



Tuesday, December 30 8AM
No Mass
Wednesday, December 31 8AM
No Mass
Thursday, January 1 9AM
Parishioners of St. Mary's
Friday, January 2 8AM
No Mass
Saturday, January 3 5PM
Parishioners of St. Mary's
Sunday, January 4 9AM
†Mary Joyce Scamardo
†Louis Lewis
Sunday, January 4 11AM
†Sebastian Valdivia †Juan Lopez
†Hermelinda Campos de Alvarado



Readings for the Week

Monday, December 29:

Saint Thomas Becket
1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35

Tuesday, December 30:

1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40

Wednesday, December 31:

Saint Sylvester I

1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18

Thursday, January 1:

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

[Holyday of Obligation]

Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Friday, January 2:

Sts Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28

Sat., January 3:

[The Most Holy Name of Jesus]

1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Jn 1:29-34

Sunday, January 4:

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12



oremos por su familiar enfermo!

Ken & Sandra Anthony Alan Mateo Piña
Romualdo Campos Adam Ruiz, Sr.
Victor & Carmen Cortez Johnny Ruiz
Francisco DeLeon Charles Fazzino
Tina Jacbusse Patty Syzdek
Leona Olexy Lozano Francisco Torres
David Martinez Margaret Vaca
Evangelina Ordoñez-Ledesma Peewee Espitia
Roy Lopez Lisa Yezak
Brianna Hernandez
Please contact the church office with questions.
Names will stay on the list for 2 months.
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Stewardship of Treasure Report December 20-21, 2025

Amount Needed Weekly:	\$4,000.00
Actual Collection:	\$4,186.41
Above Weekly Collection:	\$186.41

"And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." [Col. 3:17]

Giving thanks to God and using our words and actions to give all glory to God is the foundation of living a stewardship lifestyle. We were made in God's image and likeness; gratitude and generosity are in our DNA. As beloved sons and daughters of God, we are all part of God's family. Using our gifts to help others is our gift back to God and helps grow the Body of Christ here on earth and establishes a pathway to Heaven for each of us.

"Thank you for your support and generosity!"



WHY DO WE CELEBRATE THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD ON JANUARY 1?

The Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God, celebrates and honors Mary as the Mother of God and emphasizes her role in the divine plan of salvation. This feast also marks the octave day of Christmas, highlighting the importance of Mary's motherhood in the mystery of the Incarnation. This celebration, assigned to January 1 in conformity with the ancient liturgy of the city of Rome, is meant to commemorate the part played by Mary in this mystery of salvation. It is meant also to exalt the singular dignity which this mystery brings to the "holy Mother... through whom we were found worthy..."

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph --

On the Sunday after Christmas, we honor the Holy Family and hold them up as a model for our own families. From the start, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph had to deal with hardships, uncertainty, and even danger. But together they placed their trust in God and grew ever stronger in their bond with each other. We too are called to trust in the Lord as we face the trials and difficulties of our own lives. As we continue our Christmas celebration, may our families be consecrated in the love of the Holy Family.

Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José --

En este domingo después de la Navidad honramos a la Sagrada Familia y la ponemos de ejemplo para nuestras propias familias. Desde el comienzo, Jesús, María y José tuvieron que atravesar adversidades y enfrentar incertidumbres, y aun peligros. Pero juntos pusieron su confianza en Dios y el vínculo entre ellos se fortaleció aún más. Nosotros también estamos llamados a confiar en el Señor mientras enfrentamos nuestras pruebas y dificultades en nuestra propia vida. A medida que continuamos nuestra celebración de la Navidad, que nuestras respectivas familias se consagren en el amor de la Sagrada Familia.

**The best prayer Catholics have is the Mass...
which is the greatest gift of all.**

A Prayer for the New Year -- O Heavenly Father, through your Most Holy Mother, hear our prayers in preparation for the coming year. We pray for the Catholic Church and her children. Soften the hearts of sinners, so that they may return to your friendship; grant peace to our country and peace throughout the world; bless our friends and families. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us!

Resoluciones de Año Nuevo — Amarlos, odiarlos son el tema de la conversación de este mes. Aquí hay algunas maneras de "Potenciar su oración" en 2024:

- **La Eucaristía:** Si no ha estado viniendo a misa todos los domingos, trate de crear un nuevo hábito - venir a la Misa Dominical. Si ya vas a misa todos los domingos, trata de venir a la misa diaria una vez durante la semana.
- **Encuentre** una nueva oración para añadir a su rutina. La Ofrenda de la Mañana, La Letanía de la Humildad, una oración al Espíritu Santo, La Letanía de Confianza son grandes oraciones para aprender.
- **Tiempo:** Probablemente quieras orar más ahora, ¿verdad? ¿Pero cómo? Puedes rezar mientras corres o caminas. ¿Estresado por tu día desde el momento en que te levantas? Di una oración como la Ofrenda de la Mañana para dar tu día a Dios mientras te lavas los dientes por la mañana y deja en manos de Dios todo lo que pasé durante el día.

New Year's Resolutions: As we begin a New Year, let this be our prayer we grow together in faith and community.

- Walk together with trust in the Holy Spirit
- Participate fully in Mass with joy and gratitude
- Live our faith beyond church walls
- Invite others to experience our parish community
- Be a beacon of peace, hope and Christ's love
- Be a better person: I'm going to treat every person I meet like they are Jesus; with love and mercy. My prayer: Lord, help me to be a better person today than yesterday

A SPECIAL
THANK YOU
FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS

A heartfelt gratitude to all who participated in this year's Advent Giving Tree! You helped make this campaign successful! We remember the words of Jesus: "Whatever you do to the least of my brethren you do it unto me." Hundreds of gifts and non-perishable Food Items were distributed to Gabriel Project [Brazos Valley] and Hearne Food Pantry. We collected a total of 450 lbs. May God who cannot be outdone in generosity reward you a hundredfold. Merry Christmas and many Blessings!

Catholic Services Appeal Update



CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

THANKS TO ALL OF YOU and your generosity, we have reached our parish goal for the annual Catholic Services Appeal! With your support, you have made a difference in the lives of those most in need in the diocese. If you are still prayerfully considering making a gift to the Catholic Services Appeal, you may complete and return your pledge card to the collection basket or make a secure gift online at austindiocese.org/give.

LLAMADO PARA LOS SERVICIOS CATÓLICOS

GRACIAS A TODOS USTEDES y a su generosidad, hemos alcanzado la meta de nuestra parroquia para el Llamado Para Los Servicios Católicos! Con su apoyo, hemos hecho una diferencia en las vidas de aquellos más necesitados en la diócesis. Si aún está considerando hacer un donativo al Llamado Para Los Servicios Católicos, pueden completar y regresar su tarjeta de compromiso a la canasta de la colecta o hacer una donación segura en línea en austindiocese.org/



All High School Students [9th– 12th grades] are invited to celebrate their faith at the 2026 DCYC, Jan. 30 – Feb. 1, at the Waco Convention Center. Hundreds of young Catholics from across the diocese will gather for a dynamic weekend packed with keynote speakers, smaller workshops, praise & worship, and fun free-time activities. DCYC also offers many sacramental opportunities such as Reconciliation, Adoration, daily Mass and Sunday Mass. **This year's theme is: MARVELOUS**