

# Guardian Angels Catholic Church

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# St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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## Mass Schedule

### Weekdays:

Tuesday: 5:30 p.m.  
Wednesday: 8:00 a.m.  
Thursday: 8:00 a.m.  
Friday: 6:00 p.m. at St. Nick

### Weekends:

Saturdays: 4:30 p.m.  
Sundays: 8:00 a.m. /  
10:00 a.m. at GA  
10:00 a.m. at St. Nick  
Sunday: 12:30 p.m. (Mass in  
Spanish)

### Reconciliation:

Saturday: 8:00 -8:45 a.m.  
Saturday: 3:15 -4:15 p.m.

### Eucharistic Adoration:

Thursday: 8:30 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

## Today's Readings

**First Reading** — Stand on the heights, Jerusalem; see your children rejoicing that they are remembered by God. A merciful and just God leads Israel in joy (Baruch 5:1-9).

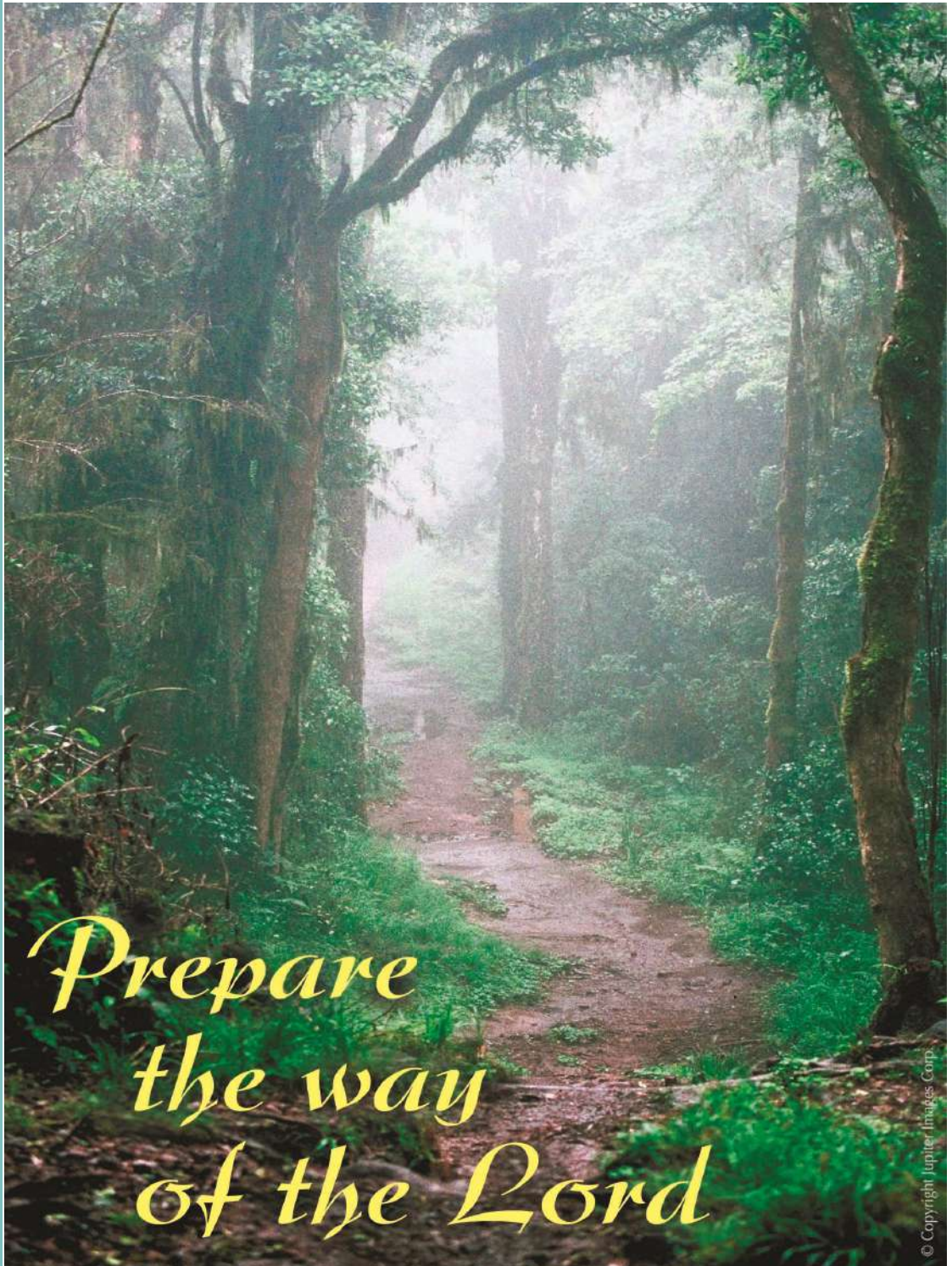
**Psalm** — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126).

**Second Reading** — May your love increase in knowledge to discern what is valuable that you may be blameless for the day of Christ (Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11).

**Gospel** — John proclaims a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All flesh shall see the salvation of God (Luke 3:1-6).

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December 5, 2021 - 2nd Sunday of Advent



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Prayer Garden 952-913-4964

**Mass Intentions:** Mass intentions may be for the living and/or the departed, with a † designating in the bulletin a deceased person. There is a \$10 suggested donation per Mass intention. Permission from the sick person or his/her family must be granted before a name's inclusion in these prayers. To schedule a Mass intention, call the Parish Office.

**Baptism:** Our Baptism Belonging Class is required for all parents as a first step to Baptism of your child. Please call Father Tony VanderLoop, Pastor, at 952-679-9415 to sign up for a class. We encourage Godparents to attend. Baptisms are scheduled once per month after the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. Special dates requested for Baptism will be considered and accommodated depending on circumstances.

**Reconciliation:** Saturdays at GA from 8:00 - 8:45 a.m. and 3:15 - 4:15 p.m. or by appt.

**Matrimony:** Marriage preparation is required. Please call Father Tony VanderLoop, Pastor, at 952-679-9415 at least 8 months in advance.

**Anointing:** If you wish to receive an anointing please call the Parish Office: (952) 227-4000.

**Communion for the Homebound:** When we come together to pray at our Eucharistic liturgy, we do not forget the members of our community who are unable to be with us because of ill health. We remember them in our prayers, and we wish to include them in our Holy Communion. Members of our community bring the Blessed Sacrament to them to comfort them and to unite us in the Eucharist. We are not always aware of those who have this need. Please call the Parish Office to let us know if you or a member of your family would like to have Holy Communion brought to them. That way we can schedule a time for our ministers to visit and bring the Sacrament.

**Hospital, Nursing Home, Homebound Visits:** Churches are no longer notified by hospitals or nursing homes when a parishioner is admitted unless the family has requested it. If you or a family member are homebound, hospitalized or in a nursing home and would like a visit from a member of the ministry staff, please call the Parish Office.

## Church Calendar

**Monday, December 6th (office open 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.)**

6:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus Meeting, SFH  
7:00 p.m. Feast of St. Nicholas Mass, St. Nicholas

**Tuesday, December 7th (office open 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.)**

5:30 p.m. Mass at GA † Jeanette Van Sloun  
6:00 p.m. RCIA, SFH

**Wednesday, December 8th (office closed) - Immaculate Conception**

12:00 Noon Mass at GA Mass for the People  
7:00 p.m. Mass at GA Bilingual Mass for the People  
7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Nicholas Mass for the People

**Thursday, December 9th (office open 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.)**

8:00 a.m. Mass at GA † Mark Halloran

**Friday, December 10th (office open 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.)**

6:00 p.m. Mass at St. Nicholas † Stan Guettler

**Saturday, December 11th**

8:00 a.m. Confessions, GA Church  
10:00 a.m. Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration Mass at GA  
3:15 p.m. Confessions, GA Church  
4:30 p.m. Mass at GA † Tony & Marie Koll

**Sunday, December 12th - Third Sunday of Advent**

8:00 a.m. Mass at GA † Helen Kohness  
10:00 a.m. Mass at GA † Mary Cleveland  
10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Nicholas † Harlan Poppler  
12:30 p.m. Spanish Mass at GA For the People

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26  
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13;  
Mt 18:12-14  
Wednesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12;  
Lk 1:26-38  
Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15  
Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19  
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80: 2ac, 3b, 15-16,  
18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13  
Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6;  
Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

## Financial Update

CFC Loan Balance (Dec 1) \$34,594.23  
Maintenance Fund Collected (Dec 1) \$58,822.75  
Maintenance Fund Spent (Roof to Date) **\$45,000.00**

**Guardian Angels Sunday Envelope:**

Month of Nov. 2021 Collected: \$42,845.12  
Month of Nov. 2021 Budgeted: \$44,050.00  
Year to Date Collected: \$230,984.73  
Year to Date Budgeted: \$246,227.00

**St. Nicholas Sunday Envelope:**

Year to Date Collected: \$19,720  
Year to Date Budgeted: \$18,167



Dear Friends in Christ,

Today's gospel takes place at a particular moment in the history of the world, the fifteenth year of the reign of the Emperor Tiberius, which was about A.D. 27-28. At that time the cruel Pontius Pilate was Roman governor of Judea and Herod the Great's two hated sons, both immoral and equally cruel, were local princes by the desire of the emperor.

It was a time when things were not looking rosy or peaceful, but were filled with affliction, poverty, and a hard struggle to survive. So at that time, God intervened in this history. How did this happen? "The word of God came to John." God intervenes by calling people. And whenever people hear his call, God can work great things through them. This is how it was with people such as Saint Francis of Assisi or Saint Teresa of Calcutta. They heard God's call and obeyed.

How did they hear God's call? How did they know it was not their own self-deception to do something so different and not the way of the world around them? God's call went out to John "in the wilderness." In order for God to speak to me, I must hear him. In order to hear, I need a sufficient amount of quiet. That is why John was in the wilderness. The silence there is so complete that one's heart is quieted and starts to hear. In our world today, silence has become a rare commodity. That is why it is so important to pray well before Mass in church and why our Eucharistic Adoration at Guardian Angels on Thursdays is such a blessing. We will find that God speaks to our hearts there. We will find consolation and help in our decision making. And if peace comes into our hearts, we can be sure that it comes from God.

But what did God say to John in the wilderness? As words of hope, John was to prepare the way for the Lord and we are as well. What was crooked should be made straight, and any difficulties be cleared away. God was to find room once more and people were to be able to get to God. By the path that he prepared, God really did come. He came as the little child at Bethlehem, as the Redeemer of all humankind.

May God truly bless you this Advent and Christmas!

Father Tony

### Upcoming Advent Liturgies

We have several upcoming special Masses and a penance service. Please note them well and we invite you to come! The Mass of the Immaculate Conception of Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation this year.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Guardian Angels</u>	<u>Saint Nicholas</u>
Advent Penance Service Sun. Dec. 5	4:00 p.m.	
Saint Nicholas Day Mass Mon. Dec. 6	7:00 p.m.	
Immaculate Conception of Mary Wed. Dec. 8	12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. Bilingual	7:00 p.m. English
Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass Sat. Dec. 11	10:00 a.m. Spanish	



The faith formation kids of St. Nicholas donated 203 pounds of food to bountiful basket located in Chaska. This group of kids and their families continue to support our community to make this a better place!



Celebrate the season with a

## FAMILY NIGHT OUT

Everyone is invited to join the fun on  
Wednesday, December 15 in the GA gym

5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

5:30 p.m. - Pizza, cookies and beverages

6:15 p.m. – Presentation for the Adults:

*Jesus is the Reason for the Season*

6:15-7:30 p.m. – Youth attend Faith Formation

7:30 p.m. – Posadas - (Latino tradition that recalls Mary and Joseph's search for a place to stay on their way to Bethlehem)



All ages are  
welcome.

