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and Deacon Phil Nelson



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Sunday

of

Advent

The desert and the
parched land will exult;
the steppe will rejoice and bloom.
They will bloom with
abundant flowers,
and rejoice with joyful song.

Isaiah 35:1-2



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December 15, 2019

LITURGIES

Saturday
8:00AM Daily Mass

Vigils
5:00PM English & 6:30PM Spanish

Sunday
7:30AM & 9:30AM English
11:30AM Spanish

Weekdays
M-F 9:00AM Parish

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays
3:30-4:30PM or
by appointment 646-4338 X105

ROSARIES
Wednesday 6:15PM ~ Spanish
Friday 9:30AM ~ Cenacles of Life
Sunday 7:00AM

ADORER CHAPEL HOURS
Thursday morning through
Saturday mornings

PRAYER LINE

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WEDDINGS

Call for appointment with the Pastor

BAPTISMS

(Call for appointment)
Spanish-Father Fernando
English-Deacon Phil

FUNERALS

Please call 646-4338 X101

Pastor's Message

Mensaje del Pastor



Pastor's Message – December 15, 2019

Last Saturday Fr. Fernando and I had the great pleasure of introducing the Sacrament of Reconciliation to our children who are preparing for their first communion. It's so important that a child's first confession is a positive experience, and I'm confident that both

Fr. Fernando and I were able to convey the wonder of the sacrament to the children who were extremely well prepared for the experience by their catechists.

This coming Tuesday evening as 7PM we invite all of you to join us for our Advent Penance Service, an opportunity for all of you to experience the wonder of the sacrament as our children did last Saturday. Advent is a time of peaceful anticipation; a time of waiting for the light of our Lord to come to chase away any darkness we might be experiencing. It's a time of looking ahead with eyes and hearts open to responding to the grace of the season. It's a time of new beginnings. My prayer for you all is that you may enter more fully into the season through the benefit of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. May you and your loved ones feel the closeness of our loving God breaking through time and space this Christmas to remind us all just how cherished we are.

God's peace,
Fr. Kirk

Mensaje del Pastor – 15 de Diciembre de 2019

El sábado pasado, P. Fernando y yo tuvimos el gran placer de presentar el Sacramento de la Reconciliación a nuestros hijos que se preparan para su primera comunión. Es tan importante que la primera confesión de un niño sea una experiencia positiva, y estoy seguro de que el Fr. Fernando como yo pudimos transmitir la maravilla del sacramento a los niños que estaban muy bien preparados para la experiencia gracias a sus catequistas.

Este próximo martes a las 7:00 p. m., los invitamos a todos a unirse a nosotros para nuestro Servicio de Penitencia de Adviento, una oportunidad para que todos ustedes experimenten la maravilla del sacramento como lo hicieron nuestros hijos el sábado pasado. El Adviento es un tiempo de anticipación pacífica; un tiempo de espera para que la luz de nuestro Señor venga a ahuyentar cualquier oscuridad que podamos estar experimentando. Es un momento de mirar hacia adelante con los ojos y los corazones abiertos a responder a la gracia de la temporada. Es una época de nuevos comienzos. Mi oración por todos ustedes es que entren más plenamente en el tiempo a través del beneficio del Sacramento de la Reconciliación. Que ustedes y sus seres queridos sientan la cercanía de nuestro amoroso Dios rompiendo el tiempo y el espacio esta Navidad para recordarnos a todos lo apreciados que somos.

La paz de Dios,
Fr. Kirk



Advent Penance Service
Tuesday, December 17, 2019
Bilingual Service 7pm

Servicio de Penitencia
de Adviento
martes, 17 de
diciembre de 2019
Servicio Bilinguista 7pm

THE LOOK OF LOVE

*What does love look like?
It has feet to go to the poor and needy.
It has eyes to see misery and want.
It has ears to hear
the sighs and sorrows of others.
—St. Augustine*

¿A QUÉ SE PARECE EL AMOR?

*¿A qué se parece el amor?
El amor tiene manos para ayudar a los demás.
El amor tiene pies para ir junto a los necesitados y los pobres.
El amor tiene ojos para ver la miseria y la pobreza.
El amor tiene oídos para escuchar los lamentos
de los hombres. A eso es lo que se parece el amor.
—San Agustín*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The barren deserts will rejoice and flower (Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10).

Psalm — Lord, come and save us (Psalm 146).

Second Reading — Be patient, for the coming of the Lord is as sure as the rain (James 5:7-10).

