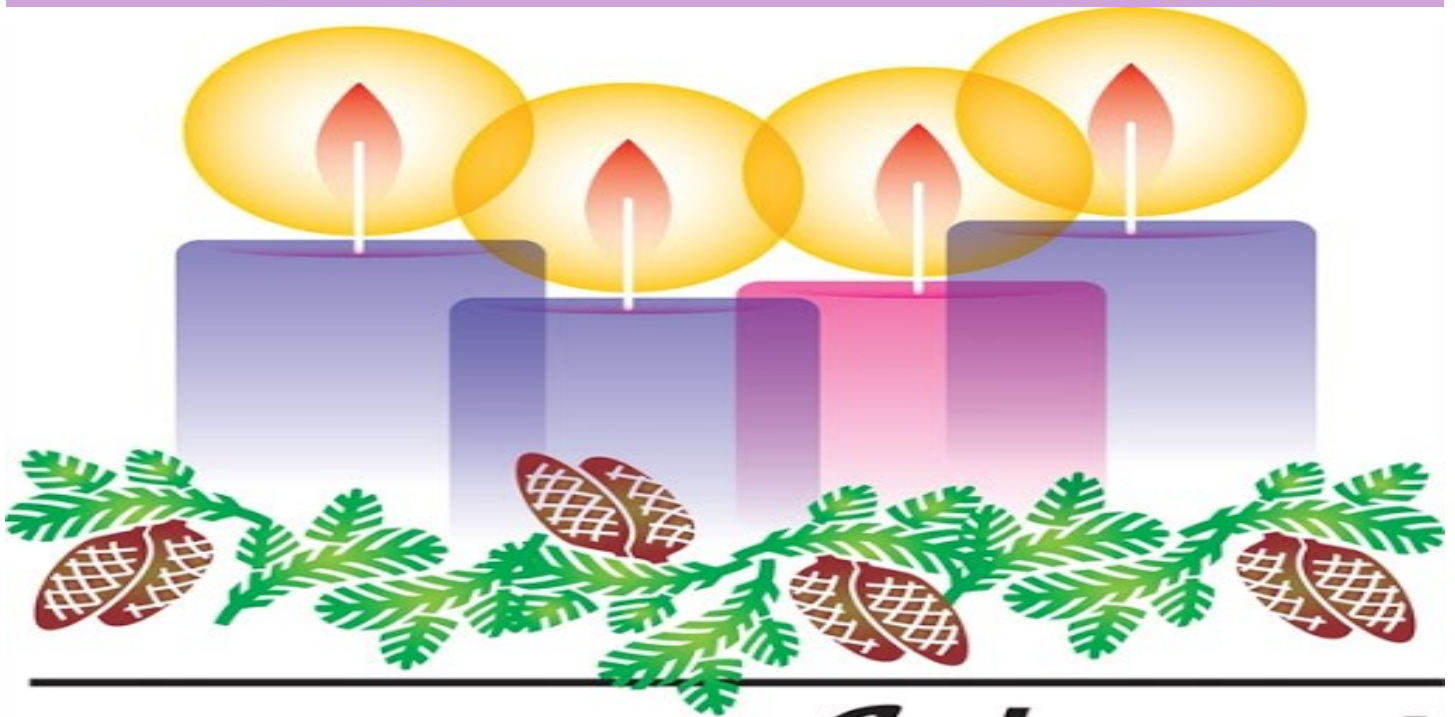


# St. Matthew Catholic Church

2800 Pine Tree Rd.  
Longview, Texas 75604-1647

December 22, 2019

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF *Advent*

*"To Know, to Love and to Serve Christ Among His People, and to Seek the Lost"*

### MASS SCHEDULE

<b>WEEKEND:</b>	Saturday - Vigil	5:00 PM, (Eng.) 7:00 PM (Esp.)
	Sunday	8:30 & 10:30 AM & 6:00 PM (Eng.)
	Domingo	1:00 PM (Esp.)
<b>DAILY:</b>	Monday - Friday	7:00 AM
	Tuesday	7:00 PM (Español)
	Wednesday	6:00 PM
	Friday	12:05 PM
<b>HOLY DAY:</b>	7:00 AM, 12:05 & 6:00PM (Eng.) 7:30 PM (Esp.)	
<b>ADORATION:</b>	First Fridays	7:30 AM - 11:45 AM
	Wednesdays	7:30 AM - 5:45 PM (Sept.- May)
<b>CONFESSION:</b>	Saturday	4:00 - 4:45 PM
	Tuesday	5:00 - 7:00 PM, Thursday 5:00 - 6:00 PM
	Any other time by Appointment	

