



ST JOHN
THE EVANGELIST
CATHOLIC CHURCH



2nd Sunday
OF ADVENT

It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said:
*A voice of one crying out in the desert,
Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths.*
—Mt 3:3

RECONCILIATION & RESERVOIR ADORATION

Wednesday, December 7, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the church

Come prepare your hearts during this season of Advent through the sacrament of reconciliation and with time spent in prayer, song, and silence before the Blessed Sacrament.

Priests will be available to hear confessions beginning at 7:00 p.m.



ST. JOHN PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

St. John the Evangelist, a Catholic Capuchin Franciscan Parish, welcomes all who are called to be disciples of Jesus Christ and proclaims His Gospel through prayer, worship, His Word, the sacraments, and each other.

Members, inspired by the Holy Spirit through faith formation and spiritual renewal, witness to the Gospel in lives of justice and charity, build up families and children through education, hospitality and fellowship, and serve those in need with compassion and commitment.

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www.sjevangelist.com/school

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Shopping Hours:

Wednesday — 11am-3pm

Thursday (first and last of month only) — 1pm-4pm

Saturday — 8:30am-12:30pm

Centro Hispano..... Lydia Diebolt
204 W. 13th St. (785) 843-2039

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

— A Holy Day of Obligation —

Mass Times:

Wednesday, December 7

5:15 p.m.

Thursday, December 8

7:00 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 7:00 p.m.

SIMON PARISH CENTER

Mailing Address 1229 Vermont
..... Lawrence, KS 66044
Phone.....(785) 843-0109
Office Hours.....Monday-Thursday: 8:30am—5:00pm
..... Friday: 8:30am—4:00pm

Weekend Masses

Saturday..... 4:30pm

Sunday..... 7:00am, 8:30am, 11:00am, 5:00pm

Weekend Spanish Mass

Sunday..... 2:00pm

Weekday Masses

Monday-Friday.....7:30am

Saturday.....8:00am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday.....11:00am-12:00pm

.....7:00-8:00pm

Saturday.....3:00-4:00pm

(and by appointment)

Adoration.....Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday,

6:00 a.m.—10:00 p.m. in the Padre Pio Chapel.

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Christmas Outreach Project

The Marty Indian School ,Yankton Sioux Reservation

This Advent season, St. John School has adopted Marty Indian School, a small school with seventy students on the Yankton Sioux Reservation in South Dakota. We are working with Outreach First Nation, which is organized by Monica Olivera, a St. John parishioner. The children in the school were asked to choose a toy they would like to receive for Christmas. Our goal is to give each student their Christmas wish. We also want to give each student a new or gently used coat. The list of toys and coat sizes were emailed to every family. All donations are due Friday, Dec. 9. Once we have the toys, our student council will match the toys with the children's names, wrap the gifts, and Monica Olivera will drive the donations to the Marty Indian School. If members of the parish would like to participate, please contact Mrs. Linda Alexander in the school office at (785) 843-9511 or alexander@saint-johns.net.

Quilting Donations

From Patty Hill:

I would like to thank everyone for their generous donations for our quilting class! We have material and supplies to begin our projects now. If anyone else has donations, we will still accept them. A special thank you to Kennedy Glass for cutting and donating templates, Michelle Garcia for the quilting rulers and supplies, and to Sharon Vesecky for donating sewing machines, pre-cut material and various other supplies. Thank you so much!

Advent Wreath Sales

St. John Middle School STUCO (Student Council) is selling Advent wreaths and candles. The sets which include a wreath, four candles, and daily Advent prayers are \$15. Replacement candles (pack of 4) are \$6. Proceeds will help fund the seventh grade trip to Denver and the eighth grade trip to Washington, D.C. To purchase a wreath or set of candles, email Mrs. Linda Alexander in the school office alexander@saint-johns.net. These items may be billed to your account.

Visit online at sjevangelist.com/school, call (785) 843-9511
or email Mrs. Pat Newton, Principal, at newton@saint-johns.net
for more information and to schedule a tour for you and your student!



SAINT JOHN YOUTH

Advent Adoration and Reconciliation: Wednesday, Dec. 7, 7-8pm, St. John Church

Come join in praise of the Blessed Sacrament and be led in worship by Pete Haack. This event is required for all Confirmation students to attend, and we look forward to preparing our hearts for the Incarnation of the Lord with you all!

Giving Tree Present Sorting: December 11, 6pm, St. John Church

Come and help sort all of the gifts for families in need! The more hands, the quicker everything gets done! :) Afterwards, we will all walk over together to the White Elephant Party in St. Bosco! Wahoo!

