



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

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Third Sunday of Advent ~ December 16, 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!

REJOICE!

Today has traditionally been called “Gaudete Sunday.” The Latin tag is derived from Paul’s appeal in the second reading to “rejoice always in the Lord,” and the Latin Mass text based on that reading. The irony and paradox of this Christian joy is underlined by the fact that Paul wrote those words in prison. But from there he could see the progress of God’s work.

Is it obvious to us? We feel that this is not the time for joy when there is so much suffering and moral evil. It is interesting, then, that the first reading is from the prophet Zephaniah, who is almost exclusively concerned with gloomy visions of Judgment Day. Today the Church selects the only optimistic text in Zephaniah, in which the prophet has been touched by the spirit of joy.

This, we are assured on all sides, is “the season of joy.” Let us recapture that feeling of joy in our lives and reflect it to those who are joyless.

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Third Sunday of Advent

The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst,
you have no further misfortune to fear.

— Zephaniah 3:15b

¡REGOCÍJATE!

El día de hoy se le ha llamado tradicionalmente “Domingo *Gaudete*” o de la “Alegría”. El nombre latino se deriva de la petición de Pedro en la segunda lectura de “alégrense siempre en el Señor”, y del texto de la Misa en latín en el que está basada esta lectura. La ironía y paradoja de esta alegría cristiana se manifiesta en el hecho que Pablo escribió esas palabras en la prisión. Pero desde allí podía ver el progreso de la obra de Dios.

¿Nos parece obvio a nosotros? Sentimos que este no es un tiempo para la alegría cuando hay tanto sufrimiento e inmoralidad. Es interesante, entonces, que la primera lectura sea del profeta Sofonías, que está casi exclusivamente preocupado con sombrías visiones del Día del Juicio. Hoy la Iglesia selecciona la única parte optimista de Sofonías, donde el profeta es tocado por el espíritu del gozo.

Esta es, se nos asegura en todas partes, “la temporada de la alegría”. Recuperemos ese espíritu de alegría en nuestra vida y que se refleje en los que no tienen ese gozo.

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Tercer Domingo de Adviento

El Señor sera el rey de Israel en medio de ti
y ya no temerás ningún mal.

— Sofonías 3:15b



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 9, 2018

Attendance	Weekly Goal	<i>Revised 9/19/16</i>	\$11,872.00
83	7 PM Wednesday		\$ 173.00
95	10 PM Friday		\$ 277.25
77	8:30 AM Saturday		\$ 608.00
76	4 PM Saturday		\$ 522.25
120	7 PM Saturday		\$ 326.63
104	8AM Sunday		\$ 874.00
163	10 AM Sunday		\$ 1,776.22
285	12:30PM Sunday		\$ 1,384.15
143	7 PM Sunday		\$ 518.75
	Miscellaneous Split Check		\$ 97.50
	Online Giving		\$ 105.00
	Offertory Total		\$ 6,662.75
	Difference		(\$ 5,209.25)
	Special Projects Collection		\$ 681.49

Decorate The Sanctuary For Christmas

Please join us on Friday, December 21st when we will decorate the church and put up the Christmas trees beginning at 9 am. Then on Monday, December 24th we will finish decorating from 9 am to 12 pm. We really need your help both days and all are welcome to join in the fun!

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. 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 starting at 1:00 pm at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, 48 MLK Jr. Dr, SW. Atlanta, GA 30303. Archbishop Wilton Gregory will be the principle celebrant. Please mark the date on your calendar and join with this annual liturgy. 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 15

8:30am Lorenzo Ninh Q. Minh (D) ~ Ninh Family
 4:00pm Ava Brooks (D) ~ Maria Brooks
 7:00pm **For All Souls In Purgatory**

Sunday, December 16

8:00am Louise and Wayne Shaw (D) ~ Shaw Family
 10:00am Omoruyi Asemota Ogiamen (D) ~ Asemota Family
 12:30pm **For All St. John Parishioners**
 7:00pm **For All Sick Parishioners**

Monday, December 17

7:00am Maria Nguyen T. Nep (D) ~ Ninh Family
 8:30am Johnny B. Thomas (D) ~ Geneva Thomas

Tuesday, December 18

7:00am Lorenzo Ninh Q. Huy (D) ~ Ninh Family
 8:30am Linda Nguyen (L) ~ Pastor

Wednesday, December 19

7:00am Lorenzo Ninh Q. Minh (D) ~ Ninh Family
 8:30am Rufina Ekezie (L) ~ Rufina Ekezie
 7:00pm **For All Sick Persons**

Thursday, December 20

7:00am Maria Nguyen T. Nep (D) ~ Ninh Family
 8:30am Rosaline Nwaigwe (L) ~ Rufina Ekezie

Friday, December 21

7:00am Lorenzo Ninh V. Mui (D) ~ Ninh Family
 8:30am Joe Thorpe (D) ~ Fran Thorpe

Saturday, December 22

8:30am Lorenzo Ninh Q. Huy (D) ~ Ninh Family
 4:00pm 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	\$40,310.31
Amount Remaining	\$ 689.69

