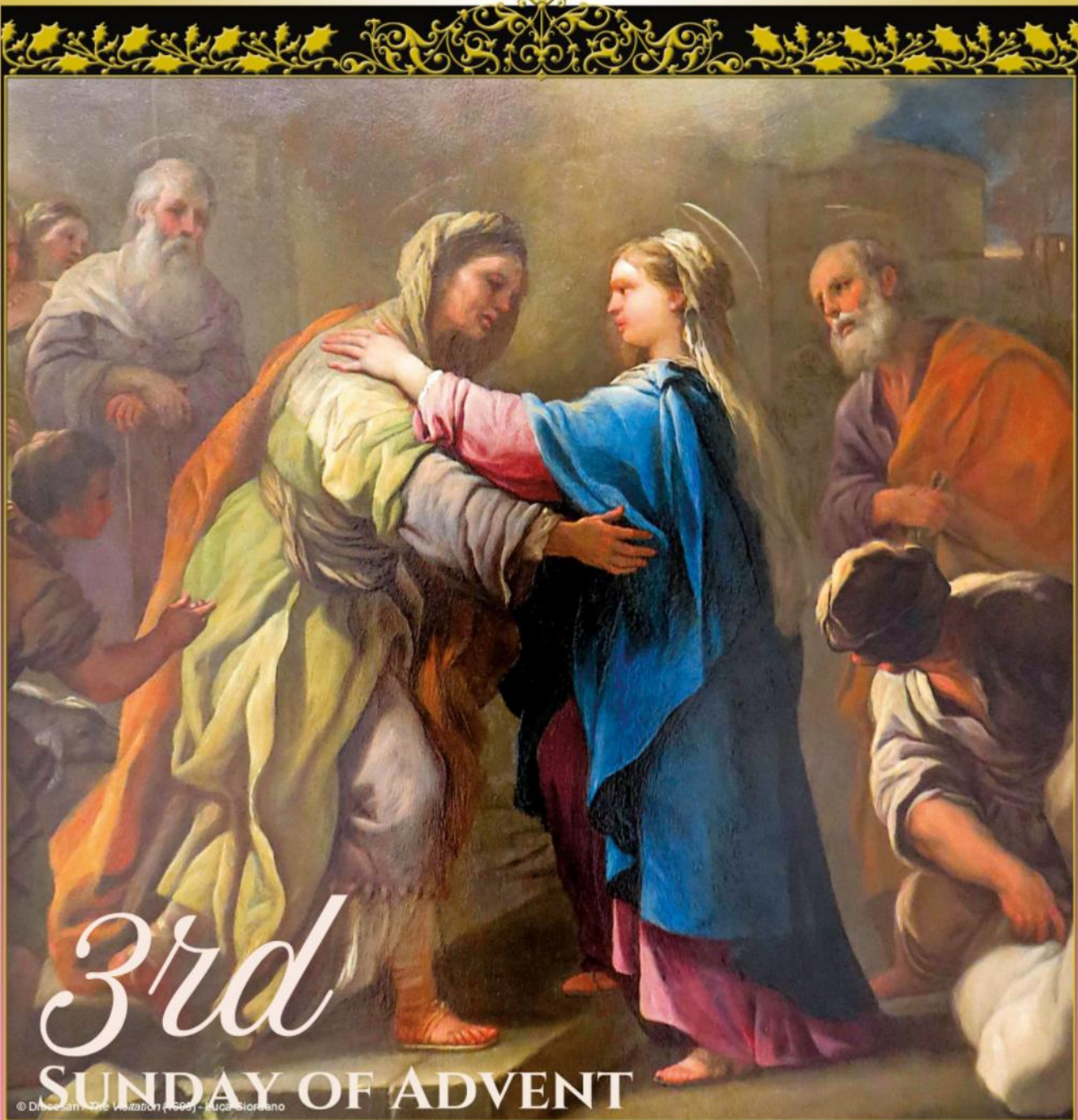


JOY

He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit...

Lk 3:16



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SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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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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Call the office six weeks
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registration documents

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



**GIVING
THANKS**
to OLG Parishioners!

This year's Religious Education Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive was a great success. We collected 100 donation bags containing non-perishable holiday pantry items and a gift card for our recipients to purchase a turkey. We also received many gift cards from parishioners. The bags were distributed to 22 families that registered at OLG and 25 families from St. Patrick's Catholic Church. Any remaining thanksgiving donation bags & gift cards will be held at our parish office pantry to bless families that walk in and are in need of a food blessing through the Holiday Season.



**Online Offertory and
Parishioner Registration**



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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Susan Auquet, Neomi Balderas, Marie Black, Mary Blake, Rosa Becnel, Michael Castro, Juliana Cavazos, Joann Cockrie, Theresa Connolly, Esther Contreras, Ashley Cuellar, Emiliano Cuellar, David Davis, Kate DeWein, Theresa Ellie, Vangie Gallardo, Juan Garza, Danny Gusme, Eric Hawbecker, Josephine Janczar, Mary Margaret Janosek, Steve Janosek, Helga Mayo, Kathy McCoy, Sally McDuffee, Joseph McKinley, Gracie Miller, Amanda Murray, Jim O'Brien, George Perez, Rina Pollack, Mary Lou Prieto, Jose Sanchez, Jeanie Sanders, Carlos Saucedo, Edward Jacob Sciantarelli, Jim Sciantarelli, Laurie Seligman, Carolyn Smith, Dora Urrutia, Henry Wolff, Stephen Wyrick, Cheryl Wolf.



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*



MASS, CONFESSION & INTENTION SCHEDULE

Monday, December 16

7:00 AM Fr. Jorge

Pat Hedemann (d) - Marylin Johnson

Tuesday, December 17

4:45 PM *Confessions* - Fr. Abe

5:30 PM *Mass* - Fr. Abe

Mary Jane Diaz (d) - Susan Dehan

Wednesday, December 18

7:00AM Fr. Abe

Jane Horton (d) - Pierrel Family

Thursday, December 19

4:45 PM *Confessions* - Fr. Abe

5:30 PM *Mass* - Fr. Abe

Susie Mendiola (d) - Susan Dehan

Friday, December 20

7:00 AM Fr. Abe

Hunter Fitzner's Birthday - Grandparents

Saturday, December 21

4:30PM *Confessions* - Fr. Jorge

5:30 PM Fr. Jorge

Rachel & Maria Zendejas' 50th Anniversary

Sunday, December 22

8:30 AM Fr. Jorge

Dr. Deborah Mueller (d)

10:30 AM Fr. Jorge

Vivienne Rettinger - Grandparents

12:00 PM Fr. Frank

Jerry SESCO (d) - Christine Pytel



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.

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.



Altar Server WORKSHOP

We are excited to offer a wonderful opportunity for our young parishioners who have made their First Communion and are interested in becoming altar servers.

We will be holding an Altar Server Workshop in the church on

Tuesday, December 17, 2024 at 6:30 PM.

This workshop is a great way for our children to actively participate in the Mass and deepen their faith.

Reach out to
Israel Manriquez
at the parish office for more information.



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



Peace on Earth



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Community News

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

TUESDAY, DEC. 24	Closed
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 25	Closed
THURSDAY, DEC. 26	Closed
TUESDAY, DEC. 31	Closed
WEDNESDAY, JAN. 1	Closed

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

SUNDAY, DEC. 22	No Classes
SUNDAY, DEC 29	No Classes

PARISH MINISTRIES

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP	Tuesday, Dec. 17th
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION	Contact parish office
MORNING BIBLE STUDY	ON BREAK **will resume meeting on January 29th
THAT MAN IS YOU	ON BREAK **will resume meeting on January 28th
MEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP	Not Meeting
CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD	ON BREAK **Children will not be gathered at Mass for CLOW on Dec. 22, Dec 29 or Jan. 5 -will resume Jan. 12



The second collection on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day is designated for the mission and ministry of Assumption Seminary.

Many THANKS to all of our parish 'Christmas Angels' that participated in this year's Adopt-a-Senior Angel Tree Project. Our community was able to bless the residents of San Pedro Manor & San Antonio North Nursing & Rehabilitation Centers with their requested gifts.

Each resident also received a warm blanket collected through our Religious Education Blanket Drive!

We would also like to thank all of our parishioners that faithfully give to our Parish Outreach Fund throughout the year.

This year we were able to draw from that fund and provide the Healy-Murphy Center with a monetary donation to purchase requested gifts/gift cards for **150 CHILDREN!**



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HAVE NO ANXIETY AT ALL
BUT IN EVERYTHING,
BY PRAYER AND PETITION
WITH THANKSGIVING,
MAKE YOUR REQUESTS
KNOWN TO GOD.

Philippians 4:6

Not Ready? No Problem!

While Advent is a beautiful time to prepare for the coming of the Lord, we often get so caught up in all the things we do to prepare for Christmas that we forget Advent all together. The readings remind us that in spite of the stress we may feel thinking about how close Christmas is, we are called to rejoice for the Lord is near.

The stress we feel may be from fear: Fear that I won't get the shopping done by Christmas, fear that people won't like the gifts I bought, or fear that I forgot someone that should be on my list. But did you ever notice how much easier it is when you have someone to shop with you, or write the Christmas cards, or decorate the tree? "Shout for joy...fear not!" says the prophet Zephaniah in the first reading. (Zeph 3:14) He tells us the Lord is not coming to punish us for waiting till the last minute to put up the tree. The prophet says the Lord is in our midst, we are not alone. "He has turned away your enemies" (Zeph 3:15), enemies like fear, doubts, and loneliness.

And as if that wasn't good enough, he says that the Lord rejoices over us! How many times have you wondered if you could ask the Lord for help? Zephaniah reminds us that the Lord is happy to help. And St. Paul says the same thing in the second reading: "Have no anxiety at all...make your requests known to God." (Phil 4:6) That is where Advent comes in. We can look forward to the Lord's presence in our lives. We can be confident of his love for us. That is why faith and hope are central to the theme of Advent. Our faith in God's love for us gives us hope that he will support us in our weakness and fill us with the joy he has over us.

Tom Schmidt

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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.



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



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



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and the one who seeks,
and to the one who knocks,
receives;
finds;
the door will be opened.*

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OF THE APOSTLES**

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Talk + Discussion 7:00
Social 8:00

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