



ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA PARISH COMMUNITY

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Missionaries of the Sacred Heart
"May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be loved everywhere"



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MASS SCHEDULE

Face masks are encouraged upon
entering the church.

SATURDAY VIGIL

***5:15 pm**

SUNDAY

6:30 am

8:30 am

***10:15 am (ASL)**

12:00 pm

***1:45 pm Español/Spanish**

5:15 pm



DAILY MASS

Monday - Saturday: *8:15 am

Monday - Friday: 5:30 pm

(Except from Memorial Day through Labor Day)

Wednesdays 5:30 pm Mass is in Español/Spanish

***Masses are Live-stream**

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CONFESSIONS (CONFESIONES)

Saturday (sábado): 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Weekdays by appointment only

Please call the Parish Office at 951/781-9855

SECOND SUNDAY OF

Advent



DECEMBER 4, 2022

John the Baptist appeared,
preaching in the desert of Judea and saying,
"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"

MATTHEW 3:1

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Comenzó Juan el Bautista a predicar
en el desierto de Judea, diciendo:
"Arrepiéntanse, porque
el Reino de los cielos está cerca".

MATEO 3:1

SEGUNDO DOMINGO DE

Adviento

4 DE DICIEMBRE DE 2022

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 12/04

6:30 am Vito Jacobellis †
 8:30 am St. Catherine's Parishioners
 10:15 am Beebee Noriega †
 12:00 pm Dr. Robert Joseph DeCarmo †
 1:45 pm Aurora Saldaña †
 5:15 pm Carlos Ramos Estevez †

MONDAY - LUNES 12/05

8:15 am Anita Castillon †
 5:30 pm Francis Edward Grimes †

TUESDAY - MARTES 12/06

8:15 am Esther Banzon Parungao †
 5:30 pm Sandro Capraro †

WEDNESDAY - MIÉRCOLES 12/07

8:15 am Intentions of St. Jude's Wirebenders
 5:30 pm Tony & Mary Ybarra †

THURSDAY - JUEVES 12/08**Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

6:30 am Parishioners
 8:15 am Jenny Yu †
 10:15 am Luiz Fernando DaSilva Pedruco †
 12:00 pm Joao Francisco Camacho Rodriguez †
 5:30 pm Alicia Maria DaSilva Pedruco †

FRIDAY - VIERNES 12/09

8:15 am Esther Banzon Parungao †
 5:30 pm Deceased Members of Villa Ramirez Family †

SATURDAY - SÁBADO 12/10

8:15 am Aniceto P. Ochoa †
 10:00 am At WMV - Parishioners
 5:15 pm Vincenzo Lanni †

SUNDAY - DOMINGO 12/11

6:30 am St. Catherine's Parishioners
 8:30 am Intentions of Dorothea Crews
 10:15 am Freddie Y. López †
 12:00 pm Carmela Cianciulli †
 1:45 pm Juan Ramirez †
 5:15 pm Aurora Saldaña †

† Symbolizes Soul of Deceased

LITURGY CORNER**December 4 - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

December 6 - St. Nicholas, Bishop

December 7 - St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

December 8 - THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

December 9 - St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

December 10 - Our Lady of Loreto

Saint Nicholas 4th century Bishop in Asia Minor; model pastor noted for charity; popularized as Santa Claus.

Saint Ambrose was elected Bishop of Milan at age of 35; was a model Bishop and an eloquent preacher; he is one of the four original Doctors of the Church; he was instrumental in the conversion of Saint Augustine; he died in 397.

Immaculate Conception - God chose Mary, to be our "model of holiness" and to be the perfect Mother of the Savior. **December 8, is a holy day of obligation.**

Mass times: Vigil Wednesday, December 7, Spanish 5:30 pm; Thursday, December 8, English 6:30 am, 8:15 am, 10:15 am, 12:00 pm and 5:30 pm.

Saint Juan Diego's tilma, a coarse-woven cactus cloth, which seldom lasts even twenty years, shows no signs of decay, it is preserved behind bullet proof glass in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, in Mexico City; the very location where Mother Mary asked that a church be constructed when she appeared to Juan Diego in December 1531.



Our Lady of Loreto, in Italy on a small hillside town, a grand basilica houses a tiny, three walled cottage, thirty-one feet by eleven, called the "Holy House," the cottage is believed to be the house where Mary was born and raised, the very place where she was visited by the Angel Gabriel.

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Communal Penance Service is Monday, December 5, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Feast day, Monday, December 12. We will celebrate her Feast day by gathering on Sunday, December 11, at 10:00 pm for outdoors procession around the church and rosary, followed by Mass at 11:00 pm; and Mass on Monday, December 12, at 8:15 am and 5:30 pm.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26
 Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14
 Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
 Thursday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
 Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
 Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
 Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — He shall bring justice for the afflicted; the earth shall overflow with the knowledge of the LORD (Isaiah 11:1-10).

Psalm — Peace and justice will come in the day of the Lord (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — Glorify God by living in harmony with one another, welcoming each other as Christ welcomed you (Romans 15:4-9).

Gospel — Produce good fruit worthy of your baptism; repent, for the reign of God is near (Matthew 3:1-12).

Brothers and Sisters,

As I was preparing to write on this Second Sunday of Advent, today's gospel reading took me back a couple of years. When we, as a faith community, during Mass heard a live debate between Santa Claus and John the Baptist about the true meaning of Christmas. It was something I will never forget, but more about today's gospel later.



Each year during the four Sundays of Advent, the prophet Isaiah helps us prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas. In today's first reading Isaiah gives us a vision of God's holy mountain, where true justice reigns. The reading does not say the wolf becomes the lamb, nor the lamb the wolf. In Isaiah's vision, animals that are natural enemies are able to get along, not by ceasing to be what they are, but by changing their behavior. By eating hay, the lion is able to coexist with the ox. We should note also that in each pairing one is gentle and often young: a lamb, a calf, a baby. These images from Isaiah speak of the radical nature of the change that is required on our part if we are to be made ready for the Lord's coming. The very core of our being must be affected by the peace and love of Christ, if we are truly to reform our lives.

In today's second reading St. Paul is telling the newly converted Christians of Rome that the sacred Scriptures of the Old Testament are still a source of instruction. "Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction." St. Paul is referring to the inspired books of the Old Testament and how true it is. From these books we learn of the existence of the true God, from whom all things came to be. Whatever was written in former days was written concerning Christ's coming among us, his teaching and promises, and we Christians have an inexhaustible source of encouragement and hope.

St. John the Baptist is a prominent figure who appears often during the season of Advent with his powerful message to "prepare the way of the Lord." Today's gospel introduces him preaching from the wilderness of Judea, living on locusts and wild honey and wearing a garment of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist. He is a man with a mission, living a life of austerity and simplicity. But his message is stern and straight, piercing ears and hearts, exhorting people to "repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." There is much to be changed, and there is an urgency in the situation because the One who is coming will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. The Baptist's message is as relevant today as it was before the coming of the Messiah.

My brothers and sisters in this Holy Season of Advent, as we prepare to welcome Christ at Christmas let each one of us ask himself: If Christ for whose birth we are preparing for were to come to us before Christmas as our just judge, how would we fare? Each of us has the decision in our own hands. We can, by true repentance change ourselves.

Listen to John,

Faithful Friar

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STEWARDSHIP . . . Thank you for supporting your parish, St. Catherine of Alexandria!
Thank you for your generous contribution. God bless you.

Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023
Summary of Weekly Sunday Offering
November 20, 2022

	Actual Collection	Budgeted Collection
November 6th	\$ 21,917.26	\$ 17,250.00
November 13th	\$ 16,789.45	\$ 17,250.00
November 20th	\$ 17,089.56	\$ 17,250.00
Actual Collection		\$ 361,914.41
Budgeted Collection		354,400.00
YTD Collection Overage		\$ 7,514.41

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

2022 Diocesan Development Fund
November 20, 2022

Pledges Made	\$ 206,285
Less: DDF Assessment	66,700
Total Pledges made to the Parish	\$ 139,585
DDF Pledge Payments	\$ 204,955
Less: DDF Assessment	66,700
Cash to the Parish (PDF)	\$ 138,255
Number of donors	754
Parishioner's participation %	25%

PLEASE SUPPORT DDF-2022.

VINCENTIAN CORNER



In today's Gospel, John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord."

This is what Advent is all about, for we are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at 951/684-7386 so that together we can help the suffering and poor to celebrate Christmas.

Are you feeling called to join our team of volunteers? Please contact Robert Lucero at (951) 784-7642 for information.

