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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekends

Saturday....5:00 pm, 7:00 pm (Spanish)
Sunday9:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00 pm
(Spanish)

Weekdays

Monday - Friday 8:00 am
Thursday..... 7:00 pm (Spanish)
First Saturday 8:00 am

Holy Day of Obligation Masses

8:00 am, 6:00 pm, 8:00 pm

Confessions

Saturday 3:30 - 4:45 pm
Sunday.....7:30 - 8:30 am
Or by appointment

Baptism Preparation

English: Call 925-989-0510 to register
Spanish: 1st & 2nd Sat., 2:00 pm (Scanlan)

Baptism

English: 4th Saturday at 9:00 am
Spanish: 3rd Saturday at 9:00 am

Marriage Preparation

English: Contact the Parish Office
Spanish: Contact a Deacon

Anointing of the Sick

First Friday during 8:00 am Mass
Call Parish Office for home/hospital
anointing

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday - Friday.....9:00 am - 7:00 pm
Last Friday of the Month, 9:00 am to
Saturday 6:00 am

Mission Churches Mass Schedule

Saint Paul's - Hurricane (171 S. Main)

Mass.....Every Sunday at 12:30 pm

San Pablo Mission - Beryl Junction (721 S. Highway 18)

Mass.....Every Saturday at 6:00 pm

Saint Christopher's - Kanab (39 West 200 South)

Mass.....Sunday at 9:00 am

Zion Park - Springdale (Canyon Community Center, 126 Lion Blvd.)

SCAP.....Sundays at 8:00 am

Palm Sunday through September 30

Church Office

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Office Hours

Monday - Friday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Closed from 12 noon - 1:00 pm daily

December 16, 2018 | 3rd Sunday of Advent

Saint George CATHOLIC CHURCH

Rev. Oscar Martin Picos, Pastor

Rev. Sébastien Sasa Nganomo Babisayone, Parochial Vicar

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

I wish I were a better steward. I would like to think I am a pretty generous person, and I do work hard to cultivate the characteristics of a good Everyday Steward in my life. However, stewardship is about more than giving. It is also about prudence and wise planning. It is about storing up grain for the lean years and making sure there is enough oil to light your lamps when the power goes out. If I were a better steward, I would have that \$1,000 emergency fund to dip into when I need a car repair. I would save more for retirement and vacation. I would have more food in the garage freezer because I bought more on sale and prepared for when money was a little tighter. In a nutshell, I would be prepared for whatever comes my way, good or bad.

Advent is a time of preparation. We not only prepare for Christmas, but for the day when Jesus Christ returns again. Unfortunately, we too often act like this is the only time to prepare for such events. We should be preparing all throughout the year.

If we only focus on our spirituality at Advent and Lent, then we are poor stewards of our time the rest of the year. The wise steward is always cultivating their faith and working to improve their relationship with God. They know that they need to be prepared for anything at any time. They stand ready, waiting for the call of their God.

~Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

LA CORRESPONSABILIDAD DIARIA RECONOCER A DIOS EN LOS MOMENTOS ORDINARIOS

Deseo ser mejor discípulo. Quisiera pensar que soy una persona generosa, y si trabajo para cultivar las características de un discípulo en mi vida. Sin embargo, la corresponsabilidad se trata más de simplemente dar. También se trata de la prudencia y la preparación responsable. Si fuera un mejor discípulo, tendría ahorrados los \$1,000 que quisiera tener en caso de una emergencia. Ahorraría más dinero para cuando me jubile o para ir de vacaciones. Tendría más comida en el refrigerador porque compré más en oferta cuando teníamos poco dinero. En pocas palabras, estaría preparado para lo que sea.

El adviento es un tiempo de preparación. No solamente nos preparamos para la navidad, sino para el día en que Jesús volverá de nuevo. Desafortunadamente, muchas veces actuamos como si este tiempo es nuestra única oportunidad para prepararnos. Deberíamos estar preparados todo el año.

Si solamente nos enfocamos en nuestra espiritualidad durante el tiempo de adviento y de cuaresma, entonces no estamos viviendo una vida verdaderamente corresponsable. El discípulo sabio siempre está cultivando su fe y trabajando para mejorar su relación con Dios. Saben que deben estar preparados para cualquier cosa, a cualquier momento. Están firmemente listos para el llamado de Dios.



STEWARDSHIP / CORRESPONSABILIDAD

Gratitude in Action: Our Way of Life / Gratitud en Acción: Nuestra forma de Vida

Advent is a time of preparation, anticipation, expectation, waiting. For many, that preparation takes the form of tree trimming, gift buying, fun recipes and seasonal goodies. Anticipation welcomes the arrival of holiday guests. Expectation watches for that special gift under the Christmas tree. Waiting embraces the passage of a certain period of time until all of these activities take place.

