDF Assessment	69,750
Total Pledges made to the Parish	\$ 19,324
Total DDF Pledge Payments	\$ 87,918
Less: DDF Assessment	69,750
Cash to the Parish (PDF)	\$ 18,168
Number of donors	351
Parishioner's participation %	12%

**PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR PARISH FINANCIALLY.
Thank you for your generosity.**

PLEASE SUPPORT DDF-2021.

VINCENTIAN CORNER



The St. Catherine's conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank the SCoA parish staff and parishioners for their prayers and financial support. Your contributions during our fiscal year of 10/01/2020 through 09/30/2021 made all of the following possible throughout the Covid-19 Pandemic:

- 1928 people assisted with food
- 474 food bags delivered to 239 families through non-contact personal home visits
- 1126 Emergency Food Bags provided to the Ministry Center for distribution
- \$39,639 provided in food and financial assistance
- \$869 of conference expense (98 cents of every dollar donated goes directly to serve our clients)
- 3701 hours volunteered helping families throughout the city of Riverside
- 26 families sponsored for 2020 Christmas

Thank you for your prayers and your generous donations during this difficult year which allowed St. Vincent de Paul volunteers continue to make a difference in your community. We wish you and your families a Blessed Holiday Season!



We need **COOKIES, CRACKERS, MACARONI & CHEESE** for the grocery bags given to those in need of assistance with food. Donations can be dropped off at St. Catherine's Ministry Center, 7005 Brockton Ave., Riverside, CA 92506 M-F 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Thank you

Help adorn St. Catherine's Church with Poinsettia plants for Christmas.

If you would like to donate a **Poinsettia Plant** in memory of a loved one, you may bring your plant to the Church **Friday morning, December 24th, 9:00 am to 10:00 am.** Memorial Cards will be available for you to fill out and place with the plant. Thank you.



CONFESSIONS

There will be **NO** confessions on Saturday, December 25, 2021. Confessions will resume on Saturday, January 1, 2022 from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm. Thank you.



Please pray for our beloved dead...
*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord;
and let perpetual light shine upon them*

Jose Luis Rodriguez **Edgar "Eddie" Alcee LeDay**
Arthur Moncayo

For all who have died during COVID-19 pandemic.

...May they rest in peace

2021 Simbang Gabi



Parol/Star Lantern

What is Simbang Gabi?

Simbang Gabi is a Filipino tradition of celebrating a novena of Advent masses to heighten the preparation of the faithful for the birth of our savior, Jesus Christ, and in honor of the Blessed Mother.

Although it is still within the Advent season, special permission has been granted to make Simbang Gabi a festive celebration. Thus, the liturgical color is white, and Gloria is sung. This spiritual experience enables the faithful to joyfully anticipate the coming of the Messiah in their faith communities, home and hearts.

The Filipino Ministry cordially invites you to

Simbang Gabi Mass
Saturday, December 18, 2021
5:15 pm

Songs will be sung in Pilipino

St. Catherine of Alexandria Church
3680 Arlington Ave, Riverside

Everyone is welcome!
No Fellowship due to COVID restrictions.



For more information and donations, please Contact: Parish Office (951) 781-9855 ext. 23

PARDON THE MESS!

The church pews will be restored and refinished starting next month. More info. in coming bulletins. Refinishing project will be from January 3, 2022 to February 23, 2022.

Your **DDF donations** have made this project possible. Thank you!

HEALTH MINISTRY NEWS

The mobile clinic will be at St. Catherine's school from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm for adult clients on Saturday, December 18th. **During the Coronavirus pandemic, please call 714-633-4600 for pre-screening and to make an appointment.**

Free Adult Medical care is offered, labs and meds are as low-cost as possible. Patients sign in on a first-come, first-served basis. For additional information or to volunteer visit their website at www.lestonnacfreeclinic.org.



St. Catherine Church has radio frequency capability at 72.9 MHz Wideband Audio Input with 10.0 db for the FM Radio that you can hear with your in-ear headphone direct from the president's microphone.

ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA CHURCH RIVERSIDE, CA



Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24, 2021

December 25, 2021

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| 4:00 pm - English Mass | 6:30 am - English Mass |
| 6:00 pm - English Mass | 8:30 am - English Mass (In Church) |
| 8:00 pm - Spanish Mass | 8:30 am - English Mass (In Parish Hall) |
| 12:00 am - Bilingual Mass/Live Stream
Starts at 11:30 pm with
Christmas Carols | 10:15 am - English Mass (In Church)
Deaf Interpreted/Live Stream |
| | 10:15 am - English Mass (In Parish Hall) |
| | 12:00 pm - English Mass |
| | 1:45 pm - Spanish Mass/Live Stream |

Feast of the Holy Family

December 25, 2021 - Vigil Mass at 5:15 pm

December 26, 2021 - 6:30 am, 8:30 am, 10:15 am, 12:00 pm 1:45 pm/(Spanish) & 5:15

Worship with us. Bring your family and friends.

