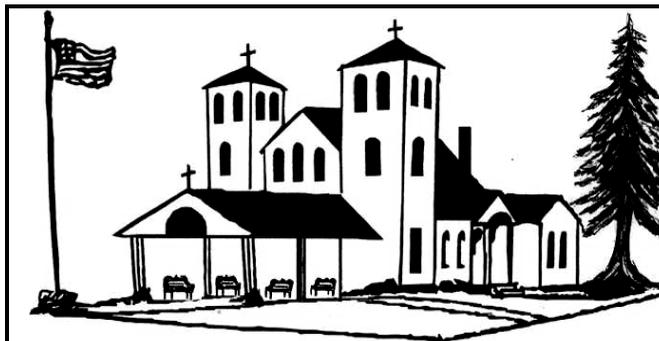


**Second Sunday in Advent**  
December 7, 2025

<b>Saturday, December 6</b>	8:00 a.m. - First Saturday Mass - St. Anthony 3:00-3:45 p.m. - Confession 4:00 p.m. - <b>Vigil Mass</b> - George Class ✕ Advent Social - 5:00 p.m. - Parish Hall 5:00 p.m. - Confession - St. Anthony 6:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass - St. Anthony
<b>Sunday, December 7</b> Second Sunday in Advent	8:00 a.m.; 10:00 a.m. - Mass - St. Anthony 9:00-9:45 a.m. - Confession 10:00 a.m. - <b>Mass</b> - For the People 12:00 p.m. (Spanish) - Mass - St. Anthony
<b>Monday, December 8</b> Feast of the Immaculate Conception	8:15 a.m. - Mass - St. Anthony School 6:00 p.m. - <b>Mass</b> - Robert "Doc" Potter ✕ 5:00 p.m. - Confessions - St. Anthony 6:00 p.m. - Mass - St. Anthony 8:00 p.m. (Spanish) - Mass - St. Anthony
<b>Tuesday, December 9</b>	7:30 a.m. - Mass - St. Anthony
<b>Wednesday, December 10</b>	10:30 a.m. - Mass - TLC 5:00 p.m. - Confessions - St. Anthony 5:30 p.m. - Mass - St. Anthony
<b>Thursday, December 11</b>	7:30 a.m. - Mass - St. Anthony 5:00-5:20 p.m. - Confession 5:30 p.m. - <b>Mass</b> - Angeline Genzer ✕ 6:00 p.m. - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Adoration
<b>Friday, December 12</b>	8:15 a.m. - Mass - St. Anthony School 4:30 p.m. - Confessions - St. Anthony 5:15 p.m. - OLG Procession - St. Anthony 6:00 p.m. - Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass - St. Anthony
<b>Saturday, December 13</b>	3:00-3:45 p.m. - Confession 4:00 p.m. - <b>Vigil Mass</b> - Helen Cervenka ✕ Sacristan - Evelyn Orange Lector - Nancy Koehl Usher - Larry Kunkel, Oliver Weishuhn Altar Servers - Theresa Henneke, Sarah Henneke, Laura Henneke Comm. Minister - John Obenhaus 5:00 p.m. - Confession - St. Anthony 6:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass - St. Anthony
<b>Sunday, December 14</b> Third Sunday in Advent	8:00 a.m.; 10:00 a.m. - Mass - St. Anthony 9:00-9:45 a.m. - Confession 10:00 a.m. - <b>Mass</b> - Bobby Condra ✕ Sacristan - Becca Edmiston Rosary Leader - Sharon Roensch Lector - Angie Dungen Usher - Seth Smith, Brandon Mathis Altar Servers - Mitchell Smith, Clark Smith, Jacob Muzny, Westley Muzny Comm. Minister - Becca Edmiston 12:00 p.m. (Spanish) - Mass - St. Anthony

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**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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**PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS:**

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



*Bible Readings*

Mon: Gen 3:9-20; Ps 98:1-4;  
Eph 1:3-12; Lk 1:26-38  
Tues: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-13;  
Mt 18:12-14  
Wed: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-10;  
Mt 11:28-30  
Thurs: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1-13;  
Mt 11:11-15  
Fri: Zech 2:14-17; Jdt 13:18-19;  
Lk 1:26-38  
Sat: Sir 48:1-11; Ps 80:2-19;  
Mt 17:9-13  
Sun: Is 35:1-10; Ps 146:6-10;  
Jam 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

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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., Sunday 9:00-9:45 a.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 30, 2025**

\$2,972

*Thank you and God bless you through your generosity!*

### Church Cleaners (December)

Melissa Brod (Captain), Margie Schuenemann,  
Pam Pacher, Angela John, Kim Lookingbill  
*May you all be blessed for your service to God!*

### Advent Confession Times

Confession schedule in preparation for Christmas

Saturdays (12/6, 12/13, 12/20): 3-3:45 p.m.

Sundays (12/7, 12/14, 12/21): 9-9:45 a.m.

Thursdays (12/11, 12/18): 5-5:20 p.m.

### CASA Christmas Gifts

**REMINDER: Gifts must be turned in no later than Monday, December 8.**

**Please leave all unwrapped gifts with the star tag attached in the Narthex.**

*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.wreathsasscrossamerica.org/tx0991](http://www.wreathsasscrossamerica.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](mailto:hollmann2@gmail.com)

## 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.\*\***



### Eucharistic Holy Hour Thursday, December 11

5:30p.m. - Mass

6:00p.m. - Exposition of the  
Blessed Sacrament & Adoration

7:00p.m. - Benediction

### Christmas Mass Schedule

**Wednesday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)**

- St. Roch: 6:00 p.m.
- St. Anthony: 5:00 p.m.

**Thursday, December 25 (Christmas Day)**

- St. Roch: 10:00 a.m.
- St. Anthony: Midnight, 9:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m.

### 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.

## Advent: A Season of Holy Gestation

“There must be a period of gestation before *anything* can flower.”

These simple but profound words from Caryll Houselander's *The Reed of God* speak directly into the heart of Advent. Nothing beautiful grows instantly. Every living thing—every virtue, every grace, every holy desire—requires time in the hiddenness before it becomes visible.

If we hope to grow spiritually, we must accept the time it takes for that growth to happen. The spiritual life is not merely an improvement of our natural selves; it is a life that *transcends* the physical and brings us into a communion with God that is so intimate, words can never fully explain. Advent invites us to enter that deeper interior space where God already dwells. God longs for us always to notice Him, welcome Him, and cooperate with His grace.

Our culture teaches us to prepare for Christmas by decorating our homes, putting up lights, and arranging the Nativity scene. These are good and beautiful traditions. But the Lord desires more than a place in our living rooms—He desires room in our souls. Advent is the time to clear spiritual space, to make interior room, to renew our dependence on God.

Houselander's reflection naturally applies to Mary, who bore Christ in her womb through a real and physical gestation. Yet her words apply just as powerfully to us. This season is meant for Christ to gestate in our lives as well: in our darkness and suffering, in our challenges, and even in our joys. Every moment can be a place where Christ is quietly forming something new within us. The question is: Do we have the heart and the patience to see what Christ is flowering in those moments?

We are often tempted to think that God is absent from our pain or silent during our waiting. But as with any true growth, spiritual growth begins before we can see it. Advent teaches us patience—the patience of Mary, the patience of God Himself—so that Christ's hidden work can one day come to full bloom by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Even our joys require patience. Joy begins in a spark or an ecstasy, but it matures only when we persevere with Christ, nurturing the seed of grace until it flowers into lasting holiness.

May this Advent be for us a time of holy gestation—a quiet, trusting period in which we allow Christ to grow within us, so that when Christmas dawns, He may be born anew in our hearts and in our parish.

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

Delores Dittert, Joseph Hurt, Rose Marie Thuman, Paul Henschke, the reposed soul of 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.

