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Parroquia Católica de San Rafael Arcángel

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Our Vision:

To be a vibrant, growing parish that invites people to encounter Jesus and forms them as passionate disciples who serve his mission by their lives.

Our members commit to:
pray profoundly,
connect consciously,
serve selflessly,
deepen deliberately,
invite intentionally and
welcome warmly.

Nuestra Visión:

Ser una parroquia vibrante y en crecimiento que invita a las personas a encontrarse con Jesús y los forma como discipulos apasionados que sirven su misión con sus vidas.

Nuestros miembros se comprometen a:
orar profundamente,
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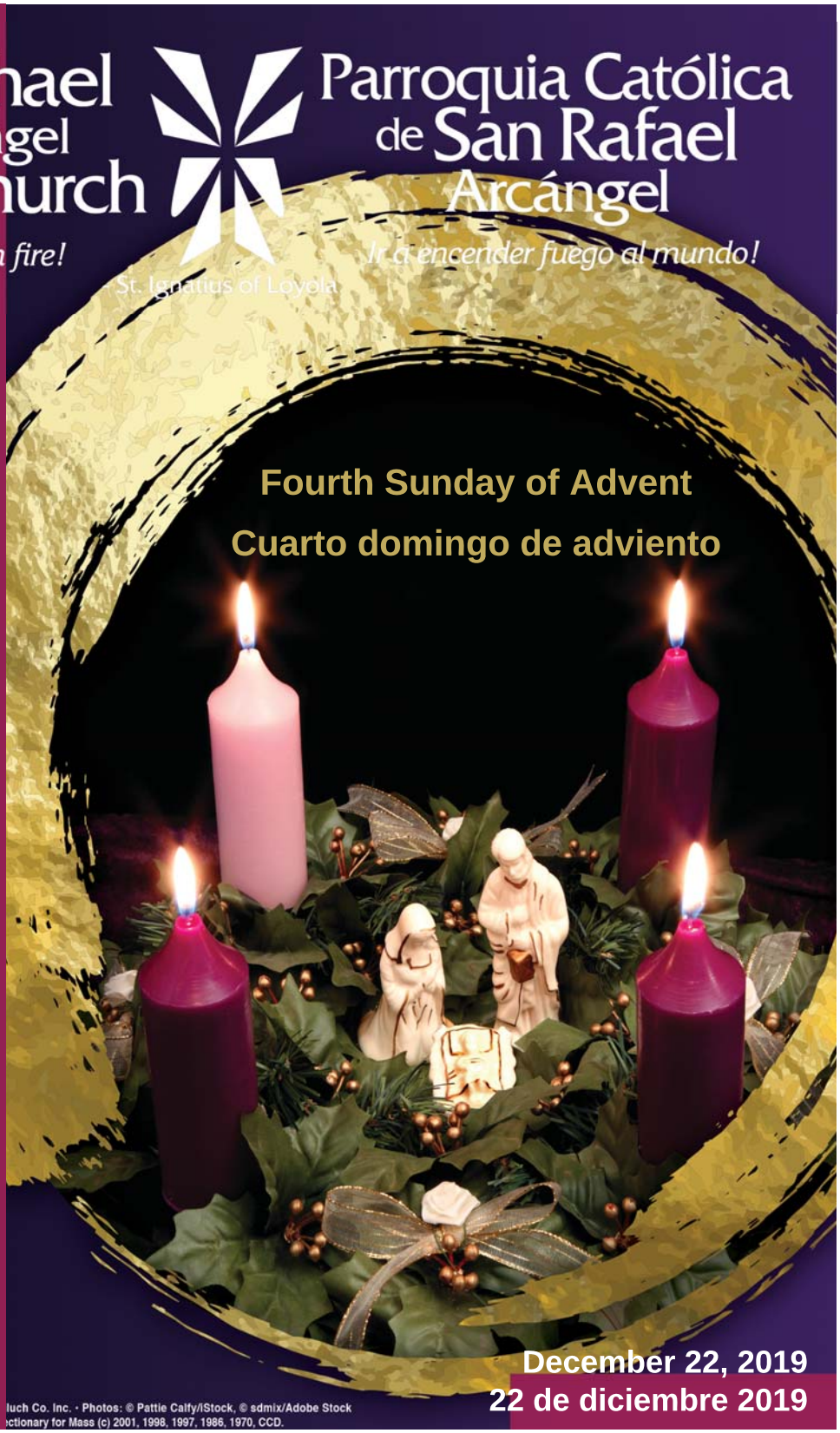
profundizar deliberadamente,
invitar intencionalmente y
dar la bienvenida cordialmente.



