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MASS SCHEDULE/Horario de Misas

Vigil (Saturday): 5:30p.m. (English)
7:30p.m. (Español)

Sunday (Domingo): 8:00a.m. (English)
9:30a.m. (Español)
11:15a.m. (English)
1:00p.m. (Español)
5:30p.m. (English)

Daily Masses/Misas Diarias: (solo en Inglés)

Monday - Friday: 6:45 a.m., 9:00 a.m.

Wednesdays 6:30p.m.

Saturdays: 9:00 a.m.

Holy Days: 6:45a.m., 9:00a.m.,
7:00p.m (Bilingual)

RECONCILIATION / CONFESIONES

Saturday/Sabado: 4:00 - 4:30 p.m. (English)

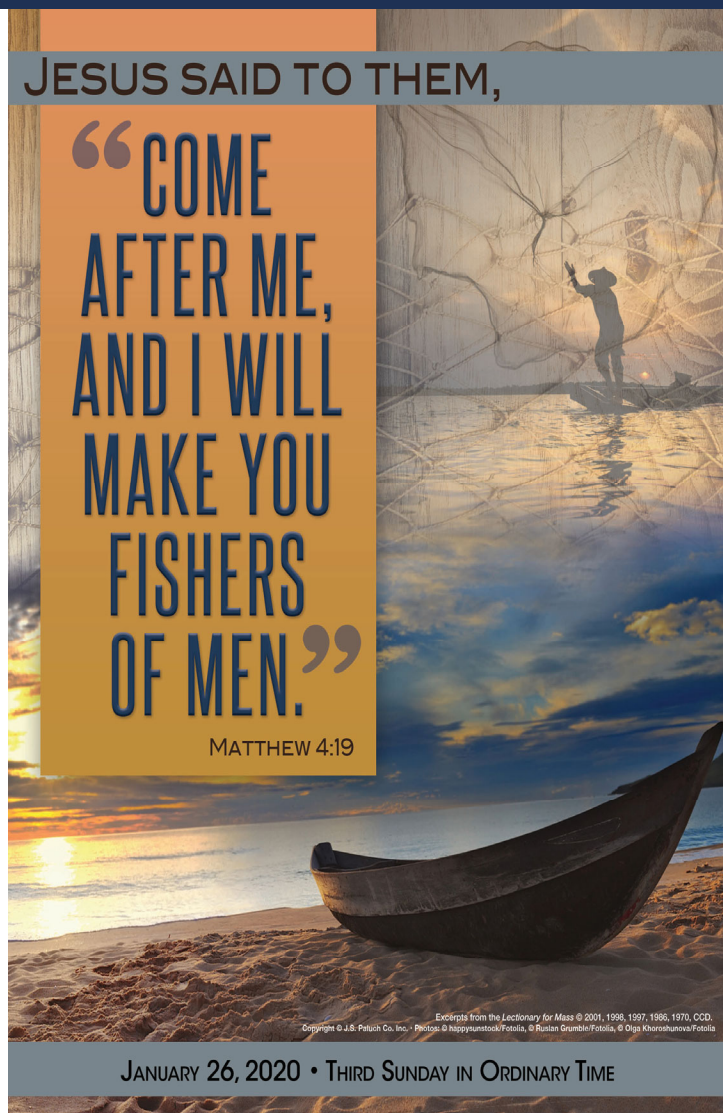
6:30 - 7:15 p.m. (Español o Inglés)

OR anytime by appointment with a priest/
También con cita.

JESUS SAID TO THEM,

“COME
AFTER ME,
AND I WILL
MAKE YOU
FISHERS
OF MEN.”

