

1st Sunday of Advent

Jesus said to his
disciples:
"Be watchful! Be alert!
Mark 13:33

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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

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

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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.
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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.

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

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

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

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Sábado a las 7:00pm en la Capilla

Food Bank / Banco de Comida

November / Noviembre
Monday / Lunes 20 & 27
9:30am to 11:00am & 6:00pm to 7:00pm
Wednesday / Miércoles 22 & 29
9:30am to 11:00 am

Hospitality House / Casa de Hospitalidad

Open every Tuesday / Martes at 10:30am
Hot lunch/ Almuerzo caliente a las 11:30am

New Parishioners

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

First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2023

Dear Parishioners,

Happy and Blessed First Sunday of Advent! The season of Advent begins a new liturgical year in the Catholic Church. Therefore, it is a great time for each of us to “begin again” as we spiritually prepare to celebrate the Birth of Jesus on Christmas Day, as well as prepare each day to welcome Jesus Christ into our lives. Here are “**Ten Ways to Get More out of Advent**” by **Lorene Hanley Duquin (10/7/2013)**: “(1) *Reflect on Advent as a time of waiting.* The idea of waiting is not popular in our culture of instant gratification, but it creates in us a new kind of self-discipline that helps us to appreciate the present moment and look to the future with peaceful anticipation. (2) *Turn your breathing into a prayer.* Take a few deep breaths throughout the day and imagine that God's love is flowing through you to every part of your body. As you exhale, let go of tension, worry and anything else that is not of God. (3) *Long for the Lord.* Make it a habit of silently praying, “Come, Lord Jesus.” (4) *Unite with Mary.* Set aside time once a day to join Our Lady in praying the Cantic of Mary (see Lk 1:46-55). (5) *Do something nice for someone every day.* It might be an encouraging word, a phone call, a note of appreciation or a little act of kindness. (6) *Get rid of grudges.* Use Advent as an opportunity to let go of any anger or resentment that you might be holding onto. (7) *Pray for patience.* If you find yourself becoming anxious or upset, ask the Lord for the gift of patience. Then make a conscious effort to be a more patient person. (8) *Offer up something painful or difficult in your life.* The best way to transform trials and tensions is to turn them into a prayer. (9) *Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.* Take advantage of the opportunity to cleanse your soul in preparation for the coming of

Jesus. (10) *Think about the special gifts and talents God has given you.* How are you using these gifts?” My brothers and sisters, may this season of Advent be fruitful for each one of us. God Bless!

Fr. Sistare

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday December 2	4:30pm
+Donald Theroux, by Jose DeBarros	
Sunday December 3	9:30am
For all parishioners, living and deceased, by Roger Theroux	
Monday December 4	8:00am
Wednesday December 6	8:00am
Saturday December 9 Bilingual Mass	8:00am
Vigil Mass	4:30pm
+Normand & Denis Rondeau, by Richard and Sue Mailhot	
Sunday December 10	9:30am

Collection 11/19	\$3022.00
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Sanctuary Lamp for December

For the Mailhot & Rondeau families
By Richard & Sue Mailhot

Saint Joseph's Vigil Candle

For Beltier & Blancismer Marin
By the Marin Family

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS

For the following parishioners:
Jeanne Jugan Residence: Florence Corneau,
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At Home: Jovina De Barros & Joyce Lagesse
St. Antoine: Georgette Smith
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Victoria Court: Thelma La Rose

CHRISTMAS COMFORT

“Comfort, give comfort to My people, says your God. Speak tenderly.” —Isaiah 40:1-2

The Lord promises to comfort and speak tenderly to us (Is 40:1-2). In today’s second reading, the Church proclaims in the name of the Lord that “the heavens will vanish with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire” (2 Pt 3:10). How comforting! In the Gospel reading, we meet St. John the Baptizer, one of the least comforting characters in the Bible and in history (see Mk 1:2ff). The Lord’s ways are not our ways, and His idea of comfort is not our idea of comfort (see Is 55:8).

