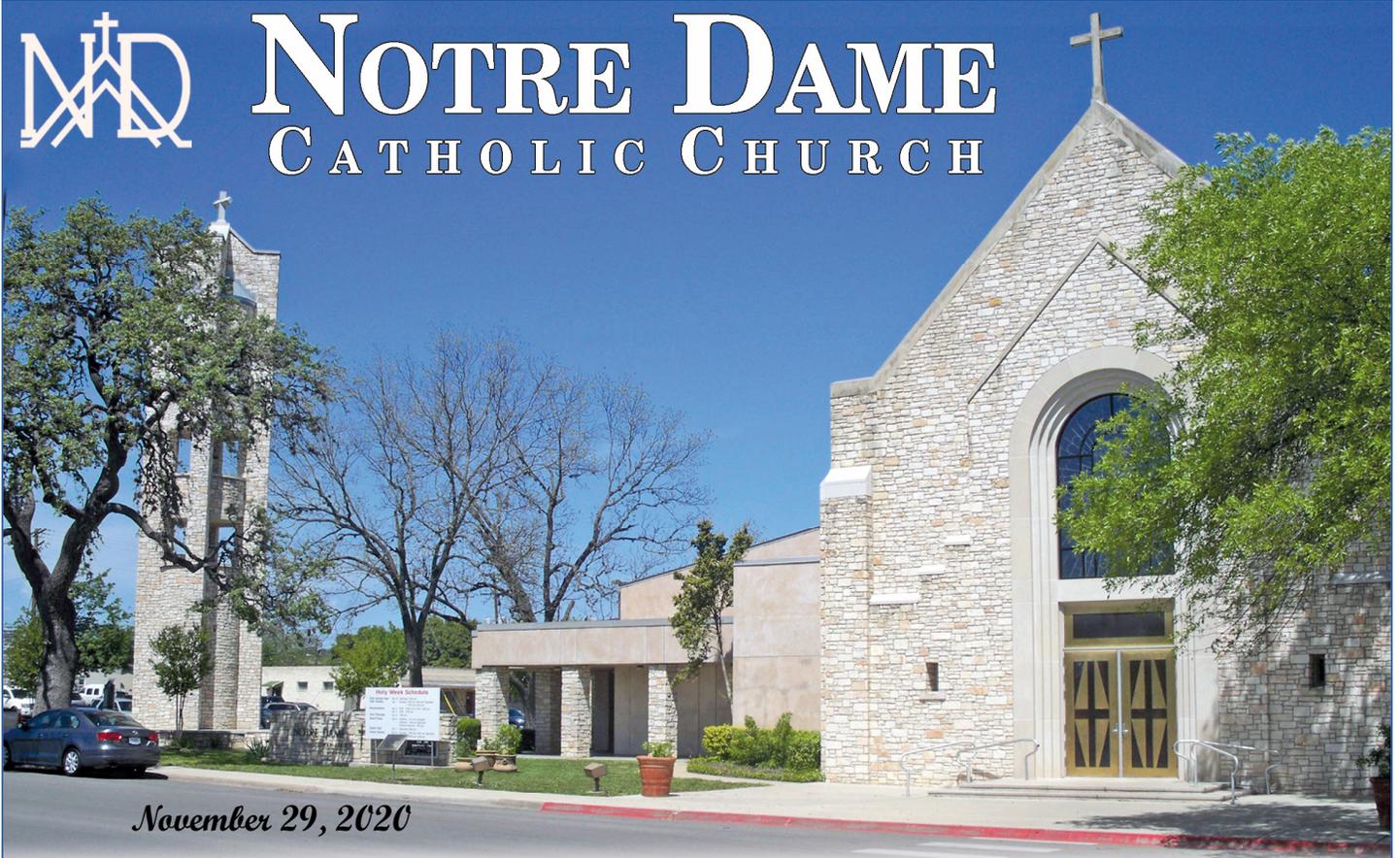




# NOTRE DAME CATHOLIC CHURCH



*November 29, 2020*

## *1st Sunday of Advent*

*Jesus said to his disciples:*

*'Watch, therefore; you do not know when the lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping.'*

*What I say to you, I say to all: "Watch!"*

*Mark 13:32-36*

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*Blessings in Jesus,*  
**Fr. David R. Wagner, Pastor**  
**Fr. Rafal A. Duda, Parochial Vicar**



## MESSAGE FROM FR. DAVID

### Who We Are and Whose We Are – Part 3

The Church did not begin because a few guys were sitting around a campfire one night and suddenly one of them came up with an idea to start a new religion. The Church started because Christ became incarnate, died for the sins of the world, was resurrected from the dead and ascended into Heaven to sit at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. And that very same thing is what has made it grow and what has sustained it down through the centuries. We did not write the Bible and we cannot change it at will. The Lord wrote it and He got right on the first try.