2021 ADVENT COMMUNAL PENANCE and RECONCILIATION SERVICES 2021 SERVICIOS DE RECONCILIACIÓN Y PENITENCIA COMUNAL DE ADVIENTO

Riverside Vicariate & Riverside Metropolitan Area

"Lord, forgive the wrong I have done"

St. Mary Magdalene: December 14 @ 7:00 pm

Queen of Angels: December 15 @ 7:00 pm

St. Andrew Newman Center: December 17 @ 7:00 pm

St. Francis de Sales: None scheduled

as of 11.28.21



ADVENT

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Third Sunday of Advent

O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

REFLECTION QUESTION:

How am I faithfully awaiting the Lord's Nativity?

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With joy you will draw water at the fountain of salvation.
— Isaiah 12:3

Living Stewardship Now

Balance time spent Christmas shopping with efforts for the less fortunate.

- Buy gifts for "Angel Tree" families.
- Match each gift that you buy for family or friends with a contribution to a charity in the same amount.
- Give charitable donations as gifts in the recipient's name.

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"E-WASTE POLLUTION SOLUTION" THIS WEEKEND!




Join St. Catherine's youth from
9 am – 2 pm on December 11 & 12, 2021

Recycle your consumer electronics that have reached their 'end-of-life' or 'end-of-usage'. Help our youth raise awareness of this problem and the much needed funds from this recycling effort will benefit the parish youth ministry program. For more information, please call Lance Wiseman at (951) 781-9855, ext. 14.



Giving Tree Has Arrived!

The tree will stand on Joseph's side of the church and will be adorned with paper ornaments with age and gender of a deserving child in need of a Christmas gift.

Take an ornament home and pray about the child who is to receive this gift. **Please LEAVE THE GIFT UNWRAPPED and place it under the tree with the PAPER ORNAMENT SECURELY ATTACHED.**

We also ask that you bring an ornament and place it in the ornament box by the tree. **Please place all gifts under the tree by DECEMBER 19th.**

Each year we try to give the tree and ornaments to a deserving family so they may celebrate the birth of our LORD this ADVENT as you do with your families.

Wishing you a blessed and holy holiday!

DIOCESE OF SAN BERNARDINO

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DIACONATE INFORMATION MEETINGS VIA ZOOM

JUNTAS DE INFORMACIÓN ACERCA DEL DIACONADO POR ZOOM

<p>Do you believe God is calling you to become a deacon?</p> <p>Would you like to know more about who a deacon is and does?</p> <p>If so, and you are a single or a married man between 32 and 62 years of age, we invite you and your wife to participate in one of the meetings that will be offered via zoom on the following dates and times.</p>	<p><i>¿Cree usted que Dios lo está llamando a ser diácono?</i></p> <p><i>¿Le gustaría saber más acerca de quién es un diácono y que hace?</i></p> <p><i>Si así es, y usted es soltero o casado y está entre los 32 y 62 años de edad, lo invitamos a usted y a su esposa a que participe en una de las sesiones que se ofrecerán por medio de zoom en las fechas siguientes.</i></p>
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English: Wednesday, December 15, 2021, 6:30PM-8:30PM
Español: Jueves, 16 de diciembre de 2021, 6:30PM-8:30PM

Please send a text message or an e-mail with your name and contact information to Deacon Luis Sanchez, (909)234-1958, luisanchez@sbdioocese.org and the link for the zoom meeting will be sent to you.

Por favor envíe un mensaje por teléfono o correo electrónico con su nombre e información de contacto al Diacono Luis Sanchez, (909)234-1958, luisanchez@sbdioocese.org y se le enviara el enlace para la sesión que se llevara a cabo por medio de zoom.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

As we enter flu season and with new variants of COVID-19 emerging, we **highly encourage all parishioners/visitors** to wear a face mask during Mass.

TO REPORT THE SEXUAL ABUSE OF A CHILD

by a priest, deacon, employee, or volunteer,
call the toll free
Sexual Misconduct Hotline 1-888-206-9090

PARA REPORTAR EL ABUSO SEXUAL DE UN MENOR

por parte de un sacerdote, diácono, empleado o voluntario,
llame a la **Línea Directa de Conducta Sexual Inapropiada 1-888-206-9090**

Christmas Food Baskets



"They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."

