



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

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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph - December 31, 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!

BEARERS OF THE WORD

The Church has placed a number of notable feast days immediately after Christmas. The feasts of Stephen, John the Evangelist, and the Holy Innocents form a summary of the life lived in Christ, the Word made flesh. What do these have to do with the feast of the Holy Family, which crowns the Octave of Christmas? These feasts remind us that suffering will occur in fulfilling the mission of Christ, and that we are all called to be bearers of this Word whose birth we celebrate.

We also see this manifested in the lives of Joseph and Mary, both of whom took social and religious risks in obedience to the will of God, and both of whom were open to the word of God sent to them from on high. In these ways they prefigured the life of Jesus himself.

Most likely, few of us found ourselves at Mass this past Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, but the essence of these feasts and the essence of the holiness of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus remain central, a holiness we celebrate today.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

There's no more unusual setting to celebrate today's Feast of the Holy Family than Barcelona, Spain and the towering unfinished sandcastle known officially as the Temple Expiatori de la Sagrada Familia. In 1882, the plan was hatched to build a vast place of worship in reparation for the revolutionary and liberal leanings of the city. The modern artist Antoni Gaudi dedicated his life to the project, living in the building, attending Mass daily, and giving up his personal wealth. When people pressed him to pick up the pace, he responded, "My client is not in a hurry." (Gaudi's cause for beatification is moving along, and he could be the first professional artist and architect to be beatified.) The Spanish Civil War, a disaster for the Catholic Church in which thousands of priests, brothers, and nuns were murdered, halted work in 1935. In the 1950s work began anew, speeded up by computers in the 1980s. Still, the final stage of construction is

not due to end until 2026. If the original methods had stayed in place, it would take several hundred more years to complete the plan. So far there are eight towers, with four to go. The highest steeple is three feet shorter than the nearest hill, since the architect didn't want his work to surpass God's artistry. The three faces of the basilica each have three doors, with the faces named Passion, Nativity, and Grace. The interior is crammed with geometric figures that almost seem to spin, crazy-quilt windows, spiral staircases, and jumbles of statues and figures. Although inspired by ancient Gothic cathedrals, the style is called Expressionist, and very little is left unexpressed by the masonry. If you can't afford a visit, Sagrada Familia maintains a web site, and virtual visits are free.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 1:43-51
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20;
Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]
Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13;
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12



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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.*

ANNUAL APPEAL ~ We are now just at the three thousand five hundred dollar mark for the Appeal for which we thank you. But we only have only until Dec 31st to raise the rest. So please help us by getting all unpaid pledges in this week. Thank you for your support as we close this year's Annual Appeal!

NO ENTRANCE ~ Daly Hall will be closed for the bi-annual floor cleaning & waxing from Tuesday, December 26, 2017 until Thursday morning, January 4, 2018. No activities will be allowed in Daly Hall/ Cafeteria or the Kitchen. No one will be allowed to enter either space for any reason. We ask your cooperation while the floor work is being done.

The Office of Intercultural and Ethnic Diversity invites you to participate in our **MLK JR. CELEBRATION** on Jan. 14, 20-21, 2018. This year's theme is "Live in Peace, and the God of Love and Peace Will Be With You" (2 Corinthians 13:11). Our events will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the assassination of Dr. King and will begin on Sunday, January 14, with the Young Adult "Service and Sips" Brunch and Service Opportunity beginning at 2:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 25 Boulevard NE, in Atlanta. On Saturday, January 20, at 1:00 p.m., the Eucharistic Celebration will take place at the Catholic Shrine of the Immaculate Conception Church, 48 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. SW, Atlanta. Archbishop Wilton Gregory will be the principal celebrant. Our archdiocesan events will conclude with the Youth Celebration at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 21, at St. Peter Claver Regional Catholic School, 2560 Tilson Road, Decatur. *Guests to all events are invited to bring canned goods, clothing or cleaning products for donation to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Georgia.* For more information about the 2018 MLK Jr. Celebration, please contact Mr. Ashley Morris, Associate Director of the Office of Intercultural and Ethnic Diversity, at amorris@archatl.com or 404-920-7586.

Weekly Offering for December 24, 2017

Weekly Goal <i>Revised 9/19/16</i>	\$11,872.00
Offertory	\$ 8,316.84
Online Giving	\$ 55.00
Difference	(\$ 3,500.16)

2017 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

Parish Goal	\$43,900.00
Amount Paid	\$40,366.25
Amount Remaining	\$ 3,533.78

286 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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 Office Hours: Mon-Fri 7:30am-3:30pm Phone 404-767-4312
 Website: www.sjec.org



