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Institute of Charity
(Rosminians)**

Pastor
Fr. Edison Bernavas, I.C.

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Deacon Dick Beaudry

Mass Schedule

Vigil Mass (Saturday):

4:30 p.m. (English)

6:30 p.m. (Spanish)

Sunday Masses:

8:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

4:30 p.m.

Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday: 8:00 a.m.

Thursday: 6:30 p.m. (Spanish)

Rosary 30 minutes before each Mass

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday thru Friday

After 8:00 Morning Mass to 4:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:30-4:15 p.m.

First Friday: 7:30 a.m.

or Anytime by Appointment with
Priest

Third Sunday

OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 16, 2018

*Whoever has two cloaks should
share with the person who has none.
And whoever has food should do likewise.*

Luke 3:11



Mass Intentions for the Week



- Saturday December 15**
 4:30 p.m. Birthday Intention of Fr. Michael O’Neill
 6:30 p.m. Spanish Mass
- Sunday December 16**
 8:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
 10:30 a.m. Intentions of the Witbeck and Maher Family
 by the Jensen Family
 4:30 p.m. †Robert Hutchens
 by Soresina Hutchens
- Monday December 17**
 8:00 a.m. †Patricia Schlofeldt
 by Mary Parker
- Tuesday December 18**
 8:00 a.m. †Deacon Jerry Thomas
 by Neil & Sally Hazzard
- Wednesday December 19**
 8:00 a.m. †Deacon Jerry Thomas
 by The Women’s Guild
- Thursday December 20**
 8:00 a.m. Intention of Deacon Dick Beaudry
 by The Women’s Guild
 6:30 p.m. Spanish Mass
- Friday December 21**
 8:00 a.m. Birthday Intention of Think Nguyen
 by The Tran Family
- Saturday December 22**
 4:30 p.m. †Margaret Bauer
 by Theresa Bauer
 6:30 p.m. Spanish Mass
- Sunday December 23**
 8:30 a.m. †Jose Ariel Puerto
 by Jose Puerto
 10:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
 4:30 p.m. †Pierre, Josette, & Michael Casagrande
 by Anne & Jose DelaFuente

IN THE CHARITY OF YOUR PRAYERS, please pray for those who are ill, home-bound, or confined to hospitals and nursing homes, especially for the following:

Doreen Alfano, Pat Allen, Benjamin Ambrose, Cheryl Bauer, Bonnie Beaudry, Eileen Boyle, Dee Brown, Richard Brown, Dana Calvani, Frances Calvani, Jim Calvani, Maria Celani, Helen & Jack Clark, Susan Conely, Carmen Connors, John Danet, Doug Dimick, Marisa Dunn, Rick Eisenhard, Ralph Fehr, Barbara Fellabick, Mark Fetterman, Kenny Gay, Scott Gill, Brian Goldbach, Bill Haladay, Ada Hall, Charles Hall, Rachel Harlor, Colleen Harmon, Ronald Lee Hayes, Olivia Hicks, Coleman & Marlene Hill, Norma Homs, Doyle James, Ben Jones, Patricia Koch, Jill Kotowski, Norma Martinez, Shawn McConnel, John & Charlotte McFaul, Duncan McKenzie, Marie Miranda, Cheryl Morgan, David Mueller, Darryl Mummert, Kelly Murphy, Ed & Gerry Murray, Beverly Natter, Florence Nutting & Baby Girl, Charles Paisley, Tim Pasden, Mary Elizabeth Polumbo, Luisa Puerto, John Poulos, Isabella Powers, Pat Racic, Mary Ellen Riley, Pat & Barbara Riley, Elise Rowe, Harry Santos, Frank Schiele, Renee Schiele, Ada Scimeca, Tom Seals, Gail Shoyren, Bill Shumsky, Mike Silva, Catherine Mary Skidmore, Laura Spivey, Stanton Sullivan, Betty Valleri, Alice & Terry Veinotte, Ron Verheertum, Martin Vicario, Carol Wagner, Gabriel Wagner, George Wagner, Joan Wagner, Dave & Janice Wedderman, Robby Wedderman, Lorraine Wenner, Kurt Wicker, Paul Wicker, Mary Winiarski, Tom Woodard, Lisien Wong, Georgiana Zawlocki, Ron Ziegler, the Homebound and their Caregivers and the repose of the soul of Patricia McDonough.

LORD,
 Look upon me with eyes of mercy, may Your healing hand rest upon me, may Your life-giving powers flow into every cell of my body and into the depths of my soul, cleansing, purifying, restoring me to wholeness and strength for service in Your Kingdom. Amen.

Please remember to pray for our troops, especially:

Daniel Hutton	Jesse Witt	Remy Herrero
Aran Miller	Brittany I Jones Baker	Leobardo Martinez
Jarred Taracido	Adam Baker	Alejandro Cuesta
Joseph Michalek	Zachary Trinkle	Wesley Kosierowski
Juan Cruz	Dan Holder	Nicholas Kosierowski
Spencer Dewey	Jesse Doyle	Paul Michael Presley
Kris Urquhart	Kenneth Urquhart	Christopher Jeffers
Mickey Reese	Aaron C. Lint	Jared Michael Null
Christopher Heacox	Lawrence Morgan Null	Haley Elizabeth Null
Ryan Levy Cruz	John Andrew Marple	Donovan O’Connor
Jeff Calvani	James E. Desaulniers	Jaiden Andrus
Ryan Hurley	Brennan Tyska	Tony Cuesta
J.P. Zotomayor	James Kropp	Michael Mulhern
Helen Castillo	Robin Brown	Jeanine Hatfield
Nathan Berry	Josh Silva	U.S.S. Alabama Crew
Devon M. Callicoat	Charles Laing III	Magaly Oliu
Matt Daniels	Mario Perez	Michael Baez
Ryan Dimick	Joshua Eicholz	Collin Newman
Patrick Jonker	Kevin Lime	Trey M. Bushee
		Shaun R. Bushee



Eternal rest, grant unto them,
 O Lord, and let perpetual
 light shine upon them.
 May the souls of the faithful
 departed through the mercy
 of God rest in peace. Amen.

From the Pastor...

My Dear People in Christ,

Our Gospel reading today continues in the realm of prophecy and the life and preaching of John the Baptist. St. Luke spends more time on John the Baptist than the other Gospel writers, and we get a generous taste of his preaching from him.

John has been asking people to repent, telling them that he, as Isaiah predicted, is announcing someone who is to come quite soon, one who will save the world. In today's gospel narrative, we get a glimpse of John interacting with his followers who have some questions; how they are to get ready for this event and what must they do to get ready themselves? The first answer that John gives them is not what we might expect today - to look inwardly and confess our guilt to God. No, instead, John says that it is all about love of neighbor, by sharing and taking care of those less fortunate than we are. Have two coats? Give one to someone who needs it. Have extra food? Share it with those who have very little.

Notice that the preparation for the Messiah that John is preaching here, is not about personal reflection as much as it is about socialism – but it is about looking outwards and treating others in the best way possible.

These readings remind us of the commitment we made to perform random acts of kindness this Advent and it brought to mind some suggestions you may consider for your personal preparation for Christ's coming. Engage with others through practical ways of reaching out. Reach out to your neighbors, the caregivers and the people who serve you every day - those who deliver the mail, who look after your house while you are away, those who deliver your paper, the senior citizen who lives alone on your street. Let's follow John's advice and have an *active* repentance this Advent.

Finally, in the Gospel, John is asked what he knows about this Messiah that he is preaching about. What has God told the prophet about Him? What should they be looking for? Could John himself be the one who will lead them?

The first thing John does is to tell them that he is not the Messiah himself. He says that someone else so much greater is coming that he shouldn't be allowed to even tie his shoelaces.

We have all seen the car stickers saying "Bring Christ back into Christmas," so if we really want to put Christ back into Christmas, let us heed John today and DO SOMETHING to make this world a better place by helping those less fortunate than ourselves, and treating all people with dignity, honor and justice! Just an idea from John, but it is the Good News that the gospel preaches to you today! So rejoice in it! Again I say, Rejoice!

I wish you and your family a blessed Advent season and fruitful preparation for Christmas.

Fr. Edison Bernavas I.C.



Welcome to St. Francis of Assisi!

We extend a special welcome to all our visitors and new parishioners who have come to celebrate Mass with us today! If you are new to our community, please introduce yourself to our clergy. If you live in this area and attend regularly, we invite you to join our parish of St. Francis of Assisi. Registration is necessary for better care of souls, more effective administration of sick calls, and matters pertaining to baptism, education, marriage and burial. Registration is very easy, and the cream "Parish Registration" cards can be found in the pamphlet holder above the table in the lobby. After completing, please place in the Parish Drop Box, located in the door by the water fountain in the lobby.



Today's Readings

First Reading -- Your God will sing joyfully because of you, as one sings at festivals (Zephaniah 3:14-18a).

Psalm -- Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel (Isaiah 12:6).

Second Reading -- Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! (Philippians 4:4-7).

Gospel -- Whoever who has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. Whoever who has food should do likewise (Luke 3:10-18).

Save the Date

The March for Life in St. Augustine FL, will be taking place this year on Saturday, January 12th, 2019. Details soon to follow.

More than 500 Nativity Scenes from Around the World are on Display in Plant City

Nativity scenes have been a popular Advent and Christmas tradition for centuries and are cherished by people of all ages. Now, there is an opportunity to see 500 nativity scenes on display in one room. Saint Clement Catholic Church, in Plant City, is presenting "Nativities Around the World." These artistic and unique Nativities are from different periods in history and from many different styles.



