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## PARISH SERVICES

**Parish Office:** Open Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM-4:00 PM (closed 12:00-1:30 PM for lunch). Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:30 PM. Fridays from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM (closed on Fridays in the summer from Memorial Day through Labor Day).

**Parish Office/Chapel of the Nativity:**  
124 East Second Street

**Church:** 111 East High Street (corner of Mountain Avenue and East High Street)

Parish Office: (732) 356-0027

Parish Fax: (732) 356-8092

**Emergencies Only: (732) 356-8936**

Website: www.sjcbb.net

## SACRAMENTS

**Baptism:** English Baptisms will be officiated on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 1:30 PM in the Church. Spanish Baptisms will be officiated on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at 1:30 PM in the Church. Contact the Parish Office to schedule. Attendance at Baptism class is mandatory. The Baptism must be scheduled before you attend Baptism class.

**Marriage:** Weddings celebrated Saturdays and Friday evenings, but not Sundays. You must contact a priest 9 months before the planned date, and reservation of a wedding time is suggested even earlier.

**Confirmation, First Eucharist, First Penance:** Though immediate preparation is given before receiving these sacraments, children are expected to receive a Catholic upbringing in their families. This includes formal religious education classes and regular Sunday worship in the years prior to and following the reception of these Sacraments.

## DEVOTIONS

**Marian Novena:** Saturdays following 8:30 AM Mass in the Chapel.

**Eucharistic Adoration:**

- First Friday of the month from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM, Benediction in English in the Chapel.
- Second Friday of the month from 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM, Benediction in Spanish in the Chapel.

## IN THE HOSPITAL?

If you or someone you know is sick in the hospital or nursing home for an extended stay, please contact the parish office. We will do our best to have someone make a pastoral visit and bring communion. Please note that the Hospitals or Nursing Homes do not notify us, and we rely on the family to inform us of this information. Thank you for your assistance.

## NEW PARISHIONERS

New Parishioners are asked to come to the Parish Office and fill out a Census form. Individuals and families must be registered and practicing here for at least six months before applying for sponsorship.

**If you have changed your address** or other information, please contact the Parish Office at (732) 356-0027 so that we can update our records.

## SPONSORSHIP ELIGIBILITY

**To be or not to be . . . A Sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation**

The opportunity to walk with another in Faith, whether a child or an adult is an awesome privilege. It is cause for serious consideration on the part of those who ask another to witness with their lives to what it means to be a Catholic, and for those who accept this responsibility. It is important to think carefully about your selection and decision. The person to be considered a Sponsor must be at least 14 years of age and have themselves completed the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation), and are leading a life in harmony with the Faith and Tradition they are called to witness. A Godparent/Sponsor cannot be the mother or father of the one to be baptized. If married, their marriage must be recognized as "valid" by the Catholic Church. They must be attending Mass regularly, that is, every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation.

**They will need to obtain a Certificate of Eligibility signed by their pastor.**

Being properly registered at one's parish is an important first step. Consider carefully your invitation and response. There is more involved to this than simply standing at the Baptismal Font. It is a lifelong commitment. If you have questions, speak with one of the parish priests who can guide you correctly. Call the Parish Office EARLY, even before your child's birth to obtain information that will help you in selecting suitable godparents.

### HOLY SAVIOR ACADEMY

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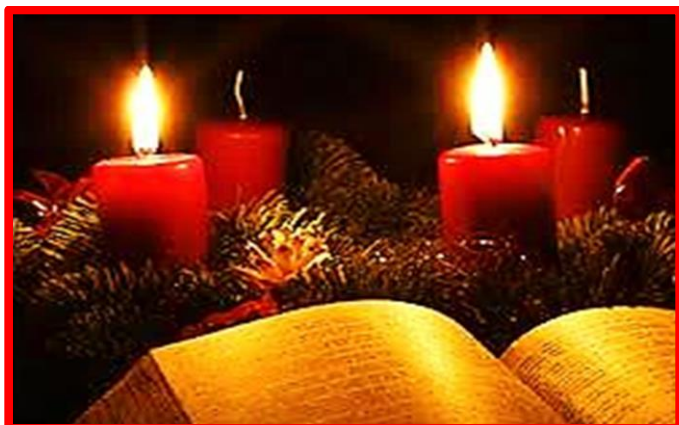
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# Second Sunday of Advent

