

Guardian Angels Catholic Church

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St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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Mass Schedule

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.

Dec. 26 Readings

First Reading — Hannah gives her son Samuel back to the LORD, leaving him in the temple at Shiloh: “As long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD” (1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28) or *Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14*.

Psalm — Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord (Psalm 84) or *Psalm 128*.

Second Reading — We are children of God when we believe in the name of God’s Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us (1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24) or *Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]*.

Gospel — Joseph and Mary find the lost Jesus in the temple in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking questions (Luke 2:41-52).

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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 27th (office closed)

Tuesday, December 28th (office open 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.)
5:30 p.m. Mass at GA † Steven Guillemette
6:00 p.m. RCIA, SFH

Wednesday, December 29th (office open 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.)
8:00 a.m. Mass at GA † Mark Halloran

Thursday, December 30th (office open 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.)
8:00 a.m. Mass at GA

Friday, December 31st (office closed)
6:00 p.m. Mass at St. Nicholas Bilingual

Saturday, January 1st, 2022
8:00 a.m. D of I Rosary, Church
8:00 a.m. Confessions, GA Church
9:00 a.m. Solemnity of Mary Mass at GA
3:15 p.m. Confessions, GA Church
4:30 p.m. Mass at GA For the People

Sunday, January 2nd, 2022
8:00 a.m. Mass at GA † Jeanette Van Sloun
10:00 a.m. Mass at GA † Jay Perrill
10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Nicholas † Leonard Girtz
12:30 p.m. Spanish Mass at GA † Almas del purgatorio

Monday, January 3rd (office open 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.)
7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Meeting, SFH

Tuesday, January 4th (office open 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.)
5:30 p.m. Mass at GA † Steven Guillemette
6:00 p.m. RCIA, SFH

Wednesday, January 5th (office open 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.)
8:00 a.m. Mass at GA † Steven Guillemette
6:15 p.m. Faith Formation, GA School, Gym, SFH
6:15 p.m. Faith Formation, St. Nicholas Parish Center

Thursday, January 6th (office open 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.)
8:00 a.m. Mass at GA † Carol Olson
6:30 p.m. Baptism Belonging Class, 1st Floor Conf. Rm.

Friday, January 7th (office open 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.)
6:00 p.m. Mass at St. Nicholas † Elvera Hoops

Saturday, January 8th, 2022
8:00 a.m. D of I Rosary, Church
8:00 a.m. Confessions, GA Church
9:00 a.m. Faith Formation Winter Retreat
3:15 p.m. Confessions, GA Church
4:30 p.m. Mass at GA † Ray Therres

Sunday, January 9th, 2022
8:00 a.m. Mass at GA † Mark Halloran
10:00 a.m. Mass at GA † Marilyn Schepers
10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Nicholas For the People
12:30 p.m. Spanish Mass at GA † Nidia Carmina Torres Barraza





The Lord of History

Bethlehem is a difficult place. The city of Jesus' birth has long been and still is powerless, and today, caught in the conflict between Israel and the Palestinians. He whose birth we are celebrating at Christmas was also powerless. It was the Emperor Augustus who had the power. He was the ruler of the greatest empire in the world at the time. And he needed a great deal of money for its powerful military, so he had tax rolls drawn up throughout the whole empire, even in Israel, which was under Roman rule.

Many of the Jewish people refused to pay taxes to the emperor and formed organizations which either passively or actively resisted the authorities of occupation. These "zealots" repeatedly tried to minimize the occupying power, and for this the Romans took cruel revenge and many ended up on the cross.

Joseph was not one of them. He obeyed the emperor's command and did what had to be done. Even though his wife was in the later stages of pregnancy, he undertook with Mary the long and difficult journey to Bethlehem in order to be enrolled in the census. He submitted to the emperor's rule. Yet the emperor was subject to God's rule. The emperor's life, like anyone's was in God's hands. Thus, it is God Himself who arranged that Joseph would travel to Bethlehem and that Mary would give birth to Jesus in that city from which the prophets foretold the Savior would come. And then Joseph could not find even a place to stay. Only a manger and swaddling clothes would be the clothing and shelter for the child. Our Lord came into the world in extreme poverty and powerlessness.

Why did God choose this way? First, to speak to our hearts. A little child always moves hearts. God does not want to dominate us like other kings of the world. He wants the love of our hearts. His love for us is deeply personal. This is why he stretches out to us the arms of a child. Second, he does not want us to encounter one another in a threatening way, striking attitudes of power, but serving one another. God makes himself small in Christ, so we should not make ourselves out to be too great.