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Cuarto domingo de adviento

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Change Someone's Life this Christmas

Do you, like I do, have a family member or friend who lives somewhere outside our area, who has been **away from church** for a long time? Someone you've been praying for to come into relationship with God and his Church?

Imagine this: What if, this Christmas, your loved one in another city feels that nudge from the Holy Spirit and thinks, "*You know, maybe I should go to Mass this Christmas…*" They look up a local Catholic parish online and this Christmas Eve or Christmas Day they show up for Mass. They've never been to this parish and they don't know **anybody**.

Ask yourself: What kind of **welcome** do you want the people in that parish to offer your loved one?

I know my answer: I hope and pray my loved one gets such a **warm Christmas welcome** that God can use it as extra motivation for them to come back to Mass the next Sunday too! And maybe they'll get to know some friendly faces and think, "*It's been a long time, but I feel like people care about me and I belong here, like I can take my next steps to reconnect with God and the Church here.*"

Guess what? In some other city, there's a fellow Catholic praying for a loved one in Raleigh. And that loved one is going to walk through **our** doors very soon this Christmas Eve or Day. So here's what I say: Let's give that person the welcome here at St. Raphael that we would want for our own loved ones!

Are we a **perfect** parish with **perfect** people? **No**! Our house is a little messy - but it can still be warm and welcoming for company. Our Welcome Ministry will be ready to go. And **for Christmas Masses** this year I want to again offer some easy, practical ways we can all make our guests feel so **warmly welcome**, they'll want to come back to join us for Mass again and again:

1. **Leave the best parking spaces for our guests**. If you're able, come a little early to Mass and park further away, leaving the close spots for our guests. *(The priests and deacons have agreed to cover over the "Clergy Only" parking signs!)*
2. **Make room in the pews.** Christmas Masses are pretty full - what a gift! Be especially ready to squeeze in: move to the middle of the pews to make room for guests. Make them feel welcome like family.
3. **Stick around** at Christmas Mass for the final blessing and final Christmas song. Then wish a Merry Christmas to your prayer partner and others around you!

Even **one** of these little things might be something God can use to bring someone back into relationship with himself, to be part of his Church and our parish. Will you help **change someone's life** with me this Christmas?

Trusting Jesus working **powerfully** through our **imperfection**,

Fr. Phil

Fr. Phil Hurley, S.J.
Pastor

Cambiar la Vida de Alguien esta Navidad

¿Tienen ustedes, como yo, un familiar o amigo que vive en algún lugar fuera de nuestra área y que ha estado fuera de la iglesia durante mucho tiempo? ¿Alguien por quien has estado orando para que tenga una relación con Dios y su Iglesia?

Imagínese: ¿Qué pasaría si esta Navidad, su ser querido en otra ciudad, inspirado por el Espíritu Santo pensara: "Tal vez debería ir a Misa esta Navidad ..." Después de buscar una parroquia Católica en su localidad, se presenta a Misa en la Nochebuena o en el día de Navidad. Nunca ha asistido a esa parroquia y no conoce a nadie.

Pregúntese: ¿Qué tipo de **bienvenida** desearía que los miembros de esa parroquia le ofrecieran a su ser querido?

Sé mi respuesta: ¡espero y le pido al Señor que mi ser querido reciba una **muy cordial bienvenida** navideña la cual Dios use como motivación adicional para que vayan a Misa el siguiente domingo también! Que tal vez se encuentren con rostros amigables y piensen: "Ha pasado mucho tiempo, pero siento que la gente quiere conocerme y pertenezco aquí, siento que aqui podria intentar el reconectarme con Dios y esta parroquia."