December 9, 2018



## MASSES/PENANCE FOR THE WEEK

### Monday, December 10, 2018

8:30 AM † Hector Luis Quinones, request of wife and family

### Tuesday, December 11, 2018

8:30 AM † Souls in Purgatory

### Feast of the Virgin of Guadalupe - Main Church

9:00 PM People of the Parish

### Wednesday, December 12, 2018 - Main Church

8:30 AM World Peace

### Thursday, December 13, 2018

8:30 AM † Patrick Frost, request of the Kirchman Family

### Friday, December 14, 2018

8:30 AM † Strength during difficult times for the Frost family, request of the Kirchman family

4:00 PM Penance with Fr. Marco Caceres

### Saturday, December 15, 2018

8:30 AM † John Patten, request of Dudis family

5:00 PM J. Michael Rose, request of wife, Muriel

7:00 PM Guadalupe Herrera, request of Alma Herrera

### Sunday, December 16, 2018

8:00 AM Frances April, request of godchild, Joan

10:00 AM Adriano Andrade, request of Antonio Andrade and family

12:00 PM Josefina Iraheta, request of Juan Rosa

† Masses held in the Chapel.

## PRAYER FOR OUR MILITARY

All-powerful and ever-living God, when Abraham left his native land and departed from his people, you kept him safe through all his journeys. Protect these soldiers. Be their constant companion and their strength in battle, their refuge in every adversity. Guide them, O Lord, that they may return home in safety. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**Reading 1: Zephaniah 3:14-18a** - The Lord will sing joyfully because of you.

**Reading 2: Philippians 4:4-7** - Rejoice in the Lord always, for the Lord is near.

**Gospel: Luke 3:10-18** - They all asked whether John might be the Christ.

## THIS WEEK

### Monday, December 10, 2018

7:00-7:30 PM Novena for Our Lady of Guadalupe in the Chapel

7:00-8:15 PM Religious Education in the Community School

### Tuesday, December 11, 2018

4:00-5:15 PM Religious Education in the Community School

7:00-8:00 PM English Baptism Class in the Upper Room

7:30 PM-5 AM Our Lady of Guadalupe festivities in the Main Church

### Wednesday, December 12, 2018

7:00-8:30 AM Advent Bible Study in the Upper Room

7:00 PM Representation of Our Lady of Guadalupe and Rosary for children and teens in the Main Church

7:00-8:15 PM Religious Education in the Community School

### Thursday, December 13, 2018

4:30-5:30 PM Spanish Choir in the Main Church

5:30-6:30 PM Children's Choir in the Main Church

6:30-7:30 PM Bell Choir in the Main Church

7:30-8:30 PM Adult Choir in the Main Church

6:00-8:00 PM Making Angel Wings in the Upper Room

7:30-9:00 PM Divine Mercy in the Chapel

7:00-8:30 PM Jóvenes Adultos Llamados al Amor de Cristo in the Library

### Friday, December 14, 2018

6:00-8:00 PM Youth Group in the Upper Room

6:30-8:30 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel of the Nativity

7:00-9:00 PM Spanish Prayer Group in the Chapel

### Saturday, December 15, 2018

5:00-7:00 PM Spanish RICA in the Library

6:00-8:00 PM Encuentro Matrimonial in the Community Room

Cookie Bake Sale after Masses

### Sunday, December 16, 2018

Cookie Bake Sale after Masses

9:15-10:45 Religious Education in the Upper Room

11 AM-1 PM English RCIA in the Library

2:00-6:00 PM Spanish Ushers in the Upper Room

7:00 PM Posadas in the Upper Room

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

**RCIA** If you or someone you know would like to hear more about Jesus and His church, we invite you to join us at an Inquiry Session. In addition, if you wish to be baptized into the Catholic Faith, you are already baptized and wish to receive the other Sacraments of Initiation, or you come to us from another faith wishing to become a fully initiated member of the Catholic Church, then we invite you to join RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). For more information about sessions in English, please contact Deacon Gary Newton at [Deacon.Gary@sjccb.net](mailto:Deacon.Gary@sjccb.net), or for sessions in Spanish, please contact Deacon Edgar Chaves at [Deacon.Edgar@sjccb.net](mailto:Deacon.Edgar@sjccb.net).

## RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS



**Religious give thanks.** "This money is pure gift," writes a religious sister of the support made possible by the Retirement Fund for Religious. "It enables us to continue providing care for our elderly sisters." Your gift to last week's collection helps hundreds

of religious communities meet pressing retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Thank you for your generosity!

## LIGHTING HEARTS ON FIRE

**DIOCESAN MARIAN CONSECRATION PREPARATION YEAR** Bishop Checchio has announced his plan to consecrate the Diocese of Metuchen to Our Lady of Guadalupe in 2019. There will be a year-long preparation process launching December 12th, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, with Evening Prayer at the Cathedral of St. Francis in Metuchen at 7:30 PM. All of the faithful are invited to attend. Our Lady of Guadalupe is the Patroness of the Americas and was also given the title "*The Star of the New Evangelization*" by St. John Paul II. The purpose of this consecration is to invoke her aid for our diocese so that we can be spiritually renewed and equipped to live out our call to evangelize more faithfully. For more info [www.LightingHeartsOnFire.com](http://www.LightingHeartsOnFire.com).

## PURCHASE SHOPRITE GIFT CARDS

### HELP SUPPORT YOUR PARISH!

ShopRite gift cards are available for purchase following most Masses or in the Parish Office. Simply pay face value to purchase a card. The parish benefits because we are able to purchase the cards at a 5% discount. As a result, without spending anything extra, you make a contribution to St. Joseph Church. The profit generated is used to support the parish. You can buy \$10 or \$50 cards. ShopRite Gift Cards do not expire. Cash or checks are accepted. **Great Christmas gift idea!**



## SUNDAY OFFERING

### THE WEEK ENDED DECEMBER 2

Regular Collection .....\$4,885  
Religious Retirement.....\$1,787

Thank you! Your continued support helps St. Joseph Parish to serve our community more effectively.

## ADVENT MISSION



St. Anthony of Padua Secular Franciscan Fraternity invites you to an Advent Mission on December 9th at 3:30 PM, St. John's Church, 317 First Street, Dunellen, NJ.

Fr. Francisco Arredondo, OFM Cap. (Missionary of Mercy) and Brother Lombardo D'Auria, OFM Cap. will lead us with a talk on Mercy followed by Adoration and Confession. Please come join us! All are welcome! Any questions, please contact Italia Ragucci Testa, OFS at (732) 604-9449.

## CHILDREN'S EVENING WITH ST. NICK

### SPONSORED BY: IN YOUR HANDS FOUNDATION

**Date:** Friday, December 14, 2018

**Time:** 7:00 – 9:00 PM

**Location:** St. Joseph Main Church

An event for the parish community of St. Joseph Church targeted for families with financial needs during the holiday season.

There will be food, desserts, games, pictures with St. Nick and gifts for every child. Space is limited. Registration required. Registration forms can be found in the narthex of the church or in the parish office. Deadline for registration is December 10, 2018.

## JESSE TREE

As part of our preparation for Christmas and as a parish family, this year we will again have the annual Jesse Tree. The tree will be in the Narthex of the Church beginning November 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. Tree tags contain a gift suggestion (please, new items only; no toy guns or items which require batteries). All gifts should be returned back to the Jesse Tree during the weekend of December 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> with the Jesse Tree tag taped to the box so they can be distributed to needy families. **Please do not wrap the gift, since it will have to be reopened for distribution.** Monetary donations are also welcome to purchase shoes and winter coats. Please make your check payable to "Food Bank Network of Somerset County." If you know of families in need, please notify the parish office. Thanks to all those who participate.



## MUSIC MINISTRY

If you would like to sing to the Lord here at Saint Joseph, come! All are welcome. The ability to read music is not a prerequisite, but a definite asset. Rehearsals are on Thursdays.



4:30 PM Spanish Choir  
5:30 PM Children's Choir  
6:30 PM Bell Choir  
7:30 PM Adult Choir/  
Instrumentalists

For more information contact Maritza Alvarez after Masses or e-mail [Maritza.Alvarez@sjcbb.net](mailto:Maritza.Alvarez@sjcbb.net).

## ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE

The Rosary Altar Society's annual **Christmas Cookie Sale** will take place on the weekend of December 15-16 in the Community Room of the church. Cookies will be on sale after the Saturday evening mass and after the Sunday morning masses.

If any ladies or men of the parish would like to bake and donate cookies for the sale, it would be greatly appreciated. Cookies can be dropped off at the Community Room at 3:00 PM on Saturday, December 15.

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on the second Friday of the month, December 14, from 6:30-8:30 PM in the Chapel of the Nativity. The day will conclude at 8:30 PM with Prayer and Benediction in Spanish. Come and rest in the presence of Jesus.



## ATTENTION YOUTH!



Join us for our youth group, *Youth United in Christ!* We meet every Friday from 6:00-8:00 PM in the Upper Room. If you have questions, please call (732) 648-5775.

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

*"And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value..." (PHILIPPIANS 1:9-10)*

Glittery holiday ads can blind us to our stewardship values and distort our needs and wants. It is important that during this season of endless buying we remember that each of us also has the need to give back to God and to those that are in need.

## Parish Giving

St. Joseph Parish now offers *Parish Giving*, an online option for donating to the Sunday collection. It's Simple. Log on to the St. Joseph Parish website [www.sjcbb.net](http://www.sjcbb.net) and click on the Parish Giving Logo. Follow the easy registration instructions. more information.

## CELEBRATION FOR OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE "EMPRESS OF THE AMERICAS"

Come and share with us in honor of our Holy Mother, Our Lady of Guadalupe.

### PROGRAM:

**Tuesday, December 11, 2018**

#### Main Church

7:30 PM Offering of Flowers  
8:00 PM Rosary (Bilingual)  
8:30 PM Representation of Apparitions (English)  
9:00 PM Holy Mass (Spanish)  
11:00 PM Open Mic

**Wednesday, December 12, 2018**

#### Main Church

12:00 AM Serenade with Mariachi  
3:00 AM Rosary every hour until 5:00 AM (Spanish)  
8:30 AM Daily Mass (English)  
7:00 PM Representation and Rosary for children and teens (English)

If you'd like to contribute to this celebration, please call Gladys at (732) 829-3556. If you'd like to contribute with food, please call Maydaly at (732) 207-9323.



## CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY MASS

As has been our tradition at St. Joseph Church, the 5:00 PM Mass on Christmas Eve will be a Family Mass focused on the children. We encourage the children to make a card for Baby Jesus and bring it to this Mass with them.

This year the Mass will begin with children from our Religious Education program taking part in a Nativity Pageant. They will be dressed in simple costumes and process down the center aisle to the altar steps. The group will sing a Christmas Carol and then go sit with their families and Mass will begin.

Costumes will be provided. We are looking for your help with the costumes. If you have a white communion robe you could donate, it would be greatly appreciated. We are also in need of material for shepherds' costumes in brown or another appropriate color. We will be making the wings for our angels' costumes on Thursday, December 13th at 6:30 PM in the Upper Room over the Chapel. If you are available, please come join the fun!



### I can help by: (check all that apply)

- Donating white communion robe
- Donating material for shepherds costumes
- Helping make Angel Wings (December 13 at 6:30 PM)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## Lecturas Para el Próximo Domingo

### Tercer Domingo de Adviento

**Primera Lectura: Sofonías 3: 14-18**

Él se goza y se complace en ti.

**Segunda Lectura: Filipenses 4: 4-7**

Alégrense siempre en el Señor; el Señor está cerca.

**Evangelio Lucas 3: 10-18**

Todos pensaban que quizá Juan era el Mesías.

## Avisos a la Comunidad

### Confesiones

Las confesiones se realizan en inglés y español:

• **Sábados** de 4:00 a 4:45 PM en la Iglesia.

Para confesarse en otro momento debe hacer una cita previa llamando al (732) 356-0027.