The Lord does not want to give us the superficial comfort of temporary relief. Rather, the Lord promises to baptize us in the Holy Spirit (Mk 1:8), the Paraclete, the Comforter (see e.g. Jn 14:16, 26; 15:26; 16:7). This divine Comforter will free us from generations of slavery, sin, guilt, and punishment (Is 40:2).

Comfort will begin with the Holy Spirit convicting the world and us of sin, justice, and condemnation (Jn 16:8). Then we must let the Spirit lead us from conviction to repentance, confession, and forgiveness. After this, we will personally experience that “where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom” (2 Cor 3:17).

In the comfort of the Spirit, we will truly enter into the freedom of the Lord. We will displace the culture of death with a civilization of love and life. Come, Holy Spirit of Christmas and comfort!

Prayer: Father, comfort me Your way.

Promise: “Here is your God! Here comes with power the Lord God, Who rules by His strong arm.” —Is 40:9-10

Praise: Praise to You, risen Jesus, “Prince of Peace” (Is 9:5). All glory and honor to You. Alleluia!

Presentation Ministries

Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe December 8

Bishop Richard Henning will celebrate a bilingual Mass at **7:00pm** in our parish. After the Mass, we will have a small celebration in the basement, to which the whole community is invited. Please bring some food to share.

Guadalupana Diocesan Mass Tuesday, December 12, 7:00pm

The diocesan Guadalupana Mass will be held on Tuesday, **December 12 at 7:00am** at the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul. Most Reverend Richard G. Henning, Bishop of the Diocese of Providence, will be the Celebrant and Homilist. The recitation of the Holy Rosary will begin at 5:30pm. The Sacrament of Confession will be available, and there will also be a serenade to the Virgin prior to the Mass.

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)

On Saturday, December 9th, after the 8am Mass, we will set-up for the Christmas season. Please consider helping.

Faith Formation Class Schedule

December 3 – No class

December 10 & 17 – Regular Schedule

December 24 & 31 – No classes

Time **10:15 to 11:20am**

In the Church Hall, please enter thru Bullock Street.

Horario de Clases de Formación de Fe

Diciembre 3 – No hay clase

Diciembre 10 & 17 – Hay clases

Diciembre 24 & 31 – No hay clases

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

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

Christmas Bazaar

Dec. 2nd 9am – 7pm and Dec 3rd 9am – 2pm

This weekend, we have our annual **Christmas Bazaar**. There will be sale of personalized t-shirts and ornaments, plants, Christmas decorations, food, pastries, baskets raffle and more. Everyone is invited to volunteer and be part of the bazaar.

Saint John the Baptist Parish Raffle

Prizes

1st: \$500 2nd: \$250

3rd: \$150 4th: \$100

The Drawing will take place at the conclusion of the Christmas Bazaar at 2pm.
\$5.00 Each Ticket

Bazar de Navidad

Dic. 2nd 9am – 7pm and Dic. 3rd 9am – 2pm

Este fin de semana, tenemos nuestro **Bazar de Navidad**. Habrá venta de camisetas y adornos personalizados, adornos navideños, sorteo de canastas, comida, plantas, bollería y más. Todos están invitados a ser voluntarios y ser parte del bazar.

Parroquia San Juan Bautista Rifa

Premios

1^o: \$500 2^o: \$250

3^o: \$150 4^o: \$100

La rifa se llevará a cabo al fin del bazar a las 2pm.
\$5.00 Cada Boleta

The Giving Tree

Helping Those in Need



During Advent you have the opportunity to help those most in need this Christmas. Please take an ornament or two off the Giving Tree, and place the items under it over the next few weekends of the Advent season. No wrapping is needed.

Árbol de Generosidad

Durante este tiempo de Adviento todos tenemos la oportunidad de ayudar a los más necesitados. Por favor tomen un ornamento o dos del árbol de regalos para aquellos que necesitan ayuda en esta Navidad. No es necesario envolverlos, solo coloque los artículos de aseo personal debajo del árbol durante estos fines de semana.

