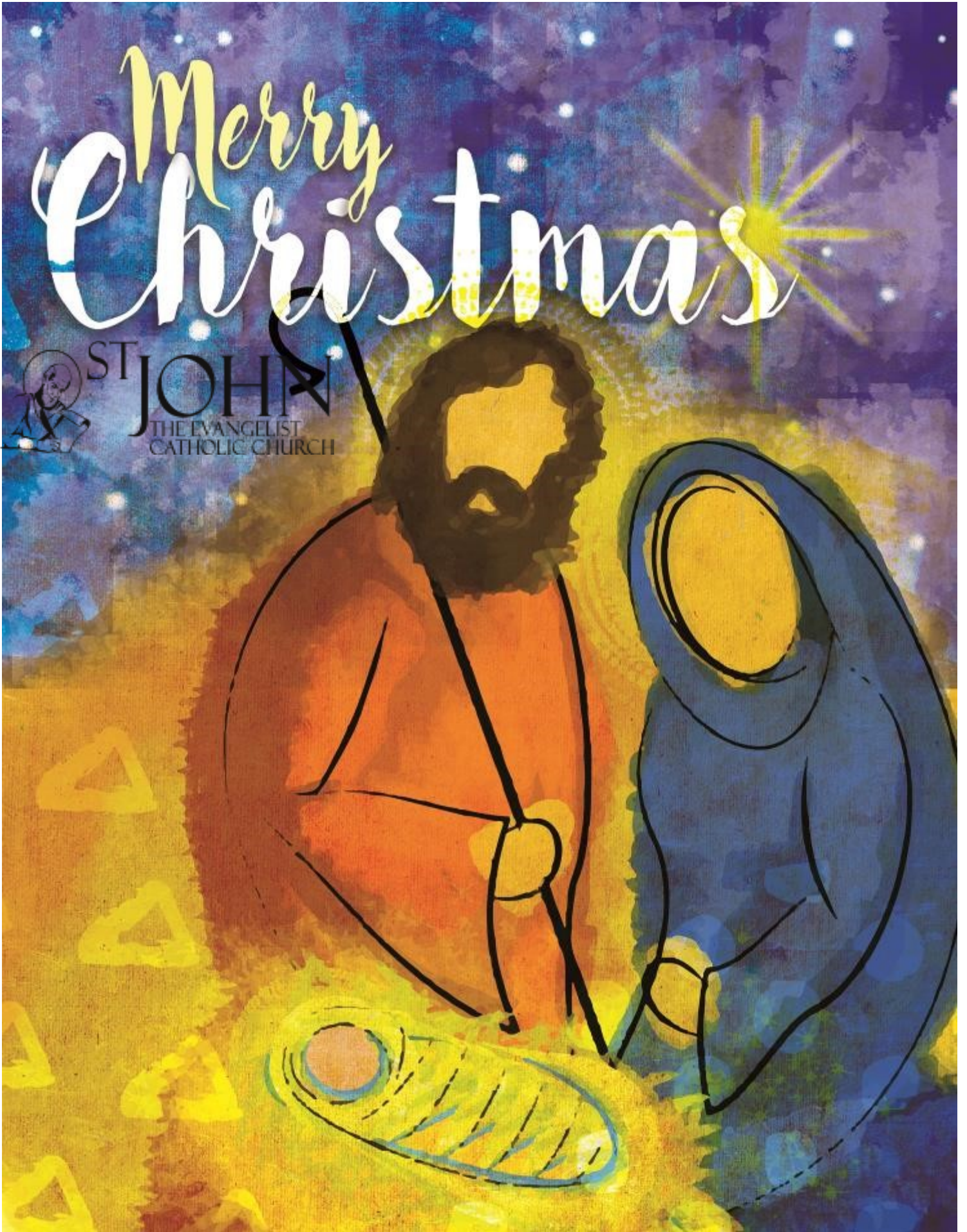


Merry Christmas



ST JOHN
THE EVANGELIST
CATHOLIC CHURCH



WELCOME TO ST. JOHN

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, and the sacraments. 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.

