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We are a Catholic parish where people experience Jesus Christ in a way that changes how they live.

Regular Mass Schedule

- Saturday** no live-stream 4:30 PM
Misa en español/Mass in Spanish 6:30 PM
- Sunday:** Masses in English with live-stream..... 8:00 & 10:00 AM
- Monday, Wednesday, Friday** with live-stream 8:30 AM
- Tuesday** with live-stream 5:30 PM
- Thursday** with live-stream 7:30 AM

Confession

- Saturdays,** 3:15–4:10 PM
- Sundays,** 9:00–9:50 AM

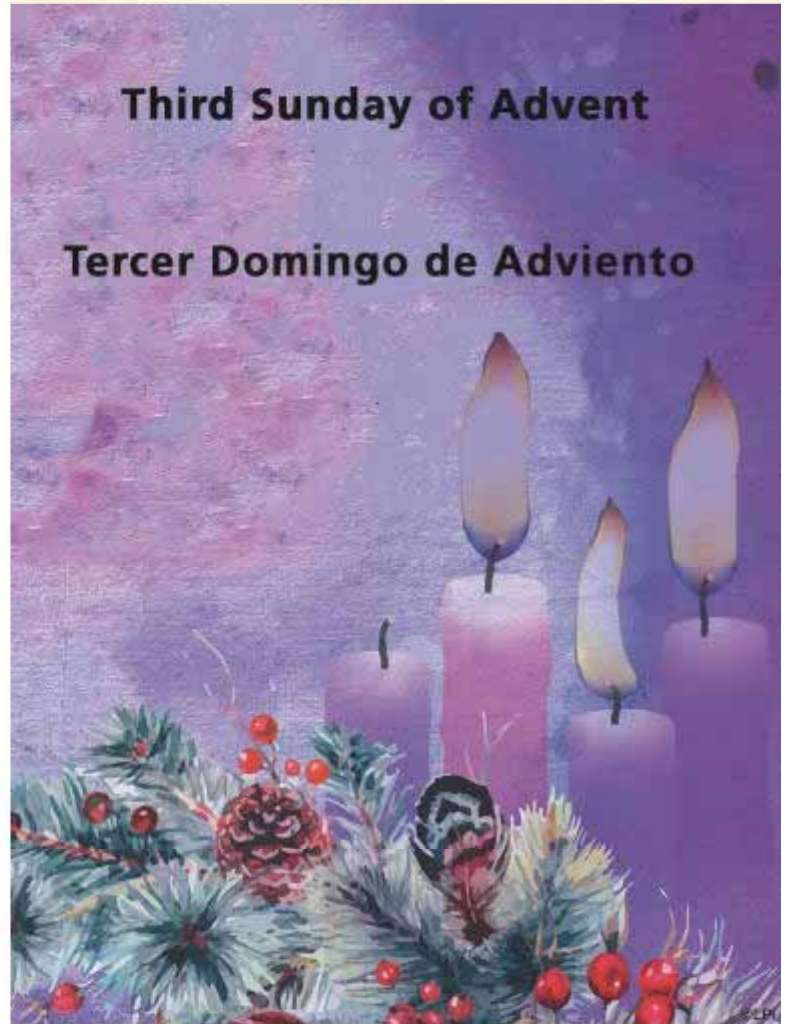
Prayer, Devotion, and Adoration

- Our Lady of Perpetual Help:** Monday after Mass
- Chaplet of Divine Mercy:** Wednesday after Mass
- Morning Prayer:** Thursday after Mass
- Rosary in English:** Friday, 8:05 AM
- Adoration:** Monday, 2:00–4:00 PM
Tuesday, 4:15–5:15 PM
Friday, 9:00–10:00 AM

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Make Sundays Special!



Third Sunday of Advent

Tercer Domingo de Adviento

¡Haz del Domingo un Día Especial!

