

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES CATHOLIC
CHURCH BULLETIN
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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*1st Reading: Bar 5:1-9 *Ps 126:1-6

*2nd Reading: Phil 1:4-6,8-11 *Gospel: Lk 3:1-6

Prepare the way of the Lord! This was a cause for celebration in the time of Jesus. When the king visited, the royal purse paid for the roads to be fixed, the homes along the route to be repaired and the people to be dressed appropriately. They even fed them well so they would look healthy and fit. After all, the local rulers wanted to look good before the boss, so the people had to look good. We need to do the same. We prepare our homes with trees, decorations and feasting. Shouldn't we take the same care to prepare our souls to receive the true gift of Christmas, Jesus in the form of the Eucharist? After all, Christmas is not about us, it is all about the Christ Child.



SEGUNDO DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

*Primera lectura: Bar 5:1-9 *Sal 126:1-6

*Segunda lectura: Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 *Evangelio: Lk 3:1-6

¡Preparen el camino del Señor! Este fue un motivo de celebración en la época de Jesús. Cuando el rey visitó, la bolsa real pagó la reparación de los caminos, las casas a lo largo de la ruta a reparar y las personas a vestirse adecuadamente. Incluso los alimentaron bien para que se vieran sanos y en forma. Después de todo, los gobernantes locales querían mirar bueno antes que el jefe, por lo que la gente tenía que verse bien. Necesitamos hacer lo mismo. Preparamos nuestras casas con arbolado, decoración y banquete. ¿No deberíamos hacer lo mismo? ¿Nos preocupamos de preparar nuestras almas para recibir el verdadero don de la Navidad, Jesús en la forma de la Eucaristía? Después de todo, la Navidad no se trata de nosotros, se trata del Niño Jesús.

LITURGY OF THE WEEKEND

4 SAT: Mass: 5:00pm: (+Deceased members of Virginia C. Walton's Family)

5 SUN: Misa: 7:30am: (+Deceased members of Esthela Tenorio's Family)

Mass: 9:30am: (+Dr James Heintz Senior; Deceased members of Bob Schnieder's Family)

Misa: 11:30am: (+Deceased members of Judith Roldan Hernandez's Family); Presentación de un bebe

LITURGY AND READINGS FOR THE SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

6 MON: St Nicholas, Bishop
 Is 35:1-10 (Ps) 85:9ab,10-14 *Lk 5:17-26

7 TUE: St Ambrose, Bishop, doctor of the Church
 Is 40:1-11 (Ps) 96:1-3, 10ac,11-13 *Mt 18:12-14

8 WED: IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
 (+Deceased members of Margarito Dircio's Family)
 Gn 3:9-15,20 (Ps)98:1-4 Eph1:3-6,11-12 *Lk 1:26-38

9 THU St Juan Diego, Cuauhtlatotzin(USA)
 (+Deceased members of David Mendoza's Family)
 Is 41:13-2- (Ps) 145:1,9-13b *Mt 11:11-15

10 FRI: : Our Lady of Loreto
 (+Deceased Members of Father Zacharie's Family)
 Is 48:17-19 (Ps)1:1-4,6 *Mt 11:16-19

11 SAT: St Damasus I, Pope;
 7 am - Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast
 (+Deceased Members of Margarita Aguilar's Family)
 Sir 48:1-4,9-11 (Ps) 1:1-4,6 *Mt 17:9a,10-13

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PARISH FINANCIAL RECORD: Thanksgiving & First Sunday of Advent offertory

Thanksgiving : \$656.00

1st Collection: \$ 4570.00

2nd Collection: \$ 683.75

Total: \$ 5253.75

[Last Year : \$ 5744.12]

We thank you all for your contributions. Please, remember to send your offertory envelop weekly or monthly or give online. /Les damos gracias a todos por sus contribuciones. Por favor, recuerde enviar su sobre del ofertori semanal o mensualmente o donar en línea.

<http://www.stfrancisdesalescatholic.org/online-giving.html>

SOCIAL MINISTRY/ MINISTERIO SOCIAL:

We would like to extend a VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to Social Ministry during the month of November, as we turned in an astounding **173 POUNDS** of nonperishable items! Thank you for your continued support and generosity! Let's keep it up!

