



VISION 2020 CAMPAIGN GIFT CERTIFICATES

As we draw nearer to the end of the calendar year, our parish is offering gift certificates that can be used as a gift for donations to our Vision 2020 Capital Campaign. This is a way to make a meaningful contribution to the campaign to ensure that we are able to move ahead with construction of the Rectory and Outreach Service Office. Please inquire about the certificates at the front desk of the Administration Building or call (817) 284-4811.



St. John the Apostle Catholic Church						
Vision 2020:	Total Commitments	\$	595,653.76			
Building the Future	Total Payments Received	\$	317,713.24			
A Campaign of the Advancement Foundation	Percentage of Participation		13%			

To donate, visit sitanrh.com/vision-2020.

"Building the Future at St. John the Apostle Parish!"

FAITH DIRECT

During Advent we prepare our minds and hearts for the real meaning of Christmas, the birth of our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ. As we reflect on the upcoming Christmas season, it is likely that we will be busy with parties and family gatherings. Perhaps even a trip out of town to visit friends. With all of those joyous celebrations, we might miss Mass. That's where eGiving with Faith Direct can help simplify your life. By supporting St. John the Apostle, both you and our parish can save some time and peace of mind this holiday season.

Signing up is easy! Visit faith.direct/TX534.

Already using Faith Direct? Log in to add your Christmas or End-of-Year contributions to your account to make a one-time gift today!

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

God Bless You, Rev. Jack McKone



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CONFORME A LA SECCIÓN 30.06 DEL CÓDIGO PENAL (TRASPASAR PORTANDO ARMAS DE FUEGO) PERSONAS CON LICENCIA BAJO DEL SUB-CAPÍTULO H, CAPÍTULO 411, CÓDIGO DE GOBIERNO (LEY DE PORTAT ARMAS), NO DEBEN ENTRAR A ESTA PROPIEDAD PORTANDO UN ARMA DE FUEGO. DE CONFORMIDAD CON LA SECCIÓN 30.07, DEL CÓDIGO PENAL (TRASPASO DE UNA PERSONA CON LICENCIA CON UNA ARMA DE FUEGO VISIBLE), UNA PERSONA CON LICENCIA BAJO EL SUBCAPÍTULO H, CAPÍTULO 411, DEL CÓDIGO DE GOBIERNO (LEY DE LICENCIAS DE ARMAS DE FUEGO), NO PODRÁ ENTRAR A ESTA PROPIEDAD CON UNA ARMA DE FUEGO QUE SEA LLEVADA VISIBLEMENTE.

MANY THANKS

Food Pantry



Our shelves are getting bare again. We are very low on some items, especially:

Dish Detergent	Canned	Peas 7	Somato Products
Canned Pasta	Canned M	leat or Tu	na Shampoo
B	read Mix	Bath Soa	ар

We are grateful to all the people who have helped to make the holiday programs successful this year. We were able to distribute turkeys and sides to families for Thanksgiving. We delivered gifts to nursing homes for Christmas. Families picked up gifts and food for their Christmas celebrations. This was done through the generosity of many seasonal helpers while volunteers kept Outreach services, Meals on Wheels, funeral meals, ESL classes, mentoring, communion to the homebound and other ministries running smoothly. All these programs are witnesses to the community of the faith and generosity of our parish!



Pastoral Staff

"Let us open our hearts to receive the grace of this day, which is Christ himself. Jesus is the radiant "day" which has dawned on the horizon of humanity. A day of mercy, in which God our Father has revealed his great tenderness to the entire world. A day of light, which dispels the darkness of fear and anxiety. A day of peace, which makes for encounter, dialogue, and, above all, reconciliation. A day of joy: a "great joy" for the poor, the lowly and for all the people." - Pope Francis

May we continue to live joyfully in testimony to the Gospel throughout the Christmas Octave. **Fr. Jack, Fr. Anh, Deacon Matias, Deacon Ruben, Deacon Juan, and Lola Pasillas**

Administration Staff

May your Christmas and the coming year be filled with the wonder of God's gift to the world—His Divine Son. The Administration Staff of St. John the Apostle Church wish you a very blessed Christmas and a joyous New Year!

