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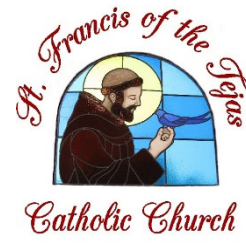
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November 28, 2021
First Sunday of Advent
28 de Noviembre 2021
Primer Domingo de Adviento

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RICA
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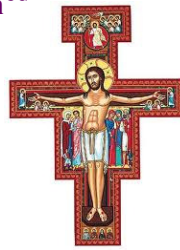
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The Sanctuary Candle is lit this week
For the repose of the soul of
Nicandro Fajardo Paz

We will have a Communion Service at 8:30am on:
November 24th & December 1st
Rosary in Spanish also on Wednesdays at 6:00pm

Mass Schedule and Intentions	
Misa Horario y Intencion	
Sat/Sáb 27 5:30pm	Fr. Cesar Betancourt People of St. Francis
Sun/Dom 28 8:30am 11:30am	Fr. Cesar Betancourt People of St. Francis Nicandro Fajardo Paz † Req Familia Wood
Wed/Mié 01 8:30am	Communion Service Families of St. Francis
Sat/Sáb 04 5:30pm	People of St. Francis
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La Vela del Santuario se enciende esta semana
Por el reposo del alma de
Nicandro Fajardo Paz

Tendremos un Servicio de Comunión a las 8:30 am en:
24 de Noviembre y 1 de Diciembre

Mass readings for the week:	
Sun/ Dom	28 Jer 33:14-16, 1 Thes 3:12-4:2, & Lk 21:25-36 <i>First Sunday of Advent</i> <i>Primer Domingo de Adviento</i>
Mon/Lun	29 Is 2:1-5, Mt 8:5-11
Tue/Mar	30 Rom 10:9-18, Mt 4:18-22 <i>St Andrew, Apostle</i>
Wed/Mié	01 Is 25:6-10, Mt 15:29-37
Thu/Jue	02 Is 26:1-6, Mt 7:21-27
Fri/Vie	03 Is 29:17-24, Mt 9:27-31 <i>St Francis Xavier, Priest</i>
Sat/Sáb	04 Is 30:19-26, Mt 9:35-10:8 <i>St John Damascene, Priest</i>
Sun/ Dom	05 Bar 5:1-9, Phil 1:4-11, & Mt 17:9-13 <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i> <i>Segundo Domingo de Adviento</i>



St. Francis will begin a ten-week Bible study "Prophets: Messengers of God's Mercy" on January 9, 2022 at 9:15am in the Parish Hall, Deacon's Room. Participants will meet as scheduled to view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship. Class registration is available online at stfranciscrockett.com. For more information or to help in registering, contact Jim Rankin after Mass. A minimum of 10 registrants is required for this class to form!

Deposits for Sunday November 21 de Noviembre Depositos

Regular	\$2888.00	Building Maint.	\$5.00
Catholic Charities	\$240.18.00	Loaves & Fishes	\$40.00

Birthday Blessings Bendiciones para Cumpleaños

Nov 28 Guadalupe & Margarita Espinosa,
& Michael Noyola
Nov 29 Laura Jiménez, Ricardo Martinez Jr.,
Nov 30 José Sánchez & Sofia Vega

Dec/Dic 2 Eva Arvizu, Jenaro Loreda,
Aurelio Maldonado, & Beatriz Quintero
Dec/Dic 3 Nicolas Ali, Anabel Espino,
Sam Gregg, & Mario Monsiváis
Dec/Dic 4 Juan Bernardo Arvizu,
& Brandon Jiménez



Marriage Anniversaries in December
Aniversarios Matrimoniales en Diciembre

Néstor & Judy
Cárdenas
December 4

Herb & Margaret
Stiedle
December 17

Wesley & Nani
Wood
December 17

Ron & Cindy
Foster
December 19

Miguel & Rosa
Gonzalez
December 23

Ministers
Ministros

December 4 SATURDAY 5:30PM
Lector: Nani Wood
Extraordinary Ministers:
Brenda Flasowski
Altar Server:
Help may be needed here.

December 5 SUNDAY 8:30 AM

Lector: Joy Thompson
Extraordinary Ministers:
† Charles & Sylvia Slanina
Sam & Ginger Greg
Acolytes:
Charles Slanina & James Ecord
Altar Server: Malley Ecord



DOMINGO 5 de Diciembre 11:30 AM

Lectores: Bonifacio Muñoz
y Alicia Rosas
Salmista: Juana Aguilar
Ministros Extraordinario:
Oliva Aguilar, Elvira De La Fuente
& Maria Rodriguez
Servidores: Jesús, Shanty & Erik López

In need of prayer/En necesidad de oración

Bob Teets, Marie Brown, Donna Bierbaum, Keith Hopson, Jason & Jennifer Carter, Sherald Cecil Wood, Doris Rekieta, Russell Bond, Sam Armstrong, Scarlett Buys, Liz Gaylord, Michael & Joy Philips, Dean Thompson, Susan Abshire, Mary Caviness, Erin Ford, Molly Johnson, Thelma Poole, Walter Stewart, Genevieve Broeder, Rosalie Lobpreis, Ralph & Bobbie Reeves, Cameron Schneider, Virginia Kinart, Lola Calvert, Kala Coclazo, Andrea Nguyen, Leo Poirer, Sharon Anderson, John Kulp, Sherrie Abbott, Phylis Shupak, Milt Brown, Kylie Cullinan, Orval Mize, Bill Hammer, Will Fremont, Jesús Ponce, Travis Bitner, Marilyn Harding, Joyce Gouldie, TJ & Julie Webb, Steve Sanford, Jonathan Foster, Judy Harwick, Jeanne Gatz, Juan Bernardo Arvizu and all active military.

Family Faith Formation

Catechesis for the youth will be in the classrooms
at 10am on December 5, 19 & we will be visiting
the nursing homes on the 22nd

A Reckless Advent Prayer
Once, in the midst of a raging storm, I stood on a promontory overlooking the strait through which Lake Huron pours into Georgian Bay. The water below me heaved like a living thing—a gray, writhing serpent, hissing and spitting foam. The rain poured down, the wind ripped my voice away. I was stunned at the power that swirled around me, that in an instant could have swept me away. Terrified, I bolted back to safety.
Today's Gospel, with its description of roaring seas and shifting stars, makes me wonder if I have courage enough to pray for the Kingdom to come. Morning and night the words rise blithely enough to my lips—"thy Kingdom come"—but am I willing to face the terrifying signs in the heavens and howling waves that will herald its coming?

Yet here I stand at the edge of Advent, praying for the resolve to run forth into the wind and raging waves. Praying for the grace to seek out Christ not as a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger, but as the Son of Man, coming cloaked in power and glory in the midst of chaos and confusion. It is a reckless prayer, one that insists I lift my eyes from my own cares and anxieties. It is a prayer that demands I wade into the roiling seas of the present day, to stand as a beacon of justice for those battered by oppression, to reach out with mercy to those struggling to keep their heads above troubled waters. It's a call not to safety, but to shake the world until that day when God's Kingdom comes in glory.
Michelle Francl-Donnay
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Her website is michellefrancldonnay.com.



What does Posadas mean? You might be more familiar with the 12 days of Christmas but for some Catholic families the 9 days leading up to Christmas are observed as Las Posadas (inns) are held for family, friends, and neighbors. A posada is the reenactment of the Census pilgrimage to Bethlehem by Mary and Joseph (los peregrinos) in search of a room. From December 16th through December 24th, families customarily hold a posada celebration one evening in each of their homes. During the reenactment, the posada hosts act as the inn keepers while their guests act as the pilgrims (los peregrinos). Holding lighted candles, each group takes turns singing verses to each other, for example: (Pilgrims, outside) "My name is Joseph, My wife is Mary. and mother to be of the Divine Word." (Inn keepers, inside) The inn I give you, pilgrim saints, and offer an apology, for not recognizing you." Then the inn keeper hosts open the door and welcome the pilgrims inside. (short example of one verse) The Christmas season for some families continue to January 2 or the Epiphany known as El Día de los Reyes (day of the kings or the wise men) special bread or cakes are baked, if you receive "the baby" in your "king cake" you host the celebration the following year.
Day of the Kings is also the day gifts are given rather than Christmas, when we receive the greatest gift of all.

Formación en la fe para la Familia

La catequesis para los jóvenes será en las aulas a las
10 am los días 5, 19 de Diciembre y visitaremos los
hogares de ancianos el 22

Una imprudente oración de Adviento
Una vez, en medio de una fuerte tormenta, me paré en un promontorio que dominaba el estrecho a través del cual el lago Huron desemboca en Georgian Bay. El agua debajo de mí se agitaba como un ser vivo, una serpiente gris que se retorció, silbando y escupiendo espuma. La lluvia caía a cántaros, el viento me arrancó la voz. Me quedé atónito ante el poder que se arremolinaba a mi alrededor, que en un instante podría haberme arrastrado. Aterrorizado, volví corriendo a un lugar seguro.
El Evangelio de hoy, con su descripción de mares rugientes y estrellas cambiantes, me hace preguntarme si tengo el valor suficiente para orar por el Reino venidero. Por la mañana y por la noche, las palabras suben alegremente a mis labios: "venga tu Reino", pero ¿estoy dispuesto a enfrentar las señales aterradoras en los cielos y las olas aulladores que anunciarán su llegada?

Sin embargo, aquí estoy al borde del Adviento, orando por la determinación de correr hacia el viento y las olas embravecidas. Orando por la gracia de buscar a Cristo no como un bebé envuelto en pañales y acostado en un pesebre, sino como el Hijo del Hombre, que viene envuelto en poder y gloria en medio del caos y la confusión. Es una oración imprudente, una que insiste en que levante los ojos de mis propias preocupaciones y ansiedades. Es una oración que exige que me adentre en los mares turbulentos de la actualidad, para ser un faro de justicia para los golpeados por la opresión, para tender la mano con misericordia a aquellos que luchan por mantener la cabeza por encima de las aguas turbulentas. No es un llamado a la seguridad, sino a sacudir al mundo hasta el día en que el Reino de Dios venga en gloria.
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