

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Mass Schedule



The Church Offices will be closed Friday, December 23rd and Monday, December 26th in observance of the Christmas holidays.

Christmas Eve Masses (Dec. 24th)

Christmas Eve Mass: 4:00 PM
Christmas Carols: 8:00 PM
Christmas Eve Mass: 8:30 PM

Christmas Day Masses (Dec. 25th)

Mass in English: 8:00 AM
Mass in English: 10:30 AM
Mass in Spanish: 12:15 PM

Christmas Confession Schedule

Tuesday, December 20	8:30 – 9:15 AM 12:00 – 1:00 PM 6:00 – 7:00 PM
Wednesday, December 21	8:30 – 9:15 AM 6:00 – 7:00 PM
Thursday, December 22	8:30 – 9:15 AM 12:00 – 1:00 PM 6:00 – 7:00 PM
Friday, December 23	8:30 – 10:00 AM

St. John's Seniors Group

The St John's Seniors Group will meet Tuesday, **December 20th** at 10:30am. The meeting will be at the Travel Center of America Truck Stop at I20 and Wilson Road. (It is located at 1700 Wilson Road off of I20 next to the Trinity Valley Community College Campus). The meeting will be in the Terrell Conference Room.

Our program, this month, will have a Christmas theme. There may be a sing-a-long of familiar Christmas Carols. Plus, for those members that wish to participate, there will be a 'white elephant' gift exchange (\$10 max per gift).



Lunch will be on-your-own; the restaurant is offering a special price of \$10.00 for the lunch buffet and salad bar (includes drink) for the Senior meeting attendees.

Please plan to attend this Christmas program.

Ministry Schedule for the Weekend of December 24/25

Lectors:

Sat. 4:00pm TBA
Sat. 8:30pm TBA
Sun. 8:00am TBA
Sun. 10:30am TBA

Ushers:

Sat. 4:00pm Michael Gumler*/Sherry G./Debbie P./Volunteer
Sun. 8:00am Jack Neumann*/Conrado A./Cindy K./Abby H.
Sun. 10:30am Steven Hernandez*/Dennis C./Richard Jr./Erik A.

Extraordinary Ministers

Sat. 4:00pm Gary Whalin/Linda Whalin
Sun. 8:00am Chris Probst/Dan Probst
Sun. 10:30am Argie Benavidez/Shelilah Dean

A Christmas Prayer



Child of Bethlehem, grant that we may share in this profound mystery of Christmas. Put into our hearts this peace for which we sometimes seek so desperately and which you alone can give us. Reveal to us also your beauty, holiness, and purity. Awaken in our hearts love and gratitude for your infinite goodness. Join us

all together in your love, and give us your heavenly peace. Amen.

St. John XXIII

Let the Lord enter:
HE IS KING OF GLORY.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT/CUARTO DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO



Prayer Requests

Richard Collier
Richard Lozano Sr.
Mike Gonzales
Amalia Ibarra
Curtis Rushing
Deacon Leo Rener
Jennifer Whitehouse
Paul Gumler
Olivia Nicole Yates
Stanley Quist
Sonia Rodriguez Cadena
Brenda Larsen
Rosario Rodriguez
Cindy Kinkaid
Rosann Kinkaid
Mayra Anguiano
Patti Sikors Garrett
Angel Gabriel Godinez
Tomas Samuel Garcia
Barbara Sikors Hendricks
Maria Mercedes Gaytan
Ma. del Refugio Mendoza
Marianne Marsden

Nick Morales, Sr.
Lee Wilde
James Dean
Brenda Newburn
Henry Taft
Jesus Arteaga
Archie Palmore
Mason Gumler
Felipa Garcia
Joe Wages
Erica Vargas
Margaret Wages
Sheila Wages
Myrna Lawson
Johnnie B. Malouf
Pascual Meza
Robert Repka, Sr.
Michelle Elliott
Crystal Sanchez
Theresa Lyon
Warren Terry
Elmer Marsden
Odin Kizer



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 17

4:00 PM †Wayne Kretler by Terry Kretler

Sunday, December 18

8:00 AM Pro Populo

10:30 AM †Alicia Morales by Maria Carmona & Family

12:15 PM Intención Especial del P. Orosco

Monday, December 19

8:00 AM NO MASS

Tuesday, December 20

8:00 AM †Ottie Lynch by Family & Friends

Wednesday, December 21

8:00 AM Mabs Lunde by Joyce & Rick Salisbury

Thursday, December 22

8:00 AM For an end to abortion and a greater respect for Human Life at all stages by Sherry Goelden & Lucy Krouskop

Friday, December 23

8:00 AM †Wilfred Kasper by Martha Kasper

Saturday, December 24 (Christmas Vigil Mass)

4:00 PM Special Intention

8:30 PM For the Parishioners

Sunday, December 25 (Christmas)

8:00 AM Special Intention

10:30 AM Special Intention

12:15 PM Intención Especial

Sound Catholic practice encourages us to offer the Mass for the departed and for those in any need. To request a Mass to be offered, please visit the parish office or return to the office a completed Mass intention card. Available cards are located in the foyer of the church.



The Week Ahead

Sunday, December 18

9:15 AM R.E. classes

Monday, December 19

8:00 AM NO MORNING MASS

1:00 PM Crochet Ministry @ Casa St. John

Tuesday, December 20

8:00 AM Daily Mass

8:30-9:15 AM Confessions

12-1:00 PM Confessions

6-7:00 PM Confessions

6:30 PM NO R.E. evening classes

Wednesday, December 21

8:00 AM Daily Mass

8:30-9:15 AM Confessions

6-7:00 PM Confessions

6:30 PM NO R.E. evening classes

6:30 PM NO Hora Santa

Thursday, December 22

8:00 AM Daily Mass

8:30-9:15 AM Confessions

12:00 -1:00 PM Confessions

6-7:00 PM Confessions

Friday, December 23

8:00 AM Daily Mass

8:30-10:00 AM Confessions

Anointing of the Sick



Sacrament of Anointing

Because of the Privacy Act, hospitals and nursing homes are no longer able to provide a list of the Catholic patients/residents for the Churches use in order to visit and administer the Sacraments of Holy Communion or Anointing of the Sick.

Therefore, I need your assistance when you have a family member who is hospitalized or in a nursing home. Please call Fr. Orosco at the Church Office at (972) 563-3643 so that I may be of assistance.

Religious Education News

December Classes

- ❖ **Sunday Classes:** Dec. 18.
No classes on Dec. 25th or Jan. 1st, 2017.
- ❖ **Tuesday Classes:** No classes on Dec. 20th and 27th.
- ❖ **Wednesday Classes:** No classes Dec. 21st and 28th.

January Classes

- ❖ **Sunday Classes:** 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th.
- ❖ **Tuesday Classes:** 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st.
- ❖ **Wednesday Classes:** 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th.

The Miracle of Christmas

*If the child-like joy of Christmas
continued through the year,
How wonderful our lives would be
with hope instead of fear.
If the world would just receive Him
as they do on Christmas day,
every heart would glow with love
and happiness would stay.
Peace on earth would come at last
if we could just believe,
and trust in Him who came to earth
with His blessings to receive.
We'd have a different attitude
toward all who pass our way?
If the miracle of Christmas
was in us every day.
We'd celebrate and praise the Lord
and decorate each heart
with bulbs of human kindness
that never would depart.
We'd be a living Christmas tree
no one would throw away,
if the miracle of Christmas
was in us every day.*

Clay Harrison



*Merry Christmas to all students, parents, and
members of the Religious Education Team.*

The Fourth Week of Advent



On the **Fourth Sunday of Advent**, we read in **Matthew's Gospel** about Joseph and his decision to divorce the pregnant Mary. An angel comes to Joseph: "Do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her."

Luke's Gospel is our guide this week. Monday we read of Mary and Elizabeth. Thursday is Mary's magnificent prayer in the continuation of the annunciation story. Friday is the naming of John by Zechariah. Saturday, in the morning, has Zechariah's prayer of praise after being allowed to speak again. The scenes and canticles, or songs, which are part of the story, are so well known to us that we can miss hearing them with an open heart.

If we celebrate the **Vigil of Christmas** on Saturday, **Matthew's Gospel** (though any of the gospels for Christmas may be used at any of the Christmas liturgies) offers the history of Jesus' family.

Christmas is on Sunday. 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."

Last Week's Collection

Last Week's Collection:	6,960.10
Immaculate Conception Dec. 8:	795.55
Diocesan Coll. (Religious Retirement):	588.00
FY'16-17 Budgeted Average:	6,500.00
FY'16-17 Average Sunday Coll. thru 11/30/16:	6,123.72
Attendance:	1,043

Horario de Misas de Vigilia y Navidad



Misa de Vigilia – 24 de diciembre:

Misa de Vigilia (Ingles): 4:00 PM
 Villancicos: 8:00 PM
 Misa de Vigilia (Ingles): 8:30 PM

Misas – Día de Navidad – 25 de diciembre

Misa en Ingles: 8:00 AM
 Misa en Ingles: 10:30 AM
 Misa en Español: 12:15 PM

Horario de Confesiones Navideñas

Martes, 20 de diciembre	8:30 – 9:15 AM 12:00 – 1:00 PM 6:00 – 7:00 PM
Miércoles, 21 de diciembre	8:30 – 9:15 AM 6:00 – 7:00 PM
Jueves, 22 de diciembre	8:30 – 9:15 AM 12:00 – 1:00 PM 6:00 – 7:00 PM
Viernes, 23 de diciembre	8:30 – 10:00 AM

Clases de Pre-Bautismales

Comenzando el mes de enero y cada primer sábado de cada mes tendremos clases Pre-Bautismales a las 6:00pm en la Capilla. Para más información llamar a la oficina (972) 563-3643.



Unción de los Enfermos

Si usted o alguien que usted conozca está necesitado en recibir comunión o el Sacramento de la Unción de los Enfermos favor de llamar al Padre Orosco en la oficina de la Iglesia al número 972-563-3643.



Las oficinas de la Iglesia estarán cerradas el viernes, 23 de diciembre y el lunes, 26 de diciembre en observación de las fiestas navideñas.

Noticias de la Doctrina

Calendario de Diciembre

Clases de domingos: 18.

NO HAY CLASES EN LAS SIGUIENTES FECHAS:

Domingo: 25 y 1 de enero, 2017
 Martes: 20 y 27.
 Miércoles: 21 y 28

Calendario de Enero

Clases de domingos: 8, 15, 22, 29
 Clases de martes: 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
 Clases de miércoles: 4, 11, 18, 25

Para todos los estudiantes, padres y voluntarios en el programa de la Doctrina:

