

DECEMBER 14, 2025 ~ THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Tuesday, December 16 8AM
†Pilar Aguirre
Wednesday, December 17 8AM
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Thursday, December 18 8AM
†Michael John Salazar
Friday, December 19 8AM
†Pilar Aguirre
Saturday, December 20 5PM
†Shane Berlan †Robert Gonzalez
Sunday, December 21 9AM
†Johnny Patranella †Jessie D. Lopez
†Marion & Pearl Bielamowicz
†Julian Bielamowicz
Sunday, November 21 11AM
Parishioners of St. Mary's



Sanctuary Candle
in Memory of
†Evelyn Zeig
From the Zeig Family

Readings for the Week

Monday, December 15:

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday, December 16:

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday, December 17:

Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17

Thursday, December 18:

Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25

Friday, December 19:

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25

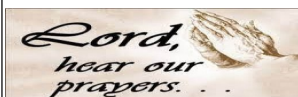
Sat., December 20:

Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38

Sunday, December 21:

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 7:10-14/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24



*Lord,
hear our
prayers.*
**We pray for our sick
parishioners!
Si usted desea que
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 Jacobusse Patty Syzdek
Leona Olexy Lozano Francisco Torres
David Martinez Margaret Vaca
Evangeline 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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**ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE: TUESDAY,
DEC. 16 @ 6:30 PM –**
“The best way to receive the Light.”



Stewardship of Treasure Report December 6-7, 2025

Amount Needed Weekly:	\$4,000.00
Actual Collection:	\$5,327.80
Black Bag Collection:	\$1,493.00
Above Weekly Collection:	\$1,327.80

“You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand.” [James 5:8]

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule; we like things to be convenient. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer God reveals to us what He wants us to do with the gifts He has given us. Stewards are able to better align ourselves with God's will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.

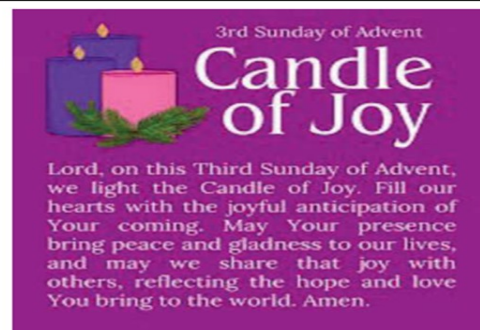
Thank you for your support and generosity!



Happy Milestone Birthday!

- Sharon Woods (81) 12-10-1944
- Lupe Ortiz (81) 12-16-1944
- Delfino Sifuentes: (94 yo) 12-24-31
- Santos Kelso (92 yo) 12-28-33
- Angel Reistino: (88) 12-30-37

The reason why we celebrate milestone birthdays, 80 and above is to assure our senior members that we have not forgotten you and as St. John Paul II once said, “Reaching old age is a blessing and at the same time a privilege.”



Monthly Update:

Thank you to all who have already supported the 2025–26 Catholic Services Appeal! As of Dec. 8, we've received 38 donors, totaling \$12,345.00 of our \$13,000 goal or 95% of our goal. We still have a long way to go. With your continued generosity and prayers, we can reach our goal together! To donate to the 2025 - 2026 Catholic Services Appeal. Thank you for supporting the causes of the Diocese of Austin!

Third Sunday of Advent -- On Gaudete Sunday we rejoice, for we know that the Lord is near. With eyes of faith, we can sense his presence even as we prepare for the celebration of his coming to us as a newborn infant. With eyes of faith, we can see his coming as well as the prophet Isaiah or the New Testament prophet John the Baptist, who each prepared his people for God's transformative presence. With eyes of faith, let us glory in Jesus' presence right here, right now: in God's word, in the Eucharist, and in those around us.

Tercer Domingo de Adviento -- En el domingo de Gaudete nos regocijamos, pues sabemos que el Señor está cerca. Con los ojos de la fe podemos captar su presencia aun cuando todavía nos estamos preparando para la celebración de su venida a nosotros como un recién nacido. Con los ojos de la fe podemos ver su venida, así como también podemos ver al profeta Isaías o al profeta del Nuevo Testamento, Juan el Bautista, que prepararon a sus respectivos pueblos para la presencia transformadora de Dios. Con los ojos de la fe gloriémonos en la presencia de Jesús aquí entre nosotros en estos precisos momentos: en la palabra de Dios, en la Eucaristía y en todos los que nos rodean.

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



Dios mío, Tú me conoces bien. Sabes que a veces no soy capaz de seguir tu palabra en las actividades de cada día. Envía me tu Espíritu, para que cada día te ame más a Ti, a mis hermanos y compañeros. Jesús, estoy a la espera; VEN A tu amparo y protección, Madre de Dios acudimos, no desoigas nuestros ruegos, y de todos los peligros, Virgen gloriosa y bendita, defiende siempre a tus hijos. Amen.



Heavenly Father, your Son, Jesus is your greatest gift to us, a great sign of your LOVE Help us to live that love together as a FAMILY this Advent. Prepare our hearts for CHRISTMAS. Bring us closer to each other and to your Son. Give us the grace and strength we need every day. Help