Que su Navidad y el año que viene se llene de la maravilla del regalo de Dios para el mundo—su Hijo Divino. El Personal de la Administración de la Iglesia de St. John the Apostle les desea una Navidad muy bendecido y un Año Nuevo feliz!

> Tasha Allen Marisella Gallardo Megan McQuarie Susan Obudzinski Kayla Ocampo Byanka Peffers Jose Rangel Liam Stevens Barbie Garcia

Faith Formation

We would like to wish you and your loved ones a very blessed Christmas!

¡Nos gustaria desearles a usted y a sus seres queridos una Navidad muy bendita!

The Faith Formation Team Cindy, Dax, Donna, Gary, Judy, Shawndra, and Terry

Ministerio Hispano

"Entonces el Señor, tu Dios, cambiará tu suerta y tendrá misericordia de ti. Él te volverá a reunir de entre todos los pueblos por donde te había dispersado." - Deut. 30, 3

Que la Misericordia de Dios que se hizo visible y palpable en su querido Hijo sea motivo para experimentar el gran amor que Dios nos tiene y le abramos la puerta de nuestro corazón en su

deseo grande de encontrarse con nosotros. ¡Feliz Navidad y que el Año Nuevo llene de esperanza sus corazones!

Son los deseos del Ministerio Hispano

Social Services

Parishioners of St. John's, you are wonderful! You are such generous people, always sharing what you have with the less fortunate in our community! A need is expressed and through your generosity that need is fulfilled usually three-fold. Without you, there would not be a Social Services Ministry, and we want you to know that it is a pleasure to work for you and with you!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, Colleen Cargile & Lupe Hernandez

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God



Sunday (Domingo)
Tuesday (Martes)December 22,2019
December 24,2019Wednesday (Miercoles)December 25, 2019
December 25, 2019Sunday (Domingo)December 29, 2019

Tuesday (Martes) December 31, 2019 Wednesday (Miercoles) January 1, 2020

ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE

<u>CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS MASSES</u> <u>MISAS DE NOCHEBUENA Y NAVIDAD</u> Holy Day of Obligation/Misa de Obligación

> Tuesday, December 24, 2019 4:00 p.m. Mass – English 6:00 p.m. Mass – English 8:00 p.m. Misa - Español 12:00 a.m. Midnight Mass – English

Wednesday, December 25, 2019 10:00 a.m. Mass – BILINGUAL



St. John the Apostle Catholic School Pre-K – 8th Grade (817) 284-2228 www.stjs.org

Open Enrollment for 2019-2020 School Year

St. John the Apostle Catholic School has open enrollment and tuition assistance for Pre-K through 8th grade students for this school year. Call us to set up an appointment to visit our school.

Christmas Break School Hours

SJS will be closed from Monday, December 23, 2019 and will re-open on Monday, January 06, 2020.

Merry Christmas from SJS!

SJS wishes you and your family a happy and blessed Christmas!

Thank you for being a part of our wonderful school!



Feliz Navidad de SJS!

SJS les desea una bendita y feliz navidad! Gracias por ser parte de nuestra maravillosa escuela!

Vacaciones de Navidad

La oficina de la escuela estará cerrada desde el lunes 23 de diciembre del 2019 hasta el 6 de enero del 2020.

Matrícula Abierta Para el Año Escolar 2019-2020

La escuela católica St. John the Apostle tiene matrícula abierta y ayuda financiera para Pre-K hasta 8vo grado para este año escolar. Llámenos para programar una visita guiada.

CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY CHANGE

The Advancement Foundation has some news we would like to share that can help you boost your retirement income and support your parish, school or the Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth. But you must act by **December 31, 2019** to maximize your benefits. The concept is simple: Make a donation using cash, marketable securities or other assets, and we, in turn, pay you a fixed amount for life. With this type of gift, you can feel secure knowing you will receive stable payments for as long as you live. And now, if you make your gift by December 31, 2019, the gift annuity rates will be an estimated 0.3 to 0.5 percent higher than they will be beginning January 1, 2020.