Free childcare for  
children ages 3-5 (all children MUST be registered).

To register children, or get more information,  
contact Fran Oprosko at 952-227-4000.

### *Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel*

Saint Michael the archangel,  
defend us in battle.

Be our protection against the wickedness  
and snares of the Devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,  
and do thou, O Prince of heavenly hosts,  
by the power of God, cast into hell Satan,  
and all the evil spirits,  
who prowl about the world  
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



## OPEN HOUSE

Sunday,  
December 19th

9:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Registration opens  
for sessions beginning Sunday,  
January 16, 2022.



Catechesis  
of the  
Good Shepherd

If you would like to donate money towards the purchase of Christmas flowers in honor of a loved one, you can use either the church envelope marked Christmas flowers or use your own envelope marked "Christmas flowers" and drop in the collection basket. Please include the name(s) of the loved one(s).



**Collection for Retired Religious at Masses this Weekend!**

**Help aging religious.** Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others—educating the young, comforting the sick, and ministering to the less fortunate. Today, many are frail and need assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please give generously to today's second collection.

**Prayer for Advent**

Spirit of God, you stir our hearts in the Advent season to awaken us from the spiritual doldrums. You urge us to be alert to the coming of the Lord, whether now or at the end of time. You invite us to embrace our longing for the fullness of a life without end. Enlighten our hearts with your holy wisdom so that we might seek and find you, especially in the needs of the poor. Give us the courage and perseverance to look for the Holy One, who offers us more than the world can ever give. *Amen.*



**Penance Services in the Area GUARDIAN ANGELS IS Dec. 5 at 4 p.m.**

<b>Catholic Church</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
Saints Joachim & Anne	Shakopee	Dec. 4	8:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m.
St. Mary	Waverly	Dec. 6	7:00 p.m.
St. Victoria	Victoria	Dec. 7	6:30 p.m.
Holy Name of Jesus	Wayzata	Tuesdays	7:00 p.m. -8:00 p.m.
St. Bernard	NYA	Dec. 15	8:00 p.m.
Our Lady of the Lake	Mound	Dec. 15	6:30 p.m.
St. Hubert	Chanhassen	Dec. 16	6:30 p.m.
St. Joseph	Waconia	Dec. 19	4:00 p.m.



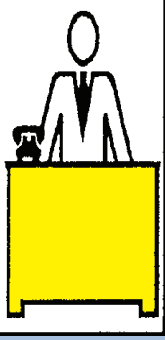
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## Servicio de Penitencia y Reconciliación

El domingo 5 de diciembre a las 4 pm, tendremos el servicio de Penitencia de Adviento. Habrá Sacerdotes bilingües escuchando confesiones. Los esperamos para recibir el misericordioso regalo del perdón que nos ofrece Jesús en el sacramento de la confesión.

## Celebración de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

La Novena a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe se rezará en la Iglesia los siguientes días:

Viernes 3 de diciembre 6:15 pm

Sábado 4 de diciembre 6:15 pm

Domingo 5 de diciembre 2 pm (al terminar la Santa Misa)

Lunes 6 de diciembre 6:15 pm

Martes 7 de diciembre 6:15 pm

Miércoles 8 de diciembre 6:15 pm (bilingüe - antes de la Misa de la Inmaculada Concepción que se celebra a las 7 pm)

Jueves 9 de diciembre 6:15 pm

Viernes 10 de diciembre 6:15 pm

Sábado 11 de diciembre 9:00 am (antes de la Misa de las 10 am)

## Santa Misa en honor a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe: sábado 11 de diciembre a las 10 am.

La iglesia se abrirá a las 9 am para traer flores a la Virgen y para orar a Nuestra Madre.

