

Second Sunday

Prepare the way of the
Lord, make straight
his paths.

Matthew 3:3



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OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY
9:00AM - 5:00PM

MASS SCHEDULE

MON, WED, FRI

7:00AM

TUES & THUR

5:30PM

SATURDAY

5:30PM

**1st Saturdays - 8:00am*

SUNDAY

8:30AM

10:30AM

12:00PM

**CONFESSION/
RECONCILIATION**

TUES, THURS, SAT
4:45PM - 5:15PM

SUNDAY

**Please see weekly schedule*

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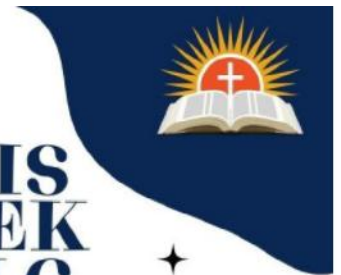
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BAPTISMS

Call the office six weeks
in advance to prepare
registration documents

WEDDINGS

Call the office at least six
months in advance to reserve
date and complete marriage
preparation.



**THIS
WEEK
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MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

- 6:00 pm - Encounter School of Ministry

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

- 6:00 pm Parish Reconciliation Service
- 6:30 pm Associates of the Blessed Sacrament
- 7:00 pm Holy Hour for Priests
- 7:00 pm K of C Meeting

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

- 7:00 pm - RCIA - The Early Church
- 7:00 pm Choir Practice

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

- 6:30 pm - Grief Ministry

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

- 9:30 am R.E. Advent Party
- 4:30 pm Parish Posada
- 6:00 pm - Women's ACTS Planning Meeting

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

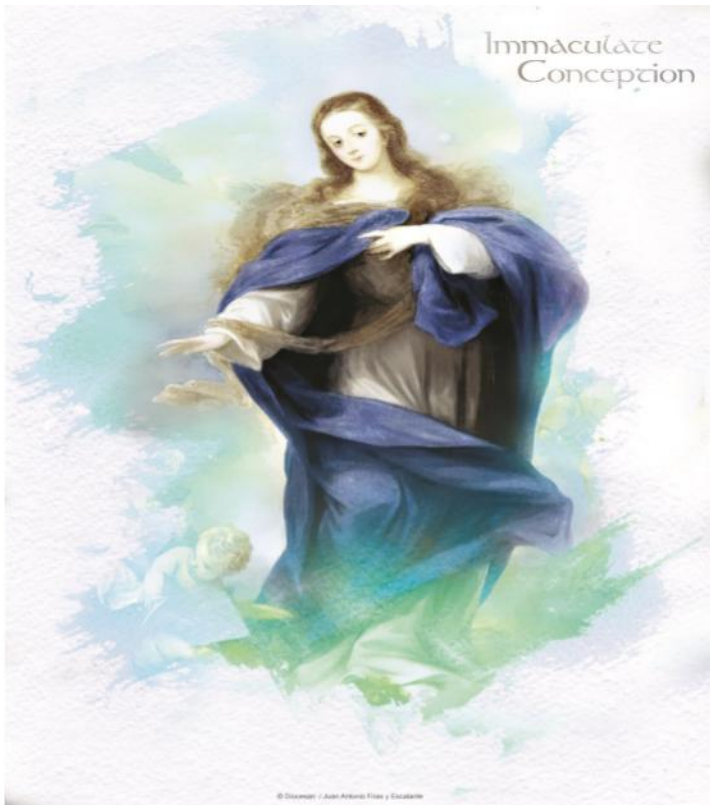
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Online Offertory and Parishioner Registration



SCAN ME

Our Lady of Grace
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O God, who by the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin prepared a worthy dwelling for your Son, grant, we pray, that, as you preserved her from every stain by virtue of the Death of your Son, which you foresaw, so, through her intercession, we, too, may be cleansed and admitted to your presence. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

All are welcome to join the Rosary Prayer Group. Please join us **every third Tuesday of the month** from **6:30-8:00 pm** in the Madonna Room. For more information, contact Greg Clary at 903-714-0232.



Holy Hour For Priests
 Monthly - Every Second Tuesday
 7 PM- 8 PM
 Rosary, Prayers and Benediction




Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 All are welcome to the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Exposition begins on Tuesdays in the Adoration Chapel after the 5:30pm Mass and ends on Friday at 7am. For more information please contact Becky Prieto at 210-725-2383.

