

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

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Parish Pastor: Rev. Nicholas Gerber

Deacon Mark Seidlitz, Deacon Rene Perez, Deacon Baltazar Montoya
Mass Schedule:

Daily Mass: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 5:30 pm, Friday 9:00 am

Saturday Vigil: *English* 5:00pm

Sunday: *English* 9:00am, *Espanol* - 11:00am & 1:00pm



December 3, 2023

Parish Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday 9am-1pm & 2pm-5pm,
Friday 9am -12pm

Adoration: Friday 9:30am-4:00pm

Holy Hour: Thursday 6:00pm & Friday 7:00pm

Confession: Saturday 3:30-4:30 pm, Or by appointment

-Serving the Parish -

Pastoral Council: {VACANT}

Finance Council: Juan Regalado

Altar Society: Maria Ruiz

Prayer Group (Spanish): Jose Fuentes

Prayer Group (English): Elena Seidlitz

Director of RCIA (English): {VACANT}

Director of RCIA (Spanish): Baltazar & Teresa Montoya

Christian Formation: Ana Mendoza

Life Teen & Edge: Valerie Everett

Music Coordinator: Vicente Flores

Knights of Columbus 7573: Lauro Montoya

Secretary: Lola Reyes

Baptism/ Bautismo: For general information regarding baptisms please visit the office during office hours. Special circumstances will be referred to Fr. Nick. No special circumstances will be discussed after weekend mass, please make an appointment with Fr. Nick.

Sacrament of Marriage/ Matrimonios: If you wish to get married please call the office at least 6 months before your anticipated wedding date to make an appointment with the father. /Si desea casarse, llame a la oficina al menos de 6 meses antes de la fecha prevista de su boda para hacer una cita con el padre.

MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND/Ministerio a los confinados: Contact the Parish Office if you or someone you know would like to receive the Eucharist at home or a facility.

Please remember Blessed Sacrament Church in your Wills, Memorials, Living Trust and other planned gifts. Thank you.

Recuerde a la Iglesia del Santisimo Sacramento en sus testamentos, memoriales, testamentos seguros de vida y otras donaciones planificadas. Gracias

Communion for the Homebound

We are concerned about parishioners who are homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist. If you are homebound, or if you know someone who is unable to come to Mass and would like to receive Communion from a Eucharistic Minister, please contact the office at 806-374-1132. Visits will be happily arranged for you.

