

# Infant Jesus Catholic Church

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December: The Month of Advent and The Divine Infancy



## Mass Schedule

Saturday—5:30 PM  
Sunday—7:30 AM; 11:30 AM  
Daily Mass  
Tuesday—6:00 PM  
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday—  
8:30 AM

“Cry Room” is Open during all Masses

## Confession

Thursday: 4:00-6:00 PM  
and by appointment

## Office Hours

755-1734  
Monday thru Friday  
9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Church offices are located at  
243 S. LHS Dr.

## Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Persons wishing to use the Adoration  
Chapel should contact the Parish Office  
for more information.

## Religious Education

Office Hours  
Monday-Thursday 9AM to 2:00PM

Grades Pre-K-12: Wednesdays, 6:00-7:30PM

## Pastoral Staff

|                        |                               |           |
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| Rev. Andrew Moore      | Pastor                        | ext. #103 |
|                        | Parochial Vicar               | ext. #102 |
| Rev. Mr. L.D. Keen     | Deacon                        | ext. #100 |
| Rev. Mr. Garry LeBlanc | Deacon                        | ext. #100 |
| Rev. Mr. Bruce Grimes  | Deacon                        | ext. #100 |
| Dianne Maxey           | Secretary                     | ext. #100 |
| Virginia Fischer       | Receptionist                  |           |
| Stacy Keen             | Director of Rel. Ed.          | ext. #114 |
| Christie Barto         | Assist. to DRE/Social Media   |           |
| Reagan Blackmon        | Dir. of Music/Liturgy         | ext. #105 |
|                        | Lectors/Eucharistic Ministers |           |
| Jim Maxey              | Maintenance                   | ext. #100 |
| Melissa Broussard      | Catholic Youth Ministry       | 454-0431  |
| Shelia Kane            | Bereavement Committee         | 755-3073  |

Area Code (409)

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Live Your Faith  
Share Your Faith



# LOVE

## PRAYER GROUP

### Pray for the sick

Marlene Steele, Anthony Tantillo, Tara Nolan, Zoe Barker, Paul Hancock, Robert Trahan Sr., Matt McGau, Harper Hoyt, Kendall Dix, Cheyenne Eads, Benny Warner, Kathy Ware, Robert Trahan, Rosie Rodriguez, Anne Bottoms, Barry & Shelia, Larry Coplen, Mary Gallo, Randy Cassity, Boyce Barnes, Margaret Barnes, Marciano Guerrero

Janice Morris, Fr. Martin Nelson, Melissa Langhart, Keith Falcon, Jim Venable, JoAnn Sonnier, Joe Farve, Lois Lockwood, Margaret Darby, David Norton, Daniel Begnaud, Karen Getz, Donald Poche, Debbie Desmond, Florence Paladino, Gail Montalbano, Lee Summers, Trevor Reeves, Johnnie Foret, Judson Stone, Jackie Bonvillion, Ronnie Vincent, Hunter Oney

Names placed on the prayer list will remain for one month unless the Parish Office is notified otherwise.

## SUNDAY CELEBRATIONS IN ABSENCE OF A PRIEST

A communion service led by a deacon is scheduled in place of Mass for the following times. It is encouraged that if possible you try to attend Mass at another time instead of the communion service, but for those who cannot do so without difficulty, participation in the communion service will fulfill the Sunday Mass obligation.

### GOOD NEWS—Inspiration for daily life—December 18

Better that only a few Catholics should be left, staunch and sincere in their religion, than that they should, remaining many, desire as it were, to be in collusion with the Church's enemies and in conformity with the open foes of our faith.—St. Peter Canisius (1542-1597), Patron of Catholic Press, Feast Day December 21st.

**God doesn't require us to succeed; he only requires that you try. Mother Teresa**

## Pray for Vocations

*Are you prayerfully vigilant about discovering your vocation in Christ? Might He be inviting you to the priesthood or consecrated life?*

*When Joseph awoke he did as the angel of the Lord directed him.*

Contact Fr. Rodel Faller at the Vocations Office by calling 409-924-4361 or by emailing: vocations@dioceseofbmt.org.



As we draw near to Christmas, let us learn from Saint Joseph how to cultivate spaces for silence in which another Word can emerge, that of the Holy Spirit who dwells in us.

*Pope Francis*

## The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2022

*"Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory".*

*Psalm 24*

### Scripture Readings

#### For the Week of December 18, 2022

#### Sunday Fourth Sunday of Advent

Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

**Monday** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

**Tuesday** Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

#### Wednesday Memorial of Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and

**Doctor of the Church** Sg 2:8-14; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:30-45

**Thursday** 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

#### Friday Memorial of Saint John of Kanty, Priest

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 & 14; Lk 1:57-66

**Saturday** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14 a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 & 29; Lk 1:67-79

#### Sunday The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

*Vigil Mass:* Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25

*Mass during the Night:* Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

*Mass at Dawn:* Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

*Mass during the Day:* Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

### Readings Reflection

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In the first reading, Azah is the ruler of Judah. He is hemmed in by enemies. Isaiah reminds him that God is the protector of Israel. Isaiah even tells the king that he can ask God for a sign for reassurance. But the insecure Ahaz prefers to put his trust in military might rather than God.