MATTHEW 4:19



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JANUARY 26, 2020 • THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SCRIPTURE READINGS

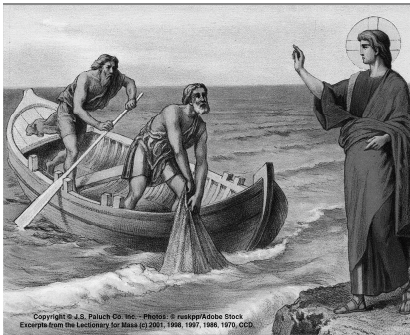
Isaiah 8:23 - 9:3 (67A)

Psalms 27:1, 4, 713-14

1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

Matthew 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

SAINT ATHANASIUS



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Two readings today refer to the northeast region of ancient Israel: “the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali.” Upon hearing these names, some of us might consult maps and determine exactly where

these regions lie. Others might let the unfamiliar names drift by unnoticed. If no maps are handy—but we don’t want to ignore the references completely—consider this: we might not know the latitude and longitude of Zebulun and Naphtali, but God does. We praise God for watching over every inch of land and sea, caring perfectly for each creature on the planet. While Isaiah celebrates the depth of God’s care with “abundant joy and great rejoicing,” Saint Paul begs us to remember how the Lord shows this loving care: through the cross. In today’s Gospel, Jesus calls Peter, James, and John to follow him. We follow too, confident that God accompanies us, wherever we are.

BEAUTY AND TRUTH

Today the poetry of Isaiah washes over us with stunning beauty:

Anguish has taken wing, dispelled is darkness: for there is no gloom where but now there was distress. Isaiah’s lines enchant us with their music as well as with their meaning. Haven’t we all felt burdened by gloom and distress? Don’t we all long for an end to darkness? Isaiah promises that God’s majestic strength crushes our anguish, blowing away our troubles on a breeze. These words are lovely, but what do they mean for us really, when our day-to-day struggles are so real? How can it be true that darkness is dispelled, when so many of us suffer terribly?

DAILY DOSES OF LIGHT

Jesus assures us: “God is light, and in him there is no darkness at all” (1 John 1:5b). But how, exactly, does God’s light overcome the darkness that we still experience? Saint Paul shows us how: through the cross. Today’s reading from Paul’s First Letter to the Corinthians implores Jesus’ followers to get along with one another, to “be united in the same mind and in the same purpose.” We believe that two thousand years ago, Jesus saved the world and destroyed darkness; but until Jesus comes again, we must unite as the Body of Christ to continue pushing back the gloom of sin and division. As followers of Jesus, we work against these evils in simple ways. We intentionally attempt genuine conversation with a person we find irritating; we ignore gossip and refuse to talk behind someone’s back; we befriend an awkward or needy individual. These daily doses of light bring hope to our world, which is both redeemed and not yet finished. Jesus wants our help. Like Peter, James, and John in today’s Gospel, we are called by Christ to participate in salvation. Jesus chooses us, calls us, and invites us to accompany him—and imitate him—as we live in, and wait for, the Light of the World.



This Weekend’s Second Collection is for the **Annual National Collection for the Church in Latin America (CLA) and the Ethnic Minorities**. Thank you for your Generosity!

Mass Intentions For The Week



- Sat (25) 9:00**
5:30 Elwood Brown -- Death Anniversary (†)
- Sun (26) 8:00** Henry DC Gabriel -- Death Anniversary (†)
11:15 Troy & Becky Norris -- Spec. Intentions (S.I.)
Gregory Aitchison -- Deceased (†)
5:30
- Mon (27) 6:45**
9:00 Joe Carvalho -- Deceased (†)
- Tue (28) 6:45**
9:00 Gregory Aitchison -- Deceased (†)
- Wed (29) 6:45**
9:00 Edwin Alan Villareal -- Birthday (B)
- Thu (30) 6:45**
9:00 Wenceslao M. Villareal -- Deceased (†)
- Fri (31) 6:45**
9:00 Julia Hervas -- Deceased (†)

†—Deceased; T—Thanksgiving;
S.I.—Special Intention; B—Birthday; S—Sick

Death Anniversary Remembrance Week of January 26

Jean Andrews	Ronan A. Beam
Rudolph A. Padilla	Elwood A. Brown
Guillermo Romero	Mario D’Aura
Katherine E. Moore	Manuel Fernando Januario
Eugene O’Brien	Mary Freitas
Arthur Souza	Delfin M. Laudato
Peter G. Garcia	Joao F. Rosa
Matilde A Marcelo	Michele Carl Rossi
Antonia Pena	
Jose Jesus Ramirez	

REST IN PEACE



Please Pray for the Sick

Julie Hidalgo, Gloria Ramirez, Ellen Poso, Soledad Jara, Danilo Fidel, JoAnne Arnold, Lucile Bianco, Isaura Aguilar, Romulo Prieto, Bernie Barron, Josephine Sierras, Richard Sanchez, Henry Sanchez, Michael Fernandez, and Joel Villareal .

