



ST. JOHN FISHER

Catholic Parish

A FAMILY OF FAMILIAS

MASS MISA

Tuesday/Martes:

Chapel/Capilla @ 8:00 AM

Wednesday/Miércoles:

Chapel/Capilla @ 8:00 AM

Thursday/Jueves:

Chapel/Capilla @ 8:00 AM

Friday/Viernes:

Chapel/Capilla @ 8:00 AM

Saturday/Sábado:

Church/Iglesia @ 6:00 PM English

Sunday/Domingo:

Church/Iglesia @ 8:00 AM Español,

10:00 AM English, 12:00 PM Español

CONFESSIONS

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NEW ADVENT CONFESSION SCHEDULE IS ON
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SATURDAY/SÁBADO:

4:00 PM-5:00 PM

ADORATION

ADORACIÓN

Thursdays Blessed Sacrament/

Jueves Exposición del Santísimo

8:00 AM-6:45 PM

OFFICE HOURS

HORARIO DE OFICINA

Monday - Thursday/Lunes - Jueves

Monday- 8:00 AM-NOON

Tuesday- 8:00 AM-3:00 PM

Wednesday- 8:00 AM-4:00 PM

Thursday- 8:00 AM-3:00 PM

(One hour lunch/Una hora de almuerzo)

12:00 - 1:00 PM

Friday/Viernes:

8:00 AM-NOON

ST. GABRIEL SAN GABRIEL

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DECEMBER 13, 2020 | 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to
testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. - Jn 1:6-7

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PRAAYER & WORSHIP

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MASS+ INTENTIONS

DECEMBER 12 † Guadalupe Lopez 6:00 PM
By Dolores Gonzalez

DECEMBER 13 † Francisca Ramos 8:00AM
By Anita Garza

† Jackie Cruz 10:00 AM
By Melissa Jimenez

DECEMBER 14 Parish Family 12:00 PM
NO MASS

DECEMBER 15 † Felicisima Reyes 8:00 AM
By Karina Daus

DECEMBER 16 8:00 AM
By

DECEMBER 17 † Cruz Bahena 8:00 AM
By Maury Rojas

DECEMBER 18 8:00 AM
By

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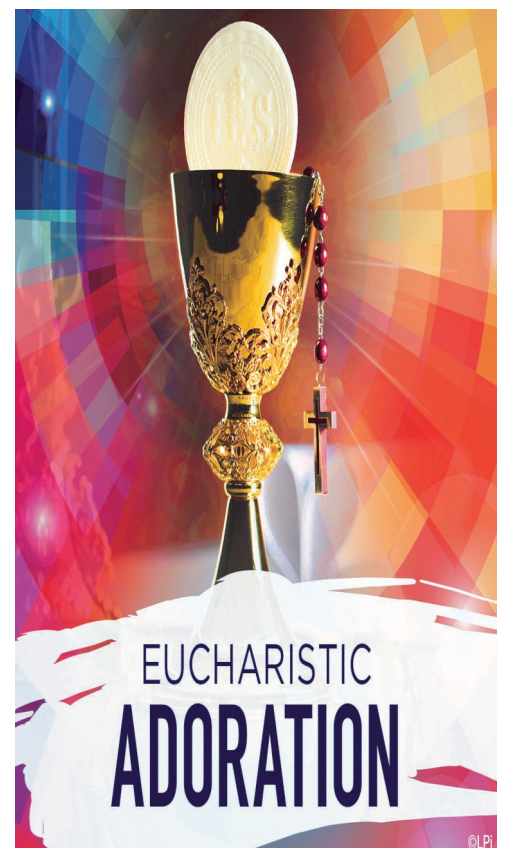
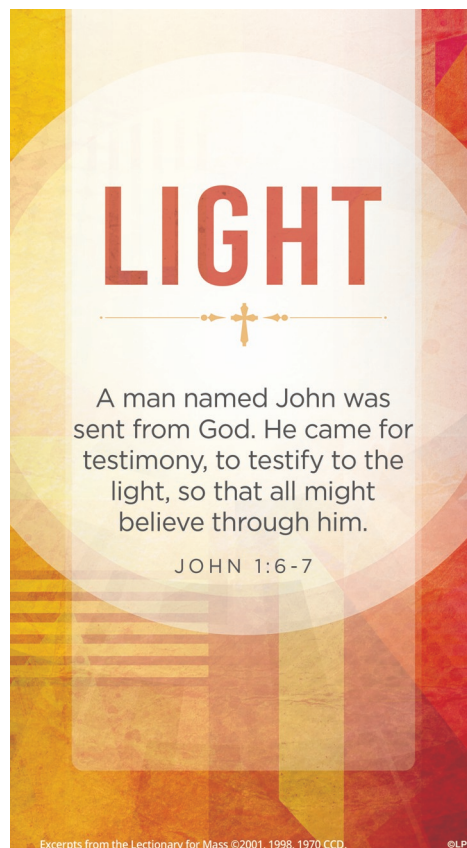
If you wish to be a sponsor please contact
Cynthia Felan at 281-352-1011.

