

*Fabio's News***Happy New Year**

This weekend, being the First Sunday of Advent, we begin a new liturgical year; which prepares us for the coming of the Savior of the World. As for the liturgy, we can say that we have entered Cycle B; where we will be listening very often to the Gospel of Saint Mark, and during the week, we will listen to the readings of the odd year or year II.

Mark: is symbolized by a lion, because his gospel begins with the preaching of John the Baptist in the desert, where there were wild animals. His gospel was the first to be written; it is said that it was more or less in the decade of the 60 or 70 after Christ, and served as a text of catechesis for those who were preparing to receive baptism. It is the shortest gospel and the fact that it begins by presenting John the Baptist in the desert is very important. For the people of the Bible, the desert represented, among other things, the place where new projects are forged. This is what the people of God did when they came out of the bondage of Egypt. John the Baptist makes himself known in the desert, which shows that he is preparing the people for the great novelty that Jesus' life and liberation practices suppose. Starting from Am 3,8, we can affirm that the voice of the lion symbolizes the voice of the prophets who denounce the violation of God's plans Ap 10,3. Therefore, John the Baptist is the prophet who denounces injustice and points to the novelty that Jesus will bring.

Mark does not have stories of Jesus' childhood as Matthew and Luke do. Mark begins with Jesus as an adult, close to John the Baptist and witness of the kingdom of God. It has the support of a Christian community with his literary school; the place of composition is disputed by Rome, Alexandria and Damascus in Syria. Today the last city takes a lot of strength where there was the very first Christian community.

**Thank You**

I want to thank each and every one of you with all my heart, for being present in the tragedy that has touched the family of Andres Domingo, through your prayers, presence and help. Please remember to pray for the young person who caused the accident as well as for his family.

***Gifts of IRAs to lower income before year end:***

The IRA Charitable Rollover is permanent. If you are 70 1/2 or older, you can make a gift directly from your IRA account to help support the work of your church through the parish endowment fund and benefit from lowering your income and taxes. Please contact Juliet Greco at the Catholic Foundation for more information: [jgreco@cfnga.org](mailto:jgreco@cfnga.org) or 404-497-9440.

***Archbishop's Annual Appeal Pledges***

We are nearing the end of the year for our AAA campaign. We have not yet met our goal so, please complete your pledges before December 31<sup>st</sup>. Remember, if we do not make our goal, our debt increases. However, if we exceed our goal, anything over comes back to the St. Paul's, tax free! If you have any questions, contact Darrel Chaney at 770-715-1599 or [darrelchaney@windstream.net](mailto:darrelchaney@windstream.net).

**Feast of Christ the King**

In celebrating the start of the Christian year, you can impact your missionary activity by making a gift to your parish or other Catholic entity in your will. Let the Catholic Foundation help you find the best vehicle to save tax dollars and leave your Catholic legacy. For more information, please call Juliet Greco at the Catholic Foundation, 404-497-9440 or email [jgreco@cfnga.org](mailto:jgreco@cfnga.org).

**ADVENT WREATHS and CANDLES**

It's not too late to buy your Advent Wreath. Sets are available for purchase in the religious articles cabinet. You will receive an explanation of the tradition and prayers for each week with each candle set purchased.



**5:00 PM SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2017**

<b>Extraordinary Ministers</b>	Bobbie Easterday, Mary Ruth Jones, John Varga, Terry Scalera, John Scalera, Emily Glover
<b>Lector</b>	Barbara Lee
<b>Ushers</b>	Syl Grudzien, Harry Rowe
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Isabella Jones

