

December 3, 2023 | First Sunday of Advent



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Advent Adviento

~ a time for preparation ~ *~ un tiempo para preparación ~*



MASS INTENTIONS INTENCIones DE LA MISA

MONDAY December 4
In Thanksgiving to the Holy Trinity

Tuesday December 5
An end to violence & war.

Wednesday December 6
†Rudy & Vickie Terrazas
†Arturo Lopez Sr.

Thursday December 7
Religious & Priestly Vocations

Friday December 8
†Simon Beddingfield

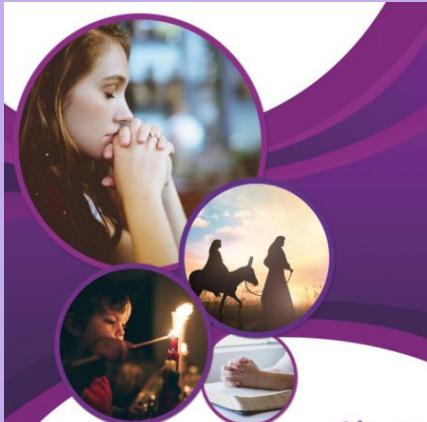
Sat. Vigil December 9
Mario Flores 80th Birthday
†Margaret Stahl
†Mr. Peña

Sunday December 10
8:00am
Holy Name Society
†Henry McCann
†Ester Arce

10:00am
St. Vincent de Paul Society

12:00pm
Feligreses de San Gregorio Magno
†Miguel Canavati

BLESSED MOTHER LAMP †Minerva Z. Montoya



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es un tiempo de
anhelo Esperanzado,
expectativa Gozosa,
penitencia de Oración
y Espiritual
Preparación.

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Hopeful longing,
Joyful expectation,
Prayerful penance
and Spiritual
Preparation.

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Office Hours
Monday - Friday
8:30am - 4:30pm

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Closed Holidays & Holy Days

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday 5:30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 8:00am Mass
10:00am Mass
12:00pm Misa

DAILY MASS TIMES

Monday - Friday: 8:15am
(Thurs. are communion service &
Weds. are school masses)

CONFESIONS

4pm – 6pm Fridays –Chapel

ADORATION CHAPEL

7am - 9pm Mon.- Fri.
All times are subject to change for certain liturgical celebrations.

BAPTISM, FUNERALS & HOMEBOUND

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LAST RITES & WEDDINGS

Fr. Miguel ext.312

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THIS WEEK / ESTA SEMANA

Monday, December 4

6:30pm Altar Society Board –Mary's

Tuesday, December 5

7:00pm Parish Wide Confessions

Wednesday, December 6

6:30pm YA Bible Study –Rectory

Thursday, December 7

9:30am Legion of Mary –Rectory

6:30pm Misa Inmaculada Concepcion

-Dia de Precepto

Friday, December 8

Office Closed / Oficina Cerrada

4:00pm Confessions –Chapel

6:30pm Mass Immaculate Conception
-Holy Day of Obligation

EVANGELIZATION

A.C.T.S.

Chuck Brayden

Altar Society

Susan Janysek

Divine Mercy

Mary Ann Maldonado

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Faith Night

Augie Morales

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Christina DeLa Garza

Holy Name Society

Jesse Tello

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Ezekiel O'Campo

Legion of Mary

Delma Campos

Legión de María

Ana María Mendoza

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Guadalupanos

Monica Flores

RCIA

Liz, Oz, Daniel, Jose

Spanish Ministry

Sr. Luz Doñez

Women of Faith

Delma Campos

YA Bible Study

Victoria & Miguel

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Weekend of November 26, 2023

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Watch Out!

A D V E N T

H O P E

In Advent, we celebrate our hope that the Lord might come more fully into our lives. The first reading from Isaiah voices the hope of sinners for a redeemer. As sinners, we too hope for forgiveness. Unlike Isaiah, we know that God has come to bring us back, when the Father sent his Son, Jesus, to save us. And God's power was manifest in the raising of Christ from the dead. Our faith in Jesus leads us to a new way of looking at the world. We can see what God is doing as well as remembering what God has done.

The Gospel reminds us to look constantly for signs of God's work. Jesus says simply, "Watch!" Like the gatekeepers in Jesus' short parable, we need to keep our eyes open for him. Just as we expect people driving cars to turn off their cell phones and keep their eyes on the road, so we can stop looking for whatever makes us comfortable and watch for ways to love others as God loves us.