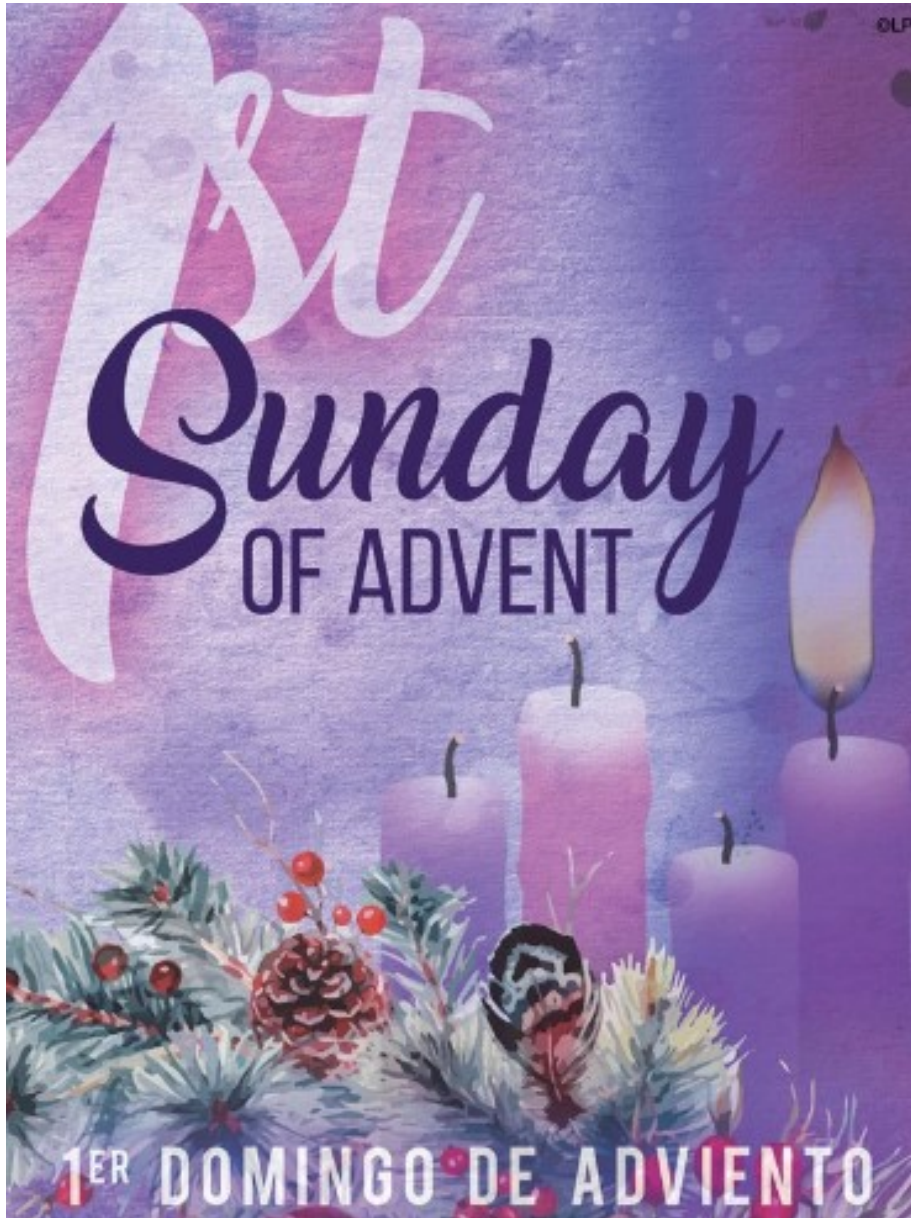
Estamos preocupados por los feligreses que están confinados en sus hogares y les gustaría recibir la Eucaristía. Si está confinado en su hogar, o si conoce a alguien que no puede asistir a Misa y le gustaría recibir la Comunión de un Ministro Eucarístico, comuníquese con la oficina al 806-374-1132. Las visitas se organizarán felizmente para usted.

Text BSP to 84576

Please sign up for Flocknote to receive important information about our parish. For those wanting to receive the weekly newsletter via email, you will need to download the app and enter an email address on your account.

Envíe BSP al 84576

Regístrese en Flocknote para recibir información importante sobre nuestra parroquia. Para aquellos que deseen recibir el boletín semanal por correo electrónico, deberán descargar la aplicación e ingresar una dirección de correo electrónico en su cuenta.



Parish Registration

If you have moved recently or changed phone numbers, please call the office to update this information. We would like to keep our records of all our families as up to date as possible.

Si se ha movido recientemente o ha cambiado de número de teléfono, llame a la oficina para actualizar esta información. Nos gustaría mantener los registros de todas nuestras familias lo más actualizados posible.

West Texas Catholic

We have a small number of copies of this month's issue of the West Texas Catholic. If you would like a paper copy please stop by the office. This will be first come, first serve. Thank you!

Tenemos una pequeña cantidad de copias de la edición de este mes del West Texas Catholic. Si desea una copia impresa, pase por la oficina. Esto será por orden de llegada. ¡Gracias!

Parish Registration

Readings for the week of December 3, 2023

Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37
 Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11
 Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24
 Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37
 Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27
 Friday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
 Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
 Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Wine Distribution

Question: Why haven't Catholic Churches gone the way of disposable cups for wine distribution?

Answer: If a Catholic has ever attended a Protestant worship service and saw the communion service that was offered for that community, one of the things that might have stood out was the use of small, disposable cups for distributing the wine or grape juice. This is in stark contrast to the precious metal chalices used in Catholic churches during the Mass. Although practices for Protestant Christians can vary (ranging from large shared chalices, to personal-use cups, to dipping the bread in the wine/grape juice), the norms governing Catholic practices are fairly direct: "Sacred vessels are to be made from precious metal. If they are made from metal that rusts or from a metal less precious than gold, then ordinarily they should be gilded on the inside. In the Dioceses of the United States of America, sacred vessels may also be made from other solid materials that, according to the common estimation in each region, are precious ... they are to have bowls of nonabsorbent material" (nos. 328-330). Rather than being a commentary on the beliefs or practices of those other communities, these rules are intended to highlight the reverence that Catholics have for the bread and wine consecrated at Mass, which become the Body and Blood of the Lord. ©LPi

¿POR QUÉ HACEMOS ESO? - VIDA CATÓLICA EXPLICADA

Distribución de Vino

Pregunta: ¿Por qué las iglesias católicas no han seguido el camino de los vasos desechables para la distribución de vino?

Respuesta: Si un católico alguna vez ha asistido a un servicio de adoración protestante y vio el servicio de comunión que se ofreció para esa comunidad, una de las cosas que podría haber destacado fue el uso de vasos pequeños y desechables para distribuir el vino o el jugo de uva. Esto está en marcado contraste con los cálices de metales preciosos que se usan en las iglesias católicas durante la Misa. Aunque las prácticas de los cristianos protestantes pueden variar (desde grandes cálices compartidos, copas de uso personal, hasta mojar el pan en vino/jugo de uva), las normas que rigen las prácticas católicas son bastante directas: "Los vasos sagrados deben estar hechos de metales preciosos." Si están hechos de un metal que se oxida o de un metal menos precioso que el oro, normalmente deben estar bañados en oro por dentro. En las Diócesis de los Estados Unidos de América, los vasos sagrados también pueden hacerse de otros materiales sólidos que, según la estimación común en cada región, sean preciosos... deben tener copas de material no absorbente" (nn. 328-330). En lugar de ser un comentario sobre las creencias o prácticas de esas otras comunidades, estas reglas pretenden resaltar la reverencia que los católicos tienen por el pan y el vino consagrados en la Misa, que se convierten en el Cuerpo y la Sangre del Señor. ©LPi

Pray for the Sick, Homebound & those in the Military

We always welcome names of the sick. Also, pray for our parishioners who are in nursing homes or are homebound unable to attend Mass.

Siempre damos la bienvenida a los nombres de los enfermos. Además, oremos por nuestros feligreses que se encuentran en hogares de ancianos o que están confinados en sus hogares y no pueden asistir a Misa.

Maurice Novak Oralia Ortega Tony & Isabel Borreliz Liduvina Mata
 Margaret Ulibari Maria Evans Clyde Holeman
 Vernon Smith Mike Montez Kilder Chacon

Gifts from Fr. Nick

We have arrived at the beginning of a new liturgical year, the first weekend of Advent! How do you plan to prepare for the Christmas celebration which will come soon? How is it that we need to change in order to conform more to God's will? There are always plenty of opportunities to grow, if we are ready to challenge ourselves. Families with children, are you praying with your children at home? How about the Rosary together? Adults, consider attending a prayer group, or seeing if volunteers are needed on a night for catechism class. One thing that I and the deacons notice, and preach on sometimes, is the NEED to get here to Mass on Sunday ten minutes before it starts. Or how about staying an extra few minutes AFTER Mass to pray and thank God for your life! Think of the prayer preparation that you could do for a worthy and distraction free reception of God's grace in the Mass! There are so many opportunities already offered here in our great parish to grow in faith and hope towards the reception of Christ. Take advantage of these opportunities when you can! God bless your Advent season!

Regalos del padre Nick

Hemos llegado al comienzo de un nuevo año litúrgico, ¡el primer fin de semana de Adviento! ¿Cómo piensas prepararte para la celebración de la Navidad que pronto llegará? ¿En qué debemos cambiar para ajustarnos más a la voluntad de Dios? Siempre hay muchas oportunidades para crecer, si estamos dispuestos a desafiarnos a nosotros mismos. Familias con niños, ¿rezáis con vuestros hijos en casa? ¿Qué tal si rezamos juntos el Rosario? Adultos, consideren asistir a un grupo de oración, o ver si se necesitan voluntarios una noche para la clase de catecismo. Una cosa que yo y los diáconos notamos, y predicamos a veces, es la NECESIDAD de llegar a Misa el domingo diez minutos antes de que comience. ¡O qué tal si te quedas unos minutos más DESPUÉS de la Misa para rezar y dar gracias a Dios por tu vida! Piensa en la preparación en oración que podrías hacer para una recepción digna y sin distracciones de la gracia de Dios en la Misa. Hay tantas oportunidades ya ofrecidas aquí en nuestra gran parroquia para crecer en fe y esperanza hacia la recepción de Cristo. ¡Aproveche estas oportunidades cuando pueda! ¡Que Dios bendiga tu tiempo de Adviento!

Mass Intentions: Dec 4– Dec 8

Please request Mass Intentions for loved ones, both living and deceased.

Saturday

5:00pm: Mike Montez (Health)

Sunday

9:00am:

11:00am: +Estela Noguez Perez
 +Cecilia Mendoza Noguez

1:00pm: People of the Parish

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday +Maria De La Luz Campos Miramontes

General Offering \$
 Online E-Giving \$
 Building Maintenance \$
 *Special Collection \$

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

Thank you for your generosity!
 Gracias por tu generosidad!

Choirs/Coros

December 2-3

5pm-Den Mark
 9am- Good Shepherd
 11am- Rios de agua viva
 1pm- Coro de Ninos

December 9-10

5pm-Den Mark
 9am- Good Shepherd
 11am- Mensajeros de Cristo
 1pm- Fuego en el espiritu

December 16-17

5pm-Lola
 9am- Good Shepherd
 11am- Mensajeros de Cristo
 1pm- Rios de agua viva

Observances for the week of December 3, 2023

Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent

Monday: St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Tuesday:

Wednesday: St. Nicholas, Bishop

Thursday: St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Friday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday: St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

**There will not be any pre-baptismal classes in December.
No habrá clases prebautismales en diciembre.**

Menudo Sale

December 9th
Pick up 9am-1pm
To place your order call Laura 806-477-8779
**All proceeds will help with the Valentine Dance. More information to follow.



Venta de Menudo

9 de diciembre
Recogida 9am-1pm
Para hacer tu pedido llama a Laura 806-477-8779
**Todo lo recaudado ayudará con el Baile de San Valentín. Más información a seguir.

Office will be closed Friday, December 8th in observance of the Immaculate Conception of Mary.

Donations Needed



We are in need of already made hot chocolate and sweet bread donations for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Las Mananitas 6am & Mass at 7pm). There are sign up sheets in the back of the church for each event that day. We will also need help cleaning up after. Thank you!

Necesitamos donaciones de chocolate caliente ya hecho y pan dulce para la Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe (Las Mananitas 6am & Misa a las 7pm). Hay hojas de registro en la parte posterior de la iglesia para cada evento de ese día. También necesitamos ayuda para limpiar después. Gracias por su ayuda.

If your parish group or family would like to organize a Posada on the available days, please contact the office.

Si su grupo parroquial o familia gustarian organizar una posada, en los días disponibles, favor de comunicarse con la oficina.

- Friday Dec 15:
- Saturday Dec 16:
- Sunday Dec 17:
- Monday Dec 18:
- Tuesday Dec 19: English Prayer Group
- Wednesday Dec 20:
- Thursday Dec 21: Grupo de Oracion Espanol
- Friday Dec 22: Altar Society
- Saturday Dec 23:


Food Drive



This years food drive will begin December 1st and go through January 7th. In this weeks insert there is a list of a few most needed items. Any non-parishable foods are accepted and appreciated. You can also make a monetary donation, by using the QR code attached. Thank you for your help in this years food drive.

Colecta de alimentos

Este año la colecta de alimentos comenzará el 1 de diciembre y terminará el 7 de enero. En el encarte de esta semana hay una lista de los articulos mas necesitados. Cualquier alimento no perecedero es aceptado y apreciado. También puede hacer una donación financiera, utilizando el código QR adjunto. Gracias por su ayuda en la colecta de alimentos de este año.



FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.



Celebrate the solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary and her miraculous conception.

Mass Times
Vigil Mass December 7, 7:00pm Spanish
December 8, 7:00pm English

Celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe!



Join us to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe December 12, 2023

Las Mañanitas 6:00am
Mass 7:00pm
Join us after for sweet bread & hot chocolate in the parish hall

Únete a nosotros para celebrar el Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe 12 de diciembre de 2023

Las Mañanitas 6:00am
Misa 7:00pm
Únase a nosotros después para un pan dulce y chocolate caliente en el salón parroquial

Prayer for Advent

Dear Lord, In this season of bustle, help us to stay watchful and alert to the spaces and places You are calling us to bring Your love and light. Amen.

Advent & Christmas Mass Schedule

<p>4th Sunday Advent Vigil December 23rd 5pm English 7pm Spanish</p>	<p>Christmas Vigil December 24th 6pm Spanish</p>
<p>December 24th 9am English 11am Spanish</p>	<p>Christmas Mass December 25th 9am English 11am Spanish</p>



Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

LIFE TEEN
Leading Teens Closer to Christ

EDGE
Catholic Middle School Ministry

HIGH SCHOOL 9TH-12TH GRADE
Every Sunday
6:30-8PM

EVERY WEDNESDAY
7TH & 8TH GRADE
6:30PM TO 8:00 PM

EVENTS AROUND THE DIOCESE

Help Wanted

The Diocese of Amarillo is in need of a custodian. It is a fulltime position with benefits. Hours are 7:00am to 3:00pm, Monday through Friday. Please send resume to Jim Mitchell, at jmitchell@dioama.org, or apply in person during regular business hours at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 4512 NE 24th Ave., Amarillo. Please, no phone calls.

Looking For Totus Tuus Missionary Team Members

Do you have energy, enthusiasm, love of the Faith and a commitment to spiritual growth? If so, the *Totus Tuus* Missionary team is waiting for you. *Totus Tuus* is a Summer-long program with a mission to evangelize and share the love of Christ through catechesis, friendship, and a life of prayer. Those interested in applying to be a *Totus Tuus* missionary can find applications online at amarillovocations.org/totustuus. Additional information on *Totus Tuus* can be found on Instagram at [totustuusamarillo](https://www.instagram.com/totustuusamarillo). Please call Regina Detten for any questions at 806-418-0743.

Upcoming ACTS Retreats

Teen's Retreat - December 28-31 2023
Men's Retreat - February 22-25 2024

Register at www.actsamarillo.org



Sponsored by the Central Deanery

Come Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation

St. Mary's Catholic Cathedral

1200 South Washington
Amarillo

Wednesday, Dec. 6
from 11:00am to 8:00pm

Multilingual priests available throughout the day.

St. Mary's Catholic Cathedral

MISIÓN DE ADVIENTO
Cómo Compartir Nuestra Historia en Cristo

Sesión en Español: Sábado el Domingo
Sesión en Inglés: Domingo y Lunes

LA CATEDRAL DE SANTA MARÍA LE DA LA BIENVENIDA
al Padre Guadalupe Mayorga y al Padre Tim Schummeier

Calle Washington 1200 Sur | Amarillo
Del Domingo 3 al Lunes 4 de Diciembre | A las 7:00 cada noche
Transmisión en vivo y en persona

Domingo (Español e Inglés): Se enfocará en cómo compartir historias sobre la vida familiar, los amistades, el mundo del trabajo diario y encuentros casuales con extraños.
Lunes (Inglés): Se enfocará en cómo las historias pueden traer sanación y esperanza en momentos difíciles de duda y temor.

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KTNZ 93.5 FM – Amarillo TX
KSJH 102.3 – Hart TX



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Catholic Schools



THE HOLY CROSS CORNER

BELIEVE. DESIRE. DO.
Middle School Basketball

Coaches:
MS Boys-David Hernandez & Adam Marquez
MS Girls-Jordan Carrasco & Mando Carrasco

HCCA Middle School coaches and athletes have been hard at work practicing and training. Everyone is invited to come see them in action. Our Holy Cross Event Center is located at 4102 S. Bonham. Please visit our website for the full schedule of games. <https://holycrossama.org/athletics>

Thank You For your support





Please go out and support all the business who helped make our Jamaica a great success!!
The final profit: \$70,808.60

El Bracero Mexican Restaurant
La Hacienda

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|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Taqueria El Tapatio | Irvin Motors |
| Amarillo Autos | J&M Truck Repair |
| Scotties Transmission | Montoya Custom Homes |
| Roys Auto Plaza | California Auto Sales |
| Ramirez Body Shop | Viva Insurance |
| Roberts Concrete | Tres Vaqueros |
| Amarillo Insurance | Dona Juanita |
| El Gallo Giro | El Manantial |
| G&S Sons Trucking | Carlos Lopez |
| Panaderia Sanchez | Parilladas Nortenos |
| Super Mercado Los Olivios | Christian Autoplex |

Parish Events Calendar

December 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Important dates in January January 1 st Holy Day of Obligation Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God Mass 9am Eng, 11am Span					-Adoration 10am-4pm Chapel -Holy Hour 7pm	-Kids Choir Practice 10am Church -El Camino 7pm Leard
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
-Life Teen 9th-12 th Grades 6:30pm -Profundizacion de la fe 6pm- Conference Room	-Span Prayer Group-Chapel -Altar Society Meeting 6:30pm Rosa Mistica	-CCD Classes -Eng Prayer Group 7:30pm-Chapel	-Edge-Grade 6:30pm	Vigil Mass Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary 7pm Espanol	*Holy Day of Obligation Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary 7pm English 	-Kids Choir Practice 10am Church Family Movie Night "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" Parish Hall 7pm 
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
-Life Teen 9th-12 th Grades 6:30pm -Profundizacion de la fe 6pm- Conference Room	-Span Prayer Group-Chapel -Knights of Columbus Meeting 7pm Leard	Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe 6am Mananitas 7pm Mass 	-Edge-Grade 6:30pm	-Matachines-6pm Hall -Holy Hour VPG 6pm Church -El Camino-7pm- Leard -SPG- 7pm Church	-Adoration 10am-4pm Chapel Posadas →	Kids Choir Practice 10am Church -El Camino 7pm Leard
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
-Profundizacion de la fe 6pm- Conference Room Posadas →						4 th Sunday Advent Vigil 5pm English 7pm Espanol
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
4 th Sunday Advent Mass 9am English 11pm Espanol *Holy Day of Obligation Christmas Eve Vigil 6pm Espanol	*Holy Day of Obligation Christmas Day Mass 9am English 11am Espanol  OFFICE CLOSED	OFFICE CLOSED	OFFICE CLOSED	OFFICE CLOSED	OFFICE CLOSED	

It is not too early to begin thinking about Christmas this year, especially as it falls on our calendar this particular year. Christmas Day falls on a Monday. What does this mean? For us Catholics, we know that we are obliged to attend Mass on the Lord's Day (Saturday or Sunday), AND we are obliged to attend any Holy Day of Obligation. Christmas applies here always. This year, we are all obliged to attend Mass for the 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT either on December 23rd or 24th BEFORE NOON. After noon on the 24th, the parish will offer CHRISTMAS EVE MASS, and of course the Masses on the 25th will be for our CHRISTMAS obligation. You are EXPECTED to attend Mass both for the 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT AND ONE OF THE CHRISTMAS MASSES. Missing either one of these Masses without a good reason is a grave situation. Prepare your hearts for the Lord! Make straight His paths! Fr. Nick

No es demasiado pronto para empezar a pensar en la Navidad de este año, sobre todo porque cae en nuestro calendario este año en particular. El día de Navidad cae en lunes. ¿Qué significa esto? Para nosotros los católicos, sabemos que estamos obligados a asistir a Misa el Día del Señor (sábado o domingo), Y estamos obligados a asistir a cualquier Día Santo de Obligación. Aquí se aplica siempre la Navidad. Este año, todos estamos obligados a asistir a la Misa del 4º DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO el 23 o el 24 de diciembre ANTES DEL MEDIODÍA. Después del mediodía del 24, la parroquia ofrecerá MISA DE NOCHE DE NAVIDAD, y por supuesto las Misas del 25 serán por nuestra obligación de NAVIDAD. Por favor revise el calendario parroquial con atención este año. Se ESPERA que usted asista a Misa tanto para el 4to DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO COMO PARA UNA DE LAS MISAS DE NAVIDAD. Faltar a cualquiera de estas Misas sin una buena razón es una situación grave. Preparad vuestros corazones para el Señor. Enderezad sus caminos. P. Nick



Join us for a

 **Grinch**

Movie Night



Saturday, December 9th

Doors Open: 6:30pm

Movie Starts: 7:00pm

Parish Hall

FREE

FAMILY FUN

Popcorn & Grinch Punch Included



Bring your pillows, blankets, and join us.
Don't be a Grinch, bring the whole family!!



radical solidarity

to be courageously pro-woman,
promoting a choice that truly
protects, accompanies, and
supports women and
their children



*Please bring baby items for
Catholic Charities-Joseph's Project*



Walk for **LIFE** Saturday January 20

10:00AM

Mass and Prayer at St. Mary's Cathedral
1200 S. Washington in Amarillo

11:30AM

Penitential Prayer and Walk
from St. Mary's to Sanborn Park at 15th and Taylor.
On-site prayer led by area priests, Knights of Columbus Councils.

For more information please call: 806.414.1059