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We are in need of CRACKERS, PASTA SAUCE, CANNED CHICKEN for the grocery bags given to those in need of assistance with food. Please help. Thank you.

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

In this season of Thanksgiving, we would like to especially thank all who contributed to the Baby Shower for Jesus. All collected diapers, wipes, formula, baby bath items, etc. were gladly received by Riverside Life Services. They will be distributed to women in crisis pregnancies in order to better care for their precious unborn babies after they are allowed to be born.

Let us continue to pray for mothers, fathers and their unborn babies and continue to support them throughout the year.



Matthew 25:40 "...whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me."

**CHOOSE LIFE - PROTECT UNBORN BABIES
GOD WILL BLESS YOU!**

We pray to the Lord: may God help us prepare the way of the Lord by acting with tenderness and compassion, especially toward the most vulnerable among us.

The world needs more Knights!

Consider becoming more involved and live your faith as a man; come carry out a legacy, the Knights motto is: **"In Service to One, In Service to All."**

We come from many places, backgrounds, and stages in our lives, but we are all of ONE faith ready to lead, serve, protect and defend those in need. Reach out to one of your Knights today at mass or if you have questions:

Corbin DeLapp at 951/522-4498 or Joe Buhr at 951/347-7489.



Knights of
Columbus



FEEDING THE HUNGRY MINISTRY WARM BLANKETS & SOCKS NEEDED

Cold weather is coming on and it is hard to get warm without socks or blankets. Those less fortunate than us are in need of our help.

We are asking for donations of **NEW SOCKS AND CLEAN, GENTLY USED BLANKETS. All items must be sealed individually with plastic or in a trash bag.** Donations can be dropped off during weekend Masses in the container located at the entrance of the church or at the Ministry Center Monday-Friday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Thank you for helping those in need!

"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me" - Matthew 25:40



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 presider's microphone.



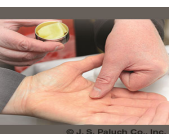
The tree will stand on St. Joseph's side of the church and will be adorned with paper ornaments with age and gender of a deserving child in need of a Christmas gift.

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 21st.**

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!



ANOINTING OF THE SICK
Anointing of the Sick will take place this weekend:

Saturday, December 3rd after the 5:15 pm Mass and Sunday, December 4th after all Masses. Please plan to join us if you need the blessings of this Sacrament.

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 17, 2022.

During this time, 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.



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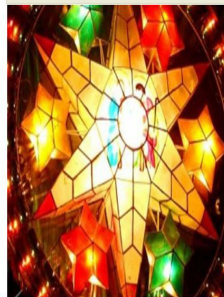
ADOPT-A-FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS

Each year at Christmas time, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul adopts several of the families whom we have visited throughout the year by providing Christmas gifts for the children and food for the families. We also provide slippers, toiletry items and toilet paper for many of our senior clients who are not able to afford these items due to their limited finances. Thanks to your contributions last year, the SVdP 2021 Christmas Adopt-a-Family program successfully adopted families, adults and senior citizens. The families are extremely grateful when the SVdP volunteers arrive with the wrapped gifts and food for the holidays.

Please call 683-0800 ext. 17 if you are interested in adopting one of our families for Christmas this year. Please leave your name and phone number and a SVdP volunteer will return your call. If you are not able to adopt a family on your own but would like to make a contribution, please include a note with your donation payable to St. Vincent de Paul in the donation basket at Mass or mail your check payable to Society of St. Vincent de Paul c/o St. Catherine of Alexandria Church 7005 Brockton Avenue, Riverside, CA 92506. Food and toiletry items may be delivered to St. Catherine's Ministry Center—M-F 10am to 5pm. Please keep our St. Vincent de Paul clients and volunteers in your prayers.

Thank you for your generous support.

2022 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 Community cordially invites you to

Simbang Gabi Mass

**Saturday, December 17, 2022
6:00 am**

**St. Catherine of Alexandria Church
3680 Arlington Ave, Riverside**

Everyone is welcome!

Fellowship will follow in the Parish Hall.



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

2022 ADVENT COMMUNAL PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION SERVICES
2022 SERVICIOS DE RECONCILIACIÓN Y PENITENCIA COMUNAL DE ADVIENTO

Riverside Vicariate and Riverside Metropolitan Area

"Lord, forgive the wrong I have done"

St. Catherine of Alexandria
Our Lady of Perpetual Help
St. Matthew
St. Andrew Kim
Queen of Angels
St. Mary Magdalene
St. Andrew Newman Center

Monday, December 5 at 7:00 pm
Wednesday, December 7 at 7:00 pm
Wednesday, December 7 at 7:00 pm
Friday, December 9 at 3:00 pm & 7:00 pm
Wednesday, December 14 at 7:00 pm
Wednesday, December 14 at 7:00 pm
Thursday, December 22 at 7:00 pm

Deaths



Please pray for our beloved dead...

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Hugo Mauricio Umaña

Frank Nava

Mary Margaret Nurre

Francisca Cortes

Johnny Sicat

Gilbert Serros

Annie Prescott

Edward Vincent Gooselaw

Julianne Mary Gooselaw

Susan Leblanc

For all who have died during the COVID-19 pandemic.

...May they rest in peace

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DIACONATE INFORMATION MEETINGS VIA ZOOM

JUNTAS DE INFORMACIÓN ACERCA DEL DIACONADO POR ZOOM

Do you believe God is calling you to become a deacon?

¿Cree usted que Dios lo está llamando a ser diácono?

Would you like to know more about who a deacon is and does?

¿Le gustaría saber más acerca de quién es un diácono y que hace?

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.

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.

English: Tuesday, December 6, 2022, 7:00PM-9:00PM

Español: miércoles, 7 de diciembre de 2022, 7:00PM-9:00PM

Please send an e-mail with your name and contact information to Norma Verdugo, nverdugo@sbdioocese.org and the link for the Zoom meeting will be sent to you.

Por favor envíe un mensaje por correo electrónico con su nombre e información de contacto a Norma Verdugo, nverdugo@sbdioocese.org y se le enviara el enlace para la sesión que se llevara a cabo por medio de Zoom.

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

Food, donations, or gift cards can be brought to the Ministry Center between Monday through Friday 10:00am – 5:00pm on or before 12/16/2022.

For more info please call 951-781-9855 Ext. 14

Deadline to drop off food is Sunday, December 18, 2022

Christmas Grocery List:

- Ham (fresh or frozen)
- Turkey (frozen please)
- Boxed Stuffing
- Instant Mashed Potatoes
- Gravy
- Canned vegetables:
 - Corn
 - Green beans
 - Yams
- Canned Cranberry Sauce
- Canned Pineapple fruit
- Boxed Cake Mix
- Canned Frosting

WE CAN ONLY ACCEPT ITEMS ON THIS LIST

(Expired food will not be accepted)

LIVING STEWARDSHIP NOW

Spend some time in a quiet place. Use the silence to ask what God is waiting to tell you this Advent.

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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**

"E-WASTE POLLUTION SOLUTION" SAVE THE DATE!

E-Waste Collection is NEXT WEEK!

Join St. Catherine's youth from

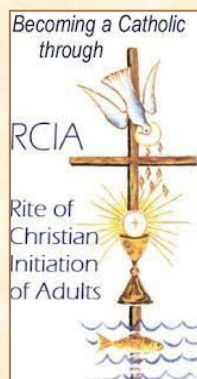
9 am – 1 pm on December 10 & 11

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,



RCIA Inquiry



Have you been worshiping with us, but have never officially taken the step to become Catholic?

Have you been a Catholic all your life, but have not celebrated all the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist)?

Have you joined us from a different background and would like to find out more about the Catholic Church?

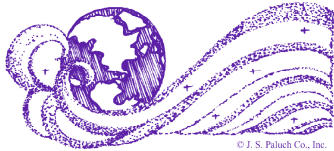
If you, or someone you know, answers **YES**

to any of these questions, you are invited to find out more through a process called the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**. Please call 951-781-9855 extension 29 and leave your contact information.

We would love to help you through the journey of becoming Catholic!

CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER**The Hail Mary**

Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among women
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.



Second Sunday of Advent
December 4, 2022

The earth shall be filled
with knowledge of the LORD,
as water covers the sea.

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— Isaiah 11:9

ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA CHURCH
RIVERSIDE, CA

ADVENT MISSION

**SHARE
YOUR
STORY!**

**Presenter: Rev. David Andel**

Fr. David, the judicial vicar of the Diocese of San Bernardino; was a graduate of Damien High School who was ordained a priest in 1995. He attended Harvey Mudd for a year before entering Serra House. He graduated from UC Riverside with a degree in applied math and physics. He studied theology at St. John's Seminary in Camarillo and earned a degree in canon law from the Angelicum University in Rome.

December 4, 2022
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
For the Youth
In person, Inside the Parish Hall



Lance Wiseman - 781.9855 ext. 14

Frances Pineda - 781.9855 ext. 28

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)

Life Night is back in person and will meet almost every Sunday from 7:00pm to 8:30pm in the Parish Hall. If you have questions or need more information, contact:

Frances Pineda at fpineda@stcofa.org or 951/781-9855 x 28

Lance Wiseman at lwiseman@stcofa.org or 951-781-9855 x 14

This Week - 12/4/2022: Life Night-ADVENT MISSION. Join us and Fr. David Andel as we share our stories. The night is from **7:00pm to 8:30pm in the hall.**

Next Week—12/11/2022: Advent Social-Advent Fun Night! Join us for a fun night, keep your eyes out for the email about this night and the fun we will have. The night is from **7:00pm to 8:30pm in the hall.**

Remember Life Nights are open to **all High School age youth and we invite you to join us.** They are held most Sundays 7:00pm to 8:30pm in the Parish Hall. Please contact Frances if you have questions or need more information.

YOUTH SERVICE HOURS - For service opportunities, we are looking for help collecting food, data entry, calls for the upcoming Christmas food baskets. Please contact Lance Wiseman at 951/781-9855 ext. 14.

YOUTH FUNDRAISER - New **\$SHOP RIVERSIDE** cards for 2023 are available for purchase. Valid from date of purchase through **end of 2023**. Please contact 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. All 6th, 7th and 8th graders are invited for a night of faith and fun! **Our next EDGE session will be on December 14, 2022 at 6:30pm to 7:45pm.** Location: **The Youth House-6956 Nixon Dr., Riverside.** For more information please contact Lance or Frances.

CONFIRMATION NEWS - UPDATE AS OF 12/4/2022

1st Year of Confirmation – Our next module for the year will be Sunday, December 11th from 3:00pm to 5:00pm or Monday, December 12th from 6:30pm to 8:00pm in the parish hall.

2nd Year of Confirmation – All 1st year make-up work, mass reflection & service reflection sheets are past due.

3rd Year of Confirmation - All parents & candidates retreat meeting will be **TODAY, December 4th from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm** in the parish hall.

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION—We have started our 2022/23 Confirmation year. Contact Lance Wiseman at 951-781-9855 ext. 14 for more information.

Our Confirmation process is a three year program, starting in 9th grade and confirming in 11th grade, this is the required process for anyone in either public or private schools. Contact Lance with any questions.

SEGUNDO DOMINGO DE

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4 DE DICIEMBRE DE 2022

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MATEO 3:1

VIDA NUEVA

En nuestras traducciones de las Escrituras, la elección de las palabras es importante. Cuando la primera lectura de hoy nos dice que un "tronco" producirá un nuevo brote, es la forma en que Isaías nos dice que el poder milagroso de Dios está en marcha. Las semillas producen brotes. Incluso las raíces enterradas pueden producir brotes. ¿Pero un tronco? Cuando miramos un tronco, esencialmente estamos viendo el cadáver de lo que solía ser un árbol. Los ojos mortales miran y ven la muerte, pero los ojos divinos miran y ven una nueva vida. ¡Y qué vida sacará el Espíritu de Dios de este tronco! Una vida llena de sabiduría, entendimiento, consejo, fuerza, conocimiento y temor del Señor: la vida que llamamos "Jesús". ¿Qué apropiado es que también miremos el madero de la cruz del Calvario -un árbol de la muerte- y contemplemos que el Espíritu de Dios ha convertido ese árbol en un Árbol de la Vida!

LLAMAR POR EL NOMBRE

A menudo cambiamos el tono de voz y el vocabulario cuando queremos llamar la atención de alguien. Los padres añaden un segundo nombre para indicar que el niño está en problemas (un segundo nombre y un apellido cuando el niño está realmente en problemas). El cambio de tono y de palabras invita a la atención, exigiendo una respuesta. Hoy en día, Juan el Bautista hace un poco de nombre: "¡Cría de víboras!" Incluso para alguien como Juan, que utilizaba habitualmente un vocabulario potente, esta forma de dirigirse a los hombres santos -los fariseos y los saduceos- destaca este nivel de insultos. Las serpientes se entendían comúnmente como una representación del mal, y una serpiente venenosa en el mundo antiguo tenía el poder de la vida y la muerte, como pensaban los hombres santos. En lugar de pensar en su propio poder, Juan les dice que produzcan buenos frutos. Todavía hoy nos metemos en problemas cuando pensamos que realmente tenemos algún tipo de poder sobre los demás, cuando es un poder que sólo pertenece a Dios.

ABRAZAR EL CAMBIO

Palabras como las de Juan pueden causar miedo en nosotros, o pueden retenernos, dudar. Palabras como éstas también pueden invitarnos a cambiar nuestras vidas. Cuando lo hacemos, nos abrimos a una virtud fundamental del tiempo de Adviento: la esperanza. Cambiar nuestras vidas también puede abrirnos a una presencia más vigorosa de los dones del Espíritu Santo -sabiduría, entendimiento, consejo, fuerza, conocimiento y temor del Señor- que se nombran hoy en Isaías. Recordemos que en ese mismo Espíritu fuimos nombrados por Cristo en el Bautismo. Abre tus oídos y tu corazón a la voz de Dios, que conoce el nombre que se te dio en aquel día. No respondas con miedo, sino con amor, a las formas en que Dios te llama hoy; te llama a cambiar lo que necesita ser cambiado, y a acoger a Cristo hoy, como lo harás de nuevo el día de Navidad.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Isaías 11:1-10
Salmo 72 (71):1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17
Romanos 15:4-9
Mateo 3:1-12

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Is 35:1-10; Sal 85 (84):9ab, 10-14; Lc 5:17-26
Martes: Is 40:1-11; Sal 96 (95):1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14
Miércoles: Is 40:25-31; Sal 103 (102):1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
Jueves: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Sal 98 (97):1-4; Ef 1:3-6, 11-12; Lc 1:26-38
Viernes: Is 48:17-19; Sal 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
Sábado: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Sal 80 (79):2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Domingo: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Sal 146 (145):6-10; Sant 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

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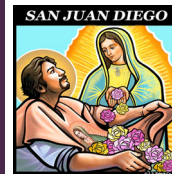
Dios te salve, María (Ave María)

Dios te salve, María, llena eres de gracia, el Señor es contigo.

Bendita tú eres entre todas las mujeres, y bendito es el fruto de tu vientre, Jesús.

Santa María, Madre de Dios, ruega por nosotros, pecadores, ahora y en la hora de nuestra muerte. Amén.

PALABRAS DE NUESTRA SEÑORA A JUAN DIEGO



"No se turbe tu corazón; no temas esa enfermedad, ni ninguna otra enfermedad o angustia. ¿No estoy yo aquí? ¿No soy tu Madre? ¿No estás bajo mi sombra? ¿No soy yo tu salud? ¿No estás por ventura en mi regazo? ¿Qué más has de menester? No te apene ni te inquiete otra cosa".



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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Brotará un retoño del tronco de Jesé. Juzgará a los pobres con justicia, y herirá al violento con el látigo de su boca (Isaías 11:1-10).

Salmo — La paz y la justicia vendrán en el día del Señor (Salmo 72 [71]).

Segunda lectura — Vivan en perfecta armonía unos con otros. Por lo tanto, acójense los unos a los otros como Cristo los acogió a ustedes, tanto circuncidados como gentiles (Romanos 15:4-9).

Evangelio — Juan Bautista predica, "Arrepiéntanse, porque el reino de los cielos está cerca" (Mateo 3:1-12).



INFORMACIÓN LITÚRGICA

4 de diciembre - SEGUNDO DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

6 de diciembre - San Nicolás, obispo

7 de diciembre - San Ambrosio, obispo y doctor de la Iglesia

8 de diciembre - INMACULADA CONCEPCIÓN DE LA BIENAVENTURADA VIRGEN MARÍA

9 de diciembre - San Juan Diego

10 de diciembre - Bienaventurada Virgen María de Loreto

San Nicolás, obispo del siglo IV en Asia Menor; pastor ejemplar y conocido por su caridad; fue popularizado como Santa Claus.

San Ambrosio fue elegido obispo de Milán a los 35 años; un obispo ejemplar y predicador elocuente; es uno de los cuatro doctores originales de la Iglesia; contribuyó a la conversión de San Agustín; murió en el año 397.

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