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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

The Middlebrook Deanery

Catholic School

(Grades Pre-K through 8)

149 South Plainfield Avenue

South Plainfield, NJ 07080

(908) 822-5890

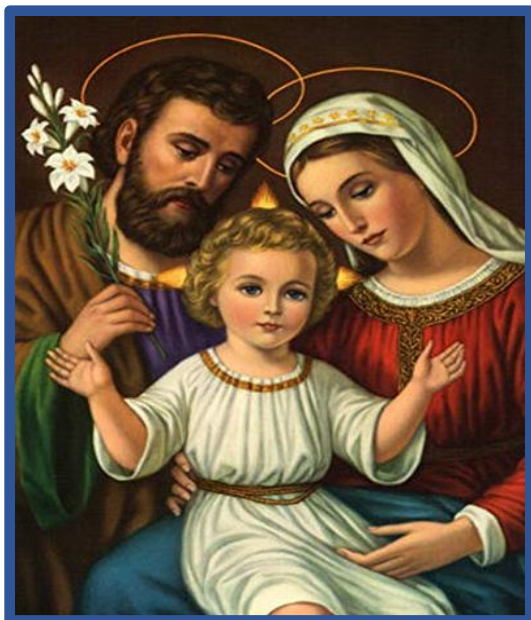
www.holysavioracademy.com

Mrs. Carol Woodburn, Principal



Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 30, 2018



MASSES/PENANCE FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 31, 2018 – New Year's Eve

8:30 AM † People of the Parish
5:00 PM Cecilia Newton, request of Associates
at Bed, Bath & Beyond

Tuesday, January 1, 2019 – New Year's Day Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

10:00 AM Joan Gleason, request of family
12:00 PM Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, January 2, 2019

8:30 AM † World Peace

Thursday, January 3, 2019

8:30 AM † Robert Yurek, request of Rosemary Yurek

Friday, January 4, 2019

8:30 AM † An End to Terrorism in the World

Saturday, January 5, 2019

8:30 AM † Marie Borzo, request of Louis and
Elaine Pilato
4:00 PM Penance with Fr. John Pringle
5:00 PM Helen Zielinski, request of Riccioli family
7:00 PM Abelino Menendez, request of Orellana
family

Sunday, January 6, 2019

8:00 AM Paul F. Cecchini, request of Cecchini family
10:00 AM Nicolina Miceli, request of mother,
Marie Yannetta
12:00 PM Esther Bustamante, request of
Damian Bustamante

† Masses held in the Chapel.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Reading 1: Isaiah 60:1-6

The glory of the Lord shines on all people.

Reading 2: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

The Gentiles are coheirs of the promise.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

The magi come with gifts of gold,
frankincense, and myrrh.

THIS WEEK

Monday, December 31, 2018

Parish office closed.

No Religious Education. Classes resume January 7, 2019

Tuesday, January 1, 2019

Parish Office closed.

No Religious Education. Classes resume January 8, 2019

Wednesday, January 2, 2019

No Religious Education. Classes resume January 9, 2019

Thursday, January 3, 2019

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

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

Friday, January 4, 2019

9 AM-12 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
in the Chapel of the Nativity

12:00 PM Benediction in English

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

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

Saturday, January 5, 2019

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

Sunday, January 6, 2019

11 AM-1 PM English RCIA in the Library

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.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are." (1 John 3:1)
During this season of giving, let us remember the most important gift we have received – being children of God. As God's children, it's important that we express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children and other family members and friends that you love them, frequently.

SUNDAY OFFERING

THE WEEK ENDED DECEMBER 16

Regular Collection\$4,070

Christmas flowers\$1,395

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

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, or for sessions in Spanish, please contact Deacon Edgar Chaves at Deacon.Edgar@sjcbb.net.

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.sjccb.net and click on the Parish Giving Logo. Follow the easy registration instructions.

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.

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.



St. Joseph Catholic Church, Bound Brook, NJ

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS FOR CATHOLICS

There are countless spiritual resolutions to make for the new year, but picking just one or two is ideal so that you don't become overwhelmed or start to feel like a failure if you miss them once or twice. Just remember to keep it simple at first, and as your resolutions turn into habits, you can add more.

