

Second Sunday of Advent Prayer

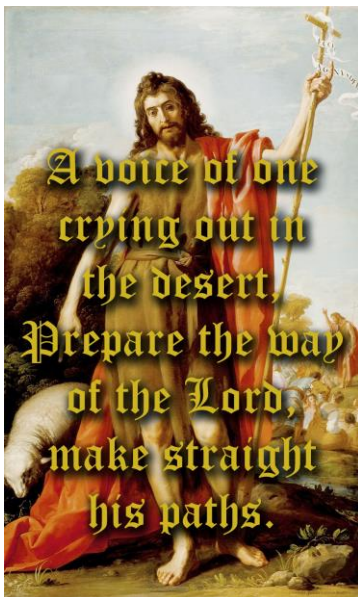


Jesus, as we prepare to welcome
you again this Christmas,
speak your words into our hearts and lives,
that by our preparation for your birth,
we might proclaim what still
needs to be made ready if our world
is to become more like your Kingdom.
Soften our hearts, calm our fears,
and give us courage to proclaim
your coming in our broken world.

Knights of Columbus



The Knights of Columbus will meet *Thursday, December 12th* at 7:00pm in the parish Hall.



Mass Intentions



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

Monday, December 9

8:00 AM In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday, December 11

11:00 PM En Honor de Ntra. Sra. de Guadalupe

Thursday, December 12

7:00 PM En Honor de Ntra. Sra. de Guadalupe

Saturday, December 14

4:00 PM †Wayne M. Kretler by Terry Kretler

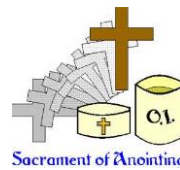
Sunday, December 15

8:00 AM Bella Sanchez by Paul & Karen Mathers

10:30 AM Pro Populo

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

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.

From the Pastor

We will not have daily Mass on Tuesday, December 10th and Wednesday, December 11th.

The Week Ahead



Sunday, December 8

9:15 AM R.E. classes

Monday, December 9

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

Tuesday, December 10

8:00 AM NO Daily Mass
 6:30 PM R.E. classes

Wednesday, December 11

8:00 AM NO Daily Mass
 6:30 PM R.E. classes
 11:00 PM Misa

Thursday, December 12

7:00 PM RCIA class @ Casa St. John (801 House)
 7:00 PM Knights of Columbus meeting @ Parish Hall
 7:00 PM Misa

Friday, December 13

6:30 PM Confessions

Saturday, December 14

6:00 PM Platicas Bíblicas para adultos en la Casa San Juan

Joe Wages
 Rosann Kinkaid
 Maria Landaverde
 Jovita de la Garza
 Becca Elliott
 Bob Rowland
 Judy Aloï
 James Zimmer Jr.
 Claire Taft
 Brenda Newburn
 Blaine Miller
 Richard Lyon
 Bobbie Goelden
 Joe Guerra
 Warren Terry
 Pat Trausch
 Adam Reyes
 Helen Schroeder
 Sherry Boyd
 Janette Church
 Sheila Acciaro
 Lillian S. De la Cruz
 Prisma D. Peralta
 Paul Rittmuller
 Gilbert Arteaga
 Randy Boyd & Family
 Daniel Guillen
 Bunny Moreno
 Yvonne Ruiz Hughes
 Cody Wilcoxson
 Judy Mason

Nick Morales, Sr.
 Barbara Meshell
 Wayne Meshell
 Elmer Marsden
 Mike Ecklund
 Colleen Eldred
 Mike Gonzales
 Doug Flatt
 Laura Westbrook
 Gisel Hancock
 Isaise Belmarez
 Kenneth Elliott
 Ricardo Valdez
 Lucio Carmona
 Ma.Candelaria Rangel
 George Lawshe
 Jean Thompson
 Dominic Sanchez Sr.
 Alan
 Rogelio Garcia
 Emily Castillo
 Natalie Marie Vega
 Blanche Rizkal
 Perez Family
 Nancy Diaz
 Juan Ramirez
 Marisela Vargas
 Kasey King
 Susie Connolly
 Frances LaPoint

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.txabus hotline.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 14/15

