

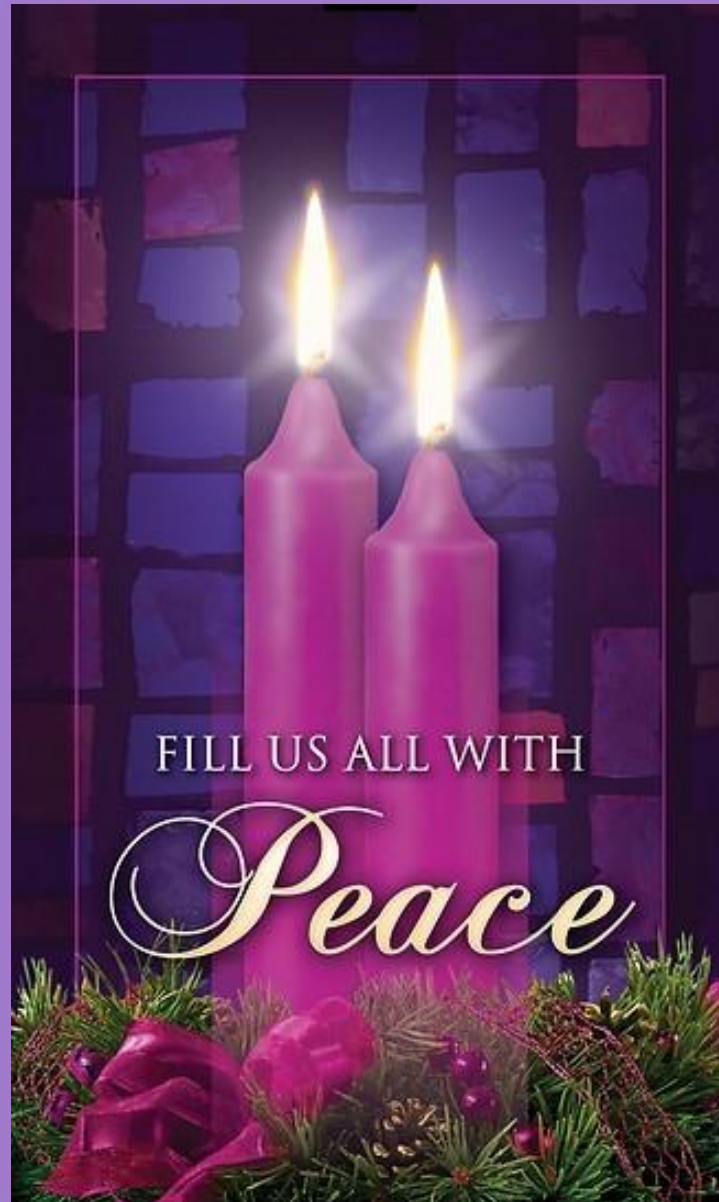
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December 10, 2023 – Second Sunday of Advent



“PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD.”

The second Sunday symbolizes the virtue of PEACE. The second purple candle that is lit on this day is known as the “Bethlehem Candle.” Reflecting on the journey of Mary and St. Joseph to Bethlehem during the weeks leading up to the first Christmas is a good way to remain in a spirit of humble reflection and penance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SECOND COLLECTION

Today's second collection is for the **Retirement Fund for Religious**. Next weekend is for the **Religious and Spiritual Formation of the Parishioners**. Your generous contributions are appreciated.

ADVENT

In preparation for Advent, confessions with Fr. Jacob are 15 minutes before Mass. Pamphlets are available in the back of the church to prepare for confession.

2024 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

Contribution envelopes for next year are in the back of the church, please pick up your envelopes if you haven't done so already. Thank you for all of you who generously supported this past year.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

We will have a Christmas Raffle on Sunday, **December 24th**. First prize is a **55-inch Samsung TV**, second prize is **\$100**, third prize is a **Gift Card** from the Beeville Steakhouse. Tickets will be available in the back of the church after Mass for **\$5 a ticket or 3 tickets for \$10**.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION DECEMBER 10TH

Our Parish Christmas Celebration will be this **Sunday, December 10th at 4:00 pm** and includes a Christmas Play performed by our Religious Education Students. For more information contact Casey Ponce at 361-318-0888.

ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING

There will be an Altar Society meeting this **Monday, December 11th at 6:00pm** in the CCE Building.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE FEAST DAY

The St. James Guadalupanas invite you to bring a rose or flowers to Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast, **Tuesday, December 12th** beginning with Mañanitas at 7:00 am, Rosary at 7:30 am, Mass at 8:00 am and a reception after Mass in the Parish Hall. All are invited.