God, in His wisdom, has a plan for His Church. No one among us can improve upon that plan. God has already thought of the very best things for His Church. And He has told us what they are. If we believe in Him and obey Him and follow Him and do what He said, the Church will grow and flourish.

The God whom Paul praises and glorifies in awe and amazement, whose knowledge and wisdom are infinitely great and deep and whose ways and judgments are inscrutable became incarnate in the Person of Jesus Christ. The God who, in his perfect wisdom, sees the end from the beginning, whose works are always wise, pure and good, who with Abraham began creating for Himself a people, became incarnate in the Person of Jesus Christ. It is He who said, "I will build My Church."

The Church is here to proclaim to an ever-increasingly secular culture what Peter said in answer to Jesus' question about His identity. The Church is here to proclaim that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God to a lost world.

If someone were to ask you why you go to church, what would you say? You could come up with several possible answers, like the disciples did when Jesus asked them who people were saying he is. You could say, "because my spouse makes me go." Or you could say, "because that's what we've always done." Or, like Peter's right answer, your answer could be something like this: "I go to church because that is where I meet Jesus Christ, the Son of the Living God. That is where my Redeemer lives and that is where I enjoy fellowship with him and with others who believe in Him." Maybe you could even say it with some of that excitement, with a sense of awe and wonder like we hear expressed in the New Testament.

Jesus said to Peter, "upon this rock I will build *my* Church." We are His people. It is He who made us and not we ourselves. That tells us not only who we are, but *whose* we are.

We are the Church that Jesus built and the powers of death shall not prevail against it. Amen!

### *Blessings In Jesus, Fr. David*

### Quiénes Somos Y De Quién Somos – 2ª Parte

La Iglesia no comenzó cuando unos jóvenes estaban sentados alrededor de una fogata una noche y de repente a uno de ellos se le ocurrió la idea de comenzar una nueva religión. La Iglesia comenzó porque Cristo se encarnó, murió por los pecados del mundo, resucitó entre los muertos y ascendió al cielo para sentarse a la diestra de Dios Padre Todopoderoso. Y eso mismo es lo que la ha hecho crecer y lo que la ha sostenido a lo largo de los siglos. No escribimos la Biblia y no podemos cambiarla a voluntad. El Señor lo escribió y acertó en el primer intento.

Dios, en Su sabiduría, tiene un plan para Su Iglesia. Nadie de nosotros puede mejorar ese plan. Dios ya ha pensado en las mejores cosas para Su Iglesia. Y nos ha dicho cuáles son. Si creemos en Él y lo obedecemos y lo seguimos y hacemos lo que Él dijo, la Iglesia crecerá y florecerá.

El Dios a quien San Pablo alaba y glorifica con asombro, cuyo conocimiento y sabiduría son infinitamente grandes y profundos y cuyos caminos y juicios son inescrutables, se encarnó en la Persona de Jesucristo. El Dios que, en su perfecta sabiduría, ve el fin desde el principio, cuyas obras son siempre sabias, puras y buenas, que con Abraham comenzó a crear para sí un pueblo, se encarnó en la Persona de Jesucristo. Él es quien dijo: "Edificaré Mi Iglesia".

La Iglesia está aquí para proclamar una cultura cada vez más secular lo que dijo San Pedro en respuesta a la pregunta de Jesús sobre su identidad. La Iglesia está aquí para proclamar que Jesús es el Cristo, el Hijo del Dios Viviente para un mundo perdido.

