


Third Sunday in Advent
December 17, 2023
Calendar of the Week

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| Saturday, December 16 | 4:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass - A.J. and Alice Hill ✕ 6:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass - St. Anthony |
| Sunday, December 17 Third Sunday in Advent | 8:00 a.m.; 10:00 a.m. —Mass—St. Anthony 10:00 a.m. - Mass - Dennis Gren ✕ 12:00 p.m. (Spanish)) - Mass - St. Anthony |
| Monday, December 18 | 5:30 p.m. - Mass - St. Anthony |
| Tuesday, December 19 | 7:30 a.m. - Mass - St. Anthony Chapel |
| Wednesday, December 20 | 8:15 a.m. - Mass - St. Anthony School 10:00 a.m. - Mass - Columbus Oaks 5:30 p.m. - Mass - St. Anthony |
| Thursday, December 21 | 7:30 a.m. - Mass - St. Anthony Chapel 5:30 p.m. - Mass - Charleen Kocian |
| Friday, December 22 | 5:30 p.m. - Mass - St. Anthony |
| Saturday, December 23 | 4:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass - Chris and Margaret Glueck Sacristan - Nancy Koehl Lector - Jason Sweatt Usher - Matt Muzny and Larry Kunkel Altar Servers - Fitzgeralds Comm. Minister - Brian Fitzgerald 6:00 p.m. - Mass - St. Anthony |
| Sunday, December 24 Fourth Sunday in Advent Christmas Eve | 8:00 a.m.; 10:00 a.m. - Mass - St. Anthony 10:00 a.m. - Mass - David and Donna Culton ✕ Sacristan - Tammy Noe Rosary Leader - Linda Venghaus Lector - Linda Pleasant Usher - Russell Gerik and Seth Smith Altar Servers - Saige Gerik, Mitchell Smith, Clark Smith Comm. Minister - Tammy Noe 12:00 p.m. (Spanish) - Mass - St. Anthony 5:00 p.m. - Mass - Christmas Spiritual Bouquets Sacristan - Evelyn Orange Lector - Nancy Koehl Usher - Brian Fitzgerald and Trey Jurica Altar Servers - Fitzgeralds and Ava Jurica Comm. Minister - Evelyn Orange 9:00 p.m. (Spanish) - Mass - St. Anthony |

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St. Roch Catholic Church

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Monday: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Tuesday: Closed
Wednesday: Closed
Thursday: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Friday: Closed

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PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS:

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**Bible Readings**
Mon: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-19; Mt 1:18-25
Tues: Jgs 13:2-25; Ps 71:3-17; Lk 1:5-25
Wed: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38
Thurs: Sg 2:8-14; Ps 33:2-21; Lk 1:39-45
Fri: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:4-8; Lk 1:46-56
Sat: Mal 3:1-24; Ps 25:4-14; Lk 1:57-66
Sun: 2 Sm 7:1-16; Ps 89:2-29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

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| CONFESSIONS: | Thursday 5:00-5:20 p.m.; Saturday 3:00 p.m.-3:45 p.m. |
| BAPTISM: | Baptismal instructions are required; please contact the Parish Office (979) 732-3460. |
| MARRIAGE: | Parties should notify the pastor before setting a wedding date to allow time for the required marriage preparation (no weddings during Lent or Advent). |
| REGISTRATION: | We welcome with joy all new members of the community and invite you to register online at http://saintrochparish.org/parish-registration or stop by during office hours to fill out the forms. |
| HALL RENTAL: | Contact the Parish Office for availability and pricing information. |

COLLECTION
Immaculate Conception of BVM
\$360
December 10, 2023
\$2,969
Retirement Fund for Religious
\$520
May God bless you through your generosity!

Diocesan Services Appeal (DSA)
Second Collection: Dec. 16/17
Our Diocesan Services Appeal goal for 2023 (as established by the diocese) is **\$30,905**. Some families have already pledged, and we greatly appreciate your contribution. If you would like to contribute, please use one of the envelopes provided.
Thank you for your generosity!