When we only look out for ourselves, we may miss the signs of God's presence around us. Instead of looking at the difficulties of life as obstacles, we can watch for them as opportunities to stretch our faith, to rely on God, or to show God's love to a friend.

The Corinthians were also watching for the Lord to come. Paul encourages them (and us) by his reminder that we "are not lacking in any spiritual gift" (1 Corinthians 1:7). The Holy Spirit gives us all we need to help each other prepare for the Lord's coming. They were thinking of Jesus as coming in glory. Though we don't see the full glory of the Lord, part of that glory is his presence in the sacraments. In them we celebrate not just the coming of the Lord, but his working in the world. He shares his life with us in baptism, gives us his Spirit in confirmation and himself in the Eucharist, heals us in reconciliation and the anointing of the sick, and calls us to make him present to others in holy orders and matrimony. You could almost say his second coming is taking place now. Watch for it.

¡Cuidado!

En Adviento celebramos la esperanza que tenemos de que el Señor entre más plenamente en nuestras vidas. La primera lectura de Isaías expresa la esperanza que los pecadores tienen para un redentor. Como pecadores, nosotros también esperamos el perdón. A diferencia de Isaías, nosotros sí sabemos que Dios vino a vernos a Él cuando el Padre envió a su Hijo Jesús para salvarnos. Y el poder de Dios se manifestó en la resurrección de Cristo de entre los muertos. Nuestra fe en Jesús nos lleva a una nueva forma de mirar al mundo. Podemos ver lo que Dios está haciendo y también recordar lo que Dios ha hecho.

El Evangelio nos recuerda a buscar constantemente señales de las obras de Dios. Jesús dice simplemente: "¡Velen!" Al igual que los porteros de la breve parábola de Jesús, debemos mantener los ojos abiertos para verlo. Así como esperamos que las personas que manejan los carros apaguen sus celulares y presten atención a la calle, podemos dejar de buscar lo que nos haga sentir cómodos y buscar formas de amar a los demás como Dios nos ama a nosotros.

Cuando sólo nos preocupamos por nosotros mismos, es posible que no veamos las señales de la presencia de Dios a nuestro alrededor. En lugar de ver las dificultades de la vida como obstáculos, podemos buscarlas como oportunidades para ampliar nuestra fe, confiar en Dios o mostrar el amor de Dios a un amigo.

Los corintios también esperaban la venida del Señor. Pablo los alienta a ellos (y a nosotros) recordándoles que "no carecen de ningún don" (1 Corintios 1,7). El Espíritu Santo nos da todo lo que necesitamos para ayudarnos unos a otros a prepararnos para la venida del Señor. Pensaban que Jesús venía en su gloria. Aunque no vemos la gloria completa del Señor, parte de esa gloria es su presencia en los sacramentos. En ellos celebramos no sólo la venida del Señor, sino sus obras en el mundo. Comparte su vida con nosotros en el bautismo, nos da su Espíritu en la confirmación y a sí mismo en la Eucaristía, nos sana en la reconciliación y la unción de los enfermos y nos llama a hacerlo presente a los demás en las sagradas órdenes y en el matrimonio. Se podría decir que su segunda venida está ocurriendo ahora. Esté atento a ello.





FAITH FORMATION | FORMACIÓN DE LA FE

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The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

SOLEMNITY: DECEMBER 8

What it is

- It is the **conception of Mary**. Through a special grace from God, she was kept free from Original Sin and lived her whole life free from sin in order to carry out her mission as the Mother of Jesus.
- It is an **ancient Church teaching**. While it was defined as dogma by Pope Pius IX in 1854, the Church has held it as point of faith for centuries before.

What it is not

- It is **not a virgin birth**. Mary was conceived like any other person.
- It is **not the conception of Jesus**. We remember the conception of Jesus on the Feast of the Annunciation, which is celebrated on March 25.



The Miraculous Medal

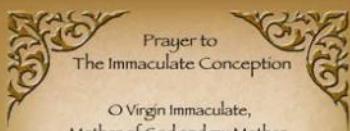
Why we celebrate

Because it is a gift that Mary said "yes" to God and bore his Son, Jesus!



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Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
December 7th at 6:30pm
Holy Day of Obligation



O Virgin Immaculate,
Mother of God and my Mother,
from thy sublime height
turn upon me thine eyes of pity.
Filled with confidence in thy goodness
and knowing full well thy power, I beseech thee
to extend to me thine assistance in this journey
of life, which is so full of dangers for my soul.
And in order that I may never
be the slave of the devil through sin,
but may ever live with my heart humble and pure,
I entrust myself wholly to thee.
I consecrate my heart to thee for ever,
my only desire being to love thy divine Son Jesus.
Mary, none of thy devout servants has ever
perished; may I too be saved.
Amen

Desde
la fe

LA INMACULADA CONCEPCIÓN DE LA VIRGEN MARÍA



*Misa de la Inmaculada Concepción
7 de diciembre a las 6:30pm en español.
Dia de precepto.*

ORACIÓN A LA INMACULADA CONCEPCIÓN DE LA SANTÍSIMA VIRGEN MARÍA.

Inmaculada Madre de Dios, Reina de los cielos, Madre de misericordia, abogada y refugio de los pecadores: he aquí que yo, iluminado y movido por las gracias que tu maternal benevolencia abundantemente me ha obtenido del Tesoro Divino, propongo poner mi corazón ahora y siempre en tus manos para que sea consagrado a Jesús.

A ti, oh Virgen santísima, lo entrego, en presencia de los nueve coros de los ángeles y de todos los santos; Tú, en mi nombre, conságralo a Jesús; y por la filial confianza que te tengo, estoy seguro de que harás ahora y siempre que mi corazón sea enteramente de Jesús, imitando perfectamente a los santos, especialmente a San José, tu purísimo esposo.

Amén.

PARISH ACTIVITIES / ACTIVIDADES PARROQUIALES

St. Gregory the Great

Parish Wide Advent Confessions
Tuesday, December 5, at 7:00pm

Confesiones Parroquiales
Martes, 5 de diciembre a las 7:00pm

North Urban Deanery Advent Confessions

St. Gregory the Great	December 5 th at 7:00pm
OL.Guadalupe-Helotes	December 6 th at 7:00pm
St. Matthew	December 11 th at 7:00pm
St. Rose of Lima	December 18 th at 6:30pm
St. Luke	December 18 th 6:30pm
Prince of Peace	December 19 th from 4:7pm

St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church & School

Invites you...

December 2023 Events

12/02	Andrew G. Ramon Christmas Toy Drive
12/05	7:00pm Parish-Wide Confessions
12/07	6:30pm Vigilia de la Inmaculada Concepción (Prec.)
12/08	6:30pm Mass Immaculate Conception (Holy Day)
12/12	6:30pm Mass Our Lady of Guadalupe (Bilin.)
12/17	6:00pm La Gran Posada (Begins at the Church steps)

Christmas Masses

12/24	8:00am Mass –4th Sunday of Advent
	10:00am Mass –4th Sunday of Advent
	12:00pm Misa –4º Domingo de Adviento
	4:00pm Children's Christmas Eve Mass
	6:30pm Misa de Nochebuena

12/25	12:00am Christmas Midnight Mass
	10:00am Christmas Day Mass (Bilingual)



St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank Lawton Acquart, an alum from St. Gregory's School, for donating 15 turkeys and food to our families in our community. We appreciate your generosity.

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Weekends of Dec. 2/3 and Dec. 9/10

Week 1 Hope
Reminds us... Jesus is coming
Bible verse Romans 15: 12-13
Bible verse Luke 2:10
Reminds us... The joy at the coming birth of Jesus

Week 2 Faith
Reminds us... To prepare the way of the Lord
Bible verse Luke 3:4-6
Bible verse Luke 2:14
Reminds us... "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace for those he favours"

Week 3 Joy
What do we remember each week of Advent?

Week 4 Peace

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THE SYMBOLS OF CHRISTMAS

ORIGINS
The first missionaries in Europe took advantage of the pagan traditions to evangelize. One of them consisted of lighting candles during the winter, which represented the sun god.

CIRCULAR SHAPE
It represents God's eternal love for us and also speaks of our own love towards the Lord and others, which needs to be renewed constantly.

THE ADVENT WREATH

THE BRANCHES
Green is the color of hope and life. Our biggest hope should be to achieve a closer union with God as the tree and its branches.

THE CANDLES
The four candles of the wreath are lit each Sunday of Advent. They represent the dissipation of darkness as we approach the birth of the Lord.

