

Christmas Blessings



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



*May the Peace
of the
Holy Family
be with you always.*

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Mass Schedule



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



New Year's Day

This year the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God is not a holy day of obligation.

From the Church Office

The Church offices will be closed Friday, December 30th and Monday, January 2nd in observance of New Year's.

just to let you know

We will not have daily Mass and or confessions next week.



Joyous Tidings

The Church Offices will re-open on Tuesday, December 27th.




NATIVITY OF THE LORD: CHRISTMAS/LA NATIVIDAD DEL SEÑOR: NAVIDAD



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 Rodríguez
 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
 Connie Schroeder

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
 Marisela Vargas

*Mass Intentions
 for the Week* 

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

Saturday, December 31 (New Year's Vigil Mass)

4:00 PM In Thanksgiving for God's Blessing during this past year

Sunday, January 1 (New Year's Day)

8:00 AM In Honor of Mary the Mother of God
 10:30 AM Pro Populo
 12:15 PM En Honor de la Virgen Maria

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 25

9:15 AM NO R.E. classes

Monday, December 26

8:00 AM NO MORNING MASS
 1:00 PM NO Crochet Ministry @ Casa St. John

Tuesday, December 27

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

Wednesday, December 28

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

Thursday, December 29

8:00 AM NO Daily Mass

Friday, December 30

8:00 AM NO Daily Mass

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.

**Ministry Schedule for the Weekend of
 December 31/January 1**

Lectors:

Sat. 4:00pm TBA
 Sun. 8:00am Robin Truett/Mary Pat Samuels
 Sun. 10:30am Tammy Guerra/Bud McClure

Ushers:

Sat. 4:00pm Sherry Goelden*/Debbie P./Michael G./Volunteer
 Sun. 8:00am David Bendele*/Robert B./Wayne M./Rachel H.
 Sun. 10:30am Richard Jr.*/Dennis C./Kevin P./Erik A.

Extraordinary Ministers

Sat. 4:00pm Joyce Salisbury/Karen Mathers
 Sun. 8:00am TBA
 Sun. 10:30am TBA

Religious Education News

The First Week of Christmas

December Classes

- ❖ **Sunday Classes:** No classes on Dec. 25th or Jan. 1, 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.



Christmas falls on a Sunday this year. There are [four Christmas liturgies](#) to reflect on and celebrate. Whether we are alone or with a community full of joy, this is a special day to get close to the manger and to renew our sense of gratitude, not only that our Savior has come, but how he has come - to be with us in such lowliness.

This week is full of rich celebrations, with lots of reason to help us stay reflective this week.

The 26th is the **Feast of Saint Stephen, first martyr.**

The 27th is the **Feast of Saint John, Apostle and evangelist.**

The 28th is the **Feast of the Holy Innocents**, remembering the infant martyrs of Herod's jealous rage.

The 29th is **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.

The 30th is **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.** When a Sunday does not occur between December 25 and January 1, this feast is celebrated on December 30. Even though it is not on a Sunday this year.

The 31st is the **Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas.** The Gospel is the beginning of **John's Gospel.**

Sunday, January 1st this year, New Year's Day, is the **Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God.** In addition, it is a celebration of the **World Day of Prayer for Peace.**

“The Melody of Christmas”

*The melody of Christmas
whispers softly through the air,
and before the grand crescendo,
it will echo everywhere.
For the lullaby of Christmas
is the story of a Child
born in a humble stable
where fluffed hay was freshly piled.
He brought a Christmas message
from His Father's home above,
for every human ever born –
He brought the gift of love.
And so it is at Christmas
that our hearts proclaim anew,
the warmth of love and friendship
to our dear ones, old and new.
Let the message of the Christ Child,
“Peace and love to men on earth,”
be a daily thought and blessing
in the honor of His birth.*

Helen Pelosi



Merry Christmas to Fr. Orosco, Deacon Jim, the office staff, all the members of the RE Team, the students, their parents, and everyone that helps to support the Religious Education program.

*May God continue to bless you and your families.
Susan Warner
Director of Religious Education and Safety*





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

Navidad



Celebramos el Tiempo de Navidad desde la víspera del 25 de diciembre hasta la fiesta del Bautismo del Señor, posterior a la Epifanía.

Celebramos la venida del Señor y sus primeras manifestaciones: a los pastores, a los sabios de oriente, y la del bautismo en el Jordán. Y lo intentamos vivir siempre en espera de la manifestación definitiva al final de los tiempos.

La Navidad es un sacramento por el cual la gracia del nacimiento del Hijo de Dios se hace presente y se nos comunica en la celebración de esta solemnidad. No se trata solo de un recuerdo pedagógico del acontecimiento de Belén. Es actualización y nueva presencia del misterio salvador de Dios que se ha hecho de nuestra familia. De alguna manera nos hacemos contemporáneos del nacimiento de Cristo y de su manifestación.

Entre el ayer de Belén y el mañana de la Parusía está el hoy de cada Navidad, el Dios-con-nosotros que nos quiere comunicar su vida, su luz y su alegría.

Navidad y Epifanía celebran el mismo misterio. La Navidad acentúa el nacimiento: Dios se ha hecho nuestro hermano. La Epifanía enfatiza la manifestación de su divinidad.

AVISO

Las oficinas de la Iglesia se abrirán el martes, 27 de diciembre.



Año Nuevo (domingo, 1 de enero):

Este año la Solemnidad de Santa María, Madre de Dios no es día obligatorio así que vamos a tener el horario regular para las Misas del Domingo.

Anoten:

- 1) Las oficinas de la Iglesia estarán cerradas el viernes, 30 de diciembre y el lunes, 2 de enero, 2017.
- 2) No vamos a tener Misa la semana entrante por las mañanas (lunes, martes, jueves y el viernes).
- 3) No vamos a tener la Hora Santa el miércoles, 4 de enero.

Noticias de la Doctrina

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



Feliz Navidad al P. Orosco, Diacono Jim, el personal de la oficina, todos los miembros de la Doctrina, los estudiantes y sus padres y a todos que ayudan al programa de la Doctrina.

Que Dios continúe bendiciendo a usted y a sus familiares.

Susan Warner
Directora de la Doctrina y Seguridad