

“This is the one about whom it is written:
‘Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you;
he will prepare your way before you.’”

Matthew 11:10

December 17, 2023

NOTRE DAME CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Kerrville, TX 78028
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Office Hours:
Monday-Friday 8:00 am-5:00pm,
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Fr. Rafal 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 18, 2023
Jer 23:5-8, Mt 1:18-25(194)

Tuesday—December 19, 2023
Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a, Lk 1:5-25(195)

Wednesday—December 20, 2023
Is 7:10-14, Lk 1:26-38(196)

Thursday—December 21, 2023
Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a, Lk 1:39-45(197)

Friday—December 22, 2023
1 Sm 1:24-28, Lk 1:46-56(198)

Saturday—December 23, 2023
2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16, Rom 16:25-27, Lk 1:26-38(11)

Sunday—December 24, 2023
2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16, Rom 16:25-27, Lk 1:26-38(11)
Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25, Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
(13), Night: Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14(14)

Verse to reflect on this week:

They asked him, “Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?” John answered them, “I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie.”

John 1: 25-27





Today we're reaching the third Sunday of Advent. This year's Season of Advent is very short, and we have only 8 days left before we will celebrate Christmas. How have we grown in Advent, so far? What have we done to be closer to Jesus and to have more love in us? What changes have we made in our daily - Christian - lives? Are we at least a little better than two weeks ago (December 3rd)?

The theme of this Sunday is JOY. It is the key moment in Advent. God is about to do something unique: he chooses to be born as a child. Children can teach us about joy and simplicity. Children (especially babies) are not complicated – they just want to feel that they are not alone, that they are loved and cared for (otherwise they cry). As we grow and get older, we are beginning to have more and more expectations and ambitions that come and cling to us for very different reasons. Many times, it leads unfortunately to our unhappiness and loneliness.

God is trying to teach us how to appreciate 'small' things in life. Joy comes from a humble and grateful heart. We can find joy if we listen to God, if we look at His manger, if we follow His logic (not the one from the world). Being small and quiet can beautifully take us to new levels of spiritual joy.

Let's not try to find or even create a *perfect* Christmas (whatever it might mean). Let's try to embrace and use our remaining time (about 192 hours) to be closer to God and our loved ones. Let's try to have more peace and more "room" for the One who wants to change our lives radically, by his appearance in the manger.

I pray for you - please, say a prayer for me,
Father Rafael



December 24—Fourth Sunday of Advent (Morning Masses)	9:15 AM 11:00 AM
December 24 Christmas Eve	4:00 PM 12:00AM Midnight Mass
December 25	10:00 AM
December 31	7:45 AM 9:15 AM 11:00 AM
January 1 New Year's Day	9:00 AM

Notre Dame Ministries

Monday, December 18, 2023

School Council—5:30 p.m.

Cursillos—7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 19, 2023

Christmas Choir Practice—7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 20, 2023

Thursday, December 21, 2023

Children's Christmas Practice—5:00 p.m.

Spanish Choir Practice—6:30 p.m.

Friday, December 22, 2023

Divine Mercy—3:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 23, 2023

Reconciliation—3:00 p.m.—4:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 24, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Advent Mass—9:15 a.m. (Spanish)

Fourth Sunday of Advent Mass—11:00 a.m.

Christmas Eve Mass w/children—4:00 p.m

Christmas Eve Midnight Mass—12:00 a.m.

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 :)



Mass Schedule

Sunday, December 17, 2023

7:45 am (Fr. Rafal) †Doug Harris
9:15 am (Fr. Rafal) †Eusebio Artega
11:00 am (Fr. Rafal) People of the Parish
5:00 pm (Msgr. Flood) †Milo Kavedra

Monday, December 18, 2023

12:00 pm (Fr. Rafal) †Joe Treviño

Tuesday, December 19, 2023

7:00 am (Fr. Rafal) †Linda Suzanne Kendrick

Wednesday, December 20, 2023

12:00 pm (Fr. Rafal) †Noah Robert Shaw

Thursday, December 21, 2023

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

Friday, December 22, 2023

8:00 am (Fr. Rafal) †Blas & Juanita Rodriguez

Saturday, December 23, 2023

5:00 pm (Fr. Rafal) †Fran Bertagnolli

Sunday, December 24, 2023—Fourth Sunday of Advent -

9:15 am (Fr. Rafal) Mass offered for
All Soul's in Purgatory
11:00 am (Fr. Rafal) Mass offered for
All Soul's in Purgatory

Sunday, December 24, 2023—Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m. (Fr. Rafal) †Andrew Miciotto
12:00 a.m. (Bishop Mike) †Louis Shawn Manahan

MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS - NOTRE DAME

Acts Core—Janet Ontiveros—830.459.8126
Daughters of Notre Dame—Anne Beitel—830.928.1714
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Olga Lopez—830.370.2164



The following are "Posadas" which will begin soon. The times, dates and places are listed as follows. For questions, please call Norma Sanchez at 830.343.0168. All are Welcome!

