

**Advent 2021**

During the four weeks of Advent, we look forward to:

1. Christ's coming at Christmas
2. Christ's coming again in Glory.

We mark the season with the Advent Wreath with four candles, three violet and one rose - for the third Sunday which is Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday.

The Gloria is not said at Mass during Advent.

Please make time out of the busy season and welcome Christ into your heart and family.

**Penance/Reconciliation:** In addition to the Saturday evenings and three CCD nights, I will also be hearing confessions on the following dates:

Sunday, December 19, 2021 8:00 a.m. – 8:50 a.m.

- There are also Penance Services in the area.

St. Michael's, Cuero – Monday, December 20 6 pm

Holy Cross, Yorktown Tuesday, December 21 5:30 pm

Decorating the Altar and Church for our Lord's Birthday – **Sunday, December 12, 2021** after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. If you have some time to volunteer, please come around 10:00 a.m.

**CCD News**

This Week: Regular Class 6:15 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.  
Confessions – Grades 7-10

**Upcoming Events**

**December 22** – Christmas Pageant/Party in Hall  
All Grades – Families invited

**RCIA**

Class this week: Thursday, December 16, 2021

"Church History"

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Parish Hall Conference Room

**Our Lady of Guadalupe 2021**

This year the feast falls on a Sunday, so the Sunday takes priority. But we will still gather for singing hymns at 4:30 p.m. before Mass at La Bahia to celebrate the Patroness of the Americas, St. Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe, who appeared to St. Juan Diego in Tepeyac Hill in Mexico City in 1531.

**Liturgy / Mass Schedule for the week ahead**

Monday, 13th 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion Service

Tuesday, 14th 8:00 a.m. Mass – Betty Goynes +  
*by Alice Jones*

Wednesday, 15 5:30 p.m. Mass – Florence Franke +  
*by Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Dornak*

Thursday, 16 8:00 a.m. Mass – Margaret Langlinais +  
*by Julie & Russell Dorsett*

Friday, 17th 8:00 a.m. Mass – Sophia Rubio +  
*by JoAnn Ybarbo*

Saturday, 18 12:00 Noon Nuptials – Martin/Brown  
5:00 p.m. Penance

6:00 p.m. Mass –Rafael & Francisca Medrano +  
*by Rafael Medrano*

Sunday, 19th 9:00 a.m. Mass – Gabino Balderas, Sr. +  
*Fourth Sunday of Advent*  
5:00 p.m. Mass – Ramon & Lillie Ybarbo +  
*(La Bahia) by Candie Camacho*

**Next Second Collection – Retirement Fund for Religious**

**This Sunday, December 12, 2021**

**Liturgical Assignments for the week ahead**

**Saturday, December 18th 6:00 p.m.**

Lector: Jim Bluntzer

EMHC: Andrew Janca

Altar Servers: Trinity, Morgan

**Sunday, December 19th 9:00 a.m.**

Lector: Harvey Schoener

EMHC: Karen Schoener

Altar Servers: Cord

**La Bahia, O.L.Loreto Chapel 5:00 p.m.**

Lector: Rebecca Bartee

**The Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service**

The total offering from the Thanksgiving Service came to \$4,347. Goliad Outreach, Berclair Food Ministry (through St. Phillips Episcopal Church, Beeville), and Fannin United Methodist Church, Fannin) will each receive \$1449 for Food Bank ministries.

**Looking Ahead ...**

This year Christmas is on a Saturday. That means the Saturday evening is only for Sunday that week, and will not count twice. As my pastor used to say, 'no double dipping.'

Schedule: **Christmas Eve: Dec. 24 6 and 8 at ICC  
10 at La Bahia**

**Christmas Day: Dec. 25 9:00 a.m.**

The weekend will have the regular schedule of Masses.

**New Hymnals/Missals**

The new Word and Song arrived on Monday and Friday of this week. Unfortunately, we do not have enough for them to be taken home. Thank you.

Thank you.

**Bible Study 2022**

**"Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible"  
by Jeff Cavins**

Next year we will have an eight session Bible Study on Sunday evenings at 6:00 p.m. in the School Building. It begins January 9th and runs through Sunday, February 27th, 2022. It will consist of a 30 minute video, followed by discussion. Workbooks are available for purchase and are recommended, but not mandatory to attend. You may purchase a workbook from Ascensionpress.com from \$26.95. Online video access is also included in that price. For more information, contact Julie Dorsett at 361.648.8804

**BIG TICKET RAFFLE : Sales Continue**

We are still selling tickets for \$100 each (about 140 are still left). There will be a drawing for 52 weeks of the year, beginning October 18, 2021 for a \$500 VISA Gift Card each week. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year. Thanks!

**BIG TICKET RAFFLE WINNER #8:**

Martha Saathoff

**Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer**

Our Lady of Guadalupe, mystical rose, hear our pleas, protect our Holy Father, help all those who call upon you in their need, and since you are Mother of the true God, obtain for us from your most Holy Son, Jesus Christ, the grace of keeping our faith, hope in the midst of trials, burning charity, and the precious gift of final perseverance.

**Collections Overview**

*Last Sunday's First Collection:* \$ 3412

*Candles:* ICC: \$75 La Bahia: \$59

*DSA:* \$320 *Christmas Flowers:* \$557

**ONLINE GIVING** - You may give online at [www.goliadcatholic.org](http://www.goliadcatholic.org), just follow the link, to the main page which is [www.victoriadiocese.org/parish-donations](http://www.victoriadiocese.org/parish-donations). Scroll down and we are number 12.

**Christmas Flowers**

If you would like to donate toward Christmas flowers, please use the envelopes at the entrance or in your envelopes sequence.

*Pray for the sick.*

Judy Bammert Gilliam, Karen Garcia, Arian Nunez, Evelyn Franke Sedita, Derek Byrd, JoAnn Barber, Gladys Stauss, Samuel Arenhas, Everly Elisondo, Paula Camacho, Ray Parr, Lisa Meyer, Judy San Miguel, Virginia Zillig, DaCoda Fleming, Chanston Fleming, Joe Murphy Jr., Eloisa Ramos, Elvira Ramos, Anita Coronado, Robin Rossler, Andy Pompa, Natalie Garay, Bernard Deckert, Denise Renfeldt, Emilio 'Sonny' Vargas III, Devin Elizondo, Veronica Guerrero, Elva Robles, Tommy Garza, Billy Flores, Marcelino Segura Jr., Jose Garcia, Pedro Hernandez, Rose Beltran, Sydney Morris, Kaleb Villegas, Cindy Burns, Jimmy Hernandez, Alan Sheppard, Andrea Day, Annette Technik, H.L. Bammert, Tassie Henning, Cecilia Leal, Manuel and Juanita Pena, Teresa San Miguel, Nancy Hernandez, Kathy Ybarbo, Luis J. Rodriguez, Randall Rojas, Clara Britt, Nephtali Castoreno, Thomas Gutierrez, Sarita Martinez, Lupe Flores, Eddie Garcia, Gerald Garcia, Lucy James, Arthur Bluntzer, Roland Capistran, Jaime Henning, Elia D. Garcia

**A Prayer for Vocations**

Loving and gracious God, Father of all, you bless your people in every time and season and provide for their needs through your providential care. Your church is continually in need of priests, sisters, and brothers to serve you and one another. Open the hearts of your sons and daughters to listen to your call in their lives. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Reporting Procedures: Abuse of Minors/Vulnerable Adults**

Contact: Texas Dept. Family Services within 48 hours

800 – 252-5400 [www.txabusehotline.org](http://www.txabusehotline.org)

or local police. If in immediate danger, dial 911

or: Diocese of Victoria: Shannon Thomas, LMSW at 361- 827-7176 or [pastoralcare@victoriadiocese.org](mailto:pastoralcare@victoriadiocese.org) or: Bishop Cahill 361 – 573-0828 or mail to P.O. Box 4070, Victoria, Texas 77901 and mark it confidential.