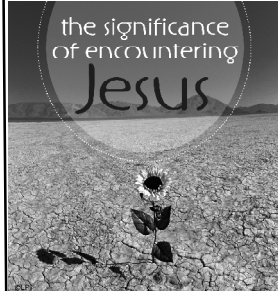




December 14, 2014

Saturday, December 13, 2014 5:00 PM Belle Barra (D) By Marlita Ferriea	Saturday, December 20, 2014 5:00 PM Angela & Walter Rete (D) By Lucy Silverio
Sunday, December 14, 2014 8:00 AM Belle Barra (D) By Tom/Nancy Deubert	Sunday, December 21, 2014 8:00 AM Lionildo & Francisca Garcia (D) By Parreira Family
9:30 AM Rosie Lencioni (D) By Elaine Lencioni	9:30 AM Victoria Santellano (D) By Family
PRO POPOLO	PRO POPOLO
11:00 AM Carlos Lopez (D) Por St. Jude Altar Guild	11:00 AM Joseph Lopez (D) Por St. Jude Altar Guild
HEALING MASS	WEEKDAY MASSES 7:30 AM
3:00 PM Antonio L. Areias (D) By St. Jude Altar Guild	Monday, December 22, 2014 Happy Birthday! Erma Ortiz (L) By Joe/Mary Rossotti
WEEKDAY MASSES 7:30 AM	Tuesday, December 23, 2014 Ted Beshwate (D) By Teresa Beshwate
Monday, December 15, 2014 Daniel Cunha (D) By Jennifer Santos & Girls	Wednesday, December 24, 2014 Children's Mass 4:30 PM Joseph N. Silveira (D) By Clara M. Silveira
Tuesday, December 16, 2014 David Fusinato (L) By Denise Correia	Midnight Mass 12:00 AM Elsie & Eugene Daniel Correia (D) By Correia Family
No Mass Wednesday, December 17, 2014	Thursday, December 25, 2014 9:30 AM
Thursday, December 18, 2014 Belle Barra (D) By Fred/Maxine Machado	Jess Negrete (D) By Dolores Negrete
Friday, December 19, 2014 Happy Birthday! John Sepeda (L) By Hope Sepeda	11:00 AM Fidel G. Mendoza (D) Por St. Jude Altar Guild
	No Mass Friday, December 26, 2014



3RD SUNDAY
OF ADVENT

"There is one among you whom you do not recognize." With these words, John the Baptist was referring to his cousin, Jesus. Although Jesus had not yet begun his public ministry, John knew that Jesus was the Messiah. And it was John's mission to prepare other people to recognize that fact.

John and Jesus had first "met" in utero when Mary visited Elizabeth. Even from that early moment, John understood the significance of encountering Jesus. The Gospel of Luke tells us that the baby "leaped for joy" in Elizabeth's womb when the expectant Mary approached. Now that these two babies were grown men, John was still in the business of recognizing Jesus' significance. He describes his cousin as "the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." John knew that Jesus was something special. And he made it his goal to lead others to the same realization.

Of course, as Christians in the twenty-first century, we already know that Jesus is the Messiah. But John's words still raise an important question for us today: Do we recognize the real significance of Jesus? Do we take him for granted, or do we appreciate the gift of salvation that he offers us? Today's Gospel reading tells us that John came "to testify to the light." Do we let the light of Christ guide our way? Have we "made straight the way of the Lord" by putting Jesus first in our lives?

Today as we light the third candle on the Advent wreath, we would do well to reflect on the true light that came down from heaven. Let us pray, as this holy season continues, that our minds and hearts will be enlightened to grasp the true significance of the coming of Christ.

THE BIBLE SAYS... READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 14, 2014

Sunday:	Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
Monday:	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday:	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday:	Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17
Thursday:	Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25
Friday:	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25
Saturday:	Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38
Next Sunday:	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

Second collection: Retirement Fund for Religious	
Last week's plate collection:	\$2,745.00
Building Fund:	\$860.50
Next week's collection: Religious Education	
Thank you for your continued generosity.	

In Our Thoughts & Prayers
Let us pray for all who are listed in our Book of Remembrance and all souls. Pray for the sanctification of our priests.

ANOINTING MASS

"Help me, Lord, that I may be healed, save me, that I may be saved, for it is you whom I praise." **Jeremiah 17:14**

There will be an anointing mass at St. Jude, Sunday, December 14, 2014 at 3:00 pm. Come and receive blessings and prayers for all in need of spiritual and physical health.

FOOD DRIVE

We are now accepting your donations of non-perishable items for our Christmas baskets. You may bring them to the church. Let us make a family's Christmas a little more brighter! Should you have any questions, call Hortensia Contreras 355-5665.

CHRISTMAS

Families in need may come to the church office to pick up an application for food and/or gifts for the children. **December 17, 2014** is the very last day to get the application. More information, please call Hortensia Contreras 355-5665.

BISHOPS ANNUAL APPEAL

"Thank You" to all donors to the 2014-2015 Bishop's Appeal. If you have not yet had the opportunity to respond, please prayerfully consider supporting this Appeal. You may drop your donation in the collection basket.



3ER DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

El Evangelio de hoy tiene una pregunta controversial para el protagonista: "¿Quién eres tú?" Se ve claramente que Juan no anda en búsqueda de poder ni de popularidad. Estas consideraciones hacen que su figura de profeta crezca. Juan podría haber contestado lo siguiente: "Miren, yo no soy el Mesías, pero Dios me ha encomendado una misión muy difícil: preparar el camino de su Enviado". Sin embargo, no siente la necesidad de impresionar a sus oyentes, y contesta desde el fondo de su corazón: "Yo soy la voz que grita en el desierto: 'Enderecen el camino del Señor', como anunció el profeta Isaías".

¿Somos los cristianos de hoy voces que claman en el desierto de nuestra sociedad? ¿Anunciamos, enderezamos y limpiamos lo que estorba en nuestra persona, familia y sociedad? ¿Somos de los que preparamos la venida del Señor con dignidad y respeto? Juan Bautista nos invita a resistir las tentaciones, la autosuficiencia, el gloriarnos de ser importantes, pues el que viene es más grande que nosotros. Las lecturas de hoy nos hablan de alegría y regocijo. ¡Ya está aquí! Y la alegría es contagiosa. ¿Hemos hecho justicia para los oprimidos? ¿Qué respuesta vamos a dar? Pidamos en esta Eucaristía el saber regocijarnos en la alegría de saber que hemos cumplido con el deber de la misión de discípulos que tenemos en el mundo. Juan Bautista cumplió al pie de la letra lo que Dios le pedía: dar testimonio de la luz. En otras palabras, dar testimonio de Cristo en cualquier circunstancia que estemos viviendo. ¿Conoces a alguna persona que hace eso? ¡Imítala!



LECTURAS PARA LA SEMANA
DEL 14 DE DICIEMBRE DE 2014

Domingo:	Is 61, 1-2. 10-11/1 Tes 5, 16-24/Jn 1, 6-8. 19-28
Lunes:	Nm 24, 2-7. 15-17/Mt 21, 23-27
Martes:	Sof 3, 1-2. 9-13/Mt 21, 28-32
Miércoles:	Gn 49, 2. 8-10/Mt 1, 1-17
Jueves:	Jr 23, 5-8/Mt 1, 18-24
Viernes:	Jue 13, 2-7. 24-25/Lc 1, 5-25
Sábado:	Is 7, 10-14/Lc 1, 26-38
Domingo siguiente:	2 Sm 7, 1-5. 8-12. 14. 16/Rom 16, 25-27/ Lc 1, 26-38

GIVING TREE

The Christmas tree placed in the side chapel has ornaments with names of children. Please stop by and pick up an ornament or two. Purchase a gift for the child and return the wrapped gift by *December 19, 2014*. Thank you.

2015 WORLD MARRIAGE DAY

Sunday, February 8, 2015, 3 pm at St. Anthony of Padua. Married couples who are celebrating anniversaries of 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50+ are invited to register directly www.dioceseoffresno.org or phone Edith 488-7474 ext. 103. There is a \$10 registration fee to help defray the cost. Registration deadline is January 26, 2015.

COLONIAL MEXICO

AND OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Monday, May 11-Monday, May 18, 2015, departure from Los Angeles and non-stop flight to Guadalajara. Join this pilgrimage to the Holy Places of Our Lord Jesus and Our Blessed Mother Mary with Fr. Joseph Parathanal of Holy Family Church, South Pasadena. Contact Bernadette at bcorp1114@hotmail.com or call 323-344-1548. Prices: \$1,899 - \$2,099. First class hotels with daily breakfast and dinner included.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, December 24, 2014
Christmas Eve: Children's Mass 4:30 pm
Midnight Mass 12:00 am

Thursday, December 25, 2014
Christmas Day Mass 9:30 am
Spanish Mass 11:00 am

Thursday, January 1st, 2015
New Year's Mass 9:30 am

CONFESSIONS

Thursday, December 18, 2014
5:00 - 6:00 pm
Saturday, December 20, 2014
11:00 - 12:00 pm

OUR LADY OF ASSUMPTION

Wednesday, December 24, 2014
Christmas Eve Spanish Mass 10:00 pm
Thursday, December 25, 2014
Christmas Day, Bilingual Mass 9:00 am

God gives you a mission. How will you respond? Rejoice in the Spirit who is at work in you.
Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11

MISA DE UNCIÓN

Domingo, 14 de diciembre misa de unción a las 3:00 de la tarde en San Judas.

NAVIDAD

Si necesita comida por el Día de Navidad, por favor venga a la oficina de San Judas para llevarte una aplicación. Es necesario registrarte *antes del 17 de diciembre*. Al mismo tiempo apuntarse para regalos por los niños. Mas informacion, llame Hortensia Contreras 355-5665.

CONFESIONES

Jueves, 18 de diciembre, 2014 5:00 - 6:00 pm
Sabado, 20 de diciembre 11:00 - 12:00 pm

MISA

Jueves, Día de Navidad, 25 de diciembre
Misa 11:00 am Español

COLECTA DE ALIMENTOS

Por favor, recuerde empacar alimentos no perecederos y llevarlos a nuestra iglesia. Apoyamos a nuestros hermanos que estan en necesidad esta Navidad.

UNIDOS EN LA FE

Agradecimiento a todos los que donaron a la Campaña "Unidos en la Fe". Si no han tenido oportunidad de responder, por favor consideren en apoyar con generosidad, Puso su donacion en la canesta de coleccion. Gracias.

Segunda Colecta: Fondo para la Jubilacion Religiosos

Colecta la semana pasada: \$2,745.00
Fondo de Edificio: \$860.50

Proxima semana coleccion: Educacion Religioso

Mil gracias y que Dios les bendiga por su generosidad.