Primer Domingo de Adviento

3 de Diciembre, 2023

Queridos feligreses,

¡Feliz y bendito primer domingo de Adviento! La temporada de Adviento comienza un nuevo año litúrgico en la Iglesia Católica. Por lo tanto, es un buen momento para que cada uno de nosotros "comience de nuevo" mientras nos preparamos espiritualmente para celebrar el Nacimiento de Jesús el día de Navidad, así como también nos preparamos cada día para recibir a Jesucristo en nuestras vidas. Aquí están "**Diez maneras de sacar más provecho del Adviento**" por **Lorene Hanley Duquin (10/7/2013)**: "(1) *Reflexiona sobre el Adviento como un tiempo de espera.* La idea de esperar no es popular en nuestra cultura de gratificación instantánea, pero crea en nosotros un nuevo tipo de autodisciplina que nos ayuda a apreciar el momento presente y mirar hacia el futuro con anticipación pacífica. (2) *Convierta su respiración en una oración.* Respira profundamente durante todo el día e imagina que el amor de Dios fluye a través de ti a cada parte de tu cuerpo. Mientras exhalas, suelta la tensión, la preocupación y cualquier otra cosa que no sea de Dios. (3) *Anhela al Señor. Acostúmbrese a orar en silencio: "Ven, Señor Jesús".* (4) *Únete con María.* Reserva un tiempo una vez al día para unirte a Nuestra Señora en la oración del Cántico de María (ver Lucas 1: 46-55). (5) *Haga algo bueno por alguien todos los días.* Puede ser una palabra de aliento, una llamada telefónica, una nota de agradecimiento o un pequeño acto de amabilidad. (6) *Deshágase de los rencores.* Utilice el Adviento como una oportunidad para deshacerse de cualquier enojo o resentimiento al que te puedas aferrar. (7) *Ora por paciencia.* Si te sientes ansioso o molesto, pídele al Señor el don de la paciencia. Luego, haz un esfuerzo consciente para ser una persona más paciente. (8) *Ofrecer inventa algo doloroso o difícil en tu vida.* La mejor manera de transformar las pruebas y las tensiones es convertirlas en una oración. (9) *Recibe el Sacramento de la*

Reconciliación. Aprovecha la oportunidad de limpiar tu alma en preparación para la venida de Jesús. (10) *Piensa en los dones y talentos especiales que Dios te ha dado. ¿Cómo estás usando estos dones?*" Mis hermanos y hermanas, que esta temporada de Adviento sea fructífera para cada uno de nosotros. ¡Dios los bendiga!
- Padre Sistare

INTENCIONES DE LAS MISAS

Sábado 2 de diciembre **6:00pm**

Por Frady Jaramillo en su cumpleaños, intención de su hermano

Domingo 3 de diciembre **11:30am**

+Por Margarita Lopez Jamarillo, intención de la familia Lopez

+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

Martes 5 de diciembre **7:00pm**

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

Viernes 8 de diciembre **7:00pm**

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

Sábado 9 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 José Aníbal Cadavid Cano, intención de su esposa y familiares en Columbia y los Estados Unidos

Domingo 10 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 11/19

\$3022.00

Novena a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

El 8 de diciembre el Obispo Richard Henning celebrará una Misa bilingüe a las 7:00pm en nuestra parroquia. Después de la Misa tendremos una pequeña celebración en el sótano, a la que está invitada toda la comunidad. Por favor trae algo de comida para compartir.

Misa Diocesana Guadalupana Martes 12 de diciembre 7:00pm

La Misa diocesana Guadalupana se llevará a cabo el martes 12 de diciembre a las 7:00 am en la Catedral de San Pedro y San Pablo. El Obispo de la Diócesis de Providence, Richard G. Henning ser el Celebrante y el Homilista. Habrá la recitación del Rosario a las 5:30 pm, el Sacramento de la Confesione y una serenata a la Virgen previo a la Misa.

