

Mass Intentions for the week of November 27

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28

NO 6:30 a.m. Mass

12:05 p.m. Tony & Nacha Zapata ++

6:30 p.m. Freddy Castillo, Sr. +

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

6:30 a.m. Eddie Cervantes +

12:05 p.m. Jo Ellen Vitovsky +

6:30 p.m. Sebastian Cerda +

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30—Saint Andrew, Apostle

6:30 a.m. Bob Zmolek +

12:05 p.m. John F., Antonie, Danny Kubin +++

6:30 p.m. Luther Scott +

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

6:30 a.m. Special Intention

12:05 p.m. Wesley & Bessie Lanicek ++

6:30 p.m. Simon Giron + & Jesus Perez +

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

First Friday Devotions after 12:05 pm Mass

6:30 a.m. Eligio Gallegos

12:05 p.m. Elias Elias +

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3—Saint Francis Xavier

First Saturday Devotions after 8:00 am Mass

8:00 a.m. Frank Zabochnik +

3:30 p.m. Confessions

5:00 p.m. Joe S. & Mary, Joe L. Liska +++

DECEMBER 4, SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:00 a.m. Wilma Zhanel +

11:00 a.m. Genaro, Maria, Alfred Rodriguez & Paul Quintanilla, Jr. ++++

1:00 p.m. Guadalupe Ortiz & Manuel Hernandez (Special Intention)

5:00 p.m. Bobby Hammonds +

MASSES FOR EPIPHANY CHURCH

Sun. Nov. 27, 9 am Manuel Trejo Medina

Sun. Dec. 04, 9 am Juan Calderon +

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Entrance: People, Look East - 337

Offertory: Christ, Be Our Light - 512

Communion: Taste & See - 827

Recessional: Savior of the Nations Come - 348

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK: Bragg's Appliance Service

**PRAYER FOR THE ADVENT
WREATH**

Lord, our God, we praise You for Your Son, Jesus Christ, for He is Emmanuel, the Hope of all people. He is the Wisdom that teaches and guides us.

He is the Savior of us all.

O Lord,

let your blessing come upon us as we light the first (purple) candle of this wreath.

May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise of salvation.

May He come quickly and not delay.

We ask this in His holy name. Amen.

WAITING

We light a **advent candle** today, a small dim light against a world that often seems forbidding and dark. But we light it because we are a people of hope, a people whose faith is marked by an expectation that we should always be ready for the coming of the Master. The joy and anticipation of this season is captured beautifully in the antiphons of hope from the monastic liturgies:

See! The ruler of the earth shall come, the Lord who will take from us the heavy burden of our exile

The Lord will come soon, will not delay.

The Lord will make the darkest places bright.

We must capture that urgency today in the small flame of our candle. We light the candle because we know that the coming of Christ is tied to our building of the kingdom. Lighting the flame, feeding the hungry, comforting the sick, reconciling the divided, praying for the repentant, greeting the lonely and forgotten – doing all these works hastens His coming.



A beautiful way to help us enter into Advent, a season of hopeful longing, joyful expectation, prayerful penance, and spiritual preparation!

Tuesday evenings, 7:00—8:00 PM

Room 101-102 in the Compound

Childcare available

"Oh Holy Spirit, descend plentifully into my heart. Enlighten the dark corners of this neglected dwelling and scatter there Thy cheerful beams."

St. Augustine

IN OUR PARISH WEEK OF NOVEMBER 27

Sunday, November 27

Second Collection: Arch Diocese for the Military Services USA
NO Religious Ed

9:00-10:30 am RCIA/ Compound Room 101

6:30 p.m. Life Teen

Monday, November 28

5:30-6:30 pm Confessions

Tuesday, November 29

10:30 am Little Saints Playgroup/301

5:30-6:30 pm Confessions

7:00-8:00 pm Upper Room/ Room 101

Wednesday, November 30

6:30-8:30 pm Religious Ed/Elementary

6:30-8:30 pm EDGE/Gym

7:30 pm Adult Choir Practice/ Church

Thursday, December 1

7:00 pm Wild Goose Life Teen Bible Study / Room 101

Friday, December 2

First Friday Devotions after 12:05 pm Mass

Saturday, December 3

First Saturday Devotions after 8:00 am Mass

3:30-4:30 pm Confessions

Sunday, December 4

Second Collection: Capital Improvement

8:30-10:30 am Religious Ed/ Elementary

9:00-10:30 am RCIA/ Compound Room 101

12:30 pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena Rosary/ Church

3:00 pm RE Christmas Play practice/Cafeteria

6:30 pm Life Teen

NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY

RE Christmas Play Practice

December 4th at 3:00 pm in the Cafeteria

December 11th at 5:00 pm in the Cafeteria

SANCTUARY LIGHT (above the Altar)

Sign up now at the Religious Counter after Mass. Remember your loved ones—living or deceased. One week - \$20

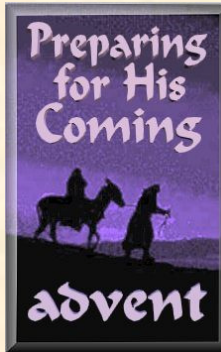
ALTAR CANDLES

If you would like to reserve the 6 candles around the main altar in the sanctuary for your intentions or a loved one, living or deceased, for 1 week in 2017, stop by the religious counter after Mass to sign up. \$40 for 1 week. 972-875-6856

RCIA PRAYER

Heavenly Father, Thank you for the daily gifts and blessing you have given this community. Please guide this parish to find mindful, generous people to donate and pray for the less fortunate, especially those in the villages of Coroico, Bolivia. Please ease their minds, bless their community and allow us to help them build two churches, so that they may find refuge in your house during their times of need. Please enter into our hearts and give us the necessities to help these people feel the presence of the Church. We lift them up in prayer and surround them in the comfort of our thoughts and prayers. AMEN.

NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY



**Sunday, November 27th
First Sunday of Advent**

At that time, Jesus said to His disciples: Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time will come... Watch, therefore – for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning – lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Watch! [9]

To maintain this state of alertness we

need to struggle, for we all have a tendency to live with our eyes fixed on the things of the earth. Especially during this time of Advent let us not forget that *our hearts are darkened by gluttony and drunkenness and the cares of this life*, and so lose sight of the supernatural dimension which every action of ours should have as its milieu. St Paul compares this guard over ourselves to that of *the well armed soldier who does not allow himself to be taken by surprise*.^[10] *This adversary tries to wreak havoc in whatever way he can; and since he does not devise his tactics without attention to detail, neither should we*.^[11] We will remain at the ready if we are attentive to our personal prayer, which enables us to avoid lukewarmness and the dwindling and cooling of our desire for sanctity. We will be constantly on the alert if we do not become slipshod about those little mortifications which keep us awake to the things of God. We will remain attentive through a refined examination of conscience, which makes us look to those points at which, almost without noticing it, we are departing from our path.

In Conversation with God-Volume 1 Part 1: Advent by Francis Hernandez

Reflection: Holy Mary, our Hope, will help us to improve in this season of Advent. She awaits with hushed recollection the birth of her Son, who is the Messiah. All her thoughts are directed towards Jesus, who will be born in Bethlehem. At her side it will be easy for us to dispose our souls in such a way that the arrival of Jesus will not find us distracted by other things which have little or no importance in the light of the coming of God.

ST. JOHN CHURCH

Sanctuary Light : November 26—December 2

In Memory: Mil & John Dlabaj and Mary & Will Prachyl

By: Irene & Jerry Prachyl

Altar Candles : November 26—December 2

In Memory: Wesley W. Patak

By: Danny & Eva Patak

DIVINE PROVIDENCE HALL CHAPEL

Altar Candles: November 25—December 1

For: Parish

By: Parish

Waiting, longing, hoping for the Lord

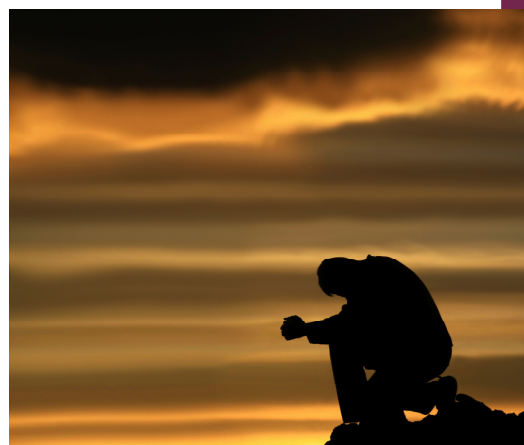
Advent

39. Advent has a twofold character, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. For these two reasons, Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight.

42. ... The liturgical color for Advent is purple, just like Lent—as both are seasons that prepare us for great feast days. Also Advent (like Lent) includes an element of penance in the sense of preparing, quieting and disciplining our hearts for the full joy of Christmas. ...

Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the General Roman Calendar

Advent is a time of hopeful expectation but also a time of penance as we prepare for the Second Coming of Jesus.



"Advent, this powerful liturgical season that we are beginning, invites us to pause in silence to understand a presence. It is an invitation to understand that the individual events of the day are hints that God is giving us, signs of the attention he has for each one of us."

---Pope Benedict XVI, *Homily at First Vespers of Advent, November 28, 2009*

Some things you could do alone or as a family to prepare for the Coming of Jesus:

- Daily Mass
- Pray the rosary together
- Spend time longing for Jesus
- Do small mortifications
- Eat simpler meals
- Drink water instead of other beverages



Advent

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Novena Schedule

Sunday, Dec. 4th

12:30 pm Rosary

1:00 pm Mass

Monday, Dec. 5th

6:30 pm Mass

7:00 pm Rosary

Tuesday, Dec. 6th

6:30 pm Mass

7:00 pm Rosary

Wednesday, Dec. 7th

7:30 pm Rosary

Thursday, Dec. 8th

6:30 pm Mass

7:00 pm Rosary

Friday, Dec. 9th

6:30 pm Mass

7:00 pm Rosary

Saturday, Dec. 10th

7:00 pm Rosary

Sunday, Dec. 11th

12:30 pm Rosary

1:00 pm Mass

6:30 pm Procession &

12 midnight

Mañanitas

Monday, Dec. 12th

6:30 pm Mass

8:00 pm Party at the

KJT HALL

*all Novena Masses
will be said in
Spanish



**Come celebrate
the Mother of the Americas.**

Religious Ed Christmas Play

Wednesday, December 14th

6:30 pm at the KJT Hall

CHRISTMAS PLAY PRACTICES

December 4th

First Christmas Play Practice in the Cafeteria

BE THERE AT 3pm

December 11th:

2nd Christmas Play Practice in the Cafeteria

BE THERE AT 5pm



Breakfast



With St. Nicholas

Saturday, December 10th
8 - 11 am Cafeteria

Breakfast:
\$5 per person
\$25 for families of 6 or more

Photos: printed on site
ONE 5x7 = \$5
FIVE 5x7s = \$20

Opportunity to order extra prints at a later time.

Christmas Mass times

Saturday, December 24th - No Mass

Sunday, December 25th - 12 am, 9 am, 11 am, 5 pm

1 pm in Spanish

Monday, December 26th - 12:05 pm only

Saturday, December 31st - 8:00 pm only

Sunday, January 1st - 9 am, 11 am, 5 pm

1 pm in Spanish

Monday, January 2nd - 12:05 pm only



Special Advent Confession Times

Wednesday, December 21st : 7-9 pm

Thursday, December 22nd : 7-9 pm

Friday, December 23rd: 5-7 pm

Saturday, December 24th: 9-11 am

JOIN US TO
CELEBRATE

Mary The Holy Mother of God

Solemnity &
New Year's Eve party

December 31, 2016

Mass begins at 8:00 pm

Party to follow after Mass until Midnight
in the Cafeteria



LIFE TEEN

Leading Teens Closer to Christ

Life Teen Epiphany Ball

All High School teens are invited to dress up and have a ball at our second annual Life Teen Epiphany Ball.

Sunday January 8, 2017 after the Life Teen Mass

Tickets - \$5 Come celebrate with all your friends!



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BENOT AFRAID!

 **LIFE TEEN**

High School Winter Retreat

January 27-29, 2017

www.stjohncc.net/lifeteen

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

If you have a loved one who is sick or in need of special prayers (not deceased) please contact the parish office by phone or email joannag@stjohncc.net. Your loved one's name will appear on this prayer list for 4 consecutive Sundays. If a longer period of time is needed, please call the parish office to renew your request 2 weeks before the printed date to the right of your loved one's name.

Jo Ann Dolezalik—12/18/16	Kati Betik Arnold—11/13/16	Bonnie Bacak—11/20/16	Mona Langley—12/18/16
Georgie Ann Nekuza-12/18/16	Arnold Twins—11/13/16	Joe Luis Garcia—11/20/16	Lori Parker—12/18/16
Sr. Genevieve Prochaska-12/18/16	Jeanette/Martin Hunter—11/27/16	Tom Youngblood—11/27/16	Georgia Hejny—12/18/16
Sr. Redempta Bradley—12/18/16	Norma Jean Horrell—11/27/16	Larry Christopher—11/27/16	Emily Peppers—12/18/16
Rachel Zmolik—12/5/16	Sherri Longoria—10/19/16	Tina Jones—11/27/16	Analiene Mahaley—12/18/16
Catherine Roberts—11/27/16	Calvin Baw, Jr. —11/20/16	Mary Nell Witt—11/27/16	Patsy Rickerts—12/18/16
Mildred Trojacek—12/18/16	Shirley Marusak—11/13/16	Jennifer Wright—11/27/16	Robin Woodley - 12/18/16
David Trojacek—12/18/16	Stella Tobola—12/18/16	Joe Baird—11/27/16	
Jane Rychlik—12/18/16	Dave Wilson—11/20/16	Luciana Rigante—11/27/16	
Richard Mraz—12/18/16	Marion Haba—12/25/16	Carmen Nelson—11/27/16	
Margie Dvorak—12/25/16	Alfred Martinez—12/18/16	Mary Trojacek—11/27/16	
Betty Rogala—12/18/16	Janie Marusak—12/18/16	Gilbert Olalde—11/27/16	
Mary Ann Felcman—12/18/16	Nancy Valek—12/18/16	Barbara Slovacek—12/4/16	
Joan Gura—11/13/16	Maura Meza—12/18/16	Rachel Dyson—12/4/16	
Jerry Zmolek—12/18/16	Loretta Dlabaj—11/6/16	Riley Emerson—12/11/16	
Theresa Odlozil—12/5/16	Mildred Liska Koehn—11/13/16	Mary Ludwig—12/11/16	
Marguerite Patterson-10/19/16	Dorothy Sonka—11/13/16	Adolph Janacka—12/11/16	
Billy Coplen—12/18/16	Helen Slovak—11/13/16	Luther Scott—12/11/16	
Herminia Perez—12/18/16	Jennifer Sullivan— 11/13/16	Linda Torres—12/11/16	
Patti Youngblood—12/18/16	Johnny Joe Lopez—11/20/16	Michael Jez—12/11/16	