



SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

2621 BAGBY AVE. WACO, TEXAS 76711

PHONE: 756-2656 | RECTORY: 313-1344 | FAX: 254 756-6302 | EMAIL: sacredheartwaco@yahoo.com.

Visit us on our NEW webpage: www.sacredheartwaco.com

PASTOR: FR. BENJIE • DEACONS: LORENZO GARCIA & TONY AROCHA



Third Sunday of

Advent

December 16, 2018

I am baptizing you with water,
but one mightier than I is coming.
I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals.

Luke 3:16

CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Sunday Masses:

5:30 p.m. (Vigil in English)
8:00 a.m. (Spanish)
10:00 a.m. (English)
12:00 p.m. (Spanish)
2:30 p.m. (Spanish)

Weekday Masses: Wednesday through Friday @ 12:00 p.m..
Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament on First Fridays @ 11:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

SUNDAY: 7:00 AM to 2:00 PM Anytime before Mass, time permitting.
MONDAY: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
TUESDAY: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
WEDNESDAY: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Anytime before or after the Noon Mass
THURSDAY: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Anytime before or after the Noon Mass
FRIDAY: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Anytime before or after the Noon Mass
SATURDAY: 4:30 PM to 5:15 PM Confessional in church

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parents & Godparents need to attend a pre-baptism instruction class. Call the parish office to register.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Couples are asked to call the parish office to receive information.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

If you are seriously ill, will have a major surgery, are old aged or in danger of death, call the priest.

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

In addition to Sunday, the days to be observed as holy days of obligation in the Latin Rite dioceses of the United States of America, in conformity with canon 1246, are as follows:

January 1, the solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Ascension Sunday
August 15, the solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
November 1, the solemnity of All Saints
December 8, the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
December 25, the solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

REJOICE!

Today has traditionally been called “Gaudete Sunday.” The Latin tag is derived from Paul’s appeal in the second reading to “rejoice always in the Lord,” and the Latin Mass text based on that reading. The irony and paradox of this Christian joy is underlined by the fact that Paul wrote those words in prison. But from there he could see the progress of God’s work.

Is it obvious to us? We feel that this is not the time for joy when there is so much suffering and moral evil. It is interesting, then, that the first reading is from the prophet Zephaniah, who is almost exclusively concerned with gloomy visions of Judgment Day. Today the Church selects the only optimistic text in Zephaniah, in which the prophet has been touched by the spirit of joy.

This, we are assured on all sides, is “the season of joy.” Let us recapture that feeling of joy in our lives and reflect it to those who are joyless.

Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Your God will sing joyfully because of you, as one sings at festivals (Zephaniah 3:14-18a).

Psalms — Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel (Isaiah 12:6).

Second Reading — Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! (Philippians 4:4-7).

Gospel — Whoever who has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. Whoever who has food should do likewise (Luke 3:10-18).

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from *Lectionary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

Tuesday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

Wednesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Thursday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Saturday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent;
Las Posadas begins

Tuesday: International Migrants Day

Friday: St. Peter Canisius; Winter begins

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Years ago, the trick question on religion quizzes would be to name all the liturgical colors, or the colors of the vestments worn at Mass. Rose is a color seldom seen, used at most two days a year. Today, “Gaudete Sunday,” is one of those days. The name of the day is drawn from an opening verse in the old Latin Mass texts: *Gaudete* is Latin for “Rejoice!” This year’s Gospel certainly reflects that mood as Elizabeth feels her infant within her leaping for joy at the presence of Mary. Mary’s visit to her aged cousin is an act of compassion between women, as two kinswomen who are bearing children into the world share their joy.

Some churches retain the custom of having the priest wear rose vestments today, and many will use a rose candle in the Advent wreath. Violet is the official color for Advent and Lent, but many parishes employ different hues for each season, trying to keep them distinct. In medieval times, dye was costly, and poor parishes used unornamented plain cloth for vestments. Dyes were expensive and some colors, particularly purple, difficult to achieve. In England, purple dye was made from mollusks, yielding at best a deep indigo or blue and not the desired violet. Thus, the color of Advent in the British Isles has long been a deep blue, reminding many people of Mary’s presence at the heart of the Advent mystery. That theology is largely unplanned: it’s all because of the clams!

—James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

IMPRESSIONABLE

A child’s life is like a piece of paper on which every passerby leaves a mark.