Christians living the season of Advent experience a spiritual preparation during Advent that will bring their hearts and minds into closer relationship with their Lord, whose birth will once again be celebrated on Christmas Eve. The period of waiting allows Christians to more fully anticipate with greater expectation that glorious moment when our Lord and Savior entered this world through the unhesitating “yes” of a humble virgin.

“Advent is a time to expect God’s intervention in our lives. It may be dramatic, or—more typically—quiet and perhaps not immediately evident. . . . May we keep the windows of our heart open!”¹

Has our questioning, our doubt, our unwillingness to commit, denied us the joy and peace of a relationship only Jesus can offer us?

There is no gift this world can offer or money can buy that will guarantee lasting joy and satisfy any great desire within us.

Only Jesus can satisfy the joyful anticipation within us of a newborn hope for better tomorrows – days with a brighter future, filled with less sorrow and pain and greater joy and excitement. Does that mean pain will be no more? No, but because of our newborn relationship with Jesus, we will bear it with a new and healthier attitude.

“The Christmas ideal is different. Yes, take care of your health. But understand how important it is and central to the Christmas message, to be merry, to have a hopeful, positive, and optimistic attitude, even if your health is bad or if life is not at its best. The infant Jesus is lying in a barnyard crib, and yet the emotional atmosphere is glorious and full of hope. What a lesson for us living in a time of worldwide conflict and personal challenges.”²

¹Advent with the Saints: Daily Meditations by Greg Friedman, OFM

²The Soul of Christmas by Thomas Moore

El Adviento es un tiempo de preparación, de anticipación, de expectativa, y espera. Para muchos, esa preparación toma la forma de arreglar los árboles, compra de regalos, recetas exquisitas y productos de temporada. Anticipando la bienvenida de los huéspedes de las festividades. La expectativa vigila ese regalo especial bajo el árbol de Navidad. La espera abraza el paso de un cierto período de tiempo hasta que todas estas actividades se llevan a cabo.

Los cristianos que viven la temporada de Adviento experimentan una preparación espiritual durante el Adviento que acercará sus corazones y sus mentes a la relación con su Señor, cuyo nacimiento se celebrará una vez más en la víspera de Navidad. El período de espera permite a los cristianos anticipar más plenamente con mayor expectativa el momento glorioso en que nuestro Señor y Salvador entró en este mundo a través del “sí” de una humilde virgen.

“El Adviento es un tiempo para esperar la intervención de Dios en nuestras vidas. Puede ser dramático o, más típicamente, silencioso y quizás no evidente de inmediato... ¡Que podamos mantener abiertas las ventanas de nuestro corazón!”

¿Nuestro cuestionamiento, nuestra duda, nuestra falta de voluntad para comprometernos, nos ha negado el gozo y la paz de una relación que solo Jesús nos puede ofrecer?

No hay un regalo que este mundo pueda ofrecer o que el dinero pueda comprar que garantice una alegría duradera y satisfaga cualquier gran deseo dentro de nosotros.

Solo Jesús puede satisfacer la alegre anticipación dentro de nosotros de una esperanza recién nacida de mejores mañanas: días con un futuro más brillante, llenos de menos dolor y pena, y mayor alegría y emoción. ¿Eso significa que el dolor no será más? No, pero debido a nuestra relación de recién nacidos con Jesús, lo llevaremos con una actitud nueva y más saludable.

“El ideal Navideño es diferente. Sí, cuida tu salud. Pero entiende que lo importante es fundamental para el mensaje de Navidad, estar contento, tener una actitud optimista, positiva y optimista, incluso si su salud es mala o si la vida no es lo mejor. El niño Jesús está acostado en la cuna de un corral y, sin embargo, la atmósfera emocional es gloriosa y llena de esperanza. Qué lección para nosotros vivir en un momento de conflicto mundial y desafíos personales”.²

Pastor's Message by Father Oscar Martin Picos

3rd Sunday of Advent | 3^º Domingo de Adviento



What is spirituality? It is allowing the Spirit of God to guide us. It is reflecting on the presence of God and fruits of the Spirit in our daily lives and work.

Faith is not a private experience that we keep to ourselves. It is not close-minded or removed from the reality of daily life. Our faith cannot be lived without sharing it and communicating it with others through our actions.