### Familiares Hospitalizados

Si tiene algún familiar hospitalizado, y desea visita pastoral y Eucaristía, por favor infórmelo a la parroquia, llamando al teléfono (732) 356-0027.

## Durante esta Semana

### Divina Misericordia

Todos los jueves a las 7:00 PM se reúnen en la Capilla el grupo de la Divina Misericordia. Cada tercer jueves del mes se tiene Hora Santa. Para más información llamar a José Molina al (732) 824-9570.

### Círculo de Oración

El Grupo de Oración se reúnen todos los viernes de 7:00 a 9:00 PM en la capilla. Tome en cuenta que ya no lo harán los sábados. Para más información puede contactar a Maribel Alfaro 908-642-0497, Osvaldo Navarro (732) 208-3856.

## ¡Atención Jóvenes!

Jesús te está llamando, **¡jóvenes**

**Unidos en Cristo!** Ven a unirse al

grupo para compartir juntos el

amor que Jesús tiene para nosotros a través de la reflexión de la lectura Bíblica, oración y recreación,

formando una comunidad de fe y amor. Únete a nosotros los **viernes de 6:00-8:00 PM** en lo alto del centro parroquial. ¡No te olvides de traer a un amigo!



## Posadas



Tendremos las tradicionales posadas desde el 16 de diciembre en el Upper Room de la Capilla a las 7:00 PM. En este tiempo reflexionaremos en lo que es un

peregrinar y no tener donde hospedarse. María, Jesús y José fueron de casa en casa pidiendo posada ahora te la pide a ti. Todos son bienvenidos a prepararnos para la venida del Señor Jesús.

## Tome Nota

**El Diácono Gustavo Sandoval** está disponible para aquellas personas que necesiten alguna ayuda espiritual. Para comunicarse con él, favor llamarle al teléfono (732) 317-8544 o a su correo [Deacon.Gustavo@sjcbb.net](mailto:Deacon.Gustavo@sjcbb.net).

**El Diácono Edgar Chaves** está disponible para las personas adultas que deseen hacer el bautismo, comunión o confirmación. También él está a cargo de la Divina Misericordia y los ensayos de matrimonio en español, si desea más información o inscribirse para las clases de los sacramentos contacte al diacono en su correo: [Deacon.Edgar@sjcbb.net](mailto:Deacon.Edgar@sjcbb.net).

**La Sra. Martha Rovitto** atiende en la oficina Parroquial (donde está la Capilla) todo lo relacionado con Misas, bautismos, registros parroquiales y certificados. Ella está en la oficina todos los martes, miércoles y jueves de 6:30 a 8:30 PM y vía telefónica llamando al (732) 356-0027 ext. 6.

**Ana Valencia** la directora del programa de Educación Religiosa (CCD) está todos los miércoles de 6:30 a 8:30 PM en la oficina Parroquial, para las personas que necesiten consultar sobre sus niños que están en la catequesis.

## Reflexión

### Segundo domingo de Adviento

*"Y esta es mi oración: que tu amor aumente cada vez más en el conocimiento y en todo tipo de percepción, para discernir qué es lo valioso..." (FILIPENSES 1: 9-10)*

Los anuncios de vacaciones relucientes pueden cegarnos sobre nuestros valores de corresponsabilidad y distorsionar nuestras necesidades y deseos. Es importante que, durante esta temporada de compras sin fin, recordemos que cada uno de nosotros también tiene la necesidad de devolver a Dios y dar a quienes lo necesitan.

## Noche con San Nicolás

### Patrocinado por: In Your Hands



**Viernes, 14 de diciembre, 2018**

**7:00 – 9:00 PM**

**Iglesia principal de San José**

Para la comunidad parroquial de la Iglesia San José. Un evento para familias con necesidades financieras durante la temporada navideña.

Comida, postres, juegos, fotos con San Nicolás. Regalos para cada niño. Espacio es limitado, se requiere registro. Las registraciones se aceptarán hasta el lunes 10 de diciembre.

## Celebración para Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe "Emperatriz de las Américas"

Ven y comparte con nosotros en honor de nuestra Santa Madre, nuestra Señora de Guadalupe.

