

Nativity of the Lord

"I proclaim to you good news of great joy: today a Savior is born for us, Christ the Lord." —Luke 2:10-11

In Remembrance

Saturday: December 24, 2016 - 7:00pm
Christmas Vigil

Saturday: December 24, 2016 - midnight
Para los fieles de la parroquia

Sunday: December 25, 2016 - 7:30am
Para los fieles de la parroquia

✠ **Lucia Ybarra Jones**

De parte de su familia

✠ **Encarnación R. Tudon, Jr. Thecla Tudon, Even Eloy y Rolando Tudon**

De parte de su familia

✠ **En acción de gracias a San Juan Pablo II**

De parte de Oralia Garza

✠ **Guadalupe Treviño Bayarena en su cumpleaños**

De parte de la familia

✠ **Maria Bayarena Morales en su cumpleaños**

De parte de la familia

✠ **Isidro Morales, Felix Morales, Jr. y Maria E. Peña**

De parte de la familia

✠ **Arnulfo DeLeon, Sr., Alfredo y Adela Torres**

De parte de Connie e Arnulfo DeLeon

Sunday: December 25, 2016 - 10:00am

✠ **Maria A. Garcia, Gilberto S. Garcia, Sr. and Larry G. Garcia**

As requested by the family

✠ **Larry Lopez**

As requested by Enriqueta Ramos and family

✠ **Lucia & Antonio Zuniga**

As requested by the Sanchez family

✠ **Ted Byington (5th anniversary)**

As requested by Dora Byington

✠ **Joel T. Garcia**

As requested by Deacon Butcho & Norma Garcia

✠ **San Juanita Gaytan (birthday remembrance)**

As requested by her family

✠ **Alonso Lopez, Sr. & Lydia C. DelMoral**

As requested by Al & Edna Lopez

Sunday: December 25, 2016 - Noon

✠ **Deacon Arturo Flores (7th anniversary)**

As requested by the Flores family

✠ **José Jesús Silbas**

As requested by Anilda H. Silbas & family

✠ **Soila Lozano**

As requested by Imelda Farias Garcia

✠ **Roman Mata**

As requested by Cindy Mata, Myra Mata, Tre Flynn Mata

✠ **Carlos Zapata on his anniversary**

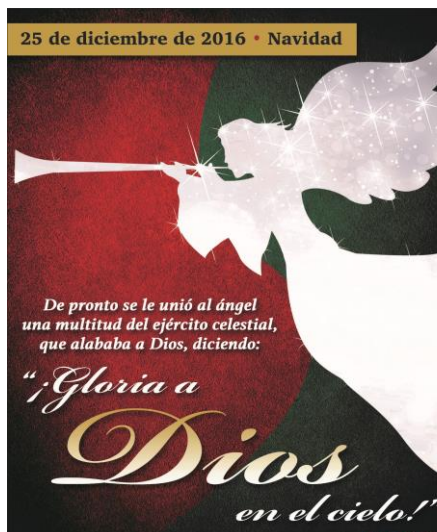
As requested by his family

✠ **Ramiro Ramirez (birthday remembrance)**

As requested by his family

✠ **Maria Irma Ramirez**

As requested by her family



Sunday: December 25, 2016 – Noon (cont'd)

✠ **Fr. Santan Pinto (5th anniversary)**

As requested by his family

✠ **Salvador Barrera, Sr. (46th anniversary)**

Christmas in heaven as requested by the family

✠ **Octavio G. Canales (3rd anniversary and birthday remembrance)**

Requested by his family

✠ **Filemon Phil Esquivel, Sr**

Requested by his family

✠ **Maria Rita Hinojosa on her anniversary**

As requested by her sons and daughters

✠ **Martin D. Hinojosa, Gaspar Hinojosa,**

Rodolfo S. Hinojosa

As requested by Ethan Daniel Esquivel & family

✠ **Soila H. Lozano**

As requested by Juan Lozano

✠ **Federico Reyna (birthday remembrance)**

As requested by his family

✠ **Lucia and Antonio Zuniga**

As requested by the Sanchez family

Monday: December 26, 2016 – 6:30am

Communion Service

Tuesday: December 27, 2016 – 6:30am

✠ **Ted Rosales en su aniversario**

De parte de su familia

✠ **David Rosales**

De parte de Sr. y Sra. Manuel Garcia, Jr.

