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all flesh shall see the salvation of God.*

*Preparen el camino del Señor, hagan rectos sus senderos,
y todos los hombres verán al Salvador.*

Ministerial Assignments	Date/Fecha	8:30 am Mass	11:00 am Mass
Director of Worship	Dec 8 Dec 15 Dec 22	Dan VanIngen Dan VanIngen Dan VanIngen	Roman Fernando Evelia
Altar Server/Acolyte/Acólitos	Dec 8 Dec 15 Dec 22	Grant & Marian Kaden & Marian Kaden & Grant	Alexis y Tania Edwin y Andres Janet y Tania
Audio/Visual	Dec 8 Dec 15 Dec 22	Ryan Geneva Dominic	Angel Angely Eric
Lector	Dec 8 Dec 15 Dec 22	Gary Drummond Gary Drummond Gary Drummond	Artemo y Amelia Angelica y Rosa Janissa y Eliza
Palabra de Dios por los niños	Dec 8 Dec 15 Dec 22	Mariam y Cecilia Mariam y Cecilia Mariam y Cecilia	Mariam y Cecilia Mariam y Cecilia Mariam y Cecilia
Hospitality / Accommodadores	Dec 8 Dec 15 Dec 22	Nick G & Dennis Ryan Nick G & Dennis Ryan Nick G & Dennis Ryan	Rosa y Joana Victoria y Nadia Blanca y Martin
Communion Minister	Dec 8 Dec 15 Dec 22	Kathleen Hauser Kathleen Hauser Kathleen Hauser	Clelia Ana Josefina

We lift up to the Lord All who have died, especially **Hugh Morehead**. We pray for those who struggle with aging, disease, illness, grief or addiction, especially **Joe Koenen and Jan Scobee**. We are grateful for those who feed, house and clothe the world, and those who labor selflessly for our safety, growth and well being, including our **catechists, first responders and military**. May we always honor the needs of our brothers and sisters more than personal material possessions or preferences.

Happy Birthday/Feliz Cumpleanos...December/Diciembre 9, Cody Weter; 10, Mary Bohle; 11, Jazelle Bahena; 12, Maira Gomez, Daniel Perales; 14, Jessica Perez, Lesli Bahena; 17, Maria Casteneda; 19, Daniel Hatcher; 23, Xavier Bahena, Paula May; 25, Rodrigo Martinez; 28, Jennifer Bahena.
Anniversaries/Aniversarios...December/Diciembre 1, Felipe y Consuelo Bahena, 28 años; 5, Efren y Teresa Carrillo, 27 años; 7, Benjamin y Veronica Ochoa, 17 años.

Weekly Readings

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Dec. 8, 2nd Sunday of Advent
Segundo Domingo de Adviento
Is 11:1-10
Rom 15:4-9
Mt 3:1-12
Dec. 9, Monday-Lunes
Immaculate Conception
Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph/Ef 1:3-6, 11-12
Lk/Lc 1:26-38
Dec. 10, Tuesday-Martes
Is 40:1-10
Mt 18:12-14
Dec. 11, Wednesday-Miércoles
Is 40:25-31
Mt 11:28-30
Dec. 12, Thursday-Jueves
Our Lady of Guadalupe
Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe
Zec/Za 2:14-17
Lk/Lc 1:26-38
Dec. 13, Friday-Viernes
Saint Lucy / Santa Lucia
Is 48:17-19
Mt 11:16-19
Dec. 14, Saturday-Sábado
John of the Cross/Juan de la Cruz
Sir/Eclesiastico 48:1-4, 9-11
Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Dec. 15, 3rd Sunday of Advent
Tercer Domingo de Adviento
Is 35:1-6a, 10
Jas/Sant 5:7-10
Mt 11:2-11

Mass Intentions

Sat, December 7, 4:30 p.m.
Parish
Sun, December 8, 8:30 a.m.
†Cory Miller
Sun, December 8, 11:00 a.m.
†Hugh Morehead
Sat, December 14, 4:30 p.m.
†Jim Bonifazi
Sun, December 15, 8:30 a.m.
Parish
Sun, December 15, 11:00 a.m.
Pope Francis



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Second Sunday of Advent, Year A, Segundo Domingo de Adviento, el año A del evangelio de San Mateo December-Diciembre 8, 2019

From Deacon John...