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2017**

<b>Extraordinary Ministers</b>	<b>8:00 AM:</b> Carol Balaun, Bobbie Easterday, Eddie Meyer, Darrell Chaney, Bob Cincotta  <b>10:00 AM:</b> Cynthia Larsh, Sam Liscar, Matt major, Carol Quinn, Frank Dorman, Pauline Dorman
<b>Lectors</b>	<b>8: 00 AM:</b> James Spoden <b>10:00 AM:</b> Leigh Occhipinti
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>8:00 AM:</b> Hugh Howell, Bart Ziccardi  <b>10:00 AM:</b> Steven Smith, Adam Howard, Ross Wood, Joe Sanfilippo
<b>Altar Servers</b>	<b>8:00 AM:</b> Kaitlyn Sherman  <b>10:00 AM:</b> Angel Herrera, Patrick Rowland



<b>SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2017</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>
<b>SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2017</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>
+Florence Ewart (D)	(Marlene & John Forslund)
<b>SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2017</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>
+Sandy Durrell (D)	(Jane Durrell)
<b>SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2017</b>	<b>12:30 PM</b>
<b>TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5 2017</b>	<b>12:15 PM</b>
+Rick Brashell (D)	
<b>WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2017</b>	<b>12:15 PM</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2017</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>
<b>THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2017</b>	<b>12:15 PM</b>
<b>FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2017</b>	<b>12:15 PM</b>
+Anicia Montes (D)	(Vivian Overn)
<b>FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2017</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
<b>SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9 2017</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>

***We Pray for/Oramos por:***

Dr. Joe and Liberty Lazzarini, Monika Bertone, Butch Hunter, Marion Conroy, Kevin Bente, Landis Hicks, Baruchi Ben Jacob, Fr. Doug Medlin, Richard Geston, Eleanor Balaun, Ryan Steen, Kerri Steen, Janet Surovec, Fr. Victor Reyes, Robert Naramore, Gerry Herdliska, Bill Wilcox, Melvin Blank, Stella Wallace

*(Please, call the Parish Office (706)-865-4474 for additions or to remove a name. Please know our List will be updated every 3 months) (Por favor, comunicarse a la oficina para agregar nombre del enfermo)*

*The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
A Holy Day of Obligation*



*Mass this Friday, December 8, 2017 at  
12:15PM English  
7:00PM (Bilingual)*



### **Food Pantry Ministry**

Brown bags will be available after all Masses for those in the parish who would like to help the needy of our community. May God bless you for your generosity.

### **FREE GED AND COMPUTER CLASSES!**

The White County Learning Center in Cleveland offers free GED classes, as well as basic computer instruction. Classes are free and scholarships are available through North Georgia Technical College to students for the actual GED tests. We are located in the Cottage House restaurant building on 115 East. If you would like any additional information or literature, please feel free to contact North Georgia Tech at 706-865-7323.

### **SOR - BAD WEATHER CLOSINGS**

We go by the White County School System closings. If schools in White County are closed on a Wednesday due to bad weather, then SOR is also closed. However, we do keep in mind the conditions in Habersham County, and may make a decision to close if storms or road conditions warrant it. This is also true for Sunday sessions; if roads are bad or storms are severe, we will close. Please watch the Current Events page (home page) of the website for all postings; or call Laurie at 770-654-9707 if you are unsure. As always, safety is our main concern, so parents, please use your own judgment. Thank you.

### **Decorating the Church for Christmas!**

We will be decorating our church for Christmas on **December 23 at 9:00 am**. We are getting an early start so we can be finished and cleaned up well before the Vigil Mass. Anyone can help - men (we need some muscles), ladies and teens. Lots of hands make for a quick finish. *Refreshments will be provided.* Any questions, please call Laurie at 770-654-9707

### **PLEASE, DON'T FORGET**



The Women's Guild and the Stewardship Committee are hosting a **Meet & Greet/Author's and Artist's Showcase/Wine and Cheese gathering on Saturday, De-**

**cember 2, 2017 in the Parish Hall beginning at 6:30 PM, RIGHT AFTER OUR 5PM MASS.**

### **BABYSITTING AVAILABLE**

### **Youth Ministry in the Mountains**

Presents

An Advent Event

for Youth

**TODAY**



**December 3, 2017 4:30-7:30 p.m.**

**St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church**

### ***Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament***

***Inspirational Speaker***

***Praise and Worship Music***

**Games, Service Activity, Fellowship and Food!**

For More information: Mary Ruth Jones 706-892-4438

or Pam Hamilton 706-499-7291

Youth Ministry in the Mountains is dedicated to the continuing formation of Catholic Teens in Northeast Georgia through outreach in the community, social activities and Catholic spiritual development. YMM will be lead by a youth minister and supported by a trained team of peer leaders and parent volunteers. All Catholic teens grades 7-12 are welcome.