✠ **Pedro Montalvo**

De parte de Sr. y Sra. Paul Gerragauch

Wednesday: December 28, 2016-6:30am

✠ **Francisco Gonzalez en su 34° aniversario**

De parte de su familia

✠ **Teresa Sanchez**

De parte de su familia

Thursday: December 29, 2016 –6:30am

Intention of the Celebrant

Friday: December 30, 2016 - 6:30am

✠ **Felix D. Rodriguez en su cumpleaños**

De parte de Estela y CD Stern Rodriguez

Friday: December 30, 2016 – 6:30am

Intention of the Celebrant

Saturday: December 31, 2016 – 5:30pm

No morning Mass

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

An old joke asks, "What time is Midnight Mass?" The answer is not really obvious, since Christmas is unique in having several distinct celebrations. The readings and prayers vary greatly from hour to hour. The Vigil Mass hinges on the family heritage of Jesus and his origins. The concept of "midnight" predates clock time, and really has to do with a celebration in the hours of darkness. Years ago, it was not possible to receive Communion without fasting for a full day, so the late hour of this Mass made it possible for the people to receive. The first Mass after sunrise, the Mass at Dawn, was once known as "The Shepherds' Mass," and later Masses set aside stories of Jesus' birth to focus on the key to the day's celebration: John the Evangelist's majestic theology of Christ's identity as the Word made flesh, dwelling among us. One feast, four separate Masses. Only monasteries manage the whole round. Parishioners typically take just one entry point into the mystery. Yet there is much to savor and celebrate in the coming of Christ into the world. Christmas is not a day, but a season. You still have two weeks to send those Christmas cards before you're officially late!
--James Field, © J.S. Paluch Co.

THE GIFT OF GOD'S WORD

On this day of gifts and gift-giving, it seems appropriate that we take a moment to reflect on the great gift of God's Word. Because it is creative, God's Word always points to its author, always calls us to respond. Because it is powerful, God's Word can link the sublime with the ridiculous, the transcendent with the immanent, the divine with the human. Because it is graceful, God's Word establishes a relationship of deep intimacy between us and God. At the heart of God's Word lies a tantalizing tension between the mysterious and the mundane. In our liturgical celebration, this unresolved tension both reveals the meaning of life for us and calls us to respond, to act upon that meaning. Once accepted and opened, the gift of God's Word is a gift that keeps on giving and keeps on calling us to give in return. It dares us to be like the gift-giver and to become gifts for others, not only at Christmas, but at every moment of life. © J.S. Paluch Co.

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For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.—Mathew 6:2

SACRIFICIAL OFFERING

Last Weekend Offering

Loose	\$ 2,231.84
Envelope	\$ <u>1,253.00</u>
Total	\$ 3,484.84

Your generosity is appreciated!



*Sanctuary Candle
donated in memory
of Arturo &
Alvaro Flores by
Flores Family*

We pray for the following who need healing: Roberto Ramos, Tana Torres, Maria Longoria, Matilde Mayorga, David O. Trevino, Lou Ann Reyes, Roy Chapa Jr., Vangie Longoria, Elva G. Rodriguez, Maria Nury Zapata, Edna Morales, Nilda G. Loera, America Crouse, Sarita Mendieta, Tina Munoz, Anita Carrillo, Alice Amaya, Olga Cruz, Renee Benavides Dixon, Maria Antonia Garcia & Domonique Damian, Angelita Rodriguez, Manuel & Urbana Garcia, Lela Guzman, Carmen Rios, Cissy Cortez, Rudy Galvan, Joey M. Rios, Alex Olivarez, Mary Castro, Angelica Barrera, Liza Vasquez, Nilsa Quintanilla, Marie Saldivar, Margot Lueken, Sara Obregon, Gerardo Alvarez, Irma Zamora, Serafin Rodriguez, Debbie Curiel, Andres Alaniz, Joe Garza, Refugio Rey, Armando Vargas, Petrolino Esquivel, Clarissa DeLaPaz, Marcus Alonzo Castilla, Annette Galvan Espinoza. We pray all whom are ill within in our parish and those whose names do not appear on this list but that are written on the heart of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

LEARNED AT HOME—The mind of Christ is to be learned in the family. Strength of character may be acquired at work but beauty of character is learned at home.