Every year, with the help of parishioners, we at St. Catherine of Alexandria provide Christmas dinner for the poor and needy families in our community. Please help the youth of our parish provide these families with a holiday meal by helping in the following ways:

1. Donate some of the items on the Grocery list.
2. Donate an offering by placing a check designated for "Christmas Food baskets" in the Sunday collection.
3. Donate a store gift card.

Food, donations, or gift cards can be brought to the Ministry Center Mon-Fri between 10am-5pm.
For more info please call 951-781-9855 Ex 14

**Deadline to drop off food is Sunday,
December 19, 2021**

Christmas Grocery List:

- Donations of:
 - Turkeys
 - Hams
- Additional items:
 - Boxed Stuffing
 - Instant Mashed Potatoes
 - Gravy
 - Canned vegetables:
 - Corn
 - Green beans
 - Yams
 - Canned Cranberry Sauce
 - Boxed Cake Mix
 - Canned Frosting

**WE CAN ONLY ACCEPT ITEMS
ON THIS LIST Please no expired
food
Drop off deadline
December 19, 2021**

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Please note **CORRECTION:**

St. Catherine's Sunday Mass times will return to pre-pandemic schedule at the start of the new year. **Beginning Sunday, January 2, 2022, December 26, 2021** the Mass times will be:
English: 6:30am, **8:30am**, 10:15am, 12:00pm and 5:15pm, and 1:45pm in Spanish.
Please plan accordingly.



RCIA INQUIRY

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Though our face-to-face Inquiry gatherings are cancelled at present, our Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is **starting an on-line group on Sundays** for those interested in becoming Catholic. If you are interested in joining or have questions, please call 951-781-9855 extension 29 and leave your contact information. God bless and "see you" soon!



Lance Wiseman - 781.9855 ext. 14

All High-School-Age Youth LIFE NIGHT
Sundays from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. after LIFE TEEN Mass

LIFE TEEN (high school age teen)

Due to the Coronavirus the **Life Night** are **meeting online almost every Sunday 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm**. Contact Lance Wiseman at lwiseman@stcofa.org or 951-781-9855 Ext. 14 if you are interested in joining us for online gatherings.

This Week-12/12: Join us for a night about faith and our Advent journey. Please check your email for log-in codes. **We are on Zoom meeting at 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm**. Contact Lance for more information and log-in code.

Next Week-12/19: Advent & Christmas Celebration

Join us for a great evening of fun and good time. Please check your email for log-in codes. **We are on Zoom meeting at 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm**. Contact Lance for more information.

Remember Life Nights are open to **all High School age youth and we invite you to join us**. They are held most Sundays via ZOOM at this time. Please contact Lance if you have questions or need more information.

YOUTH SERVICE HOURS - ARE YOU INTERESTED IN HELPING WITH COLLECTING, SORTING AND DISTRIBUTING THE FOOD FOR THE CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS? Please contact Lance Wiseman at 951/781-9855 ext. 14 to **VOLUNTEER!** Great way to give of your time and talent in helping those in need.

YOUTH FUNDRAISER - NEW Shop Riverside cards for 2022 are available for purchase. Cards are valid from date of purchase through all of **Year 2022**. Please call Lance at 951/781-9855 x 14 if you are interested in purchasing. **Remember the money raised helps support St. Catherine's Youth Programs**. Please contact Lance for other upcoming fundraisers.

MIDDLE SCHOOL - THE EDGE - a Ministry for youth in middle school from 6th to 8th grade in private or public schools. **We are not sure at this time when we will be able to start this school year**. For more information please contact Lance.

CONFIRMATION NEWS - UPDATE AS OF 12/12/2021

1st Year of Confirmation - Our 3rd Module for the year will be **December 12th or 13th, Zoom code will be emailed the week before**. You only need to attend one of the two modules. If you missed the Mandatory Parent & Candidate meeting or make-up, please contact Lance for Zoom code.

2nd Year of Confirmation - Classes have started. If you have missed anything, please contact Lance right away for schedules and make-up meeting date. Please make sure to turn in any make-up work, mass reflection & service reflection sheet from last year ASAP.

3rd Year of Confirmation - We will have a Zoom meeting on **December 16th** at 6:30 pm for the Parents of 3rd year candidates; **this is a very important meeting about the retreat**. We have started classes and if you missed anything, please contact Lance right away for schedules and make-up meeting date. Please make sure to turn in any make-up work, mass reflection & service reflection sheet from last year asap.

