

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

The rulers sneered at Jesus and said, "He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God." - Lk 23:35

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WELCOME!

We invite you to become a member, by registering at the Welcome Table in the Narthex after Mass or by visiting the Parish Office.

BIENVENIDO

¡Lo invitamos a ser miembro registrándose en la mesa de bienvenida en el Narthex después de la misa o visitandola oficina parroquial!

Parish Office Hours (Horario de Oficina Parroquial):

Monday- Thursday (Lunes - Jueves):

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Friday (Viernes):

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
En la oficina parroquial tenemos personas que hablan español.

Food Pantry Hours (Horario de Despensa de Alimentos):

Tuesday and Wednesday
(Martes y Miércoles)
9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC PARISH

1111 W. Danieldale Rd., Duncanville, TX 75137

Parish Office: (972) 298 - 4971

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Clergy

Pastor, **Rev. Joseph C. Lee**

Parochial Vicar, **Rev. Eugene Okoli**

Deacon, **Al Evans** Deacon, **Charles Ruelas**

Deacon, **Gene Freeman** Deacon, **Paul Wood**

Pastoral Staff

Adult & Family Director, **Richard Johnson** x323

Adult & Family Associate, **vacant** x330

Baptism/First Communion, **Lisa Estrada** x312

Business Administrator, **Leonardo Zapata** x344

Business Associate, **Mary Jorgensen** x317

Childcare & Safe Environment, **Sharon Bush** x319

Children's Faith Formation, **Deborah Pearson** x314

Community Life, **vacant** x324

Music Director, **Felipe Ramirez** (972)298-4971

Outreach, **Tammie Marcelleño** x320

Parish Office, **Gina Rendón** x310

Pastor's Office, **Cathy Ordemann** x311

Parish Resource Associate, **Melisa Limones** x326

R.C.I.A., **Lindee Greer** x343

Youth & Young Adult Ministry, **Devyn Buschow** x316

Youth Ministry, **Rachel Cromwell** x345

Please contact the following staff members for questions about: **Becoming Catholic:** Lindee Greer, x343

Baptism & First Communion: Lisa Estrada, x312

Confirmation: Devyn Buschow, x316

Funerals: Please contact Funeral Home or Parish Office.

Mass Times

Saturday 5:30 p.m.

Sunday 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m.,

11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. (Spanish)

5:30 p.m.

Monday-Saturday 8:30 a.m.

Reconciliation

Wednesday 6:00 p.m.

Saturday 3:30-5:00 p.m.

First Saturday 7:30 a.m.

1st & 3rd Saturday Spanish Available

Daily Rosary

Monday - Saturday 8:00 a.m.

Sunday 7:00 a.m.

First Sunday Rosary 10:15 a.m.

Marriage

Contact the **Adult & Family Office** at least 9 months prior to your proposed wedding date and **before** making any definite plans.

Sick & Homebound Ministry

Please notify the **Outreach Office** when family members are ill or hospitalized so Communion Ministers can be scheduled.

Holy Spirit Mission Statement

We, the Family of Faith at Holy Spirit, proclaim that by our Baptism we share in Christ's mission as Priest, Prophet and King. We recognize our responsibility to give worship to God, reverence to all people, respect to all creation and to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Acknowledging our own brokenness and our need to hope, we seek to be a forgiving and welcoming community committed to service by the sharing of life and love with all, and working together to make peace and justice a reality in our world. Strengthened by the presence of God in our lives, we undertake all of this through Our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen. Alleluia

From The Pastor's Desk

Most of us don't really want to be waited on hand and foot, as we imagine royal life might be. But, let's admit it, we would all like to have that kind of authority to command attention and respect. We are fascinated that a royal can give an order, and see it carried out instantly...whether that be ordering up a huge banquet, ordering an army into battle, or ordering the execution of a criminal. Sounds like power, doesn't it?

But is power really what defines a ruler? Not when it comes to God's relationship with us. For example, the first reading shows us King David, over one thousand years before Christ, being anointed as the "shepherd" of God's people and the "leader" of Israel. Both shepherds and leaders are the most successful when they avoid any use of raw power which all too easily might lead to violence or injury.