In the Gospel, John the Baptist makes very clear that his relationship to the Messiah who is yet to come is one of service and subservience: "... the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals". This proclamation is followed by Jesus' baptism, an event attested to in all four of the Gospels and understood as the start of Jesus' public ministry. The coming of the Lord is a key theme of Advent. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus in the first century, we, too, are called to prepare for Jesus' coming. We respond to John's message by our repentance and reform. We too, are called to be prophets of Christ, announcing the second coming of the Lord.

En el Evangelio, Juan el Bautista deja muy claro que su relación con el Mesías que está por venir es de servicio y servilismo: "... el que viene detrás de mí es más poderoso que yo. No soy digno de llevar sus sandalias". A esta proclamación le sigue el bautismo de Jesús, un evento atestado en los cuatro Evangelios y que se entiende como el comienzo del ministerio público de Jesús. La predicación de Juan sobre la venida del Señor es un tema clave de la temporada de Adviento. Mientras el mensaje de Juan preparó el camino para Jesús en el primer siglo, nosotros también estamos llamados a prepararnos para la venida de Jesús. Respondemos al mensaje de Juan con nuestro arrepentimiento y la reforma de nuestras vidas. También estamos llamados a ser profetas de Cristo, anunciando la segunda venida del Señor.

Weekly Schedule of Services

Holy Mass in English,
Saturday, Unionville, 4:30 p.m.; Sunday Milan, 8:30 a.m.
La Santa Misa Domingo en Español, Milan 11:00 a.m.
Evening Vespers with Communion: Wed, 5:30 p.m.
Reconciliation, Sun., 8-8:20 a.m. and by appointment.

Pastoral Council

Gary Drummond, *councilPresident@stmarymilan.com*
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 Mariam Camacho, Cecelia Pacheco, *Youth*; Roman Bahena, *Social Justice*; John Mino, Alfredo Reyes, Rex May, Teresa Blair, *Stewardship*; Lety Curiel, Jean Nee, *Altar Society*;
 Edwin Pacheco, Roman Bahena, *San Juan Bautista*

Join us this Advent



Join Catholics throughout the 38 counties of the Diocese of Jefferson City in small group faith sharing this Advent. A Steward's Way consists of four sessions based on the Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation. Reflect on how our faith provides a foundation of gratitude from which comes deep joy and hope for our lives, our families, our communities and our world. Your participation in these sessions will give us a common spiritual formation as Bishop McKnight leads us

in a new pastoral plan for the next three to five years.

Please also help us spread the word. Bishop McKnight's vision is that every one in our diocese can participate, so we have a common spiritual formation leading into the development of a diocesan pastoral plan. If you are already a member of a small faith-sharing group, Bishop is asking that you use your already scheduled sessions to join A Steward's Way. No need to plan additional gatherings. Sessions are available in English and Spanish. If you are interested in participating, please contact Dan vanIngen, or one of the Deacons.

Bishop McKnight's December prayer intention for our Local Church

As we celebrate the mystery of the Holy Family, may our Churches and schools support parents in the raising of their children in the faith.



Intención del mes de diciembre del Obispo McKnight por nuestra Iglesia Local

Al celebrar el misterio de la Sagrada Familia, que nuestras Iglesias y escuelas puedan apoyar a los padres y madres de familia en la tarea de criar a sus hijos e hijas en la fe.