**Mobile App:** (Install from "App store" or "Play store")  
"Saint Matthew Longview"

**Our website:** [www.stmattlgv.com](http://www.stmattlgv.com)

#### **Nationwide Mass times:**

[www.FindaParish.com](http://www.FindaParish.com)  
[www.Masstimes.org](http://www.Masstimes.org) or 1-800-Masstimes

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

**MONDAY - FRIDAY** 8:30 AM - 12 NOON; & 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

#### **SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS: ON SATURDAYS**

**BAPTISM:** 9:00 AM (ENGLISH)  
10:00 AM (ESPAÑOL)

**PRESENTACION:** 11:00 AM

**WEDDING & QUINCEAÑERA:** 12 NOON & 2:00 PM

for more information,  
please contact the church office during office hours.

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# Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2019

## Mass Intentions

### SATURDAY - December 21

5:00 pm † Ana Bertha Nieto (Chely Nieto)  
7:00 pm † Alicia Medrano (Medrano Family)

### SUNDAY - December 22

8:30 am Steve Kennedy – Healing  
10:30 am Charlie & Fay Eckel (Allan & Allison Cameron)  
1:00 pm Giselle Gonzalez– Birthday (Parents)  
6:00 pm People of the Parish

### MONDAY - December 23

7:00 am Linda Thomas (Bert & Vickie Noriel)

### TUESDAY - December 24

4:00 pm Children & Youth  
6:00 pm Benefactors  
8:00 pm Vocations  
12:00 am People of the Parish

### WEDNESDAY - December 25

9:00 am For the sick, elderly, caretakers  
11:00 am Departed Members of Our Parish

### THURSDAY - December 26

7:00 am Msgr. Xavier - Safe travel

### FRIDAY - December 27

7:00 am † Cynthia Benda (Linda Thomas)  
12:05 pm Communion Service

### SATURDAY - December 28

5:00 pm Alex Dorantes (Mom)  
7:00 pm Ramona Raygoza (The Staff)

### SUNDAY - December 29

8:30 am Steve Kennedy (Msgr. Xavier)  
10:30 am † Bernardo Garcia (Rocio Garcia)  
1:00 pm Seferino Castillo (Magdalena Salzar)  
6:00 pm People of the Parish

## Observances & Readings

Monday 23	<b>St. John of Kanty</b> Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-14; Lk 1:57-66
Tuesday 24	<b>Vigil of Christmas</b> Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-29; Acts 13:16-25; Mt 1:1-25
Wednesday 25	<b>The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)</b> Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18
Thursday 26	<b>St. Stephen</b> Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3-17; Mt 10:17-22
Friday 27	<b>St. John</b> 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-12; Jn 20:1-8
Saturday 28	<b>The Holy Innocents</b> 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18
Sunday 29	<b>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary &amp; Joseph</b> Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-5; Col 3:12-21; Mt 2:13-23

## Pope's Intentions (December)

**Universal – The Very Young:** That every country resolutely commits to taking the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority.



## Prepare like Joseph

Dear brothers and sisters,  
Coming to reflect on Joseph's way of accepting Jesus, we can reflect from various angles. "Would it have been a sin if Joseph had not believed in his dream?" He could have just said, "It was just a dream; it is not from God".

The day Joseph learned of Mary's pregnancy had to be the worst day of his life. Was he furious? Betrayed? Depressed? Desperate? Shamed? Devastated?

Joseph was a just man, a person of the impeccable faith and integrity that leads to profound love of God and neighbor. So, rather than unleash all his justifiable emotions, he tried to discern God's will. Joseph looked to the tried and true of his tradition. He consulted the Scriptures. He spoke with the God who had accompanied his people through thick and thin, through blessing and sin. We can almost hear him praying Psalm 16: "Keep me safe, O God, in you I take refuge. ... I bless the Lord who counsels me, even at night my heart exhorts me. ... You will show me the path to life."

The angel calls him "son of David"; "don't be afraid" and reminds him, "I will raise up your offspring after you. ... I will establish his throne forever." God was the protagonist in the promise to David. "That which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit ... Emmanuel, which means God is with us." Surely, Joseph was confused. Follow the law and divorce Mary quietly or follow the words of the angel; or divorce her quietly. He finally surrendered his will to the Holy Spirit and obeyed the angel's order.

God gambles all of us as he did on Joseph and on Mary. In return, our faith is a gamble that God's love will lead us in times of confusion and doubt. If Joseph were to visit us today, he might counsel us to worry less and pray more.

Wishing you and your family a Joyous Christmas.

My prayers and blessings! *Msgr. Xavier*

## MY SINCERE THANKS

to everyone who prayed for me, visited and assisted me during my illness. I am recovering good. The doctors say that it may take a few months to get to my normal health. Thanks so much for your wishes, greetings and the Holy Masses offered for my Birthday. They are very much needed to continue to serve you and the Lord Jesus. Please continue to pray for me.  
- Msgr. Xavier

## YOUR TITHES & OFFERINGS Worship through Giving

**Due to an early publishing deadline  
Offertory amounts were not available.**

## 2nd Collection:

**This weekend:** No Collection

**Next Weekend:** No Collection

**Thank you for your stewardship.**

## Please pray for our priests in this Diocese:

Dec. 23: Rev. Msgr. James Young  
Dec. 24: Rev. Cristian Zelaya  
Dec. 25: Rev. Michael Adams  
Dec. 26: Rev. Felix Alaribe  
Dec. 27: Rev. Jesus Arroyave  
Dec. 28: Rev. Devaraj Arulappa  
Dec. 29: Rev. Maria Susai Avula







### CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

From December 24th thru 26th.  
For any weekend activities, please  
contact the church office by 5 p.m.  
on Monday, Dec. 23rd.

**THANKS TO OUR STAFF  
WHO ARE SO GENEROUS  
AND DEDICATED  
TO SERVE THE LORD.**

**WE WISH EVERYONE A JOYFUL CHRISTMAS  
AND A BLESSED NEW YEAR.**



### Volunteers are needed for Christmas & New Year's

#### Masses for each Liturgical Ministry.

Sign up sheets are on the  
Ministries bulletin board. Please sign up if you will be  
available. Ministry Heads, please help to make  
arrangements for Lectors, Ushers, EMHC and Altar  
Servers for these Masses.

### Christmas Schedule

- Dec. 24** Christmas Eve  
4:00 pm Holy Mass (English)  
6:00 pm Holy Mass (English)  
7:30 pm Posadas - (Church)  
8:00 pm Mass (Spanish)  
11:30 pm Christmas Carols  
12:00 am Midnight Mass (English)
- Dec. 25** Christmas Day  
9:00 am (English) 11:00 am (Spanish)
- Dec. 31** New Year's Eve  
5:00 pm Vigil Mass (English)  
7:00 pm Vigil Mass (Spanish)
- Jan. 01** New Year's Day  
9:00 am (English) 11:00 am (Spanish)



**Msgr. Xavier will be on vacation** to visit his siblings in  
India from Dec. 27th thru Feb. 2nd. Please keep him in  
your prayers, for *bon voyage*.  
Frs. Lawrence, Christian, Elpidio  
& Eugene will take care of all  
Pastoral & Spiritual needs.  
You are welcome to reach Msgr.  
Xavier always with his email; the  
office staff will be in touch with  
him, if needed.



**GROUND BREAKING  
for  
COLUMBARIUM &  
PRAYER GARDEN  
By  
Bishop Strickland  
in the presence of  
the parish families on**

**Dec. 8th, 2019 (Feast of Immaculate Conception)**

### SUPPORT OUR SPONSORS:

Please check out the advertisers on the back of the bulletin.  
They help us to pay for our bulletins.

**This Week:  
NO MEETINGS**

**JOYOUS  
CHRISTMAS  
and  
PROSPEROUS  
NEW YEAR 2020**



At the end of the year  
many people traditionally donate  
to charities and non-profit  
organizations. As we approach  
the end of the year 2019, I thank  
you for your generosity in the  
past. We have done very well in every way. **Thank you!**  
Please prayerfully consider your year-end donations for St.  
Matthew Church: Prayer Garden or Columbarium or Priests-  
for-Tomorrow or the Perpetual Fund and post mark them by  
**Dec. 31, 2019** for your tax deductions. You may do it in  
person or online or by credit card or by email. Thanks again!  
God bless you and your family!



### **Our new Pictorial Directory is here!**

Those who had their picture taken will  
receive a copy of our parish directory. You  
may pick it up in the office during the  
week.

**SAVE THE DATE:  
Sat., February 22nd  
6:30 pm - 11 pm  
All are welcome!**



*Our deepest condolences  
to Mike Reiner on the loss of his mother  
**Joyce Reiner**  
May the Lord grant her eternal rest and  
comfort to family and friends who share  
the loss. You are in our prayers.*

### **Offering Envelopes**



### **Offertory Envelopes for 2020**

will be available for you to pick  
up after all weekend Masses  
continuing through December, or  
during the week from the Church  
Office. Envelopes are not mailed  
to your home.

We encourage you to use the  
envelopes for the following reasons:

- \* to confirm your membership in the parish;
  - \* to respond to your individual requests for Certificates  
for Baptism and Confirmation,
  - \* for other church-related matters; and
  - \* for official purposes, like immigration letters, etc.
  - \* to prepare an accurate letter for your tax purposes.
- For more info, please call the church office. Thanks for  
your understanding. God bless!



# **FAMILY**

## *Faith Formation*

### *Evangelize, Catechize and Form Disciples*

#### **FAITH FORMATION - SAVE THE DATE**

Dec. 22: Christmas Holiday/ No Class

Dec. 25: Christmas Holiday/ No Class

Dec. 29: Christmas Holiday/ No Class

#### **Sacrament Prep Class**

**For ALL PARENTS, SPONSORS WITH CHILDREN**  
**WHO ARE ENROLLED FOR SACRAMENTS**

**Sat., Jan. 18, at 8:30 am, at St. John Paul Center.**  
**YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS IT!**

**All are expected!**

All should have submitted their baptism certificate by this month. Please discuss with Freeda for more info.

#### **The St. Philip Institute is hosting** **Several Events for the Diocese:**

- **Special Needs Family Retreat**

December 13 - 15 at the Pines Catholic Camp.

For more information or to register for this and any other event, please visit [www.stphilipinstitute.org/events](http://www.stphilipinstitute.org/events).



Thank you to everyone who donated to the Food Pantry this fall! Special thanks to our Faith Formation children for sharing their gifts. Our Pantry is well stocked once again! God Bless You & all the Families we serve!



#### **RCIA (Christian Initiation)**

##### **INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY**

We meet every **Sunday at 4:30 p.m.** in Room 37. For more information and registration, contact Deacon John D'Antoni at 903-738-7463 or the church office at 903-295-3890.

#### **Answers for last week's questions (12/15/19):**

1. On the right side of the boat (John 21:6)
2. For they caught multitude of fish (John 21:6)
3. Peter (John 21:7)
4. Fish (John 21:9)
5. 153 fish (John 21:11)

#### **Questions for this week (St. John's Gospel)**

1. None of the disciples dared to ask Jesus who you are. Why?
2. How many times did Jesus show himself to the disciples after being raised from the dead?
3. Who is the father of Simon Peter?
4. What did Jesus asked Peter to do?
5. Who know everything?



**Check out the information about our new Ethics & Integrity / Safe Environment Program on the Youth page (page 5) in this bulletin.**

#### **Meaning of Advent**

The New Year in the Church begins with the season of Advent - a time to help us prepare for Christmas, when we celebrate the fulfillment of our longing for the Savior with the birth of Jesus.

#### **So, what is Advent?**

It is the season that lasts about four weeks, beginning four Sundays before Christmas and ends on Christmas Eve. The Church's Christmas season begins on Christmas Eve and lasts for twelve days. So, Advent is a season of anticipation that leads up to Christmas. During this time, we observe a season of prayer, and reflection - followed by anticipation, hope and joy. Each Sunday during Advent we light a candle on the Advent wreath.



We are here to assist you in educating your child. We will always encourage parents to visit, ask questions, and become very involved in their child's faith process. Teamwork between parents

and the catechists and the pastor will contribute:

- \* to a successful experience for your child.
- \* to educate the whole child – cognitively, emotionally, physically, socially, and spiritually.
- \* to develop a quality of life in a safe and comfortable environment.
- \* Please do not delay in giving your children "the Faith."

#### **Altar Servers Schedule: 12/28-29/2019**

##### **Saturday:**

5:00 pm: Daniel Garcia, Gabriela Garcia  
7:00 pm: Angela Ramirez, Miguel Fernandez  
Ariadna Fernandez, Aaron Aguilar  
Elmer Mondragon

##### **Sunday:**

8:30 am: Manuel Viramontes , Stephanie Viramontes  
Mary Scott, Michael Scott, Laityn Chism  
10:30 am: Isabella Anguiano, Olivia Zuniga  
Liliana Zuniga, Julian Garcia  
1:00 pm: Daniel Ortiz, Samantha Silva  
Paola Garcia, Juan Garcia, Raul Mendez  
6:00 pm: Edgar Rico, Mariano Perez  
Azucena Perez







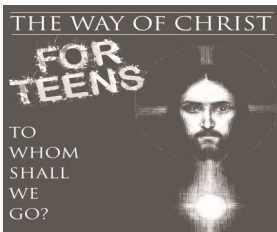
<b>Sundays:</b> <b>4:30 - 5:45 PM: Choir Practice</b> <b>6:00 - Youth Mass</b> <b>7:15 - Food &amp; Fellowship</b> <b>7:30 - 8:30 PM: Youth Ministry</b> Contact: Cyndi Starr: 903-720-3873	<b>Sundays: (Spanish)</b> <b>2:30 PM: Food &amp; Fellowship</b> <b>3:30 PM: Cristo Joven events</b> <b>5:00 PM: Closing &amp; Parents pick-up</b> Contact: Daniela Rodriguez or the church office: 903- 295-3890	<b>Middle School:</b> <b>Wednesdays: 6:30 pm</b> <b>Sundays: 11:45 am &amp; 4:30 pm</b> Contact: Becky Anguiano 903-746-9146
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High school youth prepared and delivered over 140 goodie bags to the Confirmation students after their monthly preparation class, with messages like: "We are proud of you!" And "Jesus is the missing piece!"



### High School Youth Ministry

**WISH YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS AND A BLESSED NEW YEAR. BE SAFE DURING THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.**



### Our Youth Ministry Needs You!

Teens: Bring your friends for Youth Ministry after the 6:00 p.m. Mass on Sundays.

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

**Adults:** If you have a heart for our teens and care about their growth in the Faith, we need your help! Whatever your skills, whatever your schedule, you can contribute in a very real way to help our teens. Even if you don't know how you can help, please call the youth office and we can decide together! For more information, contact the church office (903) 295-3890. **Seeking:** Core Team Members, Communications, Food planning & prep, Chaperones



### Diocese of Tyler: Ethics & Integrity / Safe Environment Program

**General:** An Acceptance Certificate for Service (ACS) is required of all Church personnel - Clergy, religious, seminarians, paid employees and volunteers engaged in ministry with minors and vulnerable adults. The ACS is granted after completing the required background check and Safe Environment training; commitment to the Code of Ethics and Integrity for Conduct of Church Personnel / Volunteers is also required.

**Background Check:** Church personnel / volunteers must register with their parish administrator by filling out a registration form in the church office. Once they are entered into the database, they will receive e-mails about the background check and the Code of Conduct. The cost of the background check is \$16. You must complete the Background Check and acknowledge the Code of Conduct before you may attend the training.

**Training:** You must register for the training in the church office. Before service begins and every three years thereafter, church personnel / volunteers will take the training, in which they will view Praesidium's CASE video and participate in facilitated discussion. During years 2 and 3, all will complete ongoing education online.

Our **Parish Administrator** is Beth Kennedy. You may contact her at 903-295-3890 or churchoffice@stmattlgy.com for more information.

### Middle School (6-8 Grades)

On Sundays at 11:45 am or 4:30 pm  
On Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in Faith Formation Center



### Posada Juvenil

Prepárate joven que se acerca nuestra **Posada Juvenil** el

**Domingo, 22 de diciembre.**

Si gustas ayudarnos y traer una bolsa de dulces a las 7:00 pm en el Centro San Juan Pablo .  
**Toda la familia es cordialmente invitada!!**



### The Advent Wreath

The lights of the candles on the Advent Wreath break through the darkness, reminding us of the Light of Christ that we anticipate during this holy season.



The Advent Wreath is very symbolic.

The evergreens used for the wreath itself are a reminder of continuous life. The shaping of them into a circle reinforces that meaning. The circle is also a sign of everlasting life as well as the eternity of God.

The four candles used, three purple and one pink, mark the Sundays of Advent before Christmas. The purple candles are reminders that this should be a time of prayer and sacrifice to prepare us for the second coming of Christ. On the third Sunday, the pink candle is lit to announce Gaudete Sunday, a Sunday of rejoicing for Christ is coming near. With the lighting of that candle, the light has won out over the darkness (three candles lit vs. the one that remains unlit).

### "Guerreros de San Miguel Arcángel"

**ESTAS INVITADO JOVEN ADULTO!!**

(18-30 años de edad)

**Quienes:** No as sido previamente casado y no tienes hijos. Podrías ser miembro de nuestro grupo juvenil!!

**Cuando:** Todos los **domingos** de **7:00 pm - 8:30 pm**

*"Por eso pónganse la armadura de Dios, para que en el día malo puedan resistir y mantenerse en la fila valiéndose de todas sus armas." Efesios 6:13*



## Observancias y Lecturas

Lunes, 23	<b>San Juan de Canty</b> Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Sal 25:4-14; Lc 1:57-66
Martes, 24	<b>La Vigilia de Navidad</b> 2 Sm 7:1-16; Sal 89:2-29; Lc 1:67-79
Miércoles, 25	<b>La Natividad del Señor</b> Is 52:7-10; Sal 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18
Jueves, 26	<b>San Esteban</b> Hch 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Sal 31:3-17; Mt 10:17-22
Viernes, 27	<b>San Juan</b> 1 Jn 1:1-4; Sal 97:1-12; Jn 20:1-8
Sábado, 28	<b>Los Santos Inocentes</b> 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Sal 124:2-8; Mt 2:13-18
Domingo, 29	<b>La Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José</b> Ecl 3:2-14; Sal 128:1-5; Col 3:12-21; Mt 2:13-23

### Posadas (Diciembre 16-24)

Se celebrarán a las 7:00 pm en el centro Familiar San Juan Pablo, excepto el martes y sábado serán después de la misa.

Dic. 22: Cristo Joven y Guerreros

Dic. 23: Servidoras de Guadalupe

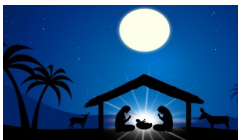
Dic. 24: Ministerios de Liturgia y Todos

Rosario en la Iglesia a las 7:30 pm



### ¡Nuestro nuevo Directorio Pictórico está aquí!

Aquellos a quienes se les tomó una foto recibirán una copia de nuestro directorio parroquial. Usted puede recogerlo en la oficina durante la semana.



### HORARIO DE NAVIDAD

#### Dic. 24: Vigilia de Navidad:

4:00 pm & 6:00 pm Misa (Ingles)

7:30 pm Posada; en la Iglesia

8:00 pm Misa (Español)

11:30 pm Carols / Misa de Medianoche (Ingles)

#### Dic. 25: Día de Navidad:

Misas: 9:00 am (Ing.) & 11:00 am (Español)

Dic. 31: Año Nuevo: 5 pm (Ing.), 7:00 pm (Español)

Ene. 01 9:00 am (Ingles) 11:00 am (Español)

### FIESTA DE SENORA de GUADALUPE



Muchísimas gracias a todos los grupos y los familiares para amar, venerar y celebrar nuestra madre!

**Esta parroquia es de ustedes. Muchísimas gracias por participar en la actividad de:**

#### Limpieza

Dic. 22: Cursillos

Dic. 29: Grupo de Jóvenes

Ene. 05: Servidoras

Ene. 12: Grupo de Oración

#### Comida

No Venta

No Venta

Grupo de Oración

Cursillos

#### Ujieres durante la Misa

Ramón Hernández

Ramón Hernández

Niños

Ramón Hernández

#### Rosario

##### Sábado

Servidoras

Cursillos

Niños

Evangelización

##### Domingo

Ana Montoya

Ana Montoya

Niños

Reyna González

**ESTA SEMANA:  
NO REUNIONES  
FELIZ NAVIDAD  
y  
PROSPERO AÑO NUEVO  
2020**



**Se necesitan voluntarios de Ministerio para las Misas de Navidad y de año nuevo para cada Ministerio.**

Registrarse en las hojas está en el tablón de ministerios. Por favor regístrese si estará disponible. Jefes del Ministerio, por favor, hacer arreglos para lectores, ujieres, EMHC y Monaguillos para las Misas

### LA OFICINA ESTARA CERRADA

De Diciembre 24 al 26th

**GRACIAS A NUESTRO PERSONAL QUE ES TAN GENEROSOS Y DEDICADOS A SERVIR AL SEÑOR. LES DESEAMOS A TODOS UNA FELIZ NAVIDAD Y BENDICIÓN AÑO NUEVO.**



### SOBRES PARA LA COLECTA - 2020

Estarán disponibles en la oficina. Si usted no esta registrado a la parroquia puede hacerlo y pedir que se le asignen sobres. Los animamos a usar los sobres por las siguientes razones:

1. Le permite a la Parroquia mantener registros actualizados de los miembros que están activamente asistiendo y apoyando a la parroquia.
2. También nos ayuda a responder a sus solicitudes individuales de los certificados de patrocinio para sacramentos y otras cuestiones relacionadas con las iglesias.
3. También nos ayuda a preparar una carta precisa para fines de impuestos.



Al final del año, muchas personas tradicionalmente donan a organizaciones benéficas y sin fines de lucro. A medida que nos acercamos al final del año 2019, les agradezco su generosidad en el pasado. Lo hemos hecho muy bien en todos los sentidos. ¡Gracias! Por favor, considere con espíritu de oración sus donaciones de fin de año para la Iglesia de San Mateo: Jardín de Oración o Columbario o Sacerdotes para el Mañana o el Fondo Perpetuo antes del 31 de diciembre de 2019 para sus deducciones fiscales. Puede hacerlo en persona o en línea o por tarjeta de crédito o por correo electrónico. ¡Gracias de nuevo! ¡Que Dios los bendiga a ustedes y a su familia!

Agradezca y apoye por favor a nuestros publicistas en la parte posterior del boletín. Este boletín es apoyado por ellos. Si gusta publicar su negocio llamar al 1-800-833-5941



### Wedding Anniversary

12/18: John & Belinda Wiggins  
Felipe de Jesus & Rafaela Cerda  
12/20: Donald & Maria Blair  
12/27: Scott & Lynn Brazell  
Alfredo & Maria Martinez  
12/28: Lauro & Ma. Guadalupe Palencia  
Aureliano & Maria Cisneros  
Jose & Ana Juarez

**Congratulations  
to you!  
May  
the Lord  
continue  
to bless  
you!**

### Baptism Preparation Classes: January 2020

**In English:** January 16 at 6:30 pm

**In Spanish:** January 18 at 4:00 pm

Pre-registration is must!

Come to the church office to register.

**YOU ARE A BLESSING FROM GOD. BE A BLESSING TO YOUR CHILDREN BY BAPTIZING THEM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**



### Weekly Activities

**ACTS Men:** Wednesday, 6 am, Parish Hall  
**ACTS Women:** Monday, 7 pm, Rm 31  
**Adult Bible Study:** Tuesday, 6:30 pm, Parish Hall  
**Choir Practices:** Adults: Wed. 6:30 pm; Vigil: Sat. 4:00 pm  
Hispanic: Fri. 7 pm; Youth: Sun. 4:30 pm  
**English Class (ESL):** Tue. & Thu. 9 am - 12 pm, PH  
**RCIA:** Sun. 4:00 pm, Faith Formation Center Rm 37  
**St. Vincent de Paul:** Wed. 5 pm, Rm 11  
**Youth Group:** Sun. 7:00 - 8:30 pm, Parish Hall

### Cada Semana

**Lunes:** Cursillistas; 7 - 8 pm; Salón; Coro de Oración: Capilla  
Clase Crecimiento; 7- 8:30 pm; salón 13, 15;  
**Martes:** Clases ESL; 9 am- 12 pm; Misa y Grupo de Oración; 7 pm;  
**Miércoles:** Hogar de Fe; 6:30 pm; Salón Parroquial  
**Jueves:** Clases ESL; 9 am -12 pm; Salón Parroquial  
Clase Quinceañera; 6 pm; Salón Parroquial, 1er y 3er  
**Viernes:** RICA: 7:00 - 8:30 pm; Salón 14  
Practica para Boda/Quinceañera; 5 y 6 pm; Iglesia.  
**Sábado:** Pre-Bautismo; 4:00 pm; 3<sup>er</sup> Sábado del Mes; Salón Parroq.  
**Domingo:** Hogar de Fe; 12 pm, Salón 13 & 14; 4:30 pm, Salon 14  
Grupo Juvenil; 2:30 pm; Centro San Juan Pablo  
Guerreros de San Miguel; 7pm, Centro San Juan Pablo

### Faith Formation:

Youth Ministries: Cindy Starr 295-3890  
Cristo Joven: church office 295-3890  
RCIA: Dcn. John D'Antoni 738-7463  
RICA: Francisco Trinidad 720-7709

Crecimiento:	Hermila Jaimes	240-8208	Grupo de Oracion:	Alonso Rivera	452-4349
Cursillo:	Juan Barron	240-4981	Quincenara:	Isabel Serrano	238-1550
	Laura Lopez	241-6765	Guerreros de San M.:	Pedro Perez	917-6715
Hogar de Fe:	Sandra Gonzalez	297-7286	Mision de Amor:	Sanjuana Olvera	240-6035
New Evangelization (Nuevo Evangelizacion):			Sanjuana & Arnulfo Olvera		261-2306

### Pastoral Council:

Steve Faber (Chair) 431-6161  
John Green (Vice chair) 237-8093  
Beth Kennedy (Secretary) 295-3890  
Becky Anguiano 663-8802  
Diane Dudley 210-288-9515  
Mario Leyva 235-6608  
Laura Lopez 241-6765  
Rita Reindl 297-2044  
Hector Rodriguez 452-8063  
Fred Romero 241-8817  
Patricia Trinidad 720-7677  
Francisco Trinidad 720-7709

### Advisory Committees:

Finance Council: Steve Kennedy 291-1621  
Liturgy Committee: Dcn. Joe Bianca 757-3348  
Building Committee: Jerl May 757-5999  
Siervos de Cristo: Mario Leyva 235-6608  
Fundraising: Daniel Anguiano 220-9937  
Pastoral Council: Steve Faber 431-6161

### Liturgical Ministries:

Altar Servers: Michelle Malloy 736-5792  
Monaguillos: Elisa Solorzano 220-8077  
Altar Society: Rita Reindl 297-2044  
EMHC.: Allison Cameron 452-6250  
Jasmin Hardin 399-2366

Greeters: Rick McGaughey 235-4799

Lectors: John Wiggins 235-0548

Miguel Zavaleta 452-7852

Music: Beth Kennedy 295-3890

Max Garcia (Español) 746-1209

Diego Najera (Español) 759-1724

(Children) Noel & Norma Garcia 773-450-7105

Ushers: Brent O'Connor 295-1322

Ramon & Irma Hernandez 431-5481

### Pastoral Ministries:

Baptism: Paul & Joanie Shafer 374-2217  
Baptismo: Dcn. Joel Gonzalez 841-3839  
M. Encounter: George & Jan Albanese 806-7955  
Matrimonio: Dcn. Joel Gonzalez 841-3839  
Shut-in Ministry: Marilyn Sirmans 663-2362  
Wedding Coord: Roma Jones 738-3493  
[Español]: Maria Gonzalez 841-3839

### Other Ministries:

ACTS Teresa Fogle 235-0063  
Maintenance: Tom Mittler 759-1678  
Our Lady's Guild: Sondra Scalco 235-8674  
Pro-life: Tom Mittler 759-1678  
St. Vincent De Paul: Church Office 295-3890  
JOY Ministry: Gerard & MaryAnn Verderber 209-261-4835  
Ethics & Integrity: Patricia Trinidad 720-7677  
Ds. Of Mtr Seton: JoAnn McCracken 736-8344  
Hospitality: Jeri Vaughan 240-2114  
Hospitalidad: Alex & Yurith Gutierrez 917-5368  
K. of C.: Gerard Verderber 209-261-4835  
Serv de Gudlpe Catalina Romero 241-0072  
Bereavement Allison Nelsen 399-2300  
Cath. Daughters Rosanne Waggoner 738-0201

### **TO THOSE WHO ARE NOT ABLE TO ATTEND MASS WITH US**

**Visit, Send a Card, or Offer a Prayer. If they would like to receive Communion, or if you are interested in joining the ministry that takes communion to the homebound, please call the Church Office. Or Please let the Sick & Shut-in Ministry know. We will take Holy Communion to the home. Please call Marilyn Sirmans at 903-663-2362.**

James & Thelma Alario, Sebastian Alaniz Jr., Wendy Antee, Betsy Atkinson, Gena Attebery, Cassie Barron, Mary Bednarek, Sandra Behr, Margaret Borchard, Scott Brazell, Jose Brocolo, Derek Cameron, Virgie Cameron, Bob & Barbara Caster, Christopher Cerio, Jose Camacho, John D'Antoni, Sr., Deacon John D'Antoni, Misty Davidson, T.D. Dollison, Tammy Dubose, Brenda Dzierzanowski, Juanita Eiker, Andres Flores, Liliana Flores, David Fowler, John Garcia, Santos & Eleanor Gonzalez, Ramona Gonzalez, Tom Hayes, Mark Hoffmann, Nita Hopkins, Katrina Johnson, Norma Julve, Howard and MaryAnn Kennedy, Deena Kilroy, Amy Mann, Marie Marino, Sandra Martinez, Janney Mercado, Sandra Miller, Jan Mittler, Cathy Morlen, Constantino Ramirez, Maria Ramirez, Nadia Ramos, Bonnie Ratcliff, Mary Ratcliff, Ramona Raygoza, Maria Robles, Bob Rodgers, Mayra Rodriguez, Maria Roy, Minerva Rubio, Augustina Sanchez, Blanca Sanchez, Eleno Sanchez, Juana Sanchez, Procuero Sanchez, Ricardo Sanchez, Gwyneth Schultz, June Searcy, Dan Shafer, Melody Smith, Barbara & Joe Steinbach, Gail Stonestreet, Mike Sullivan, Alena Swanson, Helen Tatum, Cathy Thomas, Lenette Tidwell, Fernanda Torres, Christopher Vazquez, Bill Webb, Connie Wolfe & Norma Zapata.

**Please let the office know if prayers are no longer needed.**

**Please pray for our family members in the Armed Forces: Family assistance hotline: 800-833-6622**

**ARMY:** Sgt. Colton Sparks, 1st Lt. Danielle M. Verderber, Joshua Ewald **NAVY:** Juan Pacheco; **AIR FORCE:** AB Nathan McCarthy

**MARINES:** Eduardo Chavarria, Gilberto Garcia, Vicente M. Soliz