—Ancient Chinese proverb

WITNESSES

Our actions are the best witnesses of our thoughts.

—Anonymous

**Third Sunday of Advent
December 16, 2018**

The King of Israel, the LORD,
is in your midst,

you have no further misfortune to fear.

— *Zephaniah 3:15b*

¡REGOCÍJATE!

El día de hoy se le ha llamado tradicionalmente “Domingo *Gaudete*” o de la “Alegría”. El nombre latino se deriva de la petición de Pedro en la segunda lectura de “alégrense siempre en el Señor”, y del texto de la Misa en latín en el que está basada esta lectura. La ironía y paradoja de esta alegría cristiana se manifiesta en el hecho que Pablo escribió esas palabras en la prisión. Pero desde allí podía ver el progreso de la obra de Dios.

¿Nos parece obvio a nosotros? Sentimos que este no es un tiempo para la alegría cuando hay tanto sufrimiento e inmoralidad. Es interesante, entonces, que la primera lectura sea del profeta Sofonías, que está casi exclusivamente preocupado con sombrías visiones del Día del Juicio. Hoy la Iglesia selecciona la única parte optimista de Sofonías, donde el profeta es tocado por el espíritu del gozo.

Esta es, se nos asegura en todas partes, “la temporada de la alegría”. Recuperemos ese espíritu de alegría en nuestra vida y que se refleje en los que no tienen ese gozo.

Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — ¡Canta! ¡Da gritos de júbilo! ¡Gózate y regocíjate! El Señor tu Dios está entre ustedes y es un poderoso salvador (Sofonías 3:14-18a).
Salmo — El Señor es mi Dios y salvador (Isaías 12).
Segunda lectura — ¡Alégrense! El Señor está cerca. Presenten sus peticiones a Dios (Filipenses 4:4-7).
Evangelio — Juan dice a sus oyentes que compartan sus posesiones con los necesitados (Lucas 3:10-18).

Salmo responsorial: *Leccionario I* © 1976, Comisión Episcopal de Pastoral Litúrgica de la Conferencia del Episcopado Mexicano. Usado con permiso. Todos los derechos reservados.

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Sal 72 (71):1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
 Martes: Jer 23:5-8; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
 Miércoles: Jue 13:2-7, 24-25a; Sal 71 (70):3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lc 1:5-25
 Jueves: Is 7:10-14; Sal 24 (23):1-6; Lc 1:26-38
 Viernes: Cant 2:8-14 o Sof 3:14-18a; Sal 33 (32):2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lc 1:39-45
 Sábado: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lc 1:46-56
 Domingo: Mi 5:1-4a; Sal 80 (81):2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lc 1:39-45

LOS SANTOS Y OTRAS CELEBRACIONES

Domingo: Tercer Domingo de Adviento;
 Las Posadas comienzan
 Martes: Día Internacional del Emigrante
 Viernes: San Pedro Canisio; Invierno

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Los cristianos latinos tenemos unos cinco siglos en nuestra trayectoria de fe y como todo cristiano aguardamos la segunda venida del Mesías, Jesús. Nuestra espera forma parte de dos milenios de cristianos que buscan verlo llegar en las nubes.

Desde el siglo VII la oración oficial de la Iglesia clama el retorno de Cristo con las exclamaciones llamadas las “Antífonas Oh”. Estas llaman a Jesús pidiéndole que venga bajo los títulos de Emmanuel, Sabiduría celestial, Señor de gran poder, Vara de Isaías, Llave de David, Alba de la luz, y Deseo y Rey de gentes, y algunos más. Estos refranes se usan aún todavía hoy durante los días 17 al 23 de diciembre, y unidas en un acróstico latino forman las palabras *ero cras* (estaré mañana), como respuesta a la petición cristiana. Eventualmente en el siglo X o XI estas antífonas fueron unidas en el canto gregoriano *Veni, veni Emmanuel* (Oh ven, oh ven Emmanuel).

Este adviento mientras cantamos las antiguas antífonas hay que preguntarnos si de veras estamos listos para el regreso del Hijo del Hombre que viene para juzgar a vivos y muertos.

—Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

IMPRESIONABLE

La vida de un niño es como un pedazo de papel en el que cada transúnte deja una marca.

—Proverbio antiguo chino

TESTIMONIOS

Nuestras acciones son el mejor testimonio de nuestros pensamientos.

—Anónimo

Tercer Domingo de Adviento
16 de diciembre de 2018

El Señor sera el rey de Israel en medio de ti
 y ya no temerás ningún mal.

