

Third Sunday of Advent



December 11, 2022

FIESTAS TRADICIONALES EN HONOR A LA SANTÍSIMA VIRGEN MARÍA DE GUADALUPE

11 DE DICIEMBRE

ROSARIO 11:00PM
MAÑANITAS 11:30PM
*con Mariachi Nueva
Generación*

MISA SOLEMNE
A LA MEDIA NOCHE

12 DE DICIEMBRE

DANZA Y MÚSICA 5:30PM
MISA SOLEMNE 7:00PM

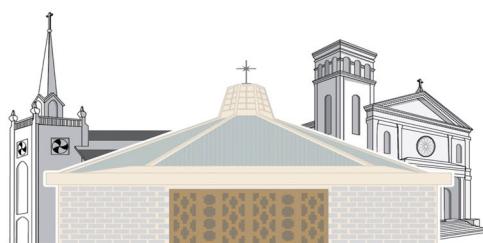
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Las Posadas

Te invitamos a celebrar las Posadas del 14 al 22 de Diciembre a las 7:00pm empezando en el Atrio de la Iglesia

You are invited to celebrate the Traditional Posadas at St. Matthew from December 14 – 22, 2022 at 7:00pm. We will begin at the Plaza.



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Schedules & Events



Saturday 5:00pm and 7:00pm indoor Masses

We will continue to live-stream these Masses.

Sunday Mass

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| 7:00am | English Mass |
| 8:30am | Spanish Mass |
| 10:15am | English Mass |
| 12:30pm | English Mass |
| 5:30pm | Spanish Mass |

Monday - Friday 6:30am. Mass

Monday—Saturday 12:05pm Mass

Confessions / Confesiones

English Confessions: Monday through Friday at 5:00-5:30pm; Saturday at 11:30am-12:00Noon.

Confesiones en Español: Martes, Miércoles y

Jueves de 5:00-5:30pm

Sábado de 11:30am-12:00Noon

Adoration and Benediction in the Chapel.

Adoración en la Capilla

Weekdays from about 12:30-5:30

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following
the 12:05pm Mass

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Grupo de Oración y Estudio Bíblico “Resucitó”

El estudio Bíblico en grupo hace que pasemos de ser espectadores en un servicio semanal de la Iglesia a participantes activos en una comunidad de ideas afines dedicada al crecimiento espiritual.

Te invitamos a que nos acompañes los **Lunes de 6:45pm. A 8:45pm en el auditorio parroquial.**

Si tienes alguna pregunta o para registrarte, favor de llamar a Teresita al teléfono 650-344-7622 o por e-mail: tcontreras@stmatthewcath.org

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Mass Intentions

December 10 – December 17

Saturday 10 5:00 Albert & Victoria Raffo †
7:00 Socorro Rivera †

Sunday 11 8:30 Geronima Valencia †
10:15 Rachel Marie Yan
12:30 Andrew Pfaendler
5:30 Familia Sanchez

Monday 12 6:30 Luz Maria Duran
12:05 Maria Cizneros †

Tuesday 13 6:30 Lourdes Villanueva T.
12:05 Benjamin Willard

Wednesday 14 6:30 Robinson Culla †
12:05 Patty Cavagnaro †

Thursday 15 6:30
12:05 Kathy & Gary Delfant

Friday 16 6:30
12:05 George

Saturday 17 12:05 Nona E. Orozco

Pope invites us to learn 2 values from Christmas tree and crib

The tree and Nativity display are two signs that continue to charm young and old. The tree, with its lights, reminds us of Jesus who comes to illuminate our darkness, our existence often closed up in the shadow of sin, fear and pain. And it suggests to us a further reflection: **Like trees, people too need roots.** Because only if it is rooted in good soil can it stay firm, grow, “mature,” and resist the winds that shake it, becoming a point of reference to those who look at it. But, dear friends, without roots none of this can happen; without firm foundation it remains unstable. **It is important to safeguard the roots, in life as well as faith.** In this regard, the apostle Paul reminds us of the foundation in which to root our lives in order to remain firm: he says to remain “rooted in Jesus Christ” (Col 2:7). **This is what the Christmas tree reminds us of: to be rooted in Jesus Christ.**

And so we come to the Nativity scene, which speaks to us of the birth of the Son of God who became man to be close to each one of us. In its genuine poverty, the Nativity scene helps us to rediscover the true richness of Christmas, and to **purify ourselves of so many aspects that pollute the Christmas landscape.** Simple and familiar, the Nativity scene recalls a Christmas that is different from the consumerist and commercial Christmas: it is something else; it reminds us how good it is for us to cherish moments of silence and prayer in our days, often overwhelmed by frenzy. Silence fosters contemplation of the Child Jesus, helps us to become intimate with God, with the fragile simplicity of a tiny newborn baby, with the meekness of his being laid down, with the tender affection of the swaddling clothes that envelop him.

Roots and contemplation: The tree teaches us about roots, the Nativity scene invites us to contemplation. Let us not forget these two human and Christian attitudes. And if we truly want to celebrate Christmas, let us rediscover through the Nativity scene the surprise and amazement of smallness, the smallness of God, who makes himself small, who is not born in the splendour of appearances, but in the poverty of a stable.

And to meet Him one must reach Him there, where He is; one must lower oneself, one must make oneself small, leave all vanity behind, to arrive where He is. And prayer is the best way to say thank you before this gift of free love, to say thank you to Jesus who wishes to enter our homes and our hearts. Yes, God loves us so much that he shares our humanity and our lives. He never leaves us by ourselves, He is at our side in all circumstances, in joy as in sorrow. Even in the worst moments, He is there, because He is the Emmanuel, the God with us, the light that illuminates the darkness and the tender presence that accompanies us on our journey.



The Third Sunday of Advent and the Joyful Color Rose

Each year on this third Sunday of Advent, we light the one rose-colored candle of our Advent wreath, which certainly stands out in contrast to the other three purple candles. It is also traditional for the priest to wear a rose-colored vestment on this day. That is, unless a parish does not enjoy the "luxury" of owning a rose-colored vestment, which would only be worn on this Sunday or one other Sunday in Lent. Thanks to the generosity of the Horst and Novello family, who took note that St. Matthew's did not have a rose-colored vestment, we now have one to wear today, as we near the end of Advent, and again on one more Sunday toward the end of Lent.

So, what does the rose color symbolize on these two days? Put simply, it is the color of joy in contrast to the purple of Advent and Lent, which represents penance and disciplined preparation for Christmas or Easter. In fact, both Sundays have their own happy name in Latin. In addition to being called the Third Sunday of Advent, today is also called "Gaudete Sunday," and the Fourth Sunday of Lent is also called "Laetare Sunday." Each word is the opening word of the proper chant that begins the Latin Mass on each of those two days - "Gaudete" and "Laetare," calling us to "rejoice" or "delight." In each case, we are encouraged to anticipate the great joy of the feasts that we're about to celebrate, even during our disciplined preparation for Christmas or Easter.

But, how does rose represent joy? It might go back to a time when the pope would give a rose as the sign of special honor to an individual. (That tradition continues in our own time with a golden rose, which the pope blesses on Laetare Sunday, that other rose-colored day in Lent.)

Whether there is a connection to that papal honor or not, it certainly is an honor for our parish to have the "luxury" of a rose-colored vestment, and we thank the Horst family for that. Please remember the living and deceased members of the Horst and Novello family in your prayers. May it always serve as a reminder for us to "rejoice" and to "delight" on the two special days when you'll see the rose-colored vestment in years to come.

Blessings.

*Monsignor John Talesfore,
Pastor*

Tercer Domingo de Adviento y la Alegría del Color Rosado

Cada año, en este tercer domingo de Adviento, encendemos la única vela de color rosado de nuestra corona de Adviento, que sin duda destaca en contraste con las otras tres velas de color morado. También es tradicional que el sacerdote lleve una vestidura de color de rosa en este día. Es decir, a menos que una parroquia no disfrute del "lujo" de ser dueño de una vestidura de color rosado, que solo se usaría este domingo u otro domingo de Cuaresma. Gracias a la generosidad de la familia Horst y Novello, quienes tomaron nota de que San Mateo no tenía una vestidura de color rosado, ahora tenemos uno para vestir hoy, cuando nos acercamos al final de Adviento, y nuevamente un domingo más hacia El fin de la Cuaresma.

Entonces, ¿qué simboliza el color rosado en estos dos días? En pocas palabras, es el color de la alegría en contraste con el púrpura de Adviento y Cuaresma, que representa la penitencia y la preparación disciplinada para la Navidad o la Pascua. De hecho, ambos domingos tienen su propio nombre feliz en latín. Además de llamarse el Tercer domingo de Adviento, hoy también se llama "Domingo de Gaudete", y el Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma también se llama "Domingo de Laetare". Cada palabra es la primera palabra del canto apropiado que comienza la misa en latín. cada uno de esos dos días, "Gaudete" y "Laetare", nos llaman a "regocijarnos" o "deleitarnos". En cada caso, se nos clienta a anticipar la gran alegría de las fiestas que estamos a punto de celebrar, incluso durante Nuestra preparación disciplinada para Navidad o la Pascua.

Pero, ¿cómo representa el color rosado representa la alegría? Podría remontarse a un momento en que el Papa daría una rosa como signo de honor especial para un individuo. (Esa tradición continúa en nuestro tiempo con una rosa dorada, que el Papa bendice el domingo de Laetare, ese otro día color rosado en la Cuaresma).

Ya sea que haya una conexión con ese honor papal o no, ciertamente es un honor para nuestra parroquia tener el "lujo" de una vestidura de color de rosa, y le damos las gracias a la familia Horst por eso. Por favor, recuerde a los miembros vivos y fallecidos de la familia Horst y Novello en sus oraciones. Que siempre sirva como un recordatorio para que nos "regocijemos" y nos deleitemos en los dos días especiales en los que verá la vestimenta de color de rosa en los próximos años.

Bendiciones.

*Monseñor John Talesfore,
Pastor*

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Flores para adornar el Altar durante la Navidad

Es nuestra tradición adornar la Iglesia con Nochebuenas y Arboles de Navidad durante este tiempo especial. Invitamos a los parroquianos a hacer una donación para la compra de estas lindas flores y árboles en memoria de un ser querido que ya haya fallecido, o en agradecimiento por las bendiciones de sus familiares y amigos. Si les gustaría hacer una donación para comprar estas flores por favor llene la forma de abajo y junto con su donación tráigala a la oficina parroquial. Muchas gracias por hacer todo lo que esta de su parte por esta celebración.

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