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Office Hours

Horario de la Oficina

Monday – Thursday / Lunes a Jueves
9:00am - 2:00pm **401-722-9054**

Weekend Masses

Misas de fin de semana

Saturday: 4:30pm English / Inglés
Sábado 6:00pm Español / Spanish
Sunday: 9:30am English / Inglés
Domingo 11:30am Español / Spanish

Daily Masses

Misas durante la semana

Monday & Wednesday 8:00am English / Inglés
Martes y Viernes 7:00pm Español / Spanish
Bilingual Mass Saturday / Sábado at 8:00am

Confessions (Chapel) / Confessions (Capilla)

Saturday / Sábado 3:30pm to 4:20pm
& 5:30pm to 5:50pm

Baptism / Bautismo

Baptisms are celebrated on the second Sunday of every Month after the 11:30am Mass. Please call the rectory at least two months in advance.
Los Bautismos se celebran el segundo Domingo de cada mes después de la Misa de las 11:30am.
Llame a la rectoría con 2 meses de anticipación.

Anointing of the Sick

Uncion de los enfermos

Please call the parish
Por favor llamar a la parroquia.

Legión de María

Lunes a las 6:00pm en la Sacristía

Matrimony / Matrimonio

Call one year in advance to begin preparation.
Llamar con un año de anticipación.

Eucharistic Adoration

Adoración Eucarística

Every Friday / Todos los Viernes
9:00am to 6:45pm in the Church / en la Iglesia

Youth Group / Grupo Juvenil

Thursday (Jueves) TBD
from 6:00pm to 7:30pm
(Grades 7th to 12th)

Chiquitin Misionero

Saturdays / Sábados 10am – 12 pm
5 to 7 years old / Niños de 5 a 7 años

Comunidad Evangelizadora (CERS)

Sábado a las 7:00pm en la Capilla

Food Bank / Banco de Comida

December / Diciembre
Monday / Lunes 18
9:30am to 11:00am & 6:00pm to 7:00pm
Wednesday / Miércoles 20 & 27
9:30am to 11:00 am

Hospitality House / Casa de Hospitalidad

Closed / Cerrada
December/Diciembre 26 & January/Enero 2

New Parishioners

Please call the Rectory to register.
Llamar a la Rectoría para registrarse.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24, 2023

Dear Parishioners,

As we prepare to celebrate the beautiful feast of **Christmas**, I would like to share with you the following meditation from the Diary of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska. St. Faustina is the Polish Nun that Jesus appeared to in the 1930's with the Divine Mercy Image, as well as giving her numerous revelations and messages about His Divine Mercy. On Christmas Eve in 1937, St Faustina wrote of one such encounter with the Holy Child: *"When I arrived at Midnight Mass, from the very beginning I steeped myself in deep recollection, during which time I saw the stable of Bethlehem filled with great radiance. The Blessed Virgin, all lost in the deepest of love, was wrapping Jesus in swaddling clothes, but Saint Joseph was still asleep. Only after the Mother of God put Jesus in the manger did the light of God awaken Joseph, who also prayed. But after a while, I was left alone with the Infant Jesus who stretched out His little hands to me, and I understood that I was to take Him in my arms. Jesus pressed His head against my heart and gave me to know, by His profound gaze, how good He found it to be next to my heart"*(Diary of St Faustina, 1442). This beautiful experience that St. Faustina had with Jesus can also happen to us, as we take time to meditate and contemplate what Christmas is all about: that God Himself loves each one of us SO MUCH, that He became a little Child for us, to open up the way of salvation for us. Christmas is all about CHRIST'S MASS, and every time that we come to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and allow ourselves to truly enter into it, we can also experience a personal, loving relationship with Jesus Christ, like St. Faustina describes in her above reflection. God Bless and Merry Christmas!

Fr. Sistare

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday December 23 **4:30pm**

+Ludibia Marin, by Marin family

Sunday December 24 **9:30am**

+ Philomene Mianoh Alloua, by Innocent Amadi & Family

Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24 4:30pm English – 6:00pm Spanish

December 25 9:30am English – 11:30am Spanish

Monday December 25 **8:00am**

Wednesday December 27 **8:00am**

*In thanksgiving for the life of Elizabeth Rivera, by Margarita Zuleta

Saturday December 30 Bilingual Mass **8:00am**

Vigil Mass **4:30pm**

+Henry & Jeannette Mailhot, by Richard and Suzanne Mailhot

Sunday December 31 **9:30am**

-For all Parishioners living and deceased, by Roger Theroux

Collection 12/17 \$3528.00

Second Collection

Fuel/Maintenance 12/24

Sanctuary Lamp for December

For the Mailhot & Rondeau families
By Richard & Sue Mailhot

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS

For the following parishioners:

Jeanne Jugan Residence: Florence Corneau,
Jeannine Rondeau & Annette Tetreault

At Home: Jovina De Barros & Joyce Lagesse

St. Antoine: Georgette Smith

Elmhurst Nursing Home: Cesar Zuleta Sr.