In today's Word, we meet some of the people who came to John the Baptist to be baptized and asked him, "What should we do?" John did not tell them to retreat from life. Quite the opposite. He told them to share their food and clothing with those in need, to love their neighbor and show that love in a real and tangible manner. The love of God is a love that must be shared through our actions toward others.

In these days approaching Christmas, the Word inspires us to greet the Lord and ask Him, "What should I do to make my life what You want it to be?" Christmas is the celebration of God's presence in our world and our lives. What should we do? Accept the Word and let God be born in our hearts. Live our faith by real acts of love and kindness, not only for our family and friends but for everyone with whom we come in contact.

ADVENT and CHRISTMAS Schedule

Dec. 18 6:30 pm, Confessions (English and Spanish)

Dec. 24 8:00 am, Daily Mass (English)

Christmas Eve

5:00 pm, Children's Mass (English)

7:00 pm (Spanish)

Midnight Mass (English)

Dec. 25 **Christmas Day**

9:00 am Mass (English)

11:00 am Mass (English)

1:00 pm Mass (Spanish)

Bible Study Resumes January 9

Beginning Wednesday, January 9, Bible Study is every Wednesday at 10:30 am, FL3 of the Scanlan Building.

This weekly Bible Study has been approved by Father Martin who encourages parishioners to attend.

Para muchas personas la fe queda en la intimidad de su existencia; es algo así como una experiencia muy secreta que no hay que compartir. Estas personas son las que piensan que la espiritualidad es el oscurantismo, la cerrazón, el alejamiento de la realidad...

¿Qué es la espiritualidad? Pues es el dejarse guiar por el Espíritu de Dios y ser dócil a sus manifestaciones. Es espiritual quien es capaz de reflejar en su vida diaria, en su quehacer constante la presencia de Dios en los frutos del Espíritu.

En la Palabra de hoy nos encontramos a algunas de las personas que se acercan a Juan el Bautista y le preguntan sobre lo que deben hacer para que sus vidas se ajuste a la de Dios. Es como si le preguntaran: ¿Qué frutos de arrepentimiento debemos de mostrar nosotros en nuestra vida?

La respuesta de Juan no les lleva a intrincados caminos interiores, a meterse dentro de sí de una manera casi enfermiza. Todo lo contrario. Lo que el Bautista les indica como señal de estar en el camino es el amor al prójimo, un amor desde la realidad concreta de cada uno. Es más, dice incluso cómo debe ser ese amor a los demás: un amor que comparte.

En estas fechas cercanas a la Navidad suena esta Palabra como una provocación. Nuestra fe no se puede vivir sin compartirla, sin comunicarla, sin hacer partícipe a los demás. Hay cristianos que viven en un intimismo enfermizo al que le ponen el calificativo de "cristiano" para ocultar sus propios traumas y complejos. En lugar de ponerse cara a cara con el Señor y decirle radicalmente, "¿Qué tengo que hacer para que mi vida sea la que Túquieres que sea?" prefieren quejarse de lo dura que les ha sido la vida; de lo mal que se lo han hecho pasar los otros; de las cosas que un día quisieron y no lograron... El Evangelio tiene que ser un motivo de provocación y de llamada a la acción no un refugio de mentes enfermizas...

La Navidad no es otra cosa que la celebración de la presencia de Dios en nuestro mundo, en nuestra vida, en lo que nos rodea. Puede ser que todo esté lleno de lejanía de Dios, pero no por ello podemos decir que todo es intrínsecamente malo. ¿Qué debemos de hacer?" Aceptar la Palabra y dejar que Dios nazca en nuestro interior para que podamos decirlo, con verdad y con autenticidad, a los que nos rodean.

¿De qué sirve que Jesús nazca 2019 veces si no nace aunque sólo sea una vez en tu corazón...?

"Our world has been filled with noise. It is time to enter into the classroom of silence."

~Matthew Kelly

EVENTS and MASS INTENTIONS

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PARISH EVENTS

Monday

7:00 pm	RCIA	Scanlan, FL2
3:30 pm	Holy Rosary—please join us	Hurricane
10:00 am	Everyday God	Scanlan, FL2

Tuesday

9:00 am	Marian Hour	Kuzy
12-4 pm	Bridge Group	Kuzy
7:00 pm	Neo Catechumenal Way	Kuzy
7:00 pm	CCD	Scanlan FL2

First Tuesday

6:30 pm	Women's Group (Sept-June)	Kuzy
6:30 pm	Knights of Columbus (Sept - June)	Kuzy, FL2

Second Tuesday

1:30 pm	Mass at Veterans Home, Ivins	160N 200E
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Wednesday