Remember to honor our advertisers listed in the back of the Sunday Bulletin. Remember to tell them you saw their Ad in St. Athanasius Bulletin!

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 26, 2020



Next Weekend's 2nd Collection is for our
PARISH MAINTENANCE FUND
Thank you for your generosity and support!

"Give to the Most High as he has given to you, generously, according to your means. For the Lord is one who always repays, and he will give back to you sevenfold" (Sirach)

Friday/Viernes January 17	
6:45 AM	\$67
9:00 AM	\$104
Saturday/Sábado January 18	
5:30 PM	\$623
7:30 PM	\$500
Sunday / Domingo January 19	
8:00AM	\$951
9:30AM	\$1,031
11:15AM	\$765.15
1:00 PM	\$1,315.25
5:30 PM	\$480.25
Mail In / Por Correo	\$20
Online Giving	\$235.75
Total	\$6,102.4
Goal / Meta	\$7,600
Variance/ Diferencia	<\$1,497.60>



FIRST FRIDAY February 7, 2020
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
after 9:30AM.
Benediction at 12:00 PM



Please join us for **HOSPITALITY**
at the Parish Hall
on Sunday, February 9, 2020
after the 11:15 AM Mass.



SENIORS LUNCHEON
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11
(55 years or older)

from 11:30 AM - 2PM at the Parish Hall

Reconnect with your friends and enjoy this new season. We hope to see you there!

Women
on the Journey:
Inspiring Lives

A Retreat for Women
Friday, February 7- Saturday, February 8, 2020

For more information or registration:

Vallombrosa Center • 250 Oak Grove Ave. • Menlo Park, 94025 • 650-325-5614 •



Special Blessing of Candles – February 1 and 2 at all our Sunday Masses

At all our Sunday Masses on February 1st and 2nd the Church will celebrate the feast of the **Presentation of the Lord** which occurs forty days after the birth of Jesus and is also known as **Candlemas day**, since the blessing and procession of candles is included in today's liturgy. **You are**

encouraged to bring a candle from home to be blessed at the beginning of Mass in the back of church adjacent to the Baptismal Font. If you are late for Mass you will miss this ancient tradition.

In obedience to the Old Law, the Lord Jesus, the first-born, was presented in the Temple by his Blessed Mother and his foster father, Joseph. This is like another 'epiphany' celebration insofar as the Christ Child is revealed as the Messiah through the canticle and words of Simeon and the testimony of Anna the prophetess that we find in the Gospel reading for this Mass. Christ is the light of the nations, hence the blessing and procession of candles on this day.



Saint Athanasius Blessing
of the Throats
on the Feast of Saint Blaise
Monday, February 3, 2020
at the end of
the 6:45 AM and 9:00 AM Masses.



DIocese OF
SAN JOSE



CATHOLICS
OF AFRICAN
DESCENT
DIOCESE OF SAN JOSE

Catholics of African Descent in the Diocese of San Jose (CADD SJ)

Mass to Celebrate African Heritage

You are invited to attend a Mass to celebrate African heritage on **Saturday, February 15th at 6:30 pm** at Saint Joseph Cathedral in San Jose at 80 S Market Street. This liturgy is happening in honor of Black History month. Everyone is invited to attend. There will be a carpool from Saint Athanasius leaving at 5:30 pm. Please call or text Lori Abrahamsohn at 650.210.6390 if you would like to ride or drive in the carpool or have any questions. The Mass is sponsored by Catholics of African Descent in the San Jose Diocese (CADD SJ).



Come Celebrate with us!

Couples celebrating their Wedding Anniversaries (1st – 5th, 25th, 40th, 50th, and greater) this year are invited to attend the celebration Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Joseph in San Jose, **Saturday, March 14, 2020 at 9:30 AM.**

The couples will renew their wedding vow, receive a blessing at the celebration, and will receive a certificate signed by the Bishop.