Location:

St. Clement Catholic Church, Cronin Hall, 1104 North Alexander Street, Plant City (Less than a minute's drive south of Interstate 4, Exit 21.)

Dates/Times:

After each weekend Mass and also each Sunday from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM starting on December 1, 2018, and continuing through January 7, 2019. Group tours on other dates/times can be arranged by contacting Carol Rodriguez, 813-727-5214 or Crodriguez@stclementpc.org.

Ministries Schedule - December 22 & 23

Saturday - 4:30 p.m. Mass

Rosary Leader: Deirdre Bristol
Altar Servers: Adult Volunteers
Lector: John Wilbur
E.M.H.C.: Mummert, Subko, J. & J. Angelo, Benn, Bristol

Sunday - 8:30 a.m. Mass

Rosary Leader: Henri Plourde
Altar Servers: Adult Volunteers
Lector: Sam Puleo
E.M.H.C.: Ganske, Leone, McCollum, McElhatten, Mularoni, Plourde

Sunday - 10:30 a.m. Mass

Rosary Leader: John Mabe
Altar Servers: Brown family (2 please), G. Tran
Lector: Kathy Carr
E.M.H.C.: Mussenden, Quintas, Vass, Vazquez, Zawlocki, Carr

Sunday - 4:30 p.m.. Mass

Rosary Leader: Joan Miller
Altar Servers: K. Arevalo-Cortes, A. Cortes, S. Cortes
Lector: Tommy Wrobel
E.M.H.C.: B. & J. Harper, Jervey, Redgrave, Whitehead, Balzano-Gray

Homebound E.M.H.C.

First Group: John & Dottie Mabe
Second Group: David & Monica Brandies
Third Group: Jose & Stephanie Puerto

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday - Friday..... 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Legion of Mary

Tuesdays after 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Novena to Our Lady, Queen of Peace

Tuesdays after 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30 - 4:15 p.m.
 First Friday:..... 7:30 a.m.
 or anytime by appointment with priest.

Anointing of the Sick

For all those threatened by serious illness: available anytime, but particularly during daily Mass.

Baptisms

Contact parish office to receive required instruction.

Marriage

Contact office at least six months before desired date and before setting date.

Business Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

This Week at St. Francis

Dec 16 -- Dec 22, 2018

Sunday Dec. 16	Blood Drive Faith Formation	5:30 p.m.
Monday Dec. 17	Cub Scouts	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday Dec. 18	Legion of Mary Boy Scouts	8:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Dec. 19	Dinner for the Needy	4:30 p.m.
Thursday Dec. 20	Bible Study	8:30 a.m.

Angel Tree

The St. Francis of Assisi Food Pantry has an Angel Tree, located in the narthex. Please take home an “angel” or an “ornament” and bring back your donated non-perishable food items and place them in the food barrel.



What a wonderful way to give back and help those in need, especially this time of the year! All donations support our Food Pantry, open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 1-3 p.m. *Thank you for your generosity and support!*

St Francis Car & Craft Show! Please Help!



Your assistance is needed to distribute our 2019 Sweetheart Celebration of Life Car & Craft Show flyers to other car shows in our area. This is the principal method of spreading the word to car show enthusiasts about our show. Through your involvement, we will make our February 9, 2019, Car & Craft Show even more fun than last year!!

Please see the dates and locations listed below or text/call Captain Carl at 813-546-9440 to select a car show location, date and time that is amenable to your schedule. Thanks!!

- ◆ **Tuesday, December 18**
Plant City, Smokin’ Aces B.B.Q., 2509 N. Park Rd., 4:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Saturday, December 22**
Pepboys Brandon Car Show, 1747 Brandon Blvd, 4:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Thursday, January 3**
Roamin’ Oldies Car Club Cruise-In, Mira Bay Winn Dixie Plaza, Hwy 41, Apollo Beach, 6:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Saturday, January 12**
Boggy Bottom Auto Show at Luptons Boggy Bottom Ranch, 8407 Lupton Pl., Plant City 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Please Note...

Beginning the first weekend of January, the prayer list and the military personnel list in our bulletin will be completely revised. If there is someone on either list that you feel needs to remain, please contact the parish office and let us know. The new people will remain on the prayer list for 4 weeks, unless indicated that this is a long term illness. The troops will remain on the list for one year, and a reminder will go out next year to renew your loved one for an additional year. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Learn to Speak Latin

The Latin class of Most Holy Redeemer parish will welcome new students on January 10, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. To register, write cbracdon@msn.com or call (813) 748-0746. *Lingua Latina est thesaurus incomparandae praestantiae* - The Latin language is a treasure of incomparable value.

Marriage Struggling?

