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# St. Nícholas Catholic Church

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#### **Mass Schedule**

December 12, 2021 - 3rd Sunday of Advent

#### Weekdays:

Tuesday: 5:30 p.m. Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. Thursday: 8:00 a.m. Friday: 6:00 p.m. at St. Nick

#### Weekends:

Saturdays: 4:30 p.m.
Sundays: 8:00 a.m. /
10:00 a.m. at GA
10:00 a.m. at St. Nick
Sunday: 12:30 p.m. (Mass in
Spanish)

#### **Reconciliation:**

Saturday: 8:00 -8:45 a.m. Saturday: 3:15 -4:15 p.m.

#### **Eucharistic Adoration:**

Thursday: 8:30 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

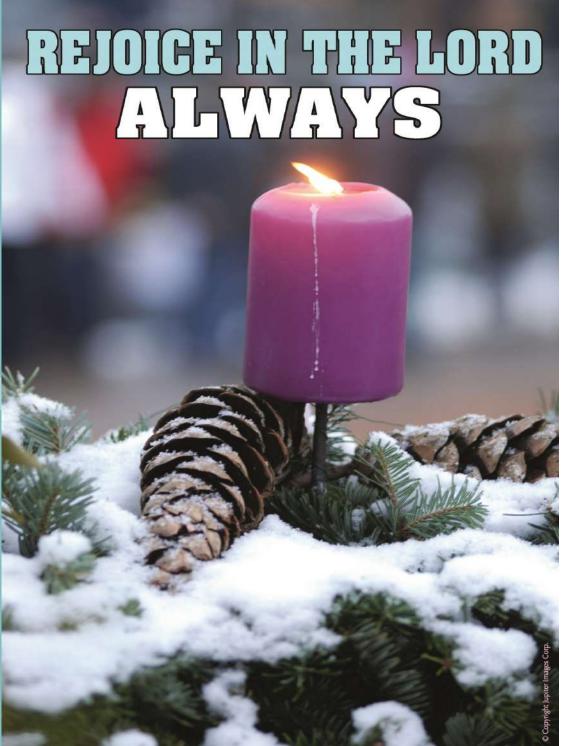
#### **Today's Readings**

First Reading — Shout for joy! Sing joyfully! Be glad and exult! The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior (Zephaniah 3:14-18a).

Psalm — Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel (Isaiah 12).

Second Reading — Rejoice! The Lord is near. Make your requests known to God (Philippians 4:4-7). Gospel — John tells his hearers to share their possessions with the needy; be honest; do not threaten or accuse others falsely (Luke 3:10-18).

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**Mass Intentions**: Mass intentions may be for the living and/or the departed, with a † designating in the bulletin a deceased person. There is a \$10 suggested donation per Mass intention. Permission from the sick person or his/her family must be granted before a name's inclusion in these prayers. To schedule a Mass intention, call the Parish Office.

**Baptism**: Our Baptism Belonging Class is required for all parents as a first step to Baptism of your child. Please call Father Tony VanderLoop, Pastor, at 952-679-9415 to sign up for a class. We encourage Godparents to attend. Baptisms are scheduled once per month after the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. Special dates requested for Baptism will be considered and accommodated depending on circumstances.

**Reconciliation**: Saturdays at GA from 8:00 - 8:45 a.m. and 3:15 - 4:15 p.m. or by appt.

**Matrimony**: Marriage preparation is required. Please call Father Tony VanderLoop, Pastor, at 952-679-9415 at least 8 months in advance.

**Anointing**: If you wish to receive an anointing please call the Parish Office: (952) 227-4000.

Communion for the Homebound: When we come together to pray at our Eucharistic liturgy, we do not forget the members of our community who are unable to be with us because of ill health. We remember them in our prayers, and we wish to include them in our Holy Communion. Members of our community bring the Blessed Sacrament to them to comfort them and to unite us in the Eucharist. We are not always aware of those who have this need. Please call the Parish Office to let us know if you or a member of your family would like to have Holy Communion brought to them. That way we can schedule a time for our ministers to visit and bring the Sacrament.