¿**Sabe qué**? En otra ciudad, tenemos un hermano o hermana en Dios rezando por un ser querido en Raleigh. Y ese ser querido entrará por las puertas de nuestra parroquia en esta Nochebuena o el Día de Navidad. Entonces, les propongo esto: ¡Démosle a esa persona la misma bienvenida aquí en San Rafael que nos gustaría que recibieran nuestros seres queridos!

¿Somos acaso una parroquia **perfecta** con gente **perfecta**? **¡No!** Nuestra casa está un poco desordenada, pero aún así, puede ser cálida y acogedora para nuestros invitados. Nuestro Ministerio de Bienvenida estará listo. Y para las Misas navideñas de este año, quiero sugerirles de nuevo algunas ideas fáciles y prácticas en las que todos podemos hacer que nuestros invitados se sientan tan **cordialmente bienvenidos**, que querrán volver y unirse a nosotros una y otra vez:

1. **Deje los mejores espacios de estacionamiento para nuestros invitados**. Si puede, venga más temprano a misa y escoja un espacio alejado en el estacionamiento dejando los espacios más cercanos para nuestros invitados. (¡Los sacerdotes y los diáconos acordamos cubrir los letreros de estacionamiento "Solo para el clero"!)
2. **Haga espacio en las bancas**. Las misas navideñas están bastante llenas, ¡lo cual es un gran regalo! Prepárese para estar un poco más apretado sentándose hacia el centro de las bancas para dejar espacio en las orillas para los invitados. Permita que se sientan bienvenidos como familia.
3. **Quédese después de la Misa de Navidad** y desee una Feliz Navidad a su compañero de oración y a los que están a su alrededor!

Tan solo uno de esos detalles Dios podría usarlo para que alguien vuelva a reencontrarse consigo mismo, y volverse parte de la Iglesia de Dios y de nuestra parroquia. ¿Ayudarás junto conmigo a **cambiar la vida de alguien** en esta Navidad?

Confiando en Jesús y trabajando **poderosamente** a través de nuestra **imperfección**,

Fr. Phil

P. Felipe Hurley, S.J.
Párroco

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Inviting Others into our "Perfect" Advent: Excerpts from the Apostolic Letter Admirable Signum of the Holy Father Francis on the Meaning & Importance of the Nativity Scene

I would like now to reflect on the various elements of the nativity scene in order to appreciate their deeper meaning. First, there is the background of a starry sky wrapped in the darkness and silence of night. We represent this not only out of fidelity to the Gospel accounts, but also for its symbolic value. We can think of all those times in our lives when we have experienced the darkness of night. Yet even then, God does not abandon us, but is there to answer our crucial questions about the meaning of life.

The landscapes that are part of the nativity scene also deserve some mention. Frequently they include the ruins of ancient houses or buildings, which in some instances replace the cave of Bethlehem and become a home for the Holy Family. This scenic setting tells us that Jesus is newness in the midst of an aging world, that he has come to heal and rebuild, to restore the world and our lives to their original splendor.

With what emotion should we arrange the mountains, streams, sheep and shepherds in the nativity scene! As we do so, we are reminded that, as the prophets had foretold, all creation rejoices in the coming of the Messiah. The angels and the guiding star are a sign that we too are called to set out for the cave and to worship the Lord. Unlike so many other people, busy about many things, the shepherds become the first to see the most essential thing of all: the gift of salvation. It is the humble and the poor who greet the event of the Incarnation.

It is customary to add many symbolic figures to our nativity scenes. First, there are the beggars and the others who know only the wealth of the heart. The presence of the poor and the lowly in the nativity scene remind us that God became man for the sake of those who feel most in need of his love and who ask him to draw near to them…

…Children – but adults too! – often love to add to the nativity scene other figures that have no apparent connection with the Gospel accounts. Yet, each in its own way, these fanciful additions show that in the new world inaugurated by Jesus there is room for whatever is truly human and for all God's creatures. From the shepherd to the blacksmith, from the baker to the musicians, from the women carrying jugs of water to the children at play: **all this speaks of the everyday holiness, the joy of doing ordinary things in an extraordinary way**, born whenever Jesus shares his divine life with us.

