



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

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Second Sunday of Advent ~ December 9, 2018 ~ Segundo Domingo de Adviento

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! ~ Bienvenido a Nuestra Parroquia!

AWAITING THE SALVATION OF GOD

The world does not seem big enough to contain the jubilation of the first reading. In the Gospel reading, the Roman empire isn't big enough, either. The great powers of Rome are named and made to stand waiting for the arrival of God's salvation. And we find Paul meditating joyfully on what really matters.

According to Baruch, the city of Jerusalem is like a person standing on tiptoe looking for God's salvation, which is coming from the east. Those who were led away on foot, heads down, now come back, a proud people. Why, the very way is smoothed out. The path is lined with fragrant, lush trees.

It can't get any better than this, can it? Well, yes, it can. For a voice calls out in the desert. Here is the beginning of the salvation of God.

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Second Sunday of Advent

God has commanded
 that every lofty mountain be made low.
 — Baruch 5:7

ALA ESPERA DE LA SALVACIÓN DE DIOS

El mundo no parece tan grande como para contener el alborozo que causa la primera lectura. En la lectura del Evangelio, el Imperio Romano tampoco es lo suficientemente grande. Los grandes poderes de Roma se designan y se hacen esperar por la salvación de Dios. Y encontramos a Pablo que medita gozosamente en lo que importa, en lo que realmente cuenta.

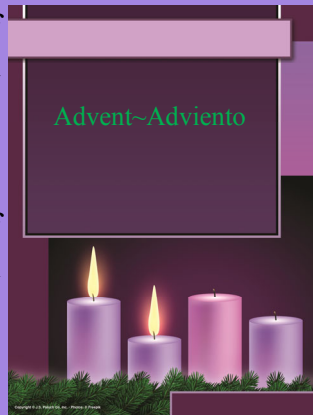
De acuerdo con Baruc, la ciudad de Jerusalén es como una persona que en puntillas espera la salvación de Dios, que viene del Este. Los que fueron llevados a pie, con la cabeza gacha, regresan ahora orgullosos. Todo el camino está pavimentado. Al lado del camino hay árboles fragantes y frondosos.

No puede haber algo mejor que eso, ¿no es así? Bueno, sí puede haber algo mejor. Porque una voz grita en el desierto. Aquí comienza la salvación de Dios.

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Segundo Domingo de Adviento

Dios ha ordenado que se abajen todas las montañas y todas las colinas, que se rellenen todos los valles hasta aplanar la tierra.
 — Baruch 5:7



Parish Information

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST PARISH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Campaign Amount	\$427,000.00
Amount Raised To Date <i>We're doing it</i>	\$339,386.48
Balance Remaining	\$ 87,613.52

Please continue to give so we can **repay** the **entire** loan.
 Por favor sigan dando así podemos reembolsar la totalidad del préstamo.

Weekly Offering for December 2, 2018

Attendance	Weekly Goal	<i>Revised 9/19/16</i>	\$11,872.00
83	7 PM Wednesday		\$ 108.00
76	5 PM Saturday		\$ 2,036.10
135	7 PM Saturday		\$ 385.76
98	8AM Sunday		\$ 1,422.60
197	10AM Sunday		\$ 1,724.75
345	12:30PM Sunday		\$ 1,379.55
137	7 PM Sunday		\$ 439.00
Miscellaneous Split Check			\$ 1,545.00
Online Giving			\$ 105.00
Offertory Total			\$ 9,145.76
Difference			(\$ 2,726.24)
Total Special Projects			\$ 2,237.23

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Please join us for our Advent Penance Service on **Monday (tomorrow), January 10**. We will begin in the church at 7:00 pm with a bi-lingual prayer service followed by the sacrament of Reconciliation. Priests will be available to hear confession in English, Spanish and Vietnamese. We invite everyone to take time to prepare for the coming of Our Lord by making ready their inner most selves for Jesus' birth. "Prepare ye the way!"

Dr. Martin Luther King Celebration

2019 Theme: *"If One Member Suffers, All Suffer Together; If One Member Is Honored, All Rejoice Together."*
 (1 Corinthians 12:26)

Please join the Office for and Ethnic and Intercultural Diversity for the 2019 Annual MLK Eucharistic Celebration which will be held on Saturday, January 19th at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. As you know this is a wonderful celebration with outstanding music and a fine reception after the mass. Please mark the date on your calendar and watch for more details next week. We ask your support for the St. Vincent de Paul Society and hope that you will bring a canned item or non-perishable food item with you to the celebration.



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
 LAS INTENCIONES PARA LA MISA**

Saturday, December 8

8:30am Lawrence Helbringer (D) ~ Pawlik Family
 5:00pm Lorenzo Ninh Q. Huy (D) ~ Ninh Family
 7:00pm **For All Souls In Purgatory**

Sunday, December 9

8:00am Dr. & Mrs. Joseph Mgbemena (L) & Family Safe Trip ~ Dr. Josep Mgbemena
 10:00am Omoruyi Asemota Ogiamien (D) ~ Asemota Family
 12:30pm **For All St. John Parishioners**
 7:00pm **For All Sick Parishioners**

Monday, December 10

7:00am Lorenzo Ninh Q. Minh (D) ~ Ninh Family
 8:30am Walter Thomsa (D) ~ Geneva Thomas

Tuesday, December 11

7:00am Maria Nguyen T. Nep (D) ~ Ninh Family
 8:30am Edwina Broussard (D) ~ Pastor

Wednesday, December 12

7:00am Lorenzo Ninh V. Mui (D) ~ Ninh Family
 8:30am Jim Yarber (D) ~ Sue Yarber
 7:00pm **For All Sick Persons**

Thursday, December 13

7:00am Joseph Misale (D) ~ Mike Misale
 8:30am Norma Mason (D) for Ashley Morris ~ Pastor

Friday, December 14

7:00am Dot Danchetz (L) on her Birthday~ Pastor
 8:30am Margaret Dean Richardson (D) ~ Mary Dean

Saturday, December 15

8:30am Lorenzo Ninh Q. Minh (D) ~ Ninh Family
 5:00pm Ava Brooks (D) ~ Maria Brooks
 7:00pm **For All Souls In Purgatory**



Cada Misa se celebra por una intención especial solamente. En determinadas fechas, por favor envíe su petición a la oficina al menos 4 semanas de anticipación e incluir su número de teléfono. También déjenos saber si la intención es masivo para alguien que vive (V) o fallecidos (F).
 Gracias.

**2018 Archbishop's Annual Appeal
 Llamamiento Anual del Arzobispo 2018**

Parish Goal	\$41,000.00
Amount Paid	\$39,555.31
Amount Remaining	\$ 1,444.69

239 Pledges already turned in

*This year's theme: Go Therefore And Make Disciples
 El tema de este año: Vayan Pues Y Hagan Discipulos*

*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!*

◆ **LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE** ◆

5:00 PM Saturday **December 15, 2018**
 Greeters/Ushers Nick Sauro, Rick Luteran
 Bogie Wallace
 Lector Marta Boulineau

8:00 AM Sunday **December 16, 2018**
 Greeters/Ushers Todd Hausman, Extra Rivers,
 Mark Tursich,
 Lector Margaret Warner

10:00 AM Sunday **December 16, 2018**
 Greeters/Ushers Bob Anderson, Sylvester Brown,
 Jude Iuwala
 Lector Ngozi Anachebe
 Ministers of Lerma Anderson, Cahty Asemota,
 Communion Solomon Asemota, Christina
 Bialoglow, Maria Bialoglow,
 Patricia Bullock, Teresita Saethang,
 Valencia White, Bernice Zellner.

◆ **Church Cleaning** ◆
 December 22 ~ Spanish Community
 December 29 ~ St. John's Parents

◆ **Altar Linens** ◆
 December 22 ~ Tuyet Nguyen
 December 29 ~ Tammy Ruppel

*Thank you to all of our Volunteers.
 The best and most blessed in Atlanta!*

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**St. John the Evangelist Pew Campaign**

We have a pew campaign for additional pews in the Sanctuary. We are asking for donations to have a pew or pew section dedicated in honor or in memory of a family member or loved one or donated by different ministries or others who would like to donate to our campaign.

Donation amounts requested:  
 For a full 5 section pew \$1,000.00 (or \$250.00 per section).  
 For a full 3 section pew (pews in front of the Day Chapel) \$500.00 (or \$250.00 per section). For your donation two 2" X 4" plates will be engraved with your message (one on each end of a pew or on each section).

Names and relationship will be placed with your information. All pew dedications will be on a first come first served basis. All pews will remain the property of St. John the Evangelist and neither donations, dedications nor plated engravings give dedicated or priority seating privileges in a pew. Amounts raised over the cost of additional pews will be added to the Special Project funds, not the Capital Campaign funds.