Third Sunday of Advent | Tercer Domingo de Adviento
December 13, 2020 | 13 de Diciembre de 2020



Fr. Bart Timmerman, Pastor

Third Sunday of Advent- Gaudete Sunday

This year our Advent Preaching Series is entitled: Make Sundays Special! This Sunday, “Gaudete Sunday,” is the day when we light the pink or rose colored candle on the Advent Wreath. Rose colored vestments are worn to emphasize our joy that Christmas is near. “Gaudete” means “rejoice.” This day reminds us of the joy that is to come because of the coming of Our Lord Jesus. We are filled with the joy of our life with Jesus Christ and we are always filled with joy over the mystery of the incarnation- the birth of Jesus. Every Sunday is really a day of joy that we look forward to as a day of rest and renewal. We never want to lose this day as a special day for us to spend time with God and with our family and friends. Sunday should be our favorite day of the week when we can take a break from the stress and business of our work, duties, and responsibilities, and take time to rejuvenate and be joyful with those we love. How can our making Sundays special help us to be joyful in the gift of Jesus in our lives and the many blessings of family and friends?

Welcome Claribelle Vera Heredia to our STA Staff

Please join me in welcoming Claribelle Vera Heredia to our STA Staff as our new part-time Administrative Assistant to our Religious Education Department and Office Hispanic Ministry. Terri Kopplin has been working from home and has reduced her hours to part-time and so this made room for us in the budget to hire Claribelle. We are grateful to have her support as we serve the youth and the Hispanic community in our parish!

Year-End Giving

Thank you for your continued support of our STA Parish during this difficult and uncertain time. Please remember our parish as you make your year end gifts to charity. We are not expecting our usual Christmas Mass attendance and larger offertory collection. Your support of our mission to become an evangelizing parish of missionary disciples is greatly appreciated!

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

I invite you to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation during this Advent Season. Advent prepares us for the 3 Comings of Christ:

1. Christ coming in History at His birth in Bethlehem;
2. Christ coming in Mystery in each moment of our lives; and
3. Christ coming in Majesty at the end of time.

Going to Confession is the best way to prepare for Christ’s 3 comings. The best way to celebrate Christ coming in history on the first Christmas, is to receive Communion in the state of grace when we attend Christmas Mass. The best way to prepare for Christ coming in mystery into our lives is by turning away from sin and being open to receive Jesus when he comes into our lives each day. The best way to prepare for Christ coming in majesty at the end of time, is to be free from sin and ready for heaven. On Tuesday, December 15, and Tuesday December 22 we have added opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 6 – 7 PM. Additionally, we have Confession in Spanish next Saturday evening December 19 from 6:00 to 7:30 PM. We also have our regular times each week. You are invited and welcome to this healing Sacrament as we prepare for the coming of Jesus Christ!

Send Us a Picture for Christmas!

We miss your smiling faces and so does everyone else! To help us celebrate Christmas this year, we want to put together a slide show of pictures of our parish families to post online and show before our Christmas Masses. If you would like to be part of this, please send a photo of yourself or your family to pictures@stamadison.org by December 14.

Prayer for Life

For all victims of human trafficking: That they may find hope and healing in the Lord who proclaims liberty to captives and release to prisoners; We pray to the Lord:



Prayer for Peace

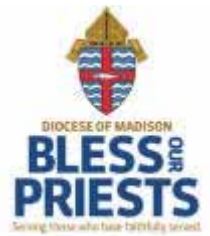
For all suffering persecution due to the color of their skin: That they may they find hope and the strength to carry on knowing that Jesus is at their side; We pray to the Lord:

Parish Office Closed Noon – 4 PM Tuesday, Dec. 15

The Parish offices will be closed from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM on Tuesday, December 15. The building will be open for people to come in and pray or drop things off, but staff will not be available. We will still have adoration at 4:15 and Mass at 5:30 PM.

Bless Our Priests Collection Envelopes

Make sure to remember the retired priests of our diocese by making a gift to the Bless Our Priests collection. This collection is used to directly support all retired priests welfare including the rising cost of healthcare, long-term care and medical costs. Please return your gift in the envelopes available at all Masses this weekend or in last weekend’s bulletin. Your generosity supports retired priests from all 11 counties of our Diocese!



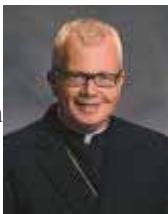
Prayer of the Faithful

For the priests who have faithfully served St. Thomas Aquinas, especially those who are experiencing peace and joy in their retirement and those that have passed away to eternal rest in the Kingdom of GodLet us pray to the Lord”.



Bishop Hying on “Go Make Disciples”

Sunday Mass is the center of our Catholic faith and practice, as we gather to worship God, hear the Word, share in the death and rising of the Lord and receive the most Holy Eucharist.



