



“So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”

Matthew 24:44

December 3, 2023

## NOTRE DAME CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Monday-Friday 8:00 am-5:00pm,  
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### Clergy at Notre Dame

*Fr. Rafael A. Duda*

*Dc. Alfredo “Jimmy” Bill, Jr.*  
*Dc. Francisco Hernandez*  
*Dc. Harold “Sonny” Kaufhold*  
*Dc. Roberto Zapata*



### MASS TIMES:

Monday	12:00 Noon
Tuesday	7:00 a.m.
Wednesday	12:00 Noon
Thursday	12:00 Noon - (Liturgy of the Word with Communion Service)
Friday	8:00 a.m.
Saturday	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	7:45 a.m., 9:15 am (in Spanish), 11:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

RECONCILIATION (Confessions)  
Saturday 3:00 p.m.— 4:30 p.m.



### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday—December 4, 2023  
Is 2:1-5, Mt 8:5-11(175)

Tuesday—December 5, 2023  
Is 11:1-10, Lk 10:21-24(176)

Wednesday—December 6, 2023  
Is 25:6-10a, Mt 15:29-37(177)

Thursday—December 7, 2023  
Is 26:1-6, Mt 7:21, 24-27(178)

Friday—December 8, 2023  
Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12, Lk 1:26-38  
(689)

Saturday—December 9, 2023  
Is 40:1-5, 9-11, 2 Pt 3:8-14, Mk 1:1-8(5)

Sunday—December 10, 2023  
Is 40:1-5, 9-11, 2 Pt 3:8-14, Mk 1:1-8(5)

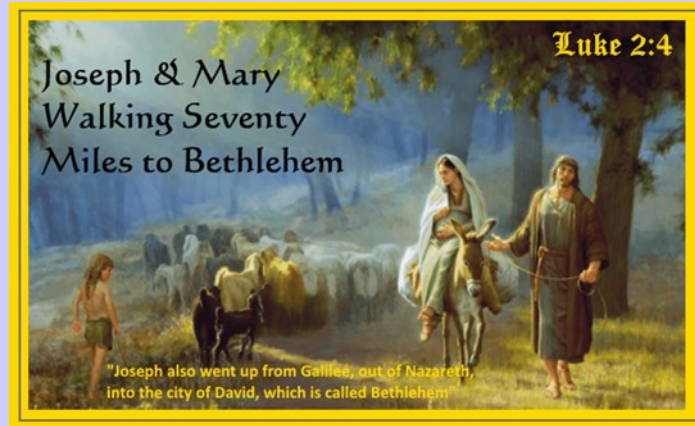
### Verse to reflect on this week:

Jesus said to his disciples: “Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: “Watch!”

Mark 13:33,36



# Advent 2023 - Kerryville to Bethlehem



The journey of Advent 2023 begins this weekend. We have 22 days to make some changes in our life and find Jesus in the manger at the end of the road. The thing is that the best place to find the newborn King is our own heart.

This world will provide and prepare many beautiful things for Christmas - colorful decorations, bright lights, expensive presents - but it doesn't mean that we will meet Him, though. Our King, who was born in a manger in Bethlehem, doesn't really enjoy the spotlights. He chooses simplicity, quietness, humility. Our going over the top Christmas celebration can actually take us away from Him.

Let's try to meditate and find out who Baby Jesus really is and how He would like us to celebrate His Nativity. He wants to be close to us and He wants to become Emmanuel for us – if we allow Him, if we listen, if we trust.

May this Advent Season be a good one for You. It is in our hands now: 22 days (528 hours). I wish for us that this spiritual journey from Kerryville to Bethlehem will make some significant changes in our life. May God's grace lead us and guide us. May Mary and Joseph, our Advent patrons, pray for us constantly.

Please, remember to say a prayer for me,

Father Rafael



December 8	8:00 AM—Immaculate Conception Mass 12:00 PM—Immaculate Conception Mass 6:00 PM—Immaculate Conception Mass
December 12	5:00 AM—La Danza 5:30 AM—Mañanitas 7:00 AM—Communion Service 7:00 PM—Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass
December 24—Fourth Sunday of Advent (Morning Masses)	9:15 AM 11:00 AM
December 24 Christmas Eve	4:00 PM
December 25	12:00 Midnight Mass 10:00 AM
December 31	7:45 AM 9:15 AM 11:00 AM
January 1	9:00 AM

## NOTRE DAME CHURCH MINISTRIES

### **Monday, December 4, 2023**

Good Shepherd—5:00 p.m.

School Booster Board—5:30 p.m.

Cursillos—7:00 p.m.

### **Tuesday, December 5, 2023**

RCIA—6:00 p.m.

PTC—5:30 p.m.

Guadalupanas—6:30 p.m.

Christmas Walk (Notre Dame)—7:30 p.m.

