

St Joseph Catholic Church



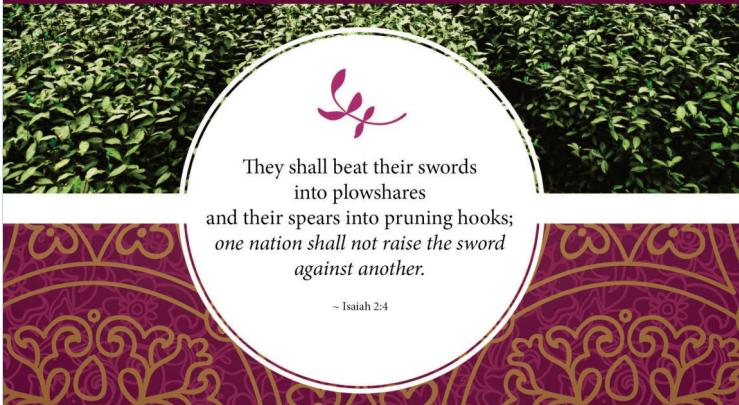
First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2022

You..... must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.

Matthew 24:44

NOVEMBER 27 2022 | FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Welcome to Visitors & New Members

You are welcome to worship with us at any time. If you are new to the Randolph County area, may we invite you to register as a member of the parish. Registration forms are available in parking lot vestibule or by calling the office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation Sacramento de la Reconciliación

Saturday/Sabado

1:00pm-3:00pm

EUCARISTIC ADORATION/ ADORACIÓN EUCARÍSTICA FIRST FRIDAY/ PRIMER VIERNES 9AM– 5AM

Mass Schedule/ Misas

Saturday/Sabado: 4:00 PM English

6:00 PM Spanish

Sunday/ Domingo 7:00 AM Español
9:00 AM English
12:00 PM Español
4:00 PM Español

Weekly Masses/
Misas entre semana Monday and Friday 8:15 AM
Wednesday 6:00 PM
Thursday 7:00 AM

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From the Pastor's Desk / Del Escritorio del Padre

When we celebrated the Feast of Christ the King, we reflected on the spiritual aspect of that Kingdom of God. Jesus preached the Reign of God, which is the Kingdom of God where God's Will and God's rules control everything.

It is important for us to have a clarity on the impact of this belief. We believe in One God who is revealed and called Yahweh in the Old Testament who is creator and the source of all life. In the New Testament Jesus revealed Him as the Heavenly Father. Jesus revealed to us the Trinitarian God we all believe in- Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit- three persons but One God. We should not be shy or coerced by any contrary persuasions. Our God gave us life and rules to live by. He has instructed us through prophets and leaders, currently through His church. We are informed and instructed and He allows us the freedom to make personal choice to have that sense of belonging to Him and live with the hope that we will be rewarded after this life. This requires certain discipline in us. Major portion of that discipline is to defend the doctrines of our faith and free ourselves from intruders who will trap us into very convincing ideologies. There are many forces out there to distract us from that focused faith life. Their ways are very intrusive and externally convincing.

Among us there are some who tries to be nice to others even at the cost talking against our own faith. Our Lord and Savior Jesus never advocated any violence. He wants us to live in peace and love. These are the vibrant qualities of the reign of God in our lives.

We recognize that with Baptism we have entered the Kingdom and the Kingdom began to grow in our lives. It is our responsibility to be active and alive in His Kingdom and be His courageous Apostles in this age. We have to generate this apostolic zeal in our children. As Advent begins we can consciously prepare our hearts and lives to welcome Jesus and His Kingdom into us.

God bless you all

Cuando celebramos la Fiesta de Cristo Rey, reflexionamos sobre el aspecto espiritual de ese Reino de Dios. Jesús predicó el Reino de Dios, que es el Reino de Dios donde la Voluntad de Dios y las reglas de Dios controlan todo. Es importante para nosotros tener claridad sobre el impacto de esta creencia. Creemos en un Dios que se revela y se llama Yahweh en el Antiguo Testamento, que es creador y fuente de toda vida. En el Nuevo Testamento Jesús lo reveló como el Padre Celestial. Jesús nos reveló el Dios trinitario en el que todos creemos: Padre, Hijo y Espíritu Santo, tres personas en un solo Dios. No debemos ser tímidos ni coaccionados por ninguna persuasión contraria. Nuestro Dios nos dio vida y reglas para vivir. Él nos ha instruido a través de profetas y líderes, actualmente a través de Su iglesia. Somos informados e instruidos y Él nos permite la libertad de hacer una elección personal para tener ese sentido de pertenencia a Él y vivir con la esperanza de que seremos recompensados después de esta vida. Esto requiere cierta disciplina en nosotros.

