



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2023

## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT



"Prepare the way of the Lord." - Mk 1:3

**Parish Office:** 175 E. Connecticut Ave., Southern Pines. Telephone (910) 692-6613; fax (910) 692-4964. Business hours are 8:30AM—12:00PM, 1:00PM—4:00PM Please call, email or video conference to receive assistance from our parish staff. We are here to serve.

**The Priest's Residence Phone Number is (910) 684-8711.** For emergency calls only. Please conduct your routine office business while the office is open and reserve calls to Father Kane for true emergencies.

**Parish Staff:** If you would like to contact a member of the staff, please visit [stanthonyparish.net/contact-us](http://stanthonyparish.net/contact-us).

Pastor.....	Rev. John Kane
Permanent Deacon.....	Rev. Mr. Eric Rosario
Pastoral Associate.....	Joe Farris
Administrative Assistant.....	John Rowell
Parish Secretary/Bulletins/Cemetery.....	Diana Wake
Parish Bookkeeper.....	Linda McCullers
Facilities/Maintenance.....	Russ Quigley
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Parish Organist.....	Chris Colon
DRE Grades K-10/Sacraments.....	Diana Wake
RCIA Coordinator.....	Joshe Raetz
StAY Catholic.....	Donna Boyce/Wendy Smyth
Head Sacristan.....	Karen Cusano
Head Usher.....	Scott Stroker
Parish Food Pantry.....	Anita Monk

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Parents must be registered members of the parish for at least one month and be practicing Catholics. Baptisms will alternate between the Saturday 5pm, the Sunday 8am and 10am Masses, and the 1pm Spanish Mass. Please call Diana Wake in the parish office to begin the process.

**Sacrament of Marriage:** You or your fiancé must be a registered and participating parishioner. Diocesan policy is that a period of six months be allowed to complete preparation. Weddings and convalidations may take place in the church. **Please do not set a date until you have met with the pastor.** If any questions, please contact Diana Wake in the office.

**Sacraments for the Sick:** When ill health or age prevent you from receiving the Sacraments, please inform us of your needs and location whether at home, in a care facility or hospital. We are only able to serve you when YOU request the parish office to do so.

**Anointing of the Sick:** For people who are ill, facing surgery, advanced in years, or suffering from a chronic illness. It should be celebrated before entry into the hospital.

**Parish Prayer Chain:** Please contact Lane Bergstrom at (910) 725-0522 with your prayer intentions.

**Funerals:** Funeral Masses are held in the church. Call the office to schedule a funeral.

**Comittal Services:** Please contact the Parish office to make a request.

#### **St. Anthony Catholic Cemetery:**

Burial plots & columbarium niches are available. Please contact Diana Wake in the parish office.



#### **Church Location:**

160 E. Vermont Ave.  
(corner of Ashe & Vermont)

**Office & Mailing:**  
175 E. Connecticut Ave.  
Southern Pines, NC 28387

#### **Public Mass Schedule:**

Sat: 5pm
Sun: 8am, 10am & 1pm Spanish
Mon: 8am • Tue to Fri: 12pm
Wed: 6:30pm Spanish



#### **Live Stream Mass:**

Sun: 10am  
Sun: 1pm Spanish  
Mon: 8am Tues-Fri: 12pm

#### **Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday from 11–11:45am  
Saturdays from 3–4:30pm

#### **Eucharistic Adoration:**

Wednesdays from 1–6:00pm

#### **Our Lady of Victory Rosary Warriors:**

1st Tuesday in the Parish Hall at 7:00pm

#### **Clerical Staff**

Rev. John Kane, Pastor  
Deacon Eric Rosario  
Deacon Stephen G. Dozier

#### **Our Pastoral Council**

Rev. John Kane, Pastor;  
Joshe Raetz, President  
Wendy Smyth, Vice President;  
Thomas Kane, Secretary;  
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#### **Our Finance Council**

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James Duers, Chairman;  
Dixie Chapman, Barbara Collins,  
Keith Maresca, and Mike Zigmund

For bulletin announcement submissions please email text to d.wake@stanthonyparish.net

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**Deadlines for submission:** Bulletin Friday at noon  
(9 days before corresponding weekend Mass)  
**Announcements:** Wednesday at noon

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### Church Open Hours: for prayer & private adoration time.