Si alguien te preguntara por qué vas a la iglesia, ¿qué dirías? Podrías proponer varias respuestas posibles, como hicieron los discípulos cuando Jesús les preguntó quién decía la gente que era. Podrías decir "porque mi cónyuge me obliga a ir". O podrías decir, "porque eso es lo que siempre hemos hecho". O, como la respuesta correcta de San Pedro, su respuesta podría ser algo como esto: "Voy a la iglesia porque ahí es donde me encuentro con Jesucristo, el Hijo del Dios Viviente. Ahí es donde vive mi Redentor y ahí es donde disfruto de la comunión con Él y con otros que creen en Él". Tal vez incluso podría decirlo con algo de esa emoción, con una sensación de asombro como lo escuchamos expresado en el Nuevo Testamento.

Jesús le dijo a San Pedro: "sobre esta roca edificaré *mi* Iglesia". Somos su pueblo. Es Él quien nos hizo y no nosotros mismos. Eso nos dice no solo quiénes somos, sino *de quién* somos.

Somos la Iglesia que construyó Jesús y los poderes de la muerte no prevalecerán contra ella. ¡Amén!

### *¡Bendiciones! En Jesús, Padre David*



**Advent prepares us for coming of the Lord**

"Advent is a time of preparation. It is a time to look inward. It is a time to get ready and to see how ready we really are. You could say figuratively that every one of us has a beeper that could go off at any time. None of us knows when" — Bishop Anthony B. Taylor

**Celebrating Advent**

The word "advent" originated from the Latin "adventus," which means **coming**. The season of Advent, therefore, is the preparation for the coming of Jesus, first through the incarnation and ultimately, his coming again in glory at the end of time. Advent marks the beginning of the liturgical year in the Catholic Church. In this season, we are invited to reflect on the wondrous mystery of Jesus' birth as well as look with joy and hope to his return. We are called to repent of our sins, pray and draw ourselves closer to God. The liturgical color of Advent is violet or purple, except on the Third Sunday of Advent, called Gaudete Sunday, when rose vestments may be worn.

We can better enjoy Christmas if we revive Advent as a period of preparation. We can set some time aside for special scripture readings for Advent, which can remind us of the threefold coming of Christ. Abstaining from meat (or sweets) on Fridays or not eating at all between meals is a good way to revive the Advent fast. We can incorporate customs such as the Advent wreath and the Saint Andrew Christmas Novena. The Advent wreath corresponds to the four Sundays of Advent. The purple candles represent the penitential nature of the season, while the pink candle calls to mind the respite of Gaudete Sunday. The white candle, when used, represents Christmas.



**Sunday, November 29, 2020— First Sunday of Advent**  
Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7, 1 Cor 1:3-9, Mk 13:33-37(2)

- 7:45 am (*Fr. Rafal*) †Adelmira Rendon
- 9:15 am (*Fr. Rafal*) †Graciela Limon
- 11:00 am (*Fr. David*) †Oralia Bill
- 5:00 pm (*Fr. David*) †Bobby Jenschke

**Monday, November 30, 2020-Saint Andrew, Apostle**  
Rom 10:9-18, Mt 4:18-22(684)  
12:00 pm (*Fr. David*) †Walter Schattel

**Tuesday, December 1, 2020**  
Is 11:1-10, Lk 10:21-24(176)  
7:00 am (*Fr. David*) Mass offered  
for Al & Sylvia Darroch

**Wednesday, December 2, 2020—**  
Is 25:6-10a, Mt 15:29-37(177)  
12:00 pm (*Fr. Rafal*) All Souls in Purgatory

**Thursday, December 3, 2020-Saint Francis Xavier,**  
Priest  
Is 26:1-6, Mt 7:21, 24-27 (178)  
12:00 pm (*Fr. Rafal*) All Souls in Purgatory

**Friday, December 4, 2020—First Friday**  
Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church  
Is 29:17-24, Mt 9:27-31 (179)  
8:00 am (*Fr. David*) Mass offered for Maria Baldwin

**Saturday, December 5, 2020—First Saturday**  
Is 40:1-5, 9-11, 2 Pt 3:8-14, Mk 1:1-8(5)  
8:00 am (*Fr. David*) †Janet Melendez  
5:00 pm (*Fr. Rafal*) Mass offered  
for Padre Gustavo Montañez

**Sunday, December 6, 2020—Second Sunday of Advent**  
Is 40:1-5, 9-11, 2 Pt 3:8-14, Mk 1:1-8(5)  
7:45 am (*Fr. Rafal*) People of the Parish  
9:15 am (*Fr. Rafal*) All Souls in Purgatory  
11:00 am (*Fr. David*) †Norman Straumann  
5:00 pm (*Fr. David*) †Ann Elizabeth Bischea



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Monday, November 30, 2020—CURSILLOS/ULTREYA**, 7:00 p.m. in the Social Center. All are Welcome!