Instead, they develop a relationship with those who are under their care and protection. They establish good boundaries, and guide those who depend on their leadership with kindness, and a strong, secure hand. Jesus exemplified this way of being a ruler when he said, "I am the Good Shepherd; I know my sheep, and mine know me."

This makes it all the more tragic that the soldiers mocked Jesus' kingship as they did with purple robes and a crown of thorns on Good Friday. Even as Jesus hangs dying, the soldiers throw out the ultimate insult: "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" In effect, they mean, "The only leadership we respect is violence and power. If you can't show us that, you're no king!"

So why does the Church choose to celebrate Christ as King at all? ...and especially on the very Sunday before we begin our Advent celebration leading Christ born as a helpless baby in the stall at Bethlehem? Don't these seem like two conflicting pictures?

Jesus himself gave us the first clue when he said to Pilate, "My kingdom is not of this world." We only have to look at how Jesus lived his life to see that he was not interested in wearing a crown or kingly robes, ordering others around, or any of the typical powers of king. Why is this, when his followers wished for him to be a king? St. Paul explains in our second reading: because Jesus already contains in Himself the complete and full reconciliation of all that is.

Jesus does not need to act like a human king in any way. Human rulers emerged because of the evil and chaos in our world, and good rulers are effective at meeting needs and controlling the violence in their countries. But Jesus doesn't have to use brute force over the world: he has complete inner command of all that is, because Jesus Himself already is peace.

St. Paul says Jesus is the great and complete unifier or "reconciler" of all things into Himself. Because of his life and Crucifixion, Jesus actually experienced the suffering of all creatures in his own Body. And so his response is simply to be the One, the only One, who has true compassion for the world. The word "compassion" means "to suffer with"...to feel the suffering of the other...and this is what Jesus felt for us.

There will always be evil and chaos in our world, and rulers emerge in history as a way of controlling others and keeping the peace. But Jesus simultaneously "rules" in our world by leading us out of inner darkness into the light of freedom and eternal life.

Fr. Joe

Weekly Readings & Activities

Sunday, Nov. 24	2 Sm 5:1-3/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43
Monday, Nov. 25	Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday, Nov. 26	Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61 [59b]/Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday, Nov. 27	Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67 [59b]/Lk 21:12-19
Thursday, Nov. 28	Dn 6:12-28/Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74 [59b]/Lk 21:20-28
Friday, Nov. 29	Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33
Saturday, Nov. 30	Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22
Sunday, Dec. 1	Is 2:1-5/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

Sunday, Nov. 24 *Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*

- 7:30 a.m. Holy Mass—†Nel Mancenido
- 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass—†George H. Schnabel
- 11:00 a.m. Holy Mass—†Joann Krieg
- 12:00 p.m. African Community Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. Holy Mass (Spanish)—†Lost Souls of Purgatory & Simbang Gabi Practice
- 5:30 p.m. Holy Mass—†Olivia Hayes

Monday, Nov. 25 *34th & Last Week in Ordinary Time*

- 8:30 a.m. Holy Mass—†Margarito Guadalupe Ortiz
- 9:15 a.m. Low Impact Exercise
- 7:00 p.m. Young Adults Bible Study, Gathering at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 26

- 8:30 a.m. Holy Mass—†Antonio Sobalvarro
- 9:30 a.m. Food Pantry (until 11:30 a.m.)

Wednesday, Nov. 27

- 8:30 a.m. Holy Mass—†Stella Rotella
- 9:30 a.m. Legion of Mary/Food Pantry (until 11:30 a.m.)
- 10:00 a.m. Crafts
- 6:00 p.m. Confessions