In a world where there is much of the experience of Bethlehem of sorrow, violence, and injustice, is there hope? Is there a great joy? Can angels proclaim peace on earth? We must bend down to the child in the crib this Christmas and beyond. We must do so to encounter him personally, his humility, his peace, his plea to embrace our own humanity in each other and value each person we encounter as precious in his eyes. Then we will find peace and joy.

Take the time to read the gospel of the Nativity, Luke 2: 1-14, even aloud, and reflect on it again, if you can, this Christmas.

Christmas blessings to you all! - Father Tony

Merry Christmas Season!

It has been a whirlwind of years being the Administrator here. We have been through some really difficult and really special times here at GA and St. Nicholas together. Father Ortega, Father Kevin Manthey, Father Galarza, Father Nels, Father Mario, Father Deziel and Father Tony were all great to work for. I will miss Jean Van Hecke, Principals Kate Hamill and Sue Lovegreen, Developer Lisa Staudohar, Teachers Lynn Girard, Peg Scott, and so many others. Faith Formation were rockstars: Mary Kingsbury, Neal Maxwell, Cathy Cress, Fran Oprosko, Barbie Minzel and so many catechists. I will miss the parishioners most of all, particularly my volunteers, Mary Van Sloun, Kris Koehler, Margaret Hansel, Jill Metzger, Juliette Gonsalves, Cathy Barnett, Theresa Fahey, Jane Hively, Steve and Kathy Rasmussen, Leo and Linda Forner, Jack Worm, Tom Altman, Tina Holmstadt, Sue and Bob Ohnsorg, Jim and Sharon Schleicher, John and Cheryl McCoy, Bill Van Hecke, the Cemetery Crew!!, and Shirley Brose, Gloria Doerr, Marg Wickland, Tina Schrempf, Fran Schulte, Mary Meyer, Skip Low, Jim Poppler, Donna Jarosch, Deb Kes, Pat Amy, Tammy Reed, Julie VanRemortal, and our four trustees, Dan Bergner, Kris Janey, Dan Svoboda, and John Turek. I have not listed as many people as I wish I could - frankly, you are two parishes of fabulous people. Look to your future - make parishes that don't just celebrate the past but create a lasting legacy in the future for your relatives and neighbors. Have a Merry Christmas Season and I will see you at GA's All Parish Meeting in January! - Lynn Arnal



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 Jan. 1 at 4:30 p.m. with 3:15 p.m. Confessions)

Dear Brothers, Sisters, and Friends in Christ,

For those of you who may not recognize the face in the picture, my name is Jason Godin. My family (Meg, my wife; Abby, my daughter; and Bobby, my son) have been parishioners of the Church of the Guardian Angels since we moved to Minnesota in 2015. I've served the parish community in various ways since that time - as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, member of the Knights of Columbus, and chairman of the Finance Council.

Recently I accepted an offer from Father Tony to serve the parish community now in a different role - as the next Parish Business Administrator.

In terms of my professional experience, I've taught early and modern United States history as a college instructor, served as a managing editor for an initiative of the Knights of Columbus and, for over the last five years, served as Office Manager at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church in Edina.

St. Francis of Assisi once said: "Start by doing what's necessary, then do what's possible, and suddenly you are doing the impossible." It seems to me that we've started doing

the necessary things as a parish. We've paved the way by reducing our debt. We've protected our friary with a new roof. We also have a clear parish mission - going forth from the altar of Christ, educating, serving, and evangelizing.

Together let us now do what is possible and sustainable, as prudent stewards, at this inflection point in the history of our parish community - by increasing our Sunday envelope, plate, and online giving; building up our Maintenance Fund; and further paying down our parish debt. Because, in time and by the grace of God, doing so will find us accomplishing what seems impossible today.

