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**Daily Mass Schedule**

Mondays: 7:30am Communion Service  
Tues - Fri: 7:30am Mass English Only  
Rosary recited after Mass

**Weekend Mass Schedule**

Saturday: 5:00pm English/Inglés  
7:00pm Spanish/Español  
Sunday: 8:00am & 10:00am English  
12:00pm Español  
Rosary 30 min before Mass

**Reconciliation - Confessions**

Saturday: 3:30pm - 4:45pm (or by Appt)

**Adoration**

Tuesday & Friday: 8:00am - 8:00pm

**Reflection:**

This week we hear that John the Baptist is out in the wilderness eating "locusts and wild honey" (Mark 1:6). It's not just a strange historical detail. It's a symbolic expression of a healthy spiritual diet. The path to Christ includes both the hard and the beautiful, the gritty and the sweet. We have to learn to gulp the locusts and savor the honey.

This Advent, maybe we're each being invited to accept both locusts and honey. Maybe it's time to stop avoiding the difficult parts of faith — prayer that feels dry, the call to repentance, the patience with the troublesome. It's time to eat some locusts.

But we also need to notice the small gifts God gives us: a peaceful moment, a good conversation, the joy of serving someone else, new life, good intentions of our friends. That's the honey. Savor it!

John didn't avoid either. He took it all in. And so can we. What are your locusts? Your honey? If we let God feed us with both, we'll be ready — really ready — for the coming of Christ.

**Reflexión:**

Esta semana escuchamos que Juan el Bautista está en el desierto comiendo "langostas y miel silvestre" (Marcos 1:6). No es solo un detalle histórico extraño. Es una expresión simbólica de una dieta espiritual saludable. El camino hacia Cristo incluye tanto lo difícil como lo hermoso, lo duro como lo dulce. Tenemos que aprender a tragar las langostas y saborear la miel.

En este Adviento, tal vez se nos invite a cada uno de nosotros a aceptar tanto los saltamontes como la miel. Tal vez sea hora de dejar de evitar las partes difíciles de la fe: la oración que se siente árida, el llamado al arrepentimiento, la paciencia con lo problemático. Es hora de comer algunos saltamontes.

Pero también debemos fijarnos en los pequeños regalos que Dios nos da: un momento de paz, una buena conversación, la alegría de servir a otra persona, una nueva vida, las buenas intenciones de nuestros amigos. Eso es la miel. ¡Saborea!

Juan tampoco evitó nada. Lo aceptó todo. Y nosotros también podemos hacerlo. ¿Cuáles son tus langostas? ¿Tu miel? Si dejamos que Dios nos alimente con ambas cosas, estaremos preparados, realmente preparados, para la venida de Cristo.

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7:00PM

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December 9th  
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December 10th  
St. John Evangelist - Luling

December 15th  
Sacred Heart - Rockne

December 16th  
Sacred Heart - Elgin

December 18th  
St. Mary of the Visitation - Lockhart

# Prayer Requests

†Brandon Edward Ruvalcaba  
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 †††Lopez Family  
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 David Fiebrich  
 Caitlyn Tauber  
 Otoniel Garcia  
 †Chuck Lockwood  
 †Aurelio Solis Muñoz  
 Jimmy Gajardo  
 Jessica Hernandez  
 Maria Fernanda Palen  
 Chris Cooke  
 Abigail Cooke  
 †David Fiebrich  
 Robert Mojica  
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 Emanuel Olvera  
 Jessica Arreola  
 Jacob Ruvalcaba  
 †Desmond Devitt  
 Carolyn R. Campos  
 Ray Lee Goyno  
 Araceli de Paz Garcia  
 †Flood Victims & their Families  
 †Brad Greene  
 †Barbara Wernette  
 Warren Pederson  
 Vicente Zavala  
 Carlene Zavala  
 Araceli de Paz Garcia  
 †Usbaldo Ramos  
 †Ydalia Ponce  
 Stefany Garcia  
 Louis Carrizales  
 Aida Leyva  
 Shiela Fontenot  
 Graciela & Jose Lopez  
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 Carroll Perry  
 Seferina Zavala  
 Ricardo Zavala  
 Asher Jupe  
 Stephanie Mettala  
 Brendan Moore  
 Warren Morton  
 MonDessa Morton  
 Sara Atkinson  
 †Josie Tristan  
 Henery Kafel  
 Maria Lara  
 †Celia Coy Barrientos  
 †Felicitas Guerra  
 Mary Luna  
 Mario Pacheco Sr.  
 Baby †Valentina Lucero Aguilera  
 Annette Reddick  
 †Zaira J.  
 Fernandez Orrillo  
 †Richard Alan Dickman  
 Willie Piña  
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**After 10:00am and Noon Masses**

Stock up on your holiday essentials! We will have freshly baked treats & yummy homemade TAMALES, Jalisco style!

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**Christmas Ornament Decorating Party**

All Religious Education students—Kinder through 6th grade—are invited to join us for a joyful, creative Christmas celebration! Come decorate ornaments, enjoy yummy holiday treats, & kick off the season with fun and friends.

**December 13th**  
**11:00am – 1:00pm**

Reserve your spot today!  
 AscensionBastrop.com/ornaments  
 or call the RE Office at 512-308-1416

**Bible in a Day**

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**Eucharistic Adoration**  
 CAN YOU NOT KEEP WATCH FOR ONE HOUR? - MARK 14:37

**Tuesdays & Fridays**  
**8:00am – 8:00pm**

Volunteer an hour a week of Adoration with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Your commitment helps keep Adoration open.

Sé voluntario una hora a la semana en la Adoración con nuestro Señor en el Santísimo Sacramento. Tu compromiso ayuda a mantener la Adoración abierta.



AscensionBastrop.com/Adoration

**Giving TREE**

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## Catholic Social Teaching

Second Sunday of Advent

Today's Psalm is "Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace forever." How are we working toward justice and peace today?

Segundo Domingo de Adviento

El Salmo de Hoy es "Florecerá en sus días la justicia, y la plenitud de la paz para siempre". ¿Cómo estamos trabajando para la justicia y la paz hoy?

### Extraordinary Minister Training December 10 at 7:00pm

Training will be in the church for all new persons. Current ministers may attend as a refresher training. No need to register. ~Deacon Paul



### Our Lady of Guadalupe December 12

4:00 am Matachines

5:00 am Mananitas followed by breakfast in the Parish Hall

7:30 am Regular English Mass

7:00 pm Spanish Mass

### Stewardship

FISCAL YEAR - JULY 2025 THRU JUNE 2026

Nov 29th - Dec 7th	Week	YTD
Regular Collection	\$30,092.05	\$350,913.67
Operating Expenses	\$22,052.05	\$266,574.21
Children's Collection	\$973.00	\$11,517.40
Building Fund	\$1,832.00	\$8,569.50
2nd Collection	\$140.00	\$24,934.79

"AS EACH ONE HAS RECEIVED A GIFT, USE IT TO SERVE ONE ANOTHER." 1 PETER 4:10

## Mass Intentions

### The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mon. Dec. 8th Gn 3:9-15, 20 / Eph 1: 3-6, 11-12 / Lk 1: 26-38 (689)

Holy Day of Obligation

Tues. Dec. 9th Is 40: 1-11 / Mt 18: 12-14 (182)

Uston Adams, Happy Birthday Monica Lazaro

Wed. Dec. 10th Is 40: 25-31 / Mt 11: 28-30 (183)

†Gilbert Ramos, †Eloy Sanchez, †Arthur Rivas

Thurs. Dec. 11th Is 41: 13-20 / Mt 11: 11-15 (184)

†Raymond Tatum, Holy Souls in Purgatory, HB John Nevares

### Our Lady of Guadalupe

Fri. Dec. 12th Zec 2: 14-17 / Lk 1: 26-38 (690a)

