

## Why Gold, Frankincense & Myrrh?

Gold, frankincense and myrrh were the gifts presented to Baby Jesus by the 3 kings, but why these gifts? These gifts symbolize Jesus as king, priest and man. Gold was the usual offering presented to kings by their subjects, or those wanting to pay respect. Frankincense is highly fragrant when burned, and was, therefore, used in worship, where it was burned as a pleasant offering to God. Myrrh was brought as a gift to acknowledge the human suffering that Jesus partook of when He came into our world. Frankincense and myrrh are fragrant gum resin obtained from oriental trees found only in Oman, Yemen, and East Africa. The resin exude as juices that harden to form teardrops when incisions are made in the trunk of the trees and resins are exposed to the air.

## ¿Porque Oro, Incienso y Mirra?

Oro, incienso y mirra fueron los regalos que los tres reyes magos presentaron al niño Jesús...pero que significan? Estos regalos presentaban a Jesús como rey, sacerdote y hombre. El oro era un metal precioso normalmente presentado a los reyes por sus seguidores o por alguien ofreciendo respeto. El incienso era usado para significar adoración y se quemaba como una ofrenda grata a Dios. La mirra, que era amarga, representaba el sufrimiento humano que Jesús padecería al estar en este mundo. El incienso y la mirra provienen de árboles orientales que se encuentran en Omán, Yemen y Este de África. El resino sale como un líquido que se endurece y forma gotas cuando se le hacen incisiones al tronco de un árbol y el resino es expuesto al aire.



We offer our condolences to the families of †Victor Manuel Martinez and †Modesta Nava who recently passed away. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



## Our Lady Star of the Sea - Charity Fund Collection

This weekend we will be having a second collection for the Charity Fund. It will be used to help the people in our community that are in need of assistance. Please be generous with your donation. Thank you!

## Nuestra Señora Estrella del Mar-Fondo de Caridad Colecta

Este fin de semana tendremos una segunda colecta para el Fondo de Caridad. Se utilizará para ayudar a la gente de nuestra comunidad que necesitan asistencia. Por favor sean generosos con su donación. ¡Gracias!

## “Rosca de Reyes” (King's Cake)

This holiday dessert offers much in the way of symbolism. Shaped round to signify a king's crown, this sweet bread holds a special surprise. Baked inside is a small plastic figurine representing the baby **Jesus** hiding from King Herod. Whoever finds this token is obligated to host an upcoming party for the occasion of Día de la Candelaria(Candlemas Day) which occurs each year on February 2nd.

## La Rosca de Reyes

La rosca de reyes ofrece mucho en simbolismo. La figura redonda representa la corona del rey. La figura de plástico que se esconde dentro del pan representa al niño **Jesus** que se esconde para no ser encontrado por el rey Herodes. Normalmente, las personas que encuentran la figura son los encargados de organizar una fiesta para el Día de la Candelaria que es el 2 de febrero.



## The Epiphany of the Lord-January 4

This weekend we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. After every mass, we will be sharing a “Rosca de Reyes” with everyone. Remember, the lucky ones who get a “baby” will receive a special blessing at the Presentation of the Lord. (Candlemas).



## La Epifanía del Señor-4 de enero

Este fin de semana celebramos la Epifanía del Señor. Después de cada Misa repartiremos un pedazo de rosca de reyes. Recuerden, los afortunados que obtengan un “bebe” obtendrán una bendición especial durante la Misa de la Presentación del Señor. (Día de la Candelaria).

## THIS WEEK’S BULLETIN SPONSOR:



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# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



## **Saturday—January 3**

*The Most Holy Name of Jesus*

8:00am All Souls in Purgatory

5:00pm †Joe H. Castillo, Sr.

†Kenny Martinez

Maggie Zuñiga (B-day)

7:00pm Capilla San Jose-Laguna Heights Mission

†Froylan Dominguez

Joseph Alcocer (B-day)

## **Sunday—January 4**

*The Epiphany of the Lord*

8:00am Para la Comunidad Parroquial

10:00am †Jamie Vicinaiz

†Maria Alvarez

†Vidal Cantu, Jr.

12:00pm †Julian Hernandez

†Jesus R. Garza, Sr.

†Christopher R. Ramirez

## **Monday—January 5**

*Saint John Neumann, Bishop*

6:00pm **No Mass**

## **Tuesday—January 6**

*Saint André Bessette, Religious*

6:00pm †Guadalupe Rivera

†Maria Dang-Thi-Phai

†Frankie Baldovinos

## **Wednesday—January 7**

*Saint Raymond of Peñafort, Priest*

6:00pm †Rosa Gonzalez

†Juanita Rivera

†Ramon G. Camacho

## **Thursday—January 8**

6:00pm †Margaret Millar

†Perry C. Aby, Jr.

Tim Nguyen & Family (Special Intention)

## **Friday—January 9**

7:30am †Jesusa Valdez Villarreal

†Ignacio G. & †Lilia G. Salinas

†Francisca Barron

## **Saturday—January 10**

5:00pm †Alma Luna

†Maria del Carmen Martinez

Georgina B. Fletcher (B-day)

7:00pm Capilla San Jose-Laguna Heights Mission

†Francisca Sanchez

†Fabiana Martinez

†Maria de Jesus Troncoso

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22–4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Matt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19–5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Jn 3:22-30

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10; Acts 10:34-38;

Matt 3:13-17

## LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 1 Jn 3, 22–4, 6; Sal 2, 7-8. 10-11; Mt 4, 12-17. 23-25

Martes: 1 Jn 4, 7-10; Sal 71, 2. 3-4ab. 7-8; Mc 6, 34-44

Miércoles: 1 Jn 4, 11-18; Sal 71, 2. 10-11. 12-13; Mc 6, 45-52

Jueves: 1 Jn 4, 19–5, 4; Sal 71, 2. 14 y 15bc. 17; Lc 4:14-22

Viernes: 1 Jn 5, 5-13; Sal 147, 12-13. 14-15. 19-20; Lc 5, 12-16

Sábado: 1 Jn 5, 14-21; Sal 149, 1-2. 3-4. 5 y 6a y 9b; Jn 3, 22-30

Domingo: Is 42, 1-4. 6-7; Sal 28, 1a y 2. 3ac-4. 3b y 9b-10;

Hch 10, 34-38; Mt 3, 13-17

**Stewardship Passage:** “Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” MATTHEW 2:11

The image of the Magi kneeling before the infant Jesus and opening their treasure chests for Him is an image that we should all try to follow each day. In gratitude for all that we have been given, we are called in Stewardship to generously share all our gifts, not just the ones we pick and choose. God wants us to be generous with everything, but especially that one thing that means the most to you.

For online giving options, please visit our website at:

[www.olsstx.org](http://www.olsstx.org)

<b>Weekly Collection</b>	<b>\$7,667.57</b>
<b>Christmas Collection</b>	<b>\$7,066.70</b>
<b>Cathedraticum</b>	<b>(\$1,694.44)</b>
<b>Final Collection</b>	<b>\$13,039.83</b>

God bless you for your generosity! ¡Dios te bendiga por tu generosidad!



Joseph Alcocer, Juan Baldovinos, Ricky Guajardo,  
Ida G. Rivera, Juanita G. Gonzales & Esther Carrillo.

*Lord, every nation on earth  
will adore you.*

### Offertory Envelopes

The offertory envelopes are in, located in the front of the church, please pick them up. If you need to update your information please come by the office to make your changes. New parishioners, please come by the office if you wish to register.

### **Offering Envelopes**



### Sobres de Ofrenda

Los sobres de ofrenda ya llegaron, y los encontrara al frente de la iglesia, por favor recójalos. Si necesita actualizar su información, por favor vengan a la oficina para hacer los cambios. Cualquier nuevo parroquiano, por favor vengan por la oficina para registrarse.

### **Pro-Life Rosary**

We invite the community to join us in praying a Pro-Life Rosary for the unborn babies. This will take place on Sunday, January 11 at 1:00pm in the main church after the 12pm mass.



### **Rosario Pro-Vida**

Invitamos a la comunidad a unirse a nosotros para rezar un Rosario Pro-Vida por los bebés no nacidos. Esto se llevará a cabo el domingo 11 de enero a la 1:00pm en la iglesia principal después de la misa de las 12:00pm.

### **Altar Flowers**

We have the 2026 Altar Flowers calendar open. Anyone wishing to honor a deceased loved one, someone's birthday or anniversary with the altar flowers please come by the office. The cost for both arrangements is \$120.00. Your donations and truly appreciated.



### **Flores del Altar**

Tenemos abierto el calendario de Flores del Altar 2026. Cualquiera que desee honrar a un ser querido fallecido, un cumpleaños o aniversario de alguien con las flores del altar, por favor venga a la oficina. El costo de ambos arreglos es de \$120.00.

### **Bulletin Announcements**

If you would like to have an announcement to be included in the bulletin, please submit your request no later than 12pm on Tuesday. Thank you!

### **Anuncios del boletín**

Si desea que se incluya un anuncio en el boletín, envíe su solicitud a más tardar el martes a las 12:00 del mediodía. ¡Gracias!

Deacon Richard Laumeyer 218-391-6730



### **Mass Schedule (Horario de Misas)**

#### **Daily Mass Schedule • Horario de las Misas Diarias**

Tuesday (martes) 6:00pm (E) Wednesday (miércoles) 6:00pm (S)  
Thursday (jueves) 6:00pm (E) Friday (viernes) 7:30am (S)

#### **Weekend Mass Schedule • Misas en Fin de Semana**

Saturday (sábado) 8:00am (S) First Saturday of the month  
(primer sábado del mes)  
Saturday (sábado) 5:00pm (E) 7:00pm (S) Capilla San José-L.H.  
Sunday (domingo) 8:00am (S) 10:00am (E) 12:00pm (B)

**Please see the bulletin for any changes on the daily mass schedule. Thank You.**

**Consulte el boletín para conocer cualquier cambio en el horario de misas diarias. Gracias.**

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#### **Sacrament of Reconciliation • Sacramento de Reconciliación**

Thursday (jueves) 5:00pm—5:45pm  
Saturday (sábado) 4:00pm—4:45pm  
Or by appointment (O con cita previa)

#### **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

#### **Adoración al Santísimo Sacramento**

Wednesday (miércoles) 12:00pm—6:00pm  
Thursday (jueves) 5:00pm—6:00pm  
Friday (viernes) 8:00am—12:00pm

#### **24 Hour Prayer Line for the Sick:**

24 hours, 24 people praying; List changes every other week.  
*Cadena de Oración para los enfermos:*  
24 horas, 24 personas rezando. Una vez por semana.  
Call the church office (*hable a la oficina*) at 943-1297

#### **Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court #2569**

Anyone wishing to become a member, please contact:  
Helen Delgadillo 956-371-0619

#### **Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas (JCDA) #2569**

Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas (JCDA)  
For girls ages 6-18.  
Contact person: Ana Holland 956-778-9996  
anaholland35@gmail.com

#### **Knight's of Columbus-Council 4779 Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church**

For membership information, please contact one  
of the council members:  
Frank Mata 956-243-0540 or Juan Rivera 956-943-4903

#### **Alcoholics Anonymous**

Open meeting on Thursday's @7:00pm and Sunday's @7:00pm  
At the Parish Hall. For more information call 1-888-880-9718.