SACRAMENT

For any Sacramental need, please call the
Pastor to make an appointment. Each
Sacrament requires a different preparation
program, to be established in the initial
interview.

SACRAMENTO

Si desea celebrar algún Sacramento, por favor
haga una cita con el párroco. Cada Sacramento
requiere un tiempo de preparación para ser
establecido en dicha entrevista.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 13, 2020

SUN 12/13	Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 51-54 [Is 61:10b]/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
MON 12/14	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27
TUE 12/15	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 [7a]/Mt 21:28-32
WED 12/16	Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 45:8]/Lk 7:18b-23
THR 12/17	Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17
FRI 12/18	Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25
SAT 12/19	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25
SUN 12/20	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 13, 2020

Sunday:	3 rd Sunday of Advent
Monday:	St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday:	4 th Sunday of Advent

LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

What gives you joy? Joy is discovered when we connect with something or someone very deeply and experience a dimension of ourselves that material or secular possessions cannot bring. Joy is stumbled upon when we see our newly born child for the first time, get caught up in the vastness of a mountain landscape, and are led out into infinity gazing at an ocean's horizon, or being lovingly present with someone when they are vulnerable and in need. Joy is a profound experience that in its uniqueness grounds us in ultimate truth. Did you know that all authentic, profound, and memorable moments of joy mirror the eternal joy we desire from God? We can have glimpses of this eternal Divine joy as we embark upon our earthly journey, mirrored in our human connections with joy, but experienced directly during moments of deep prayer. God is the joy of my soul. Ponder those intense words! You will know moments of true and real joy by paying attention to your response to the experience. You will find yourself rejoicing and saying thank you.



*The desire
for God
is written
in the
human
heart.*

PARISH INFO

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Christmas Masses

**COME CELEBRATE THE
REASON FOR THE SEASON**



Christmas Eve 6:00 PM
Christmas 10:00 AM & 12:00 PM



St. John Fisher
410 Clay Street, Richmond, TX 77469

Please Join us!

All are Welcome!

PARISH ACTIVITIES

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John answered them,
“I baptize with water;
but there is one among
you whom you do not
recognize, the one who is
coming after me, whose
sandal strap I am not
worthy to untie.”

– Jn 1:26-27

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LITURGICAL LIFE

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

Isaiah shares his understanding of his prophetic call and his experience of the Lord as a God of justice and compassion. As we continue in the season of Advent, what new spiritual insights are you discovering?

Second Reading

Paul encourages the Thessalonians to be thankful to God and be active in their newly found faith in Christ by following his moral imperatives. How are you putting your faith into practice during this Advent?

Gospel Reading

John tells us that the religious leaders in Jerusalem questioned the identity of John the Baptist, wondering if he was the Messiah, Elijah, or the Prophet who Moses prophesied would come. John the Baptist responds in humility, with a clear sense of his own call. Do you humbly accept God's call in your life?



3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



PASTOR'S DESK

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DEAR ST. JOHN FISHER FAMILY,

This weekend we celebrate Gaudete Sunday, which invites us to "*rejoice*" because of Jesus's nearness. The Psalm says "*My soul rejoices in my God!*" The ancient Israelites sang about the joy that filled their hearts when they lived the Law that the LORD had provided for them through Moses. Imagine the joy that filled the first Christians who had been given the New Commandment, the very law of Heaven that Jesus had brought to earth when he said, "*My command is this: Love one another as I have loved you*" (Jn 15:12). Yes, the first Christians had a never-ending source of joy, and it was found in love, mutual love.

They were certainly happy that God lived in their hearts and minds, but their joy wasn't motivated by external influences, not even the most sublime or divine influences. The joy they experienced was a gift that they saw blossom inside them when they loved their neighbors. St. John alludes to this when we says: "*We know that we have passed from death to life because we love our brothers*" (1 Jn 3:14). The first Christians loved one another; they loved their neighbors, and they loved their enemies. Their Roman neighbors wrote about them: "*Look! See how they love one another! Each of them is ready to die for the other*" (Tertullian, *Apologetica*, 3,7). The first Christians loved and experienced the fullness of joy, complete joy, perfect joy

(Jn 15:11); also because it made them experience unity which Jesus prayed for (Jn 17:21).

The joy of the holidays may be a little different to come by given the COVID and other difficulties, but the enduring joy we experience every time Jesus comes into our midst as we live His new commandment is the one we want to live especially now. Jesus told His disciples what the joy would be like: "*I will come back to you . . . and your hearts will rejoice . . . and no one will take away your joy*" (Jn 16:22). This is the joy we celebrate on Gaudete Sunday. It's a gift of the Risen Lord who comes back into our midst whenever we're gathered together in Him.

Let's strive for this joy that Jesus desires for us, by loving one another, loving our neighbors and loving our enemies until they love us back. What better way to celebrate Christmas than to allow Jesus to be born among us wherever we are and whenever we are together? He'll give us the fullness of joy. Like the ancient Advent hymn sang on this day: "*Gaudete! Rejoice! Rejoice! Christ is born of the Virgin Mary! Rejoice!*" And we can imitate Mary in this. We can experience a bit of her joy when she first looked upon her Son.