I pray that you and those dear to you enjoy a safe and blessed last week of Advent and Christmas in the weeks ahead.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, *pray for us!*
St. Francis of Assisi, *pray for us!*



Guardian Angels is Family

My faith is what keeps me strong. It gives me a purpose and sustains me. Faith is a truly beautiful gift to have. My faith has sustained me through the most difficult times in my life for which I am truly grateful. This faith community has been there for us in difficult times. When my husband Ted was diagnosed with cancer, friends and parishioners rallied around us providing emotional support, and when Ted eventually lost his battle to cancer this community stood beside us sharing in our grief. This parish is an extended family for me and my son Alex. We have made lifelong friends with parishioners, and it has been an emotional and spiritual support system that we cherish. If Guardian Angels doesn't yet feel like family to you, I encourage you to get involved. We have so many volunteer opportunities and would welcome your time and talent. I encourage you to make 2022 the year you and your family get involved. Merry Christmas! - Kris Janey, Trustee



I want to take this time to let the parishioners of St Nicholas know I am thankful the Archdiocese has decided to keep St. Nicholas Catholic Church to continue to serve and be part of the Carver community. St Nicholas has been part of this community for the past 154 years, and as we advance, the current parishioners have the opportunity to be part of the church's growth as the City of Carver continues to grow. I have been fortunate to attend Sunday Mass since St Nicholas celebrated its return to Mass on September 12th. Since then, we have noted the attendance is increasing as new families move into Carver and the existing parishioners return to St Nicholas. St Nicholas has the opportunity to grow and will grow to meet the needs of the Catholic community in Carver and its surrounding area. Currently, St Nicholas isn't too large, so one can get involved in many church ministries like Eucharistic, lectors, ushers, musicians, and sacristans. One can feel they belong and get to know their fellow parishioners by getting involved in church activities and coming to Sunday Masses. Then there is the prayer garden where one can go and spend time in meditation getting to know Jesus. Therefore, let us look forward to sharing what is essential to us and St. Nicholas by making a difference in our faith and the community. I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

John Turek, Trustee of St Nicholas

And Dan Svoboda, Trustee of St. Nicholas wishes the parish a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Latino Ministry

It is with joy and thanksgiving that we share some of the Latino Ministry news! On May 30, 2021, the Latino Ministry at Guardian Angels hosted a family celebration after Sunday Mass. It was a joyful gathering where parishioners and faith formation families celebrated the 24 youth that received their sacraments. This celebration also marked the beginning of “**summer missions**” – a time to send out the disciples that attended the School of Evangelization led by Fr. Joseph Williams, now Bishop-elect Williams! Five parishioners invited friends and families into their homes to welcome and host these missionaries sent by Guardian Angels. During these gatherings, one missionary presented a reflection on either the parable of the Prodigal Son or the Lost Sheep and then another missionary offered their testimony of encountering Christ. Prayer, worship, hospitality and fellowship were also part of the gathering. Those attending the open house were invited to join or rejoin Guardian Angels and to register their children to faith formation classes. Two catechumens, four First Communion and two Confirmation students from these open houses are attending sacramental preparation at Guardian Angels this year. On Sunday August 1, 2021 at the Spanish Mass we celebrated the “**Yo Soy Misionero**” Sunday (I am a Missionary Sunday). At this Mass, parishioners were invited to respond to the missionary call they received at their baptism by inviting a friend, relative or neighbor, to register their children for sacramental preparation. Parishioners took home a *Yo Soy Misionero* card and after making a personal invitation, they completed the card and returned it to the parish for a follow up call. Jose Luis and Zulma invited their neighbor Fortina. Fortina’s two children are attending First Communion classes. Herminia invited her sister Lilia; Lilia’s two children are in First Communion classes this year. Julia invited her friend Alejandra; Alejandra’s son is a catechumen attending catechesis at Guardian Angels. Antonia, invited her two neighbors Liliana and Miriam, both registered their children in First Communion and Confirmation classes this year. Guardian Angels is blessed by this missionary response!

On Sunday August 29, 2021, with a Mass at Chaska City Square Park, we celebrated the fruits of the summer missions and invited families to attend **Encounter – an adult faith formation program in Spanish**. Since September 15, 2021, thirty-eight parents and their children are coming to Encounter on Wednesday nights. While children attend faith formation classes, parents meet in small groups and are led and cared for by small group leaders. At Encounter, parents receive formation to increase their knowledge of the Catholic faith so as to deepen their relationship with our loving Father. We thank God for the eleven Latino leaders that dedicate their time and talents on Wednesday nights to serve these families and to accompany them to an encounter with Christ. Our Latino parishioners are also blessed with two opportunities to come closer to Jesus in prayer; all day **Eucharistic Adoration** on Thursday and the **Charismatic Prayer Group** on Thursday evenings. Ten Latino adorers spend an hour adoring the Lord on Thursdays and an average of fifteen people come to the prayer group on Thursday evenings. The Latino community is hungry for good news and is waiting to be encountered by the Church. At Guardian Angels, we are blessed by faithful parishioners who have experienced the love and healing power of Jesus and have the desire to go out as missionary disciples to present the Good News of Jesus Christ. We will continue to form and send our missionaries, and we will pray for the Holy Spirit’s guidance as we reach out to the Latino Community in the Chaska-Carver area.