### **Wednesday, December 6, 2023**

Ingles También—5:00 p.m.

Faith Formation—5:15 p.m.

EDGE—5:30 p.m.

LifeTeen—7:00 p.m.

Confirmation (Youth) - 7:00 p.m.

Ministerio Santa Cecilia—7:00 p.m.

### **Thursday, December 7, 2023**

'That Man is You' Men's Prayer Group—6:45 a.m.

Spanish Choir—6:30 p.m.

M.O.S.T. (Ministerio Oracion Santisima Trinidad) - 7:00 p.m.

### **Friday, December 8, 2023**

**Immaculate Conception Mass (A Holy Day of Obligation) - 8:00 a.m.**

**Immaculate Conception Mass (A Holy Day of Obligation) - 12:00 Noon**

Divine Mercy—3:00 p.m.

**Immaculate Conception Mass (A Holy Day of Obligation) - 6:00 p.m. (Bilingual)**

La Danza—7:00 p.m.

### **Saturday, December 9, 2023**

Reconciliation—3:00 p.m.—4:30 p.m. in the Church

### **Sunday, December 10, 2023**

Good Shepherd—9:00 a.m.

RCIA (Children's) - 9:30 a.m.

Little Flower Girl's Club—12:00 p.m.

Blue Knights Boy's Club—12:00 p.m.

Virgen de Guadalupe Caminata—12:30 p.m.

Confirmation Orientation—3:00 p.m.

## MASS SCHEDULE

### **Sunday, December 3, 2023**

7:45 am (Fr. Rafal) People of the Parish

9:15 am (Fr. Rafal) †Faustino Camacho Solano

11:00 am (Fr. Rafal) †Janet Melendez

5:00 pm (Fr. Rafal) Mass offered for  
The Gruna Family

### **Monday, December 4, 2023**

12:00 pm (Fr. Rafal) †Norman Straumann

### **Tuesday, December 5, 2023**

7:00 am (Fr. Rafal) Mass offered for  
Bishop Mike Boulette

### **Wednesday, December 6, 2023**

12:00 pm (Fr. Rafal) †Doug Harris

### **Thursday, December 7, 2023**

12:00 pm (Dc.) Mass offered for  
(Communion Service) Vocations to the Priesthood

### **Friday, December 8, 2023-Immaculate Conception (A Holy Day of Obligation)**

**8:00 am** (Fr. Rafal) Mass offered for Deceased  
Retired Members of SVdP

**12:00 pm** (Fr. Rafal) †Michael Novak

**6:00 pm** (Fr. Rafal) †Homer Calderon

### **Saturday, December 9, 2023**

5:00 pm (Fr. Rafal) †Rufina Rueda

### **Sunday, December 10, 2023**

7:45 am (Fr. Rafal) †Fran Bertagnolli

9:15 am (Fr. Rafal) People of the Parish

11:00 am (Fr. Rafal) †Elba Beltran

5:00 pm (Fr. Rafal) †Karen Mundahl



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**The Second Collection  
on  
December 9-10, 2023  
will be for  
Retired Men & Women Religious  
Thank you for your generosity!**

### **Altar Servers Ministry.**

If you would like to become an Altar Server please contact Marta Mata at 830.257.5961.

Thank you for serving Jesus in the Eucharist :)

### **Ministerio de monaguillos.**

Si quieres servir como monaguillo, póngase en contacto con Marta Mata al 830.257.5961.

Gracias por servir a Jesús en la Eucaristía :)



## 2023 Downtown Christmas



Promoting Gospel  
Unity and Fellowship  
Bundle up!  
Come sing & celebrate  
with your neighbors!  
Tuesday,

December 5, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

- 5:30-5:50 First Baptist —  
625 Washington Street  
Matthew Melton — Peterson Health
- 6:00-6:20 First Presbyterian —  
800 Jefferson Street  
Frank Oakman — Global Methodist  
Church
- 6:30-6:50 First Assembly of God —  
901 Jefferson Street  
Chuck Claus — Foursquare Gospel  
Fellowship Church
- 7:00-7:20 St. Peter's Episcopal —  
320 St. Peter Street  
Scott Warner —  
Kerrville Church of Christ
- 7:30-7:50 Notre Dame Catholic Church —  
909 Main Street  
Rick Malm — Commission to Every  
Nation
- 8:00-8:30 Refreshments & fellowship hosted  
by Notre Dame

There is no cost for this event, but consider donating your  
love offering in support of local food pantries  
(checks payable to Kerr Ministerial Alliance)  
Participants are encouraged to bring a flashlight.

"The people who walked in darkness have seen  
a great light" (Isaiah 9:2)

The following are the Fredericksburg Deanery Advent  
Reconciliation dates and times.