ALTAR SERVERS CHRISTMAS PARTY

There will be an Altar Servers Christmas Party **Sunday, December 17th** after the 10am Mass in the CCE Building.

ONE DAY POSADA

We will have a one-day Posada on **Sunday, December 24th** beginning at **5:15pm**. All are welcome.

CHRISTMAS EVE & DAY MASSES

We will have Mass on **Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24th at 6:00 pm** & Mass on **Christmas Day, Monday, December 25th at 10:00 am**.

NEW YEARS' DAY MASS

The Mass for **New Years' Day** will be **Monday, January 1st at 9:30 am**.

SILVER & GOLD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS CELEBRATION

Those blessed by celebrating 25 or 50 years of Sacramental Marriage are invited to attend a special Silver & Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass celebrated by Bishop Michael Mulvey **Sunday, February 11, 2024, at 9:30 am** at the **Corpus Christi Cathedral, 505 N. Upper Broadway**. For more information see the flyer in the back of the church or contact the parish office.

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

We would like to thank the **Youth** for cleaning our church this week.

CONDOLENCES

St. James expresses condolences to the family of **Baltazar Salinas, Jr.** May his soul rest in peace.

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, December 9

- 5:00 PM † **Guadalupe & Santiago Villarreal** For her Birthday
By Rosalinda V. Espinosa
† **Francisco, Maria, & Tony Guerrero** by Family
† **Jesus Gomez, Jr.** by Patricia Gonzalez
† **Raul Casarez** by Jose Padron
† **Isabel "Chavelita" Garcia** For her 2nd Anniversary
By Cruz Muñoz

Sunday, December 10

- 10:00 AM † **Margaret Cabellero** by Ernest & Rosalinda Orozco
† **Julio & Baudelia Salazar & Geronimo Ortiz** by Erlinda Ortiz
† **Raul Casarez** by Jose Padron
† **Dubelsa Vasquez** by Juan Vasquez
† **Rachel Alvarado** by Blanca Paredes
Jorge Andres Garza For his Health by Yolanda Aleman
Porfirio Cantu For a speedy Recovery

Monday, December 11

- 8:00 AM † **Robert Lee Paredes** by Blanca Paredes

Tuesday, December 12 **Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day**

- 8:00 AM † **Roland Cantu** by Cantu Family
† **Roland Michael Cantu** by Cantu Family
† **Clarissa Cantu** by Cantu Family
† **Robert Perez** by Cantu Family
† **Lupita Garcia Rivera** by Juanita L. Martinez

Wednesday, December 13

8:00 AM

Thursday, December 14

8:00 AM

Friday, December 15

8:00 AM

PRAY FOR THE SICK



With care and compassion, we pray for:

Mary Gutierrez, Stella Sanchez, Daniel & Dora Loya,
Leon & Hilda Pharma, Rosario Cruz, Carolina Lopez, Rene Paredes,
Jonathan Paredes, Henry Guerrero, Maria G. Perez, Ray Muñoz,
Eloise Paredes, Steven M. Gonzales, Rudolfo (Lito) Montez,
Mr. & Mrs. Manuel & Shirley Martinez, Teodora Cueana,
Anselmo Garcia, Jr., Trey Garces, Kelly Thomas, Anita David Parma,
Clemente Hinojosa, Jeremy Matthew Hinojosa, Mary Harrison,
Angie Garza, and to all at Christus Spohn.

➤ **Please fill in names to be prayed for on the list in the back of the church or contact the parish office. Thank you.**



NEXT BAPTISM CLASS – January 1, 2023



MASS SCHEDULE					
Date	Time	USHERS	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS
Sat., December 9	5:00 PM	Luis Hernandez Michael Deleon	Cristina Sanchez	Salvador Andrade	Catalina Sanchez, Adrian Hernandez Araceli Hernandez
Sun., December 10	10:00 AM	Jimmy Cardenas Ernest Orozco	Janie Maldonado	Susana Moron	Daniel Hinojosa, Rico Flores, Arturo Martinez IV
Sat., December 16	5:00 PM	Luis Hernandez Michael Deleon	Lisa Blanton	Lisa Blanton	Adam Garcia, Anayeli Hernandez, Andres Hernandez
Sun., December 17	10:00 AM	Jimmy Cardenas Ernest Orozco	Casey Ponce	Susana Martinez	Rico Flores, Rayleigh Guerra, Manual Garnica