Calendar of Events

Sun, Dec 8 9:30 am	Parish Coffee and Doughnuts Parish Hall
Sun, Dec 8 9:45 am	Parish School of Religion for all age groups, Milan Parish Hall
Sun, Dec 8 10:00 am	Youth Confirmation Group Milan Parish Hall
Sun, Dec 8 11:00 am	Palabra de Dios por los niños, Milan Iglesia
Sun, Dec 8 5:30 pm	Novena para nuestra señora de guadalupe, Milan Iglesia
Mon, Dec 9 9-10:00 am	Aerobics, Milan Parish Hall
Mon, Dec 9 5:30 pm	Novena para nuestra señora de guadalupe, Milan Iglesia
Tue, Dec 10 5:30 pm	Novena para nuestra señora de guadalupe, Milan Iglesia
Tue, Dec 10 6:00 pm	Práctica de los músicos del grupo de oracion, Milan Iglesia
Tue, Dec 10 7:00 pm	Pastoral Council Milan Parish Hall
Wed, Dec 11 9-10:00 am	Aerobics, Milan Parish Hall
Wed, Dec 11 5:30 pm	Novena para nuestra señora de guadalupe, Milan Iglesia
Wed, Dec 11 6:15 pm	RCIA Program for Adults Milan Video Classroom
Wed, Dec 11 8-10:00 pm	AA-Al Anon, Milan Parish Hall
Thu, Dec 12 6:00 pm	Misa, Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe y fiesta, Milan Iglesia
Fri, Dec 13 9-10:00 am	Aerobics, Milan Parish Hall

Giving and Spending	Last 30 Days	Year To Date
Collections	\$8,044	\$34,700
Bills Paid	\$7,380	\$42,084
Balance	\$664	\$-7,384

Question of the Week

2nd Sunday of Advent – Matthew 3:1-12

Key Passage:

When he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee the coming wrath? Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance."

Question for adults:

What motivates you to good? Is your motivation fear, love or something else?

Question for children:

Which makes you want to behave well: because it is the right thing to do or because you will be punished if you do not behave?

Pregunta de la Semana

2º Domingo de Adviento--Mateo 3, 1-12

Pasaje Crucial:

Al ver que muchos fariseos y saduceos iban a que los bautizara, les dijo: "Raza de víboras, ¿Quién les ha dicho que podrán escapar al castigo que les aguarda? Hagan ver con obras su arrepentimiento."

Pregunta para los adultos:

¿Qué te motiva a las buenas? ¿Es el miedo la motivación, el amor o algo más?

Pregunta para los niños:

¿Qué te hace querer portarse bien: porque es lo que hay que hacer o porque se le castiga si no te portas bien?

Events Continued...

Sun, Dec 15 9:45 am	Parish School of Religion for all age groups, Milan Parish Hall
Mon, Dec 16 5:30 pm	Las Posadas Novena Milan Parish Hall
Tue, Dec 17 5:30 pm	Las Posadas Novena Milan Parish Hall
Tue, Dec 24 7:00 pm	Christmas Eve Mass Milan Church
Wed, Dec 25 9:00 am	Christmas Day Mass Unionville Church

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Birthdays: December 13, Richard Savage; 24, Jenna Knowles.

Wedding Anniversaries: None recorded for December.

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We lift up to the Lord Joe Koenen and all the sick or suffering. May our departed loved ones enjoy the fullness of Christ and their families his peace.

Bishop McKnight's December prayer intention is: *As we celebrate the mystery of the Holy Family, may our Churches and schools support parents in the raising of their children in the faith.*

Ministers	December 2019
Lead Rosary	Ed Brockmeyer
Director of Worship	Kay Bonifazi
Acolyte	Ed, Lorelei, Corey
Lector	Janet Schmidt
Hospitality	Bill and Joy Bovy
Communion Ministers	Gene Brummer Janoah Medecce
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Second Sunday of Advent, Year A, Sunday, December 8, 2019

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Dec. 12, Thursday

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Zec 2:14-17

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Is 48:17-19

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Holy Rosary Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Holy Mass in English

Saturday Unionville 4:30 p.m.

Sunday Milan 8:30 a.m.

Spanish Mass Sunday, Milan 11:00 a.m.

Reconciliation, Sunday following mass,
or by individual appointment.

Infant Baptism, Marriage Preparation or
Adult Initiation contact Deacon John.

Pope's dream for Jesuits in Thailand and Japan: a young church close to the people

By Vatican News, December 5, 2019

During his Apostolic Journey to Thailand and Japan, November 19-26, Pope Francis, who is a Jesuit, had separate private meetings with the Jesuits in Bangkok and Tokyo. The conversation of the Pope has now been published by the respected Jesuit periodical, "La Civiltà Cattolica". We bring you summaries of the issues raised during the two meetings.