**Martes, 11 de diciembre de 2018**

### Iglesia Principal

- 7:30 PM Ofrenda de Flores
- 8:00 PM Rosario (bilingüe)
- 8:30 PM Representación de Apariciones (inglés)
- 9:00 PM Santa Misa (español)
- 11:00 PM Micrófono abierto
- 12:00 AM Serenata con mariachi
- 3:00 AM Rosario cada hora hasta 5:00 AM (español)



La iglesia cierra a las 6:00 de la mañana.

**Miércoles, 12 de diciembre de 2018**

### Iglesia Principal

- 8:30 AM Misa Diaria (inglés)
- 7:00 PM representación y Rosario para niños y adolescentes (inglés)

## Rosario a La Virgen María

La novena a la Virgen María Madre de Dios y Madre nuestra bajo la advocación de Guadalupe, hoy domingo y mañana lunes se rezará el rosario en la capilla a las 7:00 PM y culminaremos el martes a las 8:00 PM en la iglesia. Esperamos su participación.

## Santísimo

La Adoración del Santísimo Sacramento se llevará a cabo el segundo viernes del mes, diciembre 14 en la Capilla de la Natividad de 6:30 a 8:30 PM. **La jornada concluirá con la oración y bendición en español.** Venga a descansar en la presencia de Jesús.



## Los Religiosos expresan su gratitud

"Este dinero es un don completo", escribe una religiosa acerca de lo que el Fondo para la Jubilación de Religiosos hace posible. "Nos permite seguir cuidando a nuestras hermanas ancianas". Su donativo a la campana de la semana pasada ayuda a cientos de comunidades religiosas a satisfacer las necesidades apremiantes de jubilación mientras que siguen sirviendo al Pueblo de Dios. ¡Que Dios los bendiga por su generosidad!

## Pregunta de la Semana

¿Puedo discernir lo que tiene valor y consecuentemente actuar conforme a esos valores?

## Árbol de Navidad

Como parte de nuestra preparación para la Navidad como familia parroquial, este año nuevamente tendremos el árbol de Navidad con los ornamentos de papel, cuales tienen escrito nombres de regalo (por favor deben ser nuevos, no revolver de juguete ni juguetes que necesiten baterías). Tome uno y traiga el regalo con el ornamento de papel pegado a la caja, **por favor no lo envuelva, para mejor distribución.** También son bienvenidas donaciones monetarias para compra de zapatos y abrigos; por favor haga el cheque a "**Food Bank Network of Somerset Country**". Debe de traer el regalo hasta el fin de semana del 15 y 16 de diciembre, para que estos regalos sean distribuidos a familias necesitadas esta Navidad. Si usted conoce de familias necesitadas, por favor infórmelo a la oficina parroquial. Muchas gracias por su participación.



## Misa de Nochebuena de Familia

Como ha sido nuestra tradición en la iglesia de San José, la Misa de 5:00 PM en la víspera de Navidad será una Misa Familiar enfocada en los niños. Animamos a los niños a hacer una tarjeta para el niño Jesús y llevarla a esta misa con ellos.

Este año la Misa comenzará con los niños de nuestro programa de educación religiosa que participan en un desfile de nacimientos. Se vestirán con trajes sencillos y procesarán por el pasillo central hasta los escalones del altar. El grupo cantará un villancico de Navidad y luego irá a sentarse con sus familias y la Misa comenzará.

Se ofrecerán disfraces, estamos buscando su ayuda con los disfraces, si usted tiene una túnica blanca de la comunión que usted podría donar, sería apreciado. También estamos necesitando de material para los trajes de los pastores en color marrón o de otra manera apropiada. Estaremos haciendo la alas para los disfraces de nuestros Ángeles el jueves, 13 de diciembre a las 6:30 PM en la habitación superior sobre la capilla. ¡Si usted está disponible, por favor venga a unirse a la diversión!

## Nuevos Bautizados

Damos la bienvenida a nuestra familia Cristiana de la Iglesia St. Joseph a: Ángel Alexander Islas que el pasado fin de semana recibió el bautismo. Felicidades a los padres y padrinos y que la luz de Cristo permanezca por siempre en el corazón de este niño y para siempre sea luz.