## *Noticias de Fabio*

### **Feliz Año Nuevo**

Durante este fin de semana en la Iglesia católica damos inicio a un nuevo Año Litúrgico. Lo iniciamos con el Tiempo de Adviento, el cual nos prepara para la venida del Salvador del Mundo. En cuanto a la liturgia, podemos decir, que entramos en el Ciclo B; donde estaremos escuchando muy a menudo el Evangelio de san Marcos, y durante la semana, escucharemos las lecturas del año impar o año II.

Marcos se simboliza con un león, porque su evangelio comienza con la predicación del Bautista en el desierto, donde había animales salvajes. Su evangelio fue el primero en escribirse; se dice que fue más o menos en la década de los 60 o 70 después de Cristo, y sirvió como texto de catequesis para los que se preparaban para recibir el bautismo. Es el evangelio más corto y el hecho de que comience presentando a Juan Bautista en el desierto es muy importante. Para el pueblo de la Biblia, el desierto representaba, entre otras cosas, el lugar donde se fraguan los nuevos proyectos. Esto es lo que hizo el pueblo de Dios cuando salió de la esclavitud de Egipto. Juan Bautista se da a conocer en el desierto, lo que pone de manifiesto que está preparando al pueblo para la gran novedad que supone la vida y las prácticas de liberación de Jesús. Partiendo de Am 3,8, podemos afirmar que la voz del león simboliza la voz de los profetas que denuncian la violación de los planes de Dios Ap 10,3. Por tanto, Juan Bautista es el profeta que denuncia la injusticia y que apunta a la novedad que aportará Jesús.

San Marcos, no posee relatos de la Infancia de Jesús como lo hacen Mateo y Lucas. Marcos comienza con un Jesús adulto, cercano a Juan el Bautista y testigo del reino de Dios, su autor tiene el respaldo de una comunidad cristiana con su escuela literaria; el lugar de composición se lo disputan Roma, Alejandría y Damasco en Siria; hoy toma muchísima fuerza esta última ciudad donde hubo una primerísima comunidad cristiana.

### **Agradecimientos**

Quiero agradecer de todo corazón, a todas las personas que han estado presente en la tragedia que ha tocado a la familia de Andres Domingo, a través de sus oraciones, presencia y ayuda. Por favor no se olviden de orar por el joven que causo el accidente al igual que por la familia.

# Bienvenidos

***El beneficio de ser miembro INSCRITO en la parroquia:*** Recibira información importante de parte de la Parroquia, al igual que los sobres dominicales para su donación.

Podra pedir y obtener una carta si le es necesaria donde consta que usted es persona activa de nuestra parroquia. Por medio de los sobres de la colecta. Lo que done durante el año lo puede reporter al hacer sus Taxes. Para más información favor de llamar a la oficina parroquial u obtner una forma localizada en la parte de atras de la iglesia.

### ***¡Decorando la iglesia para Navidad!***

Vamos a decorar nuestra iglesia para Navidad el 23 de diciembre a las 9:00 a.m. Todos podemos ayudar: hombres (necesitamos algunos músculos), damas y adolescentes. Se proporcionarán refrescos. Cualquier pregunta, por favor llame a Laurie al 770-654-9707

## *La Inmaculada Concepción de la Santísima Virgen María*



### ***Día de Obligación***

***Misa este Viernes,  
8 de Diciembre:***

***12:15PM (Inglés)***

***7:00PM (Bilingüe)***