How can we be more blessed than this? How gracious God is to come to us when we come together! Thank you, Almighty God, for the opportunity to come into Your presence each week and to receive You into our lives.

From Bishop Hying, in Go Make Disciples Newsletter, September 2020, No.5



Gospel Reflection By Dcn. Jerome Buhman

“Who are you?” This question that the priests and Levites pose to John in today’s Gospel is a good one for us to ponder as Christmas approaches. With the coming of Christ at Christmas, it is an opportune time to ask ourselves as

Christians: who are we? I think part of the answer is revealed by the theme of this Third Sunday of Advent: Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete means “Rejoice!” —we are people who rejoice, for our God has come into this world, has become human, to die for us and by doing so, save us. But we are also called, as John was, to be heralds for the Lord, to be a voice calling out in the desert. We can do this through our words and deeds, through works of justice and mercy and through evangelization. We are called to bring Christ to others, so that they, too, can rejoice. This is all part of “who we are” as followers of Christ. And so, today is a time to reflect, and to ask ourselves — if the Lord asked me “Who are you?” — how would we answer?

Baptism Prep. Sessions and Baptism Ritual

If you are looking to baptize your first child, please contact Deacon Jerome at dcn.jerome@stamadison.org to learn how to attend an online Baptism Preparation session.



Regarding the Baptisms: although public celebrations of Masses are still very small, Father Bart can celebrate the ritual of Baptism without a Mass. There are specific guidelines to follow if you choose to baptize your child during these moments of the pandemic. Please contact Dcn. Jerome to start the conversation. Praying for all our young families!

Memorial Mass at Resurrection Cemetery

Praying for the dead is a spiritual work of mercy, and your Catholic cemetery takes this responsibility to heart. Join Fr. Chad Droessler in praying the Mass for the dead at Resurrection Cemetery on **Friday, December 18 at 10 AM**. All are invited. For more information, or to purchase graves or headstones, please call the office at 608-238-5561.

MAKE DISCIPLES CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Thank you for your generous support.

As of November 30:

Campaign Goal.....	\$3,500,000
Amount Pledged to Date.....	\$3,051,098
Received to Date	\$1,338,730
Number of Households Participating	461

Update from St. Ambrose Academy

A year ago, St. Ambrose Academy and St. Christopher Parish, Verona, embarked on an earnest conversation about partnering together in the mission of Catholic education. In the end, given the need to protect faithfully the stakeholder interests in each community, we agree that the obstacles are too many. But the fact that we couldn’t figure out a mutually beneficial way forward was not for a lack of trying and definitely not for a lack of good will.

St. Ambrose extends its deepest gratitude to Father John Sasse for entertaining the suggestion in the first place, to Father Scott Emerson for advocating for it with such passion during his summer assignment at St. Christopher, and finally to Father Rob Butz for taking the possibilities to the limits. Thank you most of all to the St. Christopher family for showing your support and enthusiasm for the possibility of a shared mission with such warmth and hope.

In the meantime, St. Ambrose continues its search. God is leading us on a journey that we cannot see the end of, but we continue to pray and open ourselves to the possibilities that the Lord is putting before us. We wish our St. Christopher friends well.

St. Christopher, pray for us! St. Ambrose, pray for us! St. Joseph, pray for us! Our Lady of Good Help, pray for us!

Sincerely,

Joan Carey
St. Ambrose Academy
Executive Director

Fr. Robert Butz
St. Christopher Parish
Pastor

St. Ambrose Scrip Sales

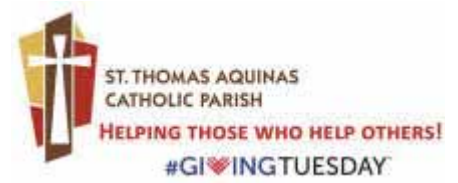
Make your Christmas shopping quick and easy!! St. Ambrose Academy will be selling Scrip gift cards this coming Sunday to benefit their tuition assistance program. Please consider supporting their school by buying gift cards from your favorite establishments...they have over 55 vendors you can buy from on the spot and many more available for order! They will be selling after the 8 and 10 AM Sunday Masses and can accept checks and cash.

