

Jesus, you will come
among us once again
to give us your very life.
May your life's gift
inspire us to make
our lives a gift to you,
over and over again.
Amen.

Notice

Starting in January 2021 we will start a new Prayer list. If you wish to keep your love one(s) on the list, please call Norma at the Church office (972-563-3643).



Christmas Confessions Schedule

Wednesday, December 16 th :	9:00 AM ~ 10:00 AM 6:30 PM ~ 7:30 PM
Thursday, December 17 th :	11:00 AM ~ 12:00 PM 6:30 PM ~ 7:30 PM
Saturday, December 19 th :	10:00 AM ~ 11:00 AM
Monday, December 21 st :	6:30 PM ~ 7:30 PM
Tuesday, December 22 nd :	9:00 AM ~ 10:00 AM 6:30 PM ~ 7:30 PM
Wednesday, December 23 rd :	10:00 AM ~ 11:00 AM



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 12

4:00 PM †Enrique Gutierrez by Wife & Children

Sunday, December 13

8:00 AM Bella Sanchez by Karen & Paul Mathers

10:30 AM Pro Populo

12:15 PM †Linda Inguanco Int. de la Familia
Reyes

Tuesday, December 15

8:30 AM †John McCowen by Lucy Krouskop

Wednesday, December 16

8:30 AM †Joan Bohl by Lucy Krouskop

Thursday, December 17

8:30 AM Poor Souls by Dulce Robles

Friday, December 18

8:30 AM †Paulette Achemire by Mary Robinson

Saturday, December 19

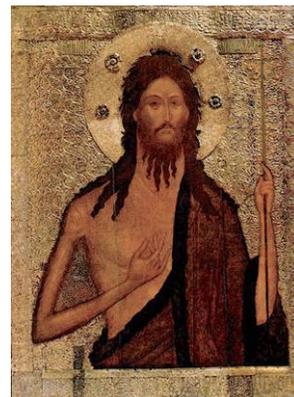
4:00 PM Pro Populo

Sunday, December 20

8:00 AM †Dolores Gonzales by Josie Lopez

10:30 AM †Alicia Morales by Maria Carmona &
Family

12:15 PM †Roberto Arce Lozano Int. de la Familia
Correa-Arce



A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. (Gospel)

 Prayer Requests

Joe Wages	Nick Morales, Sr.
Rosann Kinkaid	Barbara Meshell
Maria Landaverde	Wayne Meshell
Becca Elliott	Judy Aloï
Mike Gonzales	Nancy Bardsley
Richard Lyon	Kenneth Elliott
Warren Terry	George Lawshe
Frances LaPoint	Maria Carmona
Juan Ramirez	Susie Connolly
Michael Gutierrez	Cyndy Vargas
Clarence Gattenby	Ernestina Bueno
Nancy Diaz	Alice Diaz
Whitney Willis	Michelle Hass
Teresa Valenzuela	Bob Rowland
Sheila Wilson	Ma Candelaria
Jovita De la Garza	Stephen LaPoint
Anthony Henderson	Bobbie Goelden
Felipe Caballero	Blanche Rizkal
Joseph Ellis	Dulce Robles
Esther Luna	Eliberto Meza
Treva Vogl	Debbie Hager
Laura K.	Ellen S.
Kris & Leah Stone	Alix Hager
Sergio Roman	Janie Garcia
Cynthia Leal	Jesse Leal

Reporting Abuse:

If you believe that you, or someone you know, is a victim of past or present abuse or sexual abuse, please notify law enforcement. In the event the abuse involves a minor, please also contact the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services through the Texas Abuse Hotline at 1-800-252-5400 or www.txabusehotline.org. Finally, if the abuse involves a member of the clergy, a parish employee, or diocesan employee, please also notify the Diocese of Dallas Victims Assistance Coordinator, Barbara Landregan, at 214-379-2812 or blandregan@cathdal.org



Pursuant to Section 30.06, Penal Code (trespass by license holder with a concealed handgun), a person licensed under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code (handgun licensing law), may not enter this property with a concealed handgun.

Pursuant to Section 30.07, Penal Code (trespass by license holder with an openly carried handgun), a person licensed under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code (handgun licensing law), may not enter this property with a handgun that is carried openly.

Last Weekend Collection: December 6, 2020

Regular Collection:	4,721.00
2 nd Coll. (Parish Improvement Fund):	2,726.00
Blue Pay:	1,285.00

Lectors Schedule for December 19/20

Saturday:

4:00 PM	Melody Zimmer
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Sunday:

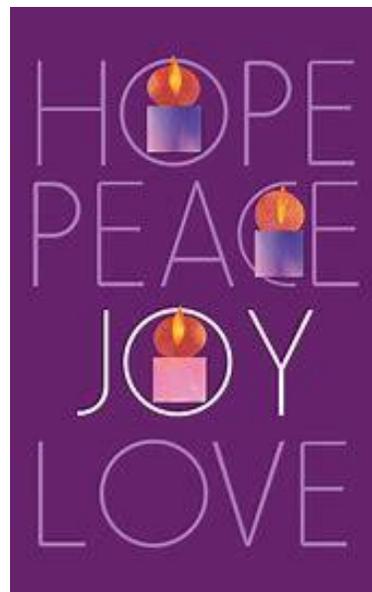
8:00 AM	Ruby Berthelette
10:30 AM	Karie Hammond

Christmas Eve (December 24)

4:00 PM	Cathy Burton
6:00 PM	Melody Zimmer
8:00 PM	Karie Hammond

Christmas Day (December 25)

9:30 AM	Karen Mathers
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Third Week of Advent



The Third Sunday of Advent offers us more of the promise. The words used by the **prophet Isaiah** to describe God's vindication are the ones Jesus points to as describing his own mission: "The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to announce a year of favor from the LORD and a day of vindication by our God."

Monday is the **Memorial of St. John of the Cross**.

We continue to focus on the first readings in this first part of Advent. From the Book of Numbers, we have the proclamation that "a star shall advance from Jacob..." Zephaniah is the prophet of impending doom, if the people don't abandon their idolatry. But this week we read about consoling healing, "on that day," when the Lord comes. Isaiah's message is full of promise: "Turn to me and be safe ... for I am God; there is no other!" God promises us, "with great tenderness I will take you back," and "My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples."

On Thursday, we reach **December 17th** and in the last eight days of Advent the focus returns to the gospels with stories from Jesus' family in the time before he was born. In Matthew's genealogy, we see the ancestors of Jesus.

Daily Prayer This Week

This third week of Advent, begins with *Gaudete* (rejoice!) Sunday. Our daily prayer continues to allow us to become much more concrete about naming our desires and preparing the way for the Lord. We begin this week with joy, knowing that our celebration of all the ways our Lord comes to us is getting nearer.

In these familiar readings is an invitation for us to ask again for help, perhaps especially in dealing with our fears. On Tuesday we hear God's message to us from Isaiah: "Fear not. You shall not be put to shame." Fear can stop us from asking God for the very help we need in our lives.

In the midst of what our culture tells us should be a picture-perfect holiday season, we can step back and get in touch with our fears and ask God to help us deal with the relationships we are afraid of, the family tensions that make us apprehensive and the stress that can take us out of the spirit of Advent reflection. If we pause for just a minute, we can feel in our hearts that Jesus is saying gently to us each day: "Do not be afraid."

These very busy days can still be a time for us to focus our desires, perhaps each morning at the side of our bed, while in the shower or while going about our daily errands. We can ask God to remind us again that what we are doing in our daily lives is touched by the sacred because God is present in even the most mundane tasks.

"Lord, let me place my trust in you. I get so independent and think I need to fix everything myself. Let me remember not to be afraid of so much and to ask you for the healing that my heart needs so badly. Give me the patience this week to deal with the relationships in my life that need mending and the forgiveness that I can give others and that I need so badly myself. Be with me through the darkness so that I can see the light that you bring to us and the joy with which you want to fill our hearts."

We are moving toward the end of our Advent journey. Even if we don't feel like we have "started" on Advent yet, we can begin today. We are being invited: "Do not be afraid!"