**Sunday: 7am to 2pm**

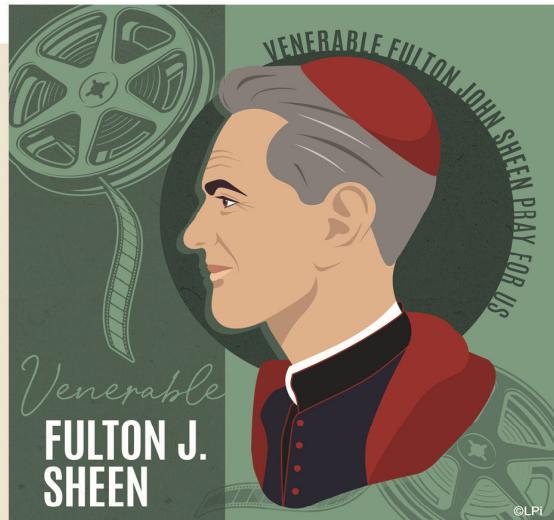
**Monday: 7am to 8:30pm**

**Tue, Th, Fri: 8:30am to 4pm**

**Wed: 8:30am to 7:30pm**

**Saturday: 9am to 6pm**

**Adoration: Wednesdays 1pm to 6pm**



### Saint of the week

Venerable Bishop Fulton John Sheen was a prominent American Catholic bishop, theologian, and media personality. Considered one of the first televangelists, his charisma and defense of the faith made him a household name for American Catholic families.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday:** Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

**Monday:** Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 5:17-26

**Tuesday:** Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

**Wednesday:** Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30

**Thursday:** Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/Mt 11:11-15

**Friday:** Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19

**Saturday:** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13



Retirement Fund for Religious

retiredreligious.org

**The second collection on December 10 is for the Retirement Fund for Religious.** Your donation will provide essential care, medicine and other necessities for nearly 25,000 senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests who have served for decades—usually for little or no pay. Let us show our appreciation by generously supporting those who have given so much. Please use the special envelope from your offertory packet, an envelope from the back of the church, or write “Religious Retirement” on the memo line of your check.

We accept all types of credit cards for donations, payments, religious education fees, and funeral arrangements through our WeShare site.



For your convenience you may use this QR code to open a link to give electronically to St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church.

### Mass Intentions for the Week of December 11th

Time/Date		Mass Intention	Requested by
Mon 8 AM	Dec 11	† Bernadette Dabady	Dominique Dabady
Mon 7:30 PM	Dec 11	† Jaun Viera II & Ismael Hernandez	The Family
Tue 12 PM	Dec 12	† Priests of St. Anthony	St. Anthony Guild
Wed 12 PM	Dec 13	† Herminia Garcia	Abbey Flores
Wed 6:30 PM	Dec 13	† Paz Garalde	Ruby Geronimo
Thu 12 PM	Dec 14	† Giuseppe Liverani	Dominique Dabady
Fri 12 PM	Dec 15	† Mary Becker	Cathy & Chris Brown
Sat 5 PM	Dec 16	† Cornelius Coffey	The Family Coffey
Sun 8 AM	Dec 17	† Willard Formyduval	Shelia Formyduval
Sun 10 AM	Dec 17	† Charles Brown	Donna Brown
Sun 1 PM	Dec 17	† Pro Populo	

### Weekly Offering

*Week ending November 26, 2023*

Weekly Offertory.....	\$14,317
Online Contributions.....	\$5,363
Same week last year.....	\$9,874

### Special Collections

December 3.....	Capital Maintenance
December 8.....	Immaculate Conception
December 10.....	Retired Religious
December 24.....	Priests Retirement
December 25.....	Christmas
January 1.....	Mary, Mother of God

