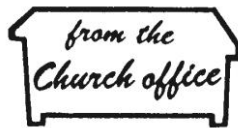




The Thanksgiving Day Mass will be Thursday, November 23rd at 8:30am.



The Church offices will be closed on Wednesday, November 22nd at 12 Noon. The offices will be closed on Thanksgiving Day and Friday, November 24th in observance of the Thanksgiving holidays.

St. John's Seniors Group



The St John's Seniors Group will meet **Tuesday, November 21st** at 10:00am in the Parish Hall. The program portion of the meeting will begin at 11:00am.

This month's guest speaker will be given by Fr. James Orosco. Please plan to attend. All parishioners are always welcome to the programs.

Lunch will be covered dish; this will be the Group's Thanksgiving lunch.



Last Week's Collection:	\$5,586.77
Diocesan Coll. (Priests Retirement):	1,498.80
Blue Pay:	100.00
FY'17-18 Budgeted Average:	6,500.00
FY'17-18 Average Sunday Coll. thru 10/31/17:	6,746.06
Attendance:	993

Saturday, November 18

4:00 PM †Joe Payne by Paula Payne

Sunday, November 19

8:00 AM Pro Populo

10:30 AM †Thomas H. Sifuentes by Mom & Family

12:15 PM †Gregoria Chavez Int. de Dora Navarrete & Alma Serrato

Tuesday, November 21

8:00 AM In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday, November 22

8:00 AM Special Intention

Thursday, November 23 (THANKSGIVING DAY)

8:30 AM For God's Blessings upon our Country

Friday, November 24

8:00 AM NO MASS

Saturday, November 25

4:00 PM Pro Populo

Sunday, November 26

8:00 AM †Juan Carlos Valle by Parents

10:30 AM †Elizabeth McClure by Bud McClure

12:15 PM †Soledad Barajas & †Eliseo Martinez Int. de Gabriela Garcia

Sound Catholic practice encourages us to offer the Mass for the departed and for those in any need. To request a Mass to be offered, please visit the parish office or return to the office a completed Mass intention card. Available cards are located in the foyer of the church.



Because of the Privacy Act, hospitals and nursing homes are no longer able to provide a list of the Catholic patients/residents for the Churches use in order to visit and administer the Sacraments of Holy Communion or Anointing of the Sick. Therefore, I need your assistance when you have a family member who is hospitalized or in a nursing home. Please call Fr. Orosco at the Church Office at (972) 563-3643 so that I may be of assistance.

Prayer Requests



Richard Collier
 Richard Lozano Sr.
 Mike Gonzales
 Nancy Bardsley
 Curtis Rushing
 Deacon Leo Renner
 David Salinas
 Paul Gumler
 Olivia Nicole Yates
 Stanley Quist
 Sonia Rodriguez Cadena
 Brenda Larsen
 Carol Dossey
 Cindy Kinkaid
 Rosann Kinkaid
 Juan Cleto Castillo
 Patti Sikors Garrett
 Angel Gabriel Godinez
 Tomas Samuel Garcia
 Barbara Sikors Hendricks
 Becky Caballero
 Ma. del Refugio Mendoza
 Marianne Marsden
 Connie Schroeder
 Casandra Lopez Ramirez
 Luisa Regina Ramirez Pérez
 Jovita De la Garza
 Leslie Erickson
 Judy Aloï
 Gayla Jackson
 Oscar Ramirez Robles
 Felipe Caballero
 Maria Guillen
 Darlene Blankenship
 Bacilisa Garcia
 Vicki Stevens

Nick Morales, Sr.
 Lee Wilde
 James Dean
 Brenda Newburn
 Henry Taft
 Jesus Arteaga
 Jose Ivan Ramirez
 Mason Gumler
 Lois LaDay
 Joe Wages
 Erica Vargas
 Margaret Wages
 Sheila Wages
 Kevin Huggins
 Johnnie B. Malouf
 Pascual Meza
 Robert Repka, Sr.
 Michelle Elliott
 Crystal Sanchez
 JoAnn Martinez
 Warren Terry
 Elmer Marsden
 Odin Kizer
 Claire Taft
 Jackie Petricka
 Claudia Aronoff
 Efrain Valenzuela
 Colleen Eldred
 Shirley Taft
 Jose Aramil
 Bruce Leleux
 Jackie Hull
 Daniel Guillen
 Blaine Miller
 Consuelo Luna
 Bob Rowland

This Week in our Parish

Sunday, November 19

9:15 AM NO R.E. classes

Monday, November 20

1:00 PM NO Crochet Ministry @ Casa St. John

7:00 PM Grupo de Oración en la Casa St. John

Tuesday, November 21

8:00 AM Daily Mass

6:30 PM NO R.E. classes

10:00 AM Senior Citizens meeting @ Parish Hall

Wednesday, November 22

8:00 AM Daily Mass

6:30 PM NO R.E. classes

6:45 PM NO Hora Santa

Thursday, November 23 (THANKSGIVING DAY)

8:30 AM Mass

7:00 PM NO RCIA @ Parish Center

Friday, November 24

8:00 AM NO Daily Mass



Calendar for November:

Sunday Classes: No classes on 19th & 26th

Tuesday Classes: No classes on 21st & 28th

Wednesday Classes: No classes on 22nd & 29th

Calendar for December:

Sunday Classes: 3rd, 10th, & 17th (No classes on 24th & 31st)

Tuesday Classes: 5th, 12th, 19th (No classes on 26th)

Wednesday Classes: 6th, 13th, & 20th (No classes on 27th)



VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED FOR THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM. IF YOU CAN HELP PLEASE CALL MICHELLE AT 972-563-3643.

Lunch with Santa



When: Saturday, December 16th

Place: Parish Hall

Time: 12 Noon – 2:00 PM

Donations needed are: cookie décor, frosting, glue dots, sprinkles, candy canes or Wal-Mart gift cards.

Ministry Schedule for the Weekend of November 25/26

Lectors:

Sat. 4:00pm Melody Zimmer/Suzy McCook
 Sun. 8:00am Seth Jungman
 Sun. 10:30am Bud McClure/Cynthia Rosales

Extraordinary Ministers

Sat. 4:00pm Karen Mathers/Michael Gumler/Suzy McCook
 Sun. 8:00am Lou Roberts/Donna Roberts
 Melinda Sanchez/Paul Willy
 Sun. 10:30am Bill Bedrick/Argie Benavidez
 Shelilah Dean/Tammy Guerra

Ushers:

Sat. 4:00pm Debbie Patterson*/Sherry G./Steve R./Paul M.
 Sun. 8:00am Cindy Kelley*/Conrado A./Robert B./Abby H.
 Sun. 10:30am Steven Hernandez*/Dennis C./Richard Jr./Erik A.

The Thirty-Third Week of Ordinary Time

The **Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time** brings us the familiar and powerful parable from **Matthew's Gospel** about the servants who are each given sums of money to invest. We are all called upon to use the gifts we have received as gifts, and to return them, fully developed, having made the best use of them.



We remember the Memorial of the **Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, the **Memorial of Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr**, and the **Memorial of Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs**.

In the US, Thursday is **Thanksgiving Day**, with its own set of readings.

In this next to the last week of the Liturgical Year, we read from the **First Book of Maccabees**. These books are about the revolt against Jewish persecution a little over a century before Christ. The Maccabees are presented as a family that is faithful to the law in the midst of this persecution. Their witness is inspiring today.

We have wonderful stories from **Luke's Gospel** this week as Jesus moves toward and enters Jerusalem for the end of his ministry. Jesus heals the blind beggar near Jericho. The man immediately "followed him, giving glory to God." Then Jesus meets Zacchaeus who is up in a tree - because he was short, but probably also because he's a tax collector and was nervous about being caught in a zealous crowd. Jesus transforms him by inviting himself to Zacchaeus' house for dinner. Near Jerusalem, Jesus tells a parable of a rejected king and servants who use the gifts given them faithfully. In Jerusalem, Jesus weeps over the city, foreseeing the destruction that is coming, "because you did not recognize the time of your visitation." Entering the temple, Jesus drives out the old way of doing business and begins his ministry. He silences the Sadducees, over their doubt about resurrection from the dead.



Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy. (Gospel)

Daily Prayer This Week

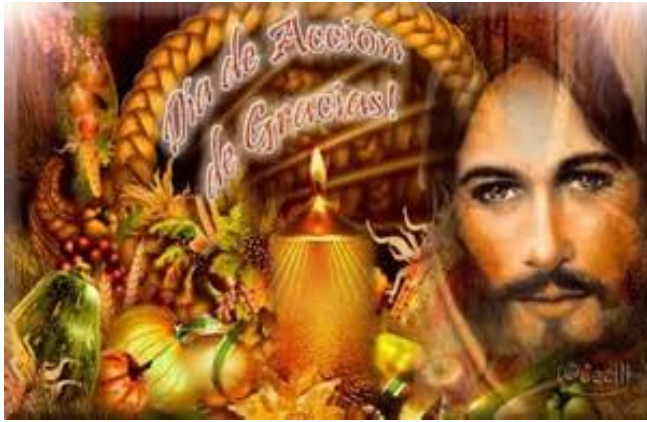
We can easily spend this week asking for the grace to use the gifts we've been given. We want to recognize that we have gifts, and that they are, in fact, gifts. We didn't "earn" them; we were entrusted with them. We can reflect upon the potential each gift has and how we might develop and use each gift we have more completely - in loving, in making a difference on behalf of the poor in our world.

Each morning this week, as soon as our feet hit the floor, and while we are washing up and getting dressed, we can have our own version of the following brief conversations with our Lord. These simple prayers can shape our desiring throughout the day, as these longings in our heart grow deeper and interact with the events, encounters and opportunities in our lives.

"Dear Lord, throughout this day, help me count the ways you love me." "Lord, thank you for being so generous to me. I forget the gifts you have given me. Be with me today, so that I might be grateful and use my gifts well." "Loving Father, today I'm grateful for my parents, for the opportunities I've had up to this day, and for the special privilege this day brings to serve my family and to try to make a difference in this world. Be with me and keep me hopeful and patient, generous and free today." "Dear Jesus, I spend too much time in a tree, above the conflicts, keeping myself pretty safe. Give me the courage of your presence with me today, so that I might take more risks in loving. There are going to be some hungry, thirsty, naked, sick and imprisoned people crossing my path today. Guide me in loving better. The cry of the poor in our world seems so overwhelming. Help me listen better and imagine what I might do to make a difference, with your help."

Each night, with these prayers in our hearts all day, we can easily give thanks for the experience we were given of intimacy with our God in the midst of our busy days.





Vamos a tener Misa en Acción de Gracias el jueves, 23 de noviembre a las 8:30am.

Anoten:

Las oficinas de la Iglesia estarán cerradas el miércoles, 22 de noviembre al 12 medio día. Las oficinas estarán cerradas el Día de Acción de Gracias y el viernes, 24 de noviembre en observación del Día de Acción de Gracias.

Clases Pre-Bautismales

El Padre Orosco ofrece las Pláticas Pre-Bautismales cada primer sábado del mes a las 6:00 pm. Favor de llamar a la oficina (972-563-3643) para obtener la Solicitud para Bautizar.



NO TENDREMOS LAS PLATICAS EN EL MES DE DICIEMBRE.

Unción de los Enfermos

Si usted o alguien que usted conozca está necesitado en recibir comunión o el sacramento de la Unción de los Enfermos favor de llamar al Padre Orosco en la oficina de la Iglesia al número 972-563-3643.



NO VAMOS A TENER LA HORA SANTA EL MIERCOLES, 22 DE NOVIEMBRE.

“TE CONFIARÉ COSAS DE MUCHO VALOR”

Dios ha confiado en nosotros. Él puso al cuidado de cada uno diferentes dones. Él quiere que los trabajemos día con día para que al final de nuestra vida le demos los buenos frutos que la espera.

Dios confía en nosotros, y quiere confiarnos cosas todavía mayores. No lo defraudemos.

LA DOCTRINA...

Calendario del Mes de Noviembre

Clases de Domingo: No hay clases el 19 y 26

Clases de los Martes: No hay clases el 21 y 28

Clases de los Miércoles: No hay clases el 22 y 29

Calendario del Mes de Diciembre

Clases de Domingo: 3, 10, 17 (No hay clases el 24 y 31)

Clases de los Martes: 5, 12, 19 (No hay clases el 26)

Clases de los Miércoles: 6, 13, 20 (No hay clases el 27)

Almuerzo con Santa



Cuando: sábado, 16 de diciembre

Lugar: Salón Parroquial

Horario: 12 Medio Día – 2:00 PM

Necesitamos donaciones para decorar galletas o tarjetas de regalos de Wal-Mart.

