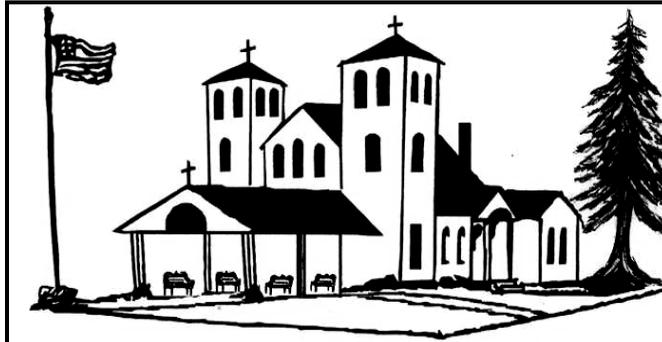


First Sunday in Advent November 30, 2025	
Saturday, November 29	3:00-3:45 p.m. - Confession 4:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass - G.W. & Mary Drescher Family 5:00 p.m. - Confession - St. Anthony 6:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass - St. Anthony
Sunday, November 30 <i>First Sunday in Advent</i>	8:00 a.m.; 10:00 a.m. - Mass - St. Anthony 10:00 a.m. - Mass - George & Jeff Sebesta ✕ 12:00 p.m. (Spanish) - Mass - St. Anthony
Monday, December 1	5:00 p.m. - Confessions - St. Anthony 5:30 p.m. - Mass - St. Anthony
Tuesday, December 2	7:30 a.m. - Mass - St. Anthony
Wednesday, December 3	10:30 a.m. - Mass - Columbus Oaks 5:00 p.m. - Confessions - St. Anthony 5:30 p.m. - Mass - St. Anthony
Thursday, December 4	7:30 a.m. - Mass - St. Anthony 5:00-5:20 p.m. - Confession 5:30 p.m. - Mass - CDA Members
Friday, December 5	8:15 a.m. - Mass - St. Anthony School 5:00 p.m. - Confessions - St. Anthony 5:30 p.m. - Mass - St. Anthony
Saturday, December 6	8:00 a.m. - First Saturday Mass - St. Anthony 3:00-3:45 p.m. - Confession 4:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass - George Class ✕ Sacristan - Nancy Koehl Lector - Janet Hollmann Usher - Frank Briscoe, Trey Jurica Altar Servers - Juriicas Comm. Minister - Nancy Koehl 5:00 p.m. - Confession - St. Anthony 6:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass - St. Anthony
Sunday, December 7 <i>Second Sunday in Advent</i>	8:00 a.m.; 10:00 a.m. - Mass - St. Anthony 10:00 a.m. - Mass - For the People Sacristan - Mary Beth Tromblee Rosary Leader - Kim Lookingbill Lector - Mary Beth Tromblee Usher - Travis Busselman, Brent Nelson Altar Servers - Ainslee Busselman, Haddi Busselman, Kimber Nelson, Jade Nelson Comm. Minister - Brian Fitzgerald 12:00 p.m. (Spanish) - Mass - St. Anthony

First Sunday in Advent

November 30, 2025



St. Roch Catholic Church

**1600 Frelsburg Rd.
Alleyton, TX 78935**

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday: 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
 Tuesday: Closed
 Wednesday: Closed
 Thursday: 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
 Friday: Closed

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Bobbie Brod (979) 732-3151 or
 Deacon Doug & Mary Beth Tromblee



Bible Readings

Mon: Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
 Tues: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-17; Mk 10:21-24
 Wed: Is 25:6-10; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
 Thurs: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1-27; Mt 7:21-27
 Fri: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1-14; Mt 9:27-31
 Sat: Is 30:19-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:25—10:8
 Sun: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

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ROSARY

Recited 30 minutes before each 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass

CONFESSIONS:

Thursday 5:00-5:20 p.m, Saturday 3:00-3:45 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

November 23, 2025

\$3,494

Thank you and God bless you through your generosity!

Church Directories are here!

If you had your picture taken, please pick up your complimentary copy in the Narthex. Directories are alphabetized by last name.

If you did not have your picture taken but would like a copy, they can be purchased for \$20 at the office.

