

St. John the Evangelist

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

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 Becoming Catholic (RCIA) - David Nino 469-964-5032
 Baptism/Quinceañera Classes - David Nino 469-964-5032

CONFESSION: Before and after First Friday Mass or by appointment.

BAPTISM: By appointment

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

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 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.

ADVENT

**Immaculate Heart of Mary – Dec. 9
Mass 12:00 noon**

**Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day – Dec. 12
Mass 7:30 pm (Spanish)**

Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration – Dec. 15

Christmas Novena Begins – Dec. 16

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner – Dec. 22

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In recognition of service to God and the community of St. John the Evangelist, the Parish Council and Fr. Victor cordially invite volunteers and their family or a guest to attend the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on Sunday, December 22 at 6:00 pm in the Parish Center.

The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the hall.

Reservations are required prior to Dec. 17.

Contact: Maggie Conder

Call or Txt Msg: 972-679-9330

Email: st.johns3@verizon.net / mmconder@gmail.com

ATTENTION Novena Attendees: The Christmas Novena/ Las Posadas will be prayed prior to dinner.

Ordination Anniversaries

Dec 16 — 13th Anniversary of Fr. Victor’s Ordination to the Priesthood

Dec 21 — 6th Anniversary of Deacon Marcelino & Federico’s Ordination to the Diaconate

Let us remember and give thanks for all the many ways God has touched us through their service to the Church.

Mass on December 15th will be offered in thanksgiving for their service.

Faith Formation Reminders

Dec 24 & Dec 31: Christmas break — no classes

Jan 7: Faith Formation classes will resume.

Any questions call Tina Denny at 817-821-8530.

Parish Collections – December 1, 2019

Combined Mass Total

Attendance: 295
 1st Collection: \$ 1,537
 2nd Collection – Capital Campaign/Building Fund: ... \$ 1,326

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.....\$ 147,819

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 Downing, 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 9

Mass 12:00pm
 Spanish Prayer Group 7:00pm
 Adultos para Cristo 7:00pm

Tuesday/martes, December 10

Bible Study 11:00am
 Faith Formation 6:15pm
 Mass 6:30pm

Wed/miércoles, December 11

Choir Practice - Spanish 6:30pm
 Knights of Columbus Mtg 6:00pm

Thursday/jueves, December 12

Mañanitas 5:30am
 Becoming Catholic (RCIA) 7:00pm
 Mass 7:30pm

Friday/viernes, December 13

Encuentro Matrimonial 7:00pm

Saturday/sabado, December 14

Sunday/domingo, December 15

Mass / Misa (English) 11:00am
 Mass / Misa (Español) 12:30pm

COMING SOON

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 (Mon)
 Dec 31 New Year’s Eve Adoration & Mass (Tue)
 Jan 01 Solemnity Mother of God

WORSHIP MINISTER SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 15 – 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

Christmas Flower Donations

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