Victoria Court: Thelma La Rose

Saint Joseph's Vigil Candle

In Memory of Philomene Mianoh Alloua
By Amadi Family

A “MARY,” MERRY CHRISTMAS

“Mary said to the angel, ‘How can this be...?’ ” —Luke 1:34

To have a true Christmas, to meet Christ at Mass in a new, glorious way during the Christmas season, we must have a “Mary” Christmas and love Jesus as Mary does. To have a “Mary” Christmas, we should:

not fear (Lk 1:30),
be filled with God’s grace (Lk 1:30),
have “the Holy Spirit...come upon” us (Lk 1:35),
believe that “nothing is impossible with God” (Lk 1:37),
rejoice in being the Lord’s servants, that is, the slaves of the Lord (Lk 1:38),
“let it be done” to us according to God’s Word (Lk 1:38),
trust “that the Lord’s words” to us will “be fulfilled” (Lk 1:45),
proclaim “the greatness of the Lord” and find “joy in God” our Savior (Lk 1:46-47),
“be pierced with a sword” of sorrow (Lk 2:35),
“do whatever [Jesus] tells” us and tell others to do the same (Jn 2:5),
be at the foot of Jesus’ cross (Jn 19:25), and together devote ourselves to constant prayer for a new Pentecost (Acts 1:14).

A “Mary” Christmas is a Christmas of faith, joy, self-sacrifice, obedience, evangelistic zeal, redemptive suffering, praise-filled worship, and constant prayer in the Holy Spirit.

“Mary” Christmas!

Prayer: Jesus, may You get what You want for Christmas.

Promise: “The favors of the Lord I will sing forever; through all generations my mouth shall proclaim Your faithfulness.” — Ps 89:2

Praise: “Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel because He has visited and ransomed His people” (Lk 1:68).

Presentation Ministries

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

On Monday January 1st there will be a Mass at 9:00am in English

FOOD BANK

Please bring a bag of non-perishable food (Rice, Beans, Tuna, Cereal, Pasta, Spaghetti Sauce, Canned soup, Peanut Butter, Canned fruits, Canned vegetables) and drop off the bag in the wooden box in back of the Church. All of the food and monetary donations support our Food Bank here at Saint John the Baptist. Thank you!
“But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but indeed and in truth.” (1 John 3:17-18)

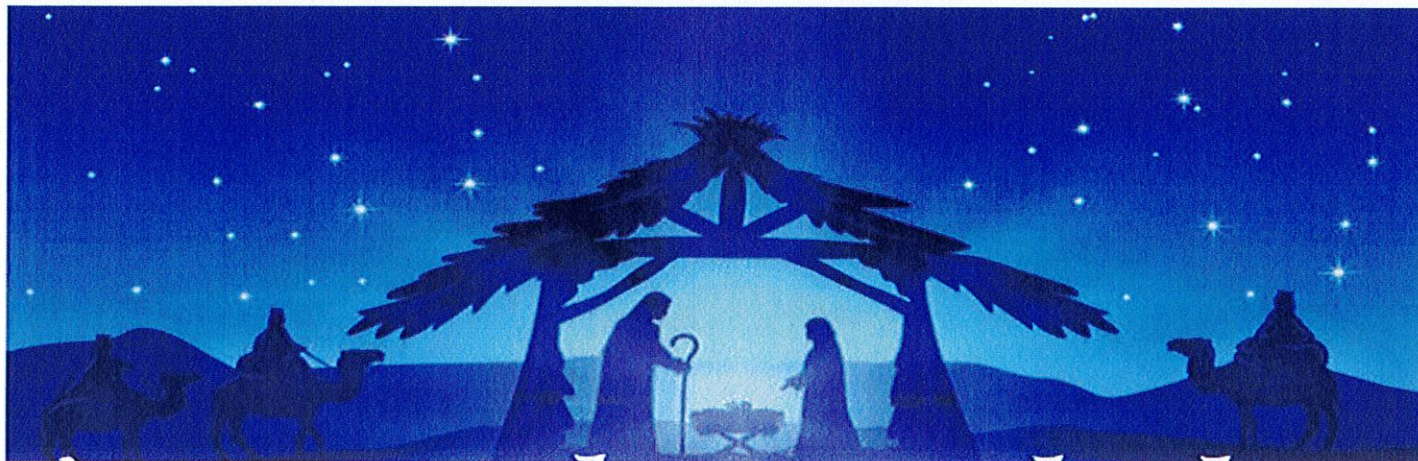
Faith Formation Class Schedule

December 24 & 31 – No classes

January 7, 14, 21, 28 - Classes

Time 10:15 to 11:20am

In the Church Hall, please enter thru Bullock Street.



Christmas Prayer

My precious Lord, Jesus,
I adore You with profound love and rejoice in the
celebration of Your birth.
Your love for us is unfathomable,
it is glorious
transforming,
awe-inspiring,
and deeply personal.
You chose to come and dwell among us,
being born into poverty, rejection and humility.
Yet Your mother knew whom she bore,
Her heart was filled with the tenderest love
as she adored her Child and her God.
Help me, dear Lord,
to come to love You with the heart of Your mother.
Invite me to adore You with St. Joseph
and the poor shepherds.
Reveal to me the glorious power of Your birth
and change my life on account of this perfect gift of
Yourself.
I love You, dear Lord Jesus.
Help me to love You with all my heart.
Newborn Savior of the World,
I trust in You.
Mother Mary and St. Joseph,
Pray for me and for all.
Amen.

(From mycatholiclife.com)

Merry Christmas
Glory to God in the highest!

Please make sure to pick up your **budget envelopes** as well as the **calendar** for next year as you leave church this weekend.

Oración de Navidad

Mi precioso Señor, Jesús,
Te adoro con profundo amor y me regocijo en la
celebración de Tu nacimiento.
Tu amor por nosotros es insondable,
es glorioso
transformando,
imponente,
y profundamente personal.
Elegiste venir y morar entre nosotros,
nacer en la pobreza, el rechazo y la humildad.
Sin embargo, tu madre sabía a quién daría a luz,
Su corazón se llenó del amor más tierno.
Mientras adoraba a su Niño y a su Dios.
Ayúdame, amado Señor.
llegar a amarte con el corazón de tu madre.
Invítame a adorarte con San José y
los pastores pobres.
Revélame el poder glorioso de Tu nacimiento
y cambia mi vida a causa de este don perfecto de Ti
mismo.
Te amo, amado Señor Jesús.
Ayúdame a amarte con todo mi corazón.
Salvador recién nacido del mundo,
Confío en ti.
Madre María y San José,
Ruega por mí y por todos.
Amén.

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Feliz Navidad
¡Gloria a Dios en lo más alto!

Por favor, asegúrese de recoger los **sobres para la ofrenda**, así como el **calendario** para el próximo año al salir de la iglesia este fin de semana.

Cuarto Domingo de Adviento

24 de Diciembre, 2023

Queridos feligreses,

Mientras nos preparamos para celebrar la hermosa fiesta de la **Navidad**, me gustaría compartir con ustedes la siguiente meditación del Diario de Santa María Faustina Kowalska. Santa Faustina es la Monja polaca a la que Jesús se le apareció en la década de 1930 con la Imagen de la Divina Misericordia, además de darle numerosas revelaciones y mensajes sobre Su Divina Misericordia. En la víspera de Navidad de 1937, Santa Faustina escribió sobre uno de esos encuentros con el Santo Niño: *"Cuando llegué a la Misa de medianoche, desde el principio me sumergí en un profundo recuerdo, durante el cual vi el establo de Belén lleno de gran resplandor. La Santísima Virgen, toda perdida en lo más profundo del amor, envolvía a Jesús en pañales, pero San José seguía dormido. Solo después de que la Madre de Dios puso a Jesús en el pesebre, la luz de Dios despertó a José, quien también oraba. Pero después de un tiempo, me quedé solo con el Niño Jesús que extendió sus pequeñas manos hacia mí, y comprendí que debía tomarlo en mis brazos. Jesús presionó su cabeza contra mi corazón y me dio a conocer, con Su mirada profunda, lo bueno que encontró estar junto a mi corazón"*(Diario de Santa Faustina, 1442). Esta hermosa experiencia que Santa Faustina tuvo con Jesús también nos puede suceder a nosotros, cuando nos tomamos un tiempo para meditar y contemplar de qué se trata la Navidad: que Dios mismo nos ama a cada uno de nosotros TANTO, que se convirtió en un pequeño Niño para nosotros, para abrirnos el camino de la salvación. La Navidad se trata de la MISA DE CRISTO, y cada vez que venimos al Santo Sacrificio de la Misa y nos permitimos entrar verdaderamente en el, también podemos experimentar una relación personal y amorosa con Jesucristo, como Santa Faustina describe en su reflexión. Dios los bendiga y Feliz Navidad!
Padre Sistare