**Hospital, Nursing Home, Homebound Visits:** Churches are no longer notified by hospitals or nursing homes when a parishioner is admitted unless the family has requested it. If you or a family member are homebound, hospitalized or in a nursing home and would like a visit from a member of the ministry staff, please call the Parish Office.

#### Church Calendar

Monday, December 13th (office open 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.)

6:00 p.m. Daughters of Isabella Meeting, SFH

6:00 p.m. Scout Troup, GA Gym

Tuesday, December 14th (office open 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.)

5:30 p.m. Mass at GA † Casey & Pat Dorion

6:00 p.m. RCIA, SFH

7:00 p.m. Pastoral Council Meeting, Conf. Room, GA Offices

Wednesday, December 15th (office open 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.)

8:00 a.m. Mass at GA For the Daughters of Isabella 6:15 p.m. Faith Formation, GA School, Gym, SFH 6:15 p.m. Faith Formation, St. Nicholas Parish Center

**Thursday, December 16th** (office open 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.) 8:00 a.m. Mass at GA † Clarence & Caroline Lenzmeier

Friday, December 17th (office open 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.) 6:00 p.m. Mass at St. Nicholas † Adrian Arlt

Saturday, December 18th

8:00 a.m. Confessions, GA Church 3:15 p.m. Confessions, GA Church 4:30 p.m. Mass at GA † Catherine Boyd

Sunday, December 19th - Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. Mass at GA † Betty Young

10:00 a.m. Mass at GA † Clara & Marvin Pylka 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Nicholas For the people 12:30 p.m. Spanish Mass at GA † Franco Miranda

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9;

Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23;

Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9-14;

Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday: Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b;

Lk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17;

Mt 1:1-17

Saturday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19;

Mt 1:18-25

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19;

Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

#### Financial Update

CFC Loan Balance (Dec 1) \$34,594.23 Maintenance Fund Collected (Dec 1) \$58,822.75 Maintenance Fund Spent (Roof to Date) \$45,000.00

Guardian Angels Sunday Envelope:

 Month of Nov. 2021 Collected:
 \$42,845.12

 Month of Nov. 2021 Budgeted:
 \$44,050.00

 Year to Date Collected:
 \$230,984.73

 Year to Date Budgeted:
 \$246,227.00

St. Nicholas Sunday Envelope:

Year to Date Collected: \$19,720 Year to Date Budgeted: \$18,167

#### **Doing the Simple Things**



In today's gospel we focus a bit on the person of John the Baptist. He was a prophet and a prophet had a difficult job. People often didn't like what prophets had to say, but an authentic prophet proclaimed the truth about God and right living. So John's preaching was anything but mild and gentle. What John the Baptist gave the people took one's breath away. "You brood of vipers", he called them. They should not presume anything on account of being children of Abraham. He did not hesitate to criticize the great and powerful, including Herod who had taken the wife of his brother Phillip. John publicly criticized this

marriage and was ultimately beheaded for doing so.

Despite these brave words of criticism – or perhaps because of them – people came to John in droves and had themselves baptized in the Jordan by him as a sign of repentance and conversion. In today's gospel they ask, "What should we do?" As strongly as he had preached repentance, his suggestions now were simple. Just make a start! Share what you have! You ought not to give everything away, but something. If you have more clothes than you really need, then give some to the person who has few clothes; and the same with food – share any surplus if you have some; give someone else something to eat, too. Start by sharing. That is how God's children learn to fight against selfishness.

Tax collectors also came for the baptism of repentance. "What should we do?" they asked. "Collect no more than is appointed you." In other words, do your work as it should be done. Do it honestly and decently. The soldiers came too and asked, "What should we do?" Do not mistreat people, extort money from them, or plunder or torture them. Be the ones who protect them instead.