Church Cleaners (January)
Melissa Brod (Captain), Phyliss Wavra,
Lucy Keller, Margie Schuenemann
May you all be blessed for your service to God!

Christmas Flower Offering & Spiritual Bouquet Envelopes
Both are located in the narthex for those wanting to remember their loved ones with donations towards the Christmas decorations and/or Christmas Day intention. Please drop them in the collection basket or the Parish Office no later than **December 18**.

PRAYER
Requests
Please pray for all of those who are ill or in need of our prayers:
Melinda Brod, Jerry Henneke, Mary Neuendorff,
Paul "Buster" Henschke, Anne Reagan

Confession Times
“When you go to confession you un-nail Our Lord.” St. John Vianney
Sunday, Dec. 17
8:30a.m.—9:45a.m.
Thursday, Dec. 21
4:30p.m.—5:20p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 23
3:00p.m.—3:45p.m.

Christmas Mass Schedule
The Fourth Sunday in Advent falls on Dec. 24, Christmas Eve. We will have normal weekend Masses and then have a Christmas Vigil and Christmas Day Masses.
Saturday, December 23: 4:00p.m.
Sunday, December 24: 10:00a.m.
Christmas Vigil, December 24: 5:00p.m.
Christmas Day, December 25: 10:00a.m.
Just a friendly reminder, your Fourth Sunday of Advent obligation does not count towards your Christmas Mass obligation.

3rd Sunday in Advent: Pink candle for JOY
“Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: REJOICE!” Philippians 4:4
Heavenly Father, fill our hearts with the joy that comes from knowing your love. May we rejoice in the good news of salvation and share that joy with others during this season of Advent. Amen.



A vigil candle burns on the Sacred Heart Altar in honor of Emerson Blanche Sandel on the occasion of her birthday.


In Memory
St. Roch Catholic Church greatly acknowledges a donation to its **Building Fund** given in memory of **August Jones**
Given By:
Sammy and Jean Condra
Ray Sykowski
Lloyd and Evelyn Jones

**2024 Graduating High School Seniors**
If you are related (son, daughter, niece, nephew, grandchild) to a Catholic Daughter member, pick up a Catholic Daughter of the America Texas State Court 2024 State Memorial Scholarship application located in the narthex, on the church website, or online.
Review the special requirements before you apply for the CDA St. Roch Court #2328 local scholarship.
Deadlines are fast approaching and the Christmas break is the perfect time to work on scholarships!
Visit www.texasda.org for applications and more information about other scholarships available from the CDA. You can fill out the application online or print it out. **Deadline is January 31!**
If you have any questions please contact Tammy Noe at 281-460-6672 or tammynoe@gmail.com

In the midst of the National Eucharistic Revival, Father James would like each family to receive the book **Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist**. By exploring ancient Jewish beliefs about the Passover, this book will explore what the Passover was like at the time of Jesus, Jesus’ purpose in instituting the Eucharist during the Last Supper, and what Jesus meant when he said “This is my body...This is my blood.”
The books can be found at the back of church.
Please one per family. **Merry Christmas!**

Offertory Envelopes
2024 offertory envelopes are available for pick up in the narthex.

Young at Heart
Join us for fellowship & dominoes!
Wednesday, December 20
Lunch: 12:00 p.m. | Dominos: 1:00 p.m.



Weekly Reflection ~ December 17
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The reading from Isaiah is generally seen as a reference to Jesus; but, it can also be applied to those who would be Jesus’ disciples. The Spirit is upon us and we have been anointed to go forth on a mission. Consider who are the lowly, brokenhearted, captives—those who are ignored or despised in your world. How do you seek to bring the Good News to them? How can you make God’s love more real for others? We cannot solve all problems; but is there something we can do to improve things around us? Perhaps we cannot do big things but we can treat others with respect and kindness no matter who they may be.
God who is mighty has done great things for me, holy is his name.
- Luke 1:49