November 17, 2019  
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  

Saint Anthony Church  
North Providence - 353-3120  
Saintanthonychurch.org

Saint Edward Church  
Providence-331-4035-Parroquiasaneduardo.org

Church of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
North Providence-722-7140-Presentationchurchnp.org

Rev. Edward S. Cardente, Pastor  
Rev. Nolasco Tamayo, Part Time Associate  
Diocesan Director of Intercultural Ministries

Deacon Louis Vani  
Deacon Jose Fajardo
WELCOME

If you are alienated or upset, we welcome you lovingly.
If you are in need of forgiveness, Jesus forgives you completely - with unconditional love.
If you have been hurt by the Church, we are truly sorry.
If you are angry, Jesus offers you peace.
If life has become burdensome, we are here to support you.
We are happy you are here and want you to stay.
We would like to share our lives with you.
Come join us each week so we can worship God together.

SAINT ANTHONY CHURCH
Angelo Minervino, Sacristan

Weekday Masses: Monday - Thursday
8:30am in Trinity Chapel
Novena Mass: Tuesday at 8:30am
Trinity Chapel
Saturday 5:15pm
Sunday 8:00am & 11:30am
Holy Days as Announced

CHURCH OF THE PRESENTATION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Stephen Campbell, Sacristan

Saturday - 4:00pm
Sunday - 10:00am
Holy Days as Announced

BUSSINES OFFICE
5 Gibbs Street, North Providence, Rhode Island 02904
Office Number 401-353-3120
Fax Number 401-353-5126
Office Hours Monday - Thursday 9am - 4pm
OFFICE IS CLOSED ON FRIDAY
Karleen Celona, Administrative Assistant
Information about the Sacrament of Marriage
Ministry to the Sick and Dying and Sacramental Records
Bulletin Submissions Email to pbvm1912@gmail.com by Tuesday 9am

MINISTRY TO THOSE IN NEED
Saint Anthony Kitchen – Michelle Dilorio 714-7253
Saint Anthony Mobile Lunch – Stephen and Louise Bello 556-5129
Saint Edward Food & Wellness Center - Lori Porcaro, Director, 1001 Branch Avenue, Providence, RI
Holy Family Home for Women and Children
Ernest Spaziano, Director 304-7744; hfprov@gmail.com
Mary’s Meals to the Poor - Leslie Corneau 545-5698

CONVENT
Daughters of Mary, Mother of Mercy
2 Pope Street, North Providence, RI 02904

WEEKEND MASS CELEBRATIONS

SAINT EDWARD CHURCH
John Arena, Sacristan
Saturday 6:00pm - Spanish
Sunday 9:00am - English
11:30am - Spanish
Holy Days as Announced

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MINISTRY OFFICE
Saint Anthony Parish Center 401 353-5215
Maryann Pallotta, Elementary Coordinator
Michelle Ficocelli - Jr. High Coordinator & Confirmation Coordinator
Mary Esther Watson - Rite of Christian Initiation - Adults
Sr. Carol Ann Murray, RSM - First Eucharist Coordinator
Information about Infant Baptism, Adult Sacraments, becoming Roman Catholic (RCIA)

YOUTH MINISTRY OFFICE
Saint Anthony Parish Center 353-5216
Gian Perrotta - Coordinator
Tom Malloy - CYO Basketball

ABBA-AVE PRAYER MINISTRY
401 353-3059

MUSIC MINISTRY DIRECTOR
Toby Andrews - 401-353-3120

SAINT EDWARD ADORATION MINISTRY
Priscilla Sayward 401-439-6152

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE
Contact—Monica700@verizon.net
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
We must put an end to the culture of waste, we who pray to the Lord to give us our daily bread. Food waste contributes to hunger and to climate change. - Pope Francis

SAINT ANTHONY CHURCH

MONDAY NOVEMBER 18
8:30 AM Birth Rem - Natalie Perkins by Niece Sharon

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 19
8:30 AM 34th Anniv - Louie Di Giorgio by Mother

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 20
8:30 AM Mem - Dolores Pezzullo by Maryann Pallotta

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 21
8:30 AM Mem - Maurice Bolduc & Davis Micheletti by Monfils Family

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 23
5:15 PM 15th Anniv - Ralph Felici & Birth Rem - Josephine Felici by Family

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 24
8:00 AM 1st Anniv - Joseph Di Paolo & 6th Anniv - Fannie Di Paolo by Peter & Beverly Taraborelli Mem - Peter Petterutti by Marisa Decristofaro & John Paterra