**\*\*Please return envelopes for Christmas Flowers as soon as possible. You may also use the cut out on page six.**

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## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

### The World Is Pregnant

There is a character, Rose of Sharon, in John Steinbeck's *Grapes of Wrath* who is pregnant with her first child. As her impoverished family migrates from their native Oklahoma to California, Rose of Sharon's all-consuming preoccupation is her unborn child. Everything she eats, every drink she lets pass her lips, every action she takes — none of it is done without thought for the child that is still so small as to make his mother's expectancy barely discernible to the naked eye.

"For Rose of Sharon was pregnant," wrote Steinbeck. "And the world was pregnant to her."

It is the same for us Christians in the Advent season. We can feel a change coming, and the hope of this change consumes us. It shapes our actions and our plans, we feel it in our hearts and in our souls and in our limbs. From the food we eat to the clothing we wear to the words we use, the unseen Child lives and breathes and works in every small part of this blessed season.

Even the commercial clamor that is the secular "Christmas holiday" cannot fully distract us from the holy sense of anticipation we have. We are baptized, and so it is inside of us, this voice that cries out in the desert. When we hear it, we cannot help but listen.

The Virgin is pregnant, and the world is pregnant to us.

*"We await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells." — 2 Peter 3:13*

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

### Question:

The Bible says that Jesus condemned gambling, but I notice that so many parishes have them at festivals and other events. What's correct?

### Answer:

Although Jesus speaks of our relationship with material wealth and the very human struggle with greed, the gospels do not include any specific instructions related to gambling. At the same time, the Church is very sensitive to the needs of those who might struggle with an addiction to gambling, and pastoral care should always be offered to those who struggle with this reality in their life.

While it is true that many parish or school communities include gambling or games of chance in festivals and fundraisers (e.g. bingo, roulette, ring tossing, dunking booths, etc.), there is nothing inherently wrong these sorts of events, given they are played fairly and within the limits of reason are not morally objectionable. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us: "Games of chance (card games, etc.) or wagers are not in themselves contrary to justice. They become morally unacceptable when they deprive someone of what is necessary to provide for his needs and those of others" (no. 2413).

As in all things, moderation and a sense of healthy limits should be applied to gambling and games of chance. For those who find themselves living with addiction to gambling, help is available in various 12-step and addiction recovery programs.

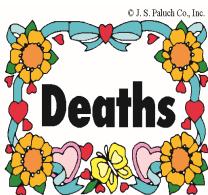
### Upcoming Events

Dec 11 Our Lady of Guadalupe 6pm—1:30am  
 Dec 15 Christmas Party/Lessons & Carols 5—8PM  
 Dec 23 & 24 Vigil and Morning Masses as normal  
 Dec 24 Christmas Eve Masses, 6pm, 8pm (Sp), Midnight  
 Dec 25 Christmas Day Masses, 10am & 12pm  
 Dec 25 & 26 Office is closed  
 Jan 19 Right to Life March in Washington DC

### **Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration Program of Activities, December 11, 2023.**

**Please bring your own candle**

6—6:30 PM Candle Light Procession  
 6:30—7:15 PM Eucharistic Adoration  
 7:30—9 PM Bilingual Mass  
 9—10 PM Dinner  
 10—10:40 PM Apparitions Theater  
 10:40—11:40 PM Traditional Dances  
 11:40—12:40 AM Mañanitas Band  
 12:40—1:30 AM Late Snack  
 (Mexican Soup / Hot Fruit Tea)



Please pray for the repose of the soul of Timothy O'Connell, the son of Nancy O'Connell. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. May he rest in peace.

