



The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated on **Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**. The Mass schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>:                   12:05 PM [English]  
  6:30 PM [Spanish]

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### Advent Prayer for Second Sunday of Advent



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.  
Amen.



### Mass Intentions for the Week

#### **Saturday, December 5**

4:00 PM     †Helen Conway – In Memory by Paula Payne

#### **Sunday, December 6**

8:00 AM     †Burl & †Billie Repka by Linda Towns

10:30 AM    †Sylvia Lozano by Mom & Family

12:15 PM     Pro Populo

#### **Tuesday, December 8 (Immaculate Conception)**

12:05 PM     In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:30 PM     En Honor de la Virgen María

#### **Wednesday, December 9**

8:30 AM     For an end to abortion & a greater respect for Human Life at all Stages by Sherry Goelden & Lucy Krouskop

#### **Thursday, December 10**

8:30 AM     Poor Souls by Dulce Robles

#### **Friday, December 11**

8:30 AM     In Thanksgiving for our Children and Grandchildren by Jimmy & Melody Blasingame

#### **Saturday, December 12**

4:00 PM     †Enrique Gutierrez by Wife & Children

#### **Sunday, December 13**

8:00 AM     Bella Sanchez by Karen & Paul Mathers

10:30 AM    Pro Populo

12:15 PM    †Linda Inguanco Int. de la Familia Reyes

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### Thought for the Week

A lot of trouble about prayer would disappear if only we realized—*really realized*—that we go to pray not because we love prayers, but because we love God.

DOM HUBERT VAN ZELLER



## Prayer Requests

Joe Wages	Nick Morales, Sr.
Rosann Kinkaid	Barbara Meshell
Maria Landaverde	Wayne Meshell
Becca Elliott	Judy Aloï
Mike Gonzales	Nancy Bardsley
Richard Lyon	Kenneth Elliott
Warren Terry	George Lawshe
Frances LaPoint	Maria Carmona
Juan Ramirez	Susie Connolly
Michael Gutierrez	Cyndy Vargas
Clarence Gattenby	Ernestina Bueno
Nancy Diaz	Alice Diaz
Whitney Willis	Michelle Hass
Teresa Valenzuela	Bob Rowland
Sheila Wilson	Ma Candelaria
Jovita De la Garza	Stephen LaPoint
Anthony Henderson	Bobbie Goelden
Felipe Caballero	Blanche Rizkal
Joseph Ellis	Dulce Robles
Esther Luna	Eliberto Meza
Treva Vogl	Debbie Hager
Laura K.	Ellen S.
Kris & Leah Stone	Alix Hager
Sergio Roman	

### 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.txabusehotline.org](http://www.txabusehotline.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](mailto:blandregan@cathdal.org)



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### Weekend Collection of November 22, 2020

Regular Collection:	3,190.92
Diocesan Coll. (Cath. Campaign for Human Dev.):	154.00
Blue Pay:	330.00

### Last Weekend Collection: November 29, 2020

Regular Collection:	8,439.00
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### Lectors Schedule for December 12/13

#### Saturday:

4:00 PM Karen Mathers

#### Sunday:

8:00 AM Gerald Garcia

10:30 AM Cynthia Rosales



Second Sunday of Advent: the “**Candle of Peace**,” or “**Preparation**,” or in still other traditions the “**Candle of Love**” candle is lighted, scripture is read, a devotional may be given, and prayer is offered.

Preparation means to ‘get ready’. “Help us to be ready to welcome You, O God!” (Luke 3:4-6)

Second Week of Advent



In the **Second Sunday of Advent** we hear Isaiah write of a voice that cries out in the wilderness, "Prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!" These lines from the prophet are repeated in the **Mark's Gospel** as we are introduced to John the Baptist who prepares the way for Jesus. John says, "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

December 12th is the Feast- of Our Lady of Guadalupe, in the U.S.

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." The people have been at a distance from the Lord for some time and were not obeying the commandments. The Lord says, "I am the LORD, your God, who grasp your right hand; It is I who say to you, 'Fear not, I will help you.'" God promises them that if they follow his teachings, "Your descendants would be like the sand... their name never cut off or blotted out from my presence." 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.

