

**Christmas Eve & Christmas Day
Mass Schedule**



Christmas Eve Masses (Dec. 24th)

Christmas Carols: 8:00 PM
Christmas Eve Mass: 8:30 PM

Christmas Day Masses (Dec. 25th)

Mass in English: 8:00 AM
Mass in English: 10:30 AM
Mass in Spanish: 12:15 PM

Christmas Confession Schedule

Monday, December 18	6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Tuesday, December 19	8:30 AM – 9:30 AM 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM
Wednesday, December 20	8:30 AM – 9:30 AM 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Thursday, December 21	12:00 PM – 1:00 PM 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Friday, December 22	8:30 AM – 9:30 AM 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

St. John's Seniors Group

The St John's Seniors Group will meet **Tuesday, December 19th** at 10:00AM in the Parish Hall. The program portion of the meeting will begin at 11:00AM. This month will be our Christmas program. We will sing Christmas Carols and have door prizes. Also, there will be a gift exchange with a limit of \$10.00 per gift (participation is optional).

This is a good opportunity to get into the spirit of Christmas as well as socializing with friends. Please plan to attend.

Lunch will be covered dish; this will be our Christmas Lunch.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 16

4:00 PM †Wayne Kretler by Terry Kretler

Sunday, December 17

8:00 AM †David & †Louise Lopez by Jesse Lopez
10:30 AM †Jesus B. Torres by Children & Grandchildren
12:15 PM Pro Populo

Tuesday, December 19

8:00 AM Steve Miller by James & Melody Zimmer

Wednesday, December 20

8:00 AM †Nell Shadid by James & Melody Zimmer

Thursday, December 21

8:00 AM †Roberto Arce Lozano by Arce & Correa Families

Friday, December 22

8:00 AM For an end to abortion & a greater respect for Human Life at all stages by Sherry Goelden & Lucy Krouskop

Saturday, December 23

4:00 PM Pro Populo

Sunday, December 24

8:00 AM †Wilfred Kasper by Martha Kasper
10:30 AM †Alicia Morales by Maria Carmona & Family
12:15 PM †Alberta Contreras de Guel Int. de la Familia Guel
8:30 PM For the Parishioners (**Christmas Vigil**)

Monday, December 25 (Christmas Day)

8:00 AM Special Intention
10:30 AM Special Intention
12:15 PM Intención Especial

Anointing of the Sick



Because of the Privacy Act, hospitals and nursing homes are no longer able to provide a list of the Catholic patients/residents for the Churches use in order to visit and administer the Sacraments of Holy Communion or Anointing of the Sick. Therefore, I need your assistance when you have a family member who is hospitalized or in a nursing home. Please call Fr. Orosco at the Church Office at (972) 563-3643 so that I may be of assistance.

Prayer Requests



Richard Collier
 Richard Lozano Sr.
 Nona Hernandez
 Nancy Bardsley
 Curtis Rushing
 Paul Smith
 David Salinas
 Paul Gumler
 Olivia Nicole Yates
 Stanley Quist
 Sonia Rodriguez Cadena
 Brenda Larsen
 Carol Dossey
 Cindy Kinkaid
 Rosann Kinkaid
 Juan Cleto Castillo
 Patti Sikors Garrett
 Angel Gabriel Godinez
 Tomas Samuel Garcia
 Barbara Sikors Hendricks
 Myra Arrellano
 Ma. del Refugio Mendoza
 Marianne Marsden
 Maria Landaverde
 Casandra Lopez Ramirez
 Luisa Regina Ramirez Pérez
 Jovita De la Garza
 Leslie Erickson
 Judy Aloï
 Gayla Jackson
 Oscar Ramirez Robles
 Amie Voigt
 Maria Guillen
 Darlene Blankenship
 Bacilisa Garcia
 Vicki Stevens