Sixth Annual White Elephant Exchange Party : December 11; 6:30-8:30pm; St. Bosco Room

Spend \$5 or less (or nothing) on a wrapped gift that you bring to add to the pile. Then, everyone will choose a gift, and there will be lots of stealing as well! This night is everyone's favorite night of the year--you won't wanna miss the wacky gifts that show up! Come one, come all!

Learn more about St. John Youth and our upcoming events: sjevangelist.com/youth



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- Create a personal account with your user name/email and password.
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If you have any questions please contact Samantha Romero at sromero@saint-johns.net

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PARISH INFORMATION

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Come receive the sacrament of reconciliation in the Padre Pio chapel during any of the following times:

Wednesdays: 11:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m. — 8:00 p.m.
Saturdays: 3:00 p.m. — 4:00 p.m.

Or by appointment. Call (785) 843-0109 to schedule, or email:

frjeff@saint-johns.net fbarnabas@saint-johns.net

ST. JOHN COUNCIL MEMBERS

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Frank Lemus, chair	Sarah Hartsig	Chris Wenger
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Brian Walter	Lily Romero	Bob Trepinski

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Brad Finkeldei, chair	Teresa Kempf	Brian Green
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OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE MASSES

On **Saturday, December 10, at 9:00 a.m.** St. John will have a Mass for Our Lady of Guadalupe (with Mariachi Girasol). Come as you are, or dress in traditional attire and participate in the procession! Please bring non-perishable food items to place in the basket during the opening procession. The celebration will continue after Mass with a reception in the parish hall which will include Mexican hot chocolate, bread and cookies, a bazaar table, raffles and a piñata for the children.

There will also be a midnight Mass on **Sunday, December 11**, beginning with the Holy Rosary at 11:00pm, followed by Mass (with mariachi music) for Our Lady of Guadalupe at midnight. All are invited to attend!

OLG BAZAAR DONATIONS

Calling all bakers, crafters and those with new or gently used "treasures". We will be accepting items for the bazaar table at the celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe to be held on Saturday, December 10, at 9:00 a.m.

You may bring items to the church basement on Friday, December 9, at 7:00 p.m. (we will be decorating/setting up for Saturday). You may also bring items to the church basement before the 9:00 mass on Saturday. For those with large items or who need more information, please contact:

Lori Wickliffe: **(785) 764-1500**, mkwick@sunflower.com

or Jennifer Marshall: **(785) 218-4244**

No donation is too small and all are greatly appreciated!

MINISTERS DECEMBER 10-11

LECTORS

Contact: Sean Smith
seanj@ku.edu

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday
4:30pm P Price, S Wondrack

Sunday
7:00am Volunteers
8:30am N Smith, C Stone
11:00am J Green, M Green
5:00pm B Diers, R Diers

CANTORS

4:30pm A Zysk
7:00am M Conn
8:30am J Krones

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday
4:30pm L Reimond, MA Roesner, L Seidl,
..... D Weigel, L Arnold, B Brill

Sunday
7:00am L Wustefeld, J Grzymala-Busse, B Harmon
8:30am M Steichen, B Volz, J Dvorske, D Foster,
..... E Grob-Creasey, S Galarza Liu, D Hoss
11:00am S Goodwin, P Gripka, D, J&T Gunselman,
..... J Mercier, C Nieto-Boor
5:00pm N Albrecht, L Brey, S File, N Jones,
..... M LeGresley, C Malone

SOCIAL JUSTICE SOCIAL ACTION

Saint Nicholas of Myra (15 March, 270 – 6 December, 343)

By Scott Anderson, Social Concerns Committee

The man we know as St. Nicholas (Nikalaos) of Myra was born in Patara, circa 270. Patara is in present-day Turkey but the region was Greek in culture and language at that time. Though we know him better in his modern incarnation as Santa Claus, he deserves to be considered for his enormous work on behalf of the poor, the sick, the suffering, and those in prison. Much about him is shrouded in legend but it is considered likely that the tales reflect the deeds and the high regard with which his contemporaries held him.

Nicholas was a pious youth from a wealthy family. He observed the canonical fasts on Wednesdays and Fridays. When his parents died in an epidemic, he was raised by his uncle who was bishop of Patara and, due to his exceptional piety, was ordained at a very young age. He was imprisoned and tortured during the persecutions of the Roman Emperor Diocletian. Following his release, he lived for a time at a small monastery in the Holy Land before becoming bishop of Myra, near modern-day Finike, Turkey.

