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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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**BAPTISMS**

Call the office six weeks  
in advance to prepare  
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**WEDDINGS**

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

**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, 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.



**Online Offertory and Parishioner Registration**



**Our Lady of Grace  
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Holy Hour For Priests  
 Monthly - Every Second Tuesday  
 7 PM- 8 PM  
 Rosary, Prayers and Benediction

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.



## Save the date...



### OUR LADY OF GRACE PARISH GUILD Membership Drive

January 16th from 6:00 - 8:00 pm  
 &  
 January 21st from 10:00 -12:00 pm

*More Details to Follow*

### MASS, CONFESSION & INTENTION SCHEDULE

Monday, December 23  
 7:00 AM Fr. Abe  
 Richard Zabransky (d) - Kenneth Pelton

Tuesday, December 24  
 4:00 PM OLG - Fr. Abe - Melinda Tucker (d)  
 4:00 PM SAHS - Fr. Frank - Peace In The World  
 6:30 PM Fr. Abe - Moses Sorola (d) - Norma Sorola  
 10:00 PM Fr. Abe - For All Christians Worldwide

Wednesday, December 25  
 10:30 AM Fr. Jorge  
 Anna O. Haynes (d) - Lulu & Marcos Zertuche

Thursday, December 26  
 4:45 PM *Confessions* - Fr. Jorge  
 5:30 PM *Mass* - Fr. Jorge  
 Steven Davila (d) - Parents

Friday, December 27  
 7:00 AM Fr. Abe  
 Beth Amen O'Brien (d) - Fitz-Gerald Family

Saturday, December 28  
 4:30PM *Confessions* - Fr. Abe  
 5:30 PM Fr. Abe  
 Kathryn Labatt (d) - Cecilio & Becky Rodriguez

Sunday, December 29  
 8:30 AM Fr. Abe  
 Our Lady of Grace Parishioners  
 10:30 AM Fr. Jorge  
 Hillary Roegelein's Birthday - Steve Roegelein  
 12:00 PM Fr. Jorge  
 Beth Amen O'Brien (d) - Fitz-Gerald Family



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.

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



# *Nativity of the Lord*

THE LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS, AND  
THE DARKNESS HAS NOT OVERCOME IT.  
JOHN 1:5



DECEMBER 25, 2024

# Christ is Born

*So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. Luke 2:16–19*

Merry Christmas! Our Advent preparations have been completed, and we are now invited by our Lord to enter into the glorious celebration of His birth!

How well do you understand the awe-inspiring mystery of Christmas? How fully do you comprehend the significance of God becoming a human, born of a virgin? Though many are quite familiar with the beautiful and humble story of the birth of the Savior of the World, that familiarity can have the surprising negative effect of keeping our intellect from deeply probing the depths of the meaning of what we celebrate.

Notice the last line of the Gospel passage quoted above: “And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.” What a beautiful line to ponder this Christmas day. Mother Mary was the one person who would have understood the mystery of the birth of her Son, the Son of God, the Savior of the World, far more deeply than anyone else. It was to her that the Archangel Gabriel appeared, announcing her pregnancy and His birth. It was her who carried her Son, the Son of God, in her Immaculate womb for nine months. It was to her that Elizabeth, her cousin, cried out, “Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb” (Luke 1:42). It was Mary who was the Immaculate Conception, the one who was preserved from all sin throughout her life. And it was her who gave birth to this Child, carried Him in her arms and nursed Him at her breast. Our Blessed Mother, more than any other, understood the incredible event that had taken place in her life.

But, again, the Gospel above says that “Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.” One thing this tells us is that even Mary, the Mother of Jesus and the Mother of God, needed time to ponder, reflect and savor this most holy mystery. She never doubted, but her faith continually deepened, and her heart pondered the unfathomable and incomprehensible mystery of the Incarnation.

Another thing this tells us is that there is no end to the depth of the “pondering” to which we must commit ourselves if we want to enter more deeply into the mystery of the birth of the Son of God. Reading the story, setting up a nativity scene, sharing Christmas cards, attending Mass and the like are central to a holy celebration of Christmas. But “pondering” and “reflecting,” especially during prayer and especially at the Christmas Mass, will have the effect of drawing us ever deeper into this Mystery of our Faith.

Reflect, today, with our Blessed Mother. Ponder the Incarnation. Place yourself into the scene that first Christmas. Hear the sounds of the town. Smell the smells of the stable. Watch as the shepherds come forth in adoration. And enter the mystery more fully, acknowledging that the more you know about the mystery of Christmas, the more you know how little you actually know and understand. But that humble realization is the first step to a deeper understanding of what we celebrate this day.





# 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	No adoration scheduled
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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## Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

**Tuesday, Dec. 24th**

3:30pm

4:00pm

4:00pm

6:30pm

9:30pm

10:00pm

Children's Pageant-OLG

Children's Mass-OLG

Christmas Eve Mass-St.AHS Chapel

Christmas Eve Mass

Christmas Carols

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**

## The Nativity of the Lord

V L H Q Z V T D H A U  
M R C P H Q W I F J I  
M A N G E R N N P O S  
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D D V G L O R I F Y S

- Angels
- Heaven
- Shepherds
- Mary
- Joseph
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- Glorify



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