Monday, December 4, 2023—6:00 p.m.—  
Kerrville, Notre Dame

Tuesday, December 5, 2023—7:00 p.m.—  
Boerne, St. Peter the Apostle

Wednesday, December 6, 2023—6:00 p.m.—  
Bandera, St. Stanislaus

Monday, December 11, 2023—6:00 p.m.—  
Comfort, Sacred Heart

Wednesday, December 13, 2023—6:00 p.m.—  
Fredericksburg, St. Mary

Thursday, December 14, 2023—6:00 p.m.—  
Harper, St. Anthony

## Discover what makes our school unique.



### Open House for New and Prospective Families

Join us to learn  
more about why  
Our Lady of the  
Hills is set apart  
from the rest.

**ADMISSIONS.**  
For prospective  
students and their  
families.

**CAMPUS TOUR.**  
Meet our teachers  
and students.

**CURRICULUM  
SHOWCASE.**  
Q&A with our  
admissions team.



**The Sanctuary Lamp  
will burn this week  
for  
Manuel Sanchez  
By  
Wife**





**The 46 days of Rosaries have begun.** The following are some of the rosaries which will take place. Questions? please contact Nelda Bill at 830.377.7247.

**Los cuarenta seis rosarios se an comenzado.** Los siguientes son algunos de los rosarios que se llevarán a cabo. ¿Preguntas? Favor de comuniquese con la Sra. Nelda Bill al numero 830.377.7247.

**December 2, 2023**—Leonor Gonzalez—6:00 p.m., 103 Walnut Lane., Center Point, TX., 830.377.8320

**December 3, 2023**—Berta Garcia—6:00 p.m., 504 Moore St., Ingram, TX., 830.928.2868

**December 4, 2023**—Familia Navarro—6:00 p.m., 167 Cedar Mill, Kerrville, TX., 830.329.5867

**December 5, 2023**—Miguel Angel Vega—6:30 p.m., 125 Cross Point Apt 9106., Boerne, TX., 210.371.9503

**December 6, 2023**—St. Peter Upon the Water—7:00 p.m., Ingram, TX

**December 7, 2023**—Maria de la Luz Luna—6:00 p.m., 299 Cactus Dr., Bandera, TX., 830.353.3223

**December 8, 2023**—Guadalupanas—5:30 p.m.

**December 9, 2023**—Soledad Perez Solis—7:00 p.m., 228 W. Schreiner St., Kerrville, 830.370.1819

**December 10, 2023**—M<sup>a</sup> Engracia Mendoza/Luis Mendoza— 6:30 p.m., 180 Live Oak Blvd., Center Point, TX., 830.777.6656 or 210.975.8571

**December 11, 2023**—Guadalupe Mendoza—7:00 p.m., 620 Moore St., Ingram, TX., 830.353.1954



**The Daughters of Notre Dame are currently accepting Christmas Memorials.** A Special Memorial Mass will be said on Sunday, January 14, 2024 at the 7:45 a.m. Mass; names will be published in the weekly bulletin.

Envelopes for donations are located in the back of the church in the Narthex. Donations may be placed in the collection basket or dropped off at the Pastoral Center.

**Please make checks payable to Notre Dame Church. Deadline for intentions is Sunday, December 31, 2023.**

### FREE CHRISTMAS GIFT WRAPPING!



The Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus will be wrapping gifts in the Kerrville Mall (near the fountain) the weekends of December 9-10 and 16-17. Hours will be 11:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m.

Donations are welcome to support our Notre Dame School.



William Etchison, Marci Denton, Regina Kelly, Mauricio Reyes, Tom Miller, Tony Perez, Eloida Garcia, Judy Maurer, Amelia Rios, Brad Druehl, Norman Maurer, Lenora Reyes, Dale Denais, Bernice Kunz, Barney Murray, Jessica Garza Gonzalez, Manuela Sanchez, Deodato & Jesusa Ruiz, Andrew Ornelas Jr., Marge Carseth, John Baldwin, Angie Nombro, Carolia Arriaga, Fr. David Wagner, Deacon Sonny Kaufhold, Patti Zohlen, Beverly Kyle, Merv Nelson, Ray Cicconi, Ann Skeels, Patty Espenhover, Mark Padilla, Barry Cannon, Becky Chacon Hancock, Gracien (Chen) Ramos, Mary Jane Flores, Frank Bertagnoli, Gilbert Davila, Scottie Dugger, Phillip Venzor, Marc Weekley.



The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a blood drive on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8:00 a.m.— 1:00 p.m. in the Notre Dame Social Center.

Blood is in short supply; please give the gift of life, give blood.

Please register online at [https://donor.southtexasblood.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/140906](https://donor.southtexasblood.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/140906) or call/text John Windlinger at 847-312-3194

## BooksToBorrow

Books to borrow from the Notre Dame Parish Library located in the Pastoral Center are available Mondays & Wednesday 10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon.