**Lunes, 30 de noviembre—CURSILLOS/ULTREYA** a las 7:00 p.m. en el Centro Social. Todos Bienvenidos!

**Monday, November 30, 2020—BOY SCOUTS**, 7:00pm in the Gymnasium.

**Tuesday, December 1, 2020—RCIA**—6:00 p.m. in the Social Center.

**Wednesday, December 2, 2020—INGLES TAMBIÉN**, 5:00 p.m. in the Fireplace RM. ¡Todos Bienvenidos!

**Wednesday, December 2, 2020—Good Shepherd**, 5:00 p.m. in Kemper Hall

**Wednesday, December 2, 2020—EDGE**, 5:30 p.m. in Kemper Hall Youth Room.

**Thursday, December 3, 2020—Mass with Eucharistic Adoration**—7:00 p.m. in the Church. All are Welcome!

**Jueves, 3 de diciembre—Misa con Adoración Eucarística**—a las 7:00 p.m. en la iglesia. ¡Todos Bienvenidos! **M.O.S.T. (Ministerio Oracion Santisima Trinidad)**—7:00 p.m. en la iglesia.

**Friday, December 4, 2020, - LA DANZA**, 7:00 p.m. in the Church.

**Saturday, December 5, 2020—Reconciliation** 3:00–4:30 p.m. in the Church. All are Welcome!

### FIRST SATURDAY PRO-LIFE ROSARY

led by the Knights of Columbus

Saturday, December 5th

at 4:15 p.m.

at Notre Dame Catholic Church  
Kerrville, Texas



Come and pray the rosary and satisfy the request of Our Lady of Fatima to honor Her Immaculate Heart and help bring about peace in the world and to also pray for the end of abortion and the culture of death.

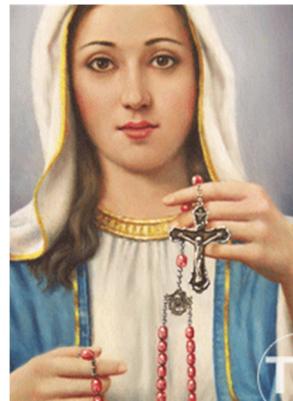
In the July 13, 1917 apparition at Fatima, Our Lady said, "I shall come to ask for...the Communion of Reparation on the first Saturdays." She came expressly to request this devotion when she appeared to Sister Lucia on December 10, 1925, in Pontevedra, Spain, where she was preparing to start her religious life.

With the intention of making reparation to the Immaculate Heart for these five offenses, we are asked to:

1. Go to confession (Can be within 8 days before or after the First Saturday).
2. Receive Holy Communion
3. Pray five decades of the Rosary
4. Keep Our Lady company for 15 minutes while meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary.

**Mass with Eucharistic Adoration is celebrated every first Thursday of the month in the Church. The next Mass will be Thursday, December 3, 2020. All are Welcome!**

*"Do extraordinary things with extraordinary love."  
Mother Teresa*



### PRAY THE ROSARY



**The Sanctuary Lamp  
will burn this week in memory  
of  
Fran Bertagnolli  
by  
Frank Bertagnolli**



**The Second Collection  
on  
December 5-6, 2020  
will be for  
Retired Men & Women Religious  
Thank you for your generosity!**

## ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

There will be many opportunities for spiritual enrichment during the upcoming seasons of Advent and Christmas.