Bishop Nicholas was quickly renowned for his generosity to the needy and his love of children. He was also known as a worker of miracles. One of his best-known legends concerns the gifts he rendered to a man with three daughters. The man could not provide dowries for any of his girls and unmarried women of that time were at risk of being forced into prostitution. On the morning when each daughter came of age, the man would find a purse of gold that had been flung into his house the night before. It was said that when the last daughter came of age, the bishop threw the sack of gold down the chimney and it fell into the girl's stocking which she had hung by the fire to dry. As the legend spread, it was said the bishop would deposit secret gifts for children in shoes rather than stockings.

Nicholas invariably took the side of the oppressed against the powerful. He interceded more than once on behalf of wrongly condemned prisoners. He organized relief during times of famine when the rulers were unable or unwilling. Thanks to life-saving miracles he wrought at sea, he was beloved of sailors. And his kindnesses were always undertaken as quietly as possible as he desired no personal recognition.

His impact on his world can be seen from the variety of professions and classes that have adopted him as their patron, apart from children and mariners: bankers, pawnbrokers, scholars, orphans, workers, travelers, judges, paupers, maidens, and many others, including murderers. Nicholas was deemed a saint before the Church initiated formal canonization procedures, circa 1000. His feast day is December 6th, which is the day he died in 343.

FAITH FORMATION

WOMEN IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

Fr. Barnabas's class meets this **Tuesday, December 6**, in the church basement from 7:00—8:30pm, and all are welcome to join at any time!

ST. JOHN CAFÉ

Meets Sundays from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the St. Bosco Room. **Join us on Sunday, December 4!** Come enjoy good coffee and interesting conversation with your fellow parishioners—everyone is welcome!

THAT MAN IS YOU!

We are currently meeting from 6:00 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. in the church basement. This year's program is [The Spirit of Nazareth](#) and is designed for those discerning God's will in their lives. Please give strong consideration to joining a great group of men every Wednesday morning for fellowship and reflection.

MARRIAGE MINUTE

Have you ever driven on an icy, winding mountain road, or sat in construction traffic for miles? Now think about driving on a wide, dry, flat, open highway. In which scenario can you arrive at your destination more quickly? In which case is the journey more fun? In today's Gospel, John declares that his job is to "make straight his paths." He has been tasked with unwinding, smoothing and clearing the highway between people and their Savior.

Your marriage is your vocation, which means it is your "highway" to Jesus. We all need a "John" in our lives to help straighten that path and keep it clear. How do we do this? By learning simple ways to communicate or reconcile, by being reminded of our spouse's wonderful qualities, by receiving encouragement from others. In other words, by setting aside some time for marriage enrichment. What better gift could you give your spouse this Christmas?

For ideas, see:

www.joyfulmarriageproject.com

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

First graders in religious education at St. John show off some of the items donated in their recent food drive. Over 180 non-perishable food items were donated by the families of children enrolled in the Traditional Religious education classes, and were collected by the first grade children on November 20. The food will be donated to the Catholic Charities food pantry. The first grade R. E. class is taught by Michele Johnson (not pictured) and Anna Huelskamp.

The Traditional Religious Education program at St. John serves the families of children in preschool through 5th grade. Classes meet Sunday mornings at St. John.

More info can be found on the website: www.sjevangelist.com/RE



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The next Knights of Columbus Meeting will be held on Thursday, December 8, immediately following the 7:00 p.m. Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, around 8:00 p.m. Location is the basement of St. John Church. Our council meetings are held the second Thursday of each month. Anybody interested in becoming a Knight should contact Grand Knight Darin Denning by phone at **(785) 760-0788**.

On the first Friday of each month, the Knights host a rosary in St. John Church starting at 6:30 p.m. All are invited to attend!

JUSTICE MATTERS

AN INTERFAITH NETWORK WORKING FOR JUSTICE IN LAWRENCE.

The Jail Alternatives Steering Committee from Justice Matters compiled a report called "Restorative Justice at Home: the case for safe, effective alternatives to jail expansion in Douglas County". Following is one article from the report. The entire report can be found at www.justicemattersinkansas.org

On November 14, over 100 people representing 23 congregations as well as unchurched folks came together at Immanuel Lutheran Church to learn and listen to each other, persons of various races and life experience. These research groups are continuing the efforts of previous network members to address our four issues, voted upon at previous community problems assemblies: affordable housing, mental health concerns, criminal justice reform, childhood trauma and racism, our newest voted priority, which impacts most of the other issues.