Merry Christmas! May Jesus find a place in our hearts and a home in our homes. - Viviana Sotro



My wife, Jolene, and I had been members of Guardian Angels for 20 years, when circumstances led us to a different parish for a time. We returned to GA in 2011 and realized how much we missed the sense of belonging that we had always enjoyed as members of Guardian Angels.

Like many parishes, Guardian Angels has experienced some uncommon challenges the past few years that have tested our feelings of personal and financial well-being as a parish community. Some difficult decisions have been made to ensure that Guardian Angels can move forward and address the spiritual needs of our growing and changing community.



I’ve been so impressed by the spirit of our parish as we’ve been addressing this changing landscape, and it confirms in my mind that being a member of Guardian Angels has been a great decision.

That community spirit is what gives me so much optimism for our future – I am excited for what’s to come!

This season of Advent is an excellent time for all of us to commit to doing what will strengthen our parish and give us each a clear sense of belonging. Get involved in the many social activities that are available for volunteers throughout the year, donate your time to liturgical duties, or invite others you know to attend mass. If you do, I can say from personal experience, that you’ll never want to leave this parish!

Thanks to you all for everything you’ve done to make Guardian Angels so great! I wish you all a Blessed and Merry Christmas and a wonderful, healthy new year!

Dan Bergner

My name is Brittany Kaufmann, and I am the new Director of Music and Liturgy at Guardian Angels. I grew up in Carver and attended Guardian Angels Church as a child. I was in GA Faith Formation from 2005-2015. I started

playing the piano in 2nd grade, and picked up the flute in 5th grade. I graduated from Chanhassen High School in 2017 and received my BA in Music and German from Augustana University in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. I look forward to many more years here at Guardian Angels.!



Reasons for Hope

Dear Parishioners and friends,

Merry Christmas to you all and happy new year! Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us! At Guardian Angels and Saint Nicholas we have reasons for hope. We have shown resiliency in these times of covid and of our school closure. In spite of these adversities, we have re-established Sunday Mass at Saint Nicholas with the help of the services of Father Jim Devorak. We had a very nice Guardian Angels parish festival, we have added a new parent and adult faith formation called Encounter, and we now look forward to meeting, welcoming and working with two new staff members. We had 51 English-speaking and 37 Spanish speaking participants in our Archdiocesan Synod small group discussions about how we can be a lively, inviting, attractive, and young church. We have indeed had a continuation of about 30-35 baptisms per year and several new parishioners. To those who are new, we welcome you to our parishes! If you would like to be on a new baptism team or new parishioner welcome team, please let me know.

As you know, we are proposing to sell our former convent and school buildings and renovate our former friary building at Guardian Angels. Through discussions that I have had with a good number of parishioners and with the Finance Council, Parish Pastoral Council, and Maintenance Committee, I have come to believe that we cannot continue to under-utilize our buildings and allocate resources to maintain all of them as they currently exist. We must re-purpose our buildings which were built many years ago for active ministries. I believe that this will prove to be a prudent use of our resources.

Please come to our All-parish (town hall) meeting on Thursday, January 13th at 6:30 PM in the Saint Francis Hall. We want to present the facts to date, to allow you to stay informed, and to answer questions and allow for your reaction to the proposal. We are making efforts to match the proceeds from the sale of the school and former convent buildings to the cost to renovate the friary in such a way as to allow for everything that we would want. As of this writing, this is proving to be a challenge and will most likely cost more. I anticipate that we will, in time, present options and stages of development of the former friary. Thus, your input will be very important. However, I wish to allow for this input to be given in subsequent meetings. The main goal of this first meeting is to present the facts and allow time to reflect upon the options at hand before we discuss them more considerably.

We have secured the services of real estate brokers at Cushman and Wakefield, and Mr. Chuck Biechler, attorney of Meier, Kennedy, and Quinn law firm to help us with the sale. We have received first drafts of drawings from Vanman Architects and Builders which the Maintenance Committee has reviewed and offered considerable feedback.

When we did a walk-through with representatives from Vanman, it was pretty exciting to imagine the possibilities and to see how the multi-floor space could be utilized. It actually seemed surprisingly ample when we walked through it. I look forward to sharing this vision with you of the former friary and ultimately our whole parish with you on January 13th.

