



Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church y Capilla de Santísima Trinidad

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*Third Sunday of Advent * III Domingo de Adviento*



OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY - THURSDAY:

8:30 AM -
12:00 PM
&
1:00 PM -
5:00 PM

FRIDAY:

8:30 AM -
12:00 PM

*Go and tell John
What you hear and see.*

*Vayan a contar a Juan
Lo que están viendo y oyendo.*

December 14, 2025

Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church y Capilla de Santísima Trinidad

*"A Home of Hope and Healing" * "Un Hogar de Esperanza y Sanación".*

*Welcome * Bienvenidos*

THE DIOCESE OF VICTORIA
IN TEXAS

MOST REV.

BRENDAN J. CAHILL

Fr. Jacob Koether, Pastor

Fr. Joseph Blackburn,
Parochial Vicar

Deacons: Edward Molina,
Larry Koether, Frank Tilley

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Parish Catechetical Leader

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MASSES/MISAS
OUR LADY OF SORROWS
CHURCH

Saturday Vigil
Vigilia del Sábado

5:00 pm: Español

Sunday/Domingo

8:00 am: Bilingual

10:00 am, 2 pm: English

Weekdays/Entre Semana

Monday-Friday

Lunes -Viernes

6:00 pm: English

RECONCILIATION

CONFESIONES

Saturday/Sábados

4:00-4:50 pm

And by appointment

Disponible con cita

CAPILLA DE LA
SANTÍSIMA TRINIDAD

2901 Pleasant Green Street

Victoria, Texas 77901

Misas del Domingo

9:00 am y 11:00 am, en Español

Misa, los jueves – 7pm

Hora Santa primer jueves – 6pm

Confesiones cada Domingo

8:30-8:50 am y 10:30-10:50 am

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Third Sunday of Advent/III Domingo de Adviento



Pastor's Notes/Notas del Pastor: Fr. Jacob Koether

This third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete Sunday, from the Latin word gaudete – “rejoice.” The Church lightens the violet vestments to rose, the tone of the liturgy lifts, and we pause in the middle of our waiting to taste something of the joy that is coming.

But why rejoice now, when Advent is not yet finished? Because Christian joy is not based on circumstances – it is rooted in hope.

Gaudete Sunday reminds us that future hope creates present joy. We rejoice now because we know what God has promised. We know that the Savior is near. We know that God has already begun His work in us and will bring it to completion. Our joy is not naïve or blind; it flows from confidence in God’s goodness.

This is why the Church invites us to rejoice even if our lives feel heavy, uncertain, or incomplete. Joy does not ignore suffering; it looks beyond it. It is the quiet conviction that God is acting even when we cannot see it, that His light is already breaking into our darkness.

Advent joy is the fruit of a heart anchored in hope: Hope that God keeps His promises, that Christ is coming with healing and mercy, and that our lives have a destiny beyond anything we can imagine. Gaudete Sunday is our reminder that the Christian life is not only about waiting – it is about anticipating with joy. We rejoice because God is faithful, and because His goodness is already on the way. In Christ, Fr. Jacob

Este tercer domingo de Adviento se llama Domingo de Gaudete, de la palabra latina gaudete – “alégrense”. La Iglesia aclara el color morado de los ornamentos hacia el rosado, el tono de la liturgia se eleva, y hacemos una pausa en medio de nuestra espera para saborear un poco la alegría que ya se acerca.

Pero, ¿por qué alegrarnos ahora, cuando el Adviento aún no ha terminado? Porque la alegría cristiana no se basa en las circunstancias – tiene su raíz en la esperanza.

El Domingo de Gaudete nos recuerda que la esperanza futura genera alegría presente. Nos alegramos ahora porque sabemos lo que Dios ha prometido. Sabemos que el Salvador está cerca. Sabemos que Dios ya ha comenzado su obra en nosotros y la llevará a su plenitud. Nuestra alegría no es ingenua ni ciega; brota de la confianza en la bondad de Dios.

Por eso la Iglesia nos invita a alegrarnos incluso cuando nuestra vida parece pesada, incierta o incompleta. La alegría no ignora el sufrimiento; lo trasciende. Es la convicción silenciosa de que Dios está actuando aun cuando no lo vemos, de que su luz ya está irrumpiendo en nuestra oscuridad.

La alegría del Adviento es el fruto de un corazón anclado en la esperanza: la esperanza de que Dios cumple sus promesas, de que Cristo viene con sanación y misericordia, y de que nuestras vidas tienen un destino más grande de lo que podemos imaginar. El Domingo de Gaudete nos recuerda que la vida cristiana no es solo esperar – es anticipar con alegría. Nos alegramos porque Dios es fiel y porque su bondad ya viene en camino. En Cristo, P. Jacob

From the Parish Office/De la Oficina Parroquial

SUNDAY READINGS LECTURAS DOMINICALES

December/Diciembre 14 de 2025

Reading I/I Lectura

Isaiah/Isaías 35:1-6a, 10

Responsorial Psalm/Salmo Responsorial

Psalm/Salmo 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10

Reading II/II Lectura

James/Santiago 5:7-10

Gospel/Santo Evangelio

Matthew/Mateo 11:2-11

Weekly Financial Report Informe Financiero Semanal

For the Week ending in

**Para la semana que termina en
December/Diciembre 7, 2025**

COLLECTIONS	OLS.....	ST.....
1st Collection	9,946.67.....	2,500.39
DSA/Maintenance.....	1,611.00.....	622.00
Legion of Mary	485.00.....	0
Candles	167.77.....	35.00
Online Giving Tithes.....	2,497.79.....	63.33
Online DSA/Maintenance	143.33.....	0
Total.....	\$14,851.56.....	3,220.72

December/Diciembre Monthly Budget \$84,000.

Amount Left to Raise to Meet Budget

\$65,927.72

Mass Intentions/Intenciones de Misa December/Diciembre 13 - 19, 2025

Sabado	5:00 PM	Jesus Benavides
Sunday	8:00 AM	Perales Family
	10:00 AM	Luisa Berlanga
	2:00 PM	For the People
Domingo - ST	9:00 AM	Fr. Raul Rendon
Domingo - ST	11:00 AM	Claudia Velazquez
Monday	6:00 PM	Mabel Gil
Tuesday	6:00 PM	Rosalinda Martinez
Wednesday	6:00 PM	Janie DeLeon
Thursday	6:00 PM	Gloria Davis & Family
	ST 6:30 PM	NO MASS
Friday	6:00 PM	Jade Martinez



MONTHLY UPDATE

November 2025

October Services

Total Households Served -	1625
Total Number in Households -	4137
Food Boxes -	1498
Basic Needs -	3697
Home Delivery -	23
# Homeless Served -	148
# Homeless Visits -	735
New VCAM Households Served -	93

Visit our website at:

www.vcamvictoria.org or our Facebook page:

**<https://www.facebook.com/vcam.org>
for VCAM services or news.**



*May the souls of our
dearly departed rest
in peace and the
perpetual light shine
upon them.*

Ursula Ann Coronado

OUR LADY OF SORROWS y CAPILLA DE SANTISIMA TRINIDAD Invites you to/Los invitamos a

2025

LAS POSADAS

Join us for Las Posadas/Acompáñanos en Las Posadas.
Everyone is welcome/Todos son bienvenidos.

Posadas immediately after mass/Posadas inmediatamente después de la misa.

Música por Pedro Flores, Mary Lou Trevino y Coro.

Hosted by/Organizado por: OLS & ST Ministries

Tuesday, December 16 - CDA, Loreto House
Bereavement Ministry,
Bible Study Group (Éva)

Wednesday, December 17 - CCD, Alpha

Thursday, December 18 - Santisima Trinidad Capilla

Friday, December 19 - Guadalupanas,
Liturgical Ministries

Saturday, December 20 - Altar Society and
Sociedad del Altar

Sunday, December 21 - KC, Ushers, Men's Ministry

Monday, December 22 - PPC, CWV, Tu, Yo y Cristo

Tuesday, December 23 - Parish Staff

Posadas will be potluck. Ministry leaders will help the angles, Mary & Joseph and set up for the potluck meal after the posadas.

Those needing to dress up as angels, Mary, Joseph, please be at Trinity Hall early to get dressed by ministry leaders assigned to that day. Thank you.

* Las posadas serán comida compartida. Los líderes del ministerio ayudarán a los anglos, a María y a José y prepararán la comida compartida después de las Posadas.*

Quienes necesiten disfrazarse de ángeles, María, José, por favor, estén temprano en Trinity Hall para vestirse con los líderes ministeriales asignados ese día. Gracias.



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(OLS Resale Shop)

(361) 220-8963
502 S. Moody St.

Open/Abierto

Wednesday/Miércoles:
Thursday/Jueves,
9am-4pm

3rd Saturday of the month
3er Sábado del mes

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our awesome Parish.

SEASONAL Fashion & Décor
at great prices!!

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We have many great Christmas gifts.



MASS INTENTIONS

We are now booking Mass Intentions for January - June 2026. Limit 3 per family during 6 month period. \$5 per mass intention.

INTENCIONES DE MISA

Ahora estamos reservando Misa Intenciones para Enero - junio de 2026. Límite de 3 por familia durante un periodo de 6 meses. 5 dólares según la intención de la masa.

Ministries & Events Calendar/Calendario de Ministerios y Eventos

December/Diciembre

- Saturday/Sabado 13 -** Procepción Eucaristica por la Virgen de Guadalupe * 7PM
(Dudley Elementary School to ST)
After Procession: Novena de Guadalupe
Adoración por la Noche (ST)
- Sunday/Domingo 14 -** Paver Project Sales after each mass
Family Catechesis * CCD Center * 11:30 - 1:15 PM
KC Christmas Party * Trinity Hall * 5
- Monday/Lunes 15 -** OCIA * Trinity Hall , Classroom B * 6PM
Boy Scouts Meeting * Guadalupe * 6PM
- Tuesday/Martes 16 -** Posadas * 6:30 PM * Trinity Hall
Men's Ministry * Trinity Hall, Classroom C * 6PM
PPC "Reach more" * CCD Center * 6:45 PM
- Wednesday/Miércoles 17 -** Faith Formation * CCD Center * CGS @ 4:30 - 5:30 * Jr High/HS * 6 PM - 8 PM -
- Sunday/Domingo 21 -** Family Catechesis * CCD Center * 11:30 AM - 1:15 PM



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BRICKS OF FAITH PROJECT



Where Memories & Faith Take Root

Each paver in the Bricks of Faith Memorial Garden holds a story — one of love, gratitude, and devotion. Located at the foot of the Blessed Virgin Mary, this project invites parishioners and families to purchase a personalized engraved paver that becomes part of this sacred space for prayer and remembrance.

By purchasing a paver, you help enhance a place of peace and reflection while honoring loved ones, celebrating milestones, and creating a lasting tribute of faith. Together, these pavers reflect the unity, strength, and enduring spirit of the Our Lady of Sorrows community.

Why Your Gift Matters

Your contribution helps sustain the daily operations of our parish and the ministries that bring our faith community to life.

It takes roughly **\$3,500/day** to support the mission of Our Lady of Sorrows — from parish programs and staff support to liturgical celebrations and essential services that keep our church thriving.

"You also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house."

— 1 Peter 2:5



A memorial initiative honoring loved ones at the foot of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Where Memories and Faith Take Root



Scan the QR Code to Learn More!

PARISH CALENDAR - CALENDARIO PARROQUIAL

December/Diciembre 13 - 21, 2025

Saturday/Sabado, December/Diciembre 13th

Mass & Confessions at Our Lady of Sorrows

4 PM Confessions/Confesión English/Spanish

Fr. Jacob & Fr. Joseph

5 PM Mass - Fr. Jacob

7 PM Procepción Eucarística por La

Virgen de Guadalupe

ST (Dudley Elem. School to ST)

After Procession: Novena de Guadalupe

Adoración por la Noche

Sunday/Domingo, December/Diciembre 14th

3rd Sunday of Advent

8 AM Mass - Fr. Joseph, Bilingual

10 AM Mass - Fr. Joseph, English

1 PM *Confessions* - Fr. Jacob

2 PM Mass - Fr. Joseph, English

Misa en la Capilla de Santísima Trinidad

7 AM Mañanitas - Fr. Jacob

8 AM Benediction - Fr. Jacob

9 AM Misa— Fr. Jacob, en Español

11 AM Misa— Fr. Jacob, en Español

Confesiones a las 8:30am y 10:30am

Monday/Lunes, December/Diciembre 15th

6 PM Mass - Fr. Jacob,

Tuesday/Martes, December/Diciembre 16th

6 PM Mass - Fr. Joseph

6:30 PM Posadas

Wednesday/Miércoles, December/Diciembre 17th

6 PM Mass - Fr. Jacob

6:30 Posadas

Thursday/Jueves, December/Diciembre 18th

6 PM Mass - Fr. Jacob

7 PM ST Posadas, NO MASS en Español

Friday/Viernes, December/Diciembre 19th

6 PM Mass - Fr. Joseph

6:30 Posadas

Saturday/Sabado, December/Diciembre 20th

Mass & Confessions at Our Lady of Sorrows

4 PM Confessions/Confesión English/Spanish

Fr. Jacob, Fr. Joseph

5 PM Misa - Fr. Joseph

6 PM Posadas

Sunday/Domingo, December/Diciembre 21st

4th Sunday of Advent

8 AM Mass - Fr. Jacob, Bilingual

10 AM Mass - Fr. Jacob, English

1 PM *CONFESSIONS* Fr. Joseph

2 PM Mass - Fr. Jacob, English

6:30 PM Posadas

Misa en la Capilla de Santísima Trinidad

9 AM Misa—Fr. Joseph, en Español

11 AM Misa—Fr. Joseph, en Español

Confesiones a las 8:30am y 10:30am

JOIN FR. JACOB

ON A PILGRIMAGE TO

ITALY

September 25 - October 4, 2026



WALK THROUGH THE ROOTS OF CHRISTIANITY

Celebrate Mass at sacred sites including the tomb of St. John Paul II and the Catacombs of Saint Sebastian, connecting deeply with the early Church.

SAVOR THE SPIRIT OF SOUTHERN ITALY

From the Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii to the beaches of Positano, blend spiritual reflection with coastal beauty.

EXPERIENCE THE ETERNAL CITY LIKE NEVER BEFORE

Enjoy exclusive access to the Scavi tour beneath St. Peter's Basilica and marvel at the Sistine Chapel and Vatican treasures.

FOLLOW IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF SAINTS IN ASSISI

Venerate the body of Blessed Carlo Acutis and celebrate Mass at the Basilica of St. Francis in the heart of Umbria..



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