Gran parte de esa disciplina es defender las doctrinas de nuestra fe y liberarnos de los intrusos que nos atraparán en ideologías muy convincentes. Hay muchas fuerzas que nos distraen de esa vida de fe enfocada. Sus formas son muy intrusivas y externamente convincentes. Entre nosotros hay algunos que tratan de ser amables con los demás aun a costa de hablar en contra de nuestra propia fe. Nuestro Señor y Salvador Jesús nunca abogó por la violencia. Él quiere que vivamos en paz y amor. Estas son las cualidades vibrantes del reino de Dios en nuestras vidas.

Reconocemos que con el Bautismo hemos entrado en el Reino y el Reino comenzó a crecer en nuestras vidas. Es nuestra responsabilidad estar activos y vivos en Su Reino y ser Sus valientes Apóstoles en esta era. Este celo apostólico lo tenemos que generar en nuestros hijos. A medida que comienza el Adviento, podemos preparar conscientemente nuestro corazón y nuestra vida para recibir a Jesús y su Reino en nosotros.

Dios los bendiga a todos

The reading from the prophet Isaiah this Sunday contains a remarkable prediction—the end of war between nations (Isaiah 2:4). So why hasn't it been fulfilled? We can look to the second reading and the Gospel for some hints.

Both readings talk about being awake and ready for our salvation (Romans 13:12) or the coming of the Son of Man (Matthew 24:39). Being awake doesn't mean consuming lots of coffee or turning the music volume all the way up. Paul calls it "putting on the Lord Jesus Christ" as a soldier would put on armor before a battle. He even mentions rivalry and jealousy as attitudes to avoid. What if we not only avoided them, but also taught our children to avoid them? What if everyone eventually learned not to be jealous and hateful?

We are a long way from ending all wars. There are still people who teach hate to the poor instead of helping to feed them. There are still people who get rich selling the weapons of war. This brings us back to the first reading, in which Isaiah speaks of beating swords into plowshares. Instead of trying to stop all wars, could we at least show forgiveness to someone who has hurt us? Maybe we need to be ready to share our faith. Maybe we have to be awake to any opportunity to show God's love to those around us. If we can just be patient with other people's faults and weaknesses, we may not stop all wars, but we will be prepared for the coming of the

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for at an hour you do not expect,
the Son of Man will come."

— Matthew 24:44



WEEKLY OFFERINGS: NOVEMBER 20, 2022

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Capital Campaign: \$265,000 out of 1.1 M

Week of November 27, 2022 MASS SCHEDULE

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| Mon 11/28 | <u>8:15am</u> Special Intentions by Albert Hodges |
| Wed 11/30 | <u>6:00pm</u> |
| Thurs 12/1 | <u>7:00am</u> |
| Fri 12/2 | <u>8:15am</u> †Robert Ballard Jr.
by Jennine Raskin |
| Sat 12/3 | <u>4:00pm</u>
<u>6:00pm</u> †Margarito Munoz
by Familia Gonzalez |
| Sun 12/4 | <u>7:00am</u> †Consuelo Cortez
by Margarita Correa
<u>9:00am</u> †Michell by Irene Chaviz
<u>12:00pm</u>
<u>4:00pm</u> †Alberto & Victoriano Vico
by Familia Vico |



BIRTHDAY LIST

- 11/28 Andrea Bolanos, Juan Carlos Hernandez, Yaritzi Mondragon, Stacey Ramirez, Esteban Ramos, Scott Rogers, Francisco Solis
 - 11/29 Jeff Adrian, Daniel Aleman, Rosemari Bamaca, Isabella Cannady, Brayan Gonzalez
 - 11/30 Rufino Enciso, Elizabeth Estrada, Justo Hernandez, Michael Leach, Sofia Rubio
 - 12/1 Javier Estreada Jr., Emerson Francisco, Maria Lopez, Genesis Perez, Anel Sandoval, Pablo Silva, Feliciano Toledo, Alicia Valencia, Johnny Vasquez
 - 12/2 Guadalupe Badillo, Jaime Bernal, Shayla Goicochea, Priscilla Lara, Laine Wood
 - 12/4 Maricruz Palma
- Have a Very Blessed Birthday**



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — All the peoples shall stream toward the Lord's house (Isaiah 2:1-5).