**2023 Parish Christmas Party** Friday, December 15th. The evening will begin with Lessons & Carols in Church led by our Choir Director 5—6pm. A Parish Potluck will follow at 6—8pm in the Parish Hall

Each family is asked to bring their favorite covered dish to share at the potluck after the Lessons & Carols. Please prepare enough of your dish to serve 8—12 persons. You may drop food off in the Parish Hall Kitchen to be kept warm during the Lessons & Carols. Potluck after the singing. Turkey, other meats, dinner rolls, drinks, and desserts will be provided. Santa has sent word from the North Pole that he will be stopping by to visit the children.



**Women's Bible Study** The Gospel of Mark: Mondays 6:30pm - 7:30pm Jan 8 - 29 Come and start the year off with a deep dive into the Gospel according to Mark! This Ignatius Press Study leads readers through a penetrating study of the Gospel of Mark, using the biblical text itself and the Church's own guidelines for understanding the Bible. The study is free to join but requires purchase of the study book we will use.

Email [stanthonywbs@gmail.com](mailto:stanthonywbs@gmail.com) with any questions or sign up now using this QR code! Sign up by January 1st.



### **Advent Rosary—The Knights of Columbus will lead a Parish Rosary at 9:30am each Sunday during Advent**

The Rosary is the most powerful of all prayers, second only to the Mass. The Rosary was Heaven sent, given personally by Blessed Mother to St. Dominic. Through Her many apparitions, She has repeatedly asked



it be the weapon of choice during troubling times. Its power comes in the fact that She prays it with you and makes up for anything lacking in your prayer. The Rosary is a force multiplier, there is no other means to make your prayers more efficacious. Through the Rosary, She is yours and you are Hers.

**Early Bulletin Deadlines.** Our new bulletin company has more early deadlines than we are used to having. Please take note and send announcements by the deadlines listed below:

December 17th bulletin was submitted Fri., December 8<sup>th</sup>  
 December 24<sup>th</sup> bulletin due NLT 9am, Tue., December 12<sup>th</sup>  
 December 31<sup>st</sup> bulletin due NLT 9am Tues., December 19<sup>th</sup>  
 January 7<sup>th</sup> bulletin due NLT 9am, Wed., December 27<sup>th</sup>

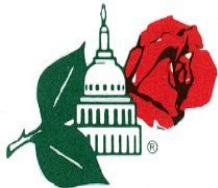


### **Wednesday Adoration**

Adoration takes place on Wednesdays from 1-6pm on the main altar of the church. You can drop by the church anytime during Adoration as you wish to spend time with Jesus.

**The Respect for Life Ministry** is planning a bus trip to the **March for Life in Washington DC on Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>**. The cost of seats will be \$75 or less. Final cost is to be determined. Join other members of the parish for this important event if you are interested in standing up for LIFE. Any questions contact: [mmswierz@gmail.com](mailto:mmswierz@gmail.com).

If you cannot attend the march and would like to make a donation to defray the cost of the bus please make checks payable to "St. Anthony of Padua" and write "March for Life" on the memo line of your check.



### **Christmas Flower Donations**

To make a donation for Christmas flowers in memory of a loved one or in honor of a living person, use the special envelopes in your envelope packet. If you don't receive envelopes, please complete the following slip and place it in an envelope with your donation and write "Christmas Flowers" on the memo line of your check. Please print names clearly. **Donations must be received by December 11<sup>th</sup> to be acknowledged in the December 24<sup>th</sup> bulletin.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory/Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_



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Vass, NC 28394 910.245.2246  
[www.CapodannoHigh.com](http://www.CapodannoHigh.com)

*"Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friend." John 15:13*  
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**The Parish will be reinstating the distribution of the Precious Blood later this month. A quick review of what you should know about receiving from the cup are below:**

"When receiving the Blood of Christ, it is important to show proper reverence. As is the command for receiving His Precious Body, you must receive the Blood of Christ in a state of grace. If you have committed a mortal sin, you must receive forgiveness in the Sacrament of Confession before receiving either species of the Holy Eucharist. Children and the youth are able to receive Communion under both kinds as are adults, provided they are properly instructed.