Nick Morales, Sr.
 Lee Wilde
 James Dean
 Brenda Newburn
 Henry Taft
 Jesus Arteaga
 Jose Ivan Ramirez
 Mason Gumler
 Lois LaDay
 Joe Wages
 Ziggy
 Margaret Wages
 Sheila Wages
 Kevin Huggins
 Johnnie B. Malouf
 Pascual Meza
 Robert Repka, Sr.
 Michelle Elliott
 Crystal Sanchez
 JoAnn Martinez
 Warren Terry
 Elmer Marsden
 Odin Kizer
 Claire Taft
 Jackie Petricka
 Claudia Aronoff
 Efrain Valenzuela
 Colleen Eldred
 Shirley Taft
 Jose Aramil
 Bruce Leleux
 Jackie Hull
 Daniel Guillen
 Blaine Miller
 Consuelo Luna
 Bob Rowland

**Ministry Schedule for the Weekend of
 December 23/24**

Lectors:

Sat. 4:00pm Melody Zimmer/Karen Mathers
 Sun. 8:00am Lou Roberts
 Sun. 10:30am Shelilah Dean/Bill Bedrick

Extraordinary Ministers

Sat. 4:00pm Joyce Salisbury/Rick Salisbury/Argie Benavidez
 Sun. 8:00am Lou Roberts/Donna Roberts
 Melinda Sanchez/Paul Willy
 Sun. 10:30am Tammy Guerra Karie Hammond
 Bud McClure/Bill Bedrick

Ushers:

Sat. 4:00pm Michael Gumler*/Steve R./Sherry G./Paul M.
 Sun. 8:00am Conrado Aramil*/Robert B./Cindy K./Abby H.
 Sun. 10:30am Dennis Connolly*/Richard Jr./Steve H./Erik A.

This Week in our Parish

Sunday, December 17

9:15 AM R.E. classes

Monday, December 18

1:00 PM NO Crochet Ministry @ Casa St. John
 6:00-7:00 PM **Christmas Confessions**

Tuesday, December 19

8:00 AM Daily Mass
 8:30-9:30 AM **Christmas Confessions**
 10:00 AM Sr. Citizens meeting at Parish Hall
 12:00-1:00 PM **Christmas Confessions**
 6:30 PM R.E. classes

Wednesday, December 20

8:00 AM Daily Mass
 8:30-9:30 AM **Christmas Confessions**
 6:00-7:00 PM **Christmas Confessions**
 6:30 PM R.E. classes
 6:45 PM NO tendremos Hora Santa

Thursday, December 21

8:00 AM Daily Mass
 12:00-1:00 PM **Christmas Confessions**
 6:00-7:00 PM **Christmas Confessions**
 7:00 PM NO RCIA class

Friday, December 22

8:00 AM Daily Mass
 8:30-9:30 AM **Christmas Confessions**
 12:00-1:00 PM **Christmas Confessions**

Last Week's Collection

Last Week's Collection:	7,364.80
Diocesan Coll. (Retirement Fund for Religious):	389.00
Immaculate Conception:	796.18
FY' 17-18 Budgeted Average:	6,500.00
FY' 17-18 Average Sunday Coll. thru 11/30/17:	6,872.00
Attendance:	993

CCD NEWS

Calendar for December:

Sunday Classes: 17th (No classes on 24th & 31st)
Tuesday Classes: 19th (No classes on 26th)
Wednesday Classes: 20th (No classes on 27th)

Pursuant to Section 30.06, Penal Code (trespass by license holder with a concealed handgun), a person licensed under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code (handgun licensing law), may not enter this property with a concealed handgun.

Pursuant to Section 30.07, Penal Code (trespass by license holder with an openly carried handgun), a person licensed under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code (handgun licensing law), may not enter this property with a handgun that is carried openly.

Third Week of Advent



The Third Sunday of Advent offers us more of the promise. The words used by the **prophet Isaiah** to describe God's vindication are the ones Jesus points to as describing his own mission: "The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to announce a year of favor from the LORD and a day of vindication by our God."

We continue to focus on the first readings in this first part of Advent. From the Book of Numbers, we have the proclamation that "a star shall advance from Jacob..." Zephaniah is the prophet of impending doom, if the people don't abandon their idolatry. But this week we read about consoling healing, "on that day," when the Lord comes. Isaiah's message is full of promise: "Turn to me and be safe ... for I am God; there is no other!" God promises us, "with great tenderness I will take you back," and "My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples."