INTENCIONES DE LAS MISAS

Sábado 23 de diciembre **6:00pm**

*En acción de gracias al Señor, intención de Patricia Flores

+Por el descanso eterno de Gustavo Giraldo, intención de la familia Giraldo Hurtado

+Por el descanso eterno de Manuela Muñoz, intención de Jairo Muñoz

Domingo 24 de diciembre **11:30am**

+ Por el descanso eterno de Alicia Echeverry y Jordan Berson, intención de familia Durango

+Por el descanso eterno de Everardo Mosquera, intención de la familia Mosquera

+Por el descanso eterno de Carmen Emilia Lopez Gaviria, intención Familia Durango

+Por las Almas del Purgatorio, intención de la familia González Hernández

Horario de las Misas de Navidad

24 de diciembre 4:30pm Inglés – 6:00pm Español

25 de diciembre 9:30am Inglés – 11:30am Español

Martes 26 de diciembre **7:00pm**

+Por las Almas del Purgatorio, intención de la familia González Hernández

Viernes 29 de diciembre **7:00pm**

*En acción de gracias por el Matrimonio de Vanessa y Nicholas Golberg, intención de su familia

+Por las Almas del Purgatorio, intención de la familia González Hernández

Sábado 30 de diciembre (Misa Bilingüe) **8:00am**

+Por las Almas del Purgatorio, intención de la familia González Hernández

Vigilia **6:00pm**

+Por el descanso eterno de Gustavo Giraldo, intención de la familia Giraldo Hurtado

Domingo 31 de diciembre **11:30am**

+ Por el descanso eterno de Alicia Echeverry y Jordan Berson, intención de familia Durango

+Por las Almas del Purgatorio, intención de la familia González Hernández

Colecta 12/17 **\$3528.00**

Segunda Colecta

Gas y mantenimiento **12/24**

FELIZ NAVIDAD

"María le dijo al Ángel: '¿Cómo puede ser eso...?'" (**Lucas 1:34**)

Para tener una verdadera Navidad, para encontrarnos con Cristo en la Misa de una manera nueva y gloriosa durante la temporada navideña, debemos tener una Navidad y amar a Jesús como lo hizo María. Para tener este tipo de Navidad, debemos:

no tener miedo (**Lc 1:30**),
estar llenos de la gracia de Dios (**Lc 1:30**),
tener "al Espíritu Santo... sobre" nosotros (**Lc 1:35**),
creer que "nada es imposible para Dios" (**Lc 1:37**),
regocijarse en ser siervos del Señor, es decir, servidores del Señor (**Lc 1:38**),
"que se haga en nosotros" según la Palabra de Dios (**Lc 1:38**),
confiar en "que las palabras del Señor" para nosotros "se cumplirán" (**Lc 1:45**),
proclamar "la grandeza del Señor" y encontrar "gozo en Dios" nuestro Salvador (**Lc 1:46-47**),
"ser traspasados con espada" de dolor (**Lc 2:35**),
"hacer lo que [Jesús] nos diga" y decir a los demás que hagan lo mismo (**Jn 2:5**),
estar al pie de la cruz de Jesús (**Jn 19:25**), y juntos nos dedicarnos a la oración constante por un nuevo Pentecostés (**Hch 1:14**).

Una Navidad como la de María es una Navidad de fe, gozo, sacrificio, obediencia, celo evangelístico, sufrimiento redentor, adoración llena de alabanza y oración constante en el Espíritu Santo.

¡Que tengas una Navidad como la de María!

Oración: Jesús, que obtengas lo que quieres para Navidad

Promesa: "Cantaré eternamente el amor del Señor, proclamaré Tu fidelidad por todas las generaciones" (**Sal 89:2**).

Alabanza: "Bendito sea el Señor, Dios de Israel, porque ha visitado y redimido a Su pueblo" (**Lc 1:68**).

Presentation Ministries

Solemnidad de María Madre de Dios

El lunes **1 de enero**, habrá una misa a las **9:00am** en inglés

BANCO DE COMIDA

Por favor traiga una bolsa de comida (arroz, frijoles, atún, cereales, pasta, salsa de espaguetis, sopas, frutas, verduras enlatadas, mantequilla de manís, etc.). Por favor colocar la bolsa en la entrada de la Iglesia en la caja de madera. Todas las donaciones de alimentos y dinero van en apoyo de nuestro Banco de Comida aquí en la Parroquia de San Juan Bautista. ¡Gracias!