PARISH EVENT COMMUNICATIONS FORM

Have an event to share with others? Please follow this link to use our communications form to get the information in the bulletin, on the website or our social media.

Click on <https://form.jotform.com/212778286065061>

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Office Hours.....**PLEASE WEAR A MASK**

Monday-Friday8:30 am - 4:00 pm

After 2:30 pm please call a staff member's direct extension.

Thank you.

Weekend Masses

Saturday.....8:00 am, 4:30 pm

Sunday.....7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am,

.....1:00 pm (Spanish), 5:00 pm

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday - Friday: 7:30 am; Wednesday 5:30 pm (SP); Friday 12:10 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

In the Padre Pio Chapel (inside the north church entrance)

***See page 4 for Reconciliation times during Advent**

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PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Masses

Monday - Friday: 7:30 am
Wednesday: 5:30 pm; Friday: 12:10 pm
Saturday: 8:00 am

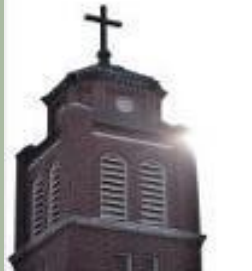
Weekend Masses

Saturday: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am,
1:00 pm Spanish, 5:00 pm

NEW TO OUR PARISH?

Please contact the parish office for a registration form at **785-843-0109** or complete the online registration on the parish website: sjevangelist.com

WELCOME!



ADVENT CONFESSIONS TIMES

DECEMBER

22, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm (one priest)
25, **NO SCHEDULED CONFESSIONS**



Return to regular scheduled confession times

CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR MASS TIMES

DECEMBER

24, 4:00 pm, 7:00 pm and 11:00 pm
25, 9:00 am (English), 1:00 pm (Spanish), NO 4:30 pm Mass
26, REGULAR MASS TIMES
31, 5:30 pm Mass & Holy Hour 11:00 pm to Midnight

JANUARY

1, 8:00 am
2, Regular Mass Times

LIVESTREAM

We will livestream the 7:00 pm Mass on Christmas Eve. It can be viewed at: <http://sjevangelist.com/live> or on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TGypaSJyg6A>

THANK YOU

To all St. John families
for your service and support.

On behalf of Fr. Jason
and the staff,
Merry Christmas to all!

JOIN THE LEGION OF MARY

Due to a bulletin staff error, information regarding The Legion of Mary was incorrect in the December 19 printed bulletin.



The Legion of Mary has been active at St John's Parish since October 7, 2017, with an interruption due to COVID-19 in mid-March 2020. The Legion of Mary, Our Lady of Fatima Praesidium will be meeting again starting January 2022. The Legion of Mary is one of the largest apostolic organization of lay people in the Catholic Church, with well over 10 million active members in almost every country of the world. The main purpose of the Legion of Mary is to give glory to God through the sanctification of its members. Members become instruments of the Holy Spirit through a balanced program of prayer and service, under the guidance of a spiritual director. Members meet once a week for prayer, planning and discussion in a family setting, including two hours of works of mercy in pairs each week. This is a spiritual organization that is not funded by the church and does not conduct any fundraising.

For more information, please contact Alma Lahm at: amlutku5@gmail.com or **913-219-4404** to become a Disciple of Christ.



What will your teen do to ...

RENEW in '22

Another year has ended and a new one begins, bringing with it new hopes, new dreams and new opportunities to grow closer to Christ. The St. John's High School Youth Ministry invites all teen-age members of the parish to join us starting in January for evenings of faith, friendship and fellowship to continue our walk with Jesus.

Come spend each Sunday evening developing a genuine Catholic connection with other teens, as well as caring and supportive adult leaders. Our mission is to serve the special youth of St. John as they navigate the challenges of being a teen-ager in our present world and to lean on their Catholic faith to become young men and women of Christ. We will mix faith, family, food and fun in a group setting.