If you are unable to come during these times, please call Deborah Harris at 214-538-9105 and I will help you get the book(s) you need.

**Advent, Christmas and Epiphany in the Domestic Church: Activities to Celebrate Catholic Liturgical Seasons,** by Catherine and Peter Fournier gives suggestions for families with children in the US in the 21<sup>st</sup> century for each of the Advent weeks and special days. Stop by and read page vi, about phasing in a Christian celebration of the season in the midst of the modern world's distracting idols. (I was utterly charmed by the comment that "regular prayer is like flying in a small airplane. You begin to see things from a different perspective.") If it sounds like something you could do, check it out, and return it after Christmas, telling us your own story for us to share next year.

**The Essential Advent and Christmas Handbook, a Daily Companion,** written by the Redemptorist Pastoral Publication is a book that everyone should own. Everybody knows that Advent is the season of preparation for the coming of Christ into the world and that Christmas is the celebration of His birth. This book gives you a richer experience of these sacred times, whether you are a traditionalist, contemporary, or family unit. Pages 124-141 contain the complete traditional meditations of St. Alphonsus Liguori.

**The Triumph of the Immaculate Heart** by Janice T. Connell is a gorgeous colored picture book that was consecrated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and is dedicated to the Lord Jesus Christ, King of all Nations. The book is divided into three parts: part one is Vision (the Apparitions: Reign of Love, and Victorious Queen of the World), part two is Pilgrims Prepare (included in this section are visits to places where our Holy Mother was seen, (Paris, Lourdes, Lisieux, Fatima), part three is the Pilgrim's Triumph with visits to Prague, Russia, Poland, and The World. As The Blessed Virgin Mary said in Fatima on October 13, 1917, "In the end my Immaculate Heart will triumph. Russia will be converted and a period of peace will be given to the world". What a wonderful good that encourages us to remember how powerful is our Blessed Mother.

**The Advent season this year starts on December 3 and ends on December 24.**

*Written by Deborah Harris*



**PRAY THE ROSARY**



### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

November 18-19, 2023

#### CHURCH

Envelopes/Checks \$ 7,830.00

Currency/Coin 3,539.00

Capital Improvement 33.00

TOTAL \$11,402.00

Campaign for  
Human Development  
(2nd Collection) \$ 476.60

TOTAL \$ 476.60

Adoration Chapel  
Fund \$17,321.60

TOTAL \$17,321.60

Memorial 100.00

TOTAL \$ 100.00

Adoration Chapel \$ 237,621.00  
(to date)

TOTAL \$ 237,621.00

#### On-line Giving November 13-19, 2023

Offertory \$ 2,947.50

School 175.00

Bldg 120.00

Adoration 100.00

TOTAL \$ 3,342.50



### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

November 25-26, 2023

#### CHURCH

Envelopes/Checks \$ 9,380.00

Currency/Coin 4,320.77

Capital Improvement 86.00

TOTAL \$13,786.77

Adoration Chapel  
(2nd Collection) \$ 1,922.50

TOTAL \$ 1,922.50

Adoration Chapel \$ 295,634.50  
(to date)

TOTAL \$ 295,634.50

#### On-line Giving November 20-26, 2023

Offertory \$ 2,248.50

School 305.00

Bldg 150.00

Adoration 0.00

TOTAL \$ 2,703.50

#### SCHOOL

Envelopes \$ 80.00

TOTAL \$ 80.00

### MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS - Notre Dame

**Acts Core**—Janet Ontiveros—830.459.8126

**Daughters of Notre Dame**—Anne Beitel—830.928.1714

**Eucharistic Adoration**—Dana Garre—501.908.6593

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**Lectors**—Gail Stauder—830.377.8716

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*(Hospital)* - Patti Kerth—713.409.3107

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*(Nursing Home)* - Frank Galvan—830.285.2825

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**St. Vincent de Paul**—Mike Henke—713.962.7173

**Ushers**—Robert Machicek—830.739.4965

### SPANISH MINISTRIES

**Cursillos**—Gerardo Angel—830.370.9595

**Guadalupanas**—Angelica Contreras—830.329.3788

**M.O.S.T.** (Ministerio Oracion Santisimo Trinidad) -  
Olga Lopez—830.370.2164



On behalf of the Ladies Knights of Columbus Council 6409 I would like to THANK the parish for supporting our Baby Blanket Drive for the Pregnancy Resource Center.

This year we had a tremendous turnout. Your support is greatly appreciated.

The blankets and the monetary donations will be delivered to the PRC the 1st week of December.

See you next October/November...

keep on crocheting and knitting them soft blankets & making small quilts!



Notre Dame Catholic School is seeking a *Middle School Social Studies Teachers for grades 5<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup>*.

Interested candidates may apply online at <https://archsa.org/employment> or contact the school office for more information at 830-257-6707.