Go to confession - Find out when confession is offered at your parish or another local parish. Put it on your calendar for bimonthly, once a month, every other month — whatever schedule will best ensure that you go to confession on a regular basis. If you're nervous, remember that your priest has likely heard it all in confessions over the years and there are apps to help you get through it. *Laudate* is a great one.

Set a time each day to pray - Start small. If you haven't been praying daily at all, set aside just five minutes during your favorite part of the day. In the mornings you can say a prayer to start your day. At 3 o'clock you can try the Divine Mercy Chaplet. And of course, if you aren't praying the rosary daily, you can add those 15 minutes in during your day.

Celebrate feast days with the children - Take a look at a Catholic calendar and find some feast days to celebrate with your children. Start with your patron saints and find ways to make it fun for your children to learn about these saints. Websites like *CatholicLiving.com* offer great ideas from activities to recipes that bring Catholic saints to life for children.

Participate in First Saturdays - One of the requests of Our Lady of Fatima was that we participate in the Five First Saturdays which involves going to confession, receiving Holy Communion, saying five decades of the rosary, and mediating for 15 minutes on the mysteries of the rosary each first Saturday for five consecutive months.

Attend daily Mass - Daily Mass can be tricky when you work or have small children, but if you search you may be able to find a daily Mass that can work for you. While you likely won't be able to attend each day you can put it on your calendar for once a month or once a week and make an effort to go.

Bring a friend to Sunday Mass - Whether the person is a former Catholic, a Catholic who has strayed, or someone who has never been to Catholic Mass or any church service whatsoever, it is an important part of being Catholic to evangelize. Helping someone to see the beauty of the Catholic faith can help reignite your own faith and remind you of why you are Catholic.

Renew your baptismal vows - Kick off the new year by renewing your baptismal promises with your family. It's easy, you can do it within your own home, and it will remind you of what it is to be a Catholic. It might just be the boost you need to be a more spiritual person in 2018.

Source: catholicdigest.com

DRUG ADDICTION COUNSELING

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Metuchen is offering counseling and wellness services. If you or someone you know needs counseling or is impacted by addiction, we can help. Individual and family therapy for children and adults is available. For an appointment call (800) 655-9491.

HEALING AFTER ABORTION

Have you suffered an abortion? Experience God's love and mercy and begin the journey of healing. Please call the Sisters of Life (866) 575-0075 or email hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org. For men, call Theresa Bonopartis at Lumina (877) 586-4621 or email Lumina@postabortionhelp.org.

STRESS IN YOUR MARRIAGE?

Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse? Are you constantly fighting? Or, do you simply shut down? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Does talking about it only make it worse?



... **Retrouvaille is a Lifeline to Help Couples Heal and Renew their Marriages.**

The program consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions. Next weekend: February 8-10, 2019. For more information please call the Family Life Office at (732) 243-4573. To register, call Rich and Annette Colasuonno (732) 236-0671, or 3024@retrouvaille.org.

SAFE + SOUND SOMERSET

Domestic abuse is a pattern of coercive, controlling behavior that is a pervasive life-threatening crime affecting people in all our communities regardless of gender, age, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, religion, social standing and immigration status. Domestic violence takes many forms: physical; emotional; economic; stalking and harassment; and sexual. All of our programs are free of charge, confidential, offered in multiple locations throughout the county, and are available in English and Spanish.

If you would like more information about the services we offer or you know someone who could benefit from our services, please call our 24-hour call or text hotline at (866) 685-1122 or email us at info@safe-sound.org.

GIANNA CENTER

The Saint Peter's Gianna Center, located in New Brunswick, NJ is dedicated to offering truly pro-life women's health care, including infertility services, general gynecologic care, and more. All services are provided in accordance with the U.S. Catholic Bishops Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services. Please visit <https://www.saintpetershcs.com/Services/Gianna-Center> or contact us at (732) 565-5490.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION



Monday, December 31, 2018

5:00 PM English Vigil Mass

Tuesday, January 1, 2019

10:00 AM English Mass

12:00 PM Spanish Mass

All Masses in the Main Church

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – CHRISTMAS BREAK

There will be no Religious Education classes from December 23, 2018 through January 5, 2019. Classes will resume the week of January 6, 2019. Happy New Year!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on the first Friday of the month, January 4, at 9:00 AM in the Chapel of the Nativity. The day will conclude at 12:00 PM with Prayer and Benediction in English. Come and rest in the presence of Jesus.



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.

RESOURCES FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Our Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities has a Facebook page that provides daily updates with short inspirational reflections for people with disabilities, family members and care givers. This site also provides endless resources for those with physical, emotional, cognitive, visual, auditory and other special challenges. To access our Facebook page (even if you are not a member of Facebook), type the following into your search engine: Diocese of Metuchen Office for Persons with Disabilities.



LECTURAS PARA EL PRÓXIMO DOMINGO

EPIFANÍA DEL SEÑOR

Primera Lectura: Isaías 60: 1-6

La gloria del Señor resplandece en toda la gente.

Segunda Lectura: Efesios 3: 2-3, 5-6

Los paganos son coherederos de la misma herencia.

Evangelio: Mateo 2: 1-12

Los Magos le ofrecieron oro, incensó y mirra.

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

Tome Nota: El grupo de la Divina Misericordia reanudará las reuniones el jueves 3 de enero 2019 a las 7:00 PM en la Capilla. 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!



Parish Giving

La parroquia St. Joseph ahora ofrece Parish Giving, una nueva manera de transferencia electrónica para donar la contribución del domingo. Visite el sitio web de la Parroquia St. Joseph www.sjccb.net, y haga clic en el logo de Parish Giving y luego siga las sencillas instrucciones de registro.

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@sjccb.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 diácono en su correo Deacon.Edgar@sjccb.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

FIESTA DE LA SAGRADA FAMILIA

"Mira qué amor nos ha dado el Padre, que seamos llamados hijos de Dios; y así lo somos" (1 JUAN 3: 1)
Durante esta temporada de dar, recordemos el regalo más importante que hemos recibido: ser hijos de Dios. Como hijos de Dios, es importante que expresemos nuestro amor por los demás también. Dile con frecuencia a tu cónyuge, hijos y otros familiares y amigos, que los amas.

PREGUNTA DE LA SEMANA

¿Qué puedo hacer por mis padres, mis hermanos, mi cónyuge, mis hijos, para que mi familia sea más santa y más semejante a la familia que Dios desea?

BAUTISMO

Los bautismos se realizan el primer y tercer domingo de cada mes a la 1:30 PM. Si usted quiere bautizar a su hijo/a en los meses de **febrero o marzo, debe registrarse para la próxima clase de bautismo del 8 de enero 2019, a las 7:15 PM.** Planifique con tiempo el bautismo, las clases son cada dos meses y si no asiste a la clase no puede bautizar al bebé. Para más información, por favor ir personalmente los martes, miércoles o jueves a la oficina Parroquial (donde está la Capilla) de 6:30 a 8:30 PM.



SOLEMNIDAD DE SANTA MARIA, MADRE DE DIOS DÍA DE OBLIGACIÓN



Lunes, 31 de Diciembre, 2018

5:00 PM Misa (ingles)

Martes, 1 de Enero, 2019

10:00 AM Misa (ingles)

12:00 PM Misa (español)

Misas en la Iglesia Principal

NUEVOS BAUTIZADOS

Damos la bienvenida a nuestra familia Cristiana de la Iglesia St. Joseph a: Judith Floreli Chacón, Gema Sophia García y Mia Audrey García que recientemente recibió el bautismo 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 estas niñas y para siempre sea luz.

JÓVENES ADULTOS LLAMADOS AL AMOR DE CRISTO (JALAC)

DE ENTRE 18 A 30 AÑOS

Hoy ha llegado un gran día, para que puedas hacer un cambio en tu vida, ven comparte y aprende a seguir al Señor, como cuando

“Jesús subió a la montaña y llamó a los que él quiso y los que quisieron vinieron junto a él” (Marcos 3:13)

Hoy él te llama por tu nombre, ven y descúbrelo.

Objetivo: Encauzar al joven adulto a conocerse y aceptar el llamado de Dios en su proceso de conversión a través de las sagradas escrituras para reafirmar y vivir su fe.

Integrantes de la Directiva: Norberto Lan, (732) 215-5643, Armida Bonilla (908) 392-3012, Fausto Flores, Flavio Roja.

SEGURO Y A SALVO SOMERSET

El abuso doméstico es un patrón de conducta coercitiva y controladora que es un crimen generalizado y potencialmente mortal que afecta a las personas en todas nuestras comunidades, independientemente del género, la edad, la orientación sexual, la raza, la etnia, la religión, la situación social y el estatus migratorio. La violencia doméstica toma muchas formas: físicas; emocional económico acecho y acoso; y sexual. Todos nuestros programas son gratuitos, confidenciales, ofrecidos en múltiples ubicaciones en todo el condado, y están disponibles en inglés y español.

Si desea obtener más información sobre los servicios que ofrecemos o conoce a alguien que pueda beneficiarse de nuestros servicios, llame a nuestra línea de llamadas o mensajes de texto de 24 horas al (866) 685-1122 o envíenos un correo electrónico a info@safe-sound.org.



RESOLUCIONES DE AÑO NUEVO PARA CATÓLICOS

Es enero otra vez — ¡es hora de hacer las resoluciones de año nuevo! Durante este año de la fe ¿por qué no hacer algunas resoluciones para convertirse en un mejor católico en 2019? Ciertamente no tienes que enfrentarte a los diez, pero elige dos o tres metas para mejorar tu vida espiritual este año.

¿Un smartphone católico? Sorprendentemente, usted encontrará un montón de aplicaciones de smartphone para ayudarlo a convertirse en un mejor católico. Simplemente escriba "Catholic" en el índice de búsqueda de App Store de su teléfono.

Encontrar un santo patrón. ¡Si no tienes un santo patrón, es hora de encontrar uno! Los Santos son nuestros héroes en la fe y son intercesores poderosos para nosotros en el cielo. Es posible que desee aprender más sobre el Santo que fue nombrado después de, su santo de confirmación, el santo patrón de su profesión o afición o cualquier Santo que le interese.

Asista a Misa diaria. La mayoría de las parroquias ofrecen Misa diaria durante la semana por la mañana, por la tarde o durante el almuerzo. A cambio, recibirás gracias y bendiciones adicionales por el pequeño sacrificio.

Ir a confesar todos los meses. Sí, es difícil enfrentar tus pecados y decirlos en voz alta, pero la recepción frecuente del Sacramento de la reconciliación te da la gracia de luchar contra esos pecados y finalmente derrotarlos.

Lee la Biblia. Si usted no es dueño de una Biblia católica, invierta en uno y manténgalo fuera donde usted lo verá todos los días. Asista a un estudio bíblico si su parroquia le ofrece una o pídale a su sacerdote que empiece una si no está disponible.

Involúcrese con su parroquia. El voluntariado como lector, Ministro Eucarístico, miembro del coro o ujier requiere un compromiso de tiempo muy pequeño, pero pagará por ayudarlo a sentirse como una parte importante de su parroquia.

Reza el Rosario. El Rosario ha sido aclamado por Santos y papas por igual como un arma poderosa para derrotar al mal y una hermosa manera de meditar sobre los Evangelios.

Escucha la radio católica. Las estaciones de radio católicas están apareciendo por toda América y no necesitas vivir cerca de una para escuchar. La mayoría de las estaciones emiten en línea u ofrecen aplicaciones de smartphone.

Lea sobre su fe. Este año, decida leer al menos cinco libros sobre temas católicos. Ore al Espíritu Santo para que le guíe.

Pasar algún tiempo delante del Santísimo Sacramento. Muchas parroquias ofrecen adoración eucarística, pero usted puede pasar por una iglesia católica cada vez que las puertas están abiertas y pasar un poco de tiempo de calidad con Cristo. Incluso sólo 10-15 minutos regularmente mejorarán profundamente su vida espiritual.

[Leer más en <http://www.Beliefnet.com>]