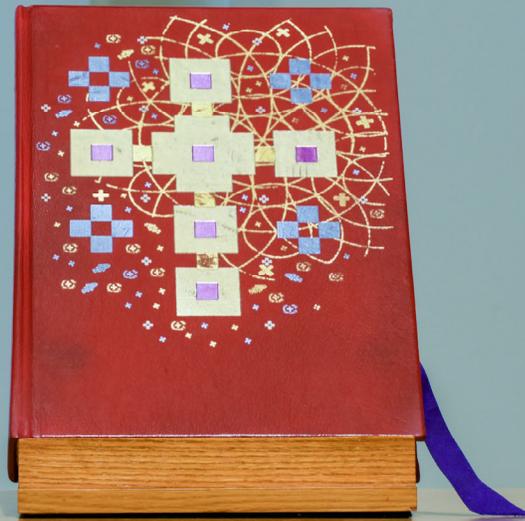
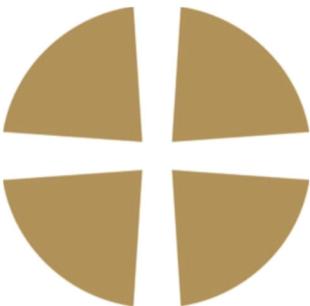


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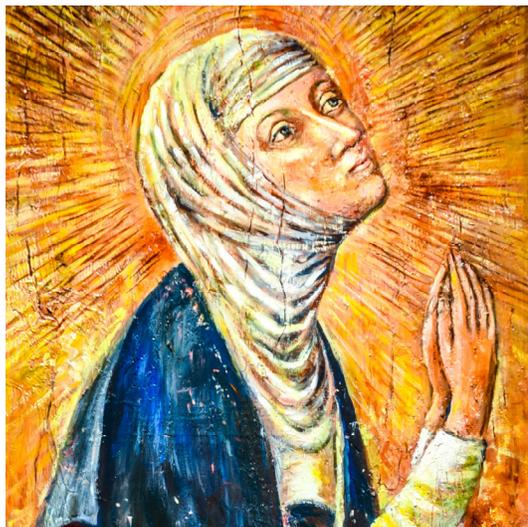
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MASS TIMES

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM
Sunday 8:30 AM and 11:15 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday - Friday, 12:15 PM

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 - 4:30 PM

OFFICE HOURS

Monday -
10:00 AM



Friday -
4:00 PM

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Dear Friends,

To help you organize your social life (well, here at the Church anyway!), consider joining your fellow parishioners, visitors and strangers at our monthly (during the academic year) Mingle and Breakfast next weekend, February 2 & 3. CCE parents, be aware that some of your beloveds are now telling their teachers that you insist they have breakfast with you (which may or may not be true), resulting in what has now become a very tardy start to their class. Some CCE teachers invite their students to bring their breakfast in with them; their classrooms are built for spills and other havoc, so this is not a problem. In fact, it might not be a bad idea if we let the children get their food first, and then we can all relax knowing everyone is happy, give or take!

Next weekend is also the beginning of the 2019 Diocesan Services Fund (DSF). St. Catherine of Siena has been assessed \$53,900 which is to be donated by the end of 2019. Our parish, along with all the parishes of the archdiocese (except for those parishes that are so poor that they are supported by the DSF fund), will be donating to the DSF to support all those ministries that are not parish-based or funded, e.g. Angela House, Catholic Chaplain Corps, Correctional Ministries, Our Daily Bread, San José Clinic, Clergy Formation, Priests' Retirement Residence, Pastoral and Educational Ministry, Communications Office, ... You get the idea! Those of you who contributed to DSF in 2017 or 2018 will have received an appeal letter and pledge card in the mail. For those of you for whom this might be the first time that you are in a position to support DSF, we have pledge envelopes beside the bulletins on your way in or out of church. One thought would be to consider donating \$1 a day for the year or indeed, any donation is more than welcome. I thank you for your prayerful consideration to donate if you can.

Have a great week – see you next week at the Mingle or the Breakfast and, of course, at Mass,

Fr. Niall

2018 Christmas Flowers in Memory and in Honor of:



Salud J. Rivera



Lena Salvato

Arturo Rodriguez

Mary Anne Schmidt

Anthony Salvato



January 27 2019

PARISH CALENDAR



Condolence Note

Our sincere condolences to the family and friends of †**John Steils** who died recently.

May God comfort them at this difficult time.

Treasures From Our Tradition

Saturday's feast of the Presentation is a day for the blessing of candles. Why does liturgy require candles? In the first years of the church, worship was often at night, and candles and torches were carried from place to place within the worship space as needed. Candles were also a mark of festivity and hospitality when people gathered for prayer in homes, and later on in large buildings with thick walls and dark corners. But even after gaslight and electricity, candles were kept.

Part of the reason has to do with the warm, clean light of a candle's flame. Candles are a good sign of the partnership of God and creation: wax made by bees, gathered and fashioned by human hands into something beautiful and useful. In order for the light to shine, the candle surrenders itself, almost as if it is pouring itself out so that the light can flood into the world. The candle of baptism, placed into our hands, and carried again and again, speaks silently of that same wisdom. If you would save your life, you must lose it. You must pour your life out like Christ so that you may be filled with the light of his love.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

- SAT 26 5:00 PM Vigil Mass**
Bishop's Fund for Latin America -
Second Collection
- SUN 27 8:30 AM Sunday Mass**
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM CCE
11:15 AM Sunday Mass
Bishop's Fund for Latin America -
Second Collection
- MON 28 OFFICE HOURS: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM**
- TUES 29 12:15 PM Weekday Mass**
OFFICE HOURS: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
- WED 30 12:15 PM Weekday Mass**
OFFICE HOURS: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
7:00 - 8:30 PM Bible Study
- THURS 31 12:15 PM Weekday Mass**
OFFICE HOURS: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
10:30 - Noon Bible Study
- FRI 1 12:15 PM Weekday Mass**
OFFICE HOURS: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- SAT 2 5:00 PM Vigil Mass**
Mission of Yahweh Food Collection
6:00 PM- 7:30 PM Saturday Mingle
Beginning of the 2019 Diocesan
Services Fund (DSF).
- SUN 3 8:30 AM Sunday Mass**
9:30 AM Sunday Breakfast
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM CCE
11:15 AM Sunday Mass
Mission of Yahweh Food Collection
Beginning of the 2019 Diocesan
Services Fund (DSF).

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