If your marriage has become troubled and stressed, unloving or uncaring; if you have grown cold and distant; even if you are divorced or separated, or are thinking about it, no matter how bad it may be... Retrouvaille can help, as it has helped tens of thousands of others. Our next program in Tampa Bay begins **Jan 25-27, 2019**. For more information, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org, or call (813) 816-0711. *Not counseling or group therapy. All contacts and names held in strictest confidence.*



“The Christmas Story”

A Celebration featuring the Music Ministry and Youth of St. Peter Claver Parish

The Choir of St. Peter Claver parish will present its Christmas Cantata on Sunday, December 16, 2018 at 4:00 pm. The event is free and open to the public. Their parish youth will also be participating in the Cantata and they hope you will join them for their presentation of the Christmas story. 1203 N. Nebraska Ave, Tampa, FL

Please Join our FORMED Online Community



As a member, you will have access to entertaining movies, inspiring audio talks, informative bible studies, and much more. We are providing this resource free of charge to help our members learn and grow in their faith. So please join us. **To sign up for FREE, just visit us here:** <https://stfranciscc.formed.org> and use Parish Code: Y499KR.

Blood Mobile

The blood mobile will be at St. Francis of Assisi on **Saturday, December 15th, after all Masses, and on Sunday, December 16th, from 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.** A critical number of voluntary donations are required every day to meet the need for blood, and your lifesaving efforts are deeply appreciated.

Foundations of Life Pregnancy Center & Knights Women’s Center

Volunteers Needed

We need you! Your skills can save lives by educating, supporting, and empowering women to make positive life affirming choices of responsible parenting or adoption. You can make a difference by being a positive influence for women facing unplanned pregnancies. Please consider serving God by serving women and families in need and by protecting our most precious pre-born infants. Flexible hours available to meet your schedule. Your investment in our future will make a difference!



Volunteer opportunities: Client Advocates & Mentors, Office Assistants, Fundraising, Ultrasound Nurses or Technicians and Baby Boutique Helpers. **Foundations of Life Pregnancy Center, 6515 N. Armenia Av, Tampa 33604** For more information contact Liliana Gimenez, 813-631-4398, lgimenez@ccdsp.org

Holy Land Pilgrimage with Father Edison

April 29th through May 8th, 2019

Plans continue for the exciting Holy Land pilgrimage with Father Edison, this April 29th – May 8th. The 10-day trip includes overnight stays in Tel Aviv, Tiberias (on the Sea of Galilee) and Jerusalem, and features Masses and devotions,



plus tours at sites of holy events such as the Annunciation, the Wedding at Cana, the Sermon on the Mount, the Transfiguration, the Last Supper, the Way of the Cross, and many others. To learn more or make reservations: Pick up a registration flyer at the front of church or contact John Wilbur (813-909-6805 or jwilbur@decidedexcellence.com), or Canterbury Pilgrimages at 1-800-653-0017, reservations@canterburypilgrimages.com (Email) or www.canterburypilgrimages.com/fredison (Internet).

Witnesses

Our actions are the best witnesses of our thoughts.
~Anonymous

Parish Ministries

Altar Servers	
Judy Erlendsson.....	244-2853
Church Musicians	
Ramon Martos.....	334-3454
Clothing Pantry	
Contact the Parish Office.....	681-9115
Eucharistic Adoration	
Susan Soleau.....	689-6914
Faith Formation	
Judy Erlendsson.....	244-2853
Food Pantry	
Marie Colvin.....	571-8170
Eucharistic Ministers	
Pam Caskey.....	651-1165
Helping Hands	
Dottie Mabe.....	681-2421
Hispanic Religious Education	
Maday Gonzalez.....	357-7813
Gloria Trejo.....	365-6392
Hispanic Baptism Classes	
Maria Elena Parilla.....	657-0218
Hispanic Ministry Coordinator	
Juanita Vega.....	731-0893
HomeBound/Nursing Home Visitation	
Janet Ganske.....	943-9928
Knights of Columbus	
Jack Claypoole.....	850-375-3628
Lectors	
Bob Winiarski.....	333-1976
Legion of Mary	
Sharon Belinski.....	951-0146
Respect Life	
Carl Francis Kosierowski.....	546-9440
Rosary Leader	
Dawn Silva.....	649-8957
RCIA	
Fr. Henry Sebastian.....	681-9115
Sacristans	
Maria Ocampo.....	653-3011
Scouts	
Kathy & Ted Domey.....	685-8242
Tender Care	
John Familetti.....	681-9115
Ushers	
Ron Mullen.....	661-5983
Women's Guild	
Dottie Mabe.....	681-2421
Youth Ministry	
Joanna Kauer.....	731-7693

Stewardship of Time & Talent Salute

In gratitude of God's gifts of time and talent to our parish, we wish to acknowledge and salute, **Pauline Bull**, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. Thank you Pauline!

Stewardship Reflections

St. Paul reminds us that our God is an abundant God, the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. When we trust that God will take care of us, it is easier for us to share what we have been given.

