A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him.

John 1:6-7

Vino un hombre, enviado por Dios, que se llamaba Juan. Vino para dar testimonio, como testigo de la luz, para que todos creyeran por él.

Juan 1, 6-7
This Year the Church celebrates Christmas on a Monday. Due to Christmas falling on a Monday, it is important to remember the following:

I ask that we read carefully the following options that fulfill our obligation for the Fourth Sunday of Advent AND the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas):

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**
Masses will be celebrated:

Saturday, December 23, 2017:
5:00 pm

Sunday, December 24, 2017:
7:00 am
9:00 am
11:00 am

Please note that the 6:00 pm Mass of this particular Sunday is NOT for the Fourth Sunday of Advent as it can ONLY be for the Vigil Mass of Christmas.

**Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)**
Masses will be celebrated:

Sunday, December 24, 2017:
6:00 pm

Monday, December 25, 2017:
Midnight Mass is at midnight
8:00 am
10:00 am
6:00 pm

Christians are called to work concretely in the realities of this world, illuminating them with the light that comes from God.

Pope Francis

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**CHRISTMAS POSADAS**

Fr. Pete invites everyone to join us, at least to one of the Posadas. May we journey with Mary and Joseph and their unborn Son, Jesus.

- **Sat., December 16th** St. Peter’s Mission, Ben Bolt
  6:30 pm at St. Peter’s Parish Hall
- **Sun., December 17th** Catholic Daughters #1770
  7:00 pm at St. Joseph Parish Hall
- **Mon., December 18th** St. Joseph School
  5:30 pm at 311 Dewey
- **Tues., December 19th** Marisol & Michael Garcia
  6:30 pm at 1712 Morningside
- **Wed., December 20th** Charismatic Prayer Group
  6:30 pm at High Rise Apartments
- **Thurs., December 21st** Our Lady of Guadalupe & St. Joseph Church
  By Alice Evening Lions Club
  6:30 pm at 1005 So. King St.
- **Fri., December 22nd** Cursillistas
  6:30 pm at St. Joseph Parish Hall
- **Sat., December 23rd** K.C. Council #3169
  6:30 pm at K. C. Hall
- **Sun., December 24th** St. Joseph Church at 5:30 pm
  Mass follows at 6:00 pm

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**PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

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SUNDAY SCRIPTURES
December 16 & 17, 2017
First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2a,10-11
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

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ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL
St. Joseph Sunday, December 17th
4th Graders will have a BAKE SALE
After 9:00 am Mass in front of the Church.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS
OUR SEMINARIANS FOR THE DIOCESE
KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS:
Daniel Flores, Ruben Riojas, Ill, Charles Silvas, Michael Golla,
Oscar Betancourt, Carlos De La Rosa, Richard Gutierrez
Raymond Pendleton, RJ Regalado, Thomas Swierc, Morgan Davis

OPEN MASS – Sunday, December 17, 2017 – 6:00 pm
†ELIA R. ABRIGO
†ESTEFANA S. & †PEDRO G. GARCIA (58th)
†DANIEL GONZALEZ, JR.
†IRMA M. GONZALEZ
†RAMIRO GONZALEZ
†ROBERT MATA
†GUADALUPE MUNOZ
†RAUL “TITO” MUNOZ, JR.
†RAUL MUNOZ, SR.
†PAT A. ROGERS, SR.

OPEN MASS – Thursday, December 21, 2017 – 12:05 pm
†GLORIA CARBAJAL
†LUPITA GONZALEZ
†ELIZARDO “CHAYO” GUTIERREZ
†JOSEPH HENRY PRASEK
†CHARLES REY REYNA, SR.
†CHRIS SOZA, JR.
†MARGARITA C. & †MANUEL S. TREVINO

OPEN MASS – Sunday, December 24, 2017 – 7:00 am
†JESUSA CASTILLO
†ISABEL GAMEZ
†MARIA A. GARCIA
†MELANIA “MELA” GONZALEZ
†INEZ G. MEDELLIN
†ABEL MONSEVAIS
†AURORA G. SERNA
†ABEL C. YBARRA

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2017
7:00 am †HILARIA “LALA” & †PEDRO FLORES
†RAQUEL G. GUERRA
In Remembrance of Her Birthday
By St. Joseph Friends
5:00 pm †DIANA A. VALADEZ
By Family
†YSENIA VASQUEZ (1st)
†ROSA GUERRA
By Susana & Ruben Garza
†JOSE SAEZ
By Pauline Saenz & Family
†BELIA P. GARCIA
By Ruben R. Garcia
†CONCHITA BAZAN
By Juan Bazon & Family
ALL SOULS IN PURGATORY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2017
(3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT)
7:00 am †MARIA M. GARCIA
By Garza & Rosales Family
†ISABEL GAMEZ
In Remembrance of Her Birthday
By Baldina Gonzalez
†CONCHITA BAZAN (2nd)
By Juan Bazon & Family
†CANDELARIO ESTRADA
By Cardona Family
†HILARIA “LALA” FLORES
By Maria G. Saenz & Catalina Cantu
9:00 am †ROSA MARIA HERRERA
In Remembrance of Her Birthday
By Her Daughters
†ADAN C. CANALES
By Rosic Canales & Family
†LAZARA & †RAUL RODRIGUEZ
By Martinez & Lopez Family
†ADELINA PALACIOS
By Nelda Mcrkbry
†BOBBY LONGORIA
By Andrea Farias & Family
†IDA G. GARCIA
In Remembrance of Her Birthday
By Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Cuevas, Jr. & Fam.
11:00 am †LAWRENCE MARTINEZ, III (19th)
By Family
†LUCILLE G. GARZA
By Eloida L. Crisp
†ANTONIO “TONY” BENAVIDES
By Nelda Benavides
†BRUNO & †SOLEDAD REYNA
By Mr. & Mrs. Ferman D. Lopez
†ROBERT MUNIZ
By Roel Garza
†BALDEMAR PEREZ, JR.
By Patricia A. Perez
†GILBERT MORENO PEREZ
By Lucia M. Reynolds
6:00 pm OPEN MASS

