

Whoever has two cloaks
should share with the
person who has none.
And whoever has food
should do likewise.

Luke 3:11



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THIRD Sunday OF *Advent*

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish DECEMBER 12, 2021

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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Obligation Masses

Friday, 5:00 p.m., **Saturday**, 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.,
Sunday, 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

DAILY MASSES Monday-Friday

Divine Mercy Chaplet 7:15
Rosary 7:30, Mass 8:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

Tues., Thurs. before Mass; Wed. after Mass
4:15 Saturdays Parish Hall & By Appointment
ciyorembor@diocesetucson.org (Fr. Callistus)

RENTAL, UTILITY OR GROCERY ASSISTANCE

Contact our St. Vincent de Paul Conference
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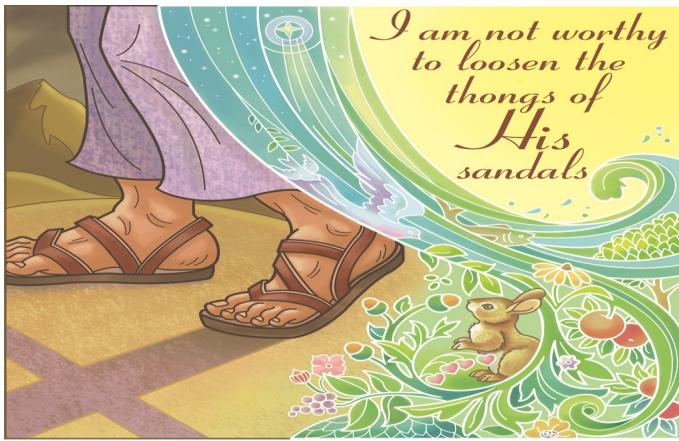
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*A complete Parish staff listing,
including phone numbers and email addresses,
can be found on the last page.*

BAPTISMS (Saturdays, 3:00 p.m.)—Please
contact the Parish Office.

MARRIAGES—Please call the Parish Office at
least six months in advance to begin preparations.

We, the faith community of St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, commit ourselves to leading others to Christ by the lives we live each day. As intentional Roman Catholic Christians, our lives are centered and grounded in Christ in word, sacrament and action. We further commit ourselves to fulfill our personal call to holiness and discipleship thus reflecting the life and love of Christ in the world.



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December 12
3rd Sunday in Advent

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25; Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34; Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85; Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday: Is 54:1-10; Ps 30; Lk 7:24-30
Friday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72; Mt 1:1-17
Saturday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72; Mt 1:18-25
Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19;
Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.
Indeed the Lord is near.

Philippians 4:4-5



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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

When we celebrate the birth of Jesus, we naturally honor Mary His mother. Nativity scenes, art, and Christmas songs show us the Blessed Mother. Two Advent Marian celebrations also draw our attention: the December 8 Immaculate Conception and the December 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe.

I would like to share an Our Lady of Guadalupe thought, since this feast falls on a Sunday this year. Mary with the title Immaculate Conception is the patroness of the United States. Under the title Our Lady of Guadalupe, she is Queen of the Americas. For our hemisphere, Mary guides us into a relationship with God. Our Lady's words to St. Juan Diego in 1531 were a spiritual message about love. A love relationship with God is the answer to the Aztec and colonial fear and violence of that era and to the challenges of every generation. She teaches a love that can be trusted, a love that gives dignity, a love that is personal. That is, our relationship with God is deeply positive. Our personal history and the history of society is transformed when we embrace Christ's love for us and when we are the presence of Christ for others. This thought and much more can be found in *Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mother of the Civilization of Love* by Carl Anderson and Msgr. Eduardo Chávez (Doubleday 2009).

Yours truly in the Sacred Heart,

Father Pat

*Deadline for December 26 is December 13 ** Please note change*

To make an appointment for confession, please email Fr. Callistus. Confessions are offered after Wednesday and before Tues/Thursday daily Mass or 4:15 Saturday

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE WEBSITE

www.statucson.org

Mass Intentions for the Week

DECEMBER 10 - DECEMBER 19

Friday	8:00 a.m.	- Ramon Murillo, III† - Agnes Edwards †
	5:00 p.m.	- Robert&Cecilia Bertha † - Joan MacDonald †
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	- Robert&Cecilia Bertha † - Valentina Zaczek †
	5:00 p.m.	- Marty Ronstadt † - Jim Pratt†
Sunday 12/12	7:30 a.m.	- Frank&Ingrid Cipriano † - Nancy Grace Wright †
	9:30 a.m.	- William 'Bill' Neer † - Ignacio Rojas †
	11:30 a.m.	- For the People of St. Thomas
	1:30 p.m.	- Guadalupe Dietz †
	5:00 p.m.	- Ana Gabriela Howell - Nikolas Lawrence
Monday	8:00 a.m.	- Thomas Maas † - Cosmos Ali †
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	- Gerry Davis † - Delfin L. Ordoñez, Jr. †
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	- Nick Mansour, Sr. † - Syliva Rickard †
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	- James Weber † - Delores Annibal †
Friday	8:00 a.m.	- Alicia Cruz † - Loren D. Hamlin †
	5:00 p.m.	- Alicia Cruz † - Thomas Griffin †
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	- Fr. Matthew Asemagama† - Eleanor Garcia Neukom†
	5:00 p.m.	- Diane Diot † - Charles & Barbara Chellman †
Sunday 12/19	7:30 a.m.	- James Weber † - Alicia Cruz †
	9:30 a.m.	- Louise Fennesy † - Lloyd Leeper †
	11:30 a.m.	- For the People of St. Thomas
	5:00 p.m.	- Melvin Lietzow † - Veda Valenzuela †

† deceased

Mass Schedule

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Monday, December 13	8:00 a.m.	Fr. Callistus
Tuesday, December 14	8:00 a.m.	Fr. Ken
Wednesday, Dec. 15	8:00 a.m.	Fr. Callistus
Thursday, December 16	8:00 a.m.	Fr. Ken
Friday, December 17	8:00 a.m.	Fr. Pat
	5:00 p.m.	Fr. Callistus
Saturday, December 18	9:00 a.m.	Fr. Pat
	5:00 p.m.	Fr. Pat
Sunday, December 19	7:30 a.m.	Fr. Pat
	9:30 a.m.	Fr. Ken
	11:30 a.m.	Fr. Callistus
	5:00 p.m.	Fr. Callistus

Subject to change.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Third Sunday of Advent
Monday:	St. Lucy
Tuesday:	St. John of the Cross



Sesion sobre el Sinodo 2023.

13 de Diciembre a las 11:30 en Parish Hall.

Los invitamos cordialmente a la platica en español que tendrá a cabo el lunes 13 de diciembre, en donde se nos explicará cuál sera el proceso de preparación para este sínodo de obispos convocado por el Papa Francisco.

El objetivo de este sínodo es que la voz de todos los fieles de la Iglesia sea escuchada en temas de Comunión, Participación y Misión. Esperemos que puedan atender y participar.

FOOD BANK THIS WEEKEND

Our normal food bank collection resumes this weekend. As the need is always great please considering supporting this worthy endeavor. Special needs: Canned meat/tuna, dry cereal, flour, fruit and soup; powdered milk & infant formula, peanut butter & jelly

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12 OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE/COFFEE & DONUTS (SCOUTS)/FOOD BANK

10:30 a.m.	-Religious Education	Classrooms
12:30 p.m.	-RCIA.....	Room 6
1:00 p.m.	-Our Lady of Guadalupe Procession/Mass.....	Courtyard
2:30 p.m.	-Our Lady of Guadalupe Reception.....	Parish Hall
3:00 p.m.	-Laudate Choir.....	Church
3:00 p.m.	-EDGE (Christmas Party).....	O'Leary Hall
4:00 p.m.	-Outside Communion.....	Courtyard
6:30 p.m.	-Life Teen (Christmas Party).....	O'Leary Hall

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13

7:15 a.m.	-Divine Mercy Chaplet, Rosary, Daily Mass [Monday-Friday]	Church
9:15 a.m.	-Endow	Room 6
10:00 a.m.	-Book Club	O'Leary Hall
11:30 a.m.	-SYNOD - Spanish version.....	Parish Hall
12:30 p.m.	-Preschool Enrichment Activities	Room 00
5:00 p.m.	-Boy/Girl Scouts	Campus

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14

8:45 a.m.	-Advent Teaching Series.....	Chapel
12:30 p.m.	-Preschool Enrichment Activities	Room 00
5:30 p.m.	-Communal Penance Service	Church
	Parish Hall
6:00 p.m.	-Life Teen Core Meeting.....	O'Leary Hall
7:00 p.m.	-Parish Choir Practice.....	Church

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15

8:30 a.m.	-Adoration	Church
10:00 a.m.	-Parish Staff Meeting.....	Conf. Room
12:00 p.m.	-Staff Luncheon.....	Parish Hall
12:00 p.m.	-Christmas Giving Tree Ornaments Due.....	Church
12:30 p.m.	-Preschool Enrichment Activities	Room 00
1:30 p.m.	-Mahjong [Masks Required].....	O'Leary Hall
5:00 p.m.	-More Than Words	O'Leary Hall
5:00 p.m.	-Starry Night Planning Meeting.....	Conf. Room
5:30 p.m.	-Los Posadas - Preschool	Church
6:00 p.m.	-RCIA.....	Room 6
7:00 p.m.	-Knights of Columbus Assembly Meeting	Parish Hall

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16

9:00 a.m.	-Preschool Prayer Service.....	Church
12:30 p.m.	-Preschool Enrichment Activities	Room 00
1:00 p.m.	-Bridge Marathon [if needed].....	O'Leary Hall

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17

8:30 a.m.	-Load Truck for Christmas delivery	Room 7/8
5:00 p.m.	-Sunday Mass Vigil [PROTOCOLS REQUIRED]	Church

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18 TAMALES SALES

9:00 a.m.	-Sunday Mass Vigil [PROTOCOLS REQUIRED]	Church
3:00 p.m.	-Special Service.....	Church
4:15 p.m.	-Confessions.....	Parish Hall

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19 COFFEE & DONUTS (KNIGHTS)

10:30 a.m.	-NO Religious Education.....	
12:30 p.m.	-RCIA.....	Room 6
1:30 p.m.	-Christmas Costume fittings.....	Room 8
1:30 p.m.	-Special event.....	Church
3:00 p.m.	-Laudate Choir.....	Church
4:00 p.m.	-Outside Communion.....	Courtyard
6:30 p.m.	-XLT.....	Church

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Shout for joy! Sing joyfully! Be glad and exult! The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior (Zephaniah 3:14-18a).

Psalms — Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel (Isaiah 12).

Second Reading — Rejoice! The Lord is near. Make your requests known to God (Philippians 4:4-7).

Gospel — John tells his hearers to share their possessions with the needy; be honest; do not threaten or accuse others falsely (Luke 3:10-18).

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Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration

>Querida comunidad de Santo Tomas, El domingo, 12 de Diciembre celebraremos a Nuestra Virgencita de Guadalupe y nos encantaría que nos acompañaras. La procesión será a la 1pm. La Santa misa a la 1:30pm. El convivio al terminar la misa (2:30 a 4pm) en el salón parroquial donde

ofreceremos, chocolate caliente, tamales y pan dulce. ¡Esperamos contar con tu presencia!
>Sunday December 12, we will celebrate our Lady of Guadalupe and we would like to invite you to join us. Procession 1pm., Spanish Holy mass 1:30pm. We will gather immediately after mass, (2:30 to 4pm) at the parish hall for hot chocolate, tamales, and mexican pastries, We will be delighted to see you and celebrate together!
Ministerio Hispano/ Spanish Ministry

READINGS CAN BE FOUND IN THE GREEN MISSAL - # 866



Sunday, December 19, 1:30-3:00 p.m., Room 8 COSTUME FITTING and REHEARSAL FOR ALL CHILDREN

Who signed up to participate in the Children's Nativity Mass

All children need to be present at this costume fitting and rehearsal. Children will be dismissed at approximately 3:00 P.M.

Friday, December 24, 4:30 p.m., ASSEMBLE FOR CHILDREN'S MASS

All children will put on their costumes and prepare for the 5:15 p.m. Mass.

Parent volunteers needed on Sunday, December 19: *

1:30-3:00 p.m.—4 or 5 volunteers to assist with the costume fitting and with rehearsal. We ask that these same volunteers assist during the Mass on Christmas Eve. Volunteers will sit at the back of the Church during Mass to assist the children. If you have any questions or can volunteer for this special event, please call MaryCarmen Cruz Orr, (520) 577-1721.



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR (PARISH HALL).....Tuesday, November 30, 10 a.m.

ADVENT TEACHING SERIESTues, 12/7,14,21,28 8:00 a.m.
(church then chapel).....

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE (CHURCH)Tuesday, December 14, 5:30 p.m.
With at least 20 confessors, you should be in and out in less than 35-40 minutes. Do join us and partake of the special grace of this Sacrament.

PRIVATE CONFESSIONTues & Wed, 12/21 & 22 7:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Friday, December 24
Christmas Eve



Laudate Choir.....3:30 p.m.
Children's Choir.....5:15 p.m.
Choral Group Singing.....7:00 p.m.
Festival of Carols.....9:00 p.m.
"Midnight" Mass—Parish Choir.....10:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 25
Christmas Day



Song Leader/Congregational Singing8:00 a.m.
.....**8:00 a.m. Mass is a Mask required Protocol Mass**
Song Leader/Congregational Singing.....10:00 a.m.
Song Leader/Congregational Singing.....12:00 p.m.
Outside Communion.....4:00 p.m.
Saturday Vigil Mass for December 26....5:00 p.m.

NOTES

- I urge those who regularly come to one of the first two Christmas Eve Masses to consider attending the 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass or on Christmas Day. You will be glad you did!
- We expect the Children's Mass at 5:15 p.m. on December 24 to be **crowded**. Unless you have a child or grandchild attending or participating in the Liturgy, you would be well advised to attend a different Mass.
- The Festival of Carols begins at 9:00 p.m. before the 10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. Please plan to be in church early if you want to sit in your usual pew.
- Those who wish to attend Mass on Christmas Day free from parking or seating issues would be well advised to attend the 8:00 or 10:00 a.m. Masses.
- Please carpool as much as possible. 8:00 a.m. Protocol Mass - masks required.**
- Please be fair to others. Please DO NOT save seats.**



**From all of us at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish,
Merry Christmas!**





Tamale Sales! Troop & Crew 007 are pleased to offer their delicious tamales again.

Pre-order pickup and regular sales will be the weekend of December 11/12. Tamales are a holiday tradition!

O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

saint snippets

Those whose hearts are pure are temples of the Holy Spirit.

St. Lucy

3rd-century noble Italian who consecrated her virginity to God and sought to give her riches to the poor. She was martyred for her Christian faith at the age of 21.

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December 13



Christmas Drive volunteers - We will **NOT** be making up boxes for the drive on December 11. We also have all the drivers we need - **thank you** for all the offers.



CHRISTMAS GIVING TREES

You are invited to choose an ornament, purchase a Christmas gift according to the information provided,

Please don't forget to Christmas gifts

WRAPPED—with the

ornament attached please—to the narthex by **Wednesday, December 15, 12:00 noon.**

If there are still ornaments available, please do take one.

Online Giving is also available this year. The link to the signup genius is available on our website or

By copying the following into your browser:

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Thank you for your generosity in this drive.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

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The Diocese of Tucson is blessed to have 4 men studying for the priesthood. At a time when the availability of grants and scholarships to aid in their education is diminishing, the diocese is committed to offering our future priests the very best formation programs and experiences to prepare them to be outstanding servant leaders in our parishes. Your generous contributions will help us meet the financial challenges of this commitment. Please be as generous as possible to the Seminarian Education Fund collection **THIS WEEKEND.**



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Who will Alpha profit? This series is created for anyone who falls into any of these categories:

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Interested in understanding better the relevance of Jesus.

Does or has attended Mass with a practicing Catholic spouse or friend but who remain personally unengaged or in a quandary as to faith's purpose or meaning.

Have some form of faith in general, but it has never been important, but may now be wondering if it might have value.

If you have questions contact Brian Hastings

830-703-9575 vikingofglory@yahoo.com

Kick-off: Thursday, January 6, 2022 – 6:00 – 8:00 PM – On Parish Campus



XLT - The Gift: What Christmas is All About

Sunday, December 19 6:30 - 8:00 PM: Church Speaker: Deacon Joe Cruz

JOSEPH RATZINGER
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THE INFANCY NARRATIVES
JESUS
of NAZARETH

ADVENT TEACHING SERIES

Fr. Ken Wolfe's four-week series is open **to all**.

Tuesdays - December 7, 14, 21, 28

8:00 AM Mass – Church

8:45 AM - Chapel

In 2007, Joseph Ratzinger published his first book as Pope Benedict XVI in order “to make known the figure and message of Jesus.” In *The Infancy Narratives* Pope Benedict focuses exclusively on the Gospel accounts of Jesus’ life as a child. The root of these stories is the experience of hope found in the birth of Jesus and the affirmations of surrender and service embodied in his parents, Joseph and Mary. *The Infancy Narratives – Jesus of Nazareth* may be ordered on Amazon. (144 pages; \$20 hardcover; \$9.99 Kindle.)

Those planning to participate in the series will want to purchase the book soon and read the Foreword and First Chapter (*Where Are You From?*) in preparation for the November 30 session.

This is a story of longing and seeking, as demonstrated by the Magi searching for the redemption offered by the birth of a new king. It is a story of sacrifice and trusting completely in the wisdom of God as seen in the faith of Simeon, the just and devout man of Jerusalem, when he is in the presence of the Christ child.

Ultimately, Jesus’ life and message is a story for today, one that speaks to the restlessness of the human heart searching for the sole Truth which alone leads to profound and everlasting joy.

ST. THOMAS STAFF

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Boy/Girl Scouts
..... Laurene Huelsman.805-390-8481
Bridge Marathon ..M. E. Potts..... 203-6382
Children's Liturgy.needed
Coffee & Chats.needed
EndowMichele Grantham 235-1400
Food Bank ..Michelle Bratton..... 548-0584
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Matthew Holter,
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Matthew Holter,
.....Dir. Children's 1st Sunday 9:30 a.m.
Tyler Irving,
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Gregg Reynolds,
.....Organist/Pianist/Harpist

*If you are interested in joining one of the Choirs,
please contact the Parish Office.*

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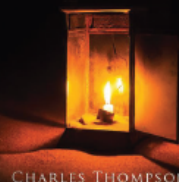
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