

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.

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Office Hours	PLEASE WEAR A MASK	
Monday-Friday	8:30 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 3 of the bulletin for Reconciliation times

Bulletin Deadline

Submit info by **noon on Thursday** to <u>bulletin@sjevangelist.com</u> ten (10) days prior to the bulletin you wish info to appear. Please submit text electronically (via computer/email) as you would like it to appear in the bulletin.

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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

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1:00 pm Spanish, 5:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Wednesday: 11:00 am – Noon Saturday: 3:00-4:00 pm Or by appointment

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**



NEW YEAR MASS TIMES

DECEMBER

31, 5:30 pm Mass & Holy Hour 11:00 pm to Midnight

January

1, 8:00 am

2, Regular Mass Times

JOIN THE LEGION OF MARY

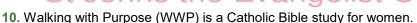
Due to a bulletin staff error, information regarding The Legion of Mary was incorrect in the December 19 printed bulletin.

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.



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



- 9. WWP fits into your busy schedule: Monday's 6:00-7:30pm and Thursdays 1:30-3:00pm
- 8. No prior Scripture knowledge is required, just your WWP study guide and a Bible.
- 7. WWP is a No-Judgement zone. We welcome anyone who is interested in studying God's word.
- 6. We offer "rolling admission". Visit and join our program anytime.
- 5. Meet new women for fellowship and friendship during our hospitality time.
- 4. Be better prepared to share the Biblical principles of our faith.
- 3. There is no actual walking involved.
- **2.** We share our everyday challenges in an atmosphere of honesty and authenticity, accepting each other for who we are: beloved daughters of God.

And Number 1 reason to join Walking with Purpose:
Jesus wants your friendship and your focus on him this year.

Winter Session Begins January 10 & 13



For more information contact:Suzy Novotny Snovotny47@gmail.com or 785-550-8357



PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

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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CATHOLIC CHARITIES THANK YOU

Thank you for your generosity to the Catholic Charitites collection last week.

LECTORS NEEDED

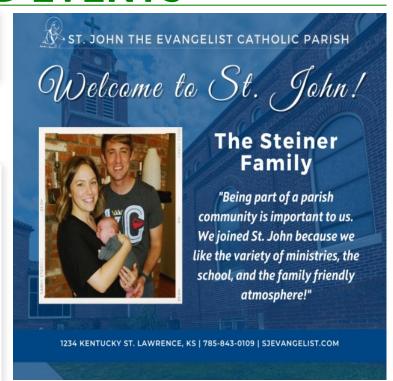
Are you interested in lectoring, reach out to Sean Smith for further details at: seanj@ku.edu.

ADORATION

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Eucharistic Adoration is one-on-one time with the One we love the most! A time to further that personal friendship and devotion to Jesus present in the Eucharist. Spend time with the Lord anytime between 6:00 am-7:30 pm in the Padre Pio Chapel; except during Mass times and Confession. No sign

up is required, but a mask is <u>required</u>. If you want directions on how to expose the Eucharist contact St. John Parish office at **785-843-0109** or <u>office@sjevangelist.com</u>.





READINGS FOR JANUARY 2 WEEK

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

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44 **Wednesday:** 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52 **Thursday:** 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a **Friday:** 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk

3:15-16, 21-22



ST. JOHN CATHOLIC SCHOOL



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

- In-Person Learning
- Small Class Sizes
- Academic Excellence
- . Unique Middle School Electives
- · Engaged Families
- . C.Y.O. Sports
- Strong Parent/Teacher Relationships
- Visual Arts & Theater, Music, Spanish Language Programs

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SOCIAL JUSTICE SOCIAL ACTION

By The Social Concerns for Peace and Justice Committee

Happy New Year! May it be filled with blessings and peace!

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!

Here are more tips for building an eco-friendly lifestyle:

51. Switch to an eco-friendly car

If it's absolutely impossible to do without your car but you still want to be environmentally friendly while using your car, consider getting the new clean and alternative technologies. Such cars are replacing diesel and petroleum-fueled cars. Hybrid and electric cars, for instance, have zero or considerably reduced emissions preventing damage to the environment.

52. Try working remotely

This one isn't for everyone as not every situation allows for

remote working. However, if your job allows you to work remotely do so. This is a really good way to reduce employees' collective footprint. It reduces carbon emissions as there will be fewer cars on the road, and helps reduce food and plastic waste, as employees can get lunch at home.

Eco-Friendly Food Tips

53. Eat less meat

Meat is not only expensive but also harmful to the environment. Meat production is the greatest carbon emitter among all proteins. You don't need to be a vegan, just eat more veggies.

54. Grow your own food

You'll be surprised at how easy it is to grow your own food. Start with cherry tomatoes, salad greens, and green beans. You don't need a garden to do this, simply grow your foods on a windowsill in flower pots.

55. Don't waste food

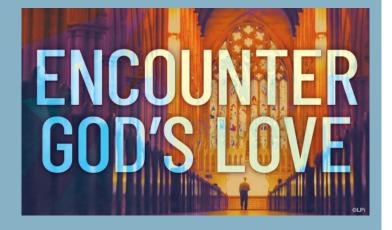
So much food, millions of tonnes, is wasted every year. Buy or cook just what you need to avoid having leftovers. (Or, if you have leftovers, be sure to eat them before you discard them; maybe you can share them with someone you know who needs food and who would be willing to finish it for you so it doesn't go to waste.)

FOCUS ON THE WORD

GOSPEL MEDITATION The Epiphany of the Lord

In his Apostolic Exhortation, The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and selfabsorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and



love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

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The Light of the Moon

If you own a television that has been turned on at any point in the last month or so, chances are you've caught at least a scene or two of the 1946 classic film "It's a Wonderful Life."

If you're not familiar with the movie, it follows the life of George Bailey from childhood through adulthood. A dreamer by nature, George has big plans for himself that involve world exploration and adventure — but family and community obligations keep him tethered to the same spot on the map, leading an altogether ordinary life.

One of the most memorable scenes from that movie is of George dancing with his sweetheart Mary while they sing "Buffalo Gals — Won't you come out tonight/And dance by the light of the moon?"

That lyric always catches my ear. Of course, the moon doesn't

have any light of its own. All the moon has is the ability to reflect the light that shines upon it.

The same holds for us, doesn't it? Our stewardship is purely a reflection of the grace granted to us by another. "Upon you the LORD shines," writes Isaiah, "and over you appears his glory." Every good action we will ever take begins in the mind of God. The fact that we have the honor of carrying it out on His behalf is a beautiful gift. It is God that makes our ordinary lives extraordinary.

In the end of the movie, George Bailey realizes that he had a far greater life because, instead of being the hero of his own story, he allowed himself to reflect goodness onto others.

Remember — the magi didn't chart their own course. They merely followed the star.

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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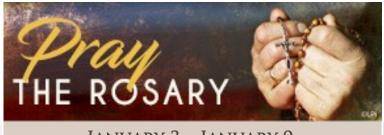
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January 3 – January 9

Mon.:	/:30 am	Murphy E.C. Tinio
Tues.:	: 7:30am	Abundia C. Cipat
Wed.:	7:30 am	Blair Kerkhoff
	5:30pm (Sp.)	All Those Present At This Mass
Thurs	.: 7:30 am	Osborne-O'Conner Family
Fri.:	7:30 am	Melbien A.C. Tinio
Sat.:	8:00 am	Karol Thomas†
	4:30 pm	Grayson Hagen
Sun.:		Clement L. Tulley†
	9:00am	Jo Ann Male†
	11:00 am	Parishioners Of St. John
	1:00 pm (Sp.)	Maria Guadalupe Villa†
		Teachers & Students
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Maria J. Mota, Animadora 785-304-5509

CUENTO NÚMERO 16

El Señor Diablo, más malo que la maldad, se mete con Jesús y pierde como en la guerra

(Mateo 4, 1-11; cfr. Genesis 3, 1-4; Juan 8,44)

Pareciera ser, y esto desde, viejos tempos, que el Señor Diablo no es tan "pobre diablo" como algunos quieren hacerlo aparecer: Es una flor de piola, fulero insigne. y nos tiene a mal traer a la mayor parte de los morales, comenzando por Adán y Eva, y terminando por el último de los recién nacidos. Desde siempre, nos quiso embromar y, por eso, se mereció una maldición "5 estrellas" por parte de Dios, que lo condenó como a serpiente rastrera a la que se le aplastaría la cabeza.

Pero el Señor Diablo - ¡muy diablo él! - no escarmentó (y, desgraciadamente, no escarmentará jamás...) y se quiso meter con Jesús, cosa que hizo, con una suerte (o mala suerte) bastante desgraciada.

Aprovechó un momento de posible debilidad del Señor, cuando llevaba cuarenta días de ayuno riguroso en el desierto. Se dijo entonces: -A éste me lo como crudo.... ¡Con el hambre que debe tener y el ruido de sus tripas que se oye desde lejos, lo voy a tentar un poquito!

Y se acercó astutamente a Jesús.

-¿Cómo le va, don Jesús? ¿Lindo día, no...? Lo bueno del desierto es que no hay humedad, y el solcito calienta los huesos, ¿no le parece?

Jesús no le dio bolilla, pues bien sabía que este Diablo, además de diablo era viejo, y no daba puntada sin hilo.

El Bicho Malo volvió a la carga: -Este aire de campo abre el apetito, pero por aquí no hay supermercados. ¡Qué pena que en esta zona cierren los domingos!, ¿no...? (Y justo ese día era domingo, para ser más precisos, el primer domingo de Cuaresma...). - ¡Eh, Jesús! ¡No se me haga el sordo! Ya que hizo milagros y prodigios, ¿por qué no convierte estas piedras en un rico pucherito, como ésos que hace su mamá?

Como Jesús quería catequizar al Demonio, le contestó, a calzón quitado: - ¡Pedazo de bestia: ¿Crees que soy el conductor de un "show"!? ¿Que esto es un teatro? ¡Es el desierto! ¡Es el lugar donde vives tú y tus compinches, los de la barra brava de Chacarita Juniors! ¡Mira y oye muy bien!: No sólo de pan ni de puchero ni de guiso de lentejas ni de choripán vive el hombre, sino de la palabra que sale de la boca de Dios. ¡Y a callar, diablo de porquería!

Y el Señor Diablo tuvo que cerrar la bocaza grande que tenía.

Pero, refunfuñando y un poco cabrero, buscó otra ocasión ya que la templanza de Jesús frenaba su hambre. Y volvió a hablarle: -¡Jesucito! ¿Sigues enojado? ¡Fue una broma! Yo sé que no se te puede tentar, pero ¿eres o no Hijo de Dios, como lo has proclamado en varias ocasiones? Si no lo eres, me callo, pero... ¿por qué no te arrojas desde la terraza del Templo? Total, si eres Hijo de Dios, los ángeles batirán sus alas y, como son forzudos, te sostendrán. ¡Vamos... dale... anímate!

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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 pos 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 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.

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

Adultos que necesitan los sacramentos de confirmación y primera comunión.

CATECISMO EN ESPANOL

Las Inscripciones son en agosto. Por favor para mas información llamar a Maria Mota.

CONFESIONES

Sábado de 3:00 pm a 4:00 pm y Miercoles de 11:00 am a 12:00 pm Habrá confesiones en español para quien lo necesite, y pueda recibir este sacramento.

LAS LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA DEL 2 DE ENERO

Domingo: 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

Lunes: 1 Jn 3, 22—4, 6/Sal 2, 7-8. 10-12/Mt 4, 12-17. 23-25

Martes: 1 Jn 4, 7-10/Sal 71, 1-2. 3-4. 7-8/Mc 6, 34-44

Miércoles: 1 Jn 4, 11-18/Sal 71, 1-2. 10. 12-13/Mc 6, 45-52

Jueves: 1 Jn 4, 19—5, 4/Sal 71, 1-2. 14 y 15. 17/Lc 4, 14-22

Viernes: 1 Jn 5, 5-13/Sal 147, 12-13. 14-15. 19-20/Lc 5, 12-16

Sábado: 1 Jn 5, 14-21/Sal 149, 1-2. 3-4. 5 y 6 y 9/Jn 3, 22-30

Domingo siguiente: Is 42, 1-4. 6-7/Sal 28, 1-2. 3-4. 3. 9-10 [11]/Hch 10, 34-38/Lc 3, 15-16. 21-22 o Is 40, 1-5. 9-11/Sal 103, 1-2. 3-4. 24-25. 27-28. 29-30 [1]/Tit 2, 11-14; 3, 4-7/Lc 3, 15-16. 21-22

AVISOS EN ESPAÑOL

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Nueva respuesta de Jesús: - ¡Eres un pesado, Diablo degenerado! Está escrito en la Biblia que compré en una librería católica: ¡No tentarás al Señor, tu Dios!

El Diablo, creyendo que Jesús no lo escuchaba, dijo: -¡Carajo...! ¡Éste se las sabe todas!

A lo que Jesús le advirtió que no fuera mal hablado, porque esta función se estaba televisando en vivo y en directo, sin censura, y no quería tener con el Canal... Y el Señor Diablo tuvo que morderse los labios de nuevo.

Siguió mascullando y hablando consigo mismo, y afirmo: - ¡La tercera es la vencida! Si esta vez. las cosas no me salgan bien, me hago cursillista.... Y enfrentó a Jesús, muy seguro de sí mismo y de que en esta ocasión no iba a fallar. - Che, don Cristo. ¿cómo la está pasando? ¡Qué suerte que no llueve, porque si no... estamos listos! E intentó picarle el amor propio, el orgullo que todo hombre leva en su corazoncito, sin darse cuenta de que Jess era un hombre "distinto", - ¡Jesús..., hagamos un trato! Ponte, aunque más no sea un minuto, de rodillas delante de mí y te prometo, te lo juro por santa Rita y por el alma de mi vieja, que no te pediré otra cosa. También puedo solicitar a los periodistas que se vayan, si no quieres testigos. Es sólo para darme el gusto. Si lo haces, te regalo el mundo entero y no me meteré más con esa manga de giles que son las mortales: ¡todo será para ti! Y conste que van incluidos el Caribe, Pinamar, la Costa Azul y Punta del Este. ¿No te parece un negocio redondo, por sólo un minuto de rodillas, tu y yo solitos?

Jesús se hartó y tomó la palabra: - ¡Diablo de porquería, tentador magno, padre de la mentira. perro sarnoso, maldito entre los malditos, hijo de tal por cual... (y siguió con otros calificativos irreproducibles...)! ¡No tienes idea de con quién te has metido! Llevas todas las de perder. ¡Agárrate esta respuestita, de parte de mi Padre y con la adhesión de todos los santos! - Adorarás al Señor, tu Dios, y sólo a él rendirás culto. ¿Qué te pasa por la cabeza? ¿Quieres que ponga tu imagen en la Capilla de Santa Lucía, con alcancía y todo debajo? ¡Estás reloco! Además, desde hace días estás interrumpiendo mi retiro espiritual ignaciano anual. ¡Pícatelas, y pronto!

¿El resto...? Ya lo saben. El Señor Diablo se fue, a los rajes, como el Corre-caminos, con la cola entre las piernas y levantando una polvareda tremenda, Se comía la bronca acumulada: tres fracasos en tan poco tiempo, era más de lo que podía soportar.

Después de esto, a Jesús se le abrió el apetito, y unos ángeles pintones le trajeron una cervecita bien helada, y un especial de crudo y queso... bien cargadito.

¡Fin del cuentito!

No intentes "dialogar" con el Diablo, porque estás frito. Al Demonio se le hace comprender con un solo lenguaje: el de hacerse violencia a si mismo amando al Amor, y mandándolo al muy lejos con una patada en el c..., para que sepa que con un cristiano no se juega. ¿El resto..? ¡Tonteras...!

-Héctor Muñoz



8th Grade Silver Award

★No place to gather after Mass

* No place to gather for outdoor class

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