Lectors:
 Sat. 4:00pm Suzy McCook/Cathy Burton
 Sun. 8:00am Linda Faulkner-Johnston
 Sun. 10:30am Bill Bedrick/Karie Hammond

Extraordinary Ministers:
 Sat. 4:00pm Michael Gumler
 Sun. 8:00am Mary Pat Samuel/Paul Willy/Marianne Marsden
 Sun. 10:30am Dave Vasterling/Bill Bedrick

Ushers:
 Sat. 4:00pm Steve Ray*/Paul M./Sherry G./Suzy M.
 Sun. 8:00am David Bendele*/Cindy K./Robert B./Rachel H.
 Sun. 10:30am Dennis Connolly*/Richard Jr./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



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.

Second Week of Advent

In the **Second Sunday of Advent** we hear **Isaiah** write of peace and prosperity that will come when the “root of Jesse” blossoms. “Then the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them.” **Matthew's Gospel** brings us the famous Advent reading of John the Baptist serving as a voice of one crying out in the desert, “Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.”



Monday the US celebrates the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary** with its own special readings. Thursday the US and many parts of the Americas celebrate the **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**.

We focus on the first readings from the Prophet **Isaiah** this week. With the Babylonian Captivity, the temple was destroyed, the leaders of the people were taken away to Babylon and a remnant was left behind. A life-threatening desert separated the people. In this context, Isaiah proclaims God's vindication of the people in exile. The desert will be reborn. A highway will bring their liberation. And the signs will be that there is healing and peace. “Comfort, give comfort to my people,” says the Lord. The valleys will be filled in, the mountains leveled - every obstacle will be overcome - to build a highway for our God to come and save us. The people can hardly believe the good news. They are weak and weary of their captivity. Isaiah proclaims, “They that hope in the LORD will renew their strength, they will soar as with eagles' wings.” He offers support: “I am the LORD, your God, who grasp your right hand; It is I who say to you, 'Fear not, I will help you.'” The people have been at a distance from the Lord for some time and were not obeying the commandments. The Lord says, “I, the LORD, your God, teach you what is for your good, and lead you on the way you should go.” The final first reading this week is a piece from the book of **Sirach** in which the prophet Elijah is praised. Elijah, who was destined to come again to restore order before the day of the Lord, is seen in the reading from **Matthew's Gospel** to be John the Baptist.

The gospels this week, taken from various evangelists, show Jesus as the fulfillment of the liberation promised. Jesus heals the paralytic. He tends to the lost sheep of his flock. He comforts us who labor and are burdened. Jesus teaches a true wisdom.

Last Week's Collection

Last Week's Collection:	\$7,656.69
2nd Coll. (Parish Improvement Fund):	4,769.20
FY' 19-20 Budgeted Average:	6,500.00
FY' 19-20 Average Sunday Coll. thru 11/30/19:	6,950.87
Candles:	97.75
Attendance:	1,030

ADVENT

WORDSEARCH

MARY ANGEL JESUS ADVENT
CANDLE REJOICE SAVIOUR
EMMANUEL GOODNEWS ISRAEL
JOSEPH PURPLE WREATH BELIEVE

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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. ¡Acompáñenos!

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.



Calendario de Diciembre

Las clases de domingos:	8, 15
Las clases de martes:	3, 10, 17
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Las clases de miércoles:	1

SEAMOS TRIGO DE DIOS



En este segundo domingo de Adviento, el Señor nos llama de nuevo para que demos el fruto que él espera de nosotros; es más, que seamos ese fruto representado por el trigo.

- Con el trigo se puede hacer un rico y nutritivo pan, que es “fruto de la tierra y del trabajo del hombre”.
- De manera semejante, Dios quiere hacer de nosotros personas de bien que lleven una vida que valga la pena, de acuerdo con nuestra dignidad de hijos de Dios, siguiendo los ejemplos de Cristo y de los santos.
- El trigo se guarda un granero, que es el lugar adecuado para resguardarlo en buen estado.
- De igual modo, el lugar propio para los hijos de Dios será vivir eternamente con nuestro Padre en el cielo, donde ya no habrá hambre ni dolor, y se experimentará el gozo sin fin.

Si somos trigo de Dios, encontraremos la felicidad verdadera.