The figure of Mary makes us reflect on the great mystery that surrounded this young woman when God knocked on the door of her immaculate heart. Mary responded in complete obedience to the message of the angel who asked her to become the Mother of God. Her words, "Behold I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word" (Lk 1:38), show all of us how to abandon ourselves in faith to God's will. Saint Joseph plays an important role in the life of Jesus and Mary. He is the guardian who tirelessly protects his family. Joseph treasured in his heart the great mystery surrounding Jesus and Mary his spouse; as a just man, he entrusted himself always to God's will, and put it into practice.

When, at Christmas, we place the statue of the Infant Jesus in the manger, the nativity scene suddenly comes alive. God appears as a child, for us to take into our arms. Beneath weakness and frailty, he conceals his power that creates and transforms all things. It seems impossible, yet it is true: in Jesus, God was a child, and in this way he wished to reveal the greatness of his love: by smiling and opening his arms to all.

God's ways are astonishing, for it seems impossible that he should forsake his glory to become a man like us. To our astonishment, we see God acting exactly as we do: he sleeps, takes milk from his mother, cries and plays like every other child! As always, God baffles us. He is unpredictable, constantly doing what we least expect. The nativity scene shows God as he came into our world, but it also makes us reflect on how our life is part of God's own life. It invites us to become his disciples if we want to attain ultimate meaning in life.

Read the complete letter at
www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap_20191201_admirabile-signum.html

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Invitando a Otros a Nuestro Adviento "Perfecto": Extractos de Carta Apostólica Admirabile signum del Santo Padre Francisco Sobre el Signifcado y el Valor del Belén

Me gustaría ahora repasar los diversos signos del belén para comprender el significado que llevan consigo. En primer lugar, representamos el contexto del cielo estrellado en la oscuridad y el silencio de la noche. Lo hacemos así, no sólo por fidelidad a los relatos evangélicos, sino también por el significado que tiene. Pensemos en cuántas veces la noche envuelve nuestras vidas. Pues bien, incluso en esos instantes, Dios no nos deja solos, sino que se hace presente para responder a las preguntas decisivas sobre el sentido de nuestra existencia.

Merecen también alguna mención los paisajes que forman parte del belén y que a menudo representan las ruinas de casas y palacios antiguos, que en algunos casos sustituyen a la gruta de Belén y se convierten en la estancia de la Sagrada Familia. Este escenario dice que Jesús es la novedad en medio de un mundo viejo, y que ha venido a sanar y reconstruir, a devolverle a nuestra vida y al mundo su esplendor original.

¡Cuánta emoción debería acompañarnos mientras colocamos en el belén las montañas, los riachuelos, las ovejas y los pastores! De esta manera recordamos, como lo habían anunciado los profetas, que toda la creación participa en la fiesta de la venida del Mesías. Los ángeles y la estrella son la señal de que también nosotros estamos llamados a ponernos en camino para llegar a la gruta y adorar al Señor. A diferencia de tanta gente que pretende hacer otras mil cosas, los pastores se convierten en los primeros testigos de lo esencial, es decir, de la salvación que se les ofrece. Son los más humildes y los más pobres quienes saben acoger el acontecimiento de la encarnación.

Tenemos la costumbre de poner en nuestros belenes muchas figuras simbólicas, sobre todo, las de mendigos y de gente que no conocen otra abundancia que la del corazón. Los pobres y los sencillos en el Nacimiento recuerdan que Dios se hace hombre para aquellos que más sienten la necesidad de su amor y piden su cercanía.

Con frecuencia a los niños —¡pero también a los adultos!— les encanta añadir otras figuras al belén que parecen no tener relación alguna con los relatos evangélicos. Y, sin embargo, esta imaginación pretende expresar que en este nuevo mundo inaugurado por Jesús hay espacio para todo lo que es humano y para toda criatura. Del pastor al herrero, del panadero a los músicos, de las mujeres que llevan jarras de agua a los niños que juegan..., todo esto representa la santidad cotidiana, la alegría de hacer de manera extraordinaria las cosas de todos los días, cuando Jesús comparte con nosotros su vida divina.