Psalm — We will rejoice as we go up to the Lord's house (Psalm 122).

Second Reading — It is the hour to cast off the dark and clothe ourselves in the light (Romans 13:11-14).

Gospel — Stay awake! Be prepared! The Son of Man will come when you least expect (Matthew 24:37-44).



OUR SALVATION IS NEAR

READINGS OF THE WEEK

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| Monday: | Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11 |
| Tuesday: | Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
Lk 10:21-24 |
| Wednesday: | Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22 |
| Thursday: | Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;
Mt 7:21, 24-27 |
| Friday: | Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14;
Mt 9:27-31 |
| Saturday: | Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6;
Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8 |
| Sunday: | Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12 |

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

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| Sunday: | First Sunday of Advent |
| Wednesday: | St. Andrew |
| Friday: | First Friday |

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Todas las naciones confluirán hacia el monte del Señor (Isaías 2:1-5).

Salmo — Nos regocijaremos al subir a la casa del Señor (Salmo 122 [121]).

Segunda lectura — Ya es el momento de que se despierten del sueño (Romanos 13:11-14).

Evangelio — Velen, pues, y estén preparados para la venida del Hijo del hombre (Mateo 24:37-44).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

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| Lunes: | Is 4:2-6; Sal 122 (121):1-9; Mt 8:5-11 |
| Martes: | Is 11:1-10; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 7-8, 12-13,
17; Lc 10:21-24 |
| Miércoles: | Rom 10:9-18; Sal 19 (18):8-11;
Mt 4:18-22 |
| Jueves: | Is 26:1-6; Sal 118 (117):1, 8-9, 19-21,
25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27 |
| Viernes: | Is 29:17-24; Sal 27 (26):1, 4, 13-14;
Mt 9:27-31 |
| Sábado: | Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Sal 147 (146):1-6;
Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8 |
| Domingo: | Is 11:1-10; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 7-8,
12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12 |

PRIMER DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

De las espadas forjarán arados
y de las lanzas, podaderas;
ya no alzará la espada pueblo contra pueblo.

ISAÍAS 2:4

LOS SANTOS Y OTRAS CELEBRACIONES

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|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Domingo: | Primer Domingo de Adviento |
| Miércoles: | San Andrés |
| Viernes: | Primer viernes |

CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

Advent Prayer

Come, Lord Jesus.
 O God, you are great indeed.
 Look upon us and reveal your glory,
 promised to Abraham and sent to us
 through David and his lineage.
 Send us the warmth of your love,
 the light of your Word,
 the vision of your wisdom, and the
 comfort of your people. Open
 our hearts in welcome and grant
 us your salvation. Fill our minds
 with watchful hope and let us see
 your kindness. Give us new life,
 the promise and joy of salvation.
 May the glory of your Son dwell
 in our land forever.

We pray: Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

OUR FASCINATING FAITH

The Season of Advent

What are we really waiting for during Advent? The longstanding tradition of the Church is that the Advent season really marks not one but three comings of Christ: his coming into history two thousand years ago, his coming in glory at the end of time, and his coming into our hearts here and now. Advent starts with a focus on the future coming of Christ so that we might see the big picture. If Christmas is to make any sense at all, we have to ask the question, "What are you doing to get ready for the (final) coming of Christ?" This perspective opens us up to the sense of anticipation experienced by the Jewish people on the eve of the first coming of Christ. This Advent, we will hear John the Baptist tell them (and us) how best to prepare. He urges repentance and an examination and reform of our way of life. Then on the Fourth Sunday, we are drawn in to the history of Jesus' arrival as the child of Joseph and Mary. Our work of spiritual preparation brings us to the point of the whole season. What good is it that Christ comes into my heart if I don't then carry that presence out into the world, just as Mary did? Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

ESQUINA DE ORACIÓN CATÓLICA

Oración de Adviento

Ven, Señor Jesús. Oh, Dios,
 de verdad tú eres inmenso.
 Míranos y revela tu gloria,
 prometida a Abraham y enviada
 a nosotros a través de David
 y su linaje. Envíanos el calor de tu amor,
 la luz de tu Palabra, la visión de tu
 sabiduría y el consuelo de tu pueblo.
 Abre nuestros corazones en la acogida
 y concédenos tu salvación. Llena nuestras
 mentes con esperanza vigilante
 y haznos ver tu bondad. Danos una vida
 nueva, la promesa y la alegría de la
 salvación. Que la gloria de tu Hijo
 habite en nuestra tierra para siempre.

Oremos: Ven, Señor Jesús. Amén.

NUESTRA FASCINANTE FE

El Tiempo de Adviento

¿Qué es lo que realmente esperamos durante el Adviento? La tradición de la Iglesia es que el tiempo de Adviento no marca una, sino tres venidas de Cristo: su llegada a la historia hace dos mil años, su venida en gloria al final de los tiempos, y su venida a nuestros corazones aquí y ahora. El Adviento comienza centrándose en la futura venida de Cristo para que podamos ver el panorama general. Para que la Navidad tenga algún sentido, tenemos que preguntarnos: "¿Qué estás haciendo para prepararte para la venida (final) de Cristo?" Esta perspectiva nos abre al sentido de anticipación que experimentó el pueblo judío en la víspera de la primera venida de Cristo. En este Adviento, escucharemos a Juan el Bautista decirles (y a nosotros) cuál es la mejor manera de prepararse. Insta al arrepentimiento, al examen y a la reforma de nuestro modo de vida.

Luego, el Cuarto Domingo de Adviento, nos adentramos en la historia de la llegada de Jesús como hijo de José y María. Nuestro trabajo de preparación espiritual nos lleva al punto de toda la temporada. ¿De qué sirve que Cristo entre en mi corazón si luego no llevo esa presencia al mundo, como hizo María? Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

†SACRAMENTS†

****Sacrament of Baptism**—Baptism is a highly sacred event and deserves careful and complete readiness. Please contact the church office (336-629-0221) to register for the Baptism Preparation Class, which is done on a regular basis. Parents must be registered and participating members of our parish community

****Sacrament of Marriage** - Couples should contact the Pastor (336-629-0221) at least 6 months prior to the wedding date for necessary preparation.

****Ministry of the Sick**—Please call the church office (336-629-0221) to inform us of an illness or hospitalization of a family member. Federal Privacy Law prohibits the hospital from giving room numbers, so we must have prior knowledge of a patient's room number before we visit the hospital. The Sacrament of Anointing is done upon request prior to surgery or a illness.



****Prayers for our Military**—please call the office (336-629-0221) to notify us of their Military Status

Out of respect for the Liturgy in which we partake, please turn off or mute all cell phones and pagers as you enter the Sanctuary of Our Lord. If your Children are acting up, please take them to the cry room in order not to disrupt the liturgy for others.



Calling all young men ages 10-18. Are you looking to grow in your faith, learn to become a community leader, or help your community and church all while having fun with other Catholic young man? Well, the Columbian Squires are looking for new members. The Columbian Squires is part of the Knights of Columbus family. For more information please have a parent contact Grand Knight Jason Kroeger at 336-301-4418



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

*The Knights are looking for new members to join their brotherhood. If interested please contact the church office and a Knight will return your call



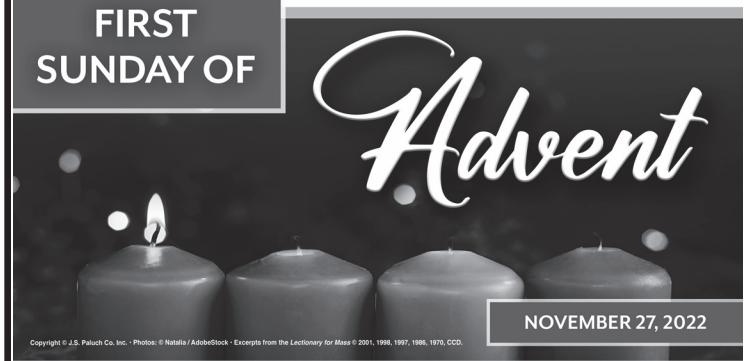
COLUMBIETTES:

The St. Joseph Columbiettes – Auxiliary 10891 would like to extend an invitation to all the ladies of the parish to join our organization. If you are interested in joining or would like more information, please contact the church office. A current Columbiette will return your call.