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION—Has started for all interested in registering for this Confirmation year. Please contact Lance Wiseman at 951-781-9855 ext. 14 for **APPOINTMENT** & more information.

Our Confirmation process is a three year program, starting in 9th grade, confirming in 11th grade, this includes public or private schools. Please contact Lance Wiseman with any questions.



Quien tenga dos túnicas,
que dé una al que no tiene ninguna,
y quien tenga comida, que haga lo mismo.

Lucas 3:11

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12 DE DICIEMBRE DE 2021

ALEGRARSE

A este domingo se le conoce como el Domingo Gaudete o Domingo de la Alegría, este otro nombre en latín para este día está tomado de la antigua Antífona de Entrada aprobada para hoy: "Alégrense siempre en el Señor; una vez más digo, alégrense. En efecto, el Señor está cerca". La ropa litúrgica u ornamentos usados opcionalmente para hoy de color rosa tratan de representar al cielo de las madrugadas de invierno cuando ya está cerca el solsticio, la música festiva del órgano, los arreglos florales, todas estas antiguas tradiciones, junto con la antífona, pretenden anticipar, en la vista y en el sonido, la alegría de la Navidad que pronto sucederá. Qué bien ilustran las Escrituras de hoy la lucha entre los estados de ánimo contrastados del Adviento: la "alegre expectación" ante la Natividad de Cristo, y el "serio arrepentimiento" inspirado por la predicación de Juan el Bautista, que nos recuerda que la próxima venida de Cristo, en la muerte o al final de los tiempos, será para juzgar y redimir.

ALEGRÍA Y JÚBILO

La alegría y el júbilo resuenan en la primera lectura, ya que la antigua profecía mesiánica de Sofonías presenta a Dios "alegrándose por nosotros, renovándonos en su amor, cantando con alegría por nosotros como se canta en las fiestas". Este Dios alegre no está distante: el profeta declara dos veces que Dios "está en medio de ustedes". Sofonías confía tanto en el amor de este Dios alegre por nosotros que declara que nuestra liberación es "un hecho": tanto del miedo y la culpa internos, "el Señor ha quitado el juicio contra ustedes", como de las amenazas externas: "ha alejado a tus enemigos". El Salmo Responsorial, del profeta principal del Adviento, Isaías, se hace eco de una alegría jubilosa que debería impulsarnos a estar "confiados y sin miedo", "porque entre ustedes está el grande y Santo de Israel". Pablo también exhorta a los filipenses, y a nosotros, a la alegría, a una bondad que debe ser evidente para todos, a una oración libre de ansiedad, serena y agradecida.

¿QUÉ DEBEMOS HACER?

Pero entonces Juan el Bautista grita en la orilla del Jordán: ¡Arrepiéntanse! Prepárense para un Mesías que bautizará "con el Espíritu Santo y fuego"; a diferencia del bautismo de Juan con agua, transformará por completo a sus destinatarios. Su horquilla limpiará la madera muerta, agrupando el trigo y quemando la paja en un fuego que no se extingue. Si esto va a ser una "Buena Nueva" para nosotros, entonces bien podríamos, como las multitudes, los recaudadores de impuestos y los soldados que escucharon por primera vez a Juan preguntar "¿Qué debemos hacer?" Cuando Juan responde a la gente de entonces, y a nosotros hoy, la respuesta, aunque supremamente desafiante, es casi sorprendentemente sencilla. A nadie se le ordena que abandone el lugar en el que el camino personal de su vida o las realidades de una historia más allá de su control le han puesto. Dios nos salva, no a pesar de las circunstancias de nuestra vida real ni al margen de ellas, sino en ellas y a través de ellas. Nuestra llamada ahora es a la caridad práctica y generosa: debemos compartir ropa y comida; practicar la justicia y la integridad profesional y personal; y ser honestos con los demás y con nosotros mismos. Tal es la enseñanza del Mesías que Juan anunció.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Sofonías 3:14-18a
Isaías 12:2-3, 4, 5-6
Filipenses 4:4-7
Lucas 3:10-18

ADVIENTO

ORACIÓN DE LA SEMANA

Tercer Domingo de Adviento

Dios nuestro, que contemplas a tu pueblo esperando fervorosamente la fiesta del nacimiento de tu Hijo, concédenos poder alcanzar la dicha que nos trae la salvación y celebrarla siempre, con la solemnidad de nuestras ofrendas y con vivísima alegría.

Por nuestro Señor Jesucristo, tu Hijo, que vive y reina contigo en la unidad del Espíritu Santo y es Dios por los siglos de los siglos.

