December 8, 2019
Second Sunday of Advent
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.

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**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**

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**RECONCILIATION**
Saturday 3:15pm-3:45pm

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**SAINT EDWARD CHURCH**
John Arena, Sacristan

**Saturday**  6:00pm - Spanish

**Sunday**  9:00am - English
11:30am - Spanish
**Holy Days as Announced**

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**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; hfhprov@gmail.com

**Mary’s Meals to the Poor** - Leslie Corneau 545-5698

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

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**BUSINESS 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

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**RELIANT 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)

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

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**ABBA-AVE PRAYER MINISTRY**
401 353-3059

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**SAINT EDWARD ADORATION MINISTRY**
Priscilla Sayward 401-439-6152

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**MUSIC MINISTRY DIRECTOR**
Toby Andrews - 401-353-3120

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**RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE**

Contact—Monica700@verizon.net
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
I wish to encourage the beautiful family tradition of preparing the nativity scene in the days before Christmas. As children, we learn from our parents and grandparents to carry on this joyful tradition, which encapsulates a wealth of popular piety.  

-Pope Francis

SAINT ANTHONY CHURCH

MONDAY DECEMBER 9 - Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:30 AM Birth Rem - John Foye & Months Mind - Mary Foye by Wife & Family

TUESDAY DECEMBER 10
8:30 AM Christmas Rem - Theresa Celona, Papa John Celona & Paula & Joe Lupoli by Nina

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 11
8:30 AM Mem - Nicholas Di Filippo by Marcella & Placido Di Filippo

THURSDAY DECEMBER 12
8:30 AM Mem - Anthony Starzynski by Daughter Lucille

SATURDAY DECEMBER 14
5:15 PM Mem - Anthony Castellone by Ronald Asdikian Christmas Rem - Romeo Di Censo by Wife & Family

SUNDAY DECEMBER 15 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8:00 AM Mem - Rosa Palumbo by Family Christmas Rem - Josephine, Frank & Joseph luca by Family
11:30 AM Mem - Deceased members of the Tzitzouris & Montecalvo Families by Family
26th Anniv - Stacia Lanni by Family

SAINT EDWARD CHURCH

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 11
6:00 PM Exposicion del Santisimo
7:00 PM Spanish Mass

SATURDAY DECEMBER 14
6:00 PM Spanish Liturgy

SUNDAY DECEMBER 15 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8:30 AM Weekly Rosary
11:00 AM (Bilingual) Mem - Richard & Dora Silipigni by Daughter Linda

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 Presentation
Men’s Prayer December 23 6:30p Parish Center

CHURCH OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

SATURDAY DECEMBER 14
4:00 PM 10th Anniv - Frank De Angelis & 2nd Anniv Maureen De Angelis by Family Rem - Natalia & Gil Machado by Family
10:00 AM 10th Anniv - Mary & Evelyn Mullen 10th Anniv - Al Cibulsky & 10th Anniv - Dora Nicastro by Family

SUNDAY DECEMBER 15 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
10:00 AM 10th Anniv - Richard & Dora Silipigni by Daughter Linda

THE VIGIL LAMP
The Vigil Candle will burn December 14th through December 20th as a birthday remembrance for Philip Pennacchia by Daughter

REST IN PEACE
Lord, let perpetual light shine upon James Saul, Clare Porter, James McLaughlin & Prudencio Patita
May their souls and the souls of all the faithfully departed through Your mercy, rest in peace.

NOVEMBER 23rd & NOVEMBER 24th
Church of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Budgets $2,895.00 from 143 envelopes Includes Mail in of $515.00 Donations for the Poor: $291.00
Saint Anthony Church
Budgets $5,018.00 from 228 envelopes Mail in: $620.00 Donations for the Poor: $314.00
Saint Edward Church
Budgets $3,223.00 from 114 envelopes Donations for the Poor: $54.00

NOVEMBER 30th & DECEMBER 1st
Church of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Budgets $3,772.00 from 181 envelopes Includes Mail in of $157.00 Donations for the Poor: $310.00
Saint Anthony Church
Budgets $7,929.00 from 278 envelopes Mail in: $2,257.00 Donations for the Poor: $290.00
Saint Edward Church
Budgets $3,283.00 from 122 envelopes Donations for the Poor: $40.00
COMPASS
Contact:
gpmail98@gmail.com
Phone: 401-353-5216

Compass Bible Quote for the Month of December
“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”
-Romans 5:8
Let us be reminded during this advent season of God’s Great love for us!