Third Sunday of Advent

The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst, you have no further misfortune to fear. ~Zephaniah 3:15b



Stewardship of Sacrificial Giving

Sunday, December 2, 2018

Offertory Collection.....	\$7,624.63
Children's & Youth Collection.....	\$81.00
On Line Giving/Offertory.....	\$1843.00
Total Offertory for this week.....	\$9,548.63
Building Fund.....	\$434.00

~ Give Generously From Your Heart ~

MASS ATTENDANCE

4:30 p.m.	150	6:30 p.m.	269
8:30 a.m.	170	10:30 a.m.	282
		4:30 p.m.	172

Total Attendance: 1043

~ For the Week of December 2, 2018 ~

POOR BOX DONATIONS

\$494.31

DINNER MINISTRY BOX DONATIONS

\$201.25

Thanks to all who so generously support our Poor Box & Dinner Ministry Collections. Because of your support, we are able to help those in need. Thank you and God bless!!

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK IS:

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623-6830

671-3993

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Thank You!

Vocation View

Have you ever asked: What ought I do? Simply, tell the Good News to people. Nothing else matters.

**Have You Invited A Neighbor To
Join You For Mass Lately?**

2018 Christmas Mass Schedule

Dear Parishioner,

May the infant Jesus, born on this Christmas day, bring peace into your souls and abundant blessings into the home of every parishioner. May every heart be opened to the infant Prince of Peace be a fervent reception of the Sacraments of his love.

This Christmas wish we send to you together with our grateful thanks for your very kind cooperation and good-will during the past year.

Let us continue this kind spirit of cooperation and good-will in the years to come and ask the Divine infant today to bring peace and happiness into our hearts and homes and blessings upon our parish. On Christmas morning you will be remembered in all Masses.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Edison Bernavas, I.C. and Fr. Henry Sebastian, I.C.

Christmas Eve

Monday, December 24th

4:00p.m., 5:30 p.m.* & 11:30 p.m.**

*Christmas Nativity performed by Faith Formation Students

**Caroling starts at 11:00p.m.

7:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

Christmas Day

Tuesday, December 25th

8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD, Tuesday, January 1st, 2019

Vigil Mass, Monday, December 31st

6:30pm English Mass

8:00pm Spanish Mass

Tuesday, January 1st

8:00am and 6:30pm English Mass

Desde el Escritorio del Párroco

Queridos hermanos en Cristo,

Nuestra lectura del Evangelio del día de hoy continúa en el ámbito de la profecía, la vida y predicación de Juan el Bautista. San Lucas pasa más tiempo en Juan el Bautista que con los otros escritores del Evangelio, y recibimos de él un generoso sabor de su predicación.

Juan ha estado pidiendo a la gente que se arrepienta, diciéndoles que él, como lo predijo Isaías, anunciará a alguien que vendrá muy pronto, uno que salvará al mundo. En la narrativa del evangelio de hoy, podemos vislumbrar a Juan interactuando con sus seguidores que tienen algunas preguntas; ¿Cómo deben prepararse para este evento y qué deben hacer para prepararse? La primera respuesta que Juan les da no es lo que podríamos esperar: mirarnos hacia adentro y confesar nuestra culpa a Dios. No, en cambio, Juan dice que se trata del amor al prójimo, al compartir y cuidar de los menos afortunados que nosotros.

¿Tienes dos abrigos? Dale uno a alguien que lo necesite.
¿Tienes comida extra? Compártela con los que tienen muy poco.

Ten en cuenta que la preparación para el Mesías de quien Juan está predicando no tiene que ver con la reflexión personal sino con el socialismo, sino con mirar hacia afuera y tratar a los demás de la mejor manera posible.

Estas lecturas nos recuerdan el compromiso que hicimos para realizar actos de bondad al azar en este Adviento y nos trajeron a la mente algunas sugerencias que podemos considerar para nuestra preparación personal para la venida de Cristo. Involúcrese con los demás a través de formas prácticas de llegar. Comuníquese con sus vecinos, los cuidadores y las personas que lo atienden todos los días: aquellos que entregan el correo, que cuidan su casa mientras usted está ausente, los que entregan su periódico, la persona mayor que vive sola en su calle. Sigamos el consejo de Juan y tengamos un arrepentimiento activo en este Adviento.

Finalmente, en el Evangelio, a Juan se le pregunta qué sabe sobre este Mesías sobre el que está predicando. ¿Qué le ha dicho Dios al profeta acerca de él? ¿Qué deberían estar buscando? ¿Podría el mismo Juan ser quien los guíe?

Lo primero que hace Juan es decirles que él no es el Mesías. Él dice que viene alguien mucho más grande que no le debería permitir atar los cordones de los zapatos.