MINISTERIO SOCIAL / MINISTERIO SOCIAL:

Nos gustaría extender un agradecimiento MUY ESPECIAL a todos los que donaron al Ministerio Social durante el mes de noviembre. ¡Entregamos la asombrosa cantidad de 173 LIBRAS de artículos no perecederos! ¡Gracias por su continuo apoyo y generosidad! ¡Sigamos así!

SFDS Handbell Ringers to Perform!

Next Saturday (Dec. 11) before the 5:00 pm Mass the Handbell choir will perform 2 songs for the Advent season. Please arrive before 4:45 so you won't miss their performance!

¡Timbres de campanilla SFDS para realizar!

El próximo sábado (11 de diciembre) antes de la misa de las 5:00 pm, el coro Handbell interpretará 2 canciones para la temporada de Adviento. ¡Llegue antes de las 4:45 para no perderse su presentación!

Christmas Flower Dedications

If you wish to donate money in memory of, or in dedication to, anyone this year there are designated envelopes in each pew. Please place them in the collection basket.

Dedicatorias de flores navideñas

Si desea donar dinero en memoria o dedicación a alguien este año, hay sobres designados en cada banco. Colóquelos en la canasta de recolección.

Knights of Columbus

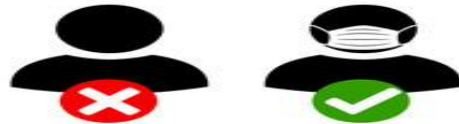
You just have one more week to join The Guadalupe Advent Raffle! Tickets are only \$5 and you have the chance to win great prizes! A Prize Pack, All Star Pest Management Gift Certificate, and a flat-top gas grill are all up for grabs! The Grand Drawing is next Sunday, Dec 12th. Make sure you see a member of The Knights of Columbus for your chance to win one of those great prizes!!

Breaking Bread Book

If you still need to pick-up or purchase your Breaking Bread Hymnal, please see Carol Walters at the Gift Shop, or stop by the Church Office during the week.

Misales

Si aún necesita recoger o comprar su Misal, por favor vea a María en la Tienda de Regalos o pase por la Oficina de la Iglesia durante la semana.



STATEMENT ON COVID SECURITY PROTOCOLS

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) released its emergency temporary standard requiring organizations with at least 100 employees to mandate that their employees get vaccinated, or wear a mask and test for COVID-19 on at least a weekly basis.

Further, the White House announced the following details:

All unvaccinated workers must begin wearing masks by December 5 and provide a negative COVID-19 test on a weekly basis beginning January 4.

Organizations are not required to pay for or provide the tests.

To be clear, the diocese is considered a single employer in the eyes of both the federal and state governments. While we are doing our own due diligence as well as consulting with the USCCB, given that, it is very likely that each parish, school, early childhood center, and agency will be governed by this mandate.

We will provide additional information and guidance in the coming days.

* DECLARACIÓN DE PROTOCOLOS DE SEGURIDAD DE COVID*

La Administración de Salud y Seguridad Ocupacional (OSHA) publicó su norma temporal de emergencia que exige a las organizaciones con al menos 100 empleados que ordenen que sus empleados se vacunen o usen una máscara y se hagan pruebas de COVID-19 al menos una vez por semana.

Además, la Casa Blanca anunció los siguientes detalles:

Todos los trabajadores no vacunados deben comenzar a usar máscaras antes del 5 de diciembre y proporcionar una prueba COVID-19 negativa semanalmente a partir del 4 de enero.

Las organizaciones no están obligadas a pagar o proporcionar las pruebas. Para ser claros, la diócesis se considera un empleador único a los ojos de los gobiernos federal y estatal. Si bien estamos haciendo nuestra propia diligencia debida, así como consultando con la USCCB, dado eso, es muy probable que cada parroquia, escuela, centro de infancia temprana y agencia se rija por este mandato.

Proporcionaremos información y orientación adicionales en los próximos días.