VATICAN CITY (VNS) Pope Francis met a group of 48 Jesuits from Thailand in Bangkok on November 22. During an informal chat with them, he responded to a few questions.



Good of the country and people

"I dream of a young Church, very close to the people, fresh. Of course, I am well aware of and concerned about the problems you have to deal with, such as exploitation linked to sex tourism. You Jesuits must do everything possible to raise the level of society. Work for the good of your country and for the dignity of the people!" This was the concluding advice of Francis to the Jesuits he met in Bangkok, after having addressed issues such as situations of injustice, the need for prayer, how the encyclical "Laudato si" has been received in the Church and the world, the problem of refugees and the pastoral care of divorced and remarried Catholics.

Refugees

Speaking about the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS), Pope Francis stressed the relevance of the "ministry of hos-

pitality". Recalling the vision of the Jesuit General, Father Pedro Arrupe, the Pope said, "This was the testament of the Pedro Arrupe, who right here in Thailand, in his last speech, reiterated the importance of this mission," said the Pope who regards Father Arrupe a prophet.

The Holy Father recalled the founding of JRS in Bangkok as the last act of the religious before he died. "The phenomenon of refugees," the Pope noted, "has always existed, but today it is better known because of social differences, hunger, political tensions and especially war." "For these reasons," he said, "migratory movements are intensifying".

Defensive mindset

He lamented that the response of the world to this is the "policy of waste". "Refugees are waste material" that turns the Mediterranean into a cemetery. The "notorious cruelty" of some detention centers in Libya touches his heart. In Asia, there is the question of the Rohingya; he is shocked by some of the narratives at the borders in Europe, where populism is growing; elsewhere, there are walls separating children from parents while there are no walls to keep out the drugs.

He described this as a "defensive mindset", that puts us in a "state of fear", making us believe that we can defend ourselves by strengthening our borders. "At the same time, he noted,

there is exploitation" such as prostitution of girls and various forms of slavery, that the Church is fighting through so many nuns engaged in the field.

The Christian tradition, the Pope said, has a rich evangelical experience in dealing with the problem of refugees and welcoming foreigners. "If the Church is a field hospital, this is one of the camps where most of the injured are found," he said, adding, "It is these hospitals that we need to go to most."

Prayer

The Pope said Father Arrupe's witness gives a boost to the ministry of refugees, saying the former Jesuit Superior General urged those working with refugees never to neglect prayer. "Only in prayer will we find the strength and inspiration to engage fruitfully with the messy consequences of social injustice," the Pope said.

Divorced and remarried people

When asked about the pastoral care of divorced and remarried Catholics, the Pope replied that there is a "casuistic way" of dealing with these situations, "which however is not Christian, even if it can be ecclesiastical". It can also be dealt in accordance with the Magisterium of the Church, "as it is written in the 8th chapter of 'Amoris Laetitia', by making a journey, accompanying and discerning to find solutions. This, the Pope pointed out, "has nothing to do with situation ethics, but with the great moral tradition of the Church".

Meeting with Jesuits of Japan

On the second leg of his Apostolic Journey to Thailand and Japan, Pope Francis celebrated a private Mass with the Jesuits of Japan in the chapel of the Jesuit-run Sophia University of Tokyo on November 26. He delivered a homily on the need for an apostolic life that is centered on the encounter with Jesus.

Calendar of Events

Sat, Dec 14 4:00 pm	Holy Rosary Unionville Church
Sat, Dec 14 4:30 pm	3rd Sunday Advent Unionville Church
Tue, Dec 17 7:00 pm	Parish Xmas Assembly, Parish Hall
Sat, Dec 21 4:00 pm	Holy Rosary Unionville Church
Sat, Dec 21 4:30 pm	4th Sunday Advent Unionville Church

Mass Intentions

Sat Dec. 7, 4:30p	Parish
Sun Dec. 8, 8:30a	†Cory Miller
Sun Dec. 8, 11:00a	†Hugh Morehead
Sat Dec. 14, 4:30p	†Jim Bonifazi
Sun Dec. 15, 8:30a	Parish
Sun Dec 15 11:00a	Pope Francis

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