AUDITORS

December 10

Juanita Cruz,
Elfida Garcia

December 17

Rosalinda Orozco,
Margaret Mesquita
December 24

December 31

Kimberly Cuellar,
Anna Castillo

January 4

Juanita Cruz,
Elfida Garcia

Advent II [B] (December 10)
Is 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

Homecoming is the central theme of the Scripture readings for the Second Sunday of Advent. All three readings focus on the absolute necessity of our getting ready for Christ's "Homecoming" into our hearts and lives by true repentance, reparation, prayer and the renewal of our lives. They also remind us that the past coming of Jesus, some 2000 years ago, the present daily coming of Jesus into our lives through the Eucharistic celebration, through the Scriptures and through the praying community, and his future coming (the *Second Coming*) are actually the fulfillment of God's saving plan for us all, from all eternity.

Scripture: The first reading, taken from the prophet Isaiah, tells us about the Babylonian exiles coming home to their native country, Judah, and their holy city, Jerusalem. Isaiah assures his people that the Lord will lead them in a grand procession to their homeland and take care of them as a shepherd cares for his sheep. The Responsorial Psalm (Ps 85) describes how *shalom* or perfect peace is coming home with the Lord's coming. The second reading, taken from the second letter of St. Peter, invites us to get ready to go home to Heaven with Jesus at his *Second Coming*. Peter tells those who doubt the Second Coming of Jesus that God's way of counting time is different from ours and that God has His own reasons for delaying the second coming of Christ. The Gospel tells us through John the Baptist how we should prepare to receive Jesus our Savior's "coming home" into our lives during the Advent season by repentance and the renewal of life. John preached that the appropriate behavior for those preparing "the way of the Lord" was to be baptized "as they confessed their sins." He wanted the Jews to prepare their lives for the Messiah by filling in the valleys of prejudice, leveling the mountains of pride and straightening out their crooked paths of injustice and immorality. John recommended a baptism of repentance in the river Jordan to the Jews who were familiar with ritual and symbolic washings. The most amazing thing about John's baptism was that, as a Jew, he was asking fellow-Jews to submit to the baptism of repentance which only a Gentile was obliged to undergo.

Life messages: 1) **We need to prepare for the rebirth of Jesus:** We are invited by the Church to prepare for Christmas by repenting of our sins and renewing our lives so that Jesus may be reborn in us. Let us remember with the German mystic *Angelus Silesius* "Christ could be born a thousand times in Bethlehem – but all in vain until He is born in me." (https://en.wikiquote.org/wiki/Angelus_Silesius). 2) **We need to allow Jesus to be reborn in our lives.** People around us should recognize Jesus' rebirth in our lives by our sharing love, unconditional **forgiveness**, compassionate and merciful heart, and spirit of humble and committed service. 3) **Let us accept the challenge of John the Baptist** to turn this Advent season into a real spiritual "homecoming" by making the necessary preparations for the fresh arrival of our Lord and Savior Jesus into our hearts and lives.

FIESTA GUADALUPANA



BRING FLOWERS TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

Mañanitas	-	7:00 A.M.
Rosary	-	7:30 A.M.
Mass	-	8:00 A.M.
Reception	-	After Mass in the Parish Hall

ALL ARE INVITED

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
EVENTS**

December 2023- Class Dates: 3rd, 10th, 17th
 3rd - Youth Sunday - Ms. Casey's class
 10th - Our Lady of Guadalupe Procession (during class)
 12th - Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast
 17th - Confessions with Fr. Jacob
 18th - Adoration Hour 7:00-8:00pm in the church
 January 2024 - Class Dates: 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th
 7th - Youth Sunday - Mrs. Hernandez's class
 15th Adoration Hour 7:00-8:00pm in the church

**ST. JAMES BISHOP'S STEWARDSHIP APPEAL
2023 REPORT**

St. James Bishop's Stewardship Appeal 2023:
 Goal - \$9,500 Amount Received - \$6,900
 Pledged Amount - \$7,700 Balance - **\$2,600**
 Thank you to all those who are donating to fulfill our goal.



WEEKLY OFFERING

December 3rd, 2023

Envelope Collection	\$1,639.61
Loose Collection	\$365.00
Total	\$2,004.61
Second Collection	\$580.00

May God bless you for your selfless sacrifice

**ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH
2023 EVENTS OF THE YEAR**

[Tentative]

December 10: Parish Christmas Celebration
 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast
 24: Posada

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