SAINT EDWARD CHURCH

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 20
6:00 PM Exposicion del Santisimo
7:00 PM Spanish Mass

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 23
6:00 PM Spanish Liturgy

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 24
8:30 AM Weekly Rosary
9:00 AM 9th Anniv - Lorraine Bucci by Children
11:30 AM Spanish Liturgy

STEWARDSHIP

NOVEMBER 9th & NOVEMBER 10th
Church of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Budgets $4,371.00 from 176 envelopes Includes Mail in of $692.00 Donations for the Poor: $345.00
Saint Anthony Church
Budgets $5,711.00 from 261 envelopes Includes Mail in: $991.00 Donations for the Poor: $206.00
Saint Edward Church
Budgets $2,576.00 from 105 envelopes Donations for the Poor: $32.00

CHURCH OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 23
4:00 PM Rem - Melina Silva by M. Norma Bastone

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 24
10:00 AM Mem - Robert and Lidia & Peter H. Silva by Peter Silva & Family

THE VIGIL LAMP
The Vigil Candle will burn November 23rd through November 29th for the 7th Anniversary of Peter Barone by Daughter

REST IN PEACE
Lord, let perpetual light shine upon Edith Iafrate, Helen Pichardo, Susan Di Tommaso, Charles F. Zurawski & Esther Simone May their souls and the souls of all the faithfully departed through Your mercy, rest in peace.

UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS/EVENTS
Choir Practice Every Sunday 9a Presentation
Knitting Ministry Every Monday 1p Presentation
Adoration Every Thursday 9a Trinity Chapel
Holy Name December 16 6pm Parish Center
Our annual bazaar was a great success, drawing members of our tri-parish community and bazaar fans from all over. It was a weekend when there was a lot of competition from church bazaars, and there were ample complements from many traveling the circuit as to the uniqueness of the Saint Anthony setup. Maryann Pallotta, the event coordinator, put in countless hours of preparation in addition to her responsibilities coordinating the elementary religious education program. Of course, she wasn’t able to accomplish such a task without the assistance of many other volunteers and staff members working before and during the weekend. Especially featured was a magnificent display of over 100 unique gift baskets creatively arranged and donated by Lena Di Iorio. The Silva and Di Iorio families also were responsible for a very beautiful array of Penny Social gifts and $250 Money Tree. Mrs. Claus’ Attic this year was the largest ever with all Christmas items so tastefully and attractively presented by Susan Crocenzi that you couldn’t walk away without finding something special to purchase. This year, Bonnie Bline, joined our team with handcrafted items that were a hit. Nina Celona and the Knitting Ministry volunteers also contributed the fruits of their talents to the display. Judy Fontes and her dedicated crew coordinated the popular costume jewelry display. Henry Verducchi contributed his original costume jewelry treasures again this year. Of course Maryann Pallotta offered a large display of childrens’ toys that sold out. Gian Perrotta and Michelle Ficocelli and youth volunteers provided fun and crafts for the children as last year, with Santa Claus making his annual Sunday morning visit. Ann Amaral and Michelle Tallercio organized the homemade sweets display. Delicious Italian foods were served under the direction of Barbara Scarpelli and members of the Holy Name Society. The Sunday family breakfast was most successful with over 260 people attending a delicious meal prepared and donated by Paul Autiello and his family members. The Pot of Gold was a special feature by volunteers from Presentation parish. Finally, the very successful Grand Raffle with over $4000 in cash prizes was organized by Karleen Celona. We are most grateful to all who volunteered and all who attended during the two-day event. The proceeds, benefitting the Religious Education and Youth Ministry programs, will be announced once all the receipts are accounted for.
RESPECT FOR LIFE
The Respect Life Committee invites you to a free showing of the hit movie *Unplanned*.

*Unplanned* is the most important movie you’ll ever see on the most controversial issue of our time. No matter which side of the fence you’re on, no one will leave this film unmoved.

Although the film has been rated R, due to two abortion scenes, we recommend high school aged teens, as well as adults attend. Anyone under 17 should be accompanied by a parent.

**What:** Watch Abby Johnson’s conversion story, *Unplanned*; learn about pro-life resources here in RI

**Where:** St Anthony’s Church Parish Center

**When:** Thursday, December 5th, 6:30 PM

As one of the youngest Planned Parenthood clinic directors in the nation, Abby Johnson was involved in upwards of 22,000 abortions and counseled countless women on their reproductive choices. Until the day she saw something that changed everything.