GOD BLESS THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES

MASS, CONFESSION & INTENTION SCHEDULE

- Monday, December 9
 - 7:00 AM Fr. Abe
In Thanksgiving
 - 12:10 PM Fr. Frank
Solace for the Grieving
 - 5:30 PM Fr. Abe
Esther A. Menchaca (d)
- Tuesday, December 10
 - 4:45 PM *Confessions* - Fr. Jorge
 - 5:30 PM *Mass* - Fr. Jorge
Dr. Frank Valcour (d)
- Wednesday, December 11
 - 7:00AM Fr. Abe
Helen J. Hoch (d) - Vega Family
- Thursday, December 12
 - 4:45 PM *Confessions* - Fr. Jorge
 - 5:30 PM *Mass* - Fr. Jorge
Special Intentions - Mendible Family
- Friday, December 13
 - 7:00 AM Fr. Abe
Jerry SESCO (d) - Christine Pytel
- Saturday, December 14
 - 4:30PM *Confessions* - Fr. Abe
 - 5:30 PM Fr. Abe
Cecilio & Becky Rodriguez
Armando & Delia Salinas
- Sunday, December 15
 - 8:30 AM Fr. Abe
Our Lady of Grace Parishioners
 - 10:30 AM Fr. Frank
Bernard Nelson (d)
 - 12:00 PM Fr. Abe
Joanne Cockrell (d) - Parish



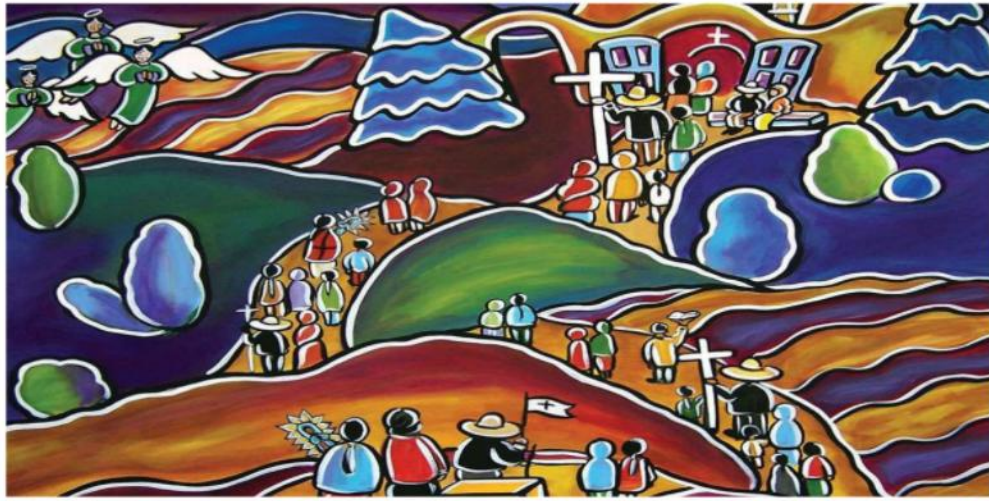
This Weekend's Altar Flowers
 are in loving memory of
 †Gabriel Salazar (d)
 from Verónica & Ruben Escobedo

Parish Advent Reconciliation Service



Tuesday, December 10th
6:00 p.m.

We will have 3 priests to hear confessions.



Please join us for our annual Las Posadas!

Sunday, December 15th ~ 6pm - 8pm ~ Madonna Room

**Come celebrate the journey Mary and Joseph made
on the evening of Jesus' birth.**

6:30 pm - Candlelight Procession

7 pm - Tamale Potluck Dinner

7:45 pm - Piñata, Hot Cocoa & Desserts

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS:

Assisting with the Parish Posada will count towards service hours.

***Please arrive for Set up @ 5 PM in the Madonna Room**

We should be finished and cleaned up by @ 9 PM*



To participate please scan the QR Code



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JOHN WENT THROUGHOUT
THE WHOLE REGION
**PROCLAIMING
A BAPTISM**
OF REPENTANCE

This was both a very intense and yet very holy encounter. It was intense in that Saint John the Baptist, who had become quite popular and respected and was considered a great prophet, spoke harshly toward the Pharisees and Sadducees. “You brood of vipers!” he says. This was not the way the Pharisees and Sadducees were normally spoken to.

John speaks this way because it was the truth. These religious leaders were not leading anyone closer to God. One only needs to ponder all that Jesus would eventually say to the Pharisees and Sadducees to understand what kind of people these religious leaders had become.

