

Few Words from Fabio

Ministry Fair

Remember that last week I asked you to pray for our Ministry Fair this weekend, and also to ask God for wisdom to answer to his call when signing up in one of the ministries offered by the Parish? Well, the time has come to answer to God's call and thus commit even more to your Parish. Let us keep in mind that we are called to fulfill a mission in this world, and the best way to do it is to serve God, others, ourselves, and the Church.

To all those who have said yes, many blessings. To those who have not yet responded, I invite you to listen to the words of Jesus when he tells us: do not be afraid, and I would add something else; encourage yourself so that together we continue to work the project that God started in us. Please, come to the parish hall, or you can also contact the office and let us know in which Ministry you would like to serve God.

Thanksgiving

Thank you with all my heart, to all the people who helped and supported the Family Promise Program last week. Thank you for sharing your faith, your time and your talent with the needy. Many blessings.

Rumors

A few people have approached me asking me; that if it is true that I will end the program "Family Promise". I want to be very clear, that who ever started this rumor is not saying the truth, and the day I consider that a program is not working in a positive way in the parish, I will let you know in writing, and indicating the reasons.

Guadalupan Torch 2018

I want to thank and at the same time ask for many blessings to God and the Virgin of Guadalupe; for all of you who in one way or another participated and made possible this gift of God and of Mary Most Holy.

Reflection

Giving from our shortage

Today we reflect of God as Father and of Jesus as our brother, in favor of the poorest. Jesus does not develop a long discussion or speech about the law and the prophets, He only looks at the poor widow and at her offering. Everything available to live, and from that fact offers a prophetic judgment, which disturbs the reality of the Temple. His main argument is the poor widow; a widow who teaches us to give not what we have left, but to give ourselves to God, with everything we have.

Time

Talent

Treasure

Our Time, Talent and Treasure/Ministry Fair Weekend. Please come to the Parish Hall after Mass and visit with the leaders of our Ministries and see where God wants to use you. As a special bonus, you will also be able to enjoy the great breakfast provided by our Knights of Columbus **PLUS, ON THE BIG SCREEN, YOU CAN VIEW ST. PAUL'S ANNUAL REPORT. THIS IS SOMETHING YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS!** A special thanks to our Book Keeper, Laura Irvine, for producing this. It's really good! There will be donuts and coffee after the Vigil Mass on Saturday and our Latino Brothers and Sisters will have their usual great food after the 12:30 pm Mass on Sunday. Please come!

MINISTRY LEADERS

Fall is a good time to refresh information on your ministry's site on our website. If you have any information to add, including photos or change of leadership, please let Laurie know at 770-654-9707. There is also a direct email link for Laurie on the home page of the website, which makes it easy to pass along information. Please send all information in Word or jpg form, if possible. Thank you, Laurie Vitek

SUBSTITUTES FOR SOR CATECHISTS

Please see Laurie or Gina at the SOR table during our Ministry Fair this weekend! We can always use helpers in the form of substitute teachers for catechists when they need to be out. This can be as easy as showing a religious movie with handouts, or using a regular lesson plan from the teacher. This would be great for folks who would like to volunteer to help with children, but cannot commit to a weekly class. We'd love to have your help! Come see us.

Palabra de Fabio

Feria de Ministerios

Recuerdan que la semana pasada les pedí que pusieran en oración la Feria de Ministerios, y también para que le pidieran a Dios sabiduría a la hora de anotarse en alguno de los ministerios que ofrece la Parroquia?, pues bien ha llegado el momento de responder al llamado de Dios y así comprometerse aún más con su Parroquia. Tengamos presente que estamos llamados a cumplir una misión en este mundo, y la mejor forma de hacerlo es sirviendo a Dios, a los demás y a nosotros mismos en la Iglesia.

A todos los que han dicho sí, muchas bendiciones, y a los que no han respondido aún, les invito a escuchar las palabras de Jesús cuando nos dice: no tengas miedo, y yo le agregaría algo más: no tengas pereza, anímate para que juntos desarrollemos este proyecto que Dios inicio en nosotros. Por favor, acércate al salón parroquial, o también puedes comunicarte a la oficina y haremos saber en cual Ministerio deseas servir a Dios.

Acción de Gracias

Gracias de todo corazón, a todas las personas que ayudaron y apoyaron el Programa de Family Promise, la semana pasada. Gracias por haber compartido su fe, su tiempo y su talento con los más necesitados. Muchas bendiciones.

Rumores

Unas cuantas personas se me han acercado preguntándome; que si es verdad que acabaré con el programa "Family Promise". Quiero quedar muy claro, que quien inicio este rumor está mintiendo, y que el día en que yo considere que un programa o algo no me gusta y no va más en la parroquia, yo mismo les haré saber por escrito, e indicando las razones.

Antorcha Guadalupana 2018

Quiero dar las gracias y a la vez pedir muchas bendiciones a Dios y a la Virgen de Guadalupe, para todas aquellas personas que de una u otra manera participaron, e hicieron posible éste regalo de Dios y de María Santísima.

