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# St. Joseph Catholic Church

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 29, 2015

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## News, Reminders, and Events

**NEXT SUNDAY:** The Parish Christmas Potluck is scheduled for Sunday, December 6, at 5:30 pm. Plan to make your favorite dish to share; join all for great food and a wonderful time. Sign up sheet in the foyer of the church.

**PRÓXIMO DOMINGO:** Cena de Navidad de la parroquia está prevista para el domingo 6 de diciembre, a 17:30. Planea hacer su platillo favorito para compartir y llegado de buena comida y un tiempo maravilloso. Regístrate en hoja en el vestíbulo de la iglesia.

**Christmas Penance service** will be Friday December 11 at 6:00p.m. Please take advantage of this unique opportunity to do your Christmas confessions.

**Servicio de Penitencia de Navidad** será el viernes 11 de diciembre a las 6:00 p.m. Por favor tome ventaja de esta oportunidad única de hacer sus confesiones de Navidad.

**The Light is On for You** will be on Wednesday, December 16, immediately following the 6:30 p.m. Mass. Everyone is encouraged to take advantage of this Diocesan-wide sacrament of reconciliation.

**La luz está encendida para Usted** será el 16 de diciembre, se recomienda al 18:30 Misa. Todo el mundo a tomar ventaja de esta Diocesan de todo el sacramento de la reconciliación inmediatamente después.

**CCD classes** will resume next Sunday, 12/6 for one week only. Spring semester will begin 1/10/2016. Enjoy your holiday break and remember to PRAY with your children while they are on break. They look to you for the guidance as to how to live the faith. We look forward to seeing you at Mass Saturdays at 5:30pm or Sundays at 9:30am throughout Advent and Christmas!

**Clases de catecismo** se reanudarán el próximo Domingo, 06.12 por sólo una semana. Semestre de primavera comenzará 01/10/2016. Disfrute de su descanso de vacaciones y recordar a orar con sus hijos mientras están en descanso. Se ven a usted para la orientación en cuanto a la manera de vivir la fe. Esperamos contar con su presencia en la misa los sábados a las 5:30 pm y domingos a las 9:30 de la mañana a lo largo de Adviento y Navidad!

The St. Joseph Hispanic Group is planning a celebration of **The Virgin, Our Lady of Guadalupe** on Saturday 12/12/2015 immediately following the 5:30pm Mass. Please join us as we celebrate the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Additionally, a rosary will be said at 6pm each day 12/3/2015-12/12/2015.

El Grupo Hispano de San José está planeando una celebración de la Virgen, **Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe** el sábado 12/12/2015 inmediatamente después de la 17:30 Misa. Por favor, únase a nosotros para celebrar la festividad de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. Además, se dijo que un rosario a las 18:00 todos los días 12/3/2015-12/12/2015.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**The Nativity of the Lord (Vigil Mass), Thursday, December 24 at 6 p.m.**

**The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Mass) December 25 at 9:30 a.m.**

**The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, January 1 at 6:30 p.m.**

<b>Saturday</b> <b>November 28</b> 5:30 p.m. Mass ☩Cecelia Pierson by Rich & Joan Lawrence	<b>Sunday</b> <b>November</b> <b>29</b> 9:30 a.m. Mass For the People	<b>Monday</b> <b>November</b> <b>30</b> No Mass	<b>Tuesday</b> <b>December 1</b> 6:30 p.m. Mass ☩Jerome Dosch by Anne Marie Ward	<b>Wednesday</b> <b>December 2</b> 6:30 p.m. Mass ☩Rossi Lucian Selvaggi by Tom Selvaggi	<b>Thursday</b> <b>December 3</b> 8:00 a.m. Mass ☩Wendy S. Selvaggi by Tom Selvaggi	<b>Friday</b> <b>December 4</b> 8:00 a.m. Mass Bill Trelc, Sr. by Bill & Mary Trelc	<b>Saturday</b> <b>December 5</b> 5:30 p.m. Mass Charles & Shirley Ranley by Charlene & Curtis Scott
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The usual stipend for a Mass is \$5.00.

## THE PASTOR'S CORNER

# HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Author: Anonymous

Maybe it sounds like we're rushing things...but in the Church, today is the beginning of a new year! Today, as we begin our Advent preparations, we remember what this season is about. Advent is a time of anticipation. We prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus so long ago. We live in joyful expectation of having Him in our lives. We build on the fires of hope that are ignited by our faith - hope that Jesus will come again. On this first Sunday of Advent, you may be realizing that Christmas is approaching, and your mind is filled with the shopping that you need to do. Take a moment to reflect on the true reason for celebration in the coming month. With Him on your side, the holidays are filled with joy and hope, not stress and frustration. He does not want a gift from a fancy store...he just wants you.

As women approach the day that they will give birth, so many preparations are made for the child. What are YOU doing to prepare for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ? Will you be ready?

Help your family to prepare together during this Advent season with our very own St. Joseph Advent calendar: You can find it online at <http://www.stjoetx.net/documents/2015/11/Advent%20Bible%20Verses.pdf>

### Our Parish Weekly Need: \$ 2,771.60\*

Las necesidades semanales de nuestra parroquia: \$2,771.60\*

Last Sunday, November 22, 2015: \$ 2,253.59

Colección desde el domingo pasado: \$ 2,253.59

Monthly Mortgage Payment: \$ 3,402.50

Pago mensual de hipoteca: \$ 3,402.50

Last Sunday's Building Fund: \$ 179.00

Fondos recaudados el domingo pasado: \$ 179.00

Building Fund November Total: \$ 4,974.00

Total de fondos noviembre: \$ 4,974.00

Mass Attendance: 273

Cantidad de asistentes: 273

\*What it takes to function not including the Mortgage Payment.

\*Lo que se requiere para el funcionamiento de la parroquia, sin el pago mensual de la hipoteca.

**RCIA is a journey of conversion to God and what He intends for us.** The Catholic Church warmly welcomes new members and tries to provide appropriate spiritual formation according to each person's needs. If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, please contact Fr. Marcus.

Si usted está interesado en aprender más sobre la fe católica, póngase en contacto con el p. Marcus.



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