

First Sunday of Advent



An Advent Prayer

*Lord Jesus,
 you are the fulfillment
 of all time, the center of all history.
 We praise you for the
 wonder of your love.
 We thank you for
 your mercy and redemption.
 We bless you for your unfailing goodness.
 May we love you with all
 Our heart, soul, mind, and strength.
 We pray that you keep us
 awake and watchful.
 May we recognize your real presence
 in every moment of our lives.
 Transform our hearts from
 stone-blocked tombs
 into life-giving temples
 where we may find you,
 with the Blessed Virgin Mary,
 and live in your grace
 so that one day we may be with you
 forever in paradise.
 AMEN.*

First Friday in Honor of the Sacred Heart

We will have a Mass followed by Holy Hour on *Friday*, December 6th at 10:30am.



Mass Intentions



Saturday, November 30

4:00 PM †Joe Payne by Paula Payne

Sunday, December 1

8:00 AM †David Sr. & †Louis Lopez by Jesse Lopez

10:30 AM Pro Populo

12:15 PM †Evangalina Guzman Int. de sus Padres y Hermanos

Monday, December 2

8:00 AM Poor Souls in Purgatory by Dulce Robledo

Tuesday, December 3

8:00 AM David & Bobbie Goelden by Sherry Goelden

Wednesday, December 4

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

Friday, December 6 (First Friday)

10:30 AM In Honor of the Sacred Heart

Saturday, December 7

4:00 PM Suzy & Marvin McCook by Frank & Elaine Kasper

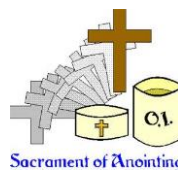
Sunday, December 8

8:00 AM Pro Populo

10:30 AM †Jesus B. Torres by Children & Grandchildren

12:15 PM †Maria Quezada Int. de la Familia Mendoza

Anointing of the Sick



Sacrament of Anointing

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.



When: Saturday, December 7th

Place: Parish Hall

Time: 12 Noon – 2:00 PM

Donations are needed: cookies, cookie décor, frosting, glue dots, sprinkles, or Wal-Mart gift cards.

The Week Ahead



Sunday, December 1

9:15 AM NO R.E. classes

Monday, December 2

8:00 AM Daily Mass
 1:00 PM Crochet Ministry @ Casa St. John
 7:00 PM Grupo de Oración @ Casa St. John

Tuesday, December 3

8:00 AM Daily Mass
 6:30 PM R.E. classes

Wednesday, December 4

8:00 AM Daily Mass
 6:30 PM R.E. classes

Thursday, December 5

7:00 PM RCIA class @ Casa St. John (801 House)

Friday, December 6

10:30 AM Mass
 11:00 AM Holy Hour
 6:30 PM Confessions

Saturday, December 7

12:00 PM Lunch with Santa @ Parish Hall
 6:00 PM Platicas Bíblicas para adultos en la Casa San Juan

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| Joe Wages | Nick Morales, Sr. |
| Rosann Kinkaid | Barbara Meshell |
| Maria Landaverde | Wayne Meshell |
| Jovita de la Garza | Elmer Marsden |
| Becca Elliott | Mike Ecklund |
| Bob Rowland | Colleen Eldred |
| Judy Aloï | Mike Gonzales |
| Bernardino Miranda de Jesus | Doug Flatt |
| Claire Taft | Laura Westbrook |
| Brenda Newburn | Gisel Hancock |
| Blaine Miller | Isaise Belmarez |
| Richard Lyon | Kenneth Elliott |
| Bobbie Goelden | Ricardo Valdez |
| Joe Guerra | Lucio Carmona |
| Warren Terry | Ma.Candelaria Rangel |
| Pat Trausch | George Lawshe |
| Marvin McCook | Jean Thompson |
| Helen Schroeder | Dominic Sanchez Sr. |
| Sherry Boyd | Alan |
| Janette Church | Rogelio Garcia |
| Sheila Acciardo | Emily Castillo |
| Lillian S. De la Cruz | Natalie Marie Vega |
| Prisma D. Peralta | Blanche Rizkal |
| Paul Rittmuller | Perez Family |
| Gilbert Arteaga | Nancy Diaz |
| Randy Boyd & Family | Juan Ramirez |
| Daniel Guillen | Marisela Vargas |
| Bunny Moreno | Kasey King |
| Yvonne Ruiz Hughes | Susie Connolly |
| Cody Wilcoxson | Frances LaPoint |
| Judy Mason | Adan Reyes |
| James Zimmer Jr. | |

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.