†Horlando Tellez, Jr., Elarba & Harkrider Family, Familia Fernandez

### St. Lucy Virgin and Martyr

Sat. Dec. 13th Sir 48: 1-4, 9-11 / Mt 17: 9a, 10-13 (186)

5:00pm †Verlin "Buck" Goertz & Hilbig Family, John Dejillo

7:00pm †Daria Soto, †Margarita Soto, †Petra Hernandez

### Third Sunday of Advent

Sun. Dec. 14th Is 35:1-6a, 10 / Jas 5: 7-10 / Mt 11: 2-11 (7)

8:00am For the People

10:00am †Mike "Kirk" Duggan, †Matt & Rose Krietz, †Jose Nuñez

12:00pm Yolanda Gonzalez, †Daniel Ibarra Carbajal, †Isidro Niño

### CALENDAR: MEETINGS AND GATHERINGS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

\*\*ENSURE ALL DOORS ARE LOCKED BEFORE LEAVING

\*\*ASEGÚRESE QUE TODAS LAS PUERTAS ESTÉN CERRADAS ANTES DE SALIR

Date	Time	Organization/Ministry	Location
<b>Holy Day of Obligation: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>			
Mon Dec. 8th	7:30am	English Mass	Church
	5:00pm	English Mass	Church
	7:00pm	Spanish Mass	Church
Tues Dec. 9th	8:00am	Adoration	Chapel
	5:30pm	Choir - English	Mtg Room
	5:30pm	Legion of Mary - English	104
	7:00pm	Advent Penance Service	Church
8:00pm	Novena/Posada	Church/Parish Hall	
	Wed Dec. 10th	4:30pm	RE: Kinder - 6th, Session 1
6:00pm		RE: Kinder - 6th, Session 2	RE Bldg
6:00pm		Confessions**	Church
7:00pm		Extraordinary Minister Training	Church
7:00pm		Novena/Posada	Church/Parish Hall
7:30pm		RE classes: 7th - 12th	RE Bldg
Thur Dec. 11th	5:00am	Rey Jesus	Kitchen/Parish Hall
	7:00pm	Novena/Posada	Church/Parish Hall
	7:00pm	LSP	204
7:00pm	OCIA	Youth Space/206	
Fri Dec. 12th	4:00am	Matachines	Church
	5:00am	Mañanitas	Church/Parish Hall
	8:00am	Adoration	Chapel
	7:00pm	Spanish Mass	Church
	8:00pm	Posada	Church/Parish Hall
Sat Dec. 13th	6:00am	That Man Is You	Kitchen/Parish Hall
	8:00am	Legion de Maria - Español	104
	8:00am	Bible in a Day	Parish Hall
	2:00pm	RE Ornament Decorating	Youth Space
	3:00pm	Baptismal Class - Spanish	206
	3:30pm	Confessions	Church
7:00pm	Posada	Church/Parish Hall	
Sun Dec. 14th	8:00am	OCIA Fundraiser	Bell Tower
	12:00pm	MFCC	Parish Hall
	3:00pm	English Choir Practice	Church
	7:00pm	Posada	Church/Parish Hall

\*\* Wednesday confessions held from 6pm - 7pm only on RE days / Las confesiones de los miércoles se llevan a cabo de 6pm a 7pm solo en los días de catecismo.

\*\*\*Please take and dispose of any trash prior to leaving the Church. Help keep our sanctuary clean and sanitary. \*\*\*Por favor tome y deseche la basura antes de salir de la Iglesia. Ayude a mantener nuestro santuario limpio y sanitario. No outside food, drinks or chewing gum is permitted in any of the RE rooms and ESPECIALLY NOT IN THE CHURCH. No se permiten alimentos, bebidas ni chicles del exterior en ninguna de las salas de RE y ESPECIALMENTE NO EN LA IGLESIA.

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