To receive the Precious Blood, approach the Priest, Deacon, or Eucharistic minister and they will hold the chalice in front of you and say, "The Blood of Christ," to which you respond, "Amen." The minister will then hand you the chalice. Grasp the chalice firmly with both hands and bring it to your lips, taking care not to spill any of the Precious Blood. You will take a tiny sip from the chalice and then the minister will receive the chalice back from you. Those who do not wish to receive the Precious Blood should walk reverently past the cup and return to their pew.

After each communicant has received the Blood of Christ, the minister carefully wipes both sides of the rim of the chalice with a purifier. This action is a matter of both reverence and hygiene. For the same reason, the minister turns the chalice slightly after each communicant has received the Precious Blood.

When you receive the Blood of Christ, you are receiving the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ! Amen." —Excerpts from the website of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops, *The General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, and pastoral guidance.

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## St. John Paul II Catholic School

2922 Camp Easter Rd., Southern Pines. For information about enrollment please send all correspondence directly to the school. Phone (910) 692-6241; [sjp2catholicschool.com](mailto:sjp2catholicschool.com).

## Cookie Tree Sale to Benefit the SJPII Annual Fund

These festive and fun cookie trees are the perfect centerpiece for your holiday table! They will be available for pick up on **Friday, December 15th between 3-5pm**. Pick-up location: The Tru Legacy Center on the campus of St. John Paul II Catholic School: 2922 Camp Easter Rd., Southern Pines, NC 28387. **Order Forms available upon request, please contact the school office:**



910-692-6241 or [rforeman@jp2catholicschool.org](mailto:rforeman@jp2catholicschool.org). Available in 2 sizes: Large 18" for \$70 and Small 12" for \$50. Make checks payable to St. John Paul II Catholic School. **Return order form along with your check or cash by Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for supporting the SJPII Annual Fund!**

**Project Rachel Post Abortion Healing Retreat, January 5-7, 2024.** If you desire healing from a past abortion, you are invited to experience the love of Jesus Christ at a Project Rachel weekend retreat January 5-7, 2024, in the Raleigh area. The weekend retreat is strictly confidential, for both women and men and includes discussions, spiritual exercises, the sacrament of reconciliation, a Memorial Service, and a Mass of the Resurrection. Participation offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness, and compassion. For more information or to register for the retreat, contact Project Rachel at: [project.rachel@raldioc.org](mailto:project.rachel@raldioc.org) or call (919) 852-1021. The website is: [rachelnc.org](http://rachelnc.org). Cost is \$200 for lodging, meals, and all retreat materials. Discount of \$50 for early registration. If there is a financial burden, assistance is available.



## FOOD PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED

We are low on many food items: Spaghetti Sauce, Peanut Butter, Canned Fruit, and Canned Soups.

You may place nonperishable unexpired food items and plastic bags in the baskets in the back of church. We will also recycle your paper grocery bags to distribute food. Please help if you can. We support needy families in our area.

**Cemetery Lots** St. Anthony's Catholic Cemetery located on Camp Easter Road on the campus of St. John Paul II school offers a peaceful resting place for your loved ones. Ground plots and columbarium niches are available. For more information please contact Diana Wake in the parish office at 910-692-6613.



**EVENTOS****diciembre**

- 9 Capacitación para ministros de la copa a las 9am.  
 10 Desayuno de pancakes de los Caballeros de Colon  
 11 Celebración de NS de Guadalupe (véase info)  
 15 Canciones y Enseñanza a las 5pm en el templo  
 15 Fiesta de Navidad de la Parroquia a las 6pm en el salón parroquial.

***Cambio de horario de misa dominical***

Únicamente en la fecha del 24 de diciembre se va a celebrar la misa dominical en un horario fuera de lo normal. La misa tomará lugar a las **12pm** debido a las misas de vigilia de la Navidad que toman lugar más tarde el mismo día. Para el 31 de diciembre, la misa volverá nuevamente a la **1pm**.