Cake reception will follow in Loyola Hall, Cathedral Basilica of Saint Joseph. Registration: bit.ly/dsjwedding2020

ENERO
26 2020
TERCER DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Dejaron las redes y lo siguieron.

MATEO 4:20



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Tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

BELLEZA Y VERDAD

Hoy la poesía de Isaías nos lava con una belleza impresionante: el sufrimiento se ha ido, disipado en la oscuridad: ya no hay tristeza ahora donde hubo dolor.

Estas palabras de Isaías nos encantan con su música y también con su significado. ¿Acaso no nos hemos sentido cargados de tristeza y dolor? ¿No llegamos anhelar el fin de la oscuridad? Isaías promete que la fuerza majestuosa de Dios derrota nuestra angustia, haciendo volar nuestros problemas en una brisa. Estas palabras son agradables, pero ¿qué significan para nosotros verdaderamente, cuando nuestras dificultades del día a día son reales? ¿Cómo puede ser verdad que la oscuridad se desvanece, cuando muchos de nosotros sufrimos terriblemente?

DOSIS DIARIAS DE LUZ

Jesús nos asegura: “Dios es luz y no hay en él oscuridad alguna” (1 Juan 1:5b). Pero cómo, exactamente, ¿la luz de Dios vence la oscuridad que todavía experimentamos? San Pablo nos muestra cómo: por medio de la cruz. La lectura de hoy de la primera carta de san Pablo a los corintios implora a los seguidores de Jesús a llevarse bien entre ellos, “conserven la armonía en el pensar y en el sentir”. Creemos que hace dos mil años, Jesús salvó al mundo y destruyó la oscuridad; pero hasta que Jesús vuelva otra vez, debemos unirnos como el cuerpo de Cristo para continuar rechazar la oscuridad del pecado y la división. Como seguidores de Jesús, nos empleamos en contra de estos males en formas sencillas. Deliberadamente intentamos conversaciones genuinas con una persona que nos parece fastidiosa; ignoramos el chisme y rehusamos hablar a las espaldas de alguien; nos hacemos amigo de una persona difícil y necesitada. Estas dosis diarias de luz nos traen esperanza a nuestro mundo, el cual es tanto a la vez redimido, pero no terminado. Jesús quiere nuestra ayuda. Como Pedro, Santiago y Juan en el Evangelio de hoy, estamos llamados por Cristo a participar en la salvación. Jesús nos elige, nos llama y nos invita a acompañarlo, y a imitarlo, en donde vivamos, y esperamos por la Luz del Mundo.

Lecturas de hoy: Is 8:23 — 9:3; Sal 27 (26):1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 [12-17]



La 2a. Colecta de este finde semana es para **Las Minorías Étnicas y la Iglesia en América Latina (CLA)** ¡Gracias por su generosidad!



ADORACION DE PRIMER VIERNES
7 de febrero del 2020
Exposición del Santísimo Sacramento después de las 9:30 AM
Bendición a las 12:00 PM.

Jóvenes Para Cristo de San Atanasio te invita a vivir un **Retiro Católico de Iniciación Cristiana**

Los días 6, 7 y 8 de Marzo del 2020
Incluye hospedaje, comidas y una experiencia excepcional...

Lugar: La Honda, CA
Salida: Viernes 5pm
Regreso: Domingo 5pm

JESÚS
agua que da vida

“El que beba del agua que yo le dare nunca volverá a tener sed”
Juan 4:14

Más información:
Agustín (408) 221-4862
Carlos (916) 856-6439
Pere (650) 834-3478
Alejandra (650) -996-7952

Jóvenes Adultos mayores de 18 años y Jóvenes de Corazón hasta 99 años de edad!



Bendición especial de velas – Durante las Misas del domingo 2 de febrero

En todas nuestras Misas dominicales los días 1 y 2 de febrero, la Iglesia celebrará la fiesta de la **Presentación del Señor** que ocurre cuarenta días después del nacimiento de Jesús y también se conoce como el día de la Candelaria, ya que la bendición y la

procesión de las velas se incluyen en la liturgia actual. Les invitamos a traer una vela de su casa para ser bendecida al comienzo de la Misa en la parte posterior de la iglesia adyacente a la pila bautismal. Si llegas tarde a la Misa, te perderás esta antigua tradición.