So this passage is certainly intense. But it is also very holy. It is holy because this “brood of vipers” needed to be chastised. They needed to be condemned and challenged. They needed to be humbled. And there is nothing more humbling than sincerely repenting of one’s sins in a public way.

Notice that John does not dismiss the leaders outright. Rather, he requires of them “evidence” of their repentance. Why? Because of the spiritual damage these men did to the people of Israel on account of their pride, self-righteousness, hypocrisy, love of public honors, condemnation of others, etc. They had so distorted the faith that the good of their souls required public repentance. It required that everyone see sincere good fruits flowing from their lives as a sign that they had changed. Though this is a tall order for the Pharisees and Sadducees, it’s the way to holiness for them.

The same is true for us. If you have allowed yourself to fall into some of the same traps as the Pharisees and Sadducees, then you, too, will greatly benefit from clear and humble public change. If you have struggled with self-righteousness, a critical tongue, a “holier than thou” attitude or a judgmental attitude toward others, then you might have great need for a humble and public repentance.

Reflect, today, upon the Pharisees and Sadducees. Try to understand their sin and the reason John called them a “brood of vipers.” If you see any of their pride and self-righteousness within your own soul, then listen to this exhortation from John the Baptist as if it were spoken to you directly. “Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance.” Do this, and God will free you through the gift of true humility.

Our Lady of Grace
CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Registration Deadline is Wed. Dec. 18th @5 PM
 Roles will be announced at
 First Rehearsal on Fri. Dec. 20th

Please use the QR Code to sign your children up for the Christmas Pageant

Parents of all participants will be added to the "2024 Christmas" Flocknote for communication



Our Lady of Grace Walking with Moms ministry works year round to provide assistance to local mothers in need. Opportunities to volunteer are available at Allied Women's Center most Tuesdays from 10 am-12pm. Come and help us organize baby supplies. You may also donate gently used baby items for the residents. Please call Sarah Barlow 318-455-5458 for more information.

Do you know a pregnant or parenting mother struggling to choose life for her baby? We can help! We would like to accompany her on her journey.

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A ministry for single Young Adults



THURSDAYS @ SAINT PETER PRINCE OF THE APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH
 Adoration 6:30
 Talk + Discussion 7:00
 Social 8:00
 Parish Hall, 112 MARCIA PL

Our aim with this ministry is to provide a safe haven for those navigating the difficult journey of grief. We recognize the profound impact losing a loved one can have and want you to know you are not alone. Through offering regular meetings, we intend to provide not only spiritual guidance but also compassionate fellowship. We believe that sharing the journey can be a source of comfort and healing.

Join us Thursday, December 12th from 6:30 to 8:00 pm in the Guadalupe Room.

This event is open to anyone at any stage of their grief journey, whether you are dealing with a recent loss or reflecting on past experiences. We aim to create an environment where mutual support helps us heal together.

We look forward to walking alongside you on this path toward healing.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

SAVE THE DATE

February 20-23, 2025

SAVE THE DATE!

JUNIORS AND SENIORS IN HIGH SCHOOL ARE INVITED TO JOIN US DURING SPRING BREAK FOR A NEW RETREAT CALLED

Kairos

KAIROS IS A 4 DAY RETREAT THAT ALLOWS TEENS TO DIVE DEEPER INTO THEIR FAITH IN A DIFFERENT AND MORE INTENTIONAL WAY

MARCH 9-12, 2025

AT CAMP CAPERS



Christmas SEASON SCHEDULE

Parish Advent Reconciliation Service
Tuesday, Dec. 10th ~ 6:00pm

4th Sunday of Advent

Dec. 21st Confessions 4:30pm & Mass 5:30pm

Dec. 22nd 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:00pm

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

Tuesday, Dec. 24th

3:30pm Children's Pageant-OLG

4:00pm Children's Mass-OLG

4:00pm Christmas Eve Mass-St.AHS Chapel

6:30pm Christmas Eve Mass

9:30pm Christmas Carols

10:00pm Christmas Eve Mass

Wednesday, Dec. 25th

Christmas Day Mass 10:30am

Feast of the Holy Family

Dec. 28th Confessions 4:30pm & Mass 5:30pm

Dec. 29th 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:00pm

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

Dec. 31st Confessions 4:30pm & Mass 5:30pm

Jan. 1st 8:30am, 12:10pm

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Jan. 4th Confessions 4:30pm & Mass 5:30pm

Jan. 5th 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:00pm

Adoration of the Child Jesus after every Mass

The Baptism of the Lord (Jan. 11th & 12th)
is the conclusion of the Christmas Season

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