Adult Faith Formation

Next Wednesday, December 15, the Adult Faith Formation Group will be meeting in the Greymoore Hall at 7pm. Due to the holidays, there will only be one meeting during December. The Topic of the upcoming session will be "Advent and the Incarnation". Please consider attending for some Faith and Fellowship.



Project Rachel Post Abortion Healing Retreat

If you desire healing from a past abortion, you are invited to experience the love of Jesus Christ at a Project Rachel weekend retreat January 7-9, 2022, in the Raleigh area. The weekend retreat is strictly confidential for both women and men and includes discussions, spiritual exercises, the sacrament of reconciliation, a Memorial Service, and a Mass of the Resurrection. Participation offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. For more information or to register for the retreat, contact Project Rachel at: project.rachel@raldioc.org or call (919) 852-1021. The website is rachelnc.org. The cost is \$200 for lodging, meals and all retreat materials. If you have a financial burden, assistance is available.

Retiro de sanación post aborto del Proyecto Rachel

Si desea curarse de un aborto pasado, está invitado a experimentar el amor de Jesucristo en un retiro de fin de semana del Proyecto Raquel del 7 al 9 de enero de 2022 en el área de Raleigh. El retiro de fin de semana es estrictamente confidencial e incluye discusiones, ejercicios espirituales, el sacramento de la reconciliación, un servicio conmemorativo y una misa de la Resurrección. La participación ofrece una hermosa oportunidad para experimentar el amor, el perdón y la compasión de Dios. Para obtener más información o para registrarse para el retiro, comuníquese con Project Rachel en: project.rachel@raldioc.org o llame a Isabel (español) al (919) 264-5892. El sitio web es rachelnc.org. El costo es de \$200.00 e incluye alojamiento, comidas y todo el material para el retiro. Tenemos becas disponible para los que necesiten ayuda financiera.

Jackie Bonk

Project Rachel Director
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Local Events within our Diocese

- NEW [Called and Chosen Workshops](#) - 3rd Sunday of each month from 2:00 - 5:00 pm at 632 Laurel Hill Rd, Chapel Hill, NC 27514, for persons interested in learning about the Catholic faith from any or no faith tradition. Make an invitation to someone who is searching for hope and meaning in Jesus Christ. [Register for November 21](#).
- [A Conversation with Fr. A. Gerard Jordan about Ministry and Evangelization of African Ancestry Catholics](#) at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Raleigh - November 6 - 10:00 am - noon. [Download Flyer](#)
- [Life and Challenges of Fr. Tolton](#), Lecture on the first Black American priest in the United

States with Fr. A. Gerard Jordan at St. Michael Catholic Church in Cary - November 6

- [Ignited by Truth](#) - April 9, 2022 - 7:00 - 8:30 pm



PRAYER REQUESTS

Your prayers are requested for the following parishioner prayer list /

Se solicitan sus oraciones para la siguiente lista de oración de feligreses:

Tony Blackwell, Jose Ramires Castrejon, Sandra Rodriguez, Alane Walters, Lydia Yarborough, Juanita Mishoe, Carolyn Onorato, Richard Onorato, David & Rhonda Martin, Noelia Powell, Richard Geibert, Dr. Jerry Devine, Renete Cortez, Lupita Flores Castellano, Joe Younge, Fabien, Mary Hammonds, Therese Morel, Maryland Chance, Lorene Sinclair

Recently Departed/Recientemente Fallecido:
Mary Caliendo; Marina Rojo Labra

Remember also in your prayers all those affected by the Coronavirus around the world.

Sacramental Celebrations

Congratulations & Welcome to recently Baptized

Paul Jackson Johnson on Sept 5, 2021
Jairo David Perez Miranda on Sept 5, 2021
DhayaFlor Brutus on Sept 26, 2021
Aylen Baltazar Vazquez on Sept 26, 2021
Daniel Castro Vega on Oct 9, 2021
Thomas Hayes Pittman on Oct 31, 2021
Rosalie Anne Pittman on Oct 31, 2021
Celsa Lisbeth Aguilar Mejia on Nov 13, 2021
Ayda Adriana Aguilar Mejia on Nov 13, 2021
Ander Miguel Aguilar Mejia on Nov 13, 2021
Leilany Regino-Sevilla on Nov 13, 2021
Isabella Cruz Castrejon on Nov 21, 2021



This Weekend's Baptisms



**Happy Birthday to all celebrating birthdays this week/
Feliz Cumpleaños a todos los que celebran cumpleaños en
esta semana! 12/5th – 12/11th**

Billy Hendren, Alane Walters, Rafael Vazquez, James
Schultz, Rachel Allen, Macaria Ortiz-Rojas, David
Oxendine, Royce Walters, Christian Stallings



This Week's Anniversaries Christmas Countdown

Every night at midnight from Dec 1-Dec 24, SFDS YouTube channel will release a children's story. Each story is narrated by various parishioners of SFDS. The desire for this project is to encourage families this advent to slow down, and listen to a story nightly TOGETHER as we prepare for the birth of Jesus. Please subscribe to the church YouTube channel so you will not miss a story this Advent! (YouTube channel is: SFDSLumbertonNC)



Cuenta regresiva de Navidad

Todas las noches a la medianoche desde el 1 de diciembre hasta el 24 de diciembre, el canal de YouTube de SFDS publicará una historia para niños. Cada historia es narrada por varios feligreses de SFDS. El deseo de este proyecto es alentar a las familias a que este advenimiento se desacelere y escuchen una historia todas las noches JUNTOS mientras nos preparamos para el nacimiento de Jesús. ¡Suscríbete al canal de iglesia porque no querrás perderte una historia este Adviento! (El canal de YouTube es: SFDSLumbertonNC).

Church Gift Shop

Looking for a special gift for someone this Christmas? Check out all the new merchandise in our Church Gift Shop! High Quality, Affordable, and Beautiful! Be sure to stop by!

Tienda de regalos de la iglesia

¿Buscas un regalo especial para alguien esta Navidad? ¿Vea toda la mercancía nueva en nuestra tienda de regalos de la iglesia! ¡Alta calidad, asequible y hermosa! ¡Asegúrate de pasar por aquí!

2022 St Joseph's Sunday Missal Orders

The St Joseph's Sunday Missals have arrived! If you already reserved your copy, or would like to purchase one, please go by Church Office. They are \$6.

Órdenes de la misal dominical de San José de 2022

¡Han llegado los misales de San José! Si ya reservó su copia, o le gustaría comprar una, vaya a la Oficina de la Iglesia. Son \$ 6

Parish Council Meeting

The next Pastoral Council Meeting will be Dec 15 at 6 pm in the Social Hall.

My Parish App & Website update:

The St. Francis de Sales Website, Instagram & Parish App are active again! Please pick up a "My Parish App" card from the side or back of the church for instructions to download. All parish activities and functions are available and ready to be viewed. Stay tuned for the Twitter, and Facebook updates coming soon.

Actualización de la aplicación y el sitio web de My Parish:

¡El sitio web y la aplicación parroquial de St. Francis de Sales están activos nuevamente! Por favor, recoja una tarjeta de "My Parish App" del costado o de atrás de la iglesia para obtener instrucciones para descargar. Todas las actividades y funciones de la parroquia están disponibles y listas para ser vistas. Estén atentos a las actualizaciones de Instagram, Twitter y Facebook que llegarán pronto



We ask that you be mindful & considerate when disposing of trash. Please don't litter.

Prayer for the Second Week of Advent

"O holy, patient, and loving God, in this season of grace-filled longing, we await the coming of your Son and our Savior. It is difficult for us to remember that this is a holy time. There are many distractions: commitments seem to pile up, and expectations are high. In the midst of our busy world, our busy lives, we need your help to remind us of what is important and necessary. While many of those things that we do not need will come to us in packages gleaming and bright, the one gift that will last comes from you alone, gracious God, as we grow in our awareness of your love. Bless us, our family and friends, and the food and the company that we share. Increase in us a growing urgency to celebrate the birth of your Son, in whose name we pray. Amen."
~ from The Essential Advent and Christmas Handbook