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2017
7:00 am †NARCERALÑA & †LUIS HINOJOSA
By Mr. & Mrs. Jose A. Garcia, Jr.
12:05 pm †ALIDIA GUERRA
By Rose & Mario Bernal
†ALFREDO M. VELAZQUEZ, JR.
By Mr. & Mrs. E. Saenz, Jr.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2017
7:00 am †ESPERANZA MOLINA
By St. Joseph Friends
12:05 pm †LYDIA G. SAENZ
By Kathy Hinojosa
†JUAN DE DIOS PEREZ
By Margarita Perez & Family
†ALFREDO M. VELASQUEZ, JR.
By Lucila M. Reynolds
†JUANITA PUJOL
By Mr. & Mrs. Mark Dominguez & Family

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2017
7:00 am †ANGEL ADRIAN GONZALEZ
By St. Joseph Friends
12:05 pm †RAMIRO P. GONZALEZ
In Remembrance of His Birthday
By Ramona Gonzalez & Family
†ROBERT MATA
By Dalia Mata
†ELIA S. HINOJOSA
By Fausto & Fidela Medina
†JUAN MANUEL MUNOZ
By DeJuna & Family
†DOMINGA VILLARREAL
By Lydia Rivera & Family

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2017
7:00 am †CECILIO TREJO, JR.
By Missy & Mia Arcenas
†SANDRA BREZEALE
By St. Joseph Friends
12:05 pm OPEN MASS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2017
7:00 am †LUIS ANTONIO ALEGRIA
By St. Joseph Friends
12:05 pm †GILBERT MORENO PEREZ
By Norie Rodríguez
†ELMA GIRODENGU
By Rosie Gonzalez
†ALFREDO MAURO VELASQUEZ, JR.
By Maria Elena Rodriguez

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2017
7:00 am †RENE R. GARZA
†ALFREDO GARZA, JR.
By Garza, Johnson & Leberman
†JOSE LUIS PEREZ, JR.
By Family
5:00 pm †RAY GONZALEZ
By Viola Garza
†CONCHITA BAZAN
By Blanca Munoz & Juan Bazan
†RICARDO DELEON
By Norma & Pioquinto Alaniz
†JOSEFA & †REYMUNDO VELA, SR.
By Genoveva Deschane
†RAMIRO P. GONZALEZ
By Ramona G. Gonzalez
†DIANA M. Serna (50th)
†OSCAR RESENDEZ (50th)
By Family
ALL SOULS IN PURGATORY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2017
(4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT)
7:00 am OPEN MASS
9:00 am †GILBERTO GUAJARDO
By Family
†AMELIA & †EUGENE GARCIA
By Children
†YOLANDA TREVINO
In Remembrance of Her Birthday
By Mr. & Mrs. Hilario DeLa Garza & Family
†CHRIS SOZA, JR. (2nd)
By Lela Soza & Family
†BALDEMAR PEREZ, JR.
By Patricia A. Perez
11:00 am †LUCILLE G. GARZA (4th)
By Celina & Larry Martinez & Family
†GUADALUPE E. CANALES
By Mr. & Mrs. Ruben S. Lopez
†DIANA MUNOZ GONZALEZ
In Remembrance of Her Birthday
By Mr. & Mrs. Carlos Omar Garcia
†MARGARITA SERNA GARCIA
By Family
†ARNOLDO G. CHAPA
By Minnie Chapa & Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2017 CHRISTMAS EVE
6:00 pm †AMELIA & †JESUS CALDERON
In Remembrance of His Birthday
By Irma Gutierrez
†CECILIO TREJO, JR.
By Olga Trejo & Family
†ELIDA SOSA
By Rosie & Macias Lopez, Jr.
†EULALIO B. & †MANUEL RUIZ, SR.
†ELMA R. & †GILBERTO B. FLORES
†ARNULFO TREVINO
By Family
†JUAN GARCIA, SR.
By Angelina Serna & Family

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2017 CHRISTMAS DAY
12:00 am †ROXANNE “ROXY” AGUILAR
(Midnight) By family
†MARIO LUIS LOPEZ, SR.
By Gloria & Bobby Ramirez
†GILBERT GUERRA
By Lesly Guerra

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2017 CHRISTMAS DAY
8:00 am †MARIA VALVERDE
(Spanish) By Alex & Elaine M. Gonzalez & Family
10:00 am †GIANELLA GRACE TREVINO
By Adrian, Mindy & Sophia Trevino
†TEODORO & †JOSEFINA GARCIA
By Carmen Pulido
†MIKE SALINAS
By Wife, Dolores Salinas & Children
†LYDIA G. SAENZ
By Family
6:00 pm †IDOLINA “NINA” & †ARMANDO MANUEL
GARZA
By Family
†JUAN MANUEL MUNOZ
By DeJuna & Family
‡CONSUELO V. & †LORENZO H. MONCEVAIS
By Sandra & Lorenzo Moncevaís
IN THANKSGIVING ON FRIENDSHIP
ROBIE & ZAC BUENTERLO By Virginia Bedgood