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 30 8:30am Nhu Nguyen (D) ~ Pastor 5:00pm Mercedes Walker (D) ~ Pastor 7:00pm For Souls in Purgatory	Wednesday, January 3 7:00am Peter Nguyen Dinh Huy (D) ~ Xuan Tran 8:30am For Souls in Purgatory ~ Trinh Nguyen 7:00pm For All Sick Persons
Sunday, December 31 8:00am Janice Filla (D) ~ Gary Filla 10:00am Rufina Ekezie & Family ~ Rufina Ekezie 12:30pm For All St. John Parishioners 5:00pm Peter Nguyen Dinh Huy (D) ~ Xuan Tran	Thursday, January 4 7:00am Linda Nguyen (L) ~ Pastor 8:30am For Souls in Purgatory ~ Trinh Nguyen
Monday, January 1 10:00am Nneke Anachebe (L) Birthday ~ Nneke Anachebe 12:30pm For Our Beloved Dead	Friday, January 5 7:00am Huang Dung (D) ~ Trinh Nguyen 8:30am Tim & Joanne Hohmann (L) & Family ~ Pastor
Tuesday, January 2 7:00am Frank Danchetz (D) ~ Pastor 8:30am Deceased Delta Airline Employees ~ Carol Simmons	Saturday, January 6 8:30am For Souls In Purgatory ~ Trinh Nguyen 5:00pm Lucille Gunter (D) ~ Pastor 7:00pm For Souls in Purgatory

◆ **LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE** ◆

5:00 PM Saturday Greeter/Usher Lector	January 6, 2018 Rick Luteran, Nick Sauro Carla Ross
8:00 AM Sunday Greeter/Usher Lector	January 7, 2018 Sue Yarber Wendrell Morton
10:00 AM Sunday Greeters/Ushers Lector Ministers of Communion	January 7, 2018 Benton Walker, Sylvester Brown Oluwarotimi Deen-Abudu Victoria Agu, Lerma Anderson, Cathy Asemota, Solomon Asem Asemota, Christine Bialoglow, Valencia White, Sue Yarber, Bernice Zellner
5:00 PM Sunday Greeter/Usher Lector	January 7, 2018 Patricia Hampton Vernella Joseph

◆ Church Cleaning	◆ Altar Linens ◆
Jan 13 Ladies of Peter Claver	Jan 13 Tuyet Nguyen
Jan 20 Spanish Community	Jan 20 Tammy Ruppel

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

PORTADORES DE LA PALABRA

La Iglesia ha puesto unos cuantos días de fiesta notables enseguida después de la Navidad. Las fiestas de Esteban, Juan el Bautista y los Santos Inocentes forman un sumario de la vida vivida en Cristo, la Palabra hecha carne. ¿Qué relación tienen estas fiestas con la fiesta de la Sagrada Familia, que corona la Octava de la Navidad? Estas fiestas nos recuerdan que habrá sufrimiento al tratar de cumplir la misión de Cristo, y que estamos todos llamados a ser portadores de esta Palabra cuyo nacimiento celebramos.

También vemos la manifestación de esta verdad en las vidas de José y María, quienes se exponen a riesgos sociales y religiosos para obedecer la voluntad de Dios, y estaban abiertos a la Palabra que Dios les enviaba del cielo. Así ambos fueron prefigurados de Jesús.

Es muy probable que muy pocos de nosotros fuimos a la misa del jueves, el viernes o el sábado pasado, pero la esencia de estas fiestas y la esencia de la santidad de José, María y Jesús es central, santidad que celebramos hoy.

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TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

¡Año nuevo, vida nueva! El día primero de enero, mientras muchos celebran las cábalas y cabañuelas de un año nuevo, los cristianos conmemoramos a quien dio a luz al autor de la vida. María, bajo el título de Madre de Dios, es como nosotros deseamos celebrar la esperanza de un año nuevo, vida nueva!

El Concilio de Éfeso en el año 431 declaró a María como la *Theotokos*; la que “carga a Dios”. Este dogma tiene que ver más con el Hijo que con la madre y fue proclamado para afirmar que Jesucristo “desde toda la eternidad fue Dios”. Continúa la doctrina y afirma “Así como toda madre humana, no es solamente madre del cuerpo humano sino de la persona, así María dio a luz a una persona, Jesucristo, quien es Dios y hombre, entonces Ella es la Madre de Dios”.

¡Ésta sí que es vida nueva! Dios nace como ser humano y el ser humano carga a Dios. Gracias a Dios, todo ser humano puede ser como María *Theotokos* y cargar a Dios en su corazón. ¡Feliz Año Nuevo!

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

Mis ojos han visto a tu Salvador, al que has preparado para bien de todos los pueblos. —*Lucas 2:30-31*



Llamamiento Anual del Arzobispo

Ahora estamos justo en los tres mil cien dólares para el llamamiento de que le damos las gracias. Pero sólo tenemos sólo hasta el 31 de Diciembre para subir el resto. Así que por favor ayúdanos obteniendo todas las contribuciones pendientes de pago en esta semana. Gracias por su apoyo al cierre de este año del Llamamiento Anual!

Rifas

Gracias por su cooperación. Ya están a la venta los boletos de 3 microondas con 3 ganadores de solo \$5 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.

Prebautismales Y Prematrimoniales

Para información para bautismo, matrimonio, quinceñera, 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 están buscando perseverar y conocer más de la palabra venga cada segundo y cuarto Sábado de mes en los salones de catecismo a las 8PM.



Ninguna Entrada ~ Daly Hall estará cerrada para el bi-anual y limpieza de piso encerado de Martes, 26 de Diciembre de 2017 hasta la mañana del Jueves, 4 de Enero de 2018. Las actividades no serán permitidas en Daly Hall/café o la cocina. No será permitido entrar espacio para cualquier razón. Solicitamos su colaboración, mientras que el piso se está realizando el trabajo.