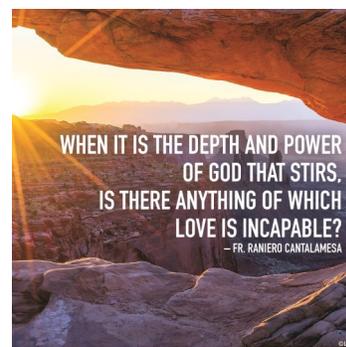




# Third Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2017

*“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.” JN 1: 6-8, 19-28*



## MASS INTENTIONS



### SAT. DECEMBER 16, 2017– ADVENT WEEKDAY

**8 a.m.** Judge Marcell C. & Nora Lee Hanes– Notzon  
56th Wedding Anniversary (30 Notzons)

**5 p.m.** + Filiberto Martinez (Family)

**7 p.m. WEDDING** - Estrella Galvan & Michael Sosa III

### SUN. DECEMBER 17, 2017– THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**8 a.m.** Intencion Especial – Ed & Aurora Ramirez  
+ Sr. Anastacio Sanchez Garcia (Hija)  
+ Maria Elena Aranda (Familia)  
+ Juan Luis Serna Garcia (Familia)  
+ Lic. Francisco Ruiz Obregon—21<sup>o</sup>Aniversario  
(Hija, Cristina Ruiz de Castro)

**10 a.m.** + Arnulfo & Adela Martinez (Oscar & Velma Mtz.)

**12 p.m.** + Miguel Angel Landa– 18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (Family)  
+ Sylvia Isabel Escobedo Chacon (Family)  
+ Daniel Diaz (Family)