Todos hemos visto las calcomanías del auto que dicen "Traer a Cristo de nuevo a la Navidad", así que, si realmente queremos poner a Cristo de nuevo en Navidad, prestemos atención a Juan hoy y HAGAMOS ALGO para hacer de este mundo un lugar mejor ayudando a los menos afortunados, y tratar a todas las personas con dignidad, honor y justicia! Solo es una idea de Juan, ¡pero es la Buena Nueva que el evangelio nos predica hoy! ¡Así que regocíjate en él! Nuevamente digo, ¡Alégrate!

Les deseo a usted y a su familia una bendecida temporada de Adviento y una fructífera preparación para la Navidad.

P. Edison Bernavas I.C.



Bienvenidos a San Francisco de Asís!



Damos una especial bienvenida a todos los visitantes y nuevos feligreses que han venido hoy a celebrar la Misa con nosotros. Si usted es nuevo en nuestra comunidad, por favor preséntese a nuestro clero. Si vive en esta área y participa de la Misa regularmente, le invitamos a unirse a nuestra parroquia. Registrarse es importante para asuntos de bautizo, primera comunión, confirmación, unción de los enfermos y funerales.

La inscripción es muy fácil. Los formularios se encuentran a la entrada de la parroquia. Son unas tarjetas de color crema con el título, '**Registro Parroquial**'. Después de completarla, colóquela en el buzón ubicado en la puerta al lado de la fuente de agua en el vestíbulo.

Lecturas de Hoy

Primera lectura -- ¡Canta! ¡Da gritos de júbilo! ¡Góza y regocíjate! El Señor tu Dios está entre nosotros y es un poderoso salvador (Sofonías 3:14-18a).

Salmo -- El Señor es mi Dios y salvador (Isaías 12).

Segunda lectura -- ¡Alégrese! El Señor está cerca. Presenten sus peticiones a Dios (Filipenses 4:4-7).

Evangelio -- Juan dice a sus oyentes que compartan sus posesiones con los necesitados (Lucas 3:10-18).

Mas de 500 escenas de Pesebres de Alrededor del Mundo se Encuentran en Exposición, en Plant City

Escenas de pesebres han sido una tradición de Adviento y Navidad por muchos siglos y Apreciados por personas de todas las edades. Ahora tenemos la oportunidad de ver 500 escenas de pesebres en exposición. La iglesia Católica de San Clemente, en Plant City, esta presentando "Pesebres Alrededor del Mundo" "Estos únicos y artísticos pesebres son en diferentes estilos y en diferentes periodos de la historia.



Locación: Salón Social de la Iglesia Católica de St. Clemente, 1104 North Alexander Street, Plant City (a menos de un minuto manejando hacia el Sur de la interestatal 4, salida 21)

Hora/Fecha: El fin de semana después de cada misa y también cada Domingo de 2-5 pm. Empezando el 1 de Diciembre del, 2018, continuando hasta el 7 de Enero del 2019. Se pueden formar grupos de guía en los días y fechas mencionados, contactando a Carol Rodríguez, 813-727-5214 o por e-mail Crodriguez@stclementpc.org.

Vivamos la Palabra de Dios

Cuando rezamos el Padrenuestro en la Misa el sacerdote hace una oración en la que pide al Señor que nos libre de toda perturbación mientras esperamos la venida de Jesús. La esperanza gozosa nos da el espíritu y la confianza para hacer todo lo que podamos, sabiendo que el poder salvífico de Cristo estará en medio de nosotros.



Por favor únase a nuestra comunidad en línea

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Árbol de Angelitos

La despensa de St. Francisco de Asís pondrá el Arbolito de Navidad decorado con angelitos en la entrada de la iglesia. Por favor escoja un ornamento o un angelito y tráigalo de regreso a la iglesia con su donación de lo que se le pide en el angelito, comida enlatada o no percedera y póngalos en el barril de comida. Que maravillosa forma de dar para atrás de lo que Dios nos ha dado y poder ayudar a los mas necesitados especialmente en esta época del año. Todas sus donaciones dan soporte a nuestra despensa de comida que está abierta Lunes , Miércoles y Viernes de 1-3 pm. Gracias por su generosidad y soporte.

Tome Nota por favor...

El primer fin de semana de Enero, la lista de los militares en nuestro boletín será revisada completamente. Si usted desea mantener en la lista a algún militar miembro de su familia, comuníquese con la oficina para dejarlo saber. De ahora en adelante persona añadida a la lista solo se mantendrá en ella por 4 semanas, a menos que se indique que es una enfermedad a largo tiempo. Las tropas se mantendrán en la lista por un año , el próximo año se le recordara para renovar a su ser querido en la lista por un año mas. Gracias por su apoyo constante y su cooperación.