[El imagen de María] hace pensar en el gran misterio que ha envuelto a esta joven cuando Dios ha llamado a la puerta de su corazón inmaculado. Ante el anuncio del ángel, que le pedía que fuera la madre de Dios, María respondió con obediencia plena y total. Sus palabras: «He aquí la esclava del Señor; hágase en mí según tu palabra» (Lc 1,38), son para todos nosotros el testimonio del abandono en la fe a la voluntad de Dios. San José juega un papel muy importante en la vida de Jesús y de María. Él es el custodio que nunca se cansa de proteger a su familia. José llevaba en su corazón el gran misterio que envolvía a Jesús y a María su esposa, y como hombre justo confió siempre en la voluntad de Dios y la puso en práctica.

El corazón del pesebre comienza a palpitar cuando, en Navidad, colocamos la imagen del Niño Jesús. Dios se presenta así, en un niño, para ser recibido en nuestros brazos. En la debilidad y en la fragilidad esconde su poder que todo lo crea y transforma. Parece imposible, pero es así: en Jesús, Dios ha sido un niño y en esta condición ha querido revelar la grandeza de su amor, que se manifiesta en la sonrisa y en el tender sus manos hacia todos.

El modo de actuar de Dios casi aturde, porque parece imposible que Él renuncie a su gloria para hacerse hombre como nosotros. Qué sorpresa ver a Dios que asume nuestros propios comportamientos: duerme, toma la leche de su madre, llora y juega como todos los niños. Como siempre, Dios desconcierta, es impredecible, continuamente va más allá de nuestros esquemas. Así, pues, el pesebre, mientras nos muestra a Dios tal y como ha venido al mundo, nos invita a pensar en nuestra vida injertada en la de Dios; nos invita a ser discípulos suyos si queremos alcanzar el sentido último de la vida.

Lea la carta en:
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Wreath service for the Fourth Week of Advent

Gather around the Advent wreath in your home.

Leader: Light and peace in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

All four candles of the wreath are lit.

Scripture - *Luke 1:46-55*

Mary said to Elizabeth: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior. For he has looked upon his handmaid's lowliness; behold, from now on will all ages call me blessed. The Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is from age to age to those who fear him. He has shown might with his arm, dispersed the arrogant of mind and heart. He has thrown down the rulers from their thrones but lifted up the lowly. The hungry he has filled with good things; the rich he has sent away empty. He has helped Israel his servant, remembering his mercy, according to his promise to our fathers, to Abraham and to his descendants forever.

All reflect on the scripture for a few moments in silence.

Leader: Mary's response to God is more than a yes, it's a recognition of how God is working in her life and in all of our lives from generation to generation. Mary cooperates with God's grace. Where is one place we can see clearly see God working in our lives? How can we cooperate with God's graceto fill the hungry and lift up the lowly?

Leader: For what shall we pray?

All are invited to share any prayer intentions aloud.

Leader: For all these intentions, and those we hold in our hearts,we pray to our Father as Jesus taught us...

All: Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

All sing a verse of "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high, And order all things, far and nigh; To us the path of knowledge show, And cause us in her ways to go.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

Oración de la Corona de Adviento para el Tercero Domingo de Adviento

Reunirse alrededor de la corona de adviento en su hogar.

Líder: Luz y paz en Jesucristo Nuestro Señor.

Todos: Gracias a Dios.

Enciende tres velas moradas y la vela rosa.

Lea la Escritura - *Lucas 1:46-55*

Entonces María dijo: Mi alma engrandece al Señor, y mi espíritu se regocija en Dios mi Salvador. Porque ha mirado la humilde condición de esta su sierva; pues he aquí, desde ahora en adelante todas las generaciones me tendrán por bienaventurada. Porque grandes cosas me ha hecho el Poderoso; y santo es su nombre. Y de generacion en generacion es su misericordia para los que le temen. Ha hecho proezas con su brazo; ha esparcido a los soberbios en el pensamiento de sus corazones. Ha quitado a los poderosos de sus tronos; y ha exaltado a los humildes; a los hambrientos ha colmado de bienes y ha despedido a los ricos con las manos vacías. Ha ayudado a Israel, su siervo, para recuerdo de su misericordia tal como dijo a nuestros padres, a Abraham y a su descendencia para siempre.

Todos reflexionan sobre las Escrituras por unos momentos en silencio.

Líder: La respuesta de María a Dios es más que un sí, es un reconocimiento de cómo Dios está trabajando en su vida y en todas nuestras vidas de generación en generación. María coopera con la gracia de Dios. ¿Dónde hay un lugar donde podamos ver claramente a Dios trabajando en nuestras vidas? ¿Cómo podemos cooperar con la gracia de Dios? para llenar al hambriento y levantar al humilde?

Líder: ¿Por qué debemos orar?

Todos están invitados a compartir en voz alta cualquier intención de oración.

Líder: Por todas estas intenciones, y aquellas que tenemos en nuestros corazones, rezamos a nuestro Padre como Jesús nos enseñó ...

All: Padre nuestro, que estás en el cielo. Santificado sea tu nombre. Venga tu reino. Hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día. Perdona nuestras ofensas, como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden. No nos dejes caer en tentación y líbranos del mal. Amén.

Todos cantan un verso de "O Ven, Oh Ven Emmanuel":

Oh ven el saber de elevado, Quien tiene todas cosas fuerte, Mostrar el camino de saber, Y mostrar en su formas,

Alégrate! Alégrate! Emmanuel, Vendra a ti, Oh Israel.

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We are accepting Mass Intention requests for Masses occurring through March 31. Contact the office receptionist at 865-5702 or mcalle@saintraphael.org.

Reconciliation/Confessions

Saturdays 3:30-4:45 PM (English & Spanish) in the Chapel of Our Lady Queen of the Americas.

Other times by appointment.

Baptism Preparation

To learn more and begin the process, visit the "Sacraments" tab on the parish website. Families must register at least 2 months prior to the proposed Baptism date.

Marriage Preparation

Call 865-5747 at least six months prior to the proposed wedding date.

Ministry to the Sick

In case of illness or hospitalization, call Gerry Madey at 865-5740 to arrange for the Sacrament of the Sick or to receive Holy Communion.

Catholic Inquiry

To learn about joining the Catholic Church, call extension 708.

We have many more ministries. You can find an overview of all ministries, information on parish events, and a full contact list at www.saintraphael.org.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve Masses Tuesday, December 24

4:00 pm in Church with the Children's Choir; Carols begin at 3:30

4:15 pm in Ignatius Hall

6:00 pm in Church

8:00 pm in Church (Spanish, Incense)

Christmas Day Masses Wednesday, December 25

Midnight in Church with the Parish Choir and Bell Choir (Incense)
Lessons & Carols begin at 11:15 pm

9:00 am in Church; Carols begin at 8:45 am

There is no 7:00 am Mass on Tuesday, Dec. 24 or Wednesday, Dec. 25.

PARISH OFFICE and MEETING ROOMS HOLIDAY SCHEDULE - The parish office and meeting rooms will be closed Tuesday, December 24 through Wednesday, January 1 in observation of the Christmas and New Years holidays. The parish offices will be open to meet with parishioners **by appointment only** on Monday, December 23, and Thursday and Friday, January 2 and 3. The meeting rooms will reopen for scheduled events on Thursday, January 2.

If you need a parish priest while our offices are closed, please call 919-865-5700 and select option 4. To contact our Funeral Ministry, please call 919-865-5712.

HELP NEEDED DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES - The decorating committee needs help decorating the church and Ignatius Hall for Christmas, especially on Monday, December 23. If you're interested, contact Nora Cambier at 919-307-8883 or njcambier@gmail.com.