Los siguientes son "Posadas" que comenzarán pronto. Los horarios, fechas y lugares se nombrarán de la siguiente manera. ¿Preguntas? Favor de comunicarse con Norma Sanchez al número 830.343.0168. ¡Todos bienvenidos!

15 de diciembre—Gregoria Martinez (7:00 p.m.)
120 E. Davis St., Kerrville—830.792.2139

16 de diciembre—Soledad Perez (7:00 p.m.)
228 W. Schreiner St., Kerrville—830.370.1819

17 de diciembre—Berta Garcia (7:00 p.m.)
504 Moore St., Ingram—830.928.6478

18 de diciembre—Delia Lira (7:00 p.m.)
127 Rancho., Kerrville—830.290.8559

19 de diciembre—Rocio Gomez (7:00 p.m.)
700 Webster Ave., Kerrville—830.777.1466

20 de diciembre—Maria Rivera (7:00 p.m.)
700 Webster Ave., Kerrville—830.777.1466

21 de diciembre—Salvador y Angelica Acosta (7:00 p.m.)
Hunt, TX—830.343.2472

22 de diciembre—Carmela Alvarado (7:00 p.m.)
Kerrville—830.257.0689

23 de diciembre—Notre Dame Church (7:00 p.m.)
Corner of Water & Washington., Kerrville

PRAYER FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"O Almighty God, gracious provider and giver of life, we anxiously await the celebration of your birth.

Like the people of long ago, our ancestors in faith, we, too, are in need of light, in need of direction, in need of your Word, to show us the way.

Our busy lives and the consumerism that surrounds us make it difficult to recognize your kingdom and to hear your voice.

Help us Lord, to focus on you.

Amen."



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.



There will be **NO Second Collection** on

December 23-24, 2023

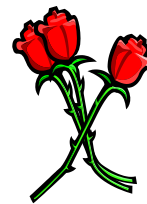
The Collection on Christmas Day, December 25, 2023

will be for Assumption Seminary

Thank you for your generosity!



The Sanctuary Lamp
will burn this week
for
Manuel Sanchez
by
Wife



Please pray for those who have died, and have gone to their eternal rest with the Lord, especially *for Mary McGougan, Ignacio Lopez Sr., & Ramona Gonzales.* Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.



PRAY THE ROSARY



Take a look at our Catholic Schools!

NOTRE DAME CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Notre Dame Catholic School is seeking a Middle School Social Studies Teachers for grades 5th thru 8th . Interested candidates may apply online at <https://archsa.org/employment> or contact the school office for more information at 830-257- 6707.



UPCOMING EVENTS

MONDAY
4 **SOCCER-AWAY**
VS CENTERPOINT
6:00pm

TUESDAY
19 **SEMESTER EXAMS**
EARLY RELEASE

WEDNESDAY
20 **SEMESTER EXAMS**
EARLY RELEASE

THURSDAY
21 **SEMESTER EXAMS**
EARLY RELEASE

FRIDAY
22 **MAKE UP EXAMS/CREDIT RECOVERY**
OLH Campus
9:00 am

CHRISTMAS BREAK
SCHOOL/OFFICES CLOSED
12/23/23 - 1/7/24



From Your Librarians

Books to borrow from the Notre Dame Parish Library located in the Pastoral Center is open Monday & Wednesday from 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 you need.

The Life of Mary as Seen by the Mystics by Raphael Brown is the story of the visions of four great Catholic mystics on the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary. These mystics are St. Elizabeth of Schoenau, St. Bridget of Sweden, Venerable Mother Mary of Jesus of Agreda and St. Anne Catherine Emmerich. A mystic is "a person who claims to attain, or believes in the possibility of attaining, insight into mysteries transcending ordinary human knowledge, as by direct communication with the divine or immediate intuition in a state of spiritual ecstasy, a person initiated into religious mysteries."

To read this book is to share in the magnificent visions granted to four of the most privileged souls in the church history. In complete step with the Gospel story, such fascinating details as the birth and infancy of Mary, her espousal to St. Joseph, the Holy Family in Egypt, Jesus' hidden life, Mary during Jesus' public ministry, the Passion, Mary's last years and her Assumption into Heaven where she is crowned Queen of Heaven and Earth are detailed.

A book for all ages will forever impress you with an inspiring and truly unforgettable understanding of the unknown facts concerning Mary and the Holy Family. This book has a Nihil Obstat and an Imprimatur.

Written by Deborah Harris



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 Nombrano, 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 Bertagnolli, Gilbert Davila, Scottie Dugger, Phillip Venzor, Marc Weekley, Roxanne Peralta, Ariana Lambdin.



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School must turn in tickets by Friday, January 26, 2024. Drawing to be held Wednesday, February 14, 2024.

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact:

**Notre Dame Catholic School
830-257-6707**

DONATION: \$5.00 EACH

IN RECEIVING THE
Eucharist,
WE ARE CALLED TO SERVE.

EL RECIBIR LA
Eucaristía,
NOS LANZA A SERVIR.

ARCHBISHOP'S
Appeal
for **MINISTRIES**
CAMPAÑA DEL ARZOBISPO PARA LOS MINISTERIOS

