

Third Sunday in Advent (Gaudete Sunday)

December 14, 2025

Saturday, December 13	<p>3:00-3:45 p.m. - Confession 4:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass - Helen Cervenka ✕ 5:00 p.m. - Confession - St. Anthony 6:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass - St. Anthony</p>
Sunday, December 14 <i>Third Sunday in Advent</i>	<p>8:00 a.m.; 10:00 a.m. - Mass - St. Anthony 9:00-9:45 a.m. - Confession 10:00 a.m. - Mass - Bobby Condra ✕ 12:00 p.m. (Spanish) - Mass - St. Anthony</p>
Monday, December 15	<p>4:30 p.m. - Confessions - St. Anthony 5:30 p.m. - Mass - St. Anthony</p>
Tuesday, December 16	<p>7:30 a.m. - Mass - St. Anthony 8:00 a.m. - Confessions - St. Anthony</p>
Wednesday, December 17	<p>10:30 a.m. - Mass - Columbus Oaks 5:00 p.m. - Confessions - St. Anthony 5:30 p.m. - Mass - St. Anthony 6:00 p.m. - Confessions - St. Anthony</p>
Thursday, December 18	<p>7:30 a.m. - Mass - St. Anthony 5:00-5:20 p.m. - Confession 5:30 p.m. - Mass - Wilbert Dvorak ✕</p>
Friday, December 19	<p>8:15 a.m. - Mass - St. Anthony School 5:00 p.m. - Confessions - St. Anthony 5:30 p.m. - Mass - St. Anthony</p>
Saturday, December 20	<p>3:00-3:45 p.m. - Confession 4:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass - A.J. & Alice Hill ✕ Sacristan - Evelyn Orange Lector - Jason Sweatt Usher - Brian Fitzgerald, Harvey Venghaus Altar Servers - Fitzgeralds Comm. Minister - Evelyn Orange 5:00 p.m. - Confession - St. Anthony 6:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass - St. Anthony</p>
Sunday, December 21 <i>Fourth Sunday in Advent</i>	<p>8:00 a.m.; 10:00 a.m. - Mass - St. Anthony 9:00-9:45 a.m. - Confession 10:00 a.m. - Mass - Emerson Sandel Sacristan - Jean Condra Rosary Leader - Charles Glueck Lector - Chris Glueck Usher - Sammy Condra, Russell Gerik Altar Servers - Juricas, Saige Gerik Comm. Minister - Chris Glueck 12:00 p.m. (Spanish) - Mass - St. Anthony</p>

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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:

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 Deacon Doug & Mary Beth Tromblee



Bible Readings

Mon: Num 24:2-17; Ps 25:4-9; Mt 21:23-27
 Tues: Zeph 3:1-13; Ps 34:2-23; Mt 21:28-32
 Wed: Gen 49:2-10; Ps 72:1-17; Mt 1:1-17
 Thurs: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-19; Mt 1:18-25
 Fri: Jgs 13:2-25; Ps 71:3-17; Lk 1:5-25
 Sat: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38
 Sun: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

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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:

Couples 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

December 7, 2025

\$3,027

Immaculate Conception

\$608.05

Thank you and God bless you through your generosity!

Second Collection this weekend
Retirement Fund for Religious

Advent Confession Times

Confession schedule in preparation for Christmas

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

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

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

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. (Spanish)

I would like to highly recommend this book for Advent or any other time of the year. The title is **Kingdom of Happiness** written by Fr. Jeffrey Kirby STD. The book gives great explanations of the Beatitudes and living them in everyday life. It is an easy read but it certainly opens your eyes to holiness in your daily life especially with dealing with others. I got mine from Amazon. Enjoy! *Deacon Andy*

Young at Heart

Join us for fellowship & dominos!

Wednesday, December 17

Lunch: 12:00 p.m. | Dominos: 1:00 p.m.



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 **MONDAY, December 15.**

*The flowers on the altar are
given to the glory of God
in thanksgiving for
Bobbie Brod
on the occasion of her birthday.
Given by: The Hill Family*

Our Lady's Rosary Makers — Rosaries for the Missions

The regular monthly (every 3rd Wednesday of the month) gathering of Our Lady's Rosary Makers will meet in the Diamond Center at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church-Frelsburg beginning at 11:30a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2025. Lunch and all rosary-making supplies will be provided and ALL ARE WELCOME!

Columbus Community Choir presents

The Ballad of Bethlehem

Sunday, December 14 at 4:00 p.m.

Columbus High School Auditorium

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.

Gaudete Sunday: Rejoice, For the Lord Is Near

The Third Sunday of Advent takes its name from the first word of the Entrance Antiphon: **"Gaudete in Domino semper"** — **"Rejoice in the Lord always"**. This Sunday marks the halfway point through our Advent season. The Church takes this time to pause and remind us of the joy in our lives. Even though we are preparing ourselves for the coming of Christ, we already have the foretaste that **God is present with us now.**

As we spend our days being more awake, more alert, we are more attentive to the Presence of God. Our eager longing swells in anticipation of his coming. But today, we must see his presence in our lives, active and alive. As we encounter that presence, we rejoice.

Remember Christ's presence fills us with joy. Christ is present in His Church. Pray daily. Read Sacred Scriptures. Make a good confession. Celebrate the Mass and receive the Eucharist.

The celebration of Gaudete Sunday is not a shallow optimism handed to us by the Church. Rather, it calls us ever nearer to see his presence in our lives, even in the struggles and imperfections of this world.

We do not pretend that the joy of this life is the fullness we desire. We rejoice because Christ is with us now, and we rejoice even more because we know how much more His presence will flood our lives in the glory of heaven.

Rejoice today, because God is already near.

Rejoice even more, because His fullness is still coming.

May this week deepen our hope and open our hearts to the joy that comes from His presence: the joy we taste now, and the joy we long for in its perfection forever.

Solemnity of Mary Mass Thursday, January 1, 2026

Vigil—December 31 at 5:00 p.m. (Confessions: 4:00 p.m.)

St. Anthony: Confessions: 5:00 p.m., Mass: 6:00 p.m.

Mass—Jan. 1 at 10:00 a.m.

St. Anthony: 9:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. (Spanish), 5:00 p.m.

***This is a Holy Day of Obligation.**

SUNDAY SEVEN:

Seven Ways to Prepare Your Heart for His Coming

1. Silence it. (Quit complaining, no one listens anyway.)
2. Mortify it. (Give up some pleasure you can't live without.)
3. Enlarge it. (Look around and notice someone else's needs.)
4. Purify it. (What's your favorite sin? Give it up for Advent.)
5. Offer it (to Jesus through Mary at Holy Mass).
6. Weigh it (every day in the balance of God's benefits).
7. Sanctify it. (What, me, a saint? Yes, you. Why do you think He's coming such a long way if not to seek you out for Heaven?)