242 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 22, 2018
 Greeters/Ushers Nick Sauro, Rick Luteran
 Bogie Wallace
 Lector Grace Cox

8:00 AM Sunday December 23, 2018
 Greeters/Ushers Todd Hausman, Extra Rivers,
 Mark Tursich,
 Lector Willis Collins

10:00 AM Sunday December 23, 2018
 Greeters/Ushers Bob Anderson, Sylvester Brown,
 Jude Iuwala
 Lector Gail Almond
 Ministers of Christina Bialoglow, Rufina
 Communion Ekezie, Anne McCallum, Robert
 Mize, Tuyet Nguyen, Valencia
 White, Sue Yarber

◆ **Church Cleaning** ◆
 December 29 ~ St. John's Parents
 January 5 ~ Ladies of Peter Claver

◆ **Altar Linens** ◆
 December 29 ~ Tammy Ruppel
 January 5 ~ Phillis Baker

*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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 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.sjec.org ~ Mrs. Karen Vogtner, Principal

Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers Needed

We are also looking for Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers for the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day masses. Please see the sheets in the Narthex and sign up if you are available for any of the masses. It will be an honor to have you share your gifts with us at this most precious time of the year. *Thank you.*

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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.*

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

Years ago, the trick question on religion quizzes would be to name all the liturgical colors, or the colors of the vestments worn at Mass. Rose is a color seldom seen, used at most two days a year. Today, “Gaudete Sunday,” is one of those days. The name of the day is drawn from an opening verse in the old Latin Mass texts: *Gaudete* is Latin for “Rejoice!” This year’s Gospel certainly reflects that mood as Elizabeth feels her infant within her leaping for joy at the presence of Mary. Mary’s visit to her aged cousin is an act of compassion between women, as two kinswomen who are bearing children into the world share their joy.

Some churches retain the custom of having the priest wear rose vestments today, and many will use a rose candle in the Advent wreath. Violet is the official color for Advent and Lent, but many parishes employ different hues for each season, trying to keep them distinct. In medieval times, dye was costly, and poor parishes used unornamented plain cloth for vestments. Dyes were expensive and some colors, particularly purple, difficult to achieve. In England, purple dye was made from mollusks, yielding at best a deep indigo or blue and not the desired violet. Thus, the color of Advent in the British Isles has long been a deep blue, reminding many people of Mary’s presence at the heart of the Advent mystery. That theology is largely unplanned: it’s all because of the clams!

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
 Tuesday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
 Wednesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
 Thursday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38
 Friday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
 Saturday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
 Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent;
Las Posadas begins
 Tuesday: International Migrants Day
 Friday: St. Peter Canisius; Winter begins

IMPRESSIONABLE

A child’s life is like a piece of paper on which every passerby leaves a mark.

—Ancient Chinese proverb

WITNESSES

Our actions are the best witnesses of our thoughts.

—Anonymous

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Los cristianos latinos tenemos unos cinco siglos en nuestra trayectoria de fe y como todo cristiano aguardamos la segunda venida del Mesías, Jesús. Nuestra espera forma parte de dos milenios de cristianos que buscan verlo llegar en las nubes.

Desde el siglo VII la oración oficial de la Iglesia clama el retorno de Cristo con las exclamaciones llamadas las “Antífonas Oh”. Estas llaman a Jesús pidiéndole que venga bajo los títulos de Emmanuel, Sabiduría celestial, Señor de gran poder, Vara de Isaí, Llave de David, Alba de la luz, y Deseo y Rey de gentes, y algunos más. Estos refranes se usan aún todavía hoy durante los días 17 al 23 de diciembre, y unidas en un acróstico latino forman las palabras *ero cras* (estaré mañana), como respuesta a la petición cristiana. Eventualmente en el siglo X o XI estas antífonas fueron unidas en el canto gregoriano *Veni, veni Emmanuel* (Oh ven, oh ven Emmanuel).

Este adviento mientras cantamos las antiguas antífonas hay que preguntarnos si de veras estamos listos para el regreso del Hijo del Hombre que viene para juzgar a vivos y muertos.

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

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Sal 72 (71):1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
 Martes: Jer 23:5-8; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
 Miércoles: Jue 13:2-7, 24-25a; Sal 71 (70):3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lc 1:5-25
 Jueves: Is 7:10-14; Sal 24 (23):1-6; Lc 1:26-38
 Viernes: Cant 2:8-14 o Sof 3:14-18a; Sal 33 (32):2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lc 1:39-45
 Sábado: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lc 1:46-56
 Domingo: Mi 5:1-4a; Sal 80 (81):2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lc 1:39-45

LOS SANTOS Y OTRAS CELEBRACIONES

Domingo: Tercer Domingo de Adviento;
 Las Posadas comienzan
 Martes: Día Internacional del Emigrante
 Viernes: San Pedro Canisio; Invierno

IMPRESIONABLE

La vida de un niño es como un pedazo de papel en el que cada transúnte deja una marca.

—Proverbio antiguo chino

TESTIMONIOS

Nuestras acciones son el mejor testimonio de nuestros pensamientos.

—Anónimo