May Jesus born among us lead us to His will in this discernment for our community that will have lasting impact for our future. God bless you this Christmas season! - Father Tony



All Parish Meeting on January 13th at 6:30 p.m. in the Guardian Angels' St. Francis Hall. The Sale of the South Campus and the Remodel of the North Campus will be discussed. Father Tony wants your thoughts!



One of the best things about the season of Advent is the balance between remembrance and anticipation. It's the time of year that we hear Scripture readings that help us recall waiting for the Messiah, looking forward to Christ's second coming, and looking back to His first coming with joy. Advent inspires us to look at all we have accomplished and pray for what still needs to be done. The children and youth in our Faith Formation program have truly driven our program this year. Their energy and desire to learn more about each other and their faith is truly inspiring. Their enthusiasm has only been matched by their wonderful teachers, Kathy Cleveland, Nicole Klitzke, Tricia & Jeremy Feilmeyer, Thelma Gutierrez-Anderson, Katie Schreier, Brigid Altman, Anna Koktan, Joe Koktan, Tim Ulrich, Cathy Cress; and Chris Schepers, our "super-sub".

This year, we changed our programming and no longer have Sunday Faith Formation or monthly Confirmation sessions. Watching the children and youth lead the way to building our place in the Church is an absolute joy! Our children & youth don't worry about the differences in age, culture or the schools we attend. Kids see new people as friends that they haven't met yet. They love meeting you when you volunteer as hall monitors – just ask Cathy Barnett, Kathy Carlson or John & James Guillemette! Our "littles" are enjoying their time with Danielle & Cela Watkins while their parents attend the new Encounter adult small groups. Thanks to Cathy Santini, Sue Kerber, Jim Smyth and other parents that helped lead high school youth in small groups, our teenagers are now facilitating their own groups as they prepare for the sacrament of Confirmation. Thank you to the growing number of adults that have joined our Encounter small groups – we look forward to seeing more parents and community members each week.



There is much more work to be done! Our 6th graders and Year 1 Confirmation students have done a great job staying focused despite not having assigned catechists. Their spirit of teamwork has made me even more dedicated to providing the best program possible! Our Confirmation youth continue to grow as role models as they reach out and serve our Church family. Please continue to partner with Faith Formation families and invite our children and youth to events in the community where we can participate and serve. Join us in planning Middle & High School Youth Groups.

So, what is our Christmas wish this year? Simple – one thing! Our wish is to get to know more of our parish family. Visit us on Wednesday nights... ask questions after Mass... read our bulletin announcements! We will be sharing more information, more invitations (*especially if you have taught in the past*) and more pictures (*my* personal New Year resolution).

And speaking of resolutions - if you have ever considered teaching, or growing more in your own faith life, come and talk to us. We still need two catechists and 4-5 classroom assistants! It's not a solo effort. In truth, the joy that being in the classroom brings and sharing the faith journey with the kids is well worth the effort. We also welcome your prayers as we continue growing and improving our program in the New Year. Thank you for your support and we look forward to sharing many more good times in the New Year!

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year!
Blessings,
Fran Oprosko, Director of Children & Youth Formation and Youth Ministry

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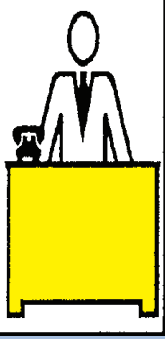
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Horario de Misas de Navidad y Fin de Año

La Misa de Navidad en español será el sábado 25 de diciembre a las 11 am en Ángeles Guardianes.

Solemnidad de María Madre de Dios: Santa Misa bilingüe el 31 de enero a las 6 pm en la Iglesia de San Nicolás en Carver.

Las dos Misas son de precepto, los Católicos debemos atender estas Misas.

El domingo 26 de diciembre y el domingo 2 de enero se celebrará la Misa dominical en su horario habitual de las 12:30 pm en Ángeles Guardianes.