Interested in Joining?
Those interested in joining Youth Ministry can sign up on the Saint Anthony Website, Youth Ministry Page!

Follow Youth Ministry on Facebook
You can find us on Facebook by searching “@AEPyouthministry” to stay up to date with what we are doing!

CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY MASS SCHEDULE

CHURCH OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE
BLESSsed VIRGIn MARY
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24th
4:00 PM
Family Vigil Mass with the Children’s Liturgy of the Word
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25th
10:00 AM Mass

SAINT ANTHONY
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24th
12:00 AM Midnight Mass
Music Program Begins at 11:30 PM
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25th
11:30 AM Mass

SAINT EDWARD
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH
7:00 PM - Christmas Concert
8:00 PM - Vigil of Christmas with Children's Play
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25th
9:00 AM - English Mass
11:30 AM - Spanish Mass

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF SAINT ANTHONY KITCHEN MINISTRY
February 2020 marks 25 years of feeding the hungry at the bi-monthly Sunday meals served in the Parish Center. Begun by members of the Saint Anthony Finance Council as a Valentine’s Day dinner for the homeless from the streets of Providence, the effort became permanent under the leadership of Gloria Mamis and her late husband Jerry. Over the years thousands of people transported by rented busses have been served a hot meal by a dedicated group of volunteers, now continued under the direction of their daughter, Michelle Di Iorio. As the anniversary approaches there is a new initiative to invite more parishioners to participate in this rewarding outreach. As there is a need to update the records so that a regular schedule can be made according to volunteer’s availability please return the coupon below as soon as convenient. Scheduling will begin after the new year and new volunteers will be personally contacted. Your support is deeply appreciated.

Check One: ____________New ____________Current

CATHOLIC ATHLETIC LEAGUE BASKETBALL SCHEDULE
December 8th
St. Anthony Gold at St. Brenden 4:00
St. Anthony Red vs. St. Joan of Arc at Cumberland Transition School 10:00
St. Anthony Cadet vs. St. Joan of Arc at Cumberland Transition school 11:00
St. Anthony vs OLMC at Highlander 11:00

December 14th
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.

CONFORMATION CLASSES: Will meet on Sunday’s from 10am-11:15am following 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.

BAPTISMS

We welcome into our parish family

Michael John Ferro, Jr.
and
Nolan Kane Morales

Who will be baptized this weekend
May our Lord continue to bless them and their families

RESPECT FOR LIFE

In this feast of the Immaculate Conception, we celebrate Mary’s conception free from the stain of Original Sin, and we recognize that Mary’s life began at the moment she was conceived in the womb of St. Anne. So, too, does every human life begin at the moment of conception, lovingly knit together by God the Father.

READINGS AND CELEBRATIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Gn 3: 9-15, 20; Eph 1: 3-6, 11-12; Lk 1: 26-38

Tuesday - Advent Weekday
Is 40: 1-11; Mt 18: 12-14

Wednesday - Advent Weekday
Is 40: 25-31; Mt 11: 16-30

Thursday - Our Lady of Guadelupe
Zec 2: 14-17; Lk 1: 26-38

Friday—Saint Lucy, Virgin & Martyr
Is 48: 17-19; Mt 11: 26-38

Saturday - Saint John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church
Sir 14: 1-4, 9-11; Mt 17: 9a, 10-13

Sunday - Third Sunday of Advent
Is 35: 1-6a, 10; Jas 5: 7:10; Mt 11: 2-11

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

If any boy or girl, grade 4 and up, is interested in becoming an altar server, please contact Mrs. Pallotta in the religious education office at 353-5215. The training will be held on November 30, December 7, and December 14, from 9:30am-10:30am.

7th, 8th, & 9th GRADE SOCK DRIVE

The 7th, 8th, and 9th grade classes are asked to bring a pair of socks for our Sock Drive before December 8th. Please drop them off at the Religious Education Office. Thank You!