Gospel — Tell of what you hear and see: The blind regain their vision, the crippled their movement, the deaf their hearing (Matthew 11:2-11).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday:	Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Wednesday:	Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Thursday:	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Friday:	Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
Saturday:	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Sunday:	Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Third Sunday of Advent
Monday:	Las Posadas begins
Saturday:	St. Peter Canisius; Winter begins

REASON TO REJOICE

Dark violet is used throughout Advent to express its character as a season of spiritual preparation for Christmas and “the coming of the Lord.” But on the Third Sunday of Advent, formerly known as Gaudete (Latin for “rejoice”) Sunday, rose may be added to the liturgical environment. The entire liturgy is infused with a spirit of rejoicing.

Today’s first reading and Gospel proclaim the reality of God’s saving work in our midst. Isaiah exuberantly describes the idyllic transformation of all creation as a result of God’s presence in the midst of the people. In the Gospel, Jesus connects Isaiah’s prophecy with what is happening in his own ministry. In addition to the list of healings from Isaiah (the blind, the lame, lepers, and the deaf), Jesus’ presence brings two other reasons for rejoicing: “The dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them” (Matthew 11:5).

LECTURAS PARA LA SEMANA

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — ¡Sean fuertes, no teman! Su Dios viene a salvarlos (Isaías 35:1-8a, 10).

Salmo — Ven, Señor, a salvarnos (Salmo 146 [145])

Segunda lectura — Sean también pacientes y valientes porque la venida del Señor está cerca (Santiago 5:7-10).

Evangelio — “¿Eres tú él que debe venir o tenemos que esperar a otro?” (Mateo 11:2-11).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes:	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Sal 25 (24):4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27
Martes:	Gn 49:2, 8-10; Sal 72 (71):1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Miércoles:	Jer 23:5-8; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Jueves:	Jue 13:2-7, 24-25a; Sal 71 (70):3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lc 1:5-25
Viernes:	Is 7:10-14; Sal 24 (23):1-4ab, 5-6; Lc 1:26-38
Sábado:	Cant 2:8-14 o Sof 3:14-18a; Sal 33 (32):2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lc 1:39-45
Domingo:	Is 7:10-14; Sal 24 (23):1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

LOS SANTOS Y OTRAS CELEBRACIONES

Domingo:	Tercer Domingo de Adviento
Lunes:	Primer día de las Posadas
Sábado:	San Pedro Canisio; Comienza el invierno

MOTIVO DE REGOCIJO

El color morado se usa durante el Adviento para expresar el carácter de este tiempo de preparación espiritual para la Navidad y la “venida del Señor”. Pero en el Tercer Domingo de Adviento, anteriormente conocido como Domingo Gaudete (“regocijo” en latín), se puede agregar el color rosa al ambiente litúrgico. Toda la liturgia está impregnada de regocijo.

La primera lectura de hoy y el Evangelio proclaman la realidad de la obra salvadora de Dios entre nosotros. Isaías describe con exuberancia la idílica transformación de toda la creación como resultado de la presencia de Dios en medio de su pueblo. En el Evangelio, Jesús vincula la profecía de Isaías con lo que está ocurriendo en su propio ministerio. Además de lista de curaciones de Isaías (los ciegos, los cojos, los leprosos y los sordos), la presencia de Jesús ofrece otras dos razones para regocijarnos: “Los muertos resucitan y a los pobres se les anuncia el Evangelio” (Mateo 11:5).

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

ESTA SEMANA EN NUESTRA PARROQUIA

Sun:	12-15	10:30AM	RCIA
		4:00-6:00PM	Confirmation YR 2
Mon:	12-16	10:00AM	Woman's Bible Study
		6:00-7:30PM	Youth Group
			High school
Tue:	12-17	6:00PM	Homeless Shelter
		7-8:30PM	English Class
		7:00PM	Choir
Wed:	12-18	3:30-4:45PM	Middle School
			Youth Group
		3:30-5:00PM	Religious Education
		6-7:30PM	Religious Education-SP
		6:15PM	Rosary-Sp
		6:30PM	Guadlupano
Thurs:	12-19		
Fri:	12-20	9:00 AM	Mass/Adoration
		6:30PM	Mass
		9:30AM	Rosary
Sat:	12-21	8:00AM	Mass/ Adoration
		9:00AM	Open Pantry
		3:30-4:30PM	Reconciliation
Sun:	12-22	10:30AM	RCIA