Check Your STA Parish Email

If you receive the weekly parish email from St. Thomas Aquinas by way of Flocknote, be sure to look there for the most up-to-date information from the parish. Bulletins have to be prepared early to allow for printing, so anything that changes later will be shared with you in the email. It is also the easiest way for us to offer you videos and larger files. If you want to receive the weekly emails, please contact Mary Bailey at mary@stamadison.org.

#Giving Tuesday Update/Thank You

Thank you to everyone who participated in #GivingTuesday! As of December 3, we received donations totaling \$27,118.00! Including the \$21,500 match, we raised a total of \$48,618 to purchase gift cards for the food baskets and support our St. Vincent de Paul conference's help to our neighbors in need! A special thank you to the families who provided the \$21,500 in matching funds. Matthew 25:40 says: "Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it for one of the least of these brothers or sisters of Mine, you did it for Me." Just think of how you have touched people's lives and Jesus by your generosity!



St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) Parish Conference Annual Update

Last May one of our members who works regularly at the SVdP drive-thru pantry met an immigrant family who had just arrived in Madison. The father lost his employment in Houston during the height of the first COVID outbreak in Texas. Having no prospects for future employment, the family of 5, including 3 young daughters, upended their lives and drove to Madison on the possibility of work with a friend here in Madison. Upon arrival, there was no work readily available. The father persevered, finding employment by working day jobs for cash. Once they secured an apartment our conference helped with their first months rent, provided clothing vouchers, and connected them with a bi-lingual school social worker for enrolling the kids in school. Sadly, the entire family was recently diagnosed with COVID and have reached out to us for additional rent assistance.

On a more hopeful note, we recently heard from a mother whom we helped extensively with rent, utility, food, and gas assistance since November of 2014. Believing her life was in danger, the mother and two daughters fled from Gambia when the girls were teens. Mom went to work in home health care and gave birth to twins. Today, mom and the two older daughters have all become US citizens, one daughter is in college for social work, and the other daughter is in pharmaceutical school. The twins are now 7 years old and thriving in an in-school program, and mom is now working at Oakwood Village. It is always affirming when we learn that our friendship and financial support over a period of time helps a family survive and thrive!

These are two of the highlights of the past year for our parish St. Vincent de Paul conference. This is a summary of all the activities of our members in the fiscal year ending September 30.

Members of the St. Thomas Aquinas Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul visited 72 families over the past year. Because of the COVID pandemic, most of these visits were by phone rather than in person. We also met with 12 homeless families or individuals.

Requests come from various sources, including our SVdP Service Center, referrals from parish staff, Joining Forces for Families, the Lussier Center and school social workers. We also receive calls directly from families in need. Last year we were contacted by 131 different individuals by phone.

Between Oct. 1, 2019 and Sept. 30, 2020 our conference spent a total of \$32,440.75 assisting those living in poverty. We got this money from several sources. We received a \$10,000 grant from the parish Outreach Funding Board. Together with the Lussier Community Education Center we applied for and received a grant of \$10,000 from the United Way to assist families and individuals impacted by COVID. Several parishioners made personal contributions. We were also able to distribute \$3,259.65 in assistance provided by grants from the Madison SVdP District Council.

Here are some of the ways that we used the money entrusted to our conference:

- We made rent payments so that 35 families could avoid eviction.
- We helped 13 families with utility payments to prevent potential shutoff.
- We provided furniture to 18 families and paid the cost of moving it to their residence if they had no way to transport it themselves.

Other highlights of the past year:

- We delivered 2,065 pounds of food and non-perishable items to our SVdP Food Pantry from our 3rd Sunday parish food collections.
- We made up 300 gift tags and distributed gifts donated by parishioners during Advent
- Together with 17 other conferences, we provided Christmas gifts to 386 children at our Little Drummer event in December.
- We contacted 17 Spanish-speaking families who attend Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas, and who had lost jobs or experienced reduced hours because of the COVID pandemic, and helped them with rent or utility bills.
- Together with 17 other conferences, we accepted over 1,500 blanket donations before Masses as part of our January Recycle the Warmth collection.
- We co-hosted the annual Mother's Day Baby Shower.