HORARIOS MISAS DE NAVIDAD

MARTES 24 de diciembre
Misas anticipadas de la Natividad del Señor

4:00 pm Misa en inglés en el Templo
4:15 pm Misa en inglés en el Salón Ignacio
6:00 pm Misa en inglés en el Templo
8:00 Pm Misa en Español en el Templo

MIERCOLES 25 de diciembre
La Natividad del Señor

12:00 am Misa de Media Noche en inglés en el Templo
9:00 am Misa en inglés en el Templo

MISA DE FIN DE AÑO

Martes 31 de Diciembre, 7:00 pm

En Español

OFICINA PARROQUIAL Y SALONES CERRADOS

La oficina parroquial y los salones, estarán cerrados **DESDE EL MARTES 24 DE DICIEMBRE HASTA EL MIERCOLES 1 DE ENERO.** Abriremos de nuevo **EL JUEVES 2 Y VIERNES 3 DE ENERO,** pero atenderemos por cita.

En caso que usted requiera un sacerdote para la unción de los enfermos, por favor marque al 919-865-5700 y luego presione el (4) para dejar su mensaje. Alguien le responderá a la mayor brevedad.

AGRADECIMIENTOS

Gracias a todos los que colaboraron de diferentes maneras en la fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe y a los que ayudaron en la Posada y Pastorela con piñatas, dulces y comida.

Muchas gracias

MARCHAS POR LA VIDA: hay 2 oportunidades para marchar por los no nacidos. La primera oportunidad es el sábado 18 de enero. La Marcha patrocinada por el Derecho a la Vida de Carolina del Norte comenzará a la 1:00 pm en el Halifax Mall. La Marcha es precedida por una Misa por la Vida en la Catedral del Santo Nombre de Jesús a las 11 am. La Marcha en DC es el viernes 24 de enero. Puede tomar el autobús desde San Rafael por $ 60 pagables antes del 27 de diciembre a Kathy Klein al 919-815-1369 o blk4jmj@gmail.com.

Los ministerios más solicitados

Solicitud de Intencion para que sea Nombrada en las Misas

Llame o vaya a la oficina de la parroquia de lunes a miércoles con una semana de anticipación ó mas tiempo comunicandose al 865-5746.

Confesiones

Los sábados de 3:30 p.m. a 4:45 p.m. en la Capilla de María, en español e inglés, según el orden de llegada. Otros días están disponibles por cita llamando al 865-5702.

Bautizos

Para mas información, comuníquese con la Sra. Evelia Morales al 865-5746. Las familias deben estar registradas en la Parroquia al menos 2 meses antes de la fecha de bautismo.

Bodas

Para mas información, comuníquese al 865-5746. Las familias deben estar registradas en la Parroquia al menos 6 meses antes de la fecha dela boda solicitada.

Visitando y Llevando la Comunión a Los Enfermos

Para mas información, comuníquese María Charrez al 868-7947.

Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos: RICA

Mayores de 18 años que no tengan el Bautismo, 1ra Comunión y la Confirmación, comunicarse con: Xochitl Martínez al 791-8701.

Presentaciones y Quinceañeras

Para mas información, comuníquese con la Sra. Evelia Morales al 865-5746.

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Mass Intentions Dec 23 - 29 Intención de Misas del 23 - 29 de diciembre	
Monday/Lunes	
7:00 am	Moses Corraya (Colin Corraya)
11:00 am	
Tuesday/Martes	
4:00 pm	Rocha & Keenan Families (Dr. Kim Rocha and Patrick Keenan)
4:15 pm	
6:00 pm	Dr. Sean Muldowney † (His parents)
8:00 pm	Servando & Lidia Muñoz "Aniversario" (Evelia y Emerico Mireles)
Wednesday/Miércoles	
12:00 am	All Parishioners of Saint Raphael (Saint Raphael Priests And Staff)
9:00 am	All Parishioners of Saint Raphael (Saint Raphael Priests And Staff)
Thursday/Jueves	
7:00 am	Mary Schaaf (Rafiq & Lalita Bandukwala)
Friday/Viernes	
7:00 am	Francisco Balvuena † (Maria Weil)
9:00 am	MK George † (George Family)
Saturday/ Sábado	
9:00 am	Therese Holmes † (Her daughter-Nathalie Voyce)
5:30 pm	Adrian & Anthony (Annie Isabela & Family)
7:15 pm (Español)	William Barolli † (Graciela Barolli)
Sunday/Domingo	
7:45 am	Pinto & Bandukwala Family † (Rafiq & Lalita Bandukwala)
9:30 am	Ted Coleman † (Family)
11:30 am	John R. Halfax † (John F Halfax)
2:30 pm (Español)	Christopher Corraya (Mass for thanks)
5:30 pm	All Parishioners of Saint Raphael (Saint Raphael Priests And Staff)