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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 our 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.
2019 SAINT ANTHONY CHURCH
FALL RENOVATIONS UPDATE
The major project began earlier in the year with the repair job on the east wall and was continued through the fall with the repointing of the bricks, and waterproofing of the lower walls has been successfully completed. In addition, the stain glass windows on the lower level were caulked and sealed to prevent further water damage. Lombardi Construction Company was the contractor and the their skilled workers performed so diligently to complete the task. Next year they will return to repoint the upper church walls which will finish the job. What remains is the installation of new gutters around the church which need replacement. When the weather breaks in the spring new granite curbing will be installed along Pope Street to replace the existing deteriorating concrete ones. Installation of new walkways and landscaping will then follow. Saint Anthony Parishioners will be receiving a letter from me for the annual collection requesting an increase in their contributions to cover the cost of the repairs which were over $100,000. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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!

SAINT EDWARD FOOD & WELLNESS CENTER NEWS
The 2019 Art of Giving Fundraiser took place at Kirkbrae Country Club on November 22. About 150 people attended the annual cocktail party which raised funds through the silent auction, liquor basket raffle, wine bottle sales, ticket sales and the add book of supporters’ contributions. The event was a success under the direction of Chairperson Sande Doucette and a small committee who worked very hard over the past several weeks. The net proceeds are forthcoming but it’s fair to say that the mission of feeding the hungry will continue into the near future because of such generous supporters. The Wednesdays before Thanksgiving were especially busy with people lining up as early at 5:45AM for food. This year through the generosity of Stop & Shop on Branch Avenue, Providence, which adopted the Food Center as its designated charity for the year, almost 800 families received $10 gift cards for their Thanksgiving dinner along with the regular abundance of food which the Food Center provides. We are most grateful to our dedicated weekly volunteers from our tri-parish community who have made this outreach to the hungry a reality since 2003.

BILINGUAL MASS IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE AT ST. EDWARD CHURCH
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH
10:45 a.m. Procession through the Temple singing traditional songs to our Lady of Guadalupe.
11:00 a.m. Solemn Eucharist for all the faithful community — Confessions available. — Deliver awards and recognition to all servers.
12:30 p.m. Lunch and cultural dances in the basement — Bingo and Grand Raffle. All invited to celebrate!

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS
Our second collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Many senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests served with little or no pay. Your gift helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders. Thank You for your support!

Sacred Heart School Open House
December 8 1:00-2:00 pm and 2:00-3:00 pm.

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 Catholic Calendars
We would like to extend special thanks to Dan Pontarelli of the Pontarelli Marino Funeral Home for generously donating the 2020 Catholic calendars to Saint Anthony and Saint Edward Churches; and to A. A. Mariani and Son Funeral Home for donating the calendars to the Church of the Presentation. These calendars can be found at the entrances of all churches; all are welcome to take one.

Catholic Cemeteries
Diocese of Providence
Pre-need arrangements ensure your wishes are met. Call now for information on our new mausoleum
Use our Parish Incentive Program to earn your parish
$250 for each sale
Call Bill Herren @ (401) 944-8383
ricatholiccemeteries.org
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.

ANNUAL PRIESTHOOD RETREAT FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS, COLLEGE AND POST COLLEGE AGE MEN

This annual event will take place on Friday and Saturday, January 10-11, 2020, at the Seminary of Our Lady of Providence. Participants will have an opportunity to be in a quiet atmosphere of prayer and reflection. As the recent Diocese of Providence Pastoral Profile has disclosed, the number of priests in active ministry has significantly decreased from 216 in 2000 to 134 in 2018, and the number may be lower this past year. Every Catholic who is concerned about the future of the church in this Diocese needs to be proactive in encouraging vocations to the priesthood. If you are aware of any young man who you believe would make good candidate please contact Father Ed as soon as possible. Let’s all pray for and encourage vocations!

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PROVIDENCE

PASTORAL PROFILE

The publication of these statistics derive from a larger report that the Diocese has made to the Vatican in preparation for the visit that the bishops will make this fall. The Diocese of Providence is experiencing a quantitative decline as numbers of ordained priests, registered parishioners, Sunday Mass attendees, faithful receiving the sacraments and students in Catholic education have all fallen significantly in recent years. This decline is not unique to this diocese but common to other dioceses in our part of the world and to other faith communities as well. But the Catholic Church is still the largest and most impactful faith community in the state and responsible for many good and positive things despite what the less numbers indicate. Every week we will disclose the results of the research. These numbers were compiled by the information which every parish reports to the diocese annually.

