

Second Sunday of Advent
December 4, 2011

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a
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St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Our Mission

St. John the Baptist Catholic Community, inspired by the Spirit of Christ, reaches out, educates, helps and nurtures all people, as we worship and serve Our Heavenly Father.

All are Welcome Parishioners, New Members, Visitors and Guests:

Thank you for joining our worshipping community. Please stop by our parish office to register and let us know if we can be of assistance.

Sunday Mass

English:

7:30am, 10:00am, 6:30pm

Spanish: 12:00 noon

Saturday Vigil Mass

5:30pm

Daily Mass-Summer

Monday - Saturday

8:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

4:00-5:00 Sat. or by appointment

Adoration Chapel

Open 24 hours for prayer. Call the office for the code.

Parish Office

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"PREPARE A WORTHY DWELLING"

Dear brothers and sisters,

Greetings of a Holy Season of Advent to you and your loved ones.

Thank you for welcoming the New Roman Missal and new language with open minds and joyful, patient hearts. There were a few people that came to me and said, "I remember praying some of those prayers in Latin, and it is so great, especially the response, "And with your Spirit." As for me, it brought some nervous memories of my first Mass soon after my ordination and I know it will take some time for me to get used to the way the text is written, the clauses and the long sentences. There is no doubt that the prayers are rich, deep in reflection and powered by sacred scripture and theology.

Thank you for welcoming the new liturgical year and the new season of Advent which will lead to the celebration of Christmas. This year we have four complete weeks of Advent, and Christmas will be celebrated on a Sunday. As I write this message, we are in the middle of the first week of Advent and Christmas will be here before we know it. So, how can we better prepare for a more meaningful Christmas during this time of Advent? Our parish Advent theme, "Prepare a Worthy Dwelling", can be used as help to keep us focused during this advent season and prepare for a true Christmas. Advent is a time of waiting apart from all that distracts us at this time of the year, and to reflect on how John the Baptist, Mary and Joseph prepared themselves for the incarnate birth of our Savior. Advent is a time of arrival of our Savior Jesus Christ who God sent into the world to offer us salvation and redemption, a promise God made to our fathers Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and constantly reminded His people of His love for them and us.

This Season of Advent offers us various opportunities to prepare a worthy dwelling. Listed in this bulletin are the acts of love and charity that you can do in the coming days. Next week we will have about seven confessors to help us prepare a holy place in our hearts and spirits for the Lord. Let us heed the invitations to grow deeper in faith and transform our spiritual life in Christ.

Happy Advent and many blessings on our SJB family.

Rev. Maxy D'Costa
Pastor



Calendar for the Week

Monday, December 5

Mass	8:30am	Church
After School Care	3:15-6:00	Daycare Rm
Beginners	6:43pm	Parish Center
Spanish Prayer Grp	7:00pm	Church
AlaTeen/AA/Alanon	7:30pm	Parish Center

Tuesday, December 6

Mass	8:30am	Church
Good Grief Group	10:00am	Saalfeld
After School Care	3:15-6:00pm	Daycare Rm
RCIA	7:00pm	Saal/Cafe/LL/TR
St. Vincent de Paul	7:00pm	Church
Rosary	7:00pm	Church

Wednesday, December 7

Mass	8:30am	Church
Staff Meeting	9:30am	Jordan
Pinochle	1-4pm	Saalfeld
After School Care	2:15-6:00	Daycare Rm
Religious Education	5:30pm	Parish Campus
Rosary	7:00pm	Church
Legion of Mary	7:00pm	Jordan

Thursday, December 8-Holy Day of Obligation

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Masses at 8:30am & 7:00pm		
After School Care	3:15-6pm	Daycare Rm
Rosary	6:15pm	Church
Knights of Columbus	6:30pm	Jordan
Spanish Bible Study	7:00pm	Saalfeld
Parent Faculty Assoc.	7:00pm	Cafeteria
Youth Group	7:00pm	Teen Room

Friday, December 9

Mass	8:30am	Church
After School Care	3:15-6pm	Daycare Rm
Encuentro Mat	7:00pm	Jordan
Rosary	7:00pm	Church

Saturday, December 10

Men's Group	7:00am	Jordan
Spanish Sacramental Prep	8:00am	Saal/Cafe
Mass	8:30am	Church
Parish Reconciliation Service	10:00am	Church
Confessions	4-5pm	Church
Vigil Mass	5:30pm	Church
Rosary	7:00pm	Church

Sunday, December 11

Masses: 7:30am; 10:00am; 6:30pm Spanish Mass: 12:00
 2nd Collection for Retirement for Religious

Liturgy of Word	10:00am	Jordan
Spanish Band	10:45am	Jordan
Youth Band	11:15am	RE Office
Spanish Lit of Wd	12:00	Jor/Cafe
Spanish Usher Training	2:00pm	Church
AED Training	2:00pm	Saalfeld
Scouts	5:00pm	Cafeteria
Fatima Prayer Group	7:00pm	Saalfeld
Guadalupe Singing	7:00pm	Cafeteria
Spanish Play	8:00pm	Church

Coffee & Donuts hosted by YLI

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The Liturgy Commission is excited to share the theme for Advent 2011

The theme, "**Prepare a Worthy Dwelling**" is taken directly from the opening prayer of December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. The Worthy Dwelling, of course, refers to Mary and her extraordinary act of hospitality in accepting her role as the mother of the Son of God. It also refers to all walks of our own lives and how we will prepare for the coming of Jesus. Joyfully, prayerfully, prepare; prepare by reconciling with others and with God.

Advent is about preparing a Worthy Dwelling place in our hearts, souls, lives, family, and community. We open our hearts. We open our hearts to our SJB faith-family and offer Mary's warm, welcoming hospitality to all who enter and share our dwelling; whether every Sunday, at Religious Ed, at School, or to our visitors during the holidays. Mary literally made room for Jesus .

On our behalf, Mary welcomes God into time and space and extends the most radical hospitality ever. Let us do the same. Let's continue to make room for, give space, and offer radical hospitality to all.

This Advent is also a time to listen carefully and prayerfully to the new prayers that are ours and those of our priests, in the New Roman Missal. It is our opportunity to delve more deeply into our blessed Mass and Holy Eucharist. It is a time to come together as a worshipping faith-family, as part of our global Catholic family.

Advent Sunday Sharing Schedule

Second Sunday of Advent: December 4, 2011

"**COMFORT**, give comfort to my people " says our God. This Sunday, December 4, as an act of kindness and hospitality to those in need in our community, and the surrounding area, all parishioners, young and old, are asked to collect and donate warm coats and blankets. Also helpful and needed are new socks, gloves, undergarments for men and women, hats and toiletries. Giving simple comfort to others is our way of giving comfort to Jesus. By reaching out to serve, we strengthen our own hearts and cleanse our lives, making us more worthy to host the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Third Sunday of Advent: December 11, 2011

"**There is one among you whom you do not recognize,**" St. John the Baptist exhorts his followers. This Sunday we reflect on the fact that Jesus is present among us right now. While we joyfully anticipate the birth of our Lord, do we also recognize Him in our midst? Is our dwelling prepared to receive Jesus? By treating others with respect and goodness, we are treating Jesus that way. How many pieces of straw have we/you/I placed in the manger?

Please join our faith family in celebrating our Lady of Guadalupe Events

- ▶ On Sunday Dec. 11 at 8:00pm in the church, there will be a play of the Story of Our Lady of Guadalupe followed by a rosary, music, and food.
- ▶ On Monday, Dec. 12 at 6:00am join in morning prayer , rosary, music and coffee & donuts.
- ▶ On Monday, Dec. 12 at 7:00pm: Join us for mass to celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe, which includes blessing our new Lady of Guadalupe Statue followed by a meal in the parish center.

Fourth Sunday of Advent: December 18, 2011

"**May it be done to me according to your word.**" What an amazing statement of trust, faith, and the ultimate hospitality. Today the prayer over the Offerings reminds us that the same Spirit that overshadowed Mary, Full of Grace, is present among us to make holy the gifts of bread and wine we place on the altar. The prayer after communion asks that we may grow ever more eager to celebrate the mystery of Christ's birth.

Today we support the Madonna center, by collecting formula, diapers, new baby and toddler clothes, for mothers and babies in need. This is the third year our SJB Family has supported both the Downtown Chapel and the Madonna Center. How wonderful to be part of such a generous and hospitable family.

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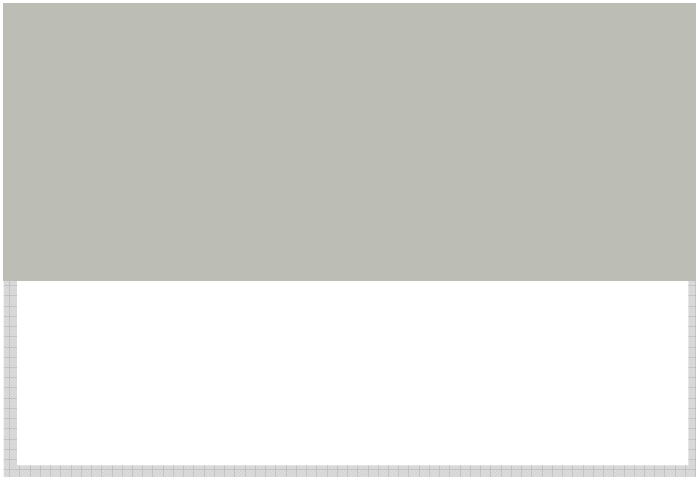
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Last week we had our annual National Geographic Bee. Students from grades 4-8 compete in their classroom. Two winners from each class then compete with the other grades to win the school bee. This year's winner was 8th grader Stephanie Harger. Stephanie will compete at state level with 99 other students in the Spring of 2012. If Stephanie wins the state level she will be sent to represent our state at the Nationals in Washington DC, hosted by Alex Trebek. Congratulations to Stephanie and all our students at SJB who competed. We are very proud of all of them.



Students gathered to listen to their peers compete.



Students listening to the questions, preparing to answer.



Sr. Marirose congratulates Stephanie.

Principal Havens congratulates our winner!