**2 p.m.** Nancy Batista– Cumpleaños (Familia)

**4 p.m.** Maggie Martinez - Cumpleaños (Com. Espiritu Santo)

**6 p.m.** FOR ALL PASHIONERS

### MON. DECEMBER 18, 2017– ADVENT WEEKDAY

**7 a.m.** + Fidel Villanueva (Molina Familia)

**6 p.m.** + Paz Estringel (Family)

### TUE. DECEMBER 19, 2017– ADVENT WEEKDAY

**7 a.m.** + Roberto Javier Garza (Cristina & Javier Garza)

**6 p.m.** + Florencio Gonzalez (Wife, Olivia & Family)

### WED. DECEMBER 20, 2017–ADVENT WEEKDAY

**7 a.m.** + Fausto & Felicia Garcia (Family)

**6 p.m.** + Rene Herrera (Wife, Velia Herrera)

### THU. DECEMBER 21, 2017 – ST. PETER CANISIUS

**7 a.m.** + Maria Jose Paris de Mejias (Molano Family)

**6 p.m.** + Karen Anderson (Son, Dennis Eveland & Family)

### FRI. DECEMBER 22, 2017 - ADVENT WEEKDAY

**7 a.m.** SPECIAL INTENTION

**6 p.m.** + Enrique Serna Jr. - Birthday (Wife & Children)

### SAT. DECEMBER 23, 2017 - ST. JOHN OF KANTY

**8 a.m.** + Graciela Ruiz Nava - 1er Aniversario (Familia)

**5 p.m.** Javier M. Compean - Birthday (Family)

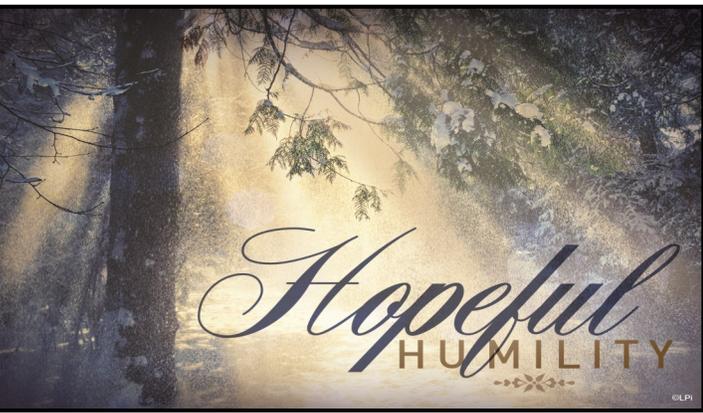


## Saint John of Kanty's Story

John was a country lad who made good in the big city and the big university of Kraków, Poland. After brilliant studies he was ordained a priest and became a professor of theology. The inevitable opposition which saints encounter led to his being ousted by rivals and sent to be a parish priest at Olkusz. An extremely humble man, he did his best, but his best was not to the liking of his parishioners. Besides, he was afraid of the responsibilities of his position. But in the end he won his people's hearts. After some time he returned to Kraków and taught Scripture for the remainder of his life. John was a serious man, and humble, but known to all the poor of Kraków for his kindness. His goods and his money were always at their disposal, and time and again they took advantage of him. He kept only the money and clothes absolutely needed to support himself. He slept little, ate sparingly, and took no meat. He made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, hoping to be martyred by the Turks. Later John made four subsequent pilgrimages to Rome, carrying his luggage on his back. When he was warned to look after his health, he was quick to point out that, for all their austerity, the fathers of the desert lived remarkably long lives.

## Reflection

John of Kanty is a typical saint: He was kind, humble, and generous, he suffered opposition and led an austere, penitential life. Most Christians in an affluent society can understand all the ingredients except the last: Anything more than mild self-discipline seems reserved for athletes and ballet dancers. Christmas at least is a good time to reject self-indulgence.



## December 17, 2017 3rd Sunday of Advent

"There is one ... coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." Untying sandal straps was no prestigious job. In the days of John the Baptist, those straps would have been especially unpleasant to deal with. Besides the usual odors that accompany sockless leather footwear, there would have been the grime and dirt from the sandy roads and paths that swirled around the people who went everywhere on foot. Taking off someone's shoes upon their arrival was the task of the lowly servants. So when John says he's unworthy of doing this task for the "one who is coming after me," he is putting himself in a very humble position. And rightly so.

John realizes that the Christ-the Anointed One, the Messiah-is so far above him, so far above any of us, that we are truly unworthy of him. Indeed, the Son of God is not just the greatest of men; he is God-made-man and in his presence we most appropriately should bow in humble homage. Yet this God chose to stoop down to our human level and walk among us. He chose to get his sandals dirty. And still today he chooses to allow us to encounter him as a friend and companion.

But as John reminds us by his example, this encounter with the Lord is not the result of our own merits or accomplishments. We are sinners who stand in need of Christ's help. But thanks be to God, he is always willing to extend this help to us. As St. Paul says in today's epistle, "May the God of peace make you perfectly holy." Indeed it is God who does the perfecting, not us by our own power. So let us approach the Lord this Advent season with a spirit of hopeful humility, trusting that God alone can make us worthy of welcoming his Son.

Dear Parishioners,

We found that some tickets were unintentionally left out of this year's raffle, to remedy the situation, we will include these tickets in next year's raffle at no additional cost to these ticket holders. In the alternative, refunds will be made for those preferring that remedy. If you have any questions please feel free to come by the office to discuss this with our Office Manager, Viridiana Mellado.

GOD SO LOVED, HE GAVE



FROM A HEART OF GRATITUDE, WE GIVE OUR  
TIME - TALENT - TREASURE

**December 16<sup>th</sup> & December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
**Total Sunday's Offering \$ 31,956.96**  
**Online Giving \$300.00**