Our current membership includes:

- 10 members who serve as home visitors
- 6 members who volunteer at Vinny's Lockers, storing the belongings of 186 homeless individuals
- 5 members who pick up food donations from local grocery stores and deliver them to our SVdP Food Pantry
- 2 members who planted, weeded, and harvested 9,300 pounds of vegetables for our Food Pantry at the Lacy Food Pantry Garden in Fitchburg
- 4 members who volunteer as hosts, stockers, and receptionists at our Food Pantry
- 2 members who volunteer at the County Jail tutoring inmates or joining them at Mass
- 3 members who volunteer at the Lussier Community Education Center

Since its founding in 2003 our conference has been able to provide 1,028 families with financial assistance totaling \$248,765.26. We are extremely grateful to Fr. Bart, the parish staff, and our entire parish family for their continued support of our charitable work. We are also very thankful for the generosity of the many parishioners for their donations to our ministry.

Steve Middleton
Conference President

Christmas Baskets – New Ways to Help



Our annual Christmas Baskets are even more important this year. Due to COVID-19, we have new ways you can participate:

- You can bring **non-perishable** food and personal hygiene items to church between now and **December 17**. Needed include canned goods, boxes of cereal and pasta, as well as laundry detergent, toothpaste and shampoo.
- Christmas Basket Packing is Thursday, December 17, and Friday, December 18, with one-hour shifts starting at 1:00, 3:00, and 5:00 PM, only one family per shift. We will consider adding more shifts if needed. You will be able to sign up in the Gathering Area or online at Signup Genius: signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4BAFAD23A5F5C16-sorting. You can access the sign-up link from our parish website at stamadison.org/christmas-baskets-2020/, from the weekly parish email, or by emailing Olivia Stauffacher at wedigo-liv@gmail.com. Please include your phone number or email. This is a great family activity, and children of all ages are welcome.
- Basket delivery starts at 9:00 AM on **Saturday, December 19**. Sign up sheets will be in the Gathering Area. We really need delivery volunteers.

The Christmas Basket Food Collection is a wonderful opportunity for families to experience giving at Christmas and for our parish to build community among its members and our neighbors.

If you know of someone in the parish in need of a Christmas Basket, please call Mary or Clarice at 833-2600.

Reflexión del Evangelio

Diácono Jerome Buhman



“¿Quién eres tú?” Esta pregunta que los sacerdotes y levitas le plantean a Juan en el Evangelio de hoy es una buena pregunta para que la meditemos a medida que se acerca la Navidad. Con la venida de Cristo en Navidad, es un momento oportuno para preguntarnos como cristianos: ¿quiénes somos? Creo que parte de la respuesta la revela el tema de este tercer domingo de Adviento: el domingo de *Gaudete*. *Gaudete* significa “¡Regocíjate!” - somos personas que nos alegramos, porque nuestro Dios ha venido a este mundo, se ha hecho humano, para morir por nosotros y, al hacerlo, salvarnos. Pero también somos llamados, como Juan, a ser mensajeros del Señor, a ser una voz que clama en el desierto. Podemos hacer esto a través de nuestras palabras y hechos, a través de obras de justicia y misericordia y mediante la evangelización. Estamos llamados a llevar a Cristo a los demás, para que ellos también puedan regocijarse. Todo esto es parte de “quiénes somos” como seguidores de Cristo. Entonces, hoy es un momento para reflexionar y preguntarnos: si el Señor me preguntara “¿Quién eres tú?” - ¿Cómo responderíamos?

Mass Intentions for This Week

Saturday, December 12

4:30 PM Frank A. Kennedy ☩

6:30 PM Cirilo Perez, Vicente Perez, Jerónimo Perez, Apolinar Serrano, los fallecidos de la familia Perez Sobar ☩

Sunday, December 13: 3rd Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

10:00 AM Healing of David Charlton

Monday, 14: St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:30 AM Meryl McMahon ☩

Tuesday, December 15

5:30 PM Rose Marie Walch ☩

Wednesday, December 16

8:30 AM Ron Heinrich ☩

Thursday, December 17

7:30 AM Kirsten Vanderscheuren ☩

Friday, December 18

8:30 AM Bill and Lexy Rotzoll ☩

Saturday, December 19

4:30 PM Rob Andringa ☩

6:30 PM St. Thomas Aquinas Parishioners

Sunday, December 20: 4th Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM David Peterson ☩

10:00 AM Vanessa and Fabiola Hernandez ☩

Readings for the Week of December 13

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 51-54/1 Thes 5:16-24/
Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 21:23-27