— *Sofonías 3:15b*



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT TERCER DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

Dec. 16, 2018

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday December 15th

- 5:30 pm § Health of Joshua Escalona
- § Health of Patsy Tinsley
- § Health of Dwight Reust
- § Health of Steven Grice
- ♥ In thanksgiving for being married by the Catholic church Naomi and Steven Grice (2nd Anniversary)
- § For the intentions of Judith Ogoh

Sunday December 16th

- 8:00 am § For our parish (Pro populi)
- 10:00 am † Claudia Reust by Rose Regalado Escalona
- † Lyon Hurtado by Silvia and Hurtado
- 12:00 pm § For the orphanages
- 2:30 pm § For singles mothers and widows

BREAKFAST THIS MORNING

Breakfast is being prepared and served by the Knights of Columbus. Breakfast is a great weekly fundraiser for our parish. Do not miss your chance to fellowship and enjoy a delicious breakfast!

THANK YOU - MUCHAS GRACIAS

A huge THANK YOU! to the Guadalupanas and all of the people who were involved in putting together the three day celebration for Our Lady of Guadalupe. We know what a huge effort it took to make this celebration so special. The love we have for Our Lady could be heard by the choir singing Las Mañaitas. The love for our lady was seen in the dedication in the dances performed by the Matachines dances and in everyone that came come to support this event. Great job EVERYONE! Also, thanks for the hot chocolate and pan dulce and all great food.



CHURCH HOLIDAY DECORATING

Thanks to everyone who were involved in decorating the church for Christmas. We appreciate your time, talents and services.

Just in case you hadn't noticedstop by and visit our beautiful nativity scene set up near the baptismal area inside the church and to the right.

PASTORAL/FINANCE COUNCIL MINUTES

Pastoral and finance council meeting minutes are available for you to read on the bulletin in the church's foyer. If you are in need or would like your own copy of the minutes, please stop by the office to get one.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Collection from Last Sunday	\$ 7,307.00
Second collection retired Clergy	\$ 1,585.00
Grupo Matrimonial Breakfast	\$ 1,184.00

Thank You for your generosity

CHRISTMAS TAMALES



The church will be having a tamale fundraiser on December the 21st just in time for CHRISTMAS! As we all know making tamales is a lot of work. We've taken care of the hard part all you have to do is purchase them in the Church hall on the 21st! Come get your tamales to share with family and

friends this holy season and feel good knowing that your purchase helped the church with some expenses. In advance as always we THANK YOU for your support and generosity. Remember they make great gifts to give away! **Come support the tamales fundraiser effort!**

CHRISTMAS LITURGY SCHEDULE

- Dec. - 24 @ 5:30 pm - Vigil Mass with Children's Christmas Pageant
- Dec. 24 @ 11:30 pm - arrolliamento of the Christ Jesus followed by Mass
- Dec. 25 @ Midnight - Mass
- Dec. 25 @ 10 am - Day Mass

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Anyone still interested or already participating in the Annual Christmas Pageant please attend meetings held in the church. Rehearsals are scheduled as follows: December 16th and 23rd at 4:00 pm .

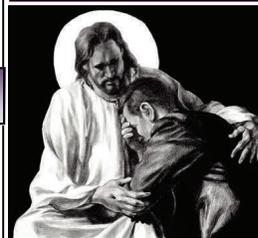
SECOND COLLECTION

The special collection today is our continued support to catholic education. Thank you for your generosity.

CHURCH OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Don't forget to pick up your whole year Sunday Offertory Envelopes if you wish to use them. Take your envelopes located in the foyer of the church.

ADVENT CONFESSIONS



Advent Confessions around the deanery:

- Dec. 18 - St. Mary in Mexia at 6 pm
- Dec. 19 - St. Jerome in Hewitt at 6:30 pm; St. John in Waco at 5:30 pm
- Dec. 20 - St. Mary in West at 6 pm

Marriage Annulments: Father is here to help you in your marriage annulment. It is highly confidential and feel confident to visit with father with your marriage situation. Do not delay. This year is the opportune time to handle your case. Call Father at your earliest convenience.

Sacred Heart is a parish family called to be a visible sign of Christ, formed by the Word of God, strengthened by the Eucharist and empowered to serve the needs of God's people.