Reporting Abuse:

If you believe that you, or someone you know, is a victim of past or present abuse or sexual abuse, please notify law enforcement. In the event the abuse involves a minor, please also contact the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services through the Texas Abuse Hotline at 1-800-252-5400 or www.txabuseshotline.org. Finally, if the abuse involves a member of the clergy, a parish employee, or diocesan employee, please also notify the Diocese of Dallas Victims Assistance Coordinator, Barbara Landregan, at 214-379-2812 or blandregan@cathdal.org

Ministry Schedule for the Weekend of December 7/8

- Lectors:**
- Sat. 4:00pm Cathy Burton/Debbie Patterson
 - Sun. 8:00am Gerald Garcia
 - Sun. 10:30am Bud McClure/Tammy Guerra

- Extraordinary Ministers:**
- Sat. 4:00pm Melody Zimmer
 - Sun. 8:00am Robin Truett/Chris Probst/Dan Probst
 - Sun. 10:30am Karie Hammond/Tammy Guerra

- Ushers:**
- Sat. 4:00pm Debbie Patterson*/Michael G./Chris D./Paul M.
 - Sun. 8:00am Cindy Kelley*/David B./Conrado A./Abby H.
 - Sun. 10:30am Richard Jr.*/Dennis C./Erik A./Volunteer



December Calendar:

Sunday classes: 8, 15
Tuesday classes: 3, 10, 17
Wednesday classes: 4, 11, 18

NO CLASSES ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

Sunday classes: 1, 22, 29
Tuesday classes: 24, 31
Wednesday classes: 25

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7 – LUNCH WITH SANTA

January Calendar:

Sunday classes: 12, 26
Tuesday classes: 7, 14, 21, 28
Wednesday classes: 8, 15, 22, 29

NO CLASSES ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

Sunday classes: 5, 19
Tuesday classes: -
Wednesday classes: 1



High School Youth Group Fundraiser

Just in time for Advent, we have a special CD that includes inspirational music and talks designed to guide you through Advent. For a donation, each family may have a CD (a \$5 value). 100% of the donations will go to the Youth Group Fund to support the Youth Ministry program including DCYC, High School Retreat and other future events. This will take place after Masses the weekend of November 23 and 30. (CDs are first come first serve)

Please check out the church Facebook site.
www.facebook.com/stjohnterrell

We also have a dedicated group on Facebook for teens and parents. Look up:
St. John The Apostle Catholic Youth Group

On Instagram:
www.instagram.com/stjohnterrellhsyouth

All teens age 14 to 18 are always welcome. Even if you are in High school confirmation, you are welcome to join us for any meeting or activity.

First Week of Advent

The **First Sunday of Advent** begins a new liturgical year and the beginning of a season filled with the riches of our scripture readings. For the next few weeks, as we focus on **Isaiah**, we read of the promise of peace offered to the people of God: “They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks.” **Matthew's gospel** is the story of Noah and a caution from Jesus to prepare “for an hour you do not expect.”



Tuesday Memorial of the great Jesuit missionary, **Saint Francis Xavier, S.J.** In the US, Saturday is the **Memorial of Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**, while the rest of the world celebrates the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. In the US, it will be celebrated on the following Monday, December 9.

Unlike most of the liturgical year, the focus during the first part of Advent is on the first readings, this week from **the Prophet Isaiah**. These readings are about promises. Isaiah is consoling, building up and preparing his people to have hope. “One nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again.” He promises “luster and glory” for the people: “and the fruit of the earth will be honor and splendor for the survivors of Israel.” Even though the family lines of King David and his father, Jesse, are almost wiped out, Isaiah proclaims hope: “On that day, a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom.” The prophet tells of feasting and security: “On this mountain the LORD of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines, juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines” and “A strong city have we; he sets up walls and ramparts to protect us.” Even Jesus' own statement about his mission is seen in the powerful images Isaiah uses to give us courage and hope: “On that day the deaf shall hear ... the eyes of the blind shall see ... the lowly will ever find joy in the LORD ...” “On the day the LORD binds up the wounds of his people.”

The gospels for these weeks are chosen from several gospels. They are meant to match the first readings and to show the promises are fulfilled in Jesus. Jesus brings healing. He raises up the childlike. And Jesus calls and sends the twelve apostles to continue his ministry.

‘TAMBIEN USTEDES ESTEN PREPARADOS’



El Adviento es el tiempo litúrgico en el que la Iglesia nos recuerda de una manera especial que el Señor volverá “con gran poder y majestad”, y que tenemos que estar listos para recibirlo.

Repitamos con frecuencia: “¡Ven, Señor Jesús!”

**Trabajemos para que
Cristo nos encuentre preparados
a su retorno.**

Primer Viernes en Honor del Sagrado Corazón

Tendremos Misa el viernes, 6 de diciembre a las 10:30am y enseguida la Hora Santa.



Platicas Bíblicas

Cada sábado tenemos Platicas Bíblicas para adultos a las 6:00pm en la Casa San Juan (801 N. Frances).



Clase de Pre-Bautismales

NO TENDREMOS CLASES DE PRE-BAUTISMALES EN EL MES DE ENERO. Las próximas clases serán el 15 de febrero, 21 de marzo y el 18 de abril en el Salón Parroquial a las 6:00pm. Favor de llamar a la oficina (972-563-3643) para más información.



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.



Tendremos la Misa en Honor de la Virgen de Guadalupe el miércoles, 11 de diciembre a las 11:00pm. Después de la Misa tendremos las mañanitas con el Mariachi.

También tendremos Misa el miércoles, 12 de diciembre a las 7:00pm en Honor de Ntra. Sra. de Guadalupe. ¡Acompañenos!



Calendario de Diciembre

Las clases de domingos: 8, 15
Las clases de martes: 3, 10, 17
Las clases de miércoles: 4, 11, 18

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Las clases de martes: -
Las clases de miércoles: 1

Almuerzo con Santa



Fecha: Próximo sábado, 7 de diciembre
Lugar: Salón Parroquial
Horario: 12 Medio día – 2:00 PM

¡Todos los niños están invitados!