This is how simple his steps of repentance were. They were the suggestions of the great preacher of repentance. What God expects of us is often pretty obvious. Anything else leads to disaster. John was the precursor trying to prepare people for Christ, the Messiah. Advent is the right time for that. Doing the simple things is not always simple, but it is certainly the best way to prepare for Christmas.

#### Father Tony

#### **Christmas & Solemnity of Mary Mass Times**

#### Christmas Eve, December 24th

4:00 p.m. Mass in English at Guardian Angels 10:00 p.m. Mass in English at Guardian Angels

#### **Christmas Day**

9:00 a.m. Mass in English at Guardian Angels (no incense) 9:00 a.m. Mass in English at Saint Nicholas 11:00 a.m. Mass in Spanish at Guardian Angels

#### Solemnity of Mary, December 31st

6:00 p.m. Bilingual Mass at Saint Nicholas

#### Solemnity of Mary, January 1st

9:00 a.m. Mass in English at Guardian Angels

(Saturday Evening Mass of the Epiphany at 4:30 p.m. 3:15 p.m. Confessions)

#### Penance Services in the Area

Catholic Church	Location	Date	Time
Holy Name of Jesus	Wayzata	Tuesdays	7:00 p.m8:00 p.m.
St. Bernard	NYÅ	Dec. 15	8:00 p.m.
Our Lady of the Lake	Mound	Dec. 15	6:30 p.m.
St. Hubert	Chanhassen	Dec. 16	6:30 p.m.
St. Joseph	Waconia	Dec. 19	4:00 p.m.

#### The Holiday Haul Food Drive

Starting December 1, Confirmation students will be collecting non-perishable food donations for this year's food drive. In addition to all the usual donations like canned foods, peanut butter and cereal, we ask you to keep in mind "festive holiday favorites", such as cookie mixes, hot chocolate, cider and other treats. You may consider including the ingredients for your family's favorite holiday dishes. Food collection will be on Dec. 8 at the Immaculate Conception Mass and Dec. 15 at Faith Formation class. Parishioners can leave donations in the kiosk in the back of the church anytime before Dec. 15. All food donations will be delivered to the Bountiful Basket food shelf in Chaska.

Saint John the Baptist Catholic School and Church in Jordan present "A Living Nativity".

Enjoy live animals, hot cocoa, cider, and warm up next to fire pits as we celebrate this holy night!

December 17th from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

#### Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel

Saint Michael the archangel,
defend us in battle.

Be our protection against the wickedness
and snares of the Devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,
and do thou, O Prince of heavenly hosts,
by the power of God, cast into hell Satan,
and all the evil spirits,
who prowl about the world
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.





## Celebrate the season with a FAMILY NIGHT OUT

Everyone is invited to join the fun on Wednesday, December 15 in the GA gym 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

5:30 p.m. - Pizza, cookies and beverages

6:15 p.m. – Presentation for the Adults:

Jesus is the Reason for the Season

6:15-7:30 p.m. – Youth attend Faith Formation

7:30 p.m. – Posadas - (Latino tradition that recalls Mary

and Joseph's search for a place to stay on their way to Bethlehem)



All ages are welcome.

Free childcare for children ages 3-5 (all children MUST be registered).

To register children, or get more information, contact Fran Oprosko at 952-227-4000.

#### **OPEN HOUSE**

Sunday, December 19th

9:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

Registration opens for sessions beginning Sunday, January 16, 2022.