What will you experience?

RENEWED sense of belonging in the parish

RENEWED friendships

RENEWED prayer life

RENEWED understanding of being an intentional Catholic

WHEN: Sunday evenings at 6:15 p.m., starting January 9

WHERE: St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Bosco Room

For more information contact

Allison Loecker at

sjyouth@sjevangelist.com



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PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

READINGS FOR DECEMBER 26 WEEK

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12



ST. JOHN CATHOLIC SCHOOL



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PRESCHOOL - 8TH GRADE
1208 KENTUCKY ST. LAWRENCE, KS

ENROLLMENT OPENING SOON!

FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

Dec 10th - Returning School Families

Dec 20th - New Parish Families

Jan 10th - New Families

DISCOVER THE DIFFERENCE

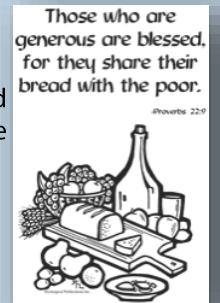
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ST. JOHN LINK ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2021

Lawrence Interdenominational Nutrition Kitchen (LINK) is located at First Christian Church, 1000 Kentucky, and provides nutritious meals to 150 people in need. Our parish helps LINK by rotating with other Lawrence churches to furnish food and volunteers.



Name _____ Daytime Phone _____

Email _____ Evening Phone _____

FOOD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED CHECK MARK WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP

Chili - 11 batches of Chili. Each batch needs to feed 15 people. No need to bring it in a disposable pan. Simply go to LINK with your meal and volunteers will remove it immediately, you can take your pan/pot, and you are done.

- I can make one batch I can make two batches

Vegetarian Chili or Casserole - 1 batch to feed 15 people. No need to bring it in a disposable pan. Simply go to LINK with your meal and volunteers will remove it immediately, you can take your pan/pot, and you are done.

- I can make one batch

Bananas - 120 bananas needed. When you sign up to bring bananas, we ask that you bring 15 bananas.

- I can bring 15 bananas I can bring 30 bananas

Salad - Be creative. Bring enough to serve 15 people.

- I can bring one salad I can bring two salads

Salad Dressing

- I can bring one bottle I can bring two bottles

Sliced Peaches - We need 4 large cans of sliced peaches.

- I can bring 2 large cans I can bring 4 large cans

Green Beans

- I can bring 1 can I can bring 2 cans

Shredded Cheddar Cheese - We need 5lb of cheese.

- I can bring 1lb. of cheese I can bring 2 lbs. of cheese

Fritos - We need 5 large bags.

- I can bring 1 bag I can bring 2 bags

Crackers - We need 3 boxes

- I can bring 1 box I can bring 2 boxes

Return this form in collection plate or Parish Office, or contact: vickimcmurray1944@gmail.com

Bring items to the LINK kitchen located at First Christian Church, 1000 Kentucky, on **December 30 between 11:30 am and 12:00 pm.**

KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED CHECK MARK WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP

Help in the Kitchen - 5 volunteers needed.

- 11:30am-2:30pm-prep, serving and clean-up

**Can't help with
LINK this time?
That's okay because there
is another opportunity
coming up soon!**

SOCIAL JUSTICE SOCIAL ACTION

By The Social Concerns for Peace and Justice Committee



We hope you've had and are continuing to have a wonderful Christmas! As you go about your week this week, please remember that each year on January 1, the Church celebrates that day in a special way with prayers for peace.

So please hold peace at all levels close to your heart and spirit as you go about your week.



The city and Family Promise are still greatly in need of volunteers for the city's Winter Emergency Shelter (WES) and its need for volunteers. If you are interested in helping by being an overnight host at the sites in the Community Building and the East Lawrence Recreation Center, or for families

who will be housed separately in a local church, please contact Susan Tabor at souljourner@sbcglobal.net. There is training offered in advance and she will give you that information. Please give this request some prayerful consideration. Thank you!

And now, here are some tips for growing an eco-friendly lifestyle:

46. Keep the car in shape

Have your car inspected regularly to reduce carbon emissions, maximize fuel efficiency, and increase the overall operating life

of your car. A car in proper shape will emit fewer gases and toxins into the air.

47. Use public transport

The more people take the bus or train, the fewer cars there will be on the road, and the fewer emissions there will be. Another good alternative is to carpool with friends or colleagues.

48. Wash your car on the lawn

As you wash your car you rinse a number of pollutants and detergents. If you wash your car on the street these pollutants end up in the street drain and finally into streams and lakes. But if you wash your car on the lawn the plants will soak up these pollutants and limit the amount that enters into the street.

49. Dispose of hazardous chemicals properly

These include many household products such as cleaners and paints. Don't use your drains to dispose of liquid garbage. Take such chemicals to a local waste disposal location. Recycle plastic bottles and aerosol cans.

50. Minimize the use of insecticides, herbicides, and fertilizers

Use such chemicals only when needed. For instance, don't spray your lawn or garden unless there's an issue that you specifically need to deal with.

We pray for each of you a very Happy and Blessed New Year! May our Lord give you peace!

FOCUS ON THE WORD

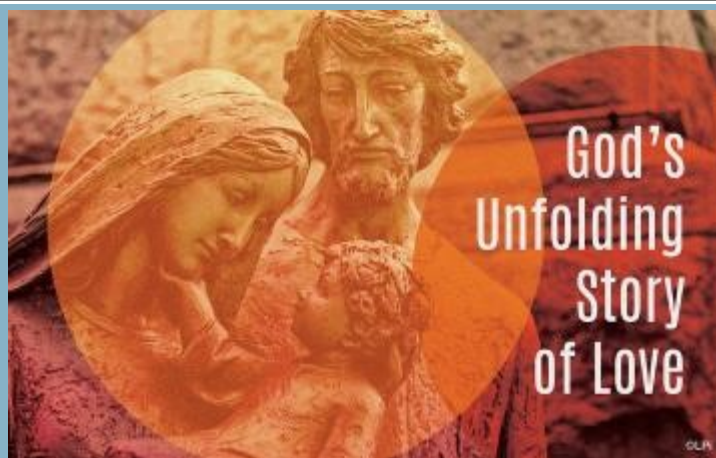
GOSPEL MEDITATION

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Families can be very difficult things to negotiate. This is true not only of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society, and our global family as well. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful life-giving successes as well as painful spirit-robbing abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs, experiences, and unresolved baggage often color what we bring to our familiar relationships. They contribute to our level of defensiveness, how guarded and protected we become, and what prejudices we believe.

In order to break the cycle of dysfunction we have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and challenging events of our lives. There is a Divine Effort at work as well. For sure, the human effort can create quite a mess and easily destroy lives. This is true of any family with which we are associated. Today's Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story being told as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, and light where there is darkness.

Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring,



and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able to understand what it really means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the "light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families." While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and still a leading star in God's continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone. We can too.

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

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All in the Family

At first glance, we can often find the image of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph and the Christ Child intimidating — who are we to aspire to that level of discipleship? How could we ever hope to conform ourselves to that mold? Sometimes, it can even be painful — perhaps we hail from a broken family or struggle with a broken relationship within our family, or perhaps we long to be a mother or a father ourselves and that state in life has eluded us.

But the image of the Holy Family is, in reality, a beautiful invitation to us all, no matter our vocation or our state in life, and the example of Mary, Joseph and Jesus is rich with the symbolism of stewardship.

You need not be a biological mother who has carried a child in

her womb to be a mother in spirit. Who in your world needs you to love them with the heart of a mother?

The same goes for fatherhood. The Church and the world are crying out for the courageous witness of Christian men like St. Joseph. Who can you love with the steadfast, selfless protection of a father?

Who in your life needs you to love them with the faithful, unconditional love of a son? Who needs your gentle and constant love as a daughter?

We are the Body of Christ, friends. Those of us rejoicing in heaven, those of us suffering in purgatory, and those of us struggling here on earth. We are the great family. Let us love each other well.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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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 Center to request someone for the "Prayer List."

Thank you on behalf of the families of those individuals for whom we pray.

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 Ted Walker
 Susan Williams
 Jon Yarnell
 Dena Yepa
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 MICHAEL LESHER



DECEMBER 27 – JANUARY 2

Mon.: 7:30 amKathryn Olden
Tues.: 7:30 am.....Richard & Virginia Short
Wed.: 7:30 amSouls In Purgatory
 5:30pm (Sp.).....All Those Present At This Mass
Thurs.: 7:30 amIntentions of Pope Francis
Fri.: 7:30 amMelania Thomast
 5:30 pm All Families
Sat.: 8:00 am.....Peace In The World
 4:30 pmParishioners Of St. John
Sun.: 7:00 am Michael Leshert
 9:00amKen & Nancy Albrecht
 11:00am.....Youth Of Our Parish
 1:00 pm (Sp.)Edith Alvarez†
 5:00 pmVocations

CUENTO NÚMERO 15

Juan el Bautista: un tipo bastante raro (Mateo 3, 1-8; Juan 1 23)

Más de una vez, tildamos de "raro" a alguien que es distinto de nosotros y que piensa de modo diverso del nuestro. También nosotros podríamos ser "los raros". Nos extraña su conducta: van a contramano de lo habitual. Son contestatarios del orden establecido. Aborrecen el "sistema". Pareciera que todo en ellos nos molesta y es urticante. Es verdad que puede haber raros y contestatarios que han perdido el sentido común, pero... ¿no sucede, con frecuencia, que lo que decimos que es "sentido común" no es, lisa y llanamente, más que "achanchamiento" y espíritu burgués, comodidad, la tibieza de quienes se sienten reconfortados y seguros en lo que "siempre fue así"?

Pues bien... ¡al grano! Había una vez un tipo raro llamado Juan, hijo de Zacarías e Isabel, domiciliado en Ain-Karim, no lejos de Jerusalén. Dicen las lenguas del pueblo que su nacimiento fue especial y que fue bautizado en el seno de su madre con el Espíritu de alegría. Era pariente de Jesús, su primo segundo. Cuando niño, ¿jugaría a los indios? ¿Remontaría barriletes e intercambiaría figuritas con sus compañeros de colegio? ¿Tendría una honda para tirar piedras a los pájaros? ¿Habría roto algún vidrio del vecindario? ¿Se habrá "colado" en el cine? ¿Habría sacado alguna golosina del kiosko, sin pagarla? ¿Habría gritado los goles del "Ain-Karim Old Boys"

club de fútbol local? No lo sabemos. Nada nos dice la Biblia al respecto. Pero es verdad que en ella no se nos cuenta todo lo que sus personajes pudieran haber hecho. Lo que sí sabemos es que creció y que tuvo discípulos que lo seguían como se sigue fielmente a un buen maestro. ¡Era todo un predicador, y su voz resonaba como un látigo sobre las espaldas de quienes necesitaban azotes!

No eludía términos como "raza de víboras", al referirse a los fariseos y saduceos. Su dedo acusaba y sus palabras herían. Vestía como un hippie y coma muy poco. Dice la Escritura que "langostas y miel silvestre". Si hubiera nacido en nuestra tierra, a lo mejor le hubieran bastado unos téis y alguna galleta seca, o alguna verdurita fresca, de ésas que se consiguen en cualquier puesto. Pero no era un loco ni un extravagante. Simplemente era distinto de los otros, ¡y lo distinto nos molesta!: ¡Es un transgresor!

Algo que lo caracterizaba era su "humildad": no se sentía digno ni siquiera de desatar los cordones de los zapatos & Jesús... o las correas de sus sandalias.

Preparó los caminos y los corazones de los hombres para que cuando Jesús viniera a bautizar con fuego y Espíritu Santo, las almas estuvieran limpias.

¡Pobre Juan! Su suerte estuvo sellada desde que decidió decir la verdad, costara lo que costara. ¡Y le costó la cabeza! Se metió nada menos que con Herodes, con su mujer y su hijita, Salomé! Ésta encandiló al tirano con un "bailecito de vientre" o algo parecido, que hizo en una fiestecita en la que se

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MUSICA, CORO, MUSICA

¿Te gusta cantar? ¿Tocas algún instrumento musical, o te gustaría aprender? Ven a practicar con nosotros, comunícate al **785-304-5509**.

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 Parróquia, por un mundo más 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.

Preparación al matrimonio por la Iglesia Católica, solo para parejas que viven juntos y tienen niños.

Adultos que necesitan los sacramentos de confirmación y primera comunión.

CATECISMO EN ESPAÑOL

Las Inscripciones son en agosto. Por favor para más información llamar a María Mota.

LAS LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA DEL 26 DE DICIEMBRE

Domingo: Eclo 3, 2-6. 12-14/Sal 127, 1-2. 3. 4-5 [cfr. 1]/Col 3, 12-21 o 3, 12-17/Lc 2, 41-52 o 1 Sm 1, 20-22. 24-28/Sal 83, 2-3. 5-6. 9-10 [cfr. 5]/1 Jn 3, 1-2. 21-24/Lc 2, 41-52

Lunes: 1 Jn 1, 1-4/Sal 96, 1-2. 5-6. 11-12 [12]/Jn 20, 1. 2-8

Martes: 1 Jn 1, 5—2, 2/Sal 123, 2-3. 4-5. 7-8 [7]/Mt 2, 13-18

Miércoles: 1 Jn 2, 3-11/Sal 95, 1-2. 2-3. 5-6 [11]/Lc 2, 22-35

Jueves: 1 Jn 2, 12-17/Sal 95, 7-8. 8-9. 10 [11]/Lc 2, 36-40

Viernes: 1 Jn 2, 18-21/Sal 95, 1-2. 11-12. 13 [11]/Jn 1, 1-18

Sábado: Nm 6, 22-27/Sal 66, 2-3. 5. 6. 8 [2]/Gal 4, 4-7/Lc 2, 16-21

Domingo siguiente: Is 60, 1-6/Sal 71, 1-2. 7-8. 10-11. 12-13 [cfr. 11]/Ef 3, 2-3. 5-6/Mt 2, 1-12



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celebraba no sé qué acontecimiento, y como aquél le había prometido darle lo que quisiera, ¡hasta un ministerio!, la piba le pidió - instigada por la bruja de su madre, Doña Herodías- la cabeza del Bautista.

Y así terminó la historia de un hombre raro que pasó su vida gritando a los vientos en el desierto, proclamando el fin de un tiempo y el comienzo de una verdadera " New Age", que dijo la cruda verdad a oídos incapaces de soportarla; que no tuvo pelos en la lengua para cantarle cuatro frescas a quienes las necesitaran, ni tuvo otro compromiso que los que trabó con Dios; que fue todo menos un demagogo; que tuvo hambre y sed de la gloria de Dios; que supo que ya no tenía que esperar más, porque el objeto de su espera fue colmado por otro "raro" llamado Jesús, que daría que hablar con sus signos y prodigios.

No todo lo raro es malo. Hay "normales" anormales, y hay cierta sensatez "insensata". Además- también lo afirmaría san Pablo- hay "locuras" cuerdas y "sabidurías" locas.

El que pueda entender y quiera entender, ¡que entienda! El que no pueda, ¡que insista! El que ni quiera... ¡que se embrome!

-Héctor Muñoz



Top Ten Reasons to Join Walking with Purpose at St Johns the Evangelist Church



10. Walking with Purpose (WWP) is a Catholic Bible study for women.
9. WWP fits into your busy schedule: Monday's 6:00-7:30pm and Thursdays 1:30-3:00pm
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