Jesús, vendrás
entre nosotros una vez más
para darnos tu propia vida.
Que el don de tu vida
Nos inspire a hacer
nuestras vidas como
un regalo para ti,
una y otra vez.
Amén.

Horario de Confesiones Navideñas

Miércoles, 16 de diciembre: 9:00 AM ~ 10:00 AM
6:30 PM ~ 7:30 PM

Jueves, 17 de diciembre: 11:00 AM ~ 12:00 PM
6:30 PM ~ 7:30 PM

Sábado, 19 de diciembre: 10:00 AM ~ 11:00 AM

Lunes, 21 de diciembre: 6:30 PM ~ 7:30 PM

Martes, 22 de diciembre: 9:00 AM ~ 10:00 AM
6:30 PM ~ 7:30 PM

Miércoles, 23 de diciembre: 10:00 AM ~ 11:00 AM

Clases Pre-Bautismales



ANOTEN: Tendremos clases Pre-Bautismales en el mes de febrero 2021.

Reportar abuso:

Primero, notifique a la policía local. Segundo notificar al Departamento de servicios familiares y de protección de Texas a través de la línea directa de abuso de Texas (1-800-252-5400 o www.texasabusehotline.org) finalmente, si la acusación involucra a un miembro del clero o a un empleado de una parroquia o de la diócesis, por favor notifique la Coordinadora de asistencia a víctimas de la diócesis de Dallas, Barbara Landregan al 214-379-2812.

ANOTEN: A partir de enero de 2021 comenzaremos una nueva lista de oración. Si desea mantener sus seres queridos en la lista por favor de llamar a Norma en la oficina de la Iglesia (972-563-3643).

**DIOS VIENE EN PERSONA
A SALVARNOS**

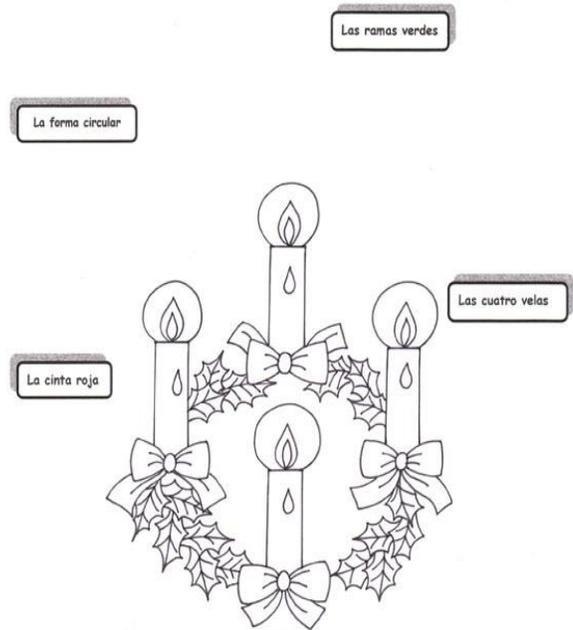
Aunque, a semejanza de Juan el Bautista, “no somos dignos de desatarle a Jesús, las correas de sus sandalias”, el Hijo de Dios tuvo a bien bajar del cielo para traernos su salvación.

- Dios pudo haber escogido una infinidad de maneras para rescatarnos de la esclavitud de la muerte, del pecado y del demonio. Pero, en su infinita Sabiduría y Misericordia, eligió la mejor: quiso hacerse uno de nosotros.

**“Vivan siempre alegres,
oren sin cesar,
den gracias en toda ocasión”.**

Los símbolos de la corona de adviento

La corona está formada por una gran variedad de símbolos. Recortamos los recuadros y los pegamos bajo el símbolo que corresponda.



Representa nuestro amor a Dios y el amor de Dios que nos envuelve.

Representa el color de esperanza y vida.

Es señal del amor de Dios que es eterno, sin principio y sin fin, y también de nuestro amor a Dios y al prójimo que nunca debe de terminar.

Representan la luz de Cristo que ilumina la oscuridad provocada por el pecado que nos aleja de Dios.