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2020—**

### **SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

*(Holy Day of Obligation)*

### **SOLEMNIDAD DE LA INMACULADA CONCEPCIÓN DE LA SANTÍSIMA VIRGEN MARÍA**

Masses/Misas at 7:00 am, 12:00 Noon and 7:00 pm (Bilingual/Bilingüe)

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2020—**

### **FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE FIESTA DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE**

Mañanitas at 6:00 am

*Regular 5:00 pm Mass*

7:00 pm—Mass in Spanish/Español

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2020—**

**PARISH RECONCILIATION**—4:30 pm in the Church  
**RECONCILIACIÓN PARROQUIAL**—4:30 pm de la tarde en la Iglesia

### **CHRISTMAS EVE—Thursday, December 24 VIGILIA DE LA NATIVIDAD DE NUESTRO SEÑOR**

4:00 pm (with Children in English/con niños)

5:30 pm (English/Inglés)

7:00 pm (Spanish/Español)

12:00 am Midnight Mass/media noche  
(prelude begins at 11:30 pm)

### **CHRISTMAS DAY— Friday, December 25 LA NATIVIDAD DE NUESTRO SEÑOR**

10:00 am (English/Inglés)

### **New Year's Eve Mass—December 31 Vigila del Año Nuevo**

5:00 pm

### **New Year's Day Masses—January 1 Misas del Año Nuevo**

9:15 am (Spanish/Español)

11:00 am (English/Inglés)

**Our Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a blood drive on Sunday, December 6th from 8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. in the Notre Dame Social Center.**

Blood continues to be a critical need during these times. South Texas Blood and Tissue will give a thank you gift card to all donors and will also provide a free Co-Vid antibody test for donors.

Donors should go online at [donor.southtexasblood.org](http://donor.southtexasblood.org) to schedule their donation. Give the gift of life—give blood.

Dar un Regalo—Dona tu sange.

**Help our elders.** In good times and bad, senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have dedicated themselves to service and acts of mercy. Today, they pray for an aching world. Yet years of serving for little or no pay have left their religious communities without enough retirement savings. **Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please be generous.**

**Ayuden a nuestros mayores.** En los buenos y en los malos tiempos, hermanas, hermanos y sacerdotes católicos mayores de órdenes religiosas se han dedicado a servir y hacer obras de misericordia. Hoy ellos rezan por un mundo que sufre. Sin embargo, años sirviendo por poca o ninguna paga han dejado a sus comunidades religiosas con gran escasez en los fondos de jubilación. **Su donativo al Fondo para la Jubilación de Religiosos ayuda con las recetas médicas, cuidados de enfermería y otras necesidades. Sean generosos.**

**Thank you for your generous support last week for the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development!** As a parish, we support those on the margins who are living in poverty in the United States. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections).

**¡Muchas gracias por su generoso apoyo la semana pasada a la colecta para la Campaña Católica para el Desarrollo Humano!** Como parroquia, hemos apoyado a aquellos que son pobres y viven en la periferia en Estados Unidos. ¡Si ustedes no alcanzaron a donar, aun lo pueden hacer! Visiten [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections).



### RCIA REFLECTIONS

We thank God for those in our RCIA journey this year. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue to learn about our Catholic faith, and about God's love for them. They will be on retreat Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, and then will participate in their first RCIA Rite on Sunday, November 22: The Rite of Acceptance and Welcome. Please pray for their discernment as they continue their faith journeys.

### Prayer for the Holy Souls Souls In Purgatory (November Remembrance)



"Eternal Father, I offer You the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal Church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen".

*(Prayer was given to St. Gertrude during a vision from Jesus with the promise that 1000 souls would be released from purgatory when prayed.)*



### POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER

#### Artificial Intelligence

We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind

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### Update for The Society of St Vincent de Paul Notre Dame Kerrville

We are in need of grocery bags (gently used) for Pantry and Store.

Thank you for your continued support. Our neighbors experiencing poverty greatly appreciate your kind donations.

Current Hours:

**Food Pantry** Wednesday 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.  
Saturday 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

**Financial Aid** Monday and Saturday 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.  
Wednesday 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

The Thrift Store is open Tuesdays 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Donations are accepted on Tuesday's 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the warehouse.

In December, *only* the first two Saturdays, the store will open 11:30-2:30 after food distribution.

**The Society of St Vincent de Paul wishes to thank** the congregation for your generous second collection for November which amounted to \$1,331.00. *Thank you!* Keep us in your prayers, please.

Box Tops for Education are even easier to collect for Notre Dame Catholic School. Download the Box Tops Bonus App. Scan your receipt and watch your earnings stack up! Sure you can still clip and save, however, what if you didn't know that product has Box Tops for Education or threw it in the trash. Remember before you throw away that receipt "Scan It"! See details.

**PLEASE Pray FOR...**  
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