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

Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/
Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17

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

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

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

Weekly Stewardship of Treasure

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Monday, December 21: Sara Marx

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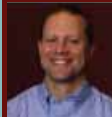


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**Tercer Domingo de Adviento-
 Domingo de Gaudete**

Este año nuestra Serie de Predicación de Adviento se titula: ¡Haz del Domingo un Día Especial! Este domingo, “Domingo Gaudete,” es el día en que encendemos la vela de color rosado en la Corona de Adviento. Se usan vestiduras de color rosado para enfatizar nuestra alegría de que la Navidad esté cerca. Gaudete” significa “regocijarse” o “alegrarse.” Este día nos recuerda el gozo que vendrá por la venida de Nuestro Señor Jesús. Estamos llenos del gozo de nuestra vida con Jesucristo y siempre estamos llenos de gozo por el misterio de la encarnación, el nacimiento de Jesús. Cada domingo es realmente un día de alegría que esperamos como un día de descanso y renovación. Nunca queremos perder este día como un día especial para pasar tiempo con Dios y con nuestra familia y amigos. El domingo debe ser nuestro día favorito de la semana cuando podamos tomar un descanso del estrés y los asuntos de nuestro trabajo, deberes y responsabilidades, y tomarnos un tiempo para rejuvenecer y ser felices con aquellos a quienes amamos. ¿Cómo puede, el hacer de los domingos algo especial, ayudarnos a estar gozosos en el regalo de Jesús en nuestras vidas y las muchas bendiciones de familiares y amigos?

**Bienvenida Claribelle Vera Heredia a nuestro Equipo de
 Trabajo de STA**

Únase a mí para dar la bienvenida a Claribelle Vera Heredia a nuestro personal de STA como nuestra nueva asistente administrativa a tiempo parcial de nuestro Ministerio de Evangelización, Catequesis, y la del Ministerio Hispano. Terri Kopplin ha estado trabajando remotamente y ha reducido sus horas a tiempo parcial, por lo que esto nos dejó espacio en el presupuesto para contratar a Claribelle. ¡Estamos agradecidos de contar con su apoyo mientras servimos a los jóvenes e hispanos en nuestra parroquia!

Donaciones de fin de año

Gracias por su continuo apoyo a nuestra Parroquia STA durante este momento difícil e incierto. Por favor recuerde a STA al hacer sus donaciones de caridad al fin de año. No esperamos nuestra asistencia habitual para las Misas de Navidad ni una colecta grande. ¡Apreciamos mucho su apoyo a nuestra misión de convertirnos en una parroquia evangelizadora de discípulos misioneros!

Misa en español

La Misa en español se celebra los sábados a las 6:30 PM

Confesiones

Sábados 3:15 - 4:10 PM y por cita con el párroco

Adoración al Santísimo

Lunes 2:00 - 4:00 PM en la capilla
 Martes 4:15 - 5:25 PM en la capilla
 Viernes 9:00 - 10:00 AM en la capilla

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Las lecturas de la semana del 13 de diciembre

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El Sacramento de la Confesión

Los invito a celebrar el Sacramento de la Confesión durante este tiempo de Adviento. El Adviento nos prepara para las tres Venidas de Cristo:

1. Cristo que viene en la Historia en Su nacimiento en Belén;
 2. Cristo que viene en misterio en cada momento de nuestras vidas; y
 3. Cristo viniendo en Majestad al final de los tiempos.
- Confesarse es la mejor manera de prepararse para las tres venidas de Cristo. La mejor manera de celebrar la venida de Cristo en la historia en la primera Navidad es recibir la Comunión en estado de gracia cuando asistimos a la Misa de Navidad. También lo es el alejándonos del pecado y abrimos a recibir a Jesús cuando viene a nuestras vidas cada día. La mejor manera de prepararse para la venida de Cristo en majestad al final de los tiempos es estar libre del pecado y estar listo para el cielo. El martes, 15 de diciembre y 22 de diciembre hemos agregado oportunidades para el Sacramento de la Confesión a partir de las 6 - 7 PM. Además, tenemos la Confesión en español **el próximo sábado, 19 de diciembre a las 6:00 PM.** También tenemos nuestro horario regular cada semana. ¡Están invitado y bienvenidos a este sacramento sanador mientras nos preparamos para la venida de Jesucristo!