The criminal justice reform and mental health committees have worked to postpone the referendum on the city's jail expansion project until safe, effective alternatives have been reviewed by the new Criminal Justice Coordinating Council. Another accomplishment of 2015 has been the inclusion of an expert on race issues who will serve on the Council. A new opportunity has been provided for team and network members to leaflet at the jail and speak with families of persons confined there. This activity helps to educate all of us as to the many financial and emotional stresses that affect persons in our jail system. We need more network members to assist us in this important work of advocating for prisoners and their families.

A new report, entitled "Restorative Justice at Home" has been compiled by the Lawrence Justice Matters coalition. It provides background on the cost and penalties associated with incarceration, especially upon families of victims. Besides the social stigma affecting employment, families experience tremendous financial expenses, lost educational opportunities, mental health challenges like depression and isolation from community members. This document recommends restructuring prison policies, reinvesting in substance abuse programs, and stable housing. Also, removing barriers to employment and human support systems. Savings from reforms could be allocated to job training and reentry skills for success in society. This report can be made available to parishioners by request from the Justice Matters team.

More information can be found at www.justicemattersinkansas.org



STEWARDSHIP OF GENEROSITY

WEEKLY PARISH GIVING

Our fiscal year is July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017
Information below reflects donations received
July 1, 2015 through November 27, 2016.

Budgeted weekly amount \$27,403.84
Average weekly amount **\$26,490.01**

Budgeted YTD.....\$602,884.48
Actual YTD.....**\$582,780.42**

Net Shortage \$20,104.06

Contact Cris Denning at cdenning@saint-johns.net
or **(785) 843-0109** if you have any questions.

GIVING TREES

If you haven't picked up yours already, please remember that tags are available for you to choose on the giving trees at each entrance of the Church. **Please have your gift at Church the weekend of December 10-11**, complete with its tag from the tree; the tag lets us know to whom the gift belongs. The gifts will be organized and prepared for families to pick them up at Catholic Charities on Monday, December 12. As always, thank you so much for your caring generosity!

ONLINE GIVING RENEWAL PROCESS

How to renew your Online Giving account:

Thank you for generous support of St. John through the online giving program. There are some steps you will need to take in order to update your information in Online Giving for the coming pledge year. Each year these steps can be taken only if changes need to be made in the amount or the date that your tithe is withdrawn.

Steps to take:

1. Login to your ACCOUNT. You can find the Online Giving link on the St. John website home page www.sjevangelist.com. (If you need to find out your username or password check your junk mail when they send the email with that information)
2. Click on "My Active Online Giving" — This gives a list of all your active giving. Take a note of the gift type that you have clicked. (Pledge or Recurring)
 - A. If the "Gift type is Pledge" — Payments will end when that pledge amount is reached. You will need to go in and change that to a recurring gift. You can do that by clicking on "Give a New Gift" and enter as a recurring gift.
 - B. If the "Gift type is Recurring" — Payments will continue until you tell them to stop. If you wish to change the amount or the date which the payment is withdrawn you will do this from the "My Active Online Giving" screen (at the end of the line there is a little pencil, click on the pencil to change the amount and/or date).

STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE

MENTOR MINISTRY

We are looking for individuals and families who would like to help by being mentors to new parishioners! For more information, contact Samantha Romero :

sromero@saint-johns.net or **(785) 843-0109**

MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

St. John is starting a new ministry called the Marriage and Family Life Ministry. We are looking for people to serve in a helping capacity on three sub-committees. Your commitment can be as little as helping with the various events or you can actually be someone who helps to organize and facilitate.

Please contact Samantha Romero with any questions at sromero@saint-johns.net or **(785) 843-0109**.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU!

We are looking for people to help with a new Hospitality Committee. The mission of the St. John Hospitality Committee is to make every new and current parishioner feel that they are part of a warm, supportive and hospitable community where "all are welcome."

If interested please contact Samantha Romero at:

sromero@saint-johns.net or **(785) 843-0109**.

ST. JOHN RUMMAGE HOUSE

The Saint John Rummage House is run by volunteers from the Saint John Community and is in need of new volunteers to help keep the ministry thriving.

If you are interested in helping the parish with this ministry, email Linda Brey (lbrey525@gmail.com) for more info.

STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER

PARISH PRAYER LIST

The "Prayer List" includes the most recent information that the Simon Parish Center has about a parishioner and/or their family member. Contact the Simon Parish Center to request someone for the "Prayer List" and be sure to update the Parish Center monthly regarding their condition or the name will be removed.

Frank Acinger, brother of Bernadette West
Grace Austin
Gayla Barnes
Mariele Berthold
Remi Brown
Chris Crandon
Brock Edwards, son of Scott and Tara Edwards
Mary Felton
Buddy Hadl
Terry Hadl
Judy Hill, mother of Marti Frost and Tim Hill
Bob Holek
Lily Hollister, niece of Tom Kellogg
Nancy Hubble, wife of Tom Kellogg
Barb Marden
Patricia McGlamery, mother of Cheryl Hunter
Lou Musante
Theophilus Obiefule
Julie Patterson, niece of Norb & Jeanette Otter
CB Riling
Mark Salaman
Julia Scott, friend of Monica Cordova
Mary Kay Seidl
Gerald Simon
Ruth Thesing
Chuck Umscheid
Angelica Villa
Greg Walker, brother of Ted Walker
Tasha Williams
John Woods

ST. JOHN PRAYER CHAIN

The power of prayer is truly an amazing thing and something all parishioners at St. John can do to help those among us in need of God's divine mercy. Please join our prayer chain to lend your voices and thoughts for those in need. For more information contact Lois Mersmann at lmersmann@saint-johns.net.

ST. MONICA'S PRAYER GROUP

This prayer group meets every Monday at 12:00 noon in the Padre Pio Chapel to pray for our children and grandchildren. In addition to the prayers to St. Monica, we pray the rosary and other prayers for special intentions. Everyone is welcome!

WEEKLY READINGS

Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12
Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85/Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96/Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103/Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Next Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

MASS INTENTIONS: DECEMBER 5-11

Monday: 7:30am Monique Flukert
Tuesday: 7:30am Mhari Rowell†
Wednesday: 7:30am Dee Myers
5:15pm J. Robert Flukert
Thursday: 7:00am Osborne-O'Connor Family†
12:10pm Howard & Joyce Griffith†
7:00pm Marian Namyslowski†
Friday: 7:30am Tom Simont
Saturday: 9:00am Our Lady of Guadalupe
4:30pm Clem Zillnert
Sunday: 7:00am Letha Morgison†
8:30am Maxine McCabriat†
11:00am Emery Howet
2:00pm (Sp.) St. John Parish
5:00pm Connie Simont

WOMEN'S PRAYER & REFLECTION GROUP

Women's Prayer and Reflection Group meets at 7:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month to be prayerfully inspired by Biblical women and the third Tuesday of the month to be inspired by Women Saints.

Join us any time, no preparation necessary. We will meet in St John's school library. If interested contact: Beth Fox (785) 840-5561 or Sophia Compton (785) 727-5784.

QUEEN OF PEACE PRAYER GROUP

Meets every **Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.** in St. John's Church. The Queen of Peace Prayer Group is committed to responding to the Blessed Mother's call at Medjugorje to pray from the heart to bring about her plan for peace in the world. The hour includes the rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Everyone welcome.

NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE Festejaremos como cada año a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, si quieres cooperar para pagar los mariachis anótate lo más pronto que puedas. Empezaremos a las 11 de la noche con el Santo Rosario y a las 12 de media noche la Misa con mariachis, todos están invitados.

MUSICA, CORO, MUSICA ¿Te gusta cantar? ¿Tocas algún instrumento musical, o te gustaría aprender? Ven a practicar con nosotros, comunícate al **(785) 218-1511**.

CADA LUNES EN TODO EL AÑO A las 8 de la noche rezamos el Santo Rosario, para pedir por nuestras necesidades y por los que amamos; también si alguno de sus parientes fallece podemos hacer el novenario, nos vemos los lunes en LA CAPILLA DEL PADRE PIO, frente a las veladoras.

PLATICAS PARA BAUTIZAR Cada primer sábado del mes de 6:00 a 9:00 de la noche, sin niños, llamar antes para anotar su asistencia.

RECICLAGE Trae tus latas de aluminio y ayuda a tu Parroquia, por un mundo mas limpio, déjalas atrás de la oficina y ponle para María Mota. Gracias.

LA FE SE PUEDE ALIMENTAR Hermano, a veces te sientes triste o con necesidad de Dios, ven yo te puedo acompañar a orar, nos podemos ver en la Iglesia o en la oficina. Estoy para ayudarte. Oro por todos, bendiciones María Mota.

CLASE PREBAUTISMAL La clase pre-bautismal es **cada segundo sábado del mes** en un salón del Ministerio Hispano. Es obligatorio registrarse primero en la oficina parroquial llamando a Jessie al tel. 913 321 1958.



Las lecturas de la semana del 4 de diciembre de 2016

Domingo: Is 11, 1-10/Sal 72/Rom 15, 4-9/Mt 3, 1-12
Lunes: Is 35, 1-10/Sal 85/Lc 5, 17-26
Martes: Is 40, 1-11/Sal 96/Mt 18, 12-14
Miércoles: Is 40, 25-31/Sal 103/Mt 11, 28-30
Jueves: Gn 3, 9-15. 20/Sal 98/Ef 1, 3-6. 11-12/Lc 1, 26-38
Viernes: Is 48, 17-19/Sal 1/Mt 11, 16-19
Sábado: Eclo 48, 1-4. 9-11/Sal 80/Mt 17, 9. 10-13
Domingo siguiente: Is 35, 1-6. 10/Sal 146/Sant 5, 7-10/Mt 11, 2-11

4 de diciembre de 2016

2º DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

La figura y mensaje central de este Segundo Domingo de Adviento es Juan Bautista. Su llamada a la conversión y al mismo tiempo su mensaje de la cercanía de Dios es clave para entrar al Reino de los cielos. El significado de la conversión que él anuncia quiere decir abrirse a Dios y no debe quedar reducida a un cambio de conducta minimizada tan solo para tranquilizar la conciencia. Para llegar a una verdadera conversión debemos de vivir sintiendo que Dios está próximo y que debe de prepararse el camino de abrirle paso y que sea el centro de nuestra vida. Preparar es responsabilidad de todos ya que la conversión es personal y comunitaria. El profeta Isaías lo explica así: "Una voz clama en el desierto: Preparen el camino del Señor, enderecen sus senderos" (Mt 3, 3).

¿Es el Adviento tiempo de tensión o nos lleva a buscar a Dios? Ahora es el tiempo de pedir el Espíritu de sabiduría, inteligencia, prudencia y valentía. No hay que dormirmos en nuestros laureles, es tiempo de despertar, es tiempo de luchar por la paz y la justicia. Teniendo siempre presente que al tomar responsabilidad de mi propia conversión ya estoy comprometiendo mi vida al encuentro con Dios. Entonces, no perdamos el tiempo en cosas pequeñas. Vamos a lo grande a dar fruto abundante de los dones que hemos recibido de Dios ya desde nuestro bautismo. No, nos vaya a pasar que: "Ya el hacha está puesta a la raíz de los árboles, y todo árbol que no dé fruto, será cortado y arrojado al fuego" (Mt 3, 10). ¡Al contrario, hacer ver con obras nuestra conversión! Es nuestra misión.

Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

Cada año miles de personas nos preparamos a celebrar la fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. Esta fiesta es una de las más queridas y celebradas por el pueblo hispano y por todo el continente americano. La Virgen de Guadalupe representa los diferentes y variados tiempos de nuestra historia. Ella ha permanecido con nosotros en las diferentes luchas de justicia, asegurándonos con sus palabras como ella misma lo dijo: "Mostrar y dar todo mi amor, compasión, auxilio y defensa, pues yo soy su piadosa Madre". Estas palabras nos consuelan en cada acto de nuestra vida.

En nuestra trayectoria de inmigrantes, la Virgen de Guadalupe nos consuela en las horas tristes y luminosas, al cruzar la línea y al encontrar trabajo. ¡Gracias Madre por tu dulce compañía! Esta celebración está puesta a muy pocos días de la Inmaculada Concepción y durante el Adviento, ayudándonos así a entender la espera alegre y gozosa del Nacimiento del Salvador. Pero no olvidemos que el Adviento es un tiempo mariano por excelencia, ya que la Virgen María es nuestro principal modelo de enseñanza sobre la espera de Cristo. ¿Qué nos enseña su espera? ¿Qué sentido debemos dar al Adviento? Celebrar es importante, pues recordar la unión entre Dios y María es causa de alegría en la historia de la salvación. Ella nos muestra el camino seguro para encontrar al Señor, permanecer en él y ser fieles cooperadores de los dones de Dios. Brindemos pues especial cuidado a todas nuestras celebraciones guadalupanas, especialmente a la Eucaristía, para que no se quede todo en danzas, flores y música. La fiesta de la Virgen de Guadalupe se da pues nuestra Madre nos trae al Señor.