# St Joseph Catholic Church



# Third Sunday of Advent

December 11, 2022

"Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them."

Matthew 11: 4-5



# 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

EUCHARISTIC 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/ Monday and Friday 8:15 AM

Misas entre semana Wednesday 6:00 PM

Thursday 7:00 AM

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# From the Pastor's Desk / Del Escritorio del Padre

It is very enlightening to see how John the Baptist was preparing the way of the Lord, helping the people of his time to welcome the promised Messiah.

John the Baptist was providing the baptism of repentance to those who confessed their sins. He challenged the people saying, "Reform your lives. The reign of God is at hand" (Mt.31-12).

Two facts are evident. The reign of God is imminent.

They have to reform their lives to have any participation in it.

This implies that their current way of life will not qualify them to get involved in the forthcoming Kingdom of God. It generates an awareness of their sinfulness with a pressing desire to reform their lives. Here we see their faith journey is moving on to a very personal level. Knowing the shallowness of their commitment and the unreliable nature of the people around him, he required of them to "show evidence" that they really meant to change. They had to do this to welcome the Messiah into their lives and participate in the new Kingdom that He will usher in.

This is the process of our salvation - an awareness, a readiness to change, courageous testimony to the honesty of our commitment . All these imply an informed desire and a deep seated personal search to encounter the Messiah, our Savior.

John continues that the Messiah will baptize us with the Holy Spirit and His fire. We will know that there is a selection and a rejection, an acceptance and utter destruction. The gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit will be our strength. His fire will burn all the rubbish in us. The resultant newness of life will help us to be active and alive in the Kingdom where Jesus is the King. In His Kingdom the will of God becomes the major concern of our daily life. The prayer, "Thy Kingdom come, Thy Will be done" becomes very personal and that loyalty is the determining factor in the choices and decisions of our daily lives. We will always pray to know and do the Will of God.

While preparing to celebrate His coming, we must review our lives to be sure that this process of reform is happening in us. We must help our children to prepare their hearts for Jesus.

God bless you all

Es muy esclarecedor ver cómo Juan Bautista iba preparando el camino del Señor, ayudando a la gente de su tiempo a acoger al Mesías prometido.

Juan el Bautista estaba proporcionando el bautismo de arrepentimiento a aquellos que confesaron sus pecados. Desafió a la gente diciendo: "Reformen sus vidas. El reino de Dios está cerca" (Mt.31-12).

Dos hechos son evidentes. El reino de Dios es inminente. Tienen que reformar sus vidas para tener alguna participación en ella.

Esto implica que su estilo de vida actual no los calificará para involucrarse en el venidero Reino de Dios. Genera una conciencia de su pecaminosidad con un deseo apremiante de reformar sus vidas. Aquí vemos que su camino de fe avanza a un nivel muy personal. Conociendo la superficialidad de su compromiso y la naturaleza poco confiable de las personas que lo rodeaban, les exigió que "mostraran evidencia" de que realmente tenían la intención de cambiar. Tuvieron que hacer esto para recibir al Mesías en sus vidas y participar en el nuevo Reino que Él traerá.

Este es el proceso de nuestra salvación: una conciencia, una disposición al cambio, un testimonio valiente de la honestidad de nuestro compromiso. Todo esto implica un deseo informado y una profunda búsqueda personal para encontrar al Mesías, nuestro Salvador.

Juan continúa que el Mesías nos bautizará con el Espíritu Santo y Su fuego. Sabremos que hay una selección y un rechazo, una aceptación y una destrucción total. Los dones y frutos del Espíritu Santo serán nuestra fortaleza. Su fuego quemará toda la basura en nosotros. La novedad de vida resultante nos ayudará a estar activos y vivos en el Reino donde Jesús es el Rey.

En Su Reino, la voluntad de Dios se convierte en la mayor preocupación de nuestra vida diaria. La oración "Venga tu reino, hágase tu voluntad" se vuelve muy personal y esa lealtad es el factor determinante en las opciones y decisiones de nuestra vida diaria. Oraremos siempre para conocer y hacer la Voluntad de Dios.

Mientras nos preparamos para celebrar Su venida, debemos revisar nuestras vidas para asegurarnos de que este proceso de reforma se está produciendo en nosotros. Debemos ayudar a nuestros hijos a preparar sus corazones para Jesús.

Dios los bendiga a todos

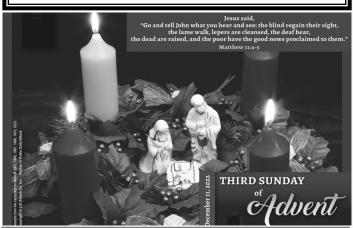
Old Testament prophets were not very popular. Most were killed or exiled because they challenged people to follow God's commands. John the Baptist suffered the same way. So what kept the prophets going?

First of all, the prophets had faith in God. They believed that God spoke through them, that God would protect them and support them. Second, they had patience. They kept going when people rejected their preaching. Some prophets had to be patient with their own weaknesses.

The third gift of the prophets was hope, hope that by keeping God's commands, God's people would be renewed, along with all of creation. Our first reading is an example of such hope, with its descriptions of deserts becoming gardens and the sick and disabled being healed and strengthened.

So what do we learn from those prophets? First, we need to keep our faith in God strong. If you go to church once a week, the bare minimum, it would be like exercising only once a week and thinking that will keep you in shape. Second, we need patience, and not just with our kids. We need to be patient with ourselves and with God. Some people stop going to church because they don't see any spiritual growth in themselves. So be patient; don't expect to become a saint right away. Finally, the reading from Isaiah gives us hope that God will open our eyes of faith, clear our ears to hear God's word (Isaiah 35:5), and "meet him with joy and gladness" (Isaiah 35:10).

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WEEKLY OFFERINGS: DECEMBER 4, 2022

Offertory: \$4,193.00

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

# Week of December 11, 2022

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## MASS SCHEDULE

Mon 12/12 <u>Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe</u> <u>Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast</u>

12:00am

5:00am Mañanitas

8:15am Ivan & Nancy Lopez

by Alma Enciso

7:00pm †Jose Matilde Medina

by Familia Medina

Wed 12/14 6:00pm

Thurs 12/15 7am St Joseph Honor & Intentions

by Albert Hodges

Fri 12/16 8:15am Special Iontentions by Albert Hodges

Sat 12/17 <u>12:00pm</u> *Quinceañera* Janet Beltran

4:00pm

6:00pm Carlos & Lupita Gonzales

by Familia Gonzales

Sun 12/18 7:00am †Alex Alcaraz by Familia Alcaraz

9:00am †Robert Ballard Sr.

by Jennine Raskin

12:00pm †Jose Manuel Arias by Familia Arias

4:00pm †Benito Cruz by Carmen Garcia

# BIRTHDAY LIST

- 12/12 Javier Avila, Leighan G Cabrera, Emily Estrada, Neida Fiscal, Xavier Gonzalo, Pamela Hurtado, K'Poh Lieiy Hot, Raquel Martinez, Ken Plummer, Guadalupe Santiago, Erika Soto
- 12/13 Juan Alvarado, Arleth Arellano, Eladio Banuelos, Kayleb Barrera, Mainor I Castillo, Edwin J Chavez, Sheila Ortiz
- 12/14 Cristina Auceta, Yolisbet Calixtro, Maria Grissel, Silviano Jaimes, Alexa Mendoza, Diana Parks, Dennise Sanchez, Tania Soto
- 12/15 Mateo Alejo, MacKenzie Appel, Aurelio Beltran, Carol Carpenter, Edwin Corral, Eddie Dombrowski, Antonio Estrada, Osmel Juarez, Elpidio Mendoza, Yamiley Perez, Linda Wright,
- 12/16 Crystal Cortez, Margarita Flores, Esmeralda Martinez, Nancy Rodriguez, Alexis Zepada, Oswaldo Viveros
- 12/17 Jessica Alejo, Celio Figueroa, Diego Gutierrez, Kevin Reyes
- 12/18 Anibal Alarcon Castro, Angel Bolanos, Cruz Corona, Adolfo Mendes

# Have a Very Blessed Birthday



# **TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — The barren deserts will rejoice and flower. Tired bodies will receive strength. Aching hearts will be made glad (Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10).

**Psalm** — The Lord saves us when he comes (Psalm 146).

**Second Reading** — Be patient, for the coming of the Lord is as sure as the rain (James 5:7-10).

**Gospel** — Tell of what you hear and see: The blind regain their vision, the crippled their movement, the deaf their hearing (Matthew 11:2-11).

# READINGS OF THE WEEK

**Monday:** Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a,

10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38

or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the

Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary,

nos. 707-712

**Tuesday:** Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19,

23; Mt 21:28-32

**Wednesday:** Is 45: 6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9ab,

10-14; Lk 7:18b-23

**Thursday:** Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b;

Lk 7:24-30

**Friday:** Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8;

In 5:33-36

**Saturday:** Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17;

Mt 1:1-17

**Sunday:** Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7;

Mt 1:18-24

# SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Sunday:** Third Sunday of Advent

**Monday:** Our Lady of Guadalupe

Tuesday: St. Lucy

**Wednesday:** St. John of the Cross

Friday: Las Posadas begins

### LECTURAS DE HOY

**Primera lectura** — ¡Estén fuertes, no teman! Su Dios viene a salvarlos. Los redimidos del Señor serán coronados con alegría eterna (Isaías 35:1-6a, 10).

**Salmo** — El Señor nos salva cuando viene (Salmo 146 [145])

**Segunda lectura** — Sean también pacientes y valientes porque la venida del Señor está cerca (Santiago 5:7-10).

Evangelio — "¿Eres tú el que debe venir o tenemos que esperar a otro?" Jesús les contestó, "Vayan y cuéntenle a Juan lo que han visto y oído" (Mateo 11:2-11).

# LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

**Lunes:** Zac 2:14-17 o Apo 11:19a; 12:1-6a,

10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lc 1:26-38

o Lc 1:39-47, o cualquier lectura del

Común de Santa María Virgen.

**Martes:** Sof 3:1-2, 9-13; Sal 34 (33):2-3, 6-7,

17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32

**Miércoles:** Is 45: 6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Sal 85 (84):9ab,

10-14; Lc 7:18b-23

**Jueves:** Is 54:1-10; Sal 30 (29):2, 4-6, 11-12a,

13b; Lc 7:24-30

**Viernes:** Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Sal 67 (66):2-3, 5, 7-8;

In 5:33-36

**Sábado:** Gn 49:2, 8-10; Sal 72 (71):1-4ab, 7-8,

17; Mt 1:1-17

**Domingo:** Is 7:10-14; Sal 24 (23):1-6; Rom 1:1-7;

Mt 1:18-24



# LOS SANTOS Y OTRAS CELEBRACION

**Domingo:** Tercer Domingo de Adviento

**Lunes:** Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

**Martes:** Santa Lucía

**Miércoles:** San Juan de la Cruz

**Viernes:** Primer día de las Posadas

### CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

### Saint Teresa's Bookmark

Let nothing disturb you,

Let nothing frighten you,

All things are passing;

God only is changeless.

Patience gains all things.

Who has God wants nothing.

God alone suffices. Amen.

# I am sending my messenger ahead of you

# OUR FASCINATING FAITH Our Lady of Guadalupe (December 12)

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, first appeared to Cuauhtlatzin (Juan Diego) on December 9, 1531 while he was on his way to a Eucharistic celebration in Tlatelolco, Mexico. The Virgin addressed him by his indigenous name, asking him to go to the palace of Archbishop Zumárraga to request that a shrine be erected there at the site of the apparition, in Tepeyac, so as to share her love and compassion for all believers. Juan Diego did so, but the archbishop did not believe him, demanding proof of his story and of the Lady's identity. He returned to Our Lady daily, and on December 12, he conveyed to her the archbishop's request for proof. She showed him Castilian roses blooming there through the stony ground despite the winter's cold. He picked the flowers and carried them in his tilma (mantle) to the archbishop. When he unfolded his tilma to present the roses, Mary's image was imprinted on the mantle! Her blue sash and the flower over her womb were traditional Aztec symbols of pregnancy and new life. But her features were those of a mestiza, indicating mixed Aztec-European heritage. Thus Our Lady of Guadalupe remains the enduring icon of unity-indiversity, the fruit of our one baptism into Jesus, her Son. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

# ESQUINA DE ORACIÓN CATÓLICA

## Confiar en Dios

Nada te turbe, nada te espante,

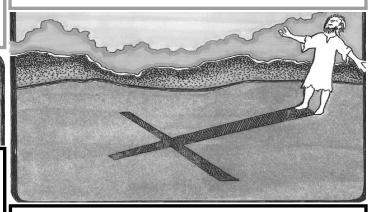
todo se pasa, Dios no se marcha;

la paciencia todo lo alcanza.

Quien a Dios tiene nada le falta;

sólo Dios basta. Amen.

—Santa Teresa de Ávila



### NUESTRA FASCINANTE FE

# Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe (12 de diciembre)

Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, Patrona de las Américas, se apareció por primera vez a Cuauhtlatoatzin (Juan Diego) el 9 de diciembre de 1531 aunque se dirigía a una celebración eucarística en Tlatelolco, México. La Virgen se dirigió a él por su nombre indígena, pidiéndole que fuera al palacio del arzobispo Zumárraga para solicitar que se erigiera allí un santuario en el lugar de la aparición, en el Tepeyac, para compartir su amor y compasión con todos los creyentes. Juan Diego lo hizo, pero el arzobispo no le creyó, exigiendo pruebas de su historia y de la identidad de la Señora. Volvió a la Virgen a diario, y el 12 de diciembre le transmitió la petición de pruebas del arzobispo. Ella le mostró rosas castellanas que florecían allí a través del suelo pedregoso a pesar del frío del invierno. Él recogió las flores y las llevó en su tilma (manto) hasta el arzobispo. Cuando desplegó su tilma para presentar las rosas, ¡la imagen de María quedó impresa en el manto! Su faja azul y la flor sobre su vientre eran símbolos aztecas tradicionales de embarazo y nueva vida. Pero sus rasgos eran los de una mestiza, indicando una herencia mixta azteca-europea. Así, Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe sigue siendo el icono perdurable de la unidad en la diversidad, el fruto de nuestro único bautismo en Jesús, su Hijo.

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### + 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

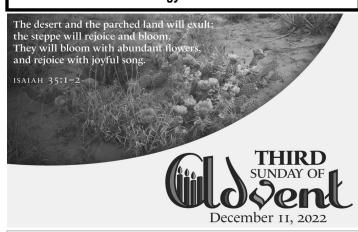


visit the hospital. The Sacrament of Anointing is done upon request prior to surgery or a illness.

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

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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

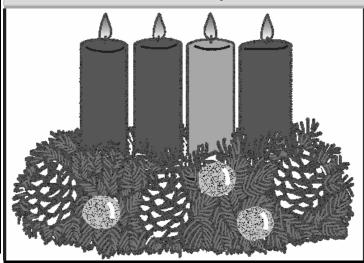
### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

\*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:**

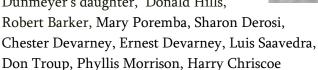
The St. Joseph Columbiettes – Auxiliary 10891 would like to extend an invitation to all the ladies of the parish to join our organization. If you are interested in joining or would like more information, please contact the church office. A current Columbiette will return your call.



# 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,



<u>Military:</u> Adolfo Angel Vasquez, Matthew Bryant, Angela Salinas Ruiz. Carlos Chavez

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



### ADVENT PRAYER

#### Third Week

Our Father, we wait in joyful anticipation for the fulfilment of your promises to



us! We await the coming of Jesus Christ, your heavenly gift to all humankind. Give us the strength to remain steadfastly devoted to you during this time of holy preparation. "Let it be done according to thy will." Amen.

#### Fourth Week

Heavenly Father, the hour has nearly arrived! Assist us in keeping our preparations for the arrival of Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Please accept our humble efforts to prepare as a sign of our sincerity and gratitude to you, from whom all good things come. "Let it be done according to thy will!" Amen.

### ADVENT RETREAT

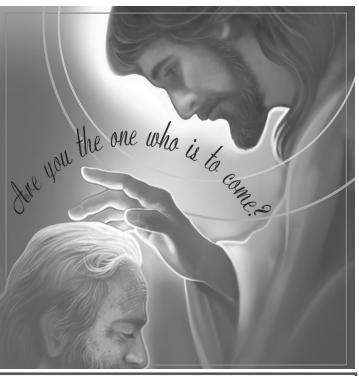
THURSDAY (12/15) & FRIDAY (12/16) 6:30AM TO 8:00PM

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CONFESSIONS AVAILABLE ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 15TH)



4:00PM-7:00PM COME AND JOIN US!!



# 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.

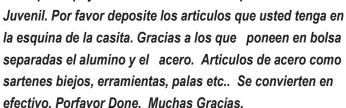
All gifts are due back on December 18th at the latest.

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



# 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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