

“One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen thongs of his sandals.”
(Gospel)

Christmas Confession Schedule

Wednesday, December 13	12:00 PM – 1:00 PM 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Thursday, December 14	12:00 PM – 1:00 PM 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Friday, December 15	8:30 AM – 9:30 AM
Saturday, December 16	9:00 AM – 10:00 AM 2:30 PM – 3:30 PM
Monday, December 18	6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Tuesday, December 19	8:30 AM – 9:30 AM 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM
Wednesday, December 20	8:30 AM – 9:30 AM 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Thursday, December 21	12:00 PM – 1:00 PM 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Friday, December 22	8:30 AM – 9:30 AM 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Knights of Columbus

The KC will meet *Thursday, December 14th* at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall.

WE WILL NOT HAVE MORNING MASS ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12TH & WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13TH.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 9

- 4:00 PM Rebecca & Felipe Caballero by James & Melody Zimmer
- 7:00 PM Novena Guadalupana

Sunday, December 10

- 8:00 AM Bella Sanchez by Paul & Karen Mathers
- 10:30 AM Pro Populo
- 12:15 PM †Juanita & †Rodolfo De la Cruz Int. de la Familia De la Cruz
- 7:00 PM Novena Guadalupana

Monday, December 11

- 11:00 PM En Honor de la Virgen de Guadalupe

Tuesday, December 12

- 7:00 PM En Honor de la Virgen de Guadalupe

Thursday, December 14

- 8:00 AM †John McCowen by Lucy Krouskop

Friday, December 15

- 8:00 AM †Trisha Willy by Paul Willy

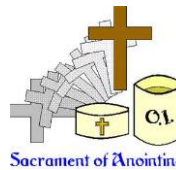
Saturday, December 16

- 4:00 PM †Wayne Kretler by Terry Kretler

Sunday, December 17

- 8:00 AM †David & †Louise Lopez by Jesse Lopez
- 10:30 AM †Jesus B. Torres by Children & Grandchildren
- 12:15 PM Pro Populo

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.

Prayer Requests



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
 Becky Caballero
 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
 Felipe Caballero
 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

**Ministry Schedule for the Weekend of
 December 16/17**

Lectors:

Sat. 4:00pm Debbie Patterson/Suzy McCook
 Sun. 8:00am Linda Faulkner-Johnston
 Sun. 10:30am Bud McClure/Karie Hammond

Extraordinary Ministers

Sat. 4:00pm Michael Gumler/Karen Mathers/Suzy McCook
 Sun. 8:00am Chris Probst/Dan Probst
 Robin Truett/Mary Pat Samuels
 Sun. 10:30am Karie Hammond/Bud McClure
 Bill Bedrick/Shelilah Dean

Ushers:

Sat. 4:00pm Sherry Goelden*/Paul M./Steve R./Debbie P.
 Sun. 8:00am Robert Brown*/Wayne M./David B./Rachel H.
 Sun. 10:30am Kevin Prouty*/Dennis C./Richard Jr./Erik A.

This Week in our Parish

Sunday, December 10

9:15 AM R.E. classes
 7:00 PM Novena Guadalupana

Monday, December 11

1:00 PM Crochet Ministry @ Casa St. John
 11:00 PM Misa-En Honor de la Virgen de Guadalupe

Tuesday, December 12

8:00 AM **NO** Daily Mass
 6:30 PM R.E. classes
 7:00 PM Misa-En Honor de la Virgen de Guadalupe

Wednesday, December 13

8:00 AM **NO** Daily Mass
 12-1 PM *Christmas Confessions*
 6-7 PM *Christmas Confessions*
 6:30 PM R.E. classes
 6:45 PM **NO** tendremos Hora Santa

Thursday, December 14

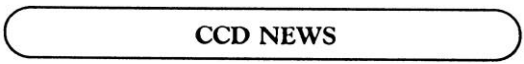
8:00 AM Daily Mass
 12-1 PM *Christmas Confessions*
 6-7 PM *Christmas Confessions*
 7:00 PM RCIA @ Parish Center
 7:00 PM Knights of Columbus meeting @ Parish Hall

Friday, December 15

8:00 AM Daily Mass
 8:30-9:30 AM *Christmas Confessions*

Saturday, December 16

9-10 AM *Christmas Confessions*
 2:30-3:30 PM *Christmas Confessions*



Calendar for December:

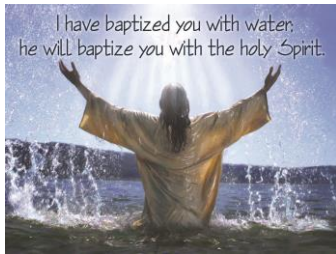
Sunday Classes: 10th, & 17th (No classes on 24th & 31st)
Tuesday Classes: 12th, 19th (No classes on 26th)
Wednesday Classes: 13th, & 20th (No classes on 27th)



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.

Second Week of Advent



In the **Second Sunday of Advent** we hear Isaiah write of a voice that cries out in the wilderness, "Prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!" These lines from the prophet are repeated in the

Mark's Gospel as we are introduced to John the Baptist who prepares the way for Jesus. John says, "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

December 12th is the Feast- of Our Lady of Guadalupe, in the U.S.

