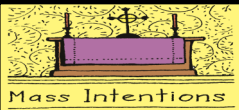


### Third Sunday of Advent

**December 14, 2014**

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.

— 1 Thessalonians 5:16



#### PURE HEARTS

Those whose hearts are pure are the temples of the Holy Spirit.

—St. Lucy

#### Saturday, December 13, 2014

7:30 a.m. - +Roberto & Lucinda Cantu

By: Mary Camarillo

5:00 p.m. - +Pedro Ramon & Caleb Castilleja

By: Ramon Family

+Mary Ann Sockett

By: Mary & Gerry Sultenfuss

#### Sunday, December 14, 2014

8:00 a.m. - Sacred Heart of Jesus & Virgen of Guadalupe for the Healing of Eufemia R. Gomez

By: Rosa V. Bustos

10:00 a.m. - +Guadalupe Vargas

By: His Family

12:00 noon- Jack & Bridget Daley

By: Ellen Burke

#### Monday, December 15, 2014

7:30 a.m. - +Ernest Tenorio Sr.

By: Yolanda Tenorio

#### Tuesday, December 16, 2014

7:30 a.m. - Archdiocese of San Antonio

By: Yolanda Tenorio

#### Wednesday, December 17, 2014

7:30 a.m. - +Maximino & Herminia Sanchez

By: Salazar Family

#### Thursday, December 18, 2014

7:30 a.m. - +Guadalupe & Petra Sanchez & Oswald Sanchez

By: Martin Sanchez

#### Friday, December 19, 2014

7:30 a.m. - +Glory Quintanilla

By: Joe Trisan

#### Saturday, December 20, 2014

7:30 a.m. - +Pedro Zavala Sr.

By: Jimmy & Dora Lagunas

5:00 p.m. - +Hanno Schwab

By: His Family

+Uvaldo F. Collazo

By: Collazo Family

#### Please pray for those who are sick and in need of healing graces...

Please pray for all of the sick of our parish, including... (Regemos al señor por todos los enfermos) : Rebecca Delgado, Annie Ybarra, Amaro Castillo, Tony Barboza, Alfredo Valadez, Lolly Lopez, Margie Aleman, Jason Brown, Jeff Voigt, Jerry Wasser, Sarah Humpfrey, Julio Villarreal, Gloria Medrano, Maria Medrano, Gloria Monceballes, Floyd Kocher, Robert Herrera, Martin Delgado, Angelino Menchaca, Gene Leal, Rafael Franco



#### Flowers at the Altar

In Honor of : Pedro Ramon & Caleb Castilleja  
By: Ramon Family

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19, 23; Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

Thursday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

Friday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Saturday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;

Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38



### From Pastor's desk: Third Sunday of Advent: Dec 14, 2014.

Reflection: John 1, 6-8, 19-28.

Who are you? John the Baptist had no difficulty answering this question when the authorities came to investigate him. If someone challenged your identity both naturally and spiritually, how would you answer? There's an identity war going on today and many are in crisis or at least confused. We can try to manufacture identity, but did the Jewish leaders question John the Baptist's identity? They were in earnest to know if the Messiah had come. They wanted to know if John claimed to be the Messiah or one of the great prophets who was expected to return at the coming of the Messiah. In all humility and sincerity he said he was only a voice bidding people to prepare the way for coming of the King. He is the herald who prepares the way for Jesus and who announces his mission to the people: "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world"! John saw from distance what the Messiah came to accomplish our redemption from slavery to sin and our adoption as sons and daughters of God, our heavenly Father. John was the greatest of the prophets, yet he lived as a humble and faithful servant of God. He pointed others to Jesus, Messiah and Savior of the world. The Christian church from the earliest of times has given John many titles which signify his mission: Witness of the Lord, Trumpet of Heaven, Herald of Christ, Voice of the Word, Precursor of Truth, Crown of the Prophets, Preparer of Salvation, Light of the Martyrs. So do you point others to Jesus Christ by your witness and example?

Lord Jesus, make us a herald of your word of truth and grace. Help us to be a faithful witness of the joy of the gospel and to point others to you as John the Baptist did through his testimony.

Del Escritorio del pastor: Diciembre 14, 2014

Reflexión: Juan 1, 6-8, 19-28

Quién es usted? Juan el Bautista no tuvo dificultades para responder esta pregunta, cuando las autoridades llegaron a investigarlo. Si alguien desafió a tu identidad, ambos natural y espiritual, ¿cómo responderías? Hay una guerra de identidad pasando hoy en día y muchos están en crisis o al menos confuso. Podemos tratar de fabricar identidad pero hicimos los líderes judíos en duda la identidad de Juan el Bautista? Estaban en serio para saber si el Mesías había llegado.

