

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES CATHOLIC
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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*1st Reading: Zep 3:14-18a *Ps Is 12:2-6
*2nd Reading: Phil 4:4-7 *Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

We celebrate two great events this Sunday, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe and Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete means Joy, and this Sunday reminds us that in our penitential preparation for Christmas, we still need to find the joy in our lives. Joy in our relationship with Christ, joy in our spouse and family, joy in serving others, and joy in the simple pleasures of everyday life. And what about our celebration for Our Lady of Guadalupe? Our Blessed Mother finds her greatest joy in her Son. So when we honor her Son, we honor her and bring her joy on this wonderful day of celebration.



TERCERO DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

*Primera lectura: Zep 3:14-18a *Sal Is 12:2-6
*Segunda lectura: Phil 4:4-7 *Evangelio: Lk 3:10-18

Celebramos dos grandes eventos este domingo, la Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe y el Domingo Gaudete. Gaudete significa Alegría, y este domingo nos recuerda que en nuestra preparación penitencial para la Navidad, todavía necesitamos encontrar la alegría en nuestras vidas. Gozo en nuestra relación con Cristo, gozo en nuestro cónyuge y familia, gozo en servir a los demás, gozo en los placeres sencillos de la vida cotidiana. ¿Y nuestra celebración por Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe? Nuestra Santísima Madre encuentra su mayor alegría en su Hijo. Entonces, cuando honramos a su Hijo, la honramos y le brindamos alegría en este maravilloso día de celebración.

LITURGY OF THE WEEKEND

11 SAT: Mass: 5:00pm: (+Deceased Family Members of Penny Arokiasamy)

12 SUN: Misa: 7:30am: (+Miembros Difuntos para la familia Genelh Elezalle)

Mass: 9:30am: (+William Norris; Deceased family of Christine Pittman)

Misa: 11:30am: (+Miembro Difuntos para la familia Antonia Perez)

LITURGY AND READINGS FOR THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

13 MON: Saint Lucy, Virgin & Martyr
Nm 24:2-7,15-17a Ps 25:4-5b,6,7bc,8-9 *Mt 25:1-13

14 TUE: St John of the Cross, Priest/Doctor of the Church
Zep3:1-2,9-13 Ps34:2-3,6-7,17-19,23 *Mt21:23-27

15 WED: Advent Weekday
(+Miembros Difuntos para la familia Vasquez Bera)
Is 45:6b-8,18,21b-25 Ps 85:9ab,10-14 *Luke 7:18b-23

16 THU Advent Weekday
(+Miembros Difuntos para la familia de Gallegos de Luz)
Is 54:1-10 Ps 30:2,4-6,11-12a,13b *Luke 7:24-30

17 FRI: : Advent Weekday
(+Miembros Difuntos para la familia Macaria Rojas)
Gn 49:2,8-10 Ps72:1-4b,7-8,17 *Mt 1:1-17

18 SAT: Advent Weekday
(+Deceased family members of Ken Cross)
Jer 23:5-8 Ps 72:1-2,12-13,18-19 *Mt 1:1-17

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PARISH FINANCIAL RECORD: SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT COLLECTIONS

1st Collection: \$ 2972.50
2nd Collection: \$ 752.25
Total: \$ 3724.75
[Last Year : \$ 3554.00]

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!

Retirement Fund for Religious

From Catholic schools & hospitals—to parishes, retreat centers, and works of mercy—elderly sisters, brothers, & religious order priests have prayerfully served our Church and world. Most ministered for little pay. Now, without enough retirement savings, many religious communities are struggling to care for aging members. Our second collection this week goes towards the Retirement Fund for Religious, and helps to provide nursing care, medicine, and other necessities. You may also donate online at www.retiredreligious.org. Please be generous!

Fondo de jubilación para religiosos

Desde escuelas y hospitales católicos hasta parroquias, centros de retiro y obras de misericordia, hermanas, hermanos y sacerdotes de órdenes religiosas mayores han servido en oración a nuestra Iglesia y al mundo. La mayoría ministraba por poco dinero. Ahora, sin suficientes ahorros para la jubilación, muchas comunidades religiosas están luchando por cuidar a los miembros mayores. Nuestra segunda colecta de esta semana se destina al Fondo de Jubilación para Religiosos y ayuda a brindar atención de enfermería, medicamentos y otras necesidades. Por favor sea generoso.

Knights of Columbus

The Our Lady of Guadalupe Raffle ends THIS Sunday, Dec 12th! If you haven't bought a raffle ticket yet, they are only \$5 and you can win some amazing prizes! See a Knights of Columbus member before the drawing (again, THIS Sunday) for your chance to win! Next week's bulletin will publish the winners.

Adult Faith Formation

This 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.



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.



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 disponibles 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, Janet Hester, Mitchell Pittman

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



Happy Birthday to all celebrating birthdays this week/
Feliz Cumpleaños a todos los que celebran cumpleaños en esta semana! 12/12th - 12/18th

Carol Wolff, Thomas Gaughan, Meredith Beeler, Bryan Moreno, Bob Borbert, Patricia Snyder, Nicholas Dana, Dorothy Fitter, Yadiya Mendoza

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!

Parish Council Meeting

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

Altar Server Practice

There will be Altar Server training on Dec 18th at 10:00 am in the Church. We encourage anyone and everyone who desires to participate more fully at Mass to attend. Contact Joseph Walters (waltersjoseph65@gmail.com) for more information.

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

Upcoming Pro-Life Event

Travelling to DC for the March for Life? Start the day at the National Prayer Service! We will honor Texas for its Heartbeat Law & Mississippi, whose pro-life law led to the Supreme Court case that could reverse *Roe v Wade*! Please join Bishop Joseph Coffey, Auxiliary Bishop, Archdiocese for Military Services, USA, Fr. Frank Pavone of Priests for Life, the National Pro-Life Religious Council, & Faith & Liberty at the 27th annual *National Memorial for the Pre-Born and Their Mothers and Fathers*, the morning of the March, Friday, Jan 21, 2022 at DAR Constitution Hall, Washington DC, from 8:30-10:30 am. It will be a time of prayer, praise, music & inspiring speakers. Also this will be the premier prayer events marking the tragic commemoration of *Roe v Wade*. Danielle D'Souza Gill will be the emcee for this event. Admission is FREE. For more information on this and other events surrounding the March, go to www.NationalPrayerService.com.

Faith Formation Corner

With the season of Advent upon us, our Catechists asked the Children what Advent means to them, and if they had any advice. Here are their responses:

- † "Advent is a time for joy, giving and preparing for Jesus' birth."
~6th grade
- † "A time for repentance." ~3rd grade
- † "Advent is for preparing the four weeks before Jesus' birth."
~5th grade
- † "A hopeful time you find peace and joy with your loved ones."
~7th grade