10:30 am	Bible Study	Scanlan, FL3
12:00 pm	Bulletin Deadline (11 days prior to publication)	
6:30 pm	Holy Spirit Prayer Group	Kuzy, FL2
7:00 pm	Clases Bíblicas	Scanlan, FL3
7:00 pm	Holy Hour & Benediction	

Thursday

9:00 am	Way of the Cross of the Unborn	
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Second Thursday

1:30 pm	Mass at Sterling Court, St. George	324N 1680E
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Third Thursday

6:30 pm	4th Degree K of C	Kuzy, FL2
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Friday

7:00 pm	Holy Hour, Spanish	
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First Friday

8:00 am	Anointing of the Sick at Mass	
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Last Friday

9:00 am	Eucharistic Adoration begins	
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Saturday

7:00 pm	Neo Catechumenal Way	Kuzy
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First Saturday

8:00 am	Mass in Honor of Our Lady	
9:15 am	Walk for Life (Oct-May)	Bluff & 600S

After last Friday

6:00 am	Eucharistic Adoration ends with Mass	
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First Weekend

At all Masses - Renovation Fund Collection

Third Weekend

At all Masses - K of C Food Drive

Sunday

9:00 am	CCD	Scanlan, FL2
11:00am	CCD	Scanlan, FL2
5:00 pm	Rosary	

First Weekend

At all Masses - Renovation Fund Collection

Third Weekend

At all Masses - K of C Food Drive

*Our Sanctuary Candle
burns this week in memory of*



JAMES RUTER

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 12/15

5:00 pm	† Alfred Jankus by Barbara
	† Marta Dubois
	† Amy Burcham by Todd Thomas
7:00 pm	All military service personnel, living and deceased (Spanish) Pro Populo

Sunday 12/16

9:00 am	† Charles Collins by Robert Seal
	† Tom Madden by Lenore
	† Rocco & Josephine Riccardi
11:00 am	Harold Bud Wright
	† Rebecca Pick by Family
1:00 pm	(Spanish) Pro Populo

Monday 12/17

8:00 am	† Charles Collins by Robert Seal
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Tuesday 12/18

8:00 am	Ciera Clark by Family
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Wednesday 12/19

8:00 am	† Jennifer Susan Lomnitz-Trejo Birthday Remembrance by Carol MacGregor
	† Bob Kowalski

Thursday 12/20

8:00 am	† Charles Collins by Robert Seal
7:00 pm	(Spanish) Pro Populo

Friday 12/21

8:00 am	† Phyllis—Special Intention Laurie Hurtado—Special Intention
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LOOKING AHEAD

- Dec. 24-26 Parish Office Closed
Dec. 24-25 Thrift Store Closed
Dec. 31-Jan. 2 Parish Office Closed
Dec. 31-Jan. 1 Thrift Store Closed
Jan. 14 "Everyday God", 10:00 am, Scanlan FL2

SGCWG Schedule Change for January

The Women's Group has changed its usual meeting and luncheon dates for January 2019 as follows:

Meeting, January 15, Kuzy Hall, 6:30 pm
Luncheon, January 22, Harmon's Santa Clara, 1:00 pm

Prayer Intention Boxes

A True Story...

Al was retired and had a good life. His wife had passed away about 2 years ago and he was adjusting to her absence. He filled his time in the kitchen, canning jellies, baking and cooking. Not just for himself, but mainly friends and family and he also volunteered in the parish. On a visit to his doctor, Al was suddenly diagnosed with gall bladder cancer and this was removed. Shortly after he was told the cancer had spread, with a tumor on each lung and another on his brain. A friend immediately put him on our prayer list. After several months Al's tumor on one lung was gone, and the other tumors had decreased significantly in size. Al is now on a maintenance program. Miracles do happen.

Located in both entrances of our Church—side and front door—there is a box to submit a prayer intention(s) for you, your family, friends, loved ones. Our parish has a group of prayer warriors that will intercede on your behalf daily and weekly. God answers prayers. He has shown us many miracles. You are blest, and we are in turn blest to have the gift of praying for you. Our hearts to yours, thank you.

~A Prayer Warrior

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Parochial VicarRev. Sébastien Sasa Nganomo Babisayone

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Bookkeeper.....Barbara Harrison

Receptionist.....Nora Escatel

Deacons

Rigoberto Aguirre628-9107

Rogaciano Tellez652-9219

Baptismal Preparation Registration (English)

Judy Coryell.....925-989-0510—call to register

Weekly Collection Report

Collection (12/2).....\$ 12,127

Capital Improvement Project (October)

Renovation and Improvement Fund \$ 312,166

Renovation Fund Collections \$ 3,564

Saint Therese Gift Shop

The Advent season is here. Come in to see the variety of advent wreaths, candles, books, coloring books, jewelry, ornaments and much more. Come in and find that special Christmas gift. You have until Sunday, December 23 to shop. The Gift Shop will be **CLOSED** for the Christmas holiday: Tuesday, December 25 thru Sunday, January 6.

