



St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church Parroquia De San Juan Evangelista

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First Sunday of Advent - December 3, 2017

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church is a community of culturally diverse people called to serve God. We fulfill this mission through: celebration of the sacraments, prayer, education, stewardship & evangelization.

San Juan Evangelista Iglesia Catolica es una comunidad de personas culturalmente diversas llamadas a server a Dios. Cumplimos esta mision a traves de: la celebracion de los sacramentos, la oracion, la educacion, el servicio y la evangelizacion.

Welcome To Our Parish!

GOD HAS A DIFFERENT PLAN

We begin the season of Advent with a heartfelt call for our own repentance. We remember God's faithful love for us, and call upon God to help us to turn back. For "behold, you are angry, and we are sinful" (Isaiah 64:4). In the first reading and in the psalm, we recall God's promises and lament our unfaithfulness and our guilt. We call upon God's might and power in order to save us. With Isaiah, we ask God to "rend the heavens and come down, with the mountains quaking before you" (Isaiah 63:19).

Yes, God is faithful to us, because we are the work of God's hands. God is the potter, we are the clay. And yet, our concept of how God will come to save us is rooted in our own expectations of a warrior God who crushes mountains and thunders into our lives with great noise and glory. But God has a different plan: the Incarnation.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Advent calendars appear now in many homes, and newfangled formats are even available on line. Children have fun opening the doors and windows keyed to the days counting down to Christmas. Behind each door is a picture related to the Christmas mystery, perhaps a scripture verse or saying, but more and more these days something totally unconnected to religious life, like a small toy or a chocolate treat, appears instead. The Advent calendar is not very old as traditions go. We can trace it back to German-speaking Christians, both Protestant and Catholic. Lutherans might have originated the custom by placing chalk marks on doors starting December 1, lighting candles every day, or placing a new religious picture on the wall each day during Advent. The oldest known hand-made calendar goes back to 1851, and the first printed ones appeared in 1908 in Germany with Bible verses behind the doors. By far the most interesting calendar is a building, the town hall (*Rathaus*) of Gengenbach

in Germany's Black Forest. Every year the townspeople invite an illustrator of children's books to create twenty-four paintings or motifs for each of the twenty-four main windows of the building. Every night the people gather to see a new window opened and illuminated.

Very few commercial Advent calendars pay much attention to the core values of our liturgical calendar: the pivotal place of Sunday, the importance of Advent feasts like Saint Lucy and Saint Nicholas, and the clear shift in tone on December 17 from Advent longing and preparation toward imminent hope in Christ's coming. That kind of creativity is left up to you!

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

LIKE A CHILD

One who aspires to the grace of God must be pure, with a heart as innocent as a child's.

—St. Nicholas



Parish Information

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST PARISH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Campaign Amount	\$427,000.00
Amount Raised To Date <i>We're doing it</i>	<u>\$277,664.03</u>
Balance Remaining	\$149,335.97

Please continue to give so we can repay the entire loan.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Join us for mass on the Vigil at 6pm on Thursday, and on the Holyday on Friday at 7am, 8:30am. 12:10pm & 6pm in English and 8pm in Spanish.

ANNUAL APPEAL We are now just below the eight thousand dollar mark for the Appeal for which we thank you. But we only have 6 weeks left to raise the rest. So help us get those unpaid pledges in soon!

CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEA ~ Our parishioner, Anne McCallum, has written a book, What Birds Do And Say, which is a fun way to learn a lot about birds & a great Christmas present idea. Anne will donate all proceeds to the Special Projects Fund. She will be in the Narthex with books for sale for \$10 today and next Sunday. So please buy a book. Thank you, Anne!!

TNT (TRIED & TRUE) will meet on Friday Dec. 8 for their monthly covered dish dinner. Anyone 50 or older is welcome to bring a covered dish to share, \$1.00 per person to cover the cost of supplies & join us for good food, good talk, fun & games. Please bring Health & Comfort items to donate to a Catholic Cancer center/home.

The **African Community** is sponsoring a **RAFFLE** with a \$500 prize. Tickets are only \$5 and the drawing will be held today, Sunday, December 3rd. Tickets are on sale in the Narthex until the drawing and proceeds will go the Capital Campaign. Good luck to all ticket holders!

