

WISHING YOU A VERY BLESSED CHRISTMAS

It will be my privilege to remember you and your loved ones at all the Masses which I will celebrate on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Fr. James P. Orosco

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Mass Schedule



Christmas Eve Masses (Dec. 24th)

Mass in English:	4:00 PM
Mass in English:	6:00 PM
Mass in English:	8:00 PM

Christmas Day Masses (Dec. 25th)

Mass in English:	9:30 AM	
Mass in Spanish:	11:15 AM	

Christmas Confessions Schedule

Monday, December 21st:	6:30 PM ~ 7:30 PM
Tuesday, December 22 nd :	9:00 AM ~ 10:00 AM 6:30 PM ~ 7:30 PM

Wednesday, December 23rd: 10:00 AM ~ 11:00 AM



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 19

4:00 PM Pro Populo

Sunday, December 20

8:00 AM †Dolores Gonzales by Josie Lopez

10:30 AM †Alicia Morales by Maria Carmona &

Family

12:15 PM †Roberto Arce Lozano Int. de la Familia

Correa-Arce

Tuesday, December 22

8:30 AM For an end to abortion and a greater

respect for Human Life at all Stages by Sherry Goelden & Lucy Krouskop

Wednesday, December 23

NO MASS

Thursday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)

4:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass 6:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass 8:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass

Friday, December 25 (Christmas Day)

9:30 AM Christmas Day Mass 11:15 AM Misa de Navidad

Saturday, December 26

4:00 PM †Joan Bohl by Lucy Krouskop

Sunday, December 27

8:00 AM †Wilfred Kasper by Martha Kasper

10:30 AM Pro Populo

12:15 PM †Raul Diaz Sifuentes Int. de la Familia

Diaz



The Church offices will be closed at noon on Wednesday, December 23rd, all day on Thursday, December 24th, Friday, December 25th and Monday, December 28th in observance of the Christmas holidays.

NOTICE

Starting in January 2021 we will start a new Prayer list. If you wish to keep your love one(s) on the list, please call Norma at the Church office (972-563-3643).



Joe Wages Nick Morales, Sr. Rosann Kinkaid Barbara Meshell Maria Landaverde Wayne Meshell Judy Aloi Becca Elliott Nancy Bardsley Mike Gonzales Kenneth Elliott Richard Lyon Warren Terry George Lawshe Frances LaPoint Maria Carmona Juan Ramirez Susie Connolly Michael Gutierrez Cyndy Vargas Ernestina Bueno Clarence Gattenby Nancy Diaz Alice Diaz Whitney Willis Michelle Hass Teresa Valenzuela **Bob Rowland** Sheila Wilson Ma Candelaria Jovita De la Garza Stephen LaPoint Bobbie Goelden Anthony Henderson 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 Janie Garcia Cynthia Leal Jesse Leal

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Lectors Schedule

Christmas Eve (December 24)

4:00 PMCathy Burton6:00 PMMelody Zimmer8:00 PMKarie Hammond

Christmas Day (December 25)

9:30 AM Karen Mathers

December 26/27

Saturday:

4:00 PM Cathy Burton

Sunday:

8:00 AM Linda Faulkner-Johnston

10:30 AM Shelilah Dean



Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas Week



On the **Fourth Sunday of Advent**, we read **Luke's Gospel** of the Annunciation, the moment when a troubled Mary is told she has found favor with God and she will conceive and bear a son. She questions: "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?" Then declaring herself the handmaiden of the Lord, she accepts: "May it be done to me according to your word."

This week we hear from the Song of Songs and Hannah's prayer and of Mary's visit to Elizabeth and her song. We read from Malachai of the fortelling of John's birth, and his birth story in Luke. David promises to build a temple and Zacharia's song prepare us for Christmas.

Friday is Christmas Day this year. The first celebration of The Nativity of the Lord is the Mass at Midnight. The first reading is from Isaiah: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone." This powerful reading deserves a slow contemplation. The Gospel is from Luke: the journey to Bethlehem, the birth, the angels announce the birth to the shepherds. The second celebration of The Nativity of the Lord is the Mass at Dawn. The Gospel is from Luke: the shepherds visit the newborn child. "And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." The third celebration of The Nativity of the Lord is the Mass during the Day. Here the Gospel is from the beginning of John's Gospel: "And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth."

Then, the church celebrates three very important feasts after Christmas. We celebrate the **Feast of Saint Stephen**, the first public witness who gave his life for his faith. Then we celebrate the **Feast of Saint John**, **Apostle and evangelist**. And we encounter the moving **Feast of the Holy Innocents**, remembering the infant martyrs of Herod's jealous rage.

Daily Prayer This Week

This is the transitioning week of Advent when we hear the preparations for his coming to us. Christmas is upon us. It can be difficult to stay focused on Christmas eve and Christmas day - even though the mystery before us is so powerful. We can wake each morning with a brief prayer to remind ourselves that Our Lord came in history - for me. We can remind ourselves of our Advent prayers that he come to us now. The nativity stories can remind us of how he comes, in poverty, in rejection, into the lowliest of places, so that I'll believe now, this year, that he can and desires to come into my place, my heart, my life. It is a time of deep gratitude, no matter how busy we are with many things.

The feasts take us into parts of Jesus' public life, almost completely passing over the hidden life years. It helps to recognize this and let ourselves enter this part of the mystery of the Incarnation. We are living in the flesh each day of our lives. He came to enter this life and be with us in it. After Christmas, we have a few days to let the blessings of Christmas settle in.

Each one of us can begin our post-Christmas time by staying in touch with ourselves in the flesh - as people touched by Jesus' coming. We can turn to our Lord throughout each day and have real conversations with our Savior. Over the kitchen sink, by the dishwasher, in front of the washing machine. While going to work, walking, going to a meeting, returning from one.

During our preparation for Christmas, we were asking the Lord to open our hearts, to let us wait with patient trust, and to come to us. This week we experienced joy and the mixed challenges of Christmas. We have the opportunity to have ordinary conversations with our God who came to be with us.

Thank you so much, Lord, for becoming flesh for me. And thank you for being with me now, in the midst of each day's joys and sorrows. I ask you to increase my trust in you, my desire for closeness with you and my commitment to turn to you all day long. Continue to be with me when I have to make difficult decisions, when I need extra patience and care when in challenging situations. Continue to let my heart experience the joy of Christmas all week as I see signs of your presence with me.

When these words take on our own voice and our details, it will feel very personal. And, when we speak about our fears, our needs, when we express our gratitude and our deep desires, we are living an intimate relationship with the one who became flesh that we might never need feel alone again.



Feliz Navidad



Que el Níño Jesús con su infinito amor y bondad, Ilumíne nuestro hogar Y lo colme de Dicha y Bendiciones.

Deseándoles una Feliz Navidad

Será un privilegio para mi recordar a usted y a sus seres queridos en todas las Misas que celebraré en la Nochebuena y el día de Navidad.

Padre Orosco

Horario de Misas de Vigilia y Navidad



Misa de Vigilia – 24 de diciembre

Misa en Ingles:4:00 PMMisa en Ingles:6:00 PMMisa en Ingles:8:00 PM

Misas Navideñas – 25 de diciembre

Misa en Ingles: 9:30 AM
Misa en Español: 11:15 AM

Horario de Confesiones Navideñas

Lunes, 21 de diciembre: 6:30 PM ~ 7:30 PM Martes, 22 de diciembre: 9:00 AM ~ 10:00 AM

6:30 PM ~ 7:30 PM

Miércoles, 23 de diciembre: 10:00 AM ~ 11:00 AM



Las oficinas de la Iglesia estarán cerradas los siguientes días: [medio día] el *miércoles*, 23 de diciembre, jueves, 24 de diciembre, viernes, 25 de diciembre, y el lunes, 28 de diciembre en observación de las fiestas navideñas.

EL AMOR DEL SEÑOR ES PARA SIEMPRE

Hoy llegamos al último domingo de Adviento.

Nos viene bien pensar, con amor y agradecimiento, que el paso que dio el Hijo de Dios al encarnarse de la Virgen María es irreversible: él será verdadero Dios y verdadero hombre por toda la eternidad.

Jesús "será grande y será llamado Hijo del Altísimo".