Will reopen on Tuesday, January 8 at regular business hours: Tuesday - Friday 10 am - 2 pm and after the weekend Masses. (Remember, the Gift Shop is closed every Monday.)

Contact: Sharon Rawlins 435-688-1948

Religious Education Coordinator

Please welcome Mariana Lawrentz as Religious Education Coordinator for our Saint George Catholic Church program.

Mariana, who has been serving as a teacher in our program, has agreed to now serve as Coordinator for the ongoing faith formation of our youth during the remainder of this school year. She will coordinate the program and address the needs and concerns of our education providers, as well as the needs and concerns of the children's families.

Please welcome Mariana. If you have an interest or desire in assisting with the education and formation of our youth in our parish program, please contact Mariana through the parish office, 435-673-2604.

Pastoral Assistant and Community Outreach

Carole Drake.....668-9202 (caroledrake49@gmail.com)

Religious Education Coordinator

Mariana Lawrentz ...673-2604 (sgcc.marianalawrentz@gmail.com)

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Bulletin Ministry...sgcc.bulletin@gmail.com

Thrift Store.....673-1029

Maintenance.....Call Office (673-2604)

ANNOUNCEMENTS and EVENTS

A Warm Welcome

The warm and friendly welcome that is extended to all who visit the parish office is courtesy of Nora Escatel, our new receptionist. Nora is also a member of the Saint George Catholic Women's Group. She and her husband make their home in St. George.



Lieto Voices
Christmas Concert
Monday, December 17
7:00 pm
"Ring, Christmas Bells!
Join us in the Church
Free Admission

Horario ADVIENTO y NAVIDAD

18 de diciembre a las 6:30 pm, Confesiones (inglés y español)

24 de diciembre 8:00 am, Misa diaria (inglés)

Nochebuena

5:00 pm, Misa de los niños y niñas (inglés)

7:00 pm (español)

Misa de medianoche (inglés)

25 de diciembre dia de Navidad

9:00 am misa (inglés)

11:00 misa (inglés)

1:00 pm misa (español)

Una cálida bienvenida

La cálida y cordial bienvenida que se extiende a todos los que visitan la oficina parroquial es cortesía de Nora Escatel, nuestra nueva recepcionista. Nora también es miembro del Grupo de Mujeres Católicas de San Jorge. Ella y su esposo hacen su hogar en San Jorge.

Scripture Readings for the Week of December 16

Sunday:	Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18
Monday:	Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17
Tuesday:	Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25
Wednesday:	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25
Thursday:	Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38
Friday:	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45
Saturday:	1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-56
Next Sunday:	Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

Observances for the Week of December 16, 2018

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent ; Friday: St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of the Church

Coordinador de Educación Religiosa

Dale la bienvenida a Mariana Lawrentz como Coordinadora de Educación Religiosa para nuestro programa de la Iglesia Católica de San Jorge.

Mariana, ha estado sirviendo como maestra en nuestro programa, ha aceptado servir ahora como Coordinadora para la formación continua de la fe de nuestros jóvenes durante el resto de este año escolar. Ella coordinará el programa y abordará las necesidades y preocupaciones de nuestros proveedores de educación, así como las necesidades y preocupaciones de las familias de los niños.

Por favor denle la bienvenida a Mariana. Si tiene interés o deseo de ayudar con la educación y formación de nuestros jóvenes en nuestro programa parroquial, comuníquese con Mariana a través de la oficina parroquial, 435-673-2604.

Tienda de Regalos Saint Theresita

La temporada de Adviento está aquí. Ven a ver la variedad de coronas de advenimiento, velas, libros, libros para colorear, joyas, adornos y mucho más. Entra y encuentra ese regalo especial de navidad. Tienes hasta el domingo 23 de diciembre para comprar.

La tienda de Regalos estará **CERRADA** por las vacaciones de Navidad - martes, 25 de diciembre - domingo, al 6 de enero. Volverá a abrir el martes 8 de enero en horario regular de oficina: de martes a viernes de 10 am a 2 pm y después de las Misas de fin de semana. Contacto: Sharon Rawlins 435-688-1948

Perdido y encontrado

Un anillo fue encontrado en el estacionamiento de la iglesia. Llame a la oficina parroquial, 435-673-2604, para describir y reclamar.

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