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

#### Registration opens December 19th for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Classes begin January 16, 2022 or children ages 3-6

The *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* was born from the joy of the children in their encounter with God and lives nourished by this joy. Children aged 3-6 years old are particularly capable of receiving and enjoying the most essential elements of our faith—the announcement of God's love especially experienced through Jesus, the Good Shepherd, who died and is risen. Materials on the life of Jesus Christ and his teachings help to make the mystery of God concrete for the child. The heart of the catechesis for children under six revolves around the Parable of the Good Shepherd. Jesus announces that He is the Good Shepherd who calls each one by name. The sheep listen to the voice of the Shepherd and follow him. The 3-6-year-old child enters the mystery of the Eucharist by first learning the names of the articles used on the altar and then through the most important gestures including the preparation of the chalice, the epiclesis and offering, and the sign of peace. Through the experience of seeing these gestures, presented one by one, the Mass emerges as the Sacrament of the Gift. The child becomes acquainted with the historical character of the liturgy through the events of the Last Supper, Christ's death, and His resurrection. An interpersonal relationship is always a mystery, all the more so when that relationship is between God and the child. The catechist's role is to prepare the environment and to give selected presentations from scripture and liturgy that "call forth" the child's response rather than "pours in" information. The catechist listens with the child and together they ask, "God, who are you? How do you love us?" The adult reflects with the child on the questions generated by the presentations with the materials offered to the child to aid the child's reflection. The atrium (a specially prepared environment) is one of the important elements that help the relationship between God and the child to flourish. After a theme has been presented, the child is free to choose an activity that will make possible the inner dialogue with the "Interior Teacher."

Come & See our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Atrium

Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup> from 9:15am-10:45am (use Door 2 of the school building to enter)



The St. Nicholas Pancake Breakfast was a great success! Thank you to everyone who came and supported St. Nicholas as well as all the volunteers who made this fundraiser possible.



Third Sunday of Advent
O God, who see how your people
faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity,
enable us, we pray,
to attain the joys of so great a salvation
and to celebrate them always
with solemn worship and glad rejoicing.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.



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Primera Lectura Sof 3, 14-18

Canta, hija de Sión, da gritos de júbilo, Israel, gózate y regocíjate de todo corazón, Jerusalén.

El Señor ha levantado su sentencia contra ti, ha expulsado a todos tus enemigos. El Señor será el rey de Israel en medio de ti y ya no temerás ningún mal.

Aquel día dirán a Jerusalén:
"No temas, Sión,
que no desfallezcan tus manos.
El Señor, tu Dios, tu poderoso salvador,
está en medio de ti.
Él se goza y se complace en ti;
él te ama y se llenará de júbilo por tu causa,
como en los días de fiesta".

### Salmo Responsorial Is 12, 2-3. 4bcd. 5-6

R. (6) El Señor es mi Dios y salvador. El Señor es mi Dios y salvador, con él estoy seguro y nada temo. El Señor es mi protección y mi fuerza y ha sido mi salvación. Sacarán agua con gozo de la fuente de salvación. R. El Señor es mi Dios y salvador. Den gracias al Señor, invoquen su nombre, cuenten a los pueblos sus hazañas, proclamen que su nombre es sublime. R. R. El Señor es mi Dios y salvador. Alaben al Señor por sus proezas, anúncienlas a toda la tierra. Griten jubilosos, habitantes de Sión, porque el Dios de Israel ha sido grande con ustedes. R. R. El Señor es mi Dios y salvador.

#### Segunda Lectura

#### Flp 4, 4-7

Hermanos míos: Alégrense siempre en el Señor; se lo repito: ¡alégrense! Que la benevolencia de ustedes sea conocida por todos. El Señor está cerca. No se inquieten por nada; más bien presenten en toda ocasión sus peticiones a Dios en la oración y la súplica, llenos de gratitud. Y que la paz de Dios, que sobrepasa toda inteligencia, custodie sus corazones y sus pensamientos en Cristo Jesús.

#### Evangelio

#### Lc 3, 10-18

En aquel tiempo, la gente le preguntaba a Juan el Bautista: "¿Qué debemos hacer?" Él contestó: "Quien tenga dos túnicas, que dé una al que no tiene ninguna, y quien tenga comida, que haga lo mismo".

También acudían a él los publicanos para que los bautizara, y le preguntaban: "Maestro, ¿qué tenemos que hacer nosotros?" Él les decía: "No cobren más de lo establecido". Unos soldados le preguntaron: "Y nosotros, ¿qué tenemos que hacer?" Él les dijo: "No extorsionen a nadie, ni denuncien a nadie falsamente, sino conténtense con su salario".

