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# St. Joseph Catholic Church

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 13, 2015

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## News, Reminders, and Events

There will be a meeting of the Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors immediately after Mass today. Please plan to attend.

Habr  una reuni n de los Ministros y Lectores eucar stica inmediatamente despu s de la Misa de hoy. Por favor haga planes para asistir.

Today is the last day to remember a loved one with a poinsettia at Christmas. Use one of the envelopes in the foyer -- fill in your name, the name of your loved one, and your contribution. Give to a Women's Guild member or drop in the collection basket.

Hoy es el  ltimo d a para recordar a un ser querido con una flor de pascua en Navidad. Utilice uno de los sobres en el vest bulo - introduzca su nombre, el nombre de su ser querido, y su contribuci n. Dar a un miembro del Gremio de la Mujer o ca da en la canasta de colecta .

The Catholic Student Organization will be hosting Eucharistic Adoration for the parish tonight (Sunday, December 13) from 7-8 p.m. Everyone is invited to come out and spend time in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

Se invita a la Organizaci n Cat lica de Estudiantes ser  el anfitri n de la Adoraci n eucar stica para la parroquia de esta noche (Domingo, 13 de diciembre) 7-8 pm Todo el mundo a salir y pasar tiempo delante del Sant simo Sacramento .

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
(Rosary at 4:30 and celebration after Mass)

Saturday, December 12 5:30 p.m.

**The Light is On for You**  
**The Nativity of the Lord**  
(Vigil Mass)

Wednesday, December 16 After 6:30 Mass

**The Nativity of the Lord**  
(Christmas Day)

Thursday, December 24 6:00 p.m.

**The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

Friday, December 25 9:30 a.m.

Friday, January 1 6:30 p.m.

<b>Saturday</b> <b>December 12</b> 5:30 p.m. Mass †Denis and Suzanne Duplantier by Lettie Gillespie	<b>Sunday</b> <b>December 13</b> 9:30 a.m. Mass For the People	<b>Monday</b> <b>December 14</b> No Mass	<b>Tuesday</b> <b>December 15</b> 6:30 p.m. Mass †Ralph Moyer by Family and Friends	<b>Wednesday</b> <b>December 16</b> 6:30 p.m. Mass †Wendy S. Selvaggi by Tom Selvaggi	<b>Thursday</b> <b>December 17</b> 8:00 a.m. Mass †Ralph Moyer by Family and Friends	<b>Friday</b> <b>December 18</b> 8:00 a.m. Mass †Rossi Lucian Selvaggi by Tom Selvaggi	<b>Saturday</b> <b>December 19</b> 5:30 p.m. Mass †Wendy S. Selvaggi by Tom Selvaggi
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The usual stipend for a Mass is \$5.00.

### THE PASTOR'S CORNER

#### What am I Supposed to Do for the Year of Mercy? (Part 1)

by: Mike Jordan Laskey

At times we are called to gaze even more attentively on mercy so that we may become a more effective sign of the Father's action in our lives. For this reason I have proclaimed an Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy as a special time for the Church, a time when the witness of believers might grow stronger and more effective.

—Pope Francis, Bull of Indiction announcing the Jubilee of Mercy

I don't want to let Pope Francis down.

I really want to gaze more attentively on mercy this Jubilee Year, and grow into a stronger witness.

But first, I have some questions. Like, what is mercy, exactly? It's not a word I use a lot outside of the beginning of Mass. It sounds to my modern ears like weak surrender or cheap forgiveness. Or, even worse, the self-satisfied flinging of a coin to a beggar.

Why not a Jubilee Year of Justice or Solidarity or Kinship or Encounter?

Thinking about this, I vaguely remembered a pithy definition of mercy I had liked in Kerry Weber's great book *Mercy in the City*, which I read a few months ago. So I pulled it off the shelf and paged through the first few chapters, and there it was on page 12, where she quotes the Jesuit priest Fr. James F. Keenan. "Mercy," he says, "is the willingness to enter into the chaos of another."

The willingness to enter into the chaos of another. What might that mean in your life? To be continued...

#### Our Parish Weekly Need: \$ 2,771.60\*

Las necesidades semanales de nuestra parroquia: \$2,771.60\*

Last Sunday, December 6, 2015: \$ 3,195.31

Colección desde el domingo pasado: \$ 3,195.31

Monthly Mortgage Payment: \$ 3,402.50

Pago mensual de hipoteca: \$ 3,402.50

Last Sunday's Building Fund: \$ 1,005.00

Fondos recaudados el domingo pasado: \$ 1,005.00

Building Fund December Total: \$ 1,005.00

Total de fondos diciembre: \$ 1,005.00

Mass Attendance: 404

Cantidad de asistentes: 404

\*What it takes to function not including the Mortgage Payment.

\*Lo que se requiere para el funcionamiento de la parroquia, sin el pago mensual de la hipoteca.

RCIA is a journey of conversion to God and what He intends for us. The Catholic Church warmly welcomes new members and tries to provide appropriate spiritual formation according to each person's needs. If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, please contact Fr. Marcus.

Si usted está interesado en aprender más sobre la fe católica, póngase en contacto con el p. Marcus.



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