FIRST SUNDAY OF

Advent



"You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

MATTHEW 24:44

PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISHIONERS & THEIR FAMILIES

Please take a moment to pray for our parishioners needs, Illness, persona problems and our young men serving our country:

Christopher Gardner, Lillian Hazelwood, Colleen Greene, Gary Hutchins, Jose Espiallet, Monica Smith, Patrick Guarion, Raphael Guriel, Josefina Arellano, JR Newsome, Mary Matthews, Sara Dunmeyer's daughter, Donald Hills, Robert Barker, Mary Poremba, Sharon Derosi, Chester Devarney, Ernest Devarney, Luis Saavedra, Don Troup, Phyllis Morrison, Harry Chriscoe



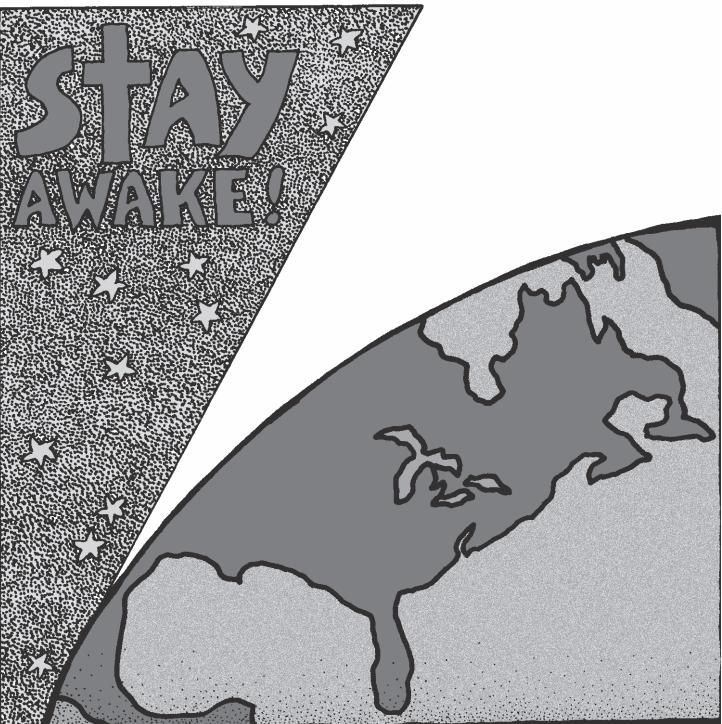
Military: Adolfo Angel Vasquez, Matthew Bryant, Angela Salinas Ruiz. Carlos Chavez

Seminarians & Religious: Jose Palma, Kevin Martinez, & Jessica Palma

Prayer for Eternal Rest

In your hands, O Lord, we humbly entrust our brothers and sisters. In this life you embraced them with your tender love; deliver them now from every evil and bid them eternal rest.

The old order has passed away: welcome them into paradise, where there will be no sorrow, no weeping or pain, but the fullness of peace and joy with your Son and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen.



Prepare for the Lord's coming



Christmas Giving Tree.

Our Giving Tree is up take as many tags as you can. When you select a tag from the tree please write down the red number and the family number on the lists provided.

All gifts are due back on December 18th at the latest.

Thank you for your generosity.



RECICLANDO

El Grupo de Juvenil esta colectando latas de aluminio, latas de comida o cualquier otro metal para apoyar las actividades del Grupo Juvenil. Por favor deposite los articulos que usted tenga en la esquina de la casita. Gracias a los que poneen en bolsa separadas el alumino y el acero. Articulos de acero como sartenes biejos, erramientas, palas etc.. Se convierten en efectivo. Porfavor Done. Muchas Gracias.



RECYCLING

The Youth Group is collecting aluminum cans, tin cans, and other metal items for recycling to support the Youth Group activities. Please leave your items by the shed in the corner of the parking lot. Thank you in advance for separating the cans into separate bags for aluminum and steel. Steel items like old fry pans, basketball hoops, poles, tools, shovels, tire rims etc. can be turned in for cash. Please donate. Thank you.





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