We focus on the first readings from the Prophet **Isaiah** this week. With the Babylonian Captivity, the temple was destroyed, the leaders of the people were taken away to Babylon and a remnant was left behind. A life-threatening desert separated the people. In this context, Isaiah proclaims God's vindication of the people in exile. The desert will be reborn. A highway will bring their liberation. And the signs will be that there is healing and peace. "Comfort, give comfort to my people," says the Lord. The valleys will be filled in the mountains leveled - every obstacle will be overcome - to build a highway for our God to come and save us. The people can hardly believe the good news. They are weak and weary of their captivity. Isaiah proclaims, "They that hope in the LORD will renew their strength, they will soar as with eagles' wings." The people have been at a distance from the Lord for some time and were not obeying the commandments. The Lord says, "I am the LORD, your God, who grasp your right hand; It is I who say to you, 'Fear not, I will help you.'" God promises them that if they follow his teachings, "Your descendants would be like the sand... their name never cut off or blotted out from my presence." The final first reading this week is a piece from the book of **Sirach** in which the prophet Elijah is praised. Elijah, who was destined to come again to restore order before the day of the Lord, is seen in the reading from **Matthew's Gospel** to be John the Baptist.

Daily Prayer This Week

Finding intimacy with God in the midst of our busy lives begins with getting in touch with our own desires. Advent is a wonderful time to ask myself, "What am I looking for? What do I desire? What longing can I recognize in my heart?" The answers to those questions will be our best guide for daily prayer. The readings this week offer some ways to talk with the Lord about our desires.

We can begin by trying to get in touch with a part of my heart that is divided, perhaps with a desert separating the two parts. For example, is there a disconnect between my primary commitments and the amount of time and attention that I give to them? Is there a distance between who I say I am, and who I actually am? Do I experience something missing between what I believe and how I live those beliefs? We all have these contradictions and inconsistencies within us. These are the places into which we can let our Advent desiring grow. This week, we can imagine the prophet saying, "there will be a path between what is separate or divided or at a distance in your life!" "What is desert, barren, dry, life-less in you will come to life!" "You will find freedom and comfort, where you have been finding yourself in a captivity to pattern and routine, where you have felt weak and weary." "Learn from the Lord and learn real wisdom."

When one or more of these desires really strikes a chord in our hearts, Advent begins for us. Each morning this week, we can turn to our God, when we first wake up, while in the shower or getting dressed, and simply ask: "Come, Lord. Come into this place, into this embarrassing place of need in my life." We may be able to be specific and ask, "Please, Lord, come and be with me and bring life and hope into my morning as I face this meeting." As we go to work or do laundry or go shopping, or head home from work, we might ask even more specifically for the grace to love - to take the liberating journey across the desert and let the Lord bring us home to a place of comfort, healing and peace.

Advent is about our coming to a felt sense of our need for a Savior and letting our Savior into our hearts to save us. Advent comes alive for us as we identify our desires and let them be expressed as longing and expectant hope. Into this space our Lord comes with good news, healing and a peace the world can't give. As we taste our desires and longing grow, we can give thanks each evening before we go to bed, to acknowledge we are being given a great grace of a growing intimacy with our God, right in the mist of our very busy days.

Last Week's Collection

Last Week's Collection:	7,014.52
2 nd Coll. (Parish Improvement Fund):	3,510.05
E-giving (Blue Pay):	
FY' 17-18 Budgeted Average:	6,500.00
FY' 17-18 Average Sunday Coll. thru 11/30/17:	6,872.00
Attendance:	992



“Ya viene detrás de mí uno que es más poderoso que yo, uno ante quien no merezco ni siquiera inclinarme para desatarle la correa de sus sandalias.” (Evangelio)

ANOTEN

NO VAMOS A TENER MISA POR LA MAÑANA EL MARTES, 12 DE DICIEMBRE Y EL MIÉRCOLES, 13 DE DICIEMBRE.

La Virgen de Guadalupe



Los invitamos a la Misa en honor de la Virgen de Guadalupe a las 11:00 de la noche el **lunes, 11 de diciembre** y el **martes, 12 de diciembre** a la Misa a las 7:00pm.

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.



Horario para las Confesiones Navideñas

Miércoles, 13 de diciembre	12:00 PM – 1:00 PM 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Jueves, 14 de diciembre	12:00 PM – 1:00 PM 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Viernes, 15 de diciembre	8:30 AM – 9:30 AM
Sábado, 16 de diciembre	9:00 AM – 10:00 AM 2:30 PM – 3:30 PM
Lunes, 18 de diciembre	6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Martes, 19 de diciembre	8:30 AM – 9:30 AM 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM
Miércoles, 20 de diciembre	8:30 AM – 9:30 AM 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Jueves, 21 de diciembre	12:00 PM – 1:00 PM 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Viernes, 22 de diciembre	8:30 AM – 9:30 AM 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

LA DOCTRINA...

Calendario del Mes de Diciembre

Clases de Domingo: 10, 17 (No hay clases el 24 y 31)

Clases de los Martes: 12, 19 (No hay clases el 26)

Clases de los Miércoles: 13, 20 (No hay clases el 27)

Almuerzo con Santa



Cuando: Próximo sábado, 16 de diciembre

Lugar: Salón Parroquial

Horario: 12 Medio Día – 2:00 PM

¡Todos los niños están invitados!

Necesitamos donaciones para decorar galletas o tarjetas de regalos de Wal-Mart.