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Thursday
Dec. 14th
6 - 10 pm

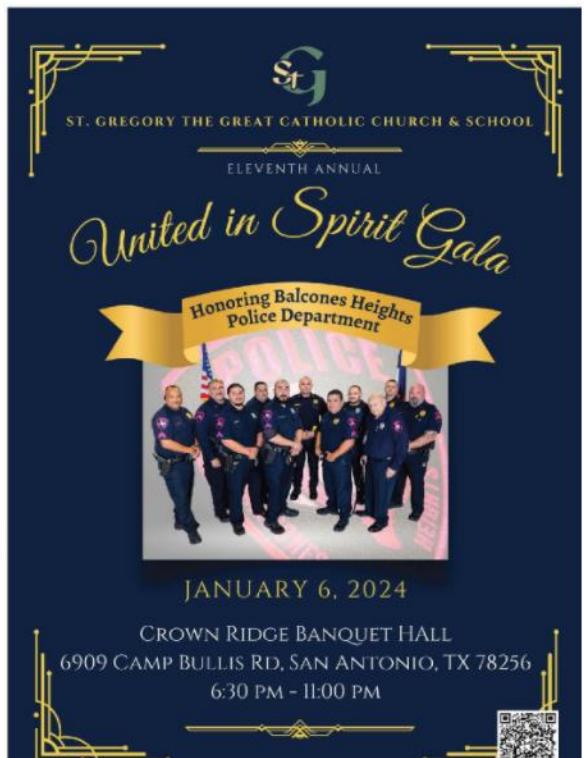


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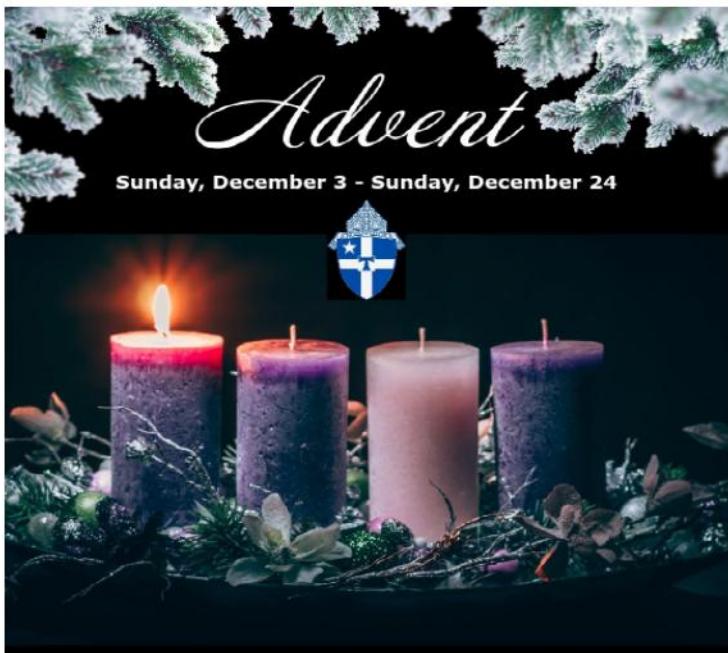
¿Estarás allí?

No querrás perderte este momento

Sabemos lo que ocurre cuando dos o más se reúnen en el nombre del Señor, pero ¿qué ocurre con 80,000? Únete a nosotros en Indianápolis mientras le pedimos que reavive nuestro amor a la Eucaristía, insuflando su vida en nuestros huesos secos. Después, seremos enviados de vuelta a nuestras comunidades para invitar a otros a conocer a Jesús. Nuestra nación y nuestro mundo nunca volverán a ser los mismos.

FORMA PARTE DE LA HISTORIA. ¡INSCRÍBETE YA!

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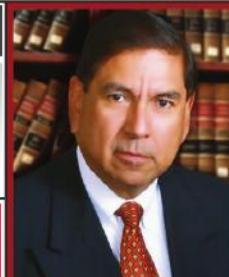
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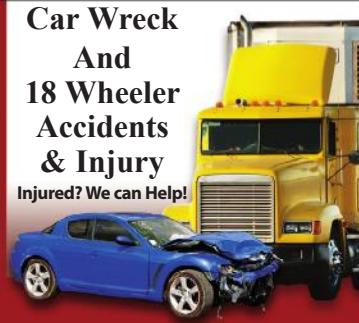
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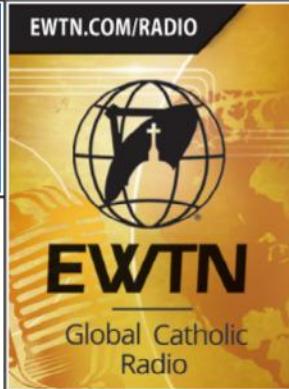
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