Joseph, on the other hand, trusts in God rather than his own knowledge. He might not understand all that is happening around him, but when the angel appears, he follows the guidance he receives and Mary becomes his wife.

### Reflection Questions:

Do I rely on my own knowledge?

Am I willing to accept that there are things beyond my comprehension?

Do I trust in God when I feel hemmed in by my problems?

The Knights of Columbus are selling their famously delicious chili for \$12.00 a quart. Contact Tommy @ 409-791-1470

## OFFICE HOLIDAY CLOSURE

The Parish office will close **Friday, December 23rd** and will re-open **Tuesday, January 3rd** for the Christmas and New Year Holiday. We wish all a Very Merry Christmas and a Blessed and Happy New Year.

### Note from Pastor

We've made it to the final Sunday in Advent. During this busy week, let's remember to make time for some spiritual preparation.

There will be time for confessions this week: On Thursday at Infant Jesus from 4-6pm and on Saturday, Christmas Eve at St. Mark's from 2:30-3:30pm.

We will have our regular weekend Mass schedule next week at our three Churches.

### CHRISTMAS EVE

St. Mark's 4pm  
Infant Jesus 5:30pm

### CHRISTMAS DAY

Infant Jesus 7:30am  
St. Mark's 9:30am  
Infant Jesus 11:30am  
Holy Spirit 4pm

We are happy to welcome Bishop Toups as the celebrant of our Christmas Eve Mass at Infant Jesus.

The Christmas Eve Mass at St. Mark's will be a bilingual English/ Spanish Mass. Christmas morning at St. Mark's will be in English.

Our schedule for New Year's weekend will also be the same schedule.

For those who will be going out of town for the holidays, I wish you safe travels and a blessed Christmas celebration!

--Fr. Andy

### END OF THE YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions for the year of 2022 must be in the office or postmarked by December 31, 2022, any contributions turned in after December 31st will be posted for the year 2023. The office will be closed December 23—January 3, envelopes may be placed in the contribution drop box slot on the office door.

### Bible Study

Dcn. Keen is suspending Bible Study until after the Christmas and New Year Holidays. Classes resume Monday, January 9, 2023

*He will baptize you with  
the Holy Spirit*

MATTHEW 3:11

Infant Jesus Knights of Columbus would like to congratulate Pat and Marie Campo as family of the year. Thank you Pat and Marie for your service here at Infant Jesus.



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

#### FAMILY OF THE MONTH

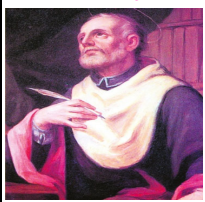
Wayne & Liza Gossett

December, 2022 BIRTHDAYS

Anthony Tantillo, Jacob Major, Dexter Leleux,  
Rich Thomisee, Jared Craiger, Mike Daleo, Calvin Bates,  
James Broussard, Jerry Bourg, Harvey Zernial, Hugo Torres

Business Meeting every 2nd Monday of each month at 6:00pm in Dollinger Hall.

Family Night meets every 4th Monday of each month at 6:30pm in Dollinger Hall. ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED. Bring your favorite covered dish.

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| <b>18</b><br><b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b><br><br>7:30am Mass<br><i>Jo Ellen Plaia Roy</i><br><br>11:30am Mass<br><i>People of the Parish</i><br><br> | <b>19</b><br>8:30AM Mass<br><b>NOMASS</b><br><br><br><br>Parish Offices Open<br>9:00 AM-2:00 PM | <b>20</b><br>6:00 PM Mass<br><br><br>5:30pm Rosary &<br>Divine Mercy Chaplet<br><br>Parish Offices Open<br>9:00 AM-2:00 PM<br><br>6:30pm ACTS-M<br>(DH) | <b>21</b><br>8:30AM Mass<br><br><br>8:00am Rosary &<br>Divine Mercy Chaplet<br><br>Parish Offices Open<br>9:00AM-2:00PM<br><br>9am Adoration<br><br>9:30am Legion of<br>Mary (DH)<br>6:00pm <b>NORCIA</b><br><i>St. Peter Canisius</i><br> | <b>22</b><br>8:30AM Mass<br><br><br>8:00am Rosary &<br>Divine Mercy Chaplet<br><br>Parish Offices Open<br>9:00AM-2:00PM<br><br>4-6pm Confessions | <b>23</b><br>8:30AM Mass<br><i>Hardy &amp; Jeri LaCour</i><br><br>8:00am Rosary &<br>Divine Mercy Chaplet<br><br>Parish Offices <b>Closed</b><br>9:00AM-2:00PM<br><br><i>St. John of Kanty</i><br> | <b>24</b><br>5:30PM Mass<br><b>Vigil-The Nativity of the Lord</b><br><br><br><br><br><i>Glenn Prioux &amp; Buster Poche</i> |
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FH-Fellowship Hall, DH-Dollinger Hall, CR-Conference Room, D-Drexel Building, B-Bosco Building, AS-Altar Society Rm