Our Lady Star of the Sea Church

*Faith Formation*  
LIFELONG AND ONGOING

Children + Youth + Adult + Family

January  
4, 2026

Important Information below



Mark Your  
Calendar



Marca tu  
calendario

# FAITH FORMATION

*Events & Meetings Coming up*

Sunday/domingo, January 4

- 9:00am Confirmation I & II Class
- 10:00am Christian Initiation for Youth Sessions
- 11:00am First Holy Communion Class
- 11:00am TEENS Communion Class

Monday/lunes, January 5

- 5:30pm Baptism Preparation English Session
- 6:00pm Christian Initiation Adults/Adultos (eng/spn)
- 6:00pm Adult English bible study Faith Formation

Wednesday/miércoles, January 7

3:15pm– 8:30pm CCE Kinder—12th grade

Sunday/domingo, January 11

- 9:30am All First Communion Parents & Students Meeting
- 9:30am First Communion Class
- 9:30am TEENS Communion Class
- 10:00am Christian Initiation for Youth Sessions

*Plan Ahead & Save the dates!*

*¡Planea con anticipación y guarda las fechas!*

## DONATIONS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED!

For our CCE students Items like:  
little juice boxes Grape jelly, Bread,  
powder lemonade &  
Individually wrapped snacks like:  
cookies, Chips, Gold fish crackers,  
Granola bars, etc.



**Holy Baptism** NEXT BAPTISMS:  
**PRÓXIMOS BAUTISMOS:**

**Sunday/domingo, February 15**

**Registration Deadline before January 23**

**Regístrese antes del 23 de enero**

Present child's original birth certificate.

Need Godparents Eligibility Forms completed.

*Presente el certificado de nacimiento original  
del niño de la ciudad.*

*Necesitamos Formularios de Elegibilidad de los Padrinos*

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## DISCIPLES BIRTHDAYS

Dustin Mock, Karla Estrada,  
Kimberly Avilez & Esther Carrillo



**Come, hear, share, grow!**

Adult bible study have begun

**Monday's at 6:00pm  
parish hall**

We hear, reflect on, & share Sunday's gospel.



## PRAY FOR OUR 2026 CANDIDATES

Confirmation II  
First Holy Communion  
Christian Initiation of Youth  
Christian Initiation of Adults  
TEENS First Holy Communion



**ATTENTION PARENTS / ATENCIÓN PADRES**

**PARENTS & CHILD MANDATORY SESSION  
SESIÓN OBLIGATORIA DE PADRES Y HIJO/A**

**Sunday/domingo, January 11**

**9:30am – 11:30am**

Attend/Asistir 12pm Mass/misa

**WE ARE  
WONDERFULLY MADE**

Sacraments of Initiation  
Baptism, Eucharist, &  
Confirmation preparation for  
Children with special needs.



**Sessions with Parents are  
once a month starting on  
Sunday/domingo, January 18, 2026  
11:00am Parish Hall.**

*Preparación de Sacramentos de Iniciación,  
Bautismo, Eucaristía y Confirmación para  
adolescentes con necesidades especiales.*

**Sesiones con padres serán una vez al mes  
empezando en 18 de enero del 2026**

Faith Formation is lifelong & ongoing, we graduate when we get to Heaven!



All CCE & Sacramental Classes Started!

¡Comenzaron todas las clases sacramentales y CCE!

**ALL CLASSES RESUME AS USUAL**

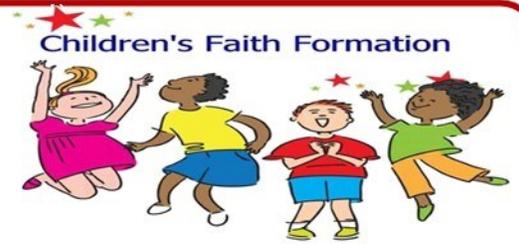
**TODAS CLASES RESUMEN COMO DE COSTUMBRE**

**Sacramental Programs/Programas Sacramentales:**

Christian Initiation for Youth OCIA, Confirmation/*Confirmación*,

First Communion/*Primera Comuni3n* & TEENS Communion

**Sunday/*domingo*, January/*enero* 4**



**CCE for Kinder to High School: Wednesday/*mi3rcoles*, January/*enero* 7, 2026**

**ATTENDANCE IS IMPORTANT! ¡LA ASISTENCIA ES IMPORTANTE!**

**ATTENTION PARENTS & CANDIDATES! CONFIRMATION I & II CANDIDATES**

Regular Class on Sunday, January 4, 2026 Parish Hall 9:00am – 1:00pm Includes Mass at noon

**FOR ALL CONFIRMATION II CANDIDATES**

**DO NOT FORGET YOUR PAPERWORK** Godparent's and all paperwork is due, as soon as possible.

Please, **follow the guidelines for Godparents**. Any questions, call 943-6392.

**¡ATENCIÓN PADRES Y CANDIDATOS! CANDIDATOS CONFIRMACIÓN II**

**NO OLVIDEN LAS FORMAS** Padrinos y todas las formas deben entregarse lo mas pronto posible.

Por **favor de seguir las guillas para los padrinos**. Si tienen alguna pregunta, llame al 943-6392.

*"They departed for their country  
by Another way."* (Matthew 2:12)



**"ANOTHER WAY"  
MORNING REFLECTION"**

**For all Confirmation II  
Candidates**

**Sunday, Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00am– 1:00pm**

Includes attending Mass at noon  
Reflection mandatory for  
Confirmation II Candidates

**DO NOT FORGET YOUR PAPERWORK**

**NO OLVIDEN LAS FORMAS**

Any questions, call 943-6392.

*Si tienen alguna pregunta, llame al 943-6392.*

You're Invited



**Together in Faith  
Volunteers Gathering**

**MONTHLY FAITH & FELLOWSHIP NIGHT**

Gather in peace and unity as we lift our  
hearts in prayer.

**JANUARY 15**

**JOIN US AT 6PM MASS**

*Spiritual gathering after in parish hall*



## Happy Epiphany Day \* Feliz Día De Los Reyes

We celebrate on the Epiphany of the Lord the first Gentiles to worship the Lord Jesus. They traveled nearly one thousand miles, four months on the road for them. How many times do you think they were tempted to turn around and return home? Let's follow their example of faithfulness and perseverance on our journey toward Jesus.

(Taken from the Word Among Us.)

*Celebramos en la Epifanía del Señor, los primeros gentiles en adorar al Señor Jesús. Viajaron casi mil millas, cuatro meses en el camino para ellos. ¿Cuántas veces crees que se sintieron tentados a darse la vuelta y regresar a casa?*

*Sigamos su ejemplo de fidelidad y perseverancia en nuestro viaje hacia Jesús.*

(Tomado de la Palabra entre nosotros.)



**All Volunteers are invited to attend**

### 2026 Catechetical Conference Saturday, January 24, 2026

Sacred Heart Church, Elsa, TX

To register, contact your

Parish Catechetical Leader at 956.943.6392

**Register deadline: January 9, 2026**

**"Hail, O Cross, Our only Hope!"**



### **¡ GUADALUPANOS !**

Todos están invitados al rosario a La Virgen de Guadalupe

**"Déjame entrar en tu corazón, para llenarte de bendiciones"**

Madre nuestra de Guadalupe, en ti pongo toda mi confianza,

Para que siendo fieles a tu Hijo Jesús en la tierra, podamos llegar un día a compartir contigo la plenitud de la vida en el cielo.

**Lunes, 12 de enero a las 6:30pm**

**Salón parroquial**

Para mas información llamen al 943-6392

**"Let me into your heart, to fill you with blessings"**

For more information please call at 943-6392



Keeping Children & Youth Safe  
Safe Environment Program

**Teaching -Safety Empowering  
God's Children Lessons**

**Enseñanza—Seguridad**

**Lecciones de Empoderar a los hijos de Dios**

Parents are invited and encouraged to attend.

*Los padres están invitados y los  
animamos a asistir.*

**Protecting God's Children Lesson  
are scheduled as followed below:**

**Lección Protegiendo a los Hijos de Dios  
esta programada de la siguiente manera:**

**Wednesday/miércoles January 7**

Kinder - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Wednesday/miércoles: January 14**

JR. HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL Grades: 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>