On Saturday, we reach the **December 17th** and in these last eight days of Advent the focus returns to the gospels with stories from Jesus' family in the time before he was born. In Matthew's genealogy, we see the ancestors of Jesus.

Daily Prayer This Week

This third week of Advent, begins with *Gaudete* (rejoice!) Sunday. Our daily prayer continues to allow us to become much more concrete about naming our desires and preparing the way for the Lord. We begin this week with joy, knowing that our celebration of all the ways our Lord comes to us is getting nearer.

In these familiar readings is an invitation to us to ask again for help, perhaps especially in dealing with our fears. On Tuesday we hear God's message to us Isaiah: "Fear not. You shall not be put to shame." Fear can stop us from asking God for the very help we need in our lives.

In the midst of what our culture tells us should be a picture-perfect holiday season, we can step back and get in touch with our fears and ask God to help us deal with the relationships we are afraid of, the family tensions that make us apprehensive and the stress that can take us out of the spirit of Advent reflection. If we pause for just a minute, we can feel in our hearts that Jesus is saying gently to us each day: "Do not be afraid."

These very busy days can still be a time for us to focus our desires, perhaps each morning at the side of our bed, while in the shower or while going about our daily errands. We can ask God to remind us again that what we are doing in our daily lives is touched by the sacred because God is present in even the most mundane tasks.

"Lord, let me place my trust in you. I get so independent and think I need to fix everything myself. Let me remember not to be afraid of so much and to ask you for the healing that my heart needs so badly. Give me the patience this week to deal with the relationships in my life that need mending and the forgiveness that I can give others and that I need so badly myself. Be with me through the darkness so that I can see the light that you bring to us and the joy with which you want to fill our hearts."

We are moving toward the end of our Advent journey. Even if we don't feel like we have "started" on Advent yet, we can begin today. We are being invited: "Do not be afraid!"



Horario de Misas de Vigilia y Navidad



Misa de Vigilia – 24 de diciembre:

Villancicos: 8:00 PM
Misa de Vigilia (Ingles): 8:30 PM

Misas Navideñas – 25 de diciembre:

Misa en Ingles: 8:00 AM
Misa en Ingles: 10:30 AM
Misa en Español: 12:15 PM

Horario de Confesiones Navideñas

Lunes, 18 de diciembre 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Martes, 19 de diciembre 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM
Miércoles, 20 de diciembre 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Jueves, 21 de diciembre 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Viernes, 22 de diciembre 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Unción de los Enfermos



Si usted o alguien que usted conozca está necesitado en recibir comunión o el Sacramento de la Unción de los Enfermos favor de llamar al Padre Orosco en la oficina de la Iglesia al número 972-563-3643.

Clases de Pre-Bautismales



Comenzando en el mes de enero y cada primer sábado de cada mes tendremos clases Pre-Bautismales a las 6:00pm. Para más información llamar a la oficina (972-563-3643).

**AUNQUE NO SOMOS LA LUZ,
PODEMOS SER TESTIGOS DE ELLA**

Cuando a Juan el Bautista le preguntaron acerca de su identidad, él “reconoció y no negó quien era”.

- Juan era “la voz que grita en el desierto: “Enderecen el camino del Señor”. Y no dejo de hacer lo que le tocaba: preparar a los demás para encontrarse con Jesús.
- En un mundo en el que coexisten el desarrollo tecnológico acelerado y el miedo por el terrorismo, la riqueza y la miseria extremas, la cultura de la muerte y la defensa de la vida, es necesario que, como Juan, anunciemos al Señor.

Seamos testigos de la luz.

LA DOCTRINA...

Calendario del Mes de Diciembre:

Clases de Domingo: 17 (No hay clases el 24 y 31)

Clases de los Martes: 19 (No hay clases el 26)

Clases de los Miércoles: 20 (No hay clases el 27)