"Pero el que tiene bienes de este mundo, y ve a su hermano en necesidad y cierra su corazón contra él, ¿cómo puede morar el amor de Dios en él? Hijos, no amemos de palabra ni de lengua, sino de hecho y en verdad." (1 John 3:17-18)

Horario de Clases de Formación de Fe

Diciembre 24 & 31 – No hay clases

Enero 7, 14, 21, 28 – Hay clases

De las **10:15 a las 11:20am**

En el sótano de la Iglesia, entrar por la calle Bullock.



Christmas is almost here!



Christmas is almost here! Isn't it exciting? It's like when it's getting really close to your birthday, except that people all over the world are going to be celebrating Christmas! We should help make Jesus' birthday as special as we can!

I CAN WASH THE SINK FOR MOM!



If your family has an Advent wreath, today all four of the candles will be lit. This represents the light of Jesus coming

HERE, I'LL HELP YOU PICK UP THE TOYS.



closer and getting brighter. Jesus is the light of the world. If we want to make Christmas beautiful, then we should make our own lives shine with the love of Jesus.

HI DAD! I VACUUMED UNDER YOUR DESK!



Does your family have a Christmas tree? Are there lights on it? Do you have Christmas lights on your house? All the little lights you see can represent all the people whose lives are lit up with the love of God. Or maybe they can represent all the good things you can do to brighten up other

people's lives! Think of some things you can do to love God and bring His love to your family and your friends and neighbours this Christmas!

Answers to True or False: 1. false; 2. false; 3. true; 4. true; 5. false; 6. true; 7. true. (the baby was John the Baptist!)

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The Kids' Bulletin

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 24th, 2023

Hail, full of grace!
Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High...



Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.



Then the angel departed from her.

*What did the angel Gabriel say to Mary?
What did she reply to him?
Look in the mirror to find out!*

Saint John the Evangelist

December 27

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST WAS A FISHERMAN AND A FOLLOWER OF JOHN THE BAPTIST BEFORE OUR LORD CALLED HIM TO BE AN APOSTLE.

Come, follow me!

HE WAS THE YOUNGEST APOSTLE AND WAS WITH OUR LORD AT THE TRANSFIGURATION AND THE AGONY IN THE GARDEN.

HE WAS THE ONLY APOSTLE WHO STAYED WITH JESUS AT THE CRUCIFIXION.

Behold your mother...

I baptize you...

AFTER THE ASCENSION, JOHN TAUGHT AND ADMINISTERED THE SACRAMENTS.

WHEN HE WAS OLD, THERE WAS A PERSECUTION. THEY TRIED TO BOIL HIM IN OIL BUT HE SURVIVED.

He's still alive!

HE WAS SENT TO AN ISLAND, WHERE HE HAD A VISION ABOUT THE CHURCH- WE CAN READ IT IN THE BOOK OF REVELATION IN THE BIBLE.

WHEN HE WAS FREED FROM THE ISLAND, THE PEOPLE ASKED HIM TO WRITE ABOUT THE LIFE OF JESUS. AFTER THE PEOPLE FASTED, HE WROTE HIS GOSPEL.

Father, can you write down the story of Jesus?

IN HIS GOSPEL SAINT JOHN CALLS HIMSELF "THE DISCIPLE WHOM JESUS LOVED." HIS HEART WAS PURE AND DEDICATED TO JESUS, SO HE WAS OPEN TO RECEIVING JESUS' LOVE. WHEN HE GREW TOO OLD TO GO OUT AND PREACH, SAINT JOHN JUST TOLD THE PEOPLE, "LOVE ONE ANOTHER."

True or False?

Today's Gospel Reading: The Angel Visits Mary

*How well do you know the story of the Annunciation?
See if you know which are true and which are false:*

1. God sent the angel Michael to bring His message to Our Lady. True or false?
2. When Mary saw the angel, she covered her eyes. True or false?
3. The angel told Mary, "Do not be afraid." True or false?
4. The angel told Our Lady that she would have a Son that she would name 'Jesus.' True or false?
5. Mary just said okay and the angel left right away. True or false?
6. When Mary said she didn't understand, Gabriel told her that the baby would be the Son of God. True or false?
7. Before he left, the angel told Mary that her old cousin, Elizabeth, was going to have a baby too. True or false?





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