PREGUNTA DE REFLEXIÓN:

¿Cómo espero fervorosamente el nacimiento del Señor?

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- *Compren regalos para las familias que están en el "árbol de los ángeles".*
- *Hagan donaciones a instituciones caritativas en nombre de familiares y amigos.*

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a;
Sal 25 (24):4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27

Martes: Sof 3:1-2, 9-13;
Sal 34 (33):2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32

Miércoles: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Sal 85 (84):9-14; Lc 7:18b-23

Jueves: Is 54:1-10; Sal 30 (29):2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b;
Lc 7:24-30

Viernes: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Sal 72 (71):1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

Sábado: Jer 23:5-8; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

Domingo: Mi 5:1-4a; Sal 80 (79):2-3, 15-16, 18-19;
Heb 10:5-10; Lc 1:39-45

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — ¡Canta! ¡Da gritos de júbilo! ¡Gózate y regocíjate! El Señor tu Dios está entre ustedes y es un poderoso salvador (Sofonías 3:14-18a).

Salmo — Griten de alegría, porque grande se ha portado contigo el Santo de Israel (Isaías 12).

Segunda lectura — ¡Alégrense! El Señor está cerca. Presenten sus peticiones a Dios (Filipenses 4:4-7).

Evangelio— Juan dice a sus oyentes que compartan sus posesiones con los necesitados; que sean honrados; que no amenacen ni acusen a otros injustamente (Lucas 3:10-18).

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INFORMACIÓN LITÚRGICA

12 de diciembre - TERCER DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

13 de diciembre - Santa Lucía, virgen y mártir

14 de diciembre - San Juan de la Cruz, presbítero y doctor de la Iglesia

El tercer domingo de Adviento se conoce tradicionalmente como el Domingo de *Gaudete, Gaudete* "Alegría", tomado de la traducción latina de Filipenses 4:4-5, "Estén siempre alegres en el Señor; se lo repito, estén alegres y den a todos muestras de un espíritu muy abierto. El Señor está cerca."

Establece un tono de alegre expectación por el nacimiento del Señor y la Segunda Venida, al igual que el uso permitido de vestiduras sacerdotales de color rosa.

12 de diciembre Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe:

La Virgen se apareció por primera vez a San Juan Diego el 9 de diciembre de 1531, mientras él se apresuraba a ir a la misa matutina cerca de la Ciudad de México. Ella le dijo a Juan Diego que deseaba que se construyera una iglesia y que se la reconociera como la Madre del verdadero Dios.



El 12 de diciembre, Juan Diego recogió rosas en su manto como señal para llevar al Obispo. Juan Diego desplegó su manto ante el Obispo, y reveló una imagen milagrosa de la Virgen; esta imagen cuelga en la Basílica de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe en la Ciudad de México.

El 12 de diciembre cae en domingo, la fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe se sustituye por el tercer domingo de Adviento. La Virgen de Guadalupe será honrada en todas nuestras misas dominicales.

Santa Lucía, martirizada hacia el año 303 en Siracusa, es una de los quince santos mencionados tras la consagración en el canon de la misa. Los quince santos son mártires, ya que "santo" en la Iglesia primitiva se refería a los que daban testimonio de Cristo con su sangre. Por su nombre, es la patrona de los ciegos y abogada de los problemas de la vista y está asociada a las fiestas de la luz.

San Juan de la Cruz se unió a los carmelitas en 1563. Su teología mística enseña la renuncia a todas las comodidades de las criaturas en aras de la unión con Dios. "No alimentes tu espíritu con otra cosa que no sea Dios. Desecha la preocupación por las cosas, y lleva la paz y el recogimiento en tu corazón". "Al atardecer de nuestra vida seremos juzgados por el amor", dijo Juan; murió en 1591 y es aclamado como el Doctor Místico.



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CONFESIONES

NO habrá confesiones el sábado, 25 de diciembre de 2021. Las confesiones se reanudarán el sábado 1º De enero de 2022 de 3:30 pm a 4:30 pm. Gracias.

Ayude a adornar la iglesia de Santa Catalina con Nochebuenas para la Navidad.

Si desea donar una planta de Nochebuena en memoria de un ser querido, puede traerla a la Iglesia **el viernes, 24 de diciembre por la mañana, de 9:00 am a 10:00 am**. La tarjeta conmemorativa estará disponible para que usted la llene y la coloque con la planta. Gracias.



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Las bancas de la iglesia serán restauradas y repintadas a partir del próximo mes. Más información en los próximos boletines.

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