Querían saber si Juan pretendía ser el Mesías o uno de los grandes profetas que se esperaba para volver a la venida del Mesías. Con toda humildad y sinceridad me dijo que era sólo una voz oferta a la gente a preparar el camino para la venida del rey. Con toda humildad y sinceridad dijo que era sólo una voz licitación a la gente que prepare el camino para la venida del rey. Él es el heraldo que prepara el camino para Jesús y que anuncia su misión a la gente: "He aquí el cordero de Dios que quita los pecados del mundo" Juan vio a la distancia que el Mesías vino a cumplir nuestra redención de la esclavitud del pecado y de nuestra adopción como hijos e hijas de Dios nuestro Padre celestial. Juan era el más grande de los profetas, y vivió como un siervo humilde y fiel a Dios. Señaló a otros a Jesús, Mesías y Salvador del mundo. La iglesia cristiana desde el principio de los tiempos ha dado a Juan muchos títulos que significan su misión: Testigos de Jehová, la trompeta del Cielo, Herald de Cristo, la Voz de la Palabra, Precursor de la Verdad, de la Corona de los Profetas, y preparador de la salvación. Así que le señala, otros a Jesucristo por su testimonio y el ejemplo? y la Luz de los Mártires. Señor Jesús, un heraldo de tu palabra de la verdad y la gracia hacer. Ayúdanos a ser fieles testigos de la alegría del Evangelio y para señalar a otros a usted como Juan el Bautista hizo a través de su testimonio.

**The Parish Office will be Closed** for Christmas, December 24th, 25th & 26th & reopen on 29th. May you and your family have a Blessed Merry Christmas.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS:

Sun. Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>: Class/Taco Sunday!

Wed. Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>: Class

Sun. Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>: K-7<sup>th</sup> NO CLASSES

(Classes resume on Sun. Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>)

Wed. Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>: 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> NO CLASSES

(Classes resume on Wed. Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>)

**Adult Confirmation News:** Classes have started. Sign-up by or before Dec. is over. Contact Angie K.

**Adult Faith Formation News:** Contact Angie K. to sign-up  
Next Gathering Wed. Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>.

**First Communion/Primera Comunión:** Has your child started completing the packet? Updates and News Are posted each week on the First Communion Board In the R.E. center.

*Noticias para la primera comunión se publican cada semana en el Centro de Educación de Religiosa.*



## \*\*\*\* YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS \*\*\*\*

### Steubenville South 2015 Conference

Registration has begun.

See the parish website for event information. [www.hfnb.org](http://www.hfnb.org)

or contact Please contact Priscilla Vela  
830-832-3875. [teampvela@gmail.com](mailto:teampvela@gmail.com)

### The Next R.A.G.E Night

will be Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup>.  
6:30-8:30pm at the R.E. Center.



## \*\*\*\* YOUNG ADULT NEWS \*\*\*\*

For ages 19-29.

Please contact Priscilla Vela for information

830-832-3875. [teampvela@gmail.com](mailto:teampvela@gmail.com)

### Young Adults Retreat

SAVE THE DATE

Hosted by the Catholic Center  
for Charismatic Renewal  
Sunday, February 8, 2015.



## **Feast Day of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph & Fiesta de despedida for Rev. James Wasser**

When: December 27, 2014

Time: 5:00 p.m. at the Parish Hall

All are welcomed to come. Potluck Dinner.  
Please sign up at the entrance of the Church.



## Men's A.C.T.S. Brunch Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>.

After the 10am Mass in the Hall Conference room.

We will have fellowship, important information for next year's retreat, a short Advent reflection, and of course brunch. The cost for brunch will be \$5.00.

PLEASE RSVP to Phillip Vela by Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup>.  
Call or text him at 210-845-4242. Please spread the word.

## Poinsettias

We will have 40 poinsettias on sale for Christmas to decorate the church. The cost for the Poinsettias will be \$10.00 each. Please consider in buying one in Memory of your loved one. Only 18 poinsettias for available for sale.



## THE MASS SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY:

### Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

#### Christmas Eve

9:30 p.m.-Christmas Program

Play with Christmas Music  
(In the Church)

10:30 p.m. Mass

### Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

#### Christmas Day

8:00 a.m. - Mass (Spanish)

10:00 -Mass (English)



## Next Confessions Times for Advent

Thursday, Dec. 18, 2014 at 7 p.m.– 8p.m.

Tues, Dec. 23, 2014 at 7 p.m.– 8p.m. –  
Penitential Service

## GUADALUPANA NEWS:

\***December 14<sup>th</sup>** – Selling Breakfast Tacos & sweets at RE Center - please remember your donations. Contact Sylvia for more information.

\***December 21<sup>st</sup>** – Guadalupe Mass – 8am. Roses provided by Mr. & Mrs. Pedro & Teresa Flores. Christmas Gathering in Conference Room. Short meeting to begin at 9:30am promptly. Christmas Caroling – time to be determined at gathering.

\*\*Please remember your donations for our church pantry – You may bring to the meeting or take to the office at any time. Thank you. \*\*

\*\* New Guadalupanas always welcomed \*\*

**2015 Collection Envelopes** –Are available for pickup at the entrance of the church. They are sorted alphabetically by last name. Info. Mary Camarillo (830) 609-1055.

**Annual Collection of the Missionaries of the Holy Family** – The second collection the weekend of December 28<sup>th</sup> will benefit the Missionaries of the Holy Family. **Rev. Ralimirina Francois Rakotovoavy, M.S.F. & Rev. James Wasser, M.S.F.** serve at our parish and they are members of the Missionaries of the Holy Family. Your gift will help the Missionaries of the Holy Family continue to pastorally care for families, emphasizing the Holy Family as the standard of holiness for all families. Please prayerfully consider making a donation. God Bless your family! +JMJ+



## Sunday Collection Offering

December 7, 2014

Sunday Collection \$3749.00

### **2nd Collection**

Charity Fund Offering- \$1236.00

Children's Love Offerings-\$82.00

Next weekends 2nd Collection is for

Maintenance Fund

Thank you for your continuous generous donations.