NOVENA A NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE Durante la Novena a Nuestra Sra. de Guadalupe, el Sr. Obispo Richard Henning visitará las parroquias

Sábado 2 de diciembre

6:30pm San Bartolomé

Domingo 3 de diciembre

5:30pm San José - Newport

Lunes 4 de diciembre

6:30pm Blessed Sacrament

Martes 5 de diciembre

5:45pm San Miguel

Miércoles 6 de diciembre

6:00pm Santa Ana

Viernes 8 de diciembre

7:00pm San Juan Bautista

Sábado 9 de diciembre

5:30pm San Patricio

Domingo 10 de diciembre

6:00pm Holy Ghost

Lunes 11 de diciembre

6:30pm Holy Tinity - Woonsocket

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)

EL CONSUELO DE NAVIDAD

“¡Consuelen, consuelen a mi pueblo, dice su Dios! Hablen al corazón de Jerusalén” (Isaías 40:1-2).

El Señor promete consolarnos y hablarnos tiernamente (Is 40:1-2). En la segunda lectura de hoy, la Iglesia proclama en el nombre del Señor que “los cielos desaparecerán estrepitosamente; los elementos serán desintegrados por el fuego” (2 Pe 3:10). ¡Que consuelo! En el Evangelio, conozcamos a san Juan el Bautista, él es uno de los menos consoladores en la Biblia y en la historia (ver Mc 1:2ss). La forma en que actúa el Señor no es nuestra forma, y Su idea de consolación no es la misma que la nuestra (ver Is 55:8).

El Señor no quiere darnos el consuelo superficial de alivio pasajero. Más bien el Señor promete bautizarnos en el Espíritu Santo (Mc 1:8), el Paráclito, el Consolador (ver Jn 14:16, 26; 15:26; 16:7). Este Consolador Divino nos librarán de generaciones de esclavitud, pecado, culpa y castigo (Is 40:2).

El consuelo comenzará cuando el Espíritu Santo convenza al mundo y a nosotros del pecado, la justicia, y la condena (Jn 16:8). Luego debemos dejarnos guiar por el Espíritu desde la condena al arrepentimiento, confesión, y el perdón. Después de esto, podemos experimentar personalmente que “donde está el Espíritu del Señor, allí está la libertad” (2 Co 3:17).

Bajo el consuelo del Espíritu entraremos perfectamente a la libertad del Señor. Desplazaremos la cultura de muerte con una civilización de amor y vida. ¡Ven Espíritu Santo de Navidad y consuelo!

Oración: Padre, consuélame a Tu manera.

Promesa: “¡Aquí está tu Dios! Ya llega el Señor con poder y su brazo le asegura el dominio” (Is 40:9-10).

Alabanza: Alabanza a Ti, Jesús resucitado, “Príncipe de la Paz” (Is 9:5). Todo la gloria y el honor a Ti. ¡Aleluya!

Presentation Ministries

Advent is Here! Jesus is coming!



Advent is here! It's time to begin preparing for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. Jesus came the first time long ago in Bethlehem. Now He comes to us every time we go to Mass, in Holy Communion. But we celebrate Jesus' coming in a special way at Christmas time.

Advent is the time to get ready for Christmas. We get our houses ready by cleaning and decorating. We get our souls ready by cleaning out our sins when we go to confession, and by learning and thinking about Jesus.



Here are some things that will help you get ready for Christmas:

~ Light a candle on an advent wreath when you say your prayers every day.

~ Read a book about Advent or Christmas.



~ Do nice things for people. Remember that anything you do for someone else you do for Jesus!

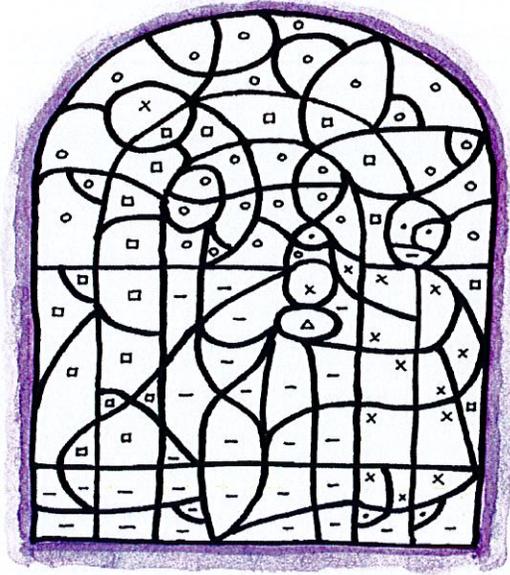
~ Go to Confession before Christmas.