**MINISTRIES**

Parish Council  
 Sheila Appling ~ Sappling76@yahoo.com  
 St. Vincent De Paul  
 Carla Ross ~ 404-766-3944  
 Food Pantry on Tuesday  
 Call 404-766-3944 on Tuesday  
 From 10:30am – 12:30pm  
 For appointment for Financial Assistance  
 Prison Ministry  
 Deacon Dick Tolcher ~ rtolcher@archatl.com  
 Religious Education  
 Daphny Keel ~ dapkee@msn.com  
 Respect Life  
 Jean Hess ~ 404-808-4256  
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 Bob Anderson ~ ander11178@comcast.net  
 Knights of Peter Claver  
 John Brown ~ brow5161@gmail.com  
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 Baptism  
 Nick Goodly ~ ninjgoodly@aol.com  
 Sacristan  
 Sue Yarber ~ syarber@comcast.net  
 AACCW  
 Patricia Hampton ~ pchampton@comcast.net  
 Music  
 Phillis Baker ~ 404-768-5647 Ext 211  
 Carla DeBord & Erica Deloney

**Parish Office:** 230 Arnold St., Hapeville, GA 30354  
 Regular Office Hours: Tues - Fri 9:00 am to 2:00 pm  
 Phone 404-768-5647/Fax 404-767-6416  
 Website: www.stjohnevangelist.net

**School Office:** 240 Arnold St., Hapeville, GA 30354  
 Office Hours: Mon-Fri 7:30am-3:30pm  
 Phone 404-767-4312  
 Website: www.sjecs.org ~ Mrs. Karen Vogtner, Principal

**Time and Talent Opportunities**

We are looking to expand our ministries that help us to clean our sacred church space and to clean our sacramental linens. If you have a couple of hours on a Saturday once every two months to help clean the church or if you would like to wash and iron the altar linens once every two months (we'll show you what to do) please contact Sue Yarber after mass to let her know you're interested. You can also call the office and leave your phone number and email (if you have one) and we will gladly put you on the upcoming schedule for 2019. We can really use your help and the church will look cared for because of your loving attention. *Thank you.*

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Le invitamos a apoyar nuestros anunciantes en la última página del boletín. Hágales saber que usted es miembro de San Juan cuando usted utiliza sus servicios!

**MASS TIMES*****Weekend Masses/Misas Fin de Semana:***

Saturday Vigil/Sábado 4pm (E), 7 pm (S)

*Adoracion al Santisimo todos los sabados después de la Misa de 7:00PM. Confesiones despues de misa.*  
*Adoration and confession after 7:00 PM Mass.*

Sunday/Domingo 8am, 10am  
 Spanish/Español 12:30pm,  
 7pm

***Weekday Masses/Misas Diarias:***

Saturday/Sábado 8:30am  
 Monday-Friday/Lunes-Vie 7am, 8:30am  
 Spanish/Wednesdays/Miércoles 7pm

***Confessions/Confesiones:***

Saturdays/Sábados 9am and 3pm

***Monthly/Last Friday:***

Spanish 7:00pm

**Misa de unción de los enfermos**Cada cuarto Viernes - 7 pm.**Healing mass**Every fourth Friday -7pm.**Asamblea**

Grupo de evangelizacion los invita a la asamblea general cada segundo viernes del mes 8pm.

**General Assembly**

Evangelism Group invites you to the General Assembly every second Friday of the month at 8pm in the Sanctuary.

**Prebautismales Y Prematrimoniales**

Para informacion para bautismo, matrimonio, quinceñera, etc. favor de venir a la oficina parroquia los Miercoles 10AM a 1PM horario en Espanol. Póngase en contacto con Nick considerable en Ninjgoodly@aol.com bautismo para clases de Inglés.

**Prebaptism and Premarital**

For information for baptisms, marriage, quinceñeras, etc. please come to the parish office on Wednesdays from 10AM to 1PM for assistance in Spanish. Contact Nick Goodly at ninjgoodly@aol.com for baptism classes in English.

**Grupo de Adolescentes Parroquial**

Jóvenes entre los 14 - 19 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.

**Parish Youth Group**

Youth between the ages of 14 - 19 years are invited who want to be part of this project of our Parish meet every Friday at 6 PM in the parish office.

**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.

**Altar Servers**

For all those who want to serve on the Altar during Mass in Spanish we remind you that the group of acolytes meets every Friday at 6 PM in the Parish Office on the first floor.