#### **ALÉGRATE**

Los escritos proféticos que escuchamos en las Escrituras de hoy nos llaman a alegrarnos y a celebrar la bondad de Dios. Sofonías, Isaías, san Pablo y Juan el Bautista en el Evangelio de Lucas siguen la rica tradición de los profetas bíblicos, una tradición que alcanza su máxima expresión en Jesús. Los profetas advierten que los errores humanos tienen consecuencias verdaderamente desastrosas. Todos están llamados a arrepentirse y a cambiar de vida. Hoy escuchamos la Buena Nueva de que el amor misericordioso vence a toda perversión humana. Dios no nos ha abandonado. De hecho, Dios sigue buscándonos, y ansiosamente busca la reconciliación con nosotros. Esta iniciativa de Dios para enderezar al mundo culmina con Jesús, cuya venida la anuncia Juan el Bautista. El mensaje profético de Juan pide que nos unamos a la obra reconciliadora de Dios, viviendo con generosidad y justicia nuestra vida cotidiana. Al alegrarnos de la gracia de Dios, extendemos los frutos de esta gracia a todos.

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a;

Sal 25 (24):4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27

Martes: Sof 3:1-2, 9-13;

Sal 34 (33):2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32

Miércoles: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Sal 85 (84):9-14;

Lc 7:18b-23

Jueves: Is 54:1-10; Sal 30 (29):2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b;

Lc 7:24-30

Viernes: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Sal 72 (71):1-4ab, 7-8, 17;

Mt 1:1-17

Sábado: Jer 23:5-8; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 12-13, 18-19;

Mt 1:18-25

Domingo: Mi 5:1-4a; Sal 80 (79):2-3, 15-16, 18-19;

Heb 10:5-10; Lc 1:39-45

#### Oración a San Miguel Arcángel

San Miguel Arcángel,
defiéndenos en la batalla.
Sea nuestra protección contra la maldad
y trampas del diablo.
Que Dios lo reprenda, oramos con humildad,
y tú, Príncipe de los ejércitos celestiales,
por el poder de Dios, arroja al infierno a Satanás,
y todos los espíritus malignos,
que merodean por el mundo
buscando la ruina de las almas. Amén.



# Ángeles Guardíanes Iglesía Católica

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#### Horario de Misa

(Nota: todas las misas son en Ángeles Guardianes hasta nuevo aviso.)

Ω—indica una Misa transmitida en vivo que se puede encontrar en: https://gachaska.org/live-mass-andmass-video-archive/

#### **Días laborales:**

Martes: 5:30 p.m. Miércoles: 8:00 a.m.Ω Jueves : 8:00 a.m.Ω Viernes: 8:00 a.m.Ω

#### Fines de Semana:

Sábado : 4:30 p.m.
Domingo: 8:00 a.m. /
10:00 a.m.
Domingo: 12:30 p.m. (Misa en
español)Ω

#### Reconciliación:

Sábados : 8:00-8:45 a.m. Sábados : 3:15-4:15 p.m.

#### Adoración Eucarística:

Jueves: 8:30 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

#### **Lecturas De Hoy**

Primera lectura — ¡Canta! ¡Da gritos de júbilo! ¡Gózate y regocíjate! El Señor tu Dios está entre ustedes y es un poderoso salvador (Sofonías 3:14-18a)

Salmo — Griten de alegría, porque grande se ha portado contigo el Santo de Israel (Isaías 12).

#### Segunda lectura —

¡Alégrense! El Señor está cerca. Presenten sus peticiones a Dios (Filipenses 4:4-7).

Evangelio—Juan dice a sus oyentes que compartan sus posesiones con los necesitados; que sean honrados; que no amenacen ni acusen a otros injustamente (Lucas 3:10-18).

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