Dom:	12-15	10:30AM	RCIA
		4:00-6:00PM	Confirmación YR 2
Lunes:	12-16	10:00AM	Woman's Bible Study
		6:00-7:30PM	Escuela Secundaria
			Grupo Juvenil
Mar:	12-17	6:00PM	Refugio
		7-8:30PM	Clase De Inglés
		7:00PM	Coro
Mie:	12-18	3:30-4:45PM	Grupo Juvenil de la
			Escuela Secundaria
		3:30-5:00PM	Educación Religiosa
		6-7:30PM	Educación Religiosa-SP
		6:15PM	Rosario-Sp
		6:30PM	Guadlupano
Jueves:	12-19		
Viernes:	12-20	9:00AM	Misa (Inglés)/Adoración
		6:30PM	Misa
		9:30AM	Rosario
Sab:	12-21	8:00AM	Misa/ Adoración
		9:00AM	Despensa abierta
		3:30-4:30PM	Reconciliación
Dom:	12-22	10:30AM	RCIA



PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF,

Frank O'Sullivan, The brother of Nancy O'Sullivan
Jim Smith, Father of Rod Smilth

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.

Please keep Frank, Jim and their family and friends in your prayers

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday	Dec	15	9:30AM	Marie Brady †	By: Caryn Brady
Monday	Dec	16	9:00AM	Marie Coscarelli †	By: Charles Coscarelli
Tuesday	Dec	17	9:00AM	Art Holguin †	By: Ben & Molly Lagos
Wednesday	Dec	18	9:00AM	Sr. Rita Costello †	By: At Home in Ojai
Thursday	Dec	19	9:00AM	Grace Toth-Fejel †	By: The Hennigan Family
Friday	Dec	20	9:00AM	Noreen St. Lezin †	By: Caryn Brady
Saturday	Dec	21	8:00AM	Felixberta Sayson †	By: Charles Coscarelli
			5:00PM	Ivan Matesevac ☀	By: Les & Mary Baker



Christmas Schedule 2019

Horario de Navidad 2019

Novena of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Wednesday, December 4th – 12th
6:00pm in the Church

Advent Penance Service

Tuesday, December 17, 2019
Bilingual Service 7pm

Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord, Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24, 2019
Family Mass 5:00pm
Spanish Mass 6:30pm
English Carols 9:30pm
English Mass 10:00pm

The Nativity of the Lord, Christmas Day

Wednesday, December 25, 2019
English Mass 9:30am
Spanish Mass 11:30am

Vigil of the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday, December 31, 2019
Bilingual Vigil Mass 6:30pm

The Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday, January 1, 2020
English Mass 9:30am
Spanish Mass 11:30am

Novena de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

Miércoles, 4 – 12 de diciembre
6:00pm en la Iglesia

Servicio de Penitencia de Adviento

martes, 17 de diciembre de 2019
Servicio Bilinguista 7pm

Vigilia de la Natividad del Señor, Nochebuena

martes, 24 de diciembre de 2019
Misa familiar 5:00pm
Misa española 6:30pm
Inglés Villancicos 9:30pm
Misa Inglesa 10:00pm

La Natividad del Señor, Día de Navidad

miércoles, 25 de diciembre de 2019
Misa Inglesa 9:30am
Misa española 11:30am

Vigilia de la solemnidad de la Santísima Virgen María

martes, 31 de diciembre de 2019
Misa de Vigilia Bilinguista 6:30pm

La solemnidad de la Santísima Virgen María

Miércoles, 1 de enero de 2020
Misa Inglesa 9:30am
Misa española 11:30am

	Monthly (Sept. 2019)	Monthly (October 2019)	Fiscal Year 19/20 (7/1/19-10/31/2019)	St. Thomas Aquinas Financial Status- November 2019	
Unrestricted Income*	\$38,110	\$38,798	\$169,341		* Unrestricted income includes: plate and envelope collections, online giving, donations, fundraisers, etc. ** Restricted income includes: sales from Parish Thrift Store (supports Religious Education) and the Building Fund
Restricted Income**	\$17,476	\$12,384	\$45,260		
Expenses	\$50,127	\$42,179	\$215,923		
Net	\$5,459	\$9,003	\$-1,322		

As shown in the table above, the parish income for September and October exceeded expenses. This net positive increase has offset approximately half of the \$30,000 previous deficit (including the \$15,000 use of parish reserves earlier this fiscal year). Contributions to the Building Fund increased but are trending slightly lower than last year at this time. Sales at the Parish Thrift Store are up slightly and all are encouraged to donate and shop at the Thrift Store.

God Bless and Happy Holidays from the Finance Committee

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

INFORMACIÓN IMPORTANTE



Upcoming Confirmation Classes:

Confirmation Retreat Year 2 - Sunday 12/15/19
4:00-6:00PM

High School Youth Group (9th-12th grade)
meets this Monday 12/16/19
from 6:00pm-7:30pm

Middle School Youth Group (6th-8th grade) meets this
Wednesday 12/18/19 from
3:30pm-5:00pm

For more information please contact Brian
Campos at (805) 646-4338 ext. 102 or
email him at brianc@stacojai.org. Or visit our website at
stacojai.org/confirmation

Próximas Clases de Confirmación:

Retiro de Confirmación Año 2 Domingo 12/15/19
4:00-6:00PM

Grupo de la Juventud! El Grupo Juvenil de la
Escuela Secundaria (9-12 grado) se reúne este lunes 12/16/19
de 6:00pm-7:30pm

El Grupo Juvenil de la Escuela Secundaria
(6-8 grado) se reúne este miércoles
12/18/19 de 3:30pm-5:00pm

Para obtener más información, póngase
en contacto con Brian Campos al (805)646-4338 ext. 102
envíele un correo electrónico a brianc@stacojai.org. O visite
nuestro sitio web en stacojai.org/confirmation

ANGEL TREE

Our annual Angel Tree is up with names. If you are
able, please take an angel for Christmas. **BE SURE
AND SIGN OUT YOUR ANGEL WITH RENE
RIVERA** after Mass out front of the Church. It is very
important that we know who has each angle.
Thank you in advance for your generosity.



CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

Altar Flower Donation Envelopes for the Christmas
Season are available in the vestibule.
"You may have a loved one remembered during the
Christmas season by writing their name on the
donation envelope and placing it in the offertory basket or
leaving it at the parish office. Thank you for your support."

ÁNGEL ÁRBOL

Nuestro Angel Tree anual tiene nombres. Si puedes,
toma un ángel para Navidad. **ASEGÚRESE DE
SALIR DE SU ÁNGEL CON RENE RIVERA**
después de la misa frente a la iglesia.
Es muy importante que sepamos quién tiene cada
ángulo. Gracias de antemano por su generosidad.

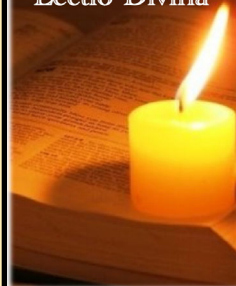
SOBRES DE DONACIÓN

De Flor De Altar para la temporada navideña son
Disponibles en el portal. "Es posible que un ser
querido sea recordado durante la temporada
navideña escribiendo su nombre en el sobre de
donación y colocándolo en la cesta de la ofrenda o
dejándolo en la oficina parroquial.
Gracias por su apoyo.

Lectio Divina

Come join us for 30 minutes of prayer on the last
Wednesday Advent, December 11. And 18.
We will meet in the Keane Library, after the 9:00 am
mass, at 9:45, and at 3:30 pm in the
afternoon during religious classes.
Call Virginia Aguirre at (805) 558-2296
if you have any questions.

Lectio Divina



Lectio Divina

Venga a unirse a nosotros durante 30 minutos de
oración el último miércoles Adviento, de diciembre,
11. Y 18. Nos encontraremos en la Biblioteca
Keane, después de la misa de las 9:00 am, a las
9:45, y a las 3:30 pm de la tarde durante el clases
religiosas.
Llame a Virginia Aguirre al (805) 558-2296 si tiene
alguna pregunta.

PARISH INFORMATION CONT.

INFORMACIÓN PARROQUIAL CONT.

"Youth Christmas Choir"

Lisa Boyd is organizing the annual choir for children and teenagers from third grade through high school. They will sing on Christmas Eve at the 5:00pm mass. Practices will be in the church on:

Wednesday, Dec. 11 from 4:45-5:45pm
 Wednesday, Dec. 18 from 4:45-5:45pm
 Monday, Dec. 23 from 3:00-4:30pm

Call Lisa Boyd if you have questions. 805-766-6042

"Coro de Navidad Juvenil"

Lisa Boyd está organizando el coro anual para niños y adolescentes desde tercer grado hasta la escuela secundaria. Canten en Nochebuena a las 5:00 pm misa. Las prácticas serán en la iglesia en:

Miércoles 11 de diciembre de 4:45-5:45pm
 Miércoles 18 de diciembre de 4:45-5:45pm
 Lunes 23 de diciembre de 3:00-4:30pm

Llama a Lisa Boyd si tienes preguntas. 805-766-6042



Holiday deadline for the Bulletin

December 13th for the December 29th
 December 23rd for the January 5th



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