READINGS AND CELEBRATIONS FOR THE WEEK
- **Monday - Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter & Paul**
  1 Mc 1: 10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Lk 18: 35-43
- **Tuesday - Weekday**
  2 Mc 6: 18-31; Lk 19: 1-10
- **Wednesday - Weekday**
  2 Mc 7: 1, 20-31; Lk 19: 11-28
- **Thursday - The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
  1 Mc 2: 15-29; Lk 19: 41-44
- **Friday - Saint Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr**
  1 Mc 4: 36-37, 52-59; Lk 19: 45-48
- **Saturday - Blessed Virgin Mary**
  1 Mc 6: 1-13; Lk 20: 27-40
- **Sunday - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**
  2 Sm 5: 1-3; Col 1: 12-20; Lk 23: 35-43

SAINT ANTHONY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Religious Education Office: 353-5215

STUDENTS ENTERING GRADE 1 (PUBLIC SCHOOL)

**RCIA for Children:** If any parent has a child in grade 3 and up who has not received the Sacrament of First Eucharist and who has not previously been enrolled in our Rel. Ed. classes, please contact the Rel. Ed. Office to register his/her child’s name.

**RCIA for Adults:** If anyone 18 years and older has not received the Sacrament of Confirmation or First Eucharist and Baptism, kindly call the Rel. Ed. Office for more information regarding classes.

FALL SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

**GRADES 7th & 8th:** Classes will meet on Sunday’s from 10am-11:15 am followed by 11:30am Mass.

**GRADE 2:** First Communion Students will meet on Monday’s from 6pm to 7pm, except where the classes meet on the following Sunday’s at 8am: 10/20; 11/17; & 12/9.

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES:** Will meet on Sunday’s from 10am-11:15am followed by 11:30am Mass.

**Grades 1, 3-6:** Will meet on Monday’s from 6pm to 7pm or on Tuesday’s from 3:45pm-4:45pm.

WANTING TO BECOME A CATHOLIC OR HAVEN’T MADE CONFIRMATION?

Any adult over 18 who is desirous of becoming a Catholic or wanting to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation please take note. The process of preparation, called the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, If interested please call Mrs. Pallotta to register at 353-5125.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH

The registration for families with children is underway for the fall classes. There is serious concern for the spiritual welfare of our children especially during these times of cultural change wherein religion has lost its place in American Society for many people. The number of crimes committed by young people, especially the recent mass shootings, challenge the Church to continue to make every effort to provide opportunities for our children and youth to mold their identity around the Gospel of Jesus Christ which stands against hatred, racism and the many social ills that plague our society. When a person’s center is not built upon divine truth they can be misled along a false path leading to unhappiness and even self-destruction. The rampant materialism that surrounds out children can be toxic without a relationship with Jesus Christ which every responsible parent can facilitate. Every parent makes a promise to raise their children in the Catholic Faith on the day of their child’s Baptism. Commitment to the religious education programs that we offer is one way of fulfilling this obligation along with regular Mass attendance. Home study can be an option if the class schedule is a major obstacle. But to withdraw a child after they receive First Communion in the second grade is a grave injustice to that child. We encourage all parents and other family members to ensure the continuity of a child’s faith formation through the programs and opportunities offered at Saint Anthony Church for our tri-parish community.
UPDATE ON SAINT ANTHONY CHURCH REPAIRS
As of this past week work was completed by the Lombardi Construction Company on rebuilding the upper exterior east wall of the church. Interior wall was reinforced and concrete capstones repositioned and the area was repointed where needed and power-washed. What remains is repairs on the lower roofline over the concrete capstones. Plywood will be replaced and gutter area resurfaced. An electric heating cable will also be installed to prevent ice buildup in the gutters which was the main cause of the problem over the years. That damage was further sustained by the cypress trees, now removed, that prevented the sun from doing its job. Work continues on the lower southern and western walls which will be power-washed and repointed. New granite curbing will also be added along the western side of the church. The extent of this necessary work will probably delay landscaping until the spring. Your patience is appreciated for any inconvenience with parking and accessibility.

SUPPLY DRIVE FOR EL ROSARIO
A great big thank you to our Confirmation II students and Youth Ministry team, and to Gian Perrotta, who coordinated the boxing and shipment of three big boxes of donated items to the village of El Rosario. Also a big THANK YOU to all who donated to this very successful supply drive. This could not have been done without your support. The children of El Rosario will be thrilled with all of their new toys and supplies. We will keep you updated with pictures as soon as they are received.

The children of El Rosario on their recent outing to the zoo.
THE PASTORAL PROFILE

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SAINT EDWARD FOOD & WELLNESS CENTER

Celebrating 17 Years of Giving
Friday, November 22, 2019
From 6:00 – 9:00 PM
KIRKBRAE COUNTRY CLUB
Lincoln, RI
Ticket Price $100 Per Person

2019 “NACEPF” CHALLENGE

John and Barbara Primeau of the North American Catholic Programming Foundation on its 30th Anniversary will match donations up to $100,000 for this year’s event. We are most grateful for this generous gift! For tickets please call the rectory at 353-3120.

SAINT ANTHONY HOLIDAY BAZAAR

GRAND RAFFLE WINNERS

1st Prize ($500)  Kathleen Constant
2nd Prize ($500)  Josephine Ruggiero
3rd Prize ($250)  Anita Nordhausen
4th Prize ($250)  Stephen Bello
5th Prize ($200)  Dorothy Testa
Pot of Gold ($360) Catherine Grieco

CHRISTMAS WITH THE PRESENTATION CHOIR

There will be two opportunities this year to hear the beautiful songs of the Christmas season sung by the choir of The Church of the Presentation. On Sunday, December 8 at 3 pm, they will be taking part in Emanuel Baptist Church’s Annual Christmas Concert, an interfaith celebration of the light of Christmas. On Sunday, December 15 at 3 pm, the choir will be hosting their own concert at The Church of the Presentation, with food and refreshments to follow downstairs in the parish hall. We look forward to sharing the many splendid melodies of the holidays with you and your family.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE RAFFLE

In honor of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, there will be a raffle drawn on Sunday, December, 15th. All the proceeds will help to cover expenses during the heating season. First prize is $500; second prize is $300; third prize is $200. Tickets are $5 each and may be purchased after all Masses at the Church of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Edward, and Saint Anthony. Thank you for your support.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY ANNUAL TOY DRIVE

The Holy Name Society will hold its annual toy drive from November 23rd - December 15th. If you could donate a new unwrapped toy and make a child happy this Christmas, it would be greatly appreciated. All toys can be placed in the decorated boxes at the entrances of St. Anthony Church and the Church of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Thank you for your kind support.

2020 MASS BOOKS OPENS NOVEMBER 19TH

The 2020 Mass books will be available on Tuesday, November 19th. Intentions may be scheduled by visiting or calling the rectory between the hours of 9am - 4pm. The criteria:

1. Three different individuals will be allowed to reserve an intention at each of the weekend Masses.
2. When scheduling mass, two individuals names or two family last names will be accepted. (I.E. John and Mary Jones or the Jones and Smith Family).
3. A $10.00 offering will be accepted for each of the intentions and is due when the mass is reserved. (When mailing checks, please include the date and time of mass.)
4. One family member from each family will bring of the gifts during the offertory, if they so choose.

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PROVIDENCE

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SUNDAY REFLECTION BY REV. LEONARD N. PETERSON

Labeling something “an uphill battle” finds us using a well-known English idiom. We know that the phrase denotes some type of task, some struggle that is difficult. Why so? Because the job in question involves all sorts of obstacles, not the least of which is opposition from other people. Playwright Jean Paul Sartre’s famous quote “Hell is other people” often fits the bill.

There are uphill battles everywhere. One example would be for a budding entrepreneur who tries to get a permit to open a bar. Unless he or she knows someone on the town or city council, that is. Another would be for a job seeker who is in his/her 60’s. Most companies want youth, not experience. (That is not the case when it comes to our Church, by the way. Two of our country’s bishops began new assignments this past summer at age 71!)

Now in this discussion one major truth about uphill battles that emerges does not require much research. That is the matter of living the Christian life, day in and day out. Mark that as definite. One reason for this is that the opposition is everywhere, often from unsuspected sources, and the news headlines indicate that it’s winning. There was a time when it was fair to assume that America was a largely Christian country, always tolerant of other faiths, but respecting God and the ways of living taught in the gospels. Today we’re becoming recognized as “the home of the nones.” Who are they? People having no affiliation with a Church or religious body. The majority are ex-Catholics.

Then we have the rise of secularism, where God is nowhere to be found in its tenets and practice. Many of them, some from among our own families, don’t accept Christ for who He said He was: the Son of the living God. His teachings are notably ideal but mean little for everyday life. They might accept Him as a learned teacher, a good man well-intentioned, but certainly not a divine person and largely irrelevant. They see no link between Jesus and the Catholic Church, even though He identified Himself with it. Here is where we need to recall the defining question St. Paul faced when he was still called Saul, and was an avid persecutor of Christians. Enroute to one of his roundup missions, he was knocked to the ground only to hear the voice of Jesus ask: “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?”

To all this we must add the social environment we live in. I found this alliterative analysis of it in a Time magazine essay, which said in part: “Ours is a huckstering, show-bizzy world, jangling with hype, hullabaloo, and hooey; bull, baloney, and bamboozlement.” (Admittedly I like the funny alliteration. But there is no humor in that summation.) Even more sadly is the fact that even our children have already acquired the cynical assumption that lying is the normal tack for television advertisers.

Standing ever tall amid this mess is Jesus, “the same yesterday, today and tomorrow.” He has always been truthful, as He is in this Scripture passage today, where He promises His followers they will be persecuted as was He. It seems to be God the Father’s way of sifting out the gold from the dross among those who claim allegiance to His Son. It involves us having the will to see things through until the end, in spite of fear, obstacles, discouragement and opposition. With it, we can accomplish the whole purpose of our existence, which is be worthy of our true home, where we will enjoy an indescribable bliss after this earthly time of trial.

Is perseverance easy? Not by a long shot! But deep down I think we all know that. All we need do is read the biography of our favorite saint to see an example. It seems to me that perseverance involves an antipathy toward defeat. St. Patrick, who converted the people of Ireland to Christianity, faced frequent obstacles in his missionary work including false imprisonment, certain...

AROUND THE DIOCESE

AMOS HOUSE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Amos House is a leading social services agency in Providence founded by Sister Eileen Murphy in 1976. It prepares free tax returns for income-qualified individuals and families from the last week of January through mid-April. Please consider donating five hours of your time each week to serve as a tax preparer or greeter. Participants receive IRS training and certification. If you believe you’d enjoy using your skills to help the less fortunate in this way, and would like more information, please call Mike Speidel at 617-645-1584.

OUR LADY OF SORROWS BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT PROGRAM

The Office of Life and Family will offer this program at St. Pius V Rectory, 55 Elmhurst Ave., Providence. They will meet on Saturday mornings from 10am-11:30am beginning on October 5th through November 16th. This support group provides a peaceful place to share and learn about grief with the spiritual comfort of our Catholic Faith. It is most appropriate for adults three months beyond their loss. There is no cost to attend. For more information and to pre-register, please contact Pat Owen at 274-3854.

DIVORCED? SEPARATED?

The Office of Life and Family is offering a support group for divorced and separated Catholics. It will take place at Saint Mary Church, 437 Carolina Back Road (Rte. 112), Charlestown, Rhode Island. This group meets the first and third Wednesday evening of each month from 7:00pm-8:30pm. If you are interested, please contact Peter Magnotta at 421-7833, ext. 217.
**CRECIENDO EN CORRESPONSABILIDAD**

En este mes de Noviembre seguiremos reflexionando en nuestra tarea de cristianos discípulos corresponsables que compartan las bendiciones del Señor.

Esta Espiritualidad consiste en RECONOCER Y AGRADECER LOS DONES recibidos de Dios con alegría, APRECIARLOS y CUIDARLOS, COMPARTIRLOS y finalmente DEVOLVERLOS generosamente a ese Dios a través de tu comunidad y a los demás… o sea que el Discípulo de Cristo se reconoce administrador, no dueño, centrando su vida en Jesús y no en sí mismo.

Gracias a las 192 personas que las dos semanas pasada se comprometieron con Dios para donar su tiempo y talento al servicio de nuestra comunidad. Este compromiso que todos estamos adquiriendo con el Señor nos ayudará a crecer más en nuestra vida espiritual.

Durante los fines de semana del 23 y 24 de Noviembre estaremos renovando nuestro compromiso del Tesoro. Compartir con el Señor y su parroquia de forma planificada, en proporción y en sacrificio de lo que Dios te da cada día. Si puedes aumentar un 2% a la ofrenda regular que ya estás ofreciendo semanalmente, excelente! Si no puedes dar sino $ 3.00 o $ 5.00 dólares más de lo que estás dando regularmente, muy bien! Lo que importa es el sacrificio que puedas hacer. Si eres nuevo en la Parroquia y puedes comenzar compartiendo un 5% semanal… maravilloso!!! Empecemos a dar pasos en la dirección correcta. Recuerda incluir en tu presupuesto familiar (las primicias) tu regalo semanal para el Señor. Devolver a Dios un poco de lo que nos da!

Recuerda las palabras de San Francisco de Asís: “En dar es que recibimos.” Y no olvides que la GENEROSIDAD abre nuestras vidas a las bendiciones de Dios.

El Apóstol Pedro afirma: “Cada uno de ustedes ha recibido una gracia especial, así como buenos administradores responsables de todas estas diferentes gracias de Dios, pongánselas al servicio de los demás” (1 Pe. 4, 10). Espero la respuesta de todos.

Fr. Nolasco

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**MISA DE “ACCIÓN DE GRACIAS” EL 28 DE NOV.**

Antes de reunirte en familia con el pavo, presente-mos nuestra acción de Gracias ante el altar del Señor. Es la mejor forma de celebrarlo. La Misa será a las 11:30 AM.

Nosotros somos los nuevos peregrinos hoy, por tanto vamos a venir con los atuendos típicos de nuestros países de origen pues estamos orgullos de nuestras raíces y costumbres. Acordémonos este día de los pobres… Traigamos víve- res y alimentos no perecederos para compartir de los más necesitados!!!

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**PREPARÉMONOS PARA LA FIESTA DE LA VIRGEN**

Estamos a 3 semanas de la Celebración en honor de nuestra Reina y Señora de Guadalupe. Prometeré NO FALTAR LOS 9 DIAS!!! Magnifica oportunidad de renovar nuestra devoción, amor y protección a la Madre de Dios. La fiesta será el Domingo 15 de Diciembre en la Parroquia.

El mejor regalo a la Virgen es una buena confesión, la comunión y no faltar a la novena durante los 9 días previos a su fiesta como una promesa de amor y devoción. Comienza el Martes 3 de Diciembre a las 6.30 p.m. con el rosario, luego la novena y la misa respectiva de cada día por los alféreces correspondientes. No faltes!!!!
REGÍSTRATE EN LA PARROQUIA
Bienvenido a nuestra comunidad de San Eduardo. Es una bendición tenerte entre nosotros. Si vienes a la misa regularmente y quieres quedarte, por favor regístrate!
Ventajas de registrarte...
* Te presentas en la Parroquia como miembro activo
* Recibirás correspondencia de la Parroquia y los sobres marcados con tu nombre y dirección para la colecta dominical.
* Si necesitas un certificado, carta de recomendación, visto bueno para ser padrino/madrina en otra parroquia, podrás conseguirlo por estar registrado.
* Podrás presentarte para recibir un sacramento o para tus hijos también, la catequesis, etc.
¿Cómo hacerlo?
Diligencia la aplicación correspondiente y entrégala completamente diligenciada a uno de los ujieres. Tu información es confidencial y no será compartida con nadie.
*SI HAZ CAMBIADO DE DIRECCION O TELEFONO, TE PEDIMOS POR FAVOR QUE ACTUALICES TU INFORMACION EN LA PARROQUIA. Los ujieres están disponibles para ayudarte con los cambios. Gracias.

¿CÓMO DEBE SER MI OFRENDA PARA EL SEÑOR?
*Debemos estar conscientes de que la ofrenda que damos está tomada de lo mismo que Dios nos dio primero. Hay personas que piensan que lo que tienen les pertenece a ellos y pueden hacer con ello lo que crean porque se lo han “ganado” con su trabajo. Es verdad que el trabajo es el medio ordinario a través del cual Dios nos suple bienes materiales. Pero lo que tenemos en un momento dado es pura gracia, don de Dios y no guarda proporción a lo que hayamos trabajado. Basta constatar que hay personas que han trabajado muchísimo más que nosotros y tienen menos bienes materiales que nosotros, mientras que hay otras que han trabajado muchísimo menos, quizás nada, y tienen mucho más que nosotros.
*La ofrenda que hacemos en la Parroquia se hace a Dios, no a la Parroquia ni al Sacerdote. Con ella le devolvemos a Dios de lo mismo que Él nos dio y es suyo.
*La ofrenda debe ser expresión de mi gratitud a Dios por todo lo recibido de Él. Todo lo que Dios nos da es para usarlo según su voluntad.
*La ofrenda debe ser proporcional a los bienes materiales que Dios me ha concedido. Hay que revisar cada cierto tiempo el importe y la frecuencia de la ofrenda, según cambia lo que recibimos de Dios.
*La decisión sobre el importe y la frecuencia de la ofrenda debe ser algo que resulte de nuestro diálogo con Dios en la oración. No es algo que podamos decidir unilateralmente, puesto que de lo que se trata es de cumplir la voluntad de Dios, también en el uso de los bienes materiales.
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