Fr. Jesse Garcia

QUERIDA FAMILIA DE ST. JUAN FISHER,

Este fin de semana celebramos el domingo de *Gaudete*, que nos invita a "*alegrarnos*" por la cercanía de Jesús. El Salmo dice: "*¡Mi espíritu se alegra en Dios, mi salvador!*" Los antiguos israelitas cantaban del gozo que llenaba sus corazones cuando vivían la Ley que el Señor les había dado por medio de Moisés. Imaginen la alegría que llenaba a los primeros cristianos a quienes se les había dado el Nuevo Mandamiento, la misma ley del Cielo que Jesús había traído a la tierra cuando dijo: "*Este es mi mandamiento: Ámense los unos a los otros, como yo los he amado*" (Jn 15: 12). Sí, los primeros cristianos tenían una fuente inagotable de alegría, y la encontraban en el amor mutuo.

Ciertamente estaban felices porque Dios vivía en sus corazones y mentes, pero su alegría no estaba motivada por influencias externas, ni siquiera por las influencias más sublimes o divinas. La alegría que experimentaban fue un regalo que veían florecer en ellos cuando amaban a sus prójimos. San Juan alude a esto cuando dice: "*el amor a nuestros hermanos es para nosotros el signo de que hemos pasado de la muerte a la vida*" (1 Jn 3:14). Los primeros cristianos se amaban entre sí; amaban a sus prójimos, y amaban a sus enemigos. Los romanos decían de ellos: "*¡Mira! ¡Mira cómo se aman! Cada uno de ellos está dispuesto a morir por el otro*" (Tertuliano, *Apologetica*, 3,7). Los primeros cristianos amaron y experimentaron la plenitud de la alegría, la alegría completa, la alegría perfecta (Jn 15:11); también porque amando experimentaron la unidad por

la cual Jesús oró (Jn 17:21).

El gozo de las fiestas puede ser un poco diferente dado el COVID y otras dificultades, pero el gozo perdurable que experimentamos cada vez que Jesús viene entre nosotros mientras vivimos Su nuevo mandamiento es el que queremos vivir especialmente ahora. Jesús les dijo a Sus discípulos cómo sería este gozo: "*También ustedes ahora están tristes, pero yo los volveré a ver, y tendrán una alegría que nadie les podrá quitar*" (Jn 16:22). Esta es la alegría que celebramos en el domingo de *Gaudete*. Es un regalo del Señor Resucitado que regresa en medio nuestro cada vez que estamos reunidos en Él.

Luchemos por este gozo que Jesús desea para nosotros, amándonos unos a otros, amando a nuestros prójimos y amando a nuestros enemigos hasta que nos devuelvan el amor. ¿Qué mejor manera de celebrar la Navidad que permitir que Jesús nazca entre nosotros donde sea que estemos y cada vez que estemos juntos? Él nos dará la plenitud de la alegría. Como el antiguo himno de Adviento dice: "*¡Gaudete! ¡Alégrense! ¡Alégrense, Cristo nació de la Virgen María! ¡Alégrense!*" Y podemos imitar a María en esto. Podemos experimentar un poco de su alegría cuando miró por primera vez a su Hijo.

P. Jesse Garcia



CALENDAR & EVENTS

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Alfred Arredondo, Miguel De La Torre, Antonia Flores , Lupe Garcia, Pedro Granados, Cecilia Gonzalez, Mark Lester, Ofelia Gonzalez Morales, Claudia Gonzalez, Leonard Martinez, Serafin Nuñez, Jesse Perez, Bryan Ramirez, Josefina Ramirez, Ramona Rosales, Joe Rosilez Sr., Aurora Sanchez, John Sanchez, Michael Stemmer, Esteban Treviño, Joe Wiley, Victor Zuniga,

Call the office with the names of those who need our prayers and also call to inform us when to remove the name from the list.

Llame a la oficina para informar sobre quienes están enfermos y podamos orar por ellos. Llámenos también cuando consideren que debemos sacarlos de la lista.

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ADORACIÓN NOCTURNA

Night Worship

Únanse a las Vigilias de Adoracion Nocturna velando con Jesus Eucaristia durante la noche cada primer Sábado del mes. Nuestra siguiente Vigilia será el 5 de Diciembre comenzamos a las 8:00 PM a 4:00 AM del Domingo. Para más informacion llamé a Cesar Contreras 832-971-5836 o Elmer Cerna 832-759-0996.

CONFESSIONS:

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December 8, 2020 5:30 PM- 6:30 PM

No Confessions on December 9, 2020.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
6:30 PM- 7:30 PM

Saturday: 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

OFFICE HOURS

Nuevo Horario de Oficina

Monday- 8:00 AM-NOON

Tuesday- 8:00 AM-3:00 PM

Wednesday- 8:00 AM-4:00 PM

Thursday- 8:00 AM-3:00 PM
(One hour lunch/Una hora de almuerzo)
12:00 - 1:00 PM

Friday/**Viernes:**

8:00 AM-NOON

DELICIOUS TAMALES

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