CASA Christmas Gifts

CDA is working again this year with CASA to make the Christmas wishes come true for a number of children. We have a board with stars in the Narthex. Each star will detail a child's wish or need. Please consider taking several tags! **Please leave all unwrapped gifts with the star tag attached in the Narthex. Gifts must be turned in no later than Monday, December 8.**

Please contact Regina Wicke at 979-732-1675 with any questions or to make cash donations. Thank you so much for your generosity.

Wreaths Across America: St. Roch Cemetery

Help us REMEMBER the Fallen and HONOR those who served by placing a veteran's wreath on every gravesite at **St. Roch Cemetery on Saturday, December 13 at 10:00 a.m.**



HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- **Sponsor a wreath** visit (or scan QR code) www.wreathsassacrossamerica.org/tx0991 to purchase a wreath (be sure to select **St. Roch Cemetery**). Thank you to all who have already purchased!
- **Volunteer:** Join us for the first-time ceremony! We especially seek **Veteran Volunteers** from each military branch to help place the ceremonial wreaths. Please contact Janet.

Questions/Help: Contact Janet Hollmann by text or email at 979-732-1352 or hollmann2@gmail.com

First Sunday in Advent is TODAY, November 30

Advent wreaths and candles are available for purchase in the back of Church.

Wreaths: \$10, Candles: \$5

Christmas Flower Offering & Spiritual Bouquet Envelopes

Both are available in the narthex for those wanted 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 15.**

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Monday, December 8

St. Roch — 6:00p.m.

St Anthony — 8:15a.m., 6:00p.m.,
8:00p.m. (Spanish)



****A reminder, this is a holy day of obligation.****

St. Roch Advent Social and Caroling Saturday, December 6

Caroling: Start the day with the KCs and CDAs! Meet at **1:30 p.m.** at TLC. All are welcome.

The Social: Join us in the Parish Hall immediately following the **4:00 p.m. Mass.** We will have a delicious meal by *The Naked Kitchen* (Adults \$12) and spaghetti for the kids (\$6). Tickets can be purchased at the Parish Office.

Bring the family—Santa will be there, too!



Advent: The Gift of Waiting

We live in a world where everything comes to us instantly. With one click, we can have what we want, see what we want, or hear what we want. Because of this constant immediacy, we slowly lose something essential: **the joy of anticipation.** When we lose anticipation, we lose the deeper meaning of the things we are called to embrace.

Advent is meant to rescue us from that loss.

The Church sets aside these four weeks as a **spiritual time of waiting and longing**, a time to awaken our desire for the coming of Christ—His first coming in Bethlehem, and His second coming in glory. Advent trains the heart to expect something more than what this world can give.

If we skip over this season and rush straight into Christmas, we run the risk of making December 25th just ‘another day,’ a day with a few more gifts than usual, or a few extra hours with family, and nothing more. Yet Christmas is meant to be **one of the greatest joys of our lives**, because Christ Himself desires to fill our hearts with His very life. But we can only receive that joy if we **prepare**, if we allow our hearts to stretch with longing.

The birth of a child cannot come without the nine months of pregnancy. This is a time of hidden growth. Within the womb, a new life is forming—quietly, silently, and beautifully. The waiting is essential. The expectation deepens the love. And when the child finally arrives, the joy is overwhelming because the heart has been prepared. So it is with Advent.

Do not neglect this sacred time of prayer, silence, reflection, and expectancy. If we hurry past it, we risk missing the joy of truly encountering the **new life** that Christ desires to give us this Christmas. But if we embrace this season, allowing our longing for Christ to grow, our hearts will be ready—and our joy will be full.

May this Advent be a season of **holy waiting, renewed anticipation, and a deepened longing** for the One who comes to save us.

Please pray for all of those who are ill or in need of our prayers:

Delores Dittert, Joseph Hurt, Rose Marie Thuman, Paul Henschke, Jerry Henneke

We ask for your prayers for all those in our parish and community who are in need of healing. We pray to the Lord.

Catholic Daughter Meeting!

Monday, December 8

Join us for dinner and a meeting immediately following the

6:00p.m. Immaculate Conception Mass.