Answers to Cross-word: Across: 1. she 5. saw 7. immaculate 10. over 11. preserve 15. pure 17. man 18. lamb 20. ready 22. am 23. original. Down: 2. him 3. you 4. hate 5. save 6. were 8. Mary 9. love 12. soul 13. baby 14. Adam 16. Eve 18. laws 19. born 21. Anne

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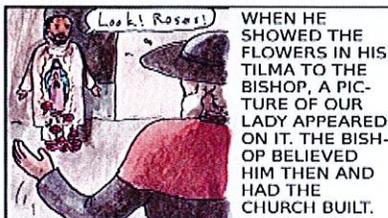
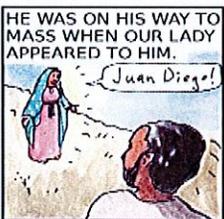
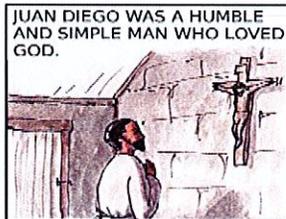


In the Gospel, Jesus tells us to always be ready. Here's someone waiting for his master to return...

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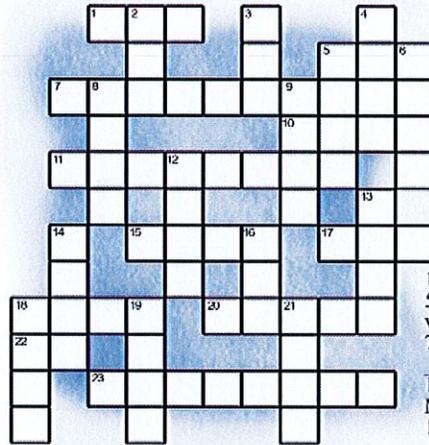
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SAINT JUAN DIEGO DECEMBER 9



SAINT JUAN DIEGO LIVED A LONG AND SIMPLE LIFE TEACHING THE FAITH. MARY CHOSE HIM, BECAUSE HE WAS HUMBLE, TO BRING HER MESSAGE TO THE CHURCH AT THAT TIME. WHEN THE NEW CHURCH WAS BUILT, MILLIONS OF THE PAGAN PEOPLE IN MEXICO BECAME CHRISTIANS. JUAN DIEGO DIED AT AGE 74.

Immaculate Conception Cross-Word



Fill in the blanks to do this puzzle about Our Lady.

ACROSS:

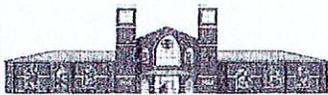
1. _____ was without sin.
5. God _____ that Mary would do His will.
7. She was the _____ Conception.
10. God watched _____ Mary.
11. God decided to _____ her from sin.
15. Mary's soul was not stained- it was _____.

17. God's Son become _____.
18. He is called the _____ of God.
20. When the time was _____, the angel came to Mary.
22. She said, "I _____ the handmaid of the Lord.
23. She had no _____ sin, so she was always ready to obey.

DOWN:

2. Whatever God wanted she would do for _____.
3. She brought the Saviour into the world for _____ and me.
4. She teaches us to love God and _____ sin, which offends Him.
5. God had decided to _____ Mary from all sin.
6. If you _____ God, how would you make your mother?
8. The name of God's mother is _____.
9. She did every single thing out of _____ for God.
12. He had preserved her _____ from every stain of sin.
13. Before she was even a little _____ she was chosen by God.
14. We all have original sin because of _____.
16. ... and his wife, _____, who committed the first sins.
18. They had chosen to disobey God's _____.
19. Since then, every other person* was _____ with original sin.
21. Mary was the daughter of the holy saints, _____ and Joachim.

* Except Saint John the Baptist, who, according to tradition, was freed from original sin - 'filled with the Holy Spirit' when his mother was greeted by Mary who was expecting Jesus.



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