--Henry Drummond

Serve wholeheartedly as if you were serving the Lord --Ephesians 6:7

December 24th & 25th

Lectors:

7:00pm CCD Students
Midnight TBD
7:30am Irma Gonzales
10:00am CCD Students
Noon Arturo Pecos

Commentator:

7:00pm CCD Student
Midnight TBD
7:30am Irma Gonzales
10:00am CCD Student
Noon Arturo Pecos

Altar Servers

7:00pm Volunteers
Midnight Volunteers
7:30am Volunteers
10:00am Volunteers
Noon Volunteers

Extra-Ordinary Ministers

7:00pm Sisters
Midnight TBD
7:30am 1 Benita Sanchez, 2 Ilda Ruiz
10:00am Connie Herrera, Sister
Noon Ben Merino, Lucy Camarillo

Ushers/Hospitality

5:30pm Adolfo Silva
7:30am Mon Aguilar, Roque Loera, Frank Najera
10:00am Diana Ochoa, Eddie Ochoa & Youth
Noon Patsy Rios

December 31st & January 1st

Lectors:

5:30pm Margot Rosales, Carmela Alvarez
7:30am TBD
10:00am TBD
Noon TBD

Commentator:

5:30pm Margot Rosales
7:30am TBD
10:00am TBD
Noon TBD

Altar Servers

5:30pm Danielle, Debra, Bianca, Veronica
7:30am Christian, Diego
10:00am Trinity, Kyrie
Noon Emily, Aidan

Extra-Ordinary Ministers

5:30pm Mary Dol Delbosque, Mary Ann Colin
7:30am 1 Terry Avelar, 2 Carmela Alvarez
10:00am Sisters
Noon Ben Merino, Lucy Camarillo

Ushers/Hospitality

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**HOLY HOUR THURSDAYS AT
6:00PM IN THE CHAPEL**



**THE PARISH OFFICE AND RECTORY WILL BE CLOSED
MONDAY, DECEMBER 26. WE WILL RE-OPEN TUESDAY,
DECEMBER 27 AT 9:00AM.
WE WILL BE CLOSED AGAIN FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30 AND
MONDAY, JANUARY 2. WE WILL RE-OPEN TUESDAY,
JANUARY 3 AT 9:00AM**



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3-4, 6, 8, 16-17; Mt 10:17-22

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5 -- 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:36-40

Friday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Mass Schedule remains the same

Saturday, December 31 (New Year's Eve) 5:30pm (Spanish)

*Sunday, January 1 (New Year's Day) 7:30am (Spanish)
10:00am (English)
Noon (English)*

CCD NEWS

January 1 (New Year's Day)—No CCD Classes
Classes resume **Sunday, January 8**

**PARISH MARDI GRAS DINNER AND DANCE
COMING SOON**

CHRISTMAS IS STILL A FEW DAYS AWAY but preparations are underway for our annual dinner and dance celebration. This year, our event will take on a Mardi Gras theme.

When: Saturday, February 25, 2017, 6:30pm to midnight.

Where: Henrietta Memorial Center, 405 North 6th Street, Kingsville.

Mariachi Music and Dinner at 7:00pm, Featured entertainment by Patsy Torres.

Tickets \$40 per person. Pre-sale tickets can be purchased from Diana Ochoa 361-455-6618 or Ilda Ruiz 361-455-5719.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT ON CHRISTMAS

The story of Mary and Joseph looking for a place to stay in Bethlehem is rife with meaning. The inn-keepers of Bethlehem had no room for Mary and Joseph, even though Joseph probably told them that Mary was about to give birth. The moral sense of the story (how it applies to us) is a question we all must ask ourselves—"Do we have room in our heart for the Holy Family?" Or are we too busy with the affairs of this world to give Jesus, Mary and Joseph their proper due?

The fact that Jesus chose to be born in Bethlehem is very important. Bethlehem is the city where David was born, the second King of Israel. Jesus, the last King of Israel, by being born in Bethlehem, follows in David's footsteps as the royal heir to the Kingdom of God.

Bethlehem is a Jewish word that means "House of Bread." Jesus declared Himself to be the Bread of Life in John 6:35. When the Blessed Virgin Mary placed Jesus in a feeding trough (a manger) for sheep inside the stable, she gave us a foreshadowing of the Eucharist – the stable represents the church, the manger is the altar, and Jesus is the Eucharist, or the supernatural Bread of Life. We are His sheep who come to the altar on Sundays to commune with Him. –Catholicstand.com

