

Third Sunday of Advent

December 11, 2022

Gaudete Sunday

This Sunday the readings tell us where to look for the Lord's coming: when the blind see and the lame walk; and when the dead are raised to life and the poor have good news preached to them. In our day the Lord's presence is seen when walls of oppression fall, when enemies seek avenues of fellowship and trust, when the poor and homeless find care and the forgotten are included. The Kingdom is among us, are we acting as Kingdom people?

MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS CONTACTS**Liturgical Ministries**

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| Eucharistic Ministers (Altar): | Nancy Glover | 254-223-0767 |
| | (Homebound): Theresa Mireles .. | 254-773-4541 |
| Lectors: | Beverley Roeder | 254-774-1869 |
| Altar Servers: | Jennifer Stoebner..... | 214-738-7482 |
| | Susan Edwards | |
| Ushers: | Jay Wimberley..... | 254-721-4609 |
| Choir: | Jim Mason | 254-773-4541 |
| Daily Mass: | Ryan Colburn | 713-410-0784 |

Parish Organizations and Ministries

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| Altar Society: | Cynthia Baylor | 254-773-4541 |
| Adult Bible Study: | Loris Edwards | 254-778-8692 |
| Bereavement: | Hal & Dorothy Vavra | 254-563-6413 |
| Divine Mercy: | Ken Botz | 254-258-2677 |
| K.J.T. #114: | Eugene Pavlat | 254-778-8954 |
| Knights of Columbus: | Steve Loos | 254-258-0879 |
| K C Hall Management: | Joe Stewart..... | 254-778-4611 |
| Men of Joseph: | Dcn. Barney Rodriguez | 254-773-4541 |
| Parish Festival: | Theresa Mireles | 254-773-4541 |
| Prayer Chain: | Vicki Centeno | 254-771-1330 |
| School Trust Fund: | Terri Flores | 254-778-8141 |
| Scouting: Boy Scouts: | David Bennett | 254-654-7784 |
| Social Outreach Ministry: | Gerald Brady | 254-449-4439 |
| Respect Life: | Kris & Janet Haynes | 254-773-4541 |
| Vocation Chalice: | Debra Hollingsworth | 254-773-4541 |
| W.O.M.E.N. | Amy Castillo | 254-718-2924 |

***Christmas & New Year's
Mass Schedule***

Christmas Eve - Dec. 24th
5:30pm, 7:30pm, & Midnight

Christmas Day ~ Dec. 25th
9:30am

New Year's Eve ~ Dec. 31st
5:30pm & Midnight

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Jan. 1st
9:30am

SAVE THE DATE**CHRISTMAS
DECORATING DAY**

**All are invited to come and help decorate
the Church for Christmas.**

We will begin at 9:00 am on Sat. Dec. 24th

**The more the merrier and the
quicker the work will go!**

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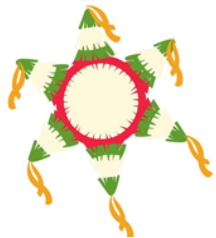
Faith Formation

Attention all Confirmation students and parents

All students preparing for Confirmation will meet each Sunday at 9:00 am in the O'Reilly Building for lessons and then will attend the 11:30am Mass as a group.
Please see Melinda Pena or Patricia St. Amour for more information.



Las Posadas



Wed., Dec. 14th at
6:30pm

All parishioners and families are invited to join our Religious Education classes in music and fellowship they celebrate the beautiful tradition of Las Posadas



Refreshments will be served in the Regina Caeli Room following the procession.

We would like to wish all our students, Catechist, and volunteers a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

The last RE Class for 2022 will be Wed. Dec. 14th

We will resume classes again in the New Year on Wed., Jan. 4th.



FALCONS CORNER

Celebrating 125 Years of Catholic Education

Merry Christmas

It's time for our Annual Christmas Musical.

All are invited to come Tuesday, Dec. 13th at 6:00pm in the Temple College Auditorium

Tickets are only \$5



The #1 requested item at shelters is clean socks



St. Mary's NJHS (National Junior Honor Society) is collecting socks for the homeless.

We will be collecting socks & monetary donations in the St. Mary's School office until noon on December 21st.

We need men's, women's, and children's socks.
Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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December 17th and December 18th, 2022**5:30 PM Mass**

Lector: E. Bigon
 EM: M. Hudkins, R. Krumnow, T. Mireles
 Greeters: R. Beck, M. Posey
 Altar Servers: T. Lucksinger, L. Henderson

7:30 AM Mass

Lector: B. Roeder
 EM: Dcn. M. Hoelscher, R. Coufal,
 H. McGahan
 Greeters: L. Lagut, K. & J. Oujezdsky, K. Botz
 Altar Servers: A. Bailon, M. Hernandez

9:30 AM Mass

Lector: M. Morris
 EM: J., N., & Je. Glover
 Greeters: K. Bartz, J. Baucun, T. Leos,
 S. & K. Loos
 Altar Servers: A. Gonzales, K. Edwards, T. & X. Glover

11:30 AM Mass

Lector: J. Solis
 EM: A. Payne, M. & L. Matthews
 Greeters: B. Stewart, L. Castillo, M. Dunham,
 R. Chudej
 Altar Servers: D. Holst, A. Upchurch, L. Barton

THE WEEK AHEAD

| Date | Event | Location | Time |
|--------------------------------|---|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Mon. Dec 12 th | Quilting Angels | Ave Maria Building | 10:00 am |
| | Crafters | Ave Maria Building | 10:00 am |
| Tuesday - Friday | Adoration | Chapel | |
| Tues Dec 13 th | Knitting & Crocheting | Ave Maria Building | 10:00 am |
| | Boy Scouts | O'Reilly Building | 6:00 pm |
| | Men of Joseph | Ave Maria Building | 7:00 pm |
| Wed. Dec 14 th | Religious Education | O'Reilly Building | 6:30 pm |
| Thurs. Dec 15 th | RCIA | Church to attend Mass | 6:00 pm |
| Fri Dec 16 th | Deadline for Giving Tree Gifts & Flower Orders | Parish Office | 8:00 am - 3:00 pm |
| Sun Dec 18 th | Divine Mercy Ministry | Regina Caeli Room | 3:00 pm |

**CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS**

**Open to all parishioners.
 To sign-up, call the parish office.**

Thank you for considering participating in this prayer initiative and may God richly bless you with every good gift as you pray for priestly vocations!

Dec. 18th Kelly Harrison 7:30am
 Dec. 25th Dcn. Barney & Janie Rodriguez 7:30am
 Jan. 1st Debra Hollingsworth 11:30am



**Divine Mercy Ministry
 Meeting
 Sunday, Dec. 18th at 3pm
 Regina Caeli Room**

**All invited for a time of
 prayer, learning
 and fellowship.**

**Contact Ken Botz
 for more information.**

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Parish Giving

December 4, 2022

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| Sunday Collection | \$ | 6,940.14 |
| Parish School | \$ | 1,139.10 |
| Building Fund | \$ | 52.00 |
| World Home Missions | \$ | 11.00 |
| Other | \$ | 230.00 |
| Helping Hands | \$ | 123.00 |
| Total | \$ | 8,495.20 |

Note: totals include online giving*** Weekly Operating Expenses: \$11,500.00**

December 12th - December 18th 2022

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| Monday | NO MASS | |
| Tuesday | 8:15AM | Nora M. Cruz (Birthday) |
| Wednesday | 5:30PM | † Frank Lynn Jez Elizabeth O'Brien |
| Thursday | 8:15AM | Louise Bartek |
| Friday | 5:30PM | † James B. Chaffin |
| Saturday | 8:15AM | Charles & Sharon Guenat |
| | 5:30PM | Pat Pole and Family |
| Sunday | 7:30AM | † Gino Castro |
| | 9:30AM | Victoria Rodriguez (91 st Birthday) |
| | 11:30AM | † Ricky Naranjo |



It's that time of year again ... Christmas Flowers

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia for a loved one (deceased or living) to help make St. Mary's Church look beautiful for the Christmas season, please pick up a flower donation envelope in the church entry. Write the donor's name and that of your loved one on the envelope. Cost per flower \$15.00.

All Flower Order envelopes due by
Friday, Dec. 16th.



KJT
Catholic Union of Texas

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13TH 6:00 PM
COTTON PATCH CAFÉ TEMPLE MALL

KJT #114 Dinner and Christmas party (dutch treat)
There will be a short business meeting after the meal.

Please bring a small, inexpensive gift for a drawing
after dinner. Spouses, guests and KJT youth
members are encouraged to attend.

RSPV egpavlat@aol.com or call 254.778.8954 or
254.228.3351 - No later than Sunday Dec. 11th.

Thank you to everyone that picked an ornament from our Giving Tree this year!

All gifts should be returned to the
Parish Office wrapped and labeled by
Friday, Dec. 16th.

Please contact the Parish Office for
more information or to volunteer to
distribute gifts.