**Hombres de Fe**

Ministerio Catolico Hombres de Fe los invita a sus reuniones si esta buscando perseverar y conoser mas de la palabra venga cada segunda y cuarto Sabado de mes en los salones de catesismo a las 8PM. No ministerios "grupo" de hombres que intentar vivir mas profundamente su fe y buscan una relacion mas profunda con Jesu Cristo.

**Men of Faith**

Ministry of Catholic Men ~ Men of Faith are invited to these meetings. If you're looking to persevere and know more about the Word, come each second and fourth Saturday of the month to the catechism classrooms in the Parish office at 8PM. This is not just a ministry, it is also a group of men who try to live their faith more deeply and seek a more intense relationship with Jesus Christ.

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Look around most Catholic churches, and you will discover an image of John the Baptist, often in the old baptistry, or in a window near where the font is or was located. He has two feast days in the calendar: one commemorating his birth, and the other his death. There are only three nativities in our calendar: for Jesus, for Mary, and for the Baptist. John's birthday is reckoned according to the schedule given in Luke's Gospel of the angel's announcement to Mary. The angel tells her that her cousin Elizabeth is in the sixth month of pregnancy, and so Mary hastens to help her. Reckoning Christmas as December 25, we count backwards nine months to March 25 for the Feast of the Annunciation. Then we count forward three months to June 24 for John the Baptist's birth. Halfway to Christmas, his nativity gives ample reason for rejoicing in the summer, and his symbols of fire and water are used playfully in bonfires and dives into the sea. Even at the polar opposite of Christmas in the calendar, the energy of Christ's birth in the Incarnation provides cause for rejoicing.

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26  
 Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14  
 Wednesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712  
 Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15  
 Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19  
 Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13  
 Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent  
 Monday: International Human Rights Day  
 Tuesday: St. Damasus I  
 Wednesday: Our Lady of Guadalupe  
 Thursday: St. Lucy  
 Friday: St. John of the Cross

## RICHES

Riches are the instrument of all vices, because they render us capable of putting even our worst desires into execution.

—St. Ambrose

## YET TO DO

One never notices what has been done; one can only see what remains to be done.

—Marie Curie

## TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

En 1726, Juan de la Cruz (1542-1591) fue canonizado por el Papa Benito XIII. Nació en la región de Castilla en España, este doctor de la Iglesia junto con Teresa de Ávila fue reformador de la Orden Carmelita. Muchas órdenes religiosas del siglo XV sufrieron grandes decadencias. Por eso mientras los protestantes se separaban de la Iglesia, los religiosos descalzos, recoletos y observantes buscaban reformar órdenes religiosas, como la Orden de la Bienaventurada Virgen María del Monte Carmelo, uniéndose siempre más a la Iglesia romana.

Para los reformadores católicos quedarse en la Iglesia no fue fácil, ¡sin embargo se quedaron! Aunque sus reformas fueron apoyadas por los Papas, muchos de ellos como Juan de la Cruz tuvieron que aguantar muchas oposiciones y persecuciones para lograr sus reformas. Estas reformas ardían con el deseo de amar bien a Cristo Jesús y a su cuerpo que es la Iglesia.

En sus poesías, Juan de la Cruz muestra la fuerza de esta llama de amor vivo a pesar de la oscuridad de la noche que no lo deja encontrar al amante (Dios).

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

## LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Is 35:1-10; Sal 85 (84):9-14; Lc 5:17-26  
 Martes: Is 40:1-11; Sal 96 (95):1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14  
 Miércoles: Zac 2:14-17 o Apo 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lc 1:26-3 o Lc 1:39-47, o cualquier lectura del Común de la Santísima Virgen María, nos. 707-712  
 Jueves: Is 41:13-20; Sal 145 (144):1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15  
 Viernes: Is 48:17-19; Sal 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19  
 Sábado: Eclo 48:1-4, 9-11; Sal 80 (79):2ac, 3b, 15-16, Mt 17:9a, 10-13  
 Domingo: Sof 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Fil 4:4-7; Lc 3:10-18

## LOS SANTOS Y OTRAS CELEBRACIONES

Domingo: Segundo Domingo del Adviento  
 Lunes: Día Internacional de los Derechos Humanos  
 Martes: San Dámaso I  
 Miércoles: Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe  
 Jueves: Santa Lucía  
 Viernes: San Juan de la Cruz

## RIQUEZAS

Las riquezas son la causa de todos los vicios, porque nos hacen capaces de poner en práctica aún nuestros peores deseos.

—San Ambrosio

## LO QUE FALTA

Uno nunca se da cuenta de lo que ya hizo; sólo se fija en lo que falta por hacer.

—Marie Curie