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SUNDAY REFLECTION BY REV. LEONARD N. PETERSON

Experience amends a well-known proverb so that honesty is not always the best policy, especially in our interpersonal relationships. I doubt there is a husband alive who doesn’t know the right answer to his wife’s query: “Do these jeans make me look fat?” Complete honesty in this example would net a host of negative responses, perhaps including a lost supper that evening. Similarly, every wife knows what not to do on a typical Sunday afternoon in the Fall when it comes to suggesting to her husband that he help her rake the leaves when the hometown football team is playing televised football. She might not like his verbal response. And so it goes.

On the other hand, we dare not deny the necessity of honesty in any spiritual self appraisal we may undertake, much less one guided by a trusted spiritual advisor.

We come face to face this second Sunday of Advent 2019 with the man of the season: John the Baptist. Honesty personified is he. Complete with his unusual wardrobe, fortified by his strange diet, yet striking the pose of a prophet. He has a disdain for the religious leaders of his people. In a scene ripe for cinema, he confronts the Pharisees and Sadducees, who have come to throw down the gauntlet. St. John takes the initiative. He stops the line, stares right at the intruders, and calls them a “brood of vipers.” Right then and there, we could say that John is never getting a dinner invitation from any Pharisee or Sadducee. John couldn’t care less. He knows they are phonies with no real interest in repentance because they believe themselves to be the truly righteous ones. John even denies their pedigree as “children of Abraham.” He knows his honest appraisal of the two groups could be the first step toward their true reform. He wants them prepared to meet the Messiah who is already in their midst and soon to appear.

As we prepare each Advent to celebrate the anniversary of our Savior’s birth among us, twinning His divinity with our humanity, we need to prepare ourselves spiritually. That starts with repentance for all those deviant decisions we have made in the last year that amount to acts of self-worship. Another word for them is sin. No one is going to call us a “brood of vipers,” except perhaps the voice of conscience. That’s a good thing, if we will allow ourselves to hear it above the cacophony of the American “pre-Christmas Christmas” of these early December days. Imagine your soul as a stable that needs cleaning. We are about to make way for the little King coming to us there. Peruse the calendar of saints and you’ll discover how nearly all of them spent their lives “cleaning up” for their ultimate home with Him.

Of course I must admit that sometimes our preparation for change is misunderstood. A fellow priest told me this one. “Ever since my brother was very young, our Mother tried to get him to clean his room or at least make his bed—usually to no avail. When he was preparing to leave home to attend college, he knew his pending departure was upsetting her, so he took the time to tidy the bed before he left. To his surprise Mom became even more emotional. “Look,” she wailed tearfully, “he’s just like a stranger already!”
**SEGUNDO DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO**

Con el fin de ayudar a la parroquia durante el invierno con los costos de calefacción y remoción de nieve. El año anterior gastamos $10,055. siendo un invierno largo, muy frío y mucha nieve… No sabemos cómo será este!! Serán los mismos premios de años anteriores.

- **Primer premio**: $500.00 en efectivo,
- **Segundo premio**: $300.00,
- **Tercer Premio**: $200.00.

El costo de la boleta es de $5.00 dólares o el paquete de 4 a $20.00 y solo se han impreso 1000 boletas así que habrá más opción de ganar porque son menos tiquetes. Cada familia podría llevarse 2 o 3 paquetes y venderlos. Qué bueno es celebrar las misas en la Iglesia en el invierno, pero necesitamos su apoyo y sacrificio. Bendiciones.

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**NOVENARIO DE LA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE 2019**

**DICIEMBRE 3-11**

- **Domingo 8**: 6to día. 11.00a.m. Oferentes: Familias de la Parroquia
- **Lunes 9**: 7mo día. 6.30 p.m. Oferentes: Coro Parroquial
- **Martes 10**: 8vo día. 6.30 pm. Oferentes: Ministerios de Bienvenida.
- **Miércoles 11**: 9no día. 6.30 pm. Oferentes: Grupo de Hombres—Ministros extraordinarios de la comunión — Acólitos de la Parroquia.
- **JUEVES 12**: Celebración Diocesana en Honor a la Virgen de Guadalupe en Catedral San Pedro y San Pablo. @ 7 P.M. Vamos todos!!

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**SERENATA A LA VIRGEN**

Este Miércoles 11 de Diciembre estaremos cantando la serenata a nuestra Virgen de Guadalupe a las 11:30 P.M., amenizada por coro parroquial. Invitamos a toda la comunidad a participar. Después de la serenata, bajaremos al sótano a tomar caffecito y chocolate caliente.

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**EL DOMINGO 15 FIESTA DE LA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE BILINGÜE EN LA PARROQUIA**

- **10:45 a.m.** Procesión por el Templo cantando mañanitas a la Virgen.
- **11:00 a.m.** Solemne Eucaristía por todos los fieles—Confesiones disponibles—Entrega reconocimientos a todos los servidores.
- **12:30 p.m.** Almuerzo y Acto cultural en el sótano—Bingo y Gran rifa. Todos invitados a celebrar!

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**Rifa en honor a la Virgen de Guadalupe**

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ATENCION GRUPO JUVENIL:
Los siguientes Jueves no habrán reuniones semanales debido a todos los eventos parroquiales que se aproximan:
-> Jueves, Diciembre 12—Celebración en Honor a la Virgen de Guadalupe en Catedral
-> Jueves Diciembre 19 — Posadas Navideñas.
Están todos invitados a participar!! Para más información contactar a Francis Guevara al 301-5063.

DONACIÓNES DEL ALMUERZO PARA EL 15 DE DICIEMBRE
En la fiesta de la Virgen de Guadalupe. Necesitamos donaciones de pollo, arroz, ensalada y postres. Si quieres donar comunícate con Guadalupe Aquino al . Necesitamos servidores para preparar el sótano el sábado 263-9546. Gracias a todos por su ayuda y recuerden que la fiesta patronal la hacemos todos!

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 registrate!

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 entrega completamente diligenciada a uno de los ujieres. Tu información es confidencial y no será compartida con nadie.

*SI HAS 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.

NUESTRA CO-RRESPONSABILIDAD!!!
“Cuando te das a Dios, descubres que Dios te da a ti”
Tiempo y Talente: Gracias a las personas que ayudan a limpiar y organizar el sótano de la parroquia cada semana. Gracias también a Sergio Jiménez y Ricardo Jiménez por trabajos de mantenimiento en la parroquia. Mi bendiciones a todos ellos. Dios les Pague!
Tesoro: Ofrenda Noviembre 23 y 24 $3,223.00 en 144 sobres y $180.00 en ofrenda suelta. Noviembre 30 y Diciembre 1 $3,283.00 en 122 sobres y $599.00

ORACIÓN PARA ENCENDER LA SEGUNDA VELA:
En el nombre del Padre y del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo: Amén.

Oración: Dios Padre ayudanos a que aprendamos a aceptar Tu Voluntad, a darlos cuenta que todo lo que viene de Ti es bueno para nosotros y para nuestra salvación y cuando creamos que no encontramos salida a nuestros desalientos, sepamos apoyarnos y confiar en Ti Padre: Te lo pedimos por Jesucristo Nuestro Señor. Amén.

Oración mientras se enciende la segunda vela:
Deseamos, Señor, con esta segunda luz que encendemos, que intensifiques el resplandor de tu rostro para los que viven en tinieblas y en sombras de muerte. Que la luz de tu presencia, alumbrada en nuestras vidas, nos haga percibir nuestras orgullosas altiveces y nuestros abismos de pecado. Equilibra y allana nuestras vidas, Señor, y haznos caminos de acceso a Ti para los hombres en destierro, alejados de Ti y de los hermanos. Señor, para que seamos contigo luz atractiva y seductora.

Todos responden: ¡Marana tha, ven, Señor Jesús!


Reflexión: Entre toda la familia tratamos de responder: ¿He sabido aceptar con alegría y amor la voluntad de Dios durante este año que termina?

Propósito: Ahora cada uno de los miembros de la familia expresan un propósito, con el que se comprometen durante la semana.

Final: Todos los miembros de la familia unidos rezan el Padre Nuestro, Ave María y Gloria tomados de la mano.

El Grupo de Oración de la parroquia te invita:
Vén y comenzarás a experimentar cambios en tu vida, en tu forma de pensar y de actuar.

“Pues donde dos o tres estén reunidos en mi Nombre, allí estoy yo en medio de ellos” (Mt. 18:20)

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El Grupo de Oración se reúnen todos los Viernes a las 7 PM en el sótano de la parroquia. Te esperamos!

Las Tesoreras de San Eduardo son sus Feligreses...