

St. John the Evangelist

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Office Hours: 2-5 pm – Wednesday & Thursday (Maggie Conder)

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 Rev. Victor Hernandez, Pastor 903-474-4382
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 Becoming Catholic (RCIA) - David Nino 469-964-5032
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CONFESSION: Before and after First Friday Mass or by appointment.

BAPTISM: By appointment

MARRIAGE & QUINCEAÑERAS: Consult Father Victor nine (9) months in advance

Advent Penance Service – December 3 (Tue)

Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Tuesday, December 3rd. Several priests will be available to hear confessions in English and Spanish. Mass begins at 6:30 pm. Confessions begin at 7pm.

Ladies Guild Meeting & Party – Dec. 4 (Wed)

The Ladies Guild will meet Wednesday, December 5, at 11:30 am in the Parish Center. Attendees are asked to bring a side dish or dessert and a small gift (\$10 or less) for the gift exchange. All women of the parish are invited to attend.

Knights of Columbus – Dec. 4 (Wed)

Officers and Directors will meet Wednesday at the Parish Center at 6:30 pm.

First Friday Adoration

of the Blessed Sacrament – Dec. 6 (Fri)

8:15 am – 6:00 pm Adoration

5:30 pm Rosary

6:00 pm Benediction & Mass

Make a commitment to spend time with our Lord. Add your name to the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Parish Center.

ADVENT

Advent Penance Service – Dec. 3

Immaculate Heart of Mary – Dec. 9

Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day – Dec. 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration – Dec. 15

Christmas Novena Begins – Dec. 16

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner – Dec. 22

Christmas Flower Donations

Honor your loved ones (deceased or living) this Christmas season by donating to the Christmas flowers that will adorn the sanctuary during Christmas. Make a \$15 minimum donation on or before Sunday, December 16. Envelopes are available on the table in the hall. Drop in the collection basket or in the parish office.

Immaculate Conception of Mary – Dec. 9 (Mon)

Mass at 12:00 PM. Since December 8, 2019, is the Second Sunday of Advent, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is transferred to Monday, December 9, 2019. The obligation to attend Mass, however, does not transfer.

Christmas Novena – Dec. 16-24

The novena commemorates Joseph and Mary’s search for shelter in preparation of Mary giving birth to our Savior, Jesus. For nine days we move as pilgrims seeking shelter for Mary and Joseph so that the world in waiting might welcome Jesus Christ. At each place we reflect on the true meaning of Christmas through prayer, song, fellowship and dinner. The sign-up sheet to host a novena day is on the bulletin board. Questions? Maggie Conder 972-679-9330.

Holy Hour with Bishop Strickland – Dec. 19 (Thu)

Bishop Strickland will begin the Diocesan “Year of the Eucharist: Fostering Reverence for the Real Presence” on the First Sunday of Advent, December 1, 2019. During this year, he will pilgrimage across the diocese visiting each parish for an hour of adoration. He will make an hour of adoration at St. John the Evangelist on December 19, 2019 at 5:00pm. All are invited to come and prayer with him.

Parish Collections – November 24, 2019

Combined Mass Total

Attendance: 259

1st Collection: \$ 1,069

2nd Collection – Capital Campaign/Building Fund: \$ 877

Capital Campaign Period.....11-2018 to 11-2020

Capital Campaign Pledges Received 76

Capital Campaign Amount Pledged \$ 227,264

Campaign Pledges Collected 11-30-2019..... \$ 147,xxx

PLEASE PRAY / POR FAVOR, ORAR

... for all who are sick, elderly or alone.

Susie Asbill, Adam Blount (*Deb Boyd’s son*), Richard Chacon (*Leticia Chavez’s brother*), Craig Comer (*Joseph Rodriguez Brother-in-Law*), Jim Hardy (*Dennis Wagner’s cousin*), Jesse Sepeda (*Rosa Nino’s brother*), Melvin Mann & Nick Sheperd (*Kathy Austin*), Sophie Downning, Nancy Edward, Maeanna (Dusty) Forette, Manuel Gonzalez, Janice Hays, Pat Holcomb, Willie Villanueva

... and for our military & first responder families / Y para la familia de nuestros militares y primeros rescatistas.

Michael E. Riordan (*son of Mark & Mary Riordan*)

Gary Robinson, Jr. (*son of Jeanette & Gary Robinson*)

Rene Espinosa (*son of Deacon Marcelino & Lupe Espinosa*)

Sergio Cadena, Jr. (*grandson of Marcelino & Lupe Espinosa*)

Ruben Olvera (*nephew of Deacon Federico & Clara Aguilar*)



Christmas Baskets “Food Drive”

The Ladies Guild is preparing Christmas “food baskets” to help families or individuals in our parish who, due to economic situations, are unable to provide a traditional Christmas meal for their family or themselves.

To help us with this effort, we invite you to bring items to the collection bins located in the entry hall before December 15.

The following items are requested: canned vegetables, fruit, and cranberry sauce, gravy mix packets, cornbread mix, macaroni and cheese in a box, stuffing mix, pie crust/pie filling mix, Jell-O/pudding mix, cake mix/frosting.

Cash contributions are also welcome.

If you, or someone near and dear to you, would benefit by receiving a Christmas Food Basket, please submit an anonymous request to the Parish Office before December 10. Request forms are available on the parish bulletin board.

Questions? Contact Maggie in the Parish Office.

THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR

Monday/lunes, December 2

Spanish Prayer Group 7:00pm

Adultos para Cristo 7:00pm

Tuesday/martes, December 3

Bible Study 11:00am

Faith Formation 6:15pm

Mass 6:30pm

Advent Penance Service 7:00pm

Wed/miércoles, December 4

Ladies Guild Meeting 11:30am

Choir Practice - Spanish 6:30pm

Knights of Columbus Officer/Director Mtg 6:30pm

Thursday/jueves, December 5

Becoming Catholic (RCIA) 7:00pm

Friday/viernes, December 6

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 8:15am – 6:00pm

Rosary 5:30pm

Benediction >> Mass 6:00pm

Encuentro Matrimonial 7:00pm

Saturday/sabado, December 7

Sunday/domingo, December 8

Mass / Misa (English) 11:00am

Mass / Misa (Español) 12:30pm

Adultos para Cristo 2:00pm

Encuentro Matrimonial 2:00pm

COMING SOON

Dec 09 Immaculate Conception of Mary (Mon)

Dec 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day (Thu)

Dec 12 Parish 6th Anniversary (Thu)

Dec 15 Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration (Sun)

Dec 16 Fr. Victor’s 13th Ordination Anniversary (Mon)

Dec 16 Christmas Novena begins (Mon)

Dec 19 Holy Hour w/Bishop Strickland (Thu)

Dec 21 Deacon’s 6th Ordination Anniversary (Sat)

Dec 22 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner (Sun)

Dec 24 Christmas Eve (Tue)

Dec 25 Christmas Day (Wed)

Dec 27 St. John the Evangelist Feast Day (Fri)

Dec 30 Good Samaritan Food Pantry Service Day

WORSHIP MINISTER SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 8 – 11:00 AM

Readers: 1R. Thomas Garcia 2R. Leo Hollo

EMHC: Bill Power & Mark Freund

Nursing Home:David Nino & Dcn Federico

Altar Servers: Brandon B., Michaela E., Olivia M.

Greeters:John Conder & Fernando Garcia