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## **Domingo de Adviento**

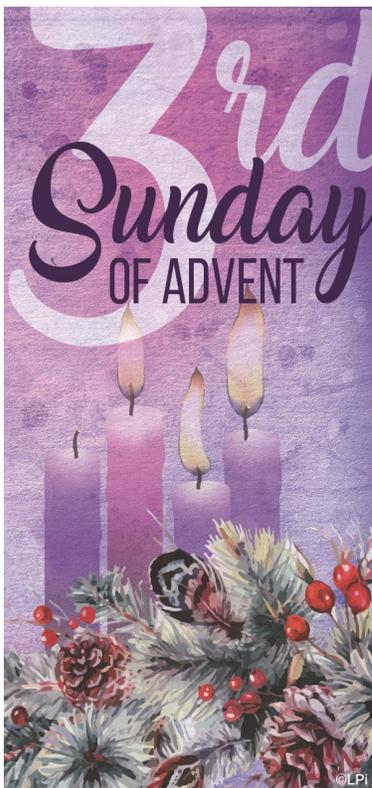
Se acerca ya el Nacimiento del Señor. Es por este motivo que la nota principal de este Tercer Domingo de Adviento es la alegría. La alegría es una parte esencial de nuestra fe y de nuestra vida de bautizados. Como seguidores de Cristo, debemos dar un testimonio alegre y convincente frente a la sociedad de hoy, muchas veces sumergida en la tristeza y el consumismo. La segunda lectura de hoy dice, "Vivan siempre alegres, oren sin cesar, den gracias en toda ocasión, pues esto es lo que quiere Dios de ustedes en Cristo Jesús" (1 Tes 5, 16-18).

El Papa Francisco actualmente nos lo explica de la siguiente manera: "También nosotros, cuando estamos en la oscuridad, que no vemos nada: 'Yo sé, Señor, que esta tristeza se volverá alegría. ¡No sé cómo, pero lo sé!'. Un acto de fe en el Señor. ¡Un acto de fe! ...Y el signo que nosotros tenemos de esta alegría en la esperanza es la paz" (Homilía del 30 de mayo de 2014). Nuestro reto es no impedir la acción del Espíritu Santo creando un clima de esperanza en nosotros mismos, para así ser portadores de la luz y la alegría que implica el tener al Señor entre nosotros. ¿Tenemos esperanza? ¿Tenemos alegría? Todo nuestro ser debe de comunicar signos visibles de gozo, estar atentos congruentes con lo que hacemos y decimos. Nuestra identidad como cristianos es punto clave como seguidores de Cristo. Como ejemplo tenemos a Juan Bautista: "Yo soy la voz que grita en el desierto: 'Enderecen el camino del Señor', como anunció el profeta Isaías" (Jn 1, 23).  
**¿Hemos enderezado el camino en este**

**Adviento?**



**The Sanctuary Lamp is  
burning this week in  
thanksgiving for:  
Yvonne Casso &  
Family**



### Third Sunday of Advent

Each year, this season of Advent comes around. We bless another candle this third week in Advent. Let us ask God to bless our family on this Third Sunday in Advent:

God of rejoicing, this week we hear in our second reading that we are called to "rejoice always." Help our family to be joyful in the midst of whatever happens this week. When we light the third candle on our wreath, let us bring your joy to our friends and neighbors this week. We ask this through Christ, who is the ultimate joyful gift to the world.

**Amen.**



### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

Saturday, Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> 5PM

Sunday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> 8AM, 10AM  
12PM, & 2PM



### Christmas Mass Schedule

#### **Christmas Eve**

Sunday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> 4PM, 6PM

#### **Christmas Mass**

Monday, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> 12 AM

#### **Christmas Day**

Monday, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> 8AM, 12PM,  
2 PM, 4PM

### CONFIRMATION NEWS

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR CONFIRMATION STUDENTS AND PARENTS WHO DONATED TOYS, THEIR TALENT, AND SERVICE DURING OUR CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE EVENTS WHICH WERE A HUGE SUCCESS. MANY OF YOU SHOWED UP TO DO THE GIFT WRAPPING AND PACKAGING, AS WELL AS, THE TOY DELIVERY TO STA. RITA, STA. MONICA AND STA. TERESITA MISSIONS. GOD BLESS YOU ABUNDANTLY FOR BRINGING BLESSINGS AND SMILES TO OUR UNDERPRIVILEGED CHILDREN OF OUR DIOCESE OF LAREDO.

*St. Patrick Church cordially invites the community to join us for Father Wojciech Kosowicz's Retirement Party on Thursday, December 28, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Salon Chapa 5904 West Drive Suite #3*



There will be **NO CCD CLASSES** on December 23rd or 30th. Classes will resume on Saturday, January 6th, 2018. Blessings to you and your families!



### Date:

Dec. 16, 2017 Saturday

Dec. 17, 2017 Sunday

Dec. 18, 2017 Monday

Dec. 19, 2017 Tuesday

Dec. 20, 2017 Wednesday

Dec. 21, 2017 Thursday

Dec. 22, 2017 Friday

Dec. 23, 2017 Saturday

### For:

Good Shepherd Students

Parish Posada/Everyone

Confirmation Students

CCD 1st Year Prep

Youth MS/HS FHC Students

Youth/LifeTeen/EDGE & Challenge & Conquest

CCD 2nd Year Prep

Altar Servers

### Hosted by:

Altar Society

St. Patrick Church

English ACTS Men

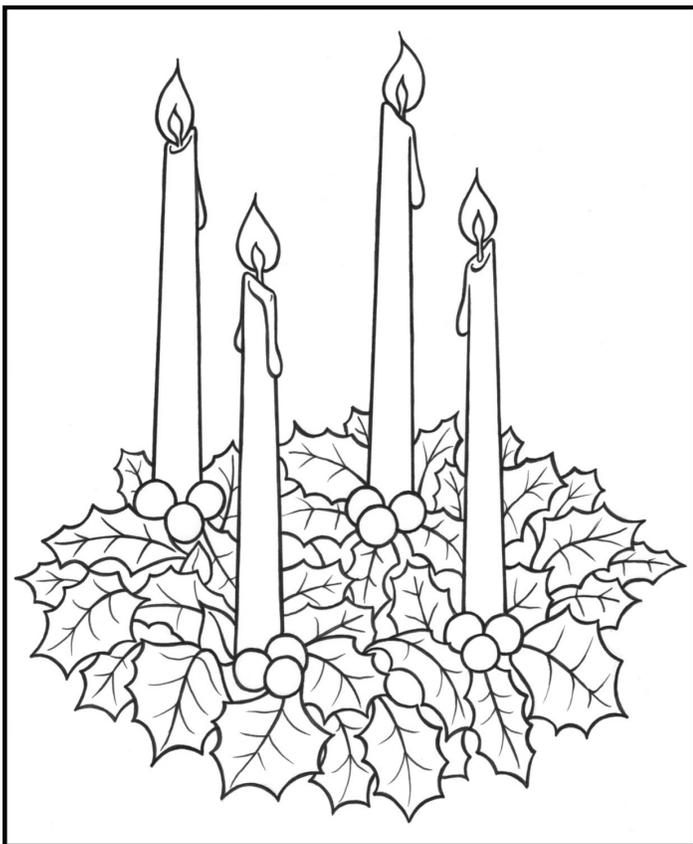
Spanish ACTS Women

Comunidades (4)

Spanish ACTS Men

Comunidades (4)

Matrimonios de NS



*Help us pray for our Brothers and Sisters in  
Christ*

Adolfo De Luna	Rosa Vidaurri
Richard Camacho	Dora L. Singer
Rene San Miguel	Adolph Puig
Aurora González	Francisco Velasquez
Michael 'Mikey' Leija Jr.	Gilbert P. Sanchez
Refugio 'Cuco' Escobedo	Paul Rivera
Jesse Rodriguez	Jose Gomez
Alex de la Garza	James "Jimmy" Puig
Frances Rizo	Thomas Allred

*Dear Jesus, Divine Physician and Healer of the sick, we turn to You in this time of illness. O' dearest comforter of the troubled, alleviate our worry and sorrow with Your gentle love, and grant us the grace and strength to accept this burden. Dear God, we place our worries in Your hands. We place our sick under Your care and humbly ask that You restore your servant to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge Your holy will and know that whatsoever You do, You do for the love of us.*