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December 25
December 26
January 1

Nativity of the Lord
Feast of the Holy Family
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

*Christ is Born
Cristo ha Nacido*



*For a child is born to us, a son is given
to us; upon his shoulder dominion rests.
They name him Wonder-Counselor,
God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace.*

Isaiah 9:5

*Porque un niño nos ha nacido, un hijo
se nos ha dado; le ponen en el hombro el
distintivo del rey y proclaman su nombre:
Consejero Admirable, Dios Fuerte,
Padre Que no Muere, Principe de la Paz.*

Isaías 9, 5

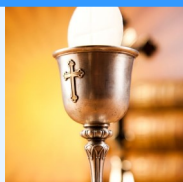
Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Our Church

The mission of the Catholic Community of St. Ambrose is to grow in faith and spirituality as we seek to proclaim and live the Gospel through our liturgy, prayers, and charitable works for all God's people.

La misión de la Comunidad Católica de San Ambrosio es crecer en fe y espiritualidad a medida que buscamos proclamar y vivir el Evangelio a través de nuestra liturgia, oraciones y obras de caridad para todo el pueblo de Dios.

Holy Mass Schedule Dec. 26—Jan. 1



Sunday	8:30 am
Holy Family	10:00 am
<i>Spanish</i>	12:00 pm
<i>No 4 pm Mass</i>	

Monday	8:00 am
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Tuesday	8:00 am
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Wednesday	9:00 am
<i>Spanish</i>	7:00 pm

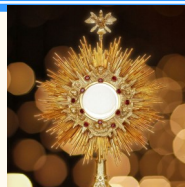
Thursday	8:00 am
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Friday	<i>Daily</i>	8:00 am
Mary, Mother of God (vigil)	<i>Vigil: Mary, Mother of God</i>	5:00 pm
Holy Obligation	<i>Vigil: Maria Madre de Dios</i>	6:30 pm

Saturday	<i>Mary, Mother of God</i>	10:00 am
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	<i>Maria Madre de Dios</i>	12:00 pm



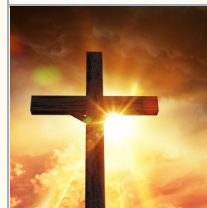
Eucharistic Adoration



Mon—Tues—Thurs—Fri	8:30 am—9:00 am
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Wednesday	9:45 am—6:45 pm
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Confession



Mon—Tues—Thurs—Fri	8:30 am—9:00 am
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Wednesday	6:00 pm—6:45 pm
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Saturday	3:30 pm—4:30 pm
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Liturgy

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 27	8:00 am	Araceli Gomez (Birthday) & Noe Torres †
Tuesday, December 28	8:00 am	Lucy Meza (Birthday)
Wednesday, December 29	9:00 am 7:00 pm	Toni Cali † Julio C. De Leon (Cumpleaños)
Thursday, December 30	8:00 am	Tammy Babineck †
Friday, December 31	8:00 am 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	Dinh Do † Theresa DeMarco † Guadalupe Esquivel (Salud)
Saturday, January 1	10:00 am 12:00pm	Melissa Wilson Smith † Guadalupe Esquivel (Salud)
Sunday, January 2	8:30 am 10:00 pm 12:00 pm	Dominic Philip Pham † Gertrude Lewandowski † Antonia Morales Macias †

Readings for the week of December 26, 2021

Sunday	Feast of the Holy Family 1 Sm 1: 20-22. 24-28 or Sir 3: 2-6. 12-14/ Ps 84: 2-3. 5-6. 9-10/ 1 Jn 3: 1-2. 21-24 or Col 3: 12-21 or Col 3: 12-17/ Lk 2: 41-52
Monday	Feast of Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist 1 Jn 1: 1-4/ Ps 97: 1-2. 5-6. 11-12/ Jn 20: 1a and 2-8
Tuesday	Feast of Holy Innocents, Martyrs 1 Jn 1: 5-2: 2/ Ps 124: 2-3. 4-5. 7b-8/ Mt 2: 13-18
Wednesday	The Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas 1 Jn 2: 3-11/ Ps 96: 1-2a. 2b-3. 5b-6/ Lk 2: 22-35
Thursday	The Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas 1 Jn 2: 12-17/ Ps 96: 7-8a. 8b-9. 10/ Lk 2: 36-40
Friday	The Seventh Day of the Octave of Christmas 1 Jn 2: 18-21/ Ps 96: 1-2. 11-12. 13/ Jn 1: 1-18
Saturday	Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, The Mother of God Nm 6: 22-27/ Ps 67: 2-3. 5. 6. 8 (2a)/ Gal 4: 4-7/ Lk 2: 16-21

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God January 1, 2022



Holy Obligation Day
Friday, December 31, 2021
(Vigil)