### Fiesta de Navidad de la Parroquia Viernes, 15 de Diciembre

**5pm a 6pm**

Lecciones y Villancicos en la Iglesia

**6pm a 8pm**

**Cena Parroquial en el salón parroquial.** Pavo, otras carnes, panecillos, bebidas y postres serán proporcionados por la parroquia.

Se pide a cada familia que traiga su platillo favorito para compartir. Podrán dejar su platillo para compartir en la cocina del salón parroquial para que se mantenga caliente antes de la cena.



**TODOS ESTÁN INVITADOS!**

**Templo Parroquial:**

160 E. Vermont Ave.

(corner of Ashe & Vermont)

**Oficina & Domicilio para correspondencia:**

175 E. Connecticut Ave.

Southern Pines, NC 28387

**Horario Ordinario de Misas:**

Sab: 5pm

Dom: 8am, 10am & 1pm Español

Lun: 8am • Mar a Vie: 12pm

Mie: 6:30pm Español



**Personal de la Parroquia**

Rev. John Kane, Párroco;  
 Diácono Eric Rosario;  
 Diácono Stephen G. Dozier

**Nuestro Consejo Parroquial**

Rev. John Kane, Párroco; Joshe Raetz, Presidente, Wendy Smyth, Vice Presidente; Thomas Kane, Secretario; Jose Alvarado, Agnes Evans, Francis

Guillen, Miguelina de Guillen, Michele

Rockett, José Espínola, Tony Wildt, Tama Carlin, Ken Benway, Lanny Lucero, Robbie McKenzie y Scott Richards.

**Nuestro Consejo Financiero**

Rev. John Kane, Párroco;  
 James Duers, Dixie Chapman,  
 Mike Zigmund y Keith Maresca.

Para solicitar avisos en el boletín o durante la misa, por favor comuníquese con John Rowell

church.office@stanthonyparish.net  
 Tél: (910) 692-6613

**Fechas tope para solicitar:** Boletín Viernes antes de 12pm (9 días antes del domingo correspondiente del aviso)

**Anuncios:** Miércoles antes de las 12pm

**Celebración de  
Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe  
Programa de Actividades  
11 de Diciembre de 2023**



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|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| 6:00PM–6:30PM   | Procesión de Velas            |
| 6:30PM–7:15PM   | Adoración Eucarística         |
| 7:30PM–9:00PM   | Misa Bilingüe                 |
| 9:00PM–10:00PM  | Cena                          |
| 10:00PM–10:40PM | Teatro "Las Apariciones"      |
| 10:40PM–11:40PM | Bailes tradicionales – Danzas |
| 11:40PM–12:40AM | Banda – Mañanitas             |
| 12: 40AM–1:30AM | Pozole - Ponche               |

### **Misas del 4o Domingo de Adviento, de la Navidad y del Año Nuevo**

**24 de diciembre.** 4o domingo de adviento.

- Misas a las 8am, 10am y **12pm en español.**

**24 de diciembre.** Vigilia de la Navidad.

- Misas de las 6pm y **8pm en español.**

**25 de diciembre.** Misas de la Navidad.

- Misas a las 12am (medianoche), 10am y 12pm.

**1 de enero.** Solemnidad de la Santa Madre de Dios.

- Misas a las 8am, 12pm y **6pm en español.**

### **HORARIO DEL TEMPLO**

Domingo: 7am - 2pm; Lunes: 7am a 4pm;

Mar, Jue y Vie: 8:30am - 4pm;

Miércoles: 8:30am to 7:30pm;

Sábado: 9am to 6pm

**Transmisión de Misas:**

Todas las liturgias de la Semana Santa y Triduo estarán transmitidas en vivo

**Sacramento de Reconciliación:** No hay el Sacramento de la Reconciliación durante la Semana Santa o Triduo.

**Adoración Eucarística:**

Mie from 1–6:00pm

**Rosario Nuestra Señora de la Victoria:**

Primer Martes en el salón parroquial: 7:00pm