En obediencia a la Ley Antigua, el Señor Jesús, el primogénito, fue presentado en el Templo por su Santísima Madre y su padre adoptivo, José. Esto es como otra celebración de 'epifanía' en la medida en que el Niño Jesús se revela como el Mesías a través del cántico y las palabras de Simeón y el testimonio de Anna la profetisa que encontramos en la lectura del Evangelio para esta Misa. Cristo es la luz de las naciones, de ahí la bendición y procesión de las velas en este día.

Mission Statement for St. Athanasius Parish --“St. Athanasius Church’s mission is to build disciples of Jesus Christ and assist them in responding to God’s call to love and to serve”

Misión de la Parroquia de San Atanasio -- "La Misión de la Iglesia de San Atanasio es construir discípulos de Jesucristo y ayudarles a responder el llamado de Dios a amar y servir"

JUNTOS COMO HERMANOS Lunes - 7:00 PM

FAMILY PRAYER HOUR Tuesdays - 7:00 PM

We need only to look around to see the tremendous pressures facing our families and how those pressures pull our families apart. There’s little doubt that we live in a society of instant everything, one of the major contributions to family deterioration. Family Prayer Night is a response. It is a way for families to set aside an hour a week to be together in the presence of God, to pray and appreciate the most important people in our lives. Join us every Tuesday in church, 7-8 pm for Adoration, Benediction and Prayer.

OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP MASS
Wednesdays - 6:30 PM

HIJOS DE MARIA SANTISIMA Jueves - 7:00 PM

JOVENES PARA CRISTO

Viernes a las 7 de la noche se reúne el grupo de Jóvenes para Cristo en el salón parroquial. Mayores de 18 años únicamente.

ST. ATHANASIUS BEREAVEMENT, COMFORT AND SUPPORT GROUP

Meets every 4th Friday of the month at the Rectory at 7PM. For details, please call (650) 961-8600

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament All Day the First Friday of the month starting after 9:00 AM Mass. Please sign-up for an hour of adoration on the sign-up sheet in the back of church. Benediction at 12 PM.

SENIORS LUNCH

Meet the second Tuesday of the Month (October-April) in the Parish Hall at 11:30 AM. For more information please call the Rectory (650) 961 8600 Ext 102.

RESPECT LIFE GROUP

Supports the sacredness of all human life through direct service to women in crisis pregnancies, education, advocacy and direct action on behalf of human life. Meets every first Saturday at 10 AM in the Marian Rm. For more information please call Carmel Caligaris at (650) 967-3807.

ST. PAUL DISCIPLESHIP GROUP

The St. Paul Discipleship Group is a group of parishioners that walk together in their spiritual journey. **We meet most Tuesday nights (8:30-10:00 pm)** to praise God, pray together, discuss various topics about our faith, and reflect on Scripture. We invite you change with us! Contact the Parish Office at (650) 961 8600 for more infor-

Sacrament Preparation for Children & Teens

Preparation for the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist (Grades 2-12) and for Confirmation (Grades 9-12) is a one year process. For more information please contact the Catechetical Office at (650) 961-8600 Ext 111.

Faith Formation for Children, Teens and Adults

Our Faith Formation program seeks to empower our most important Catechists—our parents—to guide the faith formation of their children. We deepen our faith in Jesus through Scripture stories, reflection, prayer and seasonal celebrations in large and small groups. Formation sessions will be provided to the parents and students in Grades 2-5 on Sunday mornings during the school year. Our Middle and High School Youth Formation program features a variety of small and large group activities. For more information, please contact our Catechetical Office at (650) 961-8600 Ext 111.

Baptism of Children

Parents are invited to contact our parish office to set up an appointment for an initial interview with one of our priests. Parents and Godparents are required to attend a Baptismal preparation session prior to the Baptism. No Baptism date can be set until the interview with the priest. Children age 7 or above are required to participate in our Children’s Faith Formation program to prepare for this sacrament. Para bautizos en Español, llamar a la oficina al (650) 961-8600.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Parish volunteers serve the needy of our area through our Food Pantry and Emergency Assistance program. Interested Parishioners are welcome to join us at our board meetings held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm, to see how we carry out our mission.

ALTERNATIVES TO ABORTIONS

REAL OPTIONS (650) 559-1550
298 San Antonio Rd. Suite 100, Mountain View, CA 94040

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

For burial information and pre-planning assistance, please call **888-715-2150**. We help you meet eternal life with faith, hope, and love.



Office for the Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults / Oficina de Protección de Niños y Adultos Vulnerables

Diocese of San Jose– Anthony Gonzalez (408) 983-0113

Emergency Line: (408) 983-0144.

<https://opcva.ethicspoint.com>.

INTERCESSION



PRAYERS

Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be

REFLECTION

During this Christmas season (which extends through January 12 this year), we continue to celebrate the incarnation of our Savior Jesus Christ and the great joy and hope that His birth brings to us all.

While each child brings untold joy into the world, a mother facing an unexpected pregnancy may find it difficult to receive the great gift God has given her. Concerns about a lack of material and financial resources, as well as minimal or non-existent physical and emotional support systems, can crowd minds and hearts. Fear and anxiety may push women to believe that abortion is their only option. But abortion is never the answer. Women deserve so much better.

During challenging periods in our lives, we *all* need the care and support of others to help us place our trust in God. For a woman who is pregnant amid difficult circumstances, the real, tangible support of others can help her see a way forward. Knowing she is not alone may help her to open her heart to God's plan and choose life for her child. Remembering the Christ Child in the manger, let us ask ourselves what our role is in helping moms in need.

ACTS OF REPARATION *(choose one)*

- Commit to participating in *9 Days for Life* (respectlife.org/9-days-for-life). This annual, nationwide novena for the protection of human life takes place **January 21-29, 2020**.
- Attend a parish or diocesan observance of the *Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children* or another local or regional pro-life event. If you don't know of anything nearby, ask your parish or diocese about local observances of the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, or visit marchforlife.org/state-marches-near-you/.
- Offer some other sacrifice, prayer, or act of penance that you feel called to do for this month's intention.

ONE STEP FURTHER

Help spread the word about *9 Days for Life* by inviting friends, family members, colleagues, and fellow parishioners to join you in praying for the protection of human life. You can sign up at 9daysforlife.com, and then invite them to do the same.

Consider posting on social media using the hashtag #9daysforlife and tagging friends to "challenge" them to pray along with you for 9 days. (*Shareable graphics are available!*)

DID YOU KNOW?

In the Catholic Church in the United States, January 22nd is designated as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children" (respectlife.org/january-22). As Catholics, we are called to observe this day through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting, and/or giving alms.



Get monthly prayer guides at
usccb.org/prayforlife



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To reach a priest after office hours in an EMERGENCY situation, such as a death or the need for the Last Rites call: (408) 444-0257
 Para hablarle a un sacerdote después de las horas de oficina en una situación de emergencia, ya sea de muerte o necesidad del sacramento de la unción de los enfermos llamar al: (408) 444-0257



PARISH OFFICE/ OFICINA PARROQUIAL:
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 (Office is closed on Mondays/Cerrada los Lunes)

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For Maintenance Issues Please Contact our Parish Office.



**Saint Athanasius Blessing
 of the Throats**

on the Feast of Saint Blaise
 Monday, February 3, 2020
 at the end of
 the 6:45 AM and 9:00 AM Masses

**Bendición de Gargantas en
 San Atanasio**

El lunes 3 de febrero del 2020;
 Día de San Blas
 al final de las Misas de
 las 6:45 AM y de las 9 AM.

WELCOME TO ALL NEW PARISHIONERS!

¡Bienvenidos todos los nuevos feligreses!

Please register by filling in the details below and dropping in the collection basket, or at the rectory.
 Por favor inicie el proceso de registracion llenando este pequeño formulario y depositándolo en la canasta de la colecta, o llevándolo a la rectoría.

NAME (Nombre): _____

ADDRESS (Dirección) _____

PHONE (Teléfono) _____ E-mail: _____

Envelopes (Sobres de contribución): yes No