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MARCHES FOR LIFE: there are 2 opportunities to march for the unborn. The first opportunity is Saturday, January 18. The March sponsored by the **NC Right to Life** will begin at 1:00 pm at Halifax Mall. If you'd like to carpool, the Respect Life Committee will have sign ups after the January 4-5 Masses or contact Anne Allen at 919-845-7829 or anneallen@bellsouth.net. The March is preceded by the Mass for Life at Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral at 11:00 am.

The DC March for Life is Friday, January 24. See the flyer below. Please help us fill up the bus or it may be cancelled!

Daily readings are available on the website of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops at usccb.org.

Las lecturas diarias están disponibles al hacer clic en el calendario en el sitio web de la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los EE. UU.: usccb.org.

Please Remember/Recuerde por favor a...

These parishioners at home/Feligreses en casa

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Cindy Figh
Drew Frazier
Tammi Gasper
Janet Gropp
Ann Hancock
Babette Hansen
Bruce Hanson
Mary Ann Heckman
Mary Hnat
Maryann Jackson
Edith Jendrasiak
Gordon Jendrasiak
Margi Keating
Madelaine Kelly
Rik Kiszely
Stephan Kiszely
Deborah Kiszely-Papp
Peter Le
Steve Leigh
Jose Lopez
Isaiah Martin
Cindy Morrow
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If you have changes or additions to the parishioners at home, in care, and in the military lists, please contact Gerry Madey at gerry@madeys.com or call 865-5740.

Si tiene algún cambio en los feligreses en el hogar, en el cuidado o en las listas militares, llame al Sra. Evelia Morales al 865-5746.

Parishioners in care/Feligreses en las instalaciones

Carole Adamson at Carillon Assisted Living
Betty Allen in Lynchburg General Hospital
Michael Angelo in Charlotte
Grace Edwards at Magnolia Glen
June Fail at Independence Village of Olde Raleigh
AnnMarie Flores in hospital in Virginia
Nancy Hanley at Universal Health Care
Barry Herchenroder at Universal Health Care
Dorothy Kanop at Elmcroft of North Ridge
Thora McLean at Litchfield Falls Health Care
Theresa Marco in Hurst, Texas
Anna Palumbo at Brighton Gardens
Theresa Shene at Sunrise of North Hills
Ann Snyder at Rosewood at the Cypress
Clark Vilar at Pruitt Healthcare
Daniel Wallace at Oaks of Mayview
Mary Lynn Whitaker at Whispering Pines

These serving in the military/En el servicio militar

Liam Bailey | Son of Sean and Erin Bailey
Patrick Bailey | Grandson of Fran Bailey
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Matt Balcome | Grandson of Mitzi & Jim McGowan
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Patrick Looney | Nephew of Jane Looney
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Michael Vitek/Grandson of Barbara and Ed Vitek

Expectant Parishioners and their Babies / Feligreses embarazadas y sus bebés

Yuri and Hugo Serrano, due: Jan. 9
Kim and Sam Gaetz, due: Jan. 10
Jennifer & Brad Taylor, due: Mar. 15

If you are a pregnant parishioner and would like your name listed, please contact Mary E. Schricker at mschricker@nc.rr.com.

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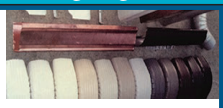

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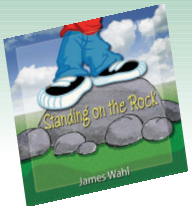

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