Thursday, Nov. 28 *Thanksgiving Day*

Pastoral Offices Closed

- 10:00 a.m. Holy Mass—†Warren Pulich

Friday, Nov. 29 *Thanksgiving Holiday*

Pastoral Offices Closed

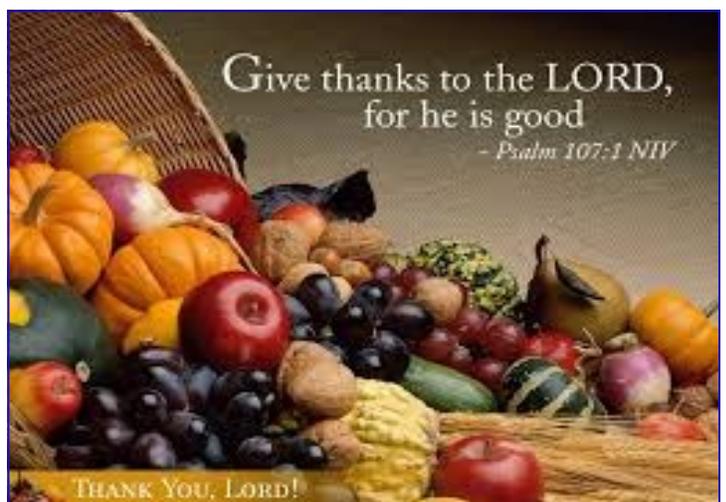
- 8:30 a.m. Holy Mass—Intentions of Eli Cuetnich
- 9:00 a.m. Holy Hour

Saturday, Nov. 30 *St. Andrew*

- 8:30 a.m. Holy Mass—Intentions of Espree Family children
- 3:30 p.m. Confessions
- 5:30 p.m. Holy Mass—†Fred Thompson

Sunday, Dec. 1 *1st Sunday of Advent*

- 7:30 a.m. Holy Mass—†Mervin & Gloria Kelley
- 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass—†Lost Souls in Purgatory
- 10:15 a.m. First Sunday Rosary
- 11:00 a.m. Holy Mass—†Katherine Znamirowski
- 1:00 p.m. Holy Mass (Spanish)—†Adolfo Jimenez
- 5:30 p.m. Holy Mass—People of Holy Spirit



Liturgy

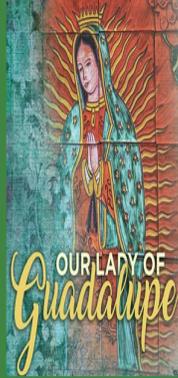
Altar Flowers & Mass Intentions:

 If you would like to **dedicate a mass, lamp or flowers** in honor or memory of a loved one, please contact Gina Rendón, x310 in the Parish Office.
The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in memory of **†Warren Pulich by Therese LeRoy.**

Blessing of Liturgical Ministers:
 We will have a Blessing of all Liturgical Ministers at all the Masses on **December 1st, The First Sunday of Advent.** Thank you Ministers for serving our parish family!
 Bendiciones para Ministros de la Liturgia: Los Ministros de la Liturgia serán bendecidos durante las Misas del Primer Domingo de Adviento **el primero de diciembre.**

Thanksgiving Day Mass

 on Thursday, **Nov. 28th** is at **10:00 a.m.** (no 8:30 a.m. Mass)
 Misa Día de Acción de Gracias **jueves 28** a las **10:00 a.m.** (no habrá Misa a las 8:30 a.m.)

Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena:

 Begins **December 3 - 11** in the church.
Dec. 3 - 6: 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
 Location for Dec. 4 & 5 in the Chapel
Dec. 7: 6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. (After 5:30 p.m. mass)
Dec. 8: 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. (After 1:00 p.m. mass)
Dec. 9 - 11: 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
December 12th is a **bilingual Mass** at **7:00 p.m.**

Finances

Due to early bulletin deadlines, contributions for November 16 & 17 are unavailable.
Sunday Collections needed for Avg. Weekly Operating Expenses: **\$ 34,000.00**
#of Weeks Sunday Collections met or exceed average weekly operating expenses this Fiscal Year: **2**

Upcoming Special Collections:
 Nov. 23-24 Catholic Campaign for Human Dev. (**TODAY**)
 Dec. 7-8 Retirement Fund for Religious

Please continue to use your pre-printed envelopes and include your Parish ID# on all bank drafts & online giving.
 God Bless all for your continued generous support of the parish through collections, online giving or via bank drafts, our diocese and the global Catholic Church!

Community Life Ministry

Sunday Morning Food and Fellowship
 Today: **THANKSGIVING BREAK**

Next Sunday, December 1: **THANKSGIVING BREAK**

New Photo Directory Pick-up
Still Available! Please come get your copy.
 There are **35 Directories** that still need to be **picked up by families who took a picture to be in the bulletin.** Please come and claim your copy at the Front Desk during normal business hours or on Sunday mornings. Thank you.

African Community Meeting
TODAY: Sunday, November 24
 The African Community will be meeting **today, Sunday, November 24 in the dining room at Noon** (after the 11:00 a.m. Mass). For more information, contact Bibian Obinwanne at 469-273-0356.

Youth Ministry

There is no Youth Ministry November 24th or December 1st! Enjoy the Thanksgiving Holiday with your family!

Our annual Coat Drive and Poinsettia Sale will be December 7th - 8th. Coats will be donated to the Dallas Life Homeless Shelter and the Poinsettia sale will benefit our Youth Stand for Life trip and the Dallas Catholic Youth Conference. Thank you for supporting our youth!

Young Adults- all our welcome at our Monday evening Young Adult gatherings! We do Bible Studies and hangouts. Even if you're just back from break, feel free to check us out at **7:00 p.m.** in room 106. E-mail DevynBuschow@holyspiritcc.org for more information!




 The Parish Office will be closed on **November 28 - 29** for the **Thanksgiving Holiday.** We will reopen on Monday, December 2nd at 9:00 a.m.
 La oficina parroquial estará cerrada noviembre 28 - 29 Día de Acción de Gracias. Volveremos a abrir el lunes 2 de diciembre a las 9:00 a.m.

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

SANTA'S
Christmas
WORKSHOP
An Afternoon Out For Parents!



Breakfast with
St. Nicholas
Sunday,
December 15
8:00 a.m.-12:45 p.m.

Is the thought of getting ready for the Christmas Holiday season with children in tow already causing you some panic? Then let us help you out! Children's Faith Formation and Holy Spirit's Nursery Staff are offering four hours of fun and excitement for children, ages 1 to 12 (6th Grade), at **Santa's Christmas Workshop...An Afternoon Out for Parents!** Our workshop will include crafts, snacks, games & more crafts!

Saturday, December 7, 2019

1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

\$10.00 per child

up to a maximum of \$30.00 for three or more
(that's \$2.50 per hour for childcare...seriously...)

Preregistration and prepayment is required; walk-ins/late registrations will not be accepted to ensure adequate staffing needs according to diocesan safe environment requirements. Nursery reservations (**ages 1-4**) **are limited** and accepted on a first-come, first serve basis. Pick up a registration form at the Community Center front desk. **Registration deadline is Wednesday, December 4.** *We need 20 registered families to make this event a go!*

And, if you would like to volunteer to help, we'll need lots of adults (must be SEP cleared) and older youth to assist. Contact Deborah, ext. 314, for more info!

SACRAMENTS & SUCH....

- **The next Parent & Student session (this means to please bring your child with you!) for the Sacrament of Reconciliation is either Saturday, December 7 from 10 a.m. - 12 noon OR Sunday, December 8 from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. depending on what day you selected in October. (Saturday or Sunday—no switching of days).** Please call Sharon Bush at 972-298-4971 for childcare needs and Lisa, ext. 312, with any questions or if you don't remember what session day you selected. **There will be no make up sessions so please plan to attend.**
- **The next Parent & Student session for the Sacrament of Confirmation will not be until after the new year in January, 2020.**
- **Questions regarding Infant Baptism (ages 6 & under) may be directed to Lisa Estrada, ext. 312.**

Join us for our annual Children's Christmas event, **Breakfast with St. Nicholas!** Enjoy a delicious breakfast, courtesy of the Knights of Columbus, musical performance by the Children's Christmas choir and there might even be a visit from St. Nicholas himself! Admission to breakfast - **PER PERSON** - is a new child's toy, which will be donated to **Mission Arlington's The Christmas Store** and ensure a merry Christmas for those children and families without a home for the holidays. But, if you forget your toy, a monetary donation will be taken in lieu of. **This event is open to the entire parish...NOT just Faith Formation.** So grab your grandchildren, nieces and nephews and join us for a wonderful Christmas event!

And, as always, we need volunteers to assist with breakfast. Confirmation families, here's another great way to get your community service hours! Contact Deborah if you would like to help. Alas, set-up doesn't happen with the magic of Christmas elves so if you can assist with set-up and decorating the gym for this event, give "Mrs. Claus" a call....aka...Deborah....



If you are in the 2nd Grade through High School and would like to sing at the 5 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass, please sign up outside the Choir Room in the Church Building. **Practices began Saturday, November 23 and continue every Saturday (except November 30) from**

10:30 a.m. - 12 noon. Please contact Mary Russell at 214-773-1293 for more information.



There are no Children's Faith Formation classes THIS Sunday, November 24 or NEXT Sunday, December 1 so that we can celebrate and enjoy the Thanksgiving Holidays! Classes resume on Sunday, December 8.

Ofrecer a los feligreses la oportunidad de experimentar el amor de Jesucristo

Invitación a un retiro de ACTS

Auspiciado por la Parroquia del Espíritu Santo

¡Todos son bienvenidos!



Retiro de Mujeres

5 de diciembre—8 de diciembre

Para obtener más información

y para registrarse:

favor de comunicarse con la directora de retiro

Janilce Branco en janilce.branco@gmail.com

o vaya a

holyspiritcatholic.com/womens-acts-retreat

*Por eso
te alabaré
y cantaré
himnos
a tu nombre.
Romanos 15:9*



Parish Advent Penance Service

Please save the date for our Parish Advent Penance Service on
Wednesday, December 4th at 7:00 p.m.
with individual confessions in English and Spanish.

“Open our hearts, Lord.”



Servicio Parroquial Penitencial de Adviento

Favor de anotar en su calendario la fecha de nuestro servicio penitencial para toda la parroquia el **miércoles 4 de diciembre a las 7 de la noche.**

Habrà confesiones individuales en español e inglés



Poinsettia Sale! Only \$12!

December 7th - 8th

All funds support the youth ministry March for life trip and the Dallas Catholic Youth Conference!

Questions? Email devynbuschow@holyspiritcc.org or call 972-298-4971 x 316



Checks can be made payable to Holy Spirit Catholic Parish.



Youth Ministry Coat Drive!

December 7th - 8th
after all Masses!



We are also collecting hats, scarves, gloves and

NEW blankets

Questions?

DevynBuschow@holyspiritcc.org

Adult & Family Ministry



¡Maridos!

Dale a tu esposa un regalo maravilloso de navidad que se pueda abrir antes de la navidad.

Nuestro primer retiro de mujeres ACTS en español es del 5 al 8 de diciembre. ¡Ella puede registrarse hoy!



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5 de diciembre—8 de diciembre



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Outreach Ministry

This week the following Outreach activities are canceled.



- ESL classes—Tuesday and Thursday classes are on break and will resume December 3.
- Spirit Fitness—Wednesday class is canceled and will resume on December 2.
- Food Pantry **WILL BE OPEN** Tuesday & Wednesday, 9:30—11:30 a.m.



ANGEL WISHES TOY DRIVE

We will continue to receive your gift donations in the Narthex before and after Masses through December 1. You can also drop off items at the Community Center during business hours. We thank you for supporting families that need a little help during the holiday season.

Remember to drop your UNWRAPPED gift with Angel Wish attached so that we can match it to the correct family.

A NOTE FROM WHITE ROSE WOMEN'S CENTER:

A HUGE thank you to all the parishioners of Holy Spirit for your generous support through Baby Items donations! This time of the year is the most difficult for our moms using our support and your generosity has enabled us to give maternity clothing, baby clothing, baby toiletries, diapers and wipes to these moms who have chosen life over abortion, in part, due to our resources. Remember that any pregnant woman in need of help can call 972-BABY-DUE and speak with somebody from White Rose 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Thank you and may God bless you!!

Julie, Director at White Rose Women's Center