5 p.m. Mass in English
6:30 p.m. Misa en español

Saturday, January 1, 2022

10 a.m. Mass in English
12 p.m. Misa en español

No Saturday 5 p.m. Mass
No 7 p.m. Misa

Solemnidad de María Madre de Dios 1 de enero 2022



Día de la santa obligación
viernes

31 de diciembre 2021
(Vigila)

6:30 p.m. Misa en español

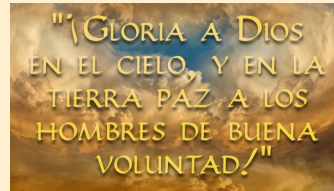
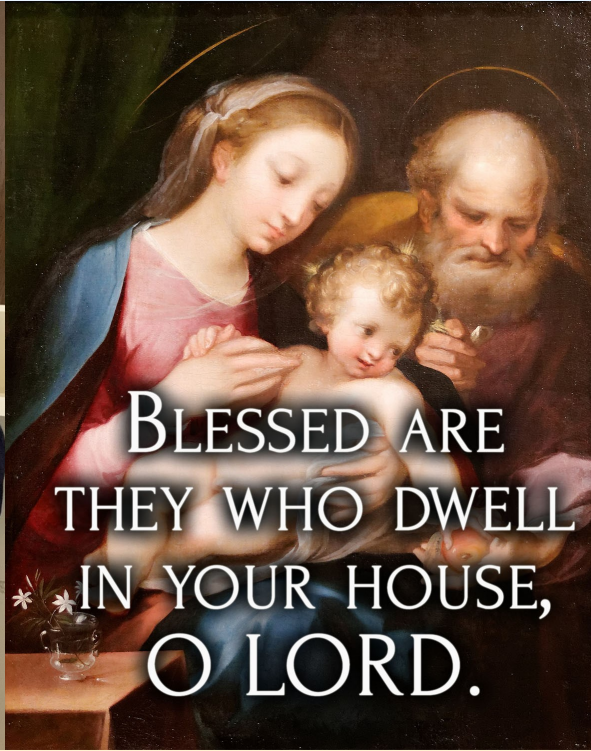
sábado
1 de enero 2022

12 p.m. Misa en español

No 7 p.m. Misa



In the Community



May the Peace
of the
Holy Family
be with you
always.



En la Comunidad



*Top Left: Procession at the start of Dec. Community Mass.
Middle-Left: Matachines Bottom Left: The Mariachis performing Las Mañanitas for Our Lady of Guadalupe.
Above: Fr. Hieu leads the midnight rosary in honor of Our Lady.*



"Attention all clergy, employees, contracted personnel, volunteers, members of groups, movements, and organizations over the age of 18, who work, volunteer or participate in any capacity are required to complete the Archdiocesan Safe Environment Training and criminal background check BEFORE THEY MAY BEGIN employment, volunteer service, or participate with ministries, groups, movements, and organization. Failure to do so will prevent you from taking part in any of the activities listed above.

The policy is implemented for the safety and protection of the children, young people, and vulnerable adults who are enrolled in our parish schools, religious education classes, and other programs. Priests, deacons, clergy, employees, and volunteers and members of the church are called at all times to engage in Christ-Centered and professional behavior. This online training assist in upholding our Safe Environment policies." -Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

The Safe Environment- CMG Connects is a **FREE Online Training** which can be found at galvestonhouston.cmgconnect.org or can be found at St. Ambrose's homepage on our website stambrosehouston.org. In the past it was known as "VIRTUS" and some of you might have already taken it, however, this training has a 5-year expiration date; every 5 years the training and background check must be renewed.

Previously Attended Virtus Training: If you have completed before the VIRTUS training in the past 5 years, **DO NOT CREATE A NEW ACCOUNT IN CMG-Connect**. You will log-in with your previous USER-ID and enter the password 1234. Once you are logged in you will be able to change your password. If you do not remember your VIRTUS User-ID you may contact Griselda at the church office 713-686-3497 or by email at gvalencia@stambrosehouston.org

New Users (Never Attended A Training Before): If you have never attended a VIRTUS training in the past or never taken the Safe Haven online training, please register to create a new account via CMG-Connect at galvestonhouston.cmgconnect.org or you may go to our website's homepage at stambrosehouston.org and click on the link that says "Safe Environment".

Important Notes: You will be required to complete a criminal background check as part of the registration process. Failure to complete the criminal background check in its entirety will delay the approval process for volunteer service. Also, make sure to enter your **LEGAL NAME** as it appears on your **GOVERNMENT ISSUED ID** (Driver's License, State-issue ID, Passport, Matricula Consular). If you don't have a social security number, you can just type 999-999-9999.