Después de la Misa tendremos un convivio en el gimnasio de la escuela, y los niños harán una representación de las apariciones de la Virgen al indiecito Juan Diego.

Necesitamos donaciones de vasos, servilletas, platos, chocolate. Por favor anotarse después de la Misa para traer sus donaciones.



## UN PROFUNDO CAMBIO DE CORAZÓN

Cuando Juan proclamó un bautismo de arrepentimiento, así como lo relata el Evangelio de hoy, él llamó a las personas a un cambio profundo de corazón. Para Juan el Bautista, el arrepentimiento no era simplemente un remordimiento de las flaquezas, sino un compromiso a orientar la vida en torno a los deseos y propósitos de Dios. ¿Cómo podría ser una vida adecuada con los deseos de Dios? Nuestras lecturas ofrecen algunas pistas. Baruc indica que cuando la misericordia y la justicia se abrazan como un ropaje majestuoso, podemos ver los frutos del arrepentimiento. Pablo señala cómo el Espíritu Santo ha estado activo dentro de la iglesia de Filipos, formándola para vivir en una comunidad de fe amorosa y unida, para que pueda dar testimonio del amor de Dios. Y el mismo Juan sugiere que un corazón arrepentido limpia un camino para que Dios entre, emparejando los valles y montañas de nuestra resistencia, para que Dios pueda habitar en él.

### LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Is 35:1-10; Sal 85 (84):9-14; Lc 5:17-26

Martes: Is 40:1-11; Sal 96 (95):1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14

Miércoles: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Sal 98 (97):1-4; Ef 1:3-6, 11-12; Lc 1:26-38

Jueves: Is 41:13-20; Sal 145 (144):1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

Viernes: Is 48:17-19; Sal 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

Sábado: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Sal 80 (79): 2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Domingo: Sof 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Fil 4:4-7; Lc 3:10-18

### Oración a San Miguel Arcángel

San Miguel Arcángel,  
defiéndenos en la batalla.

Sea nuestra protección contra la maldad  
y trampas del diablo.

Que Dios lo reprenda, oramos con humildad,  
y tú, Príncipe de los ejércitos celestiales,  
por el poder de Dios, arroja al infierno a Satanás,  
y todos los espíritus malignos,  
que merodean por el mundo  
buscando la ruina de las almas. Amén.





# Ángeles Guardianes

## Iglesia Católica

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### Horario de Misa

(Nota: todas las misas son en Ángeles Guardianes hasta nuevo aviso.)

Ω—indica una Misa transmitida en vivo que se puede encontrar en: <https://gachaska.org/live-mass-and-mass-video-archive/>

#### Días laborales:

Martes: 5:30 p.m.  
Miércoles: 8:00 a.m.Ω  
Jueves : 8:00 a.m.Ω  
Viernes: 8:00 a.m.Ω

#### Fines de Semana:

Sábado : 4:30 p.m.  
Domingo: 8:00 a.m. /  
10:00 a.m.  
Domingo: 12:30 p.m. (Misa en español)Ω

#### Reconciliación:

Sábados : 8:00-8:45 a.m.  
Sábados : 3:15-4:15 p.m.

#### Adoración Eucarística:

Jueves: 8:30 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

### Lecturas De Hoy

**Primera lectura** — Sube a la altura, Jerusalén; contempla a tus hijos gozosos porque Dios se acordó de ellos. Un Dios misericordioso y justo guía a Israel con alegría (Baruc 5:1-9).

**Salmo** — El Señor ha estado grande con nosotros, y estamos alegres (Salmo 126 [125]).

**Segunda Lectura** — Que su amor siga creciendo más y más y se traduzca en un mayor conocimiento y discernimiento de lo que vale la pena para que lleguen irreprochables al día de Cristo (Filipenses 1:4-6, 8-11).

**Evangelio** — Juan proclama un bautismo de arrepentimiento para el perdón de los pecados. Todos podrán ver la salvación de Dios (Lucas 3:1-6)

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