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Daily Prayer This Week

Finding intimacy with God in the midst of our busy lives begins with getting in touch with our own desires. Advent is a wonderful time to ask myself, "What am I looking for? What do I desire? What longing can I recognize in my heart?" The answers to those questions will be our best guide for daily prayer. The readings this week offer some ways to talk with the Lord about our desires.

We can begin by trying to get in touch with a part of my heart that is divided, perhaps with a desert separating the two parts. For example, is there a disconnect between my primary commitments and the amount of time and attention that I give to them? Is there a distance between who I say I am, and who I actually am? Do I experience something missing between what I believe and how I live those beliefs? We all have these contradictions and inconsistencies within us. These are the places into which we can let our Advent desiring grow. This week, we can imagine the prophet saying, "there will be a path between what is separate or divided or at a distance in your life!" "What is desert, barren, dry, life-less in you will come to life!" "You will find freedom and comfort, where you have been finding yourself in a captivity to pattern and routine, where you have felt weak and weary." "Learn from the Lord and learn real wisdom."

When one or more of these desires really strikes a chord in our hearts, Advent begins for us. Each morning this week, we can turn to our God, when we first wake up, while in the shower or getting dressed, and simply ask: "Come, Lord. Come into this place, into this embarrassing place of need in my life." We may be able to be specific and ask, "Please, Lord, come and be with me and bring life and hope into my morning as I face this meeting." As we go to work or do laundry or go shopping, or head home from work, we might ask even more specifically for the grace to love - to take the liberating journey across the desert and let the Lord bring us home to a place of comfort, healing and peace.

Advent is about our coming to a felt sense of our need for a Savior and letting our Savior into our hearts to save us. Advent comes alive for us as we identify our desires and let them be expressed as longing and expectant hope. Into this space our Lord comes with good news, healing and a peace the world can't give. As we taste our desires and longing grow, we can give thanks each evening before we go to bed, to acknowledge we are being given a great grace of a growing intimacy with our God, right in the mist of our very busy days.

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**Oración a la Inmaculada Concepción  
de la Santísima Virgen María**



Bendita sea tu pureza  
y eternamente lo sea,  
pues todo un Dios se recrea  
en tan graciosa belleza.  
A ti, celestial Princesa,  
Virgen Sagrada María,  
te ofrezco en este día  
Alma, vida y corazón.  
¡Mírame con compasión!  
¡No me dejes,  
¡Madre mía!



*La Misa para la Inmaculada Concepción de la Virgen María será celebrada el martes, 8 de diciembre a las 6:30pm en español.*

**Virgen de Guadalupe**

No nos vamos a reunir en la Iglesia para la Misa y mañanitas en honor de la Virgen de Guadalupe el sábado 12 de diciembre por razones del aumento del coronavirus. La Capilla estará abierta todo el día para que vengan ustedes a saludar a la Virgen. Podrán traer arreglos de flores pero les pidamos que se lleven las flores a sus casas. Podrán arreglar un altarcito en honor de la Virgen y poner sus flores allí.



**“PREPAREN EL CAMINO DEL SEÑOR,  
ENDERECEN SUS SENDEROS”**



Juan el Bautista preparó el camino para Jesús. Eso ocurrió cuando nuestro Señor se iba a manifestar al pueblo de Israel para cumplir las promesas de salvación que hizo por medio de sus santos profetas.

- Juan predicaba “un bautismo de conversión, para el perdón de los pecados”, y hoy, en este Tiempo de Adviento, Dios también nos invita a arrepentirnos de nuestros pecados, pues “no quiere que nadie perezca, sino que todos se arrepientan”. Tenemos que vivir de verdad como bautizados, porque él, por su parte, cumplirá con sus promesas.

**“...nosotros confiamos en la  
promesa del Señor  
y esperamos un cielo nuevo  
y una tierra nueva,  
en que habite la justicia”.**

**Clases Pre-Bautismales**



**ANOTEN:** Tendremos clases Pre-Bautismales en el mes de febrero 2021.

**Reportar abuso:**

Primero, notifique a la policía local. Segundo notificar al Departamento de servicios familiares y de protección de Texas a través de la línea directa de abuso de Texas (1-800-252-5400 o [www.texasabusehotline.org](http://www.texasabusehotline.org)) finalmente, si la acusación involucra a un miembro del clero o a un empleado de una parroquia o de la diócesis, por favor notifique la Coordinadora de asistencia a víctimas de la diócesis de Dallas, Barbara Landregan al 214-379-2812.