Contact Renee Underwood of the Advancement Foundation at runderwood@advancementfoundation.org to discuss how a charitable gift annuity allows you to make a gift and provides you, and another person if you choose, with secure, tax-favored payments for life. With your help, we can continue to make an impact for Catholic parishes, schools and the Diocese of Fort Worth.

Scripture Reading	gs for the Week of December 22, 2019
Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Advent
	ls 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Rom 1:1-7;
	Mt 1:18-24
Monday	Saint John of Kanty, Priest
	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14;
	Lk 1:57-66
Tuesday	Vigil of Christmas
	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27
	and 29; Lk 1:67-79
	Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29;
	Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25
Wednesday	Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord
	Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13;
	Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
	Dawn: ls 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7;
	Lk 2:15-20
	Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6;
	Heb 1:1:6; Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14
Thursday	Feast of Saint Stephen, First Martyr
	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab,
	16bc and 17; Mt 10:17-22
Friday	Feast of Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist
	1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a and
	2-8
Saturday	Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs
	1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8;
	Mt 2:13-18
Sunday	Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and
	Joseph
	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Col 3:12-21
	or Col 3:12-17; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Fourth Sunday of Advent

When Joseph Awoke, he did as the angel of THE LORD HAD COMMANDED HIM AND TOOK HIS

WIFE INTO HIS HOME.

MATTHEW 1:24

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may led us. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

Cuando José despertó, hizo lo que el ángel del Señor le había mandado y llevó a su ESPOSA A SU CASA.

Матео 1:24

Poner completamente nuestra confianza en el Señor sin esperar nada a cambio. Esforzarnos por poner a Dios primero en todas las cosas y seguirlo a donde sea que nos guíe. Mientras nos vamos preparando para el nacimiento de nuestro Señor, rece por fuerza y coraje para ser un discípulo modelo, tal como lo fue José.

Please remember in your prayers all those listed in our book of the sick located in the back of the Church. We pray for those who have died, especially **†Dorothy Levitt**, **†Dorothy Levens**, and *†*Maria Acosta, *†*Erline Kojis, and *†*Raymond Parr.

Stewardship Corner

"How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good He has done for me?" Psalm 116:12

Offertory Collection December 15	\$ 26,291.73
Month to Date Collection	\$ 80,883.29
Monthly Offertory Collection Budget	\$ 136,390.89
Our Lady of Guadalupe Collection	\$ 196.00
Retired Religious Collection	\$ 6,490.00
Social Service	\$ 513.00



Sat 12/21 Connie Sanchez 5:00 p.m. +Francisco Sanchez Sun 12/22 7:30 a.m. +Ann & Verne LaBelle Jim Kortz 9:00 a.m. +Todd Serba Barbara Serba **Connie Sanchez** 11:00 a.m. †Manuel Robert Garza 1:00 p.m. +Angel Grimaldi Elia Grimaldi 3:00 p.m. For the Parish (Pro Populo) 5:00 p.m. +Susan Schwinger John & Ellen Schwinger Mon 12/23 8:15 a.m. †Dominic Nguyen Susan Nguyen Tues 12/24 Tom & Theresa Flaherty 4:00 p.m. †Ann Mikelonis 6:00 p.m. Lupe Prieto (Sp. Int.) Anita Guerra 8:00 p.m. +Alcide Nicolas Emmanuela 12:00 a.m. +Ricardo Pruneda Arcelia Pruneda Wed 12/25 10:00 a.m. FOR THE PARISH (Pro Populo) Thurs 12/26 8:15 a.m. Special Intentions D. Tran Family 7:00 p.m. †Juana Rodriguez de Munoz Maria Munoz Fri 12/27 8:15 a.m. ⁺Vincent Nguyen Susan Nguyen Sat 12/28 5:00 p.m. †Edna Obregon The Peffers Family Sun 12/29 7:30 a.m. †Ann & Verne LaBelle Jim Kortz 9:00 a.m. Michelle Theriot (Sp. Int.) Sandy Theriot 11:00 a.m. +Jonathan Scott Duff The Duff Family Lucy Banda 1:00 p.m. [†]Socorro Cardona de Villanueva 3:00 p.m. Family Grimaldi Diosdado Elia Grimaldi (Sp. Int.)

5:00 p.m. For the Parish

(Pro Populo)

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