THIS MAN IS YOU



That Man is you program for men continues; It is a very good program and we serve breakfast before the session and it is free of charge. The program harmonizes current social and medical science with the teachings of the Church and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of man fully alive! Join us this Thursday at the men's program "That Man is You" at 6:00 am to 7:15 am and breakfast will be waiting for you. And feel free to bring along a friend with you!

TMiy group will be taking a break. Sessions will resume January 10th 2019.

LADIES! - SAVE THE DATE

LADIES OF SACRED HEART.....Coming Tuesday, January 22, 2019, a 6 week study of Bishop Robert Barron's, "David The King."

Join us as Bishop Robert Barron helps us to understand this pivotal figure in light of the first king and "The King of Kings." All women are invited to attend, beginning January 22nd, 6pm in the Parish Hall.

NEW LITURGICAL YEAR

During this new Liturgical year why not involve in one of the different organizations of the church i.e. Apostolado, Guadalupano, Marriage Encounter, Prayer group, Knights of Columbus, Columbiettes, PCCW, church cleaner, CCE teacher or aide, kitchen or CCE cleaner, Adult Fellowship? Call the office for more information and registration.

Benefits of Church Organization Involvement

1. Friendships

Making and having friends that share the same beliefs and values help us all navigate this bizarre world we live in.

2. Opportunities to Make a Difference

These kinds of experiences reinforce the Christian call to love and help other people. When we know we make a difference for a cause it gives us hope for a better world.

3. Accountability

The world offers many distractions and contradictions to Christian beliefs so having a community of people to interact with who think the same way helps to reinforce and hold us accountable to biblical principles.

4. Sense of Community

Belonging to a church body provides interactions with other people and creates a social community.

5. Personal Development

As Christians we are all on a journey of personal, spiritual and ethical development. Whether we are new Christians or have been a Christian for a long time, a dynamic church like Sacred Heart Church can offer discipleship and spiritual development and growth.

6. Social Events

One of the many perks of being part of a church organization is the availability of social events and interactions with others. Whether it is participating in a bible-study, a baby shower, or the or a simple night pot-luck dinner get together – the opportunities are there to participate in church events with friends and other church members.

LAS POSADAS



GRUPO A

DATE	FAMILY AND ADDRESS	TIME
Dec. 16	Familia Maya – 1901 Park Ave. Waco, TX	6:00 PM
Dec. 17	Familia Garcia – 806 N. 57th St., Waco, TX	6:00 PM
Dec. 18	Familia Sanchez Muñoz – 3913 Rolando Ave., Waco	6:00 PM
Dec. 19	Familia Perez Salas – 122 HCR 3254	6:00 PM
Dec. 20	Familia Escobedo – 2121 Jane St., Waco, TX	6:00 PM
Dec. 21	Familia Monreal Guerrero – 515 S. 10th, Waco, TX	6:00 PM
Dec. 22	Monreal Barrientos – 235 Bluebonnett Ln. Lorena, TX	6:00 PM
Dec. 23	Familia Carbajal – 817 Falcon Dr. Woodway, TX	6:00 PM
Dec. 24	Familia Escareño – 2309 James Ave. Waco, TX	6:00 PM

GRUPO C

DATE	FAMILY AND ADDRESS	TIME
Dec. 16	Rita Ramirez – 2318 Trice Ave., Waco, TX	6:00 PM
Dec. 17	Carina Rodriguez – 1422 New Dallas, Bellmead, TX	6:00 PM
Dec. 18	Juana Barco – 3717 Memorial Drive, Waco, TX	6:00 PM
Dec. 19	Mari Campos – 1220 Dutton Ave. Waco, TX	6:00 PM
Dec. 20	Amelia Barco – 2520 Cleveland St. Waco, TX	6:00 PM
Dec. 21	Isabel Betancourt – 3609 Lasker St. Waco, TX	6:00 PM
Dec. 22	Basilia Barco – 2220 Gurley Ave., Waco, TX	6:00 PM
Dec. 23	Guadalupe Betancourt – 2502 Chilton	6:00 PM
Dec. 24	Maria Gomez – 2605 Cleveland, Waco, TX	6:00 PM

Bulletin No.: 515365

Sacred Heart Church

Contact: Maria Ochoa
Maria's cell(254)420-9081
(254)756-2656 Church

Software Using:
Publisher 2010
Adobe Acrobat X

Pages sent: 3

Transmission Time: Tuesdays, 2:20 pm

MESSAGES: