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Mass Schedule:

SATURDAY:

3:30PM CONFESSION

4:30PM MASS YEAR ROUND

SUNDAY:

7AM MASS

10AM HOLY ROSARY &
DIVINE MERCY

11AM MASS

WEEKDAYS:

WED. 7:30AM MASS

THURS. 7:30 MASS

FRI. 7:30 MASS,
DIVINE MERCY TO FOLLOW

(CONFESSIONS ARE
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Mass Schedule for Our Lady of the Assumption:

SUNDAY: 9AM MASS

TUESDAY: 6:15 PM CONFESSION 6:30PM MASS

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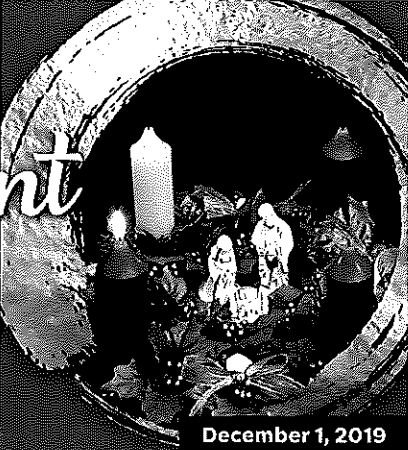


FIRST Sunday of *Advent*

They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; one nation shall not raise the sword against another.

Isaiah 2:4

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December 1, 2019

HOPEFUL EXPECTATION

Our liturgical year begins with the season of Advent—a time of hopeful expectation of the coming of the Lord. On the First Sunday of Advent we look forward to the end of time when we will awaken to the dawn of Christ's new day.

Today we hear Isaiah speak of a day when God's power will have brought universal peace and God's Word will have instructed all people, radiating God's "light" (teachings) into all of human society. Only when humanity walks "in the light of the LORD" (Isaiah 2:5), when all people desire to be instructed "in [God's] ways" (Isaiah 2:3), will the world be set aright and our deepest longings fulfilled. The reading from Romans calls us to "awake from sleep" for this final "day is at

hand" (Romans 13:11, 12). Together this Sunday's scriptures proclaim our Christian faith that Jesus is the One who will finally come to fulfill God's plan of salvation.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
 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
 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

Tuesday: St. Francis Xavier
 Wednesday: St. John Damascene
 Friday: St. Nicholas; First Friday
 Saturday: St. Ambrose; First Saturday;
 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

SANCTUARY LIGHT: NOVEMBER 30—DECEMBER 6



The Sanctuary Light at St. John will burn in memory of **Shane Bellard**.
 The Adoration Chapel will burn in memory of **Dawn Landry**.
 The Sanctuary Light at Our Lady will burn in memory of **Jacob Meek**.

2020 Calendars are now available in the entrance of both churches. Please take one home with you.

Eat at

ARZI's Greek & Lebanese Restaurant in Zachary today, Dec. 1 (Noon-3pm) or Monday, Dec. 2 (5-9pm) and tell them you are from St. John's. They will donate 10% to our Religious Ed Department.

Thank you from SVDP

We would like to thank you for your generosity to the less fortunate in our area. Your contributions allow us to help many people. Your donations to the Fil-A-Truck each year has allowed us to fill two trucks both years. **Our next Fil-A-Truck will be Saturday, February 8, 2020.**

Most recently, thank you, for the family needing clothes and food for the children. Your outpouring of kindness is beautiful.

Following this special week of Thanksgiving, we give thanks for you!

In Sympathy

Our Communities of Faith extend our sympathy and prayerful support for the family of:

John Barichivich, husband of Mary Barichivich.

May the Lord grant comfort and peace to this family.

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Beginning today, the First Sunday of Lent we have new missals in church:

The Ignatius Pew Missal

We will continue to use the Today's Missal-Music Issue 2019 for some songs.

The music board will designate the book with:

I for Ignatius Pew Missal

M for Music Issue 2019

First Sunday of Advent



We are called to reflect the light of God's love through the ways in which we live our lives. Imagine the impact if each of us took this call to heart, every day, at home,

work, or school, in our parish, in the world. "All nations shall stream toward it," toward the love that only comes from God. Yet, we must admit that much of the time we fail to be beacons of God's light. We fall asleep, complacent, preferring to go the easy route, which often leads to darkness rather than the radiance of Christ's light. As we begin the season of Advent, Saint Paul admonishes us to throw off the works of darkness, to awaken to the call of light and love. In today's Gospel, Jesus too tells us to stay awake, to be prepared to greet the Lord of light as people of the light.

ICYMI

Those who use social media or read news reports online are familiar with ICYMI, which is shorthand for "in case you missed it." We might think of today's readings as an "in case you missed it" announcement for these early days of Advent. We often think of Advent as the season that precedes Christmas, all about waiting and longing for the coming of the Christ child, which it is. Yet in the early weeks of Advent, we focus on the return of Christ at the end of time, and how we are called to be prepared for it.

Most of us do not spend much time thinking about the end of time or the prospect of Christ's return in glory. We may not want to admit to ourselves that our actions or attitudes are far from the ways in which we know we should conduct ourselves as Christian people. Or maybe we are uncomfortable with the whole idea of final judgment. It makes us squirm, so we adopt an attitude of "out of sight, out of mind," and go about our daily lives without much thought or reflection on who we are called to be as disciples of our Lord.

HIT THE RESET BUTTON

Advent is the beginning of a new liturgical year and can be a time for us to embrace the light of God's love more deeply. If we realize that we are failing to live as we know we ought, let this season be a time to reset our commitment to living and growing as people of faith. While much of these next few weeks will be consumed by our preparations for Christmas, it is good for us to also take some time to take stock and commend our hearts and lives to Christ. Let us "stay awake" to Christ's higher purposes, not out of a sense of dread or fear of judgment, but rather in anticipation of the advent, or coming, of our Lord.



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TO ROCK
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PLEASE JOIN US ON

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 11TH, 2019 6-8PM

(High School)

&

THURSDAY, DEC. 12TH, 2019 6-8PM

(Middle School)

[We will meet in the back of the old church]

***Please bring a canned food item &

a \$5 wrapped gift for the gift exchange***

(boys bring a boy gift, girls bring a girl gift)

Food, games and much more!!!

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST



St. Vincent de Paul
DATE CHANGE
The next meeting will be
Wednesday,
December 4th at 6:00PM
at the home of one of our members.



Monthly Healing Rosary
Monday, December 2nd at 9:00 am
At the home of Linda Holley



The Giving Tree is an Advent tradition at SJB where parishioners take an envelope from the tree, make a monetary donation in the envelope and return the envelope under the tree or in the collection. The funds are used to help parishioners of our parish.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS 11/24/2019

Identified (Envelopes, checks, online)	\$	8,322.00
Unidentified (Loose cash)	\$	908.75
Building Maintenance	\$	205.00
Youth Ministry	\$	170.00
Religious Education	\$	175.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	125.00
Thanksgiving	\$	310.00
Camp. For Human Development	\$	265.00
Debt Reduction / Legacy of Faith	\$	1,242.00

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

ST. JOHN

Sunday, December 1

First Sunday of Advent / Mistletoe Market

- 7:00 am: Mass / Breakfast with Santa
- 9:30 am: Emmaus Road Bible Study
- 11:00 am: Mass / Children's Liturgy
- 5:00 pm: Works for High School Seniors
- 5:00 pm: Life Teen

Monday, December 2

- 9:00 am: Healing Rosary at Holley residence
- 10:00 am: Bible Study
- 5:00 pm: High School Advent Series
- 6:00 pm: Prayer Group
- 6:30 pm: Scouts

Tuesday, December 3

- 5:00 pm: Adult Choir
- 5:30 pm: Ministry Meeting
- 6:00 pm: Children's & Youth Choir
- 7:00 pm: A.A. Meeting

Wednesday, December 4

- 7:30 am: Mass / Our Mother of Perpetual Help
- 6:00 pm: Catholic Daughters
- 6:00 pm: St. Vincent de Paul (at home of member)

Thursday, December 5

- 7:30 am: Mass
- 10:00 am: Altar Society Christmas Party
- 7:00 pm: R.C.I.A.

Friday, December 6

- 7:30 am: Mass
- 7:30 pm: N.A. Meeting

Saturday, December 7

- 3:30 pm: Reconciliation
- 4:30 pm: Mass

Sunday, December 8 / Second Sunday of Advent

- 6:30 am: Knights of Columbus Rosary
- 7:00 am: Mass / Coffee
- 8:00 am: Knights of Columbus Meeting
- 9:15 am: K—5 Religious Ed
- 9:30 am: Emmaus Road Bible Study
- 11:00 am: Mass / Children's Liturgy
- 5:00 pm: Edge

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION



The annual Giving Tree is now set up in the church. Please take a name from the tree and add that person to your shopping list, or attach the ornament to a monetary donation and one of our elves will do the shopping for you.
Deadline: December 15th

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS 11/24/2019

Identified (Envelopes, checks, online)	\$	4,178.64
Unidentified (Loose cash)	\$	277.00
Thanksgiving	\$	25.00



December 8:

Class #7 followed by Play Practice

December 15:

Christmas Play at 5:30pm

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, December 1

First Sunday of Advent

- 8:30 am: Rosary
- 9:00am: Mass
- 10:00am: First Sunday Social

Tuesday, December 3

- 6:00 pm: Perpetual Help
- 6:15 pm: Reconciliation
- 6:30 pm: Mass
- 7:00 pm: Men's Club

Sunday, December 8

Second Sunday of Advent

- 9:00am: Mass
- 10:00am: Religious Ed Class 7 and Play Practice

SJB Parish Faith Formation

We hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving!

This Sunday begins the first week of ADVENT. Our Monday morning Bible study will be focused on Advent. Also, check out Formed.org for other ways to prepare for the coming of the Savior!

*He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth,
for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. Luke 1:14*

- The next Life Teen is this Sunday, December 1st.
- The next K-5 and Edge are Sunday, December 8th.

Please join us for the Mini Mistletoe Market
in the Gym this weekend!

Sat., Nov. 30th after 4:30pm Mass & Sun., Dec. 1st 8am-1pm
Sunday, we will also have Breakfast and selfies w/Santa
Hot Chocolate and Crafts!

Religious Ed is collecting donations of men's & women's slipper socks & lap blankets for Santa to hand out to the residents of Zachary Manor Nursing Home on **Dec. 18th @ 2pm.**

We will also sing Christmas carols, hand out cookies and spread Christmas cheer!

Please join us! **note, date has changed from 19th to 18th**

In order to continue our **Children's Liturgy** program **every Sunday** during the 11am Mass, we need more volunteers! If every mom or dad takes one Sunday for the school year, we can cover all the times and provide the opportunity for our little disciples to understand the Gospel message on their level. Please consider volunteering for this worthwhile ministry. Contact our office at 654-5885 or religioused@sjb-ola.org Thank you!

BIBLE STUDIES

***Emmaus Road:** Sundays from 9:30-10:30am
in the Parish Hall, only during K-5 classes

***ADVENT:** Mon. @ 10am- Parish Hall

***The Bible Timeline:** Thurs. @ 10am-Noon,
home of Eelin Golan (985-951-0328)

***Ephesians :** Thursdays at 6pm in Classroom

Arzi's Greek & Lebanese Restaurant in Zachary

Will donate 10% of their sales to the SJB if you eat there and **tell them you are from SJB** on the last Sunday (noon-3pm) and the following Monday(5-9pm) ***EVERY MONTH!!!***

WORKS for High School Seniors

Hang out with other seniors while you strengthen your faith! Learn the spiritual tools to become a soldier for **CHRIST.**

Meeting dates are:

12/1, 1/12, 2/9, & 3/11 - 5-7pm

Call or text: Ellen Eldridge 225-445-3841

Emily Patterson 985-789-4052

2nd Annual

MISTLETOE MARKET

2019

THIS WEEKEND

November 30th following 4:30pm Mass

December 1st 8am-1pm

Join us in the Gym on
Sunday Dec. 1st only 8-10am
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