Posadas Iglesia Catolica St. Francis



Fecha	Nombre Y Telefono	Direccion
DOMINGO 16 DE DICIEMBRE	Marta Carrillo (813) 442-0568	5431 Mobil Villa Dr. Seffner FL 33584
LUNES 17 DE DICIEMBRE	Lucy Tirado (813) 766-6510	1812 Coyote Pl. Brandon FL 33511
MARTES 18 DE DICIEMBRE	Guillermina Ruiz (813) 562-3216	114 E. Windhorst Rd. Brandon FL 33510
MIERCOLES 19 DE DICIEMBRE	Isidro Alvarez (813) 507-1397	609 Avocado Dr. Seffner FL 33584
JUEVES 20 DE DICIEMBRE	Maria Alvarez (813) 856-6216	1804 Candlelight Ln. Plant City FL
VIERNES 21 DE DICIEMBRE	Liliana y Jorge (813) 532-9738	1112 Salem Watch Pl. Dover FL 33527
SABADO 22 DE DICIEMBRE	Juanita (813) 731-0893	St. Francis
DOMINGO 23 DE DICIEMBRE	Sara Gomez (813) 900- 6308	1216 Freda Ln. Seffner, FL 33584
LUNES 24 DE DICIEMBRE	Juanita (813) 731-0893	St. Francis

Esta Semana en Nuestra Parroquia

Domingo 16		Móvil de Sangre
Lunes 17	7:00 p.m.	Emaús
Martes 18	7:00 p.m.	Grupo de Juan XXIII
Miércoles 19	7:30 p.m.	MDS
Jueves 13	7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Formación de adultos RCIA
Sábado 15	4:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Formación de niños Practicá de Coro

Móvil de Sangre

El móvil de sangre estará en el estacionamiento de la parroquia de san Francis, el Sábado 15 de Diciembre después de todas las misas y el Domingo 16 de Diciembre de 8 a 12 del medio día. Un numero critico de voluntarios donadores son requeridos cada día para cubrir las necesidades de sangre, sus esfuerzos por salvar vidas son profundamente apreciados.



Abrigos y Cobijas

Si usted tiene cobijas o abrigos nuevos o seminuevos que no esta usando, por favor considere donarlos ala oficina de la iglesia, de esa manera nosotros podremos darlos alas personas necesitadas de nuestra área una vez que las temperaturas comiencen a bajar y se ponga frio. Lo cálido de su generosidad mejorara la vida de una persona necesitada un poquito! Gracias y que Dios les bendiga.

EN LA CARIDAD DE SUS ORACIONES, por favor oren por aquellos que están enfermos, encerrados en su casa o confinados en hospitales y hogares para ancianos, *especialmente por los siguientes:*

Doreen Alfano, Pat Allen, Benjamin Ambrose, Cheryl Bauer, Bonnie Beaudry, Eileen Boyle, Dee Brown, Richard Brown, Dana Calvani, Frances Calvani, Jim Calvani, Maria Celani, Helen & Jack Clark, Susan Conely, Carmen Connors, John Danet, Doug Dimick, Marisa Dunn, Rick Eisenhard, Ralph Fehr, Barbara Fellabick, Mark Fetterman, Kenny Gay, Scott Gill, Brian Goldbach, Bill Haladay, Ada Hall, Charles Hall, Rachel Harlor, Colleen Harmon, Ronald Lee Hayes, Olivia Hicks, Coleman & Marlene Hill, Norma Homs, Doyle James, Ben Jones, Patricia Koch, Jill Kotowski, Norma Martinez, Shawn McConnel, John & Charlotte McFaul, Duncan McKenzie, Marie Miranda, Cheryl Morgan, David Mueller, Darryl Mummert, Kelly Murphy, Ed & Gerry Murray, Beverly Natter, Florence Nutting & Baby Girl, Charles Paisley, Tim Pasden, Mary Elizabeth Polumbo, Luisa Puerto, John Poulos, Isabella Powers, Pat Racic, Mary Ellen Riley, Pat & Barbara Riley, Elise Rowe, Harry Santos, Renee Schiele, Ada Scimeca, Tom Seals, Gail Shoyren, Bill Shumsky, Mike Silva, Catherine Mary Skidmore, Laura Spivey, Stanton Sullivan, Betty Valleri, Alice & Terry Veinotte, Ron Verheertum, Martin Vicario, Carol Wagner, Gabriel Wagner, George Wagner, Joan Wagner, Dave & Janice Wedderman, Robby Wedderman, Lorraine Wenner, Kurt Wicker, Paul Wicker, Mary Winiarski, Tom Woodard, Lisien Wong, Georgiana Zawlocki, Ron Ziegler, por los que estan en sus hogares y las personas que los cuidan y el descanso del alma de Patricia McDonough.

Oramos por las personas que estan luchando con alguna enfermedad. Señor, pasa tu mano sanadora sobre ellas, y líbralas del sufremiento, concédeles una pronta recuperación, fortaleza y cuidado mientras se sanan. Gracias en el nombre de Jesús, Amén

Por favor recuerden orar por nuestras tropas, especialmente:

Daniel Hutton	Brittany L Jones Baker	Remy Herrero
Aran Miller	Adam Baker	Leobardo Martinez
Jarred Taracido	Zachary Trinkle	Wesley Kosierowski
Joseph Michalek	Dan Holder	Nicholas Kosierowski
Juan Cruz	Jesse Doyle	Paul Michael Presley
Spencer Dewey	Kenneth Urquhart	Christopher Jeffers
Kris Urquhart	Aaron C. Lint	Jared Michael Null
Mickey Reese	Lawrence Morgan Null	Haley Elizabeth Null
Christopher Heacox	John Andrew Marple	Donovan O'Connor
Ryan Levy Cruz	James E. Desaulniers	Jaiden Andrus
Jeff Calvani	Brennan Tyska	Tony Cuesta
Ryan Hurley	James Kropp	Michael Mulhern
J.P. Zotomayor	Robin Brown	Jeanine Hatfield
Helen Castillo	Josh Silva	U.S.S. Alabama Crew
Nathan Berry	Charles Laing III	Magaly Oliu
Devon M. Callicoat	Mario Perez	Michael Baez
Matt Daniels	Joshua Eicholz	Collin Newman
Ryan Dimick	Kevin Lime	Trey M. Bushee
Jesse Witt	Patrick Jonker	Shaun R. Bushee
	Alejandro Cuesta	

Calendario de Ministerios -- Dec. 20 & 22

Jueves, 20 de diciembre. Misa 6:30 p.m.

Líder de Rosario: Haydee Hernandez

Servidores del Altar: Por favor regístrese en la sacristía

Lectura: Isael Núñez

Ministros Extraordinarios de La Sagrada Comunión:

Por favor regístrese en la sacristía

Sábado, 22 de diciembre. Misa 6:30 p.m.

Líder de Rosario: Benjamín Aguado

Servidores del Altar: Cross: Sintly,

Candles: Daisy y Rita, Book: Karen

Monitor: Sandra Vazquez

Lecturas: Roxana Cardenas y Anayda Perez

Ministros Extraordinarios de La Sagrada Comunión:

C. Cervantes, G. Trejo, C. Velazquez, S. Velazquez,

J. Vega, H. Cervantes

Donaciones y Ofrendas

Domingo, 2 de Diciembre, 2018

Colecta de Misas.....	\$7,624.63
Colecta de niños.....	\$81.00
Ofrendas en línea.....	\$1843.00
Total Ofrenda en esta semana	\$9,548.63
Fondo de construcción esta semana.....	\$434.00

~ De Generosamente Desde su Corazón ~

ASISTENCIA A LA MISA

4:30 p.m. 150	6:30 p.m. 269
8:30 a.m. 170	10:30 a.m. 282
4:30 p.m. 172	

Total Asistencia : 1043

Tercer Domingo de Adviento

El Señor sera el rey de Israel en medio de ti y ya no temerás ningún mal.

~Sofonías 3:15b



~ Para la Semana del 2 de Diciembre 2018 ~

CAJA DE DONACIONES PARA LOS POBRES
\$494.31

CAJA DE DONACIONES PARA EL
MINISTERIO DE COMIDAS
\$201.25

Gracias a todos aquellos que generosamente apoyan nuestras cajas de donaciones para los pobres y para los ministerios de comidas, por su apoyo nosotros podemos ayudar a los más necesitados.
¡Gracias y que Dios los bendiga!

Horario de Misas de Navidad 2018

Queridos feligreses,

Que el Nacimiento del Niño Jesús traiga paz a su alma y abundantes bendiciones a cada uno de sus hogares en esta Navidad. Que cada Corazón esté abierto a recibir al Recien Nacido Principe de paz con un ferviente recibimiento al Sacramento de su amor.

Le enviamos nuestros mejores deseos para esta Navidad junto con nuestro agradecimiento por su generosidad y cooperación en este año que termina.

Continuemos con este espíritu de caridad, cooperación y Buena voluntad en los años que están por venir. Pidamos al Divino Niño que nos traiga paz y Felicidad a nuestros hogares y muchas bendiciones sobre nuestra parroquia. En la Mañana de Navidad será recordado en todas las misas.

Sinceramente en Cristo,

Fr. Edison Bernavas, I.C. and Fr. Henry Sebastian, I.C.

Noche Buena

Lunes, 24 de Diciembre

4:00p.m., 5:30 p.m.* & 11:30 p.m.**

*Representación del Nacimiento del Niño Jesús

**Villancicos 11:00pm

7:30 p.m. Español

Día de Navidad

Martes, 25 de Diciembre

8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

SOLEMNIDAD DE LA VIRGIN MARIA, MADRE DE DIOS

Martes, 1 de Enero 2019

Misa de Vigilia, Lunes 31 de Diciembre

6:30pm

8:00pm Español

Martes, 1 de Enero

8:00am and 6:30pm