"Atención a todos los sacerdotes, diáconos, empleados, el personal escolar contratado, voluntarios, miembros de grupos y movimientos, mayores de 18 año que trabajen en cualquier capacidad con los niños, los ancianos, y los adultos con necesidades especiales o alrededor de ellos, deben completar la Formación de la Arquidiócesis para un Ambiente Seguro y la verificación de antecedentes penales ANTES DE QUE PUEDAN COMENZAR el empleo, servicio voluntario, o participar con ministerios y organizaciones. Si no lo hacen, no podrá participar en ninguna de las actividades enumeradas anteriormente.

La póliza es implementada para la seguridad y protección de los niños, jóvenes, y adultos vulnerables que están inscritos en nuestras escuelas parroquiales, clases de educación religiosa y otros programas. Los sacerdotes, diáconos, empleados, voluntarios y miembros de la iglesia están llamados en todo momento a participar en un comportamiento profesional y centrado en Cristo. Esta formación en línea ayuda a respaldar nuestras pólizas para un Ambiente Seguro."

- Arquidiócesis de Galveston-Houston

El Ambiente Seguro- CMG Connect está hecho en línea GRATUITAMENTE. Se puede encontrar en galvestonhouston.cmgconnect.org o en nuestro sitio web stambrosehouston.org. En el pasado se conocía como "VIRTUS" y algunos de ustedes ya lo habrían hecho en el pasado, sin embargo, este entrenamiento tiene una fecha de vencimiento de 5 años; lo que significa que cada 5 años tendrá que volver a realizar la verificación de antecedentes.

Previamente Asistido al la Formación de Virtus: Si completo el entrenamiento de VIRTUS antes de 5 años, **NO CREA UNA CUENTA NUEVA EN CMG-Connect**. Inicialará sesión con su ID de usuario anterior y usará la contraseña 1234. Una vez que haya iniciado su sesión podrá cambiar su contraseña. Si no recuerda su ID de USUARIO, puede comunicarse con Griselda en la oficina de la iglesia al 713-686-3497 o por correo electrónico a gvalencia@stambrosehouston.org

Usuarios Nuevos (nunca antes asistió a un entrenamiento): Si nunca asistió a un entrenamiento de VIRTUS en el pasado o nunca tomó el entrenamiento en línea de Safe Haven, **regístrese para crear una nueva cuenta** a través de CMG-Connect o puede ir a la página web a stambrosehouston.org y haga clic en el enlace que dice "Ambiente Seguro".

Notas importantes: Se le pedirá que complete una verificación de antecedentes penales como parte del proceso de registro. Si no completa la verificación de antecedentes penales en su totalidad retrasará el proceso de aprobación para el servicio voluntario. Además, asegúrese de ingresar su **NOMBRE LEGAL** como aparece en su **IDENTIFICACION DE GOBIERNO** (licencia de conducir, ID del estado, pasaporte, matrícula consular, etc.). Si no tiene un seguro social, solo ponga 999-999-9999.



**"BLESSED
ARE YOU
AMONG WOMEN,
AND BLESSED IS
THE FRUIT OF
YOUR WOMB."**



Saint Ambrose Catholic Church





Let us strive to be pure and holy like our Heavenly Mother. All mothers want their children to inherit or acquire their good qualities. Our Heavenly Mother is no exception. With Joseph, she succeeded in training the Child Jesus, so that He grew in holiness and in "favor before God and man." Hence, our best way of celebrating this feast and honoring our Heavenly Mother would be to promise her that we will practice her virtues of Faith, obedience, purity and humble service. In this way, we will be trying to become the saintly sons and daughters of our Heavenly Mother, the Holy Mother of God.

And how does this happen to me, that the MOTHER OF MY LORD should come to me?
Lk. 1:43

©Diocesan - Madonna and Child Philippe de Champaigne, 1644

Nativity OF THE LORD

Moonless darkness stands between. Past, the Past, no more be seen! But the Bethlehem-star may lead me. To the sight of Him Who freed me. From the self that I have been. Make me pure, Lord: Thou art holy; Make me meek, Lord: Thou wert lowly; Now beginning, and always: Now begin, on Christmas day.

Gerard Manley Hopkins

The Christ-child lay on Mary's lap, His hair was like a light. (O weary, weary were the world, But here is all aright.) The Christ-child lay on Mary's breast His hair was like a star. (O stern and cunning are the kings, But here the true hearts are.) The Christ-child lay on Mary's Heart, His hair was like a fire. (O weary, weary is the world, But here the world's desire.) The Christ-child stood on Mary's knee, His hair was like a crown, And all the flowers looked up at Him, And all the stars looked down.

GK Chesterton

LET US
ADORE HIM
Christ the Lord