VIDA FAMILIAR

La Navidad celebra la Encarnación, la “en-carnación” de Dios como una persona humana. En Jesús, Dios está presente físicamente en la historia humana. Hoy honramos a la Sagrada Familia, que nos ayuda a ver que Dios está activo en la vida familiar cotidiana. Dios está cerca, en medio de las tensiones, alegrías y las incertidumbres de la vida familiar. Como lo describe nuestro pasaje del Evangelio, incluso con la falta de comunicación y con una limitada comprensión de la misión de Jesús, la Sagrada Familia perseveró en su vida en común. Como en muchos conflictos familiares, no hubo una resolución inmediata o clara en los asuntos presentados por Jesús y María. Las intenciones de Dios hacia la familia y hacia Jesús, seguían desarrollándose. Ellos eran una familia unida y también lo eran con Dios. Dentro de la turbulencia de la vida familiar, confiaron en que Dios los sostenía vivamente y guiaba a un futuro incierto. Estamos invitados a seguir su ejemplo.

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El señor de la Historia

Belén es un lugar difícil. La ciudad del nacimiento de Jesús ha sido y sigue siendo un lugar sin poder y hoy está atrapada en el conflicto entre Israel y los palestinos. Aquel cuyo nacimiento celebramos en Navidad tampoco tenía el poder, era el emperador Augusto quien tenía el poder. Era el gobernante del imperio más grande del mundo en ese momento. Y necesitaba una gran cantidad de dinero para su poderoso ejército, por lo que hizo que se redactaran listas de impuestos en todo el imperio, incluso en Israel, que estaba bajo el dominio romano.

Muchos judíos se negaron a pagar impuestos al emperador y formaron organizaciones que resistieron pasiva o activamente a las autoridades. Estos “fanáticos” intentaron en repetidas ocasiones minimizar el poder de los invasores y por ello, los romanos se vengaron cruelmente y muchos terminaron en la cruz.

José no era uno de ellos. Obedeció la orden del emperador e hizo lo que tenía que hacer. A pesar de que su esposa estaba en los últimos días del embarazo, emprendió con María el largo y difícil viaje a Belén para inscribirse en el censo. Se sometió al gobierno del emperador. Sin embargo, el emperador estaba sujeto al gobierno de Dios. La vida del emperador, como la de cualquiera, estaba en manos de Dios. Por lo tanto, fue Dios mismo quien dispuso que José viajara a Belén y que María diera a luz a Jesús en esa ciudad de donde los profetas predijeron que vendría el Salvador. Y luego José no pudo encontrar ni un lugar donde quedarse. Solo un pesebre y pañales serían la ropa y el refugio del niño. Nuestro Señor vino al mundo en extrema pobreza e impotencia.

¿Por qué Dios quiso que fuera de esta manera? Primero, para hablar directamente a nuestro corazón. Un niño pequeño siempre mueve corazones. Dios no quiere dominarnos como otros reyes del mundo. Quiere el amor de nuestros corazones. Su amor por nosotros es profundamente personal. Por eso nos tiende los brazos de un niño. En segundo lugar, no quiere que nos encontremos unos con otros de forma amenazadora, con actitudes de poder, sino sirviéndonos unos a otros. Dios se hace pequeño en Cristo, por eso nosotros no nos debemos hacer demasiado grandes.

En un mundo donde existe mucho de la experiencia de dolor, violencia e injusticia que se vive en Belén, ¿hay esperanza? ¿Puede haber una gran alegría? ¿Pueden los ángeles proclamar la paz en la tierra? Debemos inclinarnos hacia el niño en la cuna esta Navidad y aun debemos hacer mas, debemos encontrarnos con él personalmente, su humildad, su paz, su súplica de abrazar nuestra propia humanidad en los demás y valorar a cada persona que encontramos como preciosa a sus ojos. Entonces encontraremos paz y alegría.

Esta Navidad, tome tiempo para leer el evangelio de la Natividad, Lucas 2: 1-14, incluso en voz alta, y una vez más reflexione con esta Palabra.

¡Bendiciones de Navidad para todos ustedes!

Padre Tony

Con esperanza y agradecimiento

Queridos hermanos, estamos finalizando este año 2021 con mucha esperanza y agradecimiento. Ha sido un año de muchos acontecimientos. Nuestra esperanza nos viene del Señor y a El estamos agradecidos por su obra en Ángeles Guardianes durante este año.

Estamos agradecidos con los discípulos misioneros que visitaron las casas este verano y con los parroquianos que respondiendo al llamado de ser misioneros que recibieron en su bautismo, han invitado a sus familiares y amigos a regresar a la Iglesia y a registrar a sus hijos en la catequesis; el fruto de estas misiones fue que 13 niños se agregaran a la catequesis. En total tenemos 47 niños y jóvenes atendiendo catequesis de primera comunión y confirmación y 38 padres que atienden formación de fe para adultos los miércoles por la noche. Este programa de catequesis para padres es posible gracias a la dedicación de 11 voluntarios que cada semana regalan su tiempo para acompañar a estas familias ¡Gracias a todos por sus esfuerzos misioneros!

Los momentos de oración también han sido una bendición para nuestra parroquia. La Adoración Eucarística de los jueves de 9 am a 7 pm seguida del grupo de oración de 7 pm a 9 pm, ofrecen un tiempo para entregar a Jesús nuestro corazón y para estar con El verdaderamente presente en la Sagrada Eucaristía. Gracias a los once adoradores que se han comprometido con una hora de Adoración Eucarística, la Sagrada Eucaristía puede estar expuesta en la Iglesia para que todos puedan visitar a Jesús Sacramentado. El grupo de oración ofrece un tiempo de alabanza, predicación, reflexión y testimonios que ayudan a fortalecer la fe y a sanar las heridas.

Las clases de Biblia de los viernes son una gran oportunidad para conocer mejor a Jesús, nuestro Salvador y el plan de salvación de Dios nuestro Padre.

La Santa Misa de los domingos es nuestra gran celebración de fe. Agradecemos a todos los ministros litúrgicos, al coro y a los monaguillos que con su servicio al Señor ayudan a tener cada domingo la celebración de la Eucaristía en español. Es siempre una gran alegría recibir a todos los parroquianos en la Santa Misa de los domingos y otras fiestas. ¡Gracias parroquianos de Ángeles Guardianes por hacer de esta parroquia su familia espiritual! Aun con todas estas buenas noticias, todavía anhelamos y tenemos la esperanza de que más hermanos se acerquen a Jesús y a los sacramentos. Hemos visto que las invitaciones personales que se han hecho han dado buenos frutos. Sabemos que en el área de Chaska y Carver hay muchas familias que están esperando la Buena Noticia y que la Iglesia los encuentre. En este nuevo año continuaremos con los esfuerzos misioneros y lo haremos guiados por el Espíritu Santo y con la ayuda de todos los bautizados que respondan a su vocación misionera. ¡Feliz Navidad! Que Jesús encuentre en cada uno de nuestros corazones un lugar donde habitar. - Viviana Sotro

26 de diciembre de 2021

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Sal 97 (96):1-2, 5-6, 11-12;
Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Martes: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Sal 124 (123):2-5, 7b-8;
Mt 2:13-18

Miércoles: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Sal 96 (95):1-3, 5b-6; Lc 2:22-35

Jueves: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Sal 96 (95):7-10; Lc 2:36-40

Viernes: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Sal 96 (95):1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18

Sábado: Nm 6:22-27; Sal 67 (66):2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gál 4:4-7;
Lc 2:16-21

Domingo: Is 60:1-6; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 7-8, 10-13;
Ef 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

2 de enero de 2022

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Sal 2:7bc-8, 10-12a;
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Martes: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Sal 72 (71):1-4, 7-8; Mc 6:34-44

Miércoles: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 10, 12-13;
Mc 6:45-52

Jueves: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 14, 15bc, 17;
Lc 4:14-22a

Viernes: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Sal 147:12-15, 19-20; Lc 5:12-16

Sábado: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Sal 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

Domingo: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 o Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Sal 29 (28):1-4,
3, 9-10 o Sal 104 (103):1b-4, 24-25, 27-30;
Hch 10:34-38 o Tit 2:11-14; 3:4-7;
Lc 3:15-16, 21-22

El Papa Francisco nombró esta mañana al Padre Joseph Williams, sacerdote de la Arquidiócesis de Saint Paul y Minneapolis, como obispo auxiliar de la Arquidiócesis de Saint Paul y Minneapolis. El obispo electo Williams es actualmente el pastor de la Iglesia de San Esteban y la Iglesia del Santo Rosario, ambas en Minneapolis, Minnesota. El Padre Williams también sirve como Vicario para el Ministerio Latino de la Arquidiócesis. Nativo de Stillwater, Minnesota, el obispo electo Williams, de 47 años, obtuvo una licenciatura en biología de la Universidad de Minnesota, Morris. Luego se matriculó en la Universidad Franciscana de Steubenville en Steubenville, Ohio, donde, en un ambiente de oración y apoyo fraterno, escuchó el llamado de Dios al sacerdocio. Fue aceptado en el Seminario Saint Paul en St. Paul, Minnesota, en 1998. El obispo electo Williams fue ordenado sacerdote para la Arquidiócesis de Saint Paul y Minneapolis en 2002. Después de la ordenación, el obispo electo Williams sirvió en la Catedral de San Pablo, la parroquia Divina Misericordia en Faribault, San Matías en Hampton y Santa María en Nueva Tréveris. En 2008, fue designado para servir a la parroquia de Saint Stephen en Minneapolis. La parroquia del Santo Rosario se agregó a su pastoreo en 2020. El obispo electo Williams actualmente sirve en la junta de fideicomisarios de The Seminaries of Saint Paul en St. Paul, Minnesota. Se ha desempeñado como capellán de la Cámara de Representantes de Minnesota y como Coordinador de Alcance Arquidiocesano a Personas con Discapacidades. Como obispo auxiliar, el obispo electo Williams trabajará junto

con el arzobispo Bernard A. Hebda de Saint Paul y Minneapolis para dirigir la Iglesia en la arquidiócesis, que abarca el área metropolitana de 12 condados. "Me siento humildemente honrado por el nombramiento del Papa Francisco", dijo el obispo electo Williams. "Amo a Jesús y a Su Iglesia, y espero unirme a los fieles de Saint Paul y Minneapolis para compartir ese amor con nuestros vecinos, especialmente con los pobres y los inmigrantes. He tenido el privilegio de servir a nuestras hermanas y hermanos de habla hispana por más de 15 años. Su tierno amor a Dios y su devoción al sacerdocio me han inspirado a vivir mis votos diariamente. Confío en que el Espíritu Santo le mostrará al Arzobispo Hebda cómo puedo apoyarlo mejor en el cuidado de todas las personas maravillosas de esta Arquidiócesis. Por favor, oren por nosotros". El Arzobispo Hebda dijo: "Fue con gran alegría que me enteré del nombramiento del Papa Francisco del P. Joseph Williams como Obispo Auxiliar de Saint Paul y Minneapolis. Los sacerdotes y fieles de la Arquidiócesis deben estar honrados de que el Santo Padre haya elegido a un hijo nativo, nutrido, alimentado y formado en esta Iglesia local, para servir como Sucesor de los Apóstoles. Su profunda fe, su corazón pastoral, su amor por Cristo y su rebaño, y sus impresionantes dones naturales sugieren que el Señor lo ha estado preparando durante mucho tiempo para servir como obispo. Habiendo sido inspirado por su liderazgo en San Esteban y en Santo Rosario, su corazón por los pobres y los de la periferia, su celo evangélico y su liderazgo como Vicario para el Ministerio Latino, estoy particularmente encantado por el nombramiento y confío en que la Arquidiócesis se beneficiará enormemente de su ejemplo, discernimiento y liderazgo. Por favor, únase a mí en oración por el obispo electo Williams mientras se prepara para su ordenación el 25 de enero, la Fiesta de la Conversión de San Pablo, y al comenzar su servicio episcopal. Que Nuestra Señora de Loreto, en cuya fiesta fue nombrado, lo guíe siempre al corazón compasivo de su Hijo". El obispo electo Williams nació el 2 de mayo de 1974, hijo del Dr. Gary y Mary Williams. Es el tercero de nueve hijos, creció en Stillwater, asistió a la escuela Católica de Saint Croix y se graduó del secundario de Stillwater en 1992. Su hermano, el padre Peter Williams, también es sacerdote de la Arquidiócesis de Saint Paul y Minneapolis y se desempeña como párroco de la parroquia de Saint Ambrose en Woodbury. El obispo electo Williams se graduó summa cum laude de la Universidad de Minnesota, Morris, en 1996 y obtuvo un título en filosofía / preteología de la Universidad Franciscana de Steubenville en 1998. Obtuvo una Maestría en Divinidad del Seminario Saint Paul y fue ordenado el 25 de mayo de 2002 por el Arzobispo Harry J. Flynn. Su ordenación episcopal está programada para el 25 de enero de 2022 en la Catedral de San Pablo. La ordenación será transmitida en vivo en la página de Facebook de la Arquidiócesis de Saint Paul y Minneapolis. El arzobispo Hebda presentará hoy al obispo electo Williams en una conferencia de prensa a las 9 a.m. en la Catedral de San Pablo.



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Horario de Misa

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Jueves : 8:00 a.m.

Viernes: 6:00 p.m. a San Nicolas

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Sábado : 4:30 p.m.

Domingo: 8:00 a.m. /

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