



*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.*

*Father James P. Orosco*

**Christmas Eve & Christmas Day  
Mass Schedule**



**Christmas Eve Masses (Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>)**

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

**Christmas Day Masses (Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>)**

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



**Joyous Tidings**

*The Church Offices will be closed Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup> thru Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup> in observance of Christmas and New Year's. We will re-open on Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>.*

*Mass Intentions  
for the Week* 

**Saturday, December 23**

4:00 PM Pro Populo

**Sunday, December 24**

8:00 AM †Wilfred Kasper by Martha Kasper  
10:30 AM †Alicia Morales by Maria Carmona & Family  
12:15 PM †Alberta Contreras de Guel Int. de la Familia Guel  
8:30 PM For the Parishioners (**Christmas Vigil**)

**Monday, December 25 (Christmas Day)**

8:00 AM Special Intention  
10:30 AM Special Intention  
12:15 PM Intención Especial

**Saturday, December 30**

4:00 PM Pro Populo

**Sunday, December 31**

8:00 AM †Joe P. & †Julia Gonzales by Josie Lopez  
10:30 AM †Juan Carlos Valle by Parents  
12:15 PM †Juan Blas Int. de sus Hijas

**Mass Intentions**

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.

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**Anointing of the Sick**



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.

**PLEASE NOTE:**  
*THERE WILL BE NO DAILY MASSES  
DECEMBER 26<sup>th</sup> - DECEMBER 29<sup>th</sup>.*

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT/CUARTO DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO**

**Prayer Requests**



*The Week Ahead*

Richard Collier  
 Richard Lozano Sr.  
 Nona Hernandez  
 Nancy Bardsley  
 Curtis Rushing  
 Paul Smith  
 David Salinas  
 Paul Gumler  
 Olivia Nicole Yates  
 Stanley Quist  
 Sonia Rodriguez Cadena  
 Brenda Larsen  
 Carol Dossey  
 Cindy Kinkaid  
 Rosann Kinkaid  
 Juan Cleto Castillo  
 Patti Sikors Garrett  
 Angel Gabriel Godinez  
 Tomas Samuel Garcia  
 Barbara Sikors Hendricks  
 Myra Arrellano  
 Ma. del Refugio Mendoza  
 Marianne Marsden  
 Maria Landaverde  
 Casandra Lopez Ramirez  
 Luisa Regina Ramirez Pérez  
 Jovita De la Garza  
 Leslie Erickson  
 Judy Aloï  
 Gayla Jackson  
 Oscar Ramirez Robles  
 Amie Voigt  
 Maria Guillen  
 Darlene Blankenship  
 Bacilisa Garcia  
 Vicki Stevens

Nick Morales, Sr.  
 Lee Wilde  
 James Dean  
 Brenda Newburn  
 Henry Taft  
 Jesus Arteaga  
 Jose Ivan Ramirez  
 Mason Gumler  
 Lois LaDay  
 Joe Wages  
 Ziggy  
 Margaret Wages  
 Sheila Wages  
 Kevin Huggins  
 Johnnie B. Malouf  
 Pascual Meza  
 Robert Repka, Sr.  
 Michelle Elliott  
 Crystal Sanchez  
 JoAnn Martinez  
 Warren Terry  
 Elmer Marsden  
 Odin Kizer  
 Claire Taft  
 Jackie Petricka  
 Claudia Aronoff  
 Efrain Valenzuela  
 Colleen Eldred  
 Shirley Taft  
 Jose Aramil  
 Bruce Leleux  
 Jackie Hull  
 Daniel Guillen  
 Blaine Miller  
 Consuelo Luna  
 Bob Rowland

**Sunday, December 24**

9:15 AM NO R.E. classes

**Monday, December 25**

1:00 PM NO Crochet Ministry @ Casa St. John

**Tuesday, December 26**

8:00 AM NO Daily Mass  
 6:30 PM NO R.E. classes

**Wednesday, December 27**

8:00 AM NO Daily Mass  
 6:30 PM NO R.E. classes  
 6:45 PM NO tendremos Hora Santa

**Thursday, December 28**

8:00 AM NO Daily Mass  
 7:00 PM NO RCIA class

**Friday, December 29**

8:00 AM NO Daily Mass

**CCD NEWS**



*We want to wish all of the students, parents, and volunteers in the Religious Education program a very Blessed Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*

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**Ministry Schedule for the Weekend of December 30/31**

**Lectors:**

Sat. 4:00pm Cathy Burton/Debbie Patterson  
 Sun. 8:00am Gerald Garcia  
 Sun. 10:30am Donna Lain/Cynthia Rosales

**Extraordinary Ministers**

Sat. 4:00pm Karen Mathers/Michael Gumler/Suzy McCook  
 Sun. 8:00am Chris Probst/Dan Probst  
 Robin Truett/Paul Willy  
 Sun. 10:30am Shelilah Dean/Tammy Guerra  
 Karie Hammond/Bud McClure

**Ushers:**

Sat. 4:00pm Paul Mathers\*/Debbie P./Steve R./Sherry G.  
 Sun. 8:00am Wayne Meshell\*/Cindy K./Conrado A./Rachel H.  
 Sun. 10:30am Richard Lozano Jr.\*/Dennis C./Kevin P./Erik A.

**Calendar for January:**

**Sunday Classes:** 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>  
**Tuesday Classes:** 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, & 30<sup>th</sup> (No classes on 2<sup>nd</sup>)  
**Wednesday Classes:** 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> (No classes on 3<sup>rd</sup>)

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Pursuant to Section 30.06, Penal Code (trespass by license holder with a concealed handgun), a person licensed under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code (handgun licensing law), may not enter this property with a concealed handgun.

Pursuant to Section 30.07, Penal Code (trespass by license holder with an openly carried handgun), a person licensed under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code (handgun licensing law), may not enter this property with a handgun that is carried openly.

## 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."



Monday is **Christmas Day**. 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. Monday is the **Feast of Saint Stephen**, the first public witness who gave his life for his faith. Tuesday is the **Feast of Saint John, Apostle and evangelist**. Wednesday is the moving **Feast of the Holy Innocents**, remembering the infant martyrs of Herod's jealous rage.

On the **Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas** we have the story of the Purification in the temple and the powerful words of Simeon about Jesus and about Mary. On the **Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas** we have the story about Anna in the temple and Jesus going home with his parents. "The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him."

## Daily Prayer This Week

There is a very quick transition after Sunday. 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, not 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. The disciples are finding the empty tomb. 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 these 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 and intimate relationship with the one who became flesh that we might never need feel alone again.



Será un privilegio para mí 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:

Villancicos: 8:00 PM
Misa de Vigilia: 8:30 PM

Misas Navideñas – 25 de diciembre:

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



Las oficinas de la Iglesia estarán cerradas desde el lunes, 25 de diciembre hasta el lunes, 1º de enero 2018 en observación de las Fiestas Navideñas y el Año Nuevo.

FAVOR DE ANOTAR:

No vamos a tener Misa desde el martes, 26 de diciembre hasta el viernes, 29 de diciembre.

“YO SOY LA ESCLAVA DEL SEÑOR; CÚMPLASE EN MÍ LO QUE ME HAS DICHO”



La respuesta de María permite que el plan divino de salvación se abra paso. El Hijo de Dios entra en el tiempo para darnos la salvación.

Preparémonos para recibir al rey que va a nacer, abrámosle nuestro corazón.

LA DOCTRINA...



¡Queremos desearles a todos los estudiantes, padres y voluntarios en el programa de Educación Religiosa (la Doctrina) una Feliz Navidad y un Próspero Año Nuevo!

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Calendario para el mes de Enero:

- Clases de Domingo: 7, 14, 21 y 28
Clases de los Martes: 9, 16, 23 y 30 (No hay clases el 2)
Clases de los Miércoles: 10, 17, 24, 31 (No hay clases el 3)