Reflexión

Dar desde nuestra Escasez

Hoy volvemos a la actitud de Dios como Padre y de Jesús como nuestro hermano, a favor de los más pobres. Jesús no desarrolla un pesado discurso o una larga discusión sobre la ley y los profetas, sólo se fija en la viuda pobre, en su ofrenda. Todo lo disponible para vivir, y desde ese hecho ofrece un juicio profético, el cual perturba la realidad del Templo. Su principal argumento es la viuda pobre; una viuda que nos enseña a dar no de lo que nos sobra, sino a darnos a sí mismos a Dios, con todo lo que poseemos.

Tiempo

Talento

Tesoro

Hoy damos comienzo a nuestro Fin de Semana de Tiempo Talento y Tesoro. Por favor, venga al salón parroquial después de la misa y visite a los líderes de nuestros ministerios y vea dónde Dios le esta llamando. Como bono especial, también podrá disfrutar de la excelente comida proporcionado por nosotros las personas activas de nuestra parroquia. Tendremos una pantalla grande donde usted podra ver el informe anual de nuestra parroquia. Un agradecimiento especial a nuestra contadora, Laura Irvine, por trabajar arduamente al preparar este reporte financiero. ¡Es muy interesante!

Habrán donas y café después de la Misa de 5PM el sábado y nuestros Hermanos y Hermanas tendrán su excelente comida habitual después de la Misa de las 12:30 pm del domingo. ¡Por favor, esperamos conatr con su presencia!

Noticias del Ministerio de la Juventud!

¡Involucrate! Domingo, noviembre 11, 2-4

St. Mark, Clarkesville—Fiesta de empacar!

Reúnase en el St. John Hall para empacar las cajas de zapatos para la Operación Christmas Child. Todos los adolescentes están invitados a ayudar con esta actividad de servicio especial para llevar una sonrisa navideña a los niños más pobres de todo el mundo.

Catholic Heart Work Camp del 30 de junio al 6 de julio de 2019 en Charlotte, NC

La misión: compartir el amor de Cristo mientras servimos a las personas menos afortunadas, desconsoladas y marginadas. Igualmente, inspirar a los participantes a vivir como discípulos de Cristo sirviendo a otros como una forma de vida, y fomentar la fe católica de cada participante a través de los Sacramentos, la oración y la participación en el servicio social.

Abierto a los estudiantes de 8vo grado y mayores.

El costo total será de \$ 380 por persona, ¡pero tendremos recaudadores de fondos!

Depósito no reembolsable de \$ 100 al 26 de noviembre de 2018

Los folletos están disponibles en San Marcos y San Pablo. Más información: contacte a Mary Ruth Jones, maryruthjones8@gmail.com 706-892-4438



Youth Ministry News!

Get involved!

**Sunday, November
11, 2:00-4:00 pm**

St. Mark, Clarkesville—Packing Party!

Gather at the St. John Hall to Pack the Shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. All teens are invited to help with this special service activity to bring a Christmas smile to the poorest children around the world.



Catholic Heart Work Camp Summer Mission Trip

June 30-July 6, 2019 in Charlotte, NC

The mission: To share the love of Christ as we serve the neglected, brokenhearted and marginalized in any way needed. Equally to inspire participants to live as disciples of Christ through serving others as a way of life, and to foster the Catholic faith of each participant through the Sacraments, prayer and involvement in social service.

Open to all rising 8th graders and older.

Total cost will be \$380 per person, but we will have fundraisers!

**Non-refundable deposit of \$100 due by
November 26th, 2018**

Flyers are available at St. Mark and St Paul More information: contact Mary Ruth Jones maryruthjones8@gmail.com
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JESSE TREE NEWS

- the Jesse Tree Angels are available in the narthex
 - there are 93 parish children who have registered this year
 - parishioners are asked to return wrapped gifts to the office by November 30th
- May God bless you and your family for your generosity and support.

St. Paul's Outreach Announcement

In our **Wednesday, October 24th** meeting it was decided to discontinue our Mobile Food Pantry. It was discontinued due to the poor selection, quality and amount of food coming from the North Georgia Food Bank. In addition the number of clients coming for food had declined substantially over the past year or so. In addition, it was felt that there are a sufficient number of other churches and the White County Food Pantry where the needy in the community can go and receive food. We want to sincerely thank all the parishioners who have aided us in this effort over the years both by contributing money as well as untold number of volunteer hours. Thank you and please continue to aid us in our Brown Bag, Jesse Tree and Outreach Interview activities.

NEW ARRIVALS

We have a brand new shipment of Rosaries, Christmas Rosary bracelets and Rosary holder statues. You will also find Advent Candles and Wreaths and Nativity Statues in a variety of sizes and lots more. We ordered plenty of 2019 St. Joseph Sunday Missals. Get yours before Advent starts December 2.



Everyone is invited to our 2nd Annual Meet & Greet/Wine & Cheese/Artists' Showcase on Saturday evening, December 1st, at 6:30 pm.

Every year we like to invite all new members of our parish to a social so that old and new parishioners can become acquainted. So this evening is especially for you!

If there's to be a social - there **MUST** be refreshments!

We have many very talented folks in our family and this evening is an opportunity for any of our artists to show their creations - and even offer them for sale for Christmas gifts.

Artists: please contact beverlyfarkus@yahoo.com or 706/778-6118 to reserve a table. (writers, painters, potters, crafters, musicians, needle artists, poets, etc.)

Donations of refreshments are most welcome.

We look forward to another delightful evening.

Darrel Chaney, Stewardship

Beverly Farkus, Women's Guild