

SECOND SUNDAY OF

# Advent

DECEMBER 4, 2022

## *The Church of The Guardian Angels*

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## *Saint Nicholas Catholic Church*

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### Weekly Liturgy Schedule

#### Sunday Masses:

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)

#### Daily Masses:

Tuesday: 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday: 8:00 a.m.

Thursday: 8:00 a.m.

Friday: 6:00 p.m. bilingual at

St. Nick

#### 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.

#### Office Hours:

**Monday:** 8:30 a.m.—12:30  
p.m.

**Tuesday—Thursday:**

8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

**Friday:** 8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

### Horario de Misas

#### Misas dominicales:

Sábado : 4:30 p.m.

Domingo: 8:00 a.m. /

10:00 a.m.

Domingo: 12:30 p.m. (Misa en  
español)

#### Misas diarias:

Martes: 5:30 p.m.

Miércoles: 8:00 a.m.

Jueves : 8:00 a.m.

Viernes: 6:00 p.m. bilingüe en San  
Nicolás

#### 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.

#### Grupo de Oración

Jueves: 7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

John the Baptist appeared,  
preaching in the desert of Judea and saying,  
“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!”

MATTHEW 3:1

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<p><b>BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS</b></p> <p>If you have anything to submit for the bulletin for Guardian Angels or St. Nicholas, email bulletin@gachaska.org by 12:00 p.m. the Tuesday before. Any photographs must be in .jpg format.</p>	<p><b>GET THE BULLETIN EMAILED DIRECTLY TO YOU!</b></p> <p>Did you know that you can get this bulletin sent to your email inbox? You can! Text GACHASKA to 84576, add your email address, and join the "Bulletin" group.</p>	
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	<p><b>ENVÍOS AL BOLETÍN</b></p> <p>Si tiene algo que enviar para el boletín de Guardian Angels o St. Nicholas, envíe un correo electrónico a bulletin@gachaska.org antes de las 12:00 p.m. el martes anterior. Cualquier fotografía debe estar en formato .jpg.</p>	

**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.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26  
 Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13;  
 Mt 18:12-14  
 Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30  
 Thursday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12;  
 Lk 1:26-38  
 Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19  
 Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19;  
 Mt 17:9a, 10-13  
 Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10;  
 Mt 11:2-11

## LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Is 35:1-10; Sal 85 (84):9ab, 10-14; Lc 5:17-26  
 Martes: Is 40:1-11; Sal 96 (95):1-3, 10ac, 11-13;  
 Mt 18:12-14  
 Miércoles: Is 40:25-31; Sal 103 (102):1-4, 8, 10;  
 Mt 11:28-30  
 Jueves: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Sal 98 (97):1-4;  
 Ef 1:3-6, 11-12; Lc 1:26-38  
 Viernes: Is 48:17-19; Sal 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19  
 Sábado: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Sal 80 (79):2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13  
 Domingo: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Sal 146 (145):6-10;  
 Sant 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

## STEWARDSHIP UPDATE



We must be good stewards of God's gifts to us, receiving them gratefully and cultivating them with care, lest we be the ones about whom John the Baptist speaks today, cautioning us, "Every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."

### Guardian Angels Maintenance Fund:

Year-to-date 7/1/22—10/31/22

Contributions \$12,642

Maintenance Expenses Paid: \$7,089 (Church Chiller Compressor Upgrade and Voltage Monitor, Sacristy Rain Gutters and Downspout). **Fund Balance: \$220,082**

### Year-To-Date 7/1/22—11/28/22

	Guardian Angels	St. Nicholas
Budget	\$258,814	\$23,752
Sunday Collection	\$167,097	\$20,135
Electronic Giving	\$77,586	\$5,996
Total Contributions	\$244,683	\$26,131
Amount above or below	-\$14,131	+\$2,379



## JUSTICE SHALL FLOURISH IN HIS TIME, AND FULLNESS OF PEACE FOREVER

Our readings today are a study in contrasts. Our gospel proposes to us a strange figure: John the Baptizer. He ate locusts and wild honey. He wore camel's hair and lived in the desert. He was a hard hitter. His call to repentance was hard and relentless. He did not tell people what they wanted to hear.

So why did they flock to him in the desert rather than go to the Temple as was normal? It was because he was credible. His hard-hitting call to repentance came from profound kind-heartedness in which he genuinely cared about what he was saying and cared about those who heard his message. His call to repentance affected hearts and it should have because the coming of Jesus was imminent!

The prophet Isaiah, on the other hand, spoke of Jesus coming from afar, and gave us beautiful, comforting images of a wolf being a guest of a lamb and a leopard lying down with a kid and a little child to guide them and the earth being filled with the knowledge of the Lord. Isaiah communicates to us that God will come and righteousness will be restored. Everything will be set right.

We need both the message from afar, which is a message of hope, and the urgent message to prepare for his imminent coming. Those who really could hear, understand, and respond to each message were the lowly ones. Jesus says that what has been hidden from the learned and the clever will be revealed to the merest children.

Do we want more? Do we want more than the righteousness of God? What could be greater than the Savior who will come to restore this righteousness? But if we are to welcome him, we must heed the call of John the Baptizer and let go of wanting more. Heeding his call to repentance may mean slowing down, letting go of the things that pull us away from God this Advent season, and allowing his will to take over in the choices we make. His simple life gave powerful testimony to Jesus, our King, who was and is to come. May we be ready to receive him this Christmas and give that same testimony to those around us!

Father Tony



## 20th ANNUAL CHRISTMAS COOKIE WALK BAKE SALE



# Catholic United Financial



December 10th and 11th in St. Francis Hall after the 4:30 p.m., 8 a.m., and 10 a.m. Masses. All parishioners are asked to donate their favorite cookies, bars, breads, and candies. This is your opportunity to dazzle us with your baking abilities. Choose from hundreds of cookies and bars to build a custom tray of your favorites. Trays are weighed and priced per pound. These are the best Christmas goodies in town!

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## CHURCH PRAYER AND BUILDING SECURITY

The church building at Guardian Angels will be locked during all hours that it is not in use. If you would like to pray, you may request a code in-person from Joel Swanson, our Business Administrator. We still need adorers for our Thursday Eucharistic Adoration that takes place after our daily Mass until 7:00 p.m. On Thursdays, the church will be unlocked. Please consider taking an hour! If you can do so, please call Viviana Sotro at (952) 227-4010.

## CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Remember a loved one with a donation to our Christmas Flower Fund. You can use the envelope provided in your packet for Christmas flowers or place your donation in an envelope marked "Christmas flower fund" and drop it in the collection basket.

Please remember to include your loved ones name with your donation.

## WE REMEMBER...

Please pray for the repose of the souls of George Luskey and Bernard Serbus.

Also pray for their family and friends in their time of grief.

## MARCH FOR LIFE



Circle **January 22, 2023** on your calendar! March for Life Rally will take place! More information about Mass time, bus rides, to come by January 1, 2023.

## St. Nicholas Day at St. Nicholas

Celebrate the Feast of St. Nicholas with us on December 6th at 5:30 p.m. at St. Nicholas!

## LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS— HEALING SERIES

Friday, December 9th, 7-9 p.m., Church of Saint Peter, Mendota

Join us as we invite the light of Christ to shine into the dark places in our hearts where we are in desperate need of His healing love as we enter into prayer and the sacraments.

It is intended that participants attend all three nights in order to prepare and transform their hearts and minds as they encounter God's healing love, but you are most welcome to come as you are able.

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The Tradition Continues...





# ENCOUNTER



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**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>: MARY'S YES**

**The Immaculate Conception and Our Lady of Guadalupe**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>: SAINT JOSEPH AND HIS VIRTUES**

**Patron of the Domestic Church**

**WEDNESDAY, December 21<sup>st</sup>: THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS**


**Celebrating it Well**

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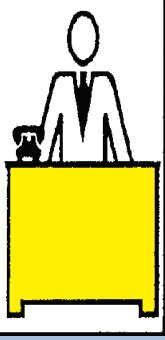
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