MEET THE PRINCIPAL for the final tour of St. John's School & experience the 3-time winner of the Blue Ribbon of Excellence on Dec 5th @ 8:30 am!

ADULT CATECHISM CLASS is right after the 10 am Mass on Sunday mornings. All, especially parents of religious education students, are welcome to meet in the St. Peter Claver Room for one hour right after the conclusion of the 10 am mass to learn more about our faith.

Weekly Offering for November 26, 2017

Weekly Goal <i>Revised 9/19/16</i>	\$11,872.00
Offertory	\$ 7,142.69
Online Giving	\$ 15.00
Difference	(\$ 4,714.31)

2017 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

Parish Goal	\$43,900.00
Amount Paid	\$36,161.25
Amount Remaining	\$ 7,738.75

277 Pledges Already Turned In

*Thank you for your pledges and for your continued support of St. John's!
Te damos gracias por tus promesas y por su apoyo continuo de San Juan!*

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Each Mass is celebrated for one special intention only. For specific dates, please send your request to the office at least **4 weeks in advance** and include your phone number. Also let us know if the mass intention is for someone Living (L) or Deceased (D). **Thank you.**

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 2

8:30am Janice & Rebecca Filla (D) ~ Gary Filla
5:00pm John Carter (D) ~ Carter Family
7:00pm **For Souls in Purgatory**

Sunday, December 3

8:00am Celestine Washington (D) ~ Elizabeth Hill
10:00am Maria Bialoglow (L) Birthday~Bialoglow Family
12:30pm **For All St. John Parishioners**

5:00pm Joe Thorpe (D) ~ Fran Thorpe
7:00pm **For All Sick Parishioners**

Monday, December 4

7:00am Linda Nguyen (L) ~ Pastor
8:30am Anthony Rubinich (L) & Family ~ Pastor

Tuesday, December 5

7:00am John Egbejimba (L) & Family ~ Pastor
8:30am Sue & Jim Yarber Anniversary ~ Sue Yarber

Wednesday, December 6

7:00am Catherine Okoro (D)
8:30am William Baker (D)
7:00pm **For All Sick Persons**

Thursday, December 7

7:00am Jose Luis Morales (D)
8:30am Nellie & Ralph Baumgartner (D) ~ Fran Thorpe

VIGIL MASS

6:00pm Ruth Casey (L) & Family

Friday, December 8

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

7:00am Joseph Misale (D) ~ Mike Misale
8:30am Tom Wolfe (D) ~ St. John School
12:10pm Grace Egbejimb (D)

6:00pm Tim & Joann Hohmann (L) & Family ~ Pastor

8:00pm **For All Parish Volunteers**

Saturday, December 9

8:30am Melvin Jones (D)
5:00pm Nhu Nguyen (D)
7:00pm **For Souls in Purgatory**

◆ **LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE** ◆

5:00 PM Saturday

Greeter/Usher
Lector

8:00 AM Sunday

Greeter/Usher
Lector

10:00 AM Sunday

Greeters/Ushers
Lector
Ministers of Communion

5:00 PM Sunday

Greeter/Usher
Lector

◆ **Church Cleaning**

Dec 9 Ladies of Peter Claver
Dec 16 Spanish Community

December 9, 2017

Rick Luteran, Nick Sauro
Marta Boulineau

December 10, 2017

Sue Yarber
Margaret Warner

December 10, 2017

Benton Walker, Sylvester Brown
Chevonne Brawner
Christina Bialoglow, John Bialoglow, Maria Bialoglow, Chevonne Brawner, Dreidra Brawner, Paricia Bullock, Sr. Jodi Creten, Rufina Ekezie, Anne McCallum

December 10, 2017

Patricia Hampton
Wanda Pierson

◆ **Altar Linens** ◆

Dec 9 Miriam Primo
Dec 16 Phillis Baker

**Thank you to all of our Volunteers.
You are the best (and most blessed) in Atlanta!**

DIOS TIENE OTRO PLAN

Comenzamos el tiempo de Adviento con un llamado sincero al arrepentimiento. Recordamos el amor fiel que Dios siente por nosotros y le pedimos que nos ayude a emprender el camino de regreso: “estabas airado porque nosotros pecábamos” (Isaías 64:4). En la primera lectura y en el salmo, recordamos las promesas de Dios y lamentamos nuestra rebeldía y nuestra culpa. Invocamos el poder de Dios para salvarnos. Con Isaías, le decimos a Dios: “Ojalá rasgaras los cielos y bajaras, estremeciendo las montañas con tu presencia” (Isaías 63:19).

Sí, Dios nos es fiel, porque somos hechura de las manos de Dios. Dios es el alfarero, nosotros el barro. Y sin embargo, nuestro concepto de cómo Dios vendrá a salvarnos se origina en nuestra expectativa de un Dios guerrero que estremece las montañas y llega a nuestra vida con ruido y gloria. Pero Dios tiene otro plan: la Encarnación.

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TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

El significado de la palabra “¡Adviento!” es muy interesante. Viene del latín y quiere decir “Allí viene” o “Ya está llegando”. Pero, ¿de quién hablamos cuando proclamamos “adviento”? ¿Del Rey de la Gloria?, ¿del Príncipe de la Paz?, ¿del Hijo del Dios Altísimo?, ¿del Salvador de Israel? Sí, sí, sí y otra vez, sí, pero más todavía del Hijo del Hombre, del niño de María. Allí viene y ya está llegando. Tenemos que estar preparados. Pero ¿cómo prepararnos para la llegada de un rey que es pobre?, ¿de un príncipe que nació entre una mula y un buey? ¿de un niño que ya es todo un hombre y además es Dios? He allí el dilema del Adviento cristiano. Es un llamado a vivir la paradoja de un tiempo que está a medias, donde el Reino de los Cielos ya existe pero no en su plenitud. Es un llamado a buscar en el templo, en el *mall*, en el barrio, en el hogar y en el propio corazón, para ver si “allí viene” el dueño de la casa. Es un llamado a estar atentos y vigilantes.

—Fray Gilberto Cavazos-GlZ, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



Llamamiento Anual del Arzobispo

Ahora estamos justo debajo de los ocho mil dólares para el llamamiento de que le damos las gracias. Pero sólo tenemos 6 semanas a la izquierda para subir el resto. De modo que pasemos esas promesas incumplidas en pronto!

Rifas

Gracias por su cooperación. Ya están a la venta los boletos de 3 microondas con 3 ganadores de solo \$5 el boleto. Rifa de un carro Dodge Journey 2017 solo \$25 el boleto. Compre el suyo HOY!

Horario de Misas

Sábado 7:00PM. Adoración al Santísimo todos los sábados después de la Misa de 7:00PM. Confesiones después de misa. Domingo misa de 12:30 PM y 7:00 PM de sanación cada 4^{to} Viernes de cada mes.

Talleres de Oración y Vida

Talleres de oración y Vida. Contactar a Antonia 404-960-6816 en Español y Rebeca 404-819-8289 en Inglés.

Reservaciones en San Juan

Para todos aquellos que ya tienen alguna reservación para quinceañera, matrimonio, etc en la Parroquia de San Juan, confirmen con la oficina los Miércoles y Jueves de 10AM a 1PM con las señoras Sagrario y Maribel. Gracias por su comprensión.

BODAS COMUNITARIAS

EL 16 de Diciembre serán las bodas comunitarias invitación a todas las parejas para recibir la bendición de el sacramento de matrimonio. Para más información por favor contactar a Sagrario 678-830-7972. Clases ya comensaron.

Catecismo

A todos los padres de familia chequen su calendario de catecismo para la próxima junta de padres. Nov. 17 Viernes 7 PM Junta de padres.

Prebautismales Y Prematrimoniales

Para información para bautismo, matrimonio, quinceañera, etc. favor de venir a la oficina parroquia los Miércoles y Jueves 10AM a 1PM horario en Español.

Grupo Elisha

Jóvenes entre los 15 - 20 años que quieran hacer parte de este proyecto de nuestra Parroquia. Nos reunimos todos los Viernes a las 6 PM en los salones del catecismo.

Grupo de Acólitos

Para todos los que quieran servir en el Altar durante las Misas en Español les recordamos que el grupo de Acólitos se reúne todos los Viernes a las 6 PM en los salones del catecismo primer piso.

Hombres de Fe

Ministerio Católico Hombres de Fe los invita a sus reuniones si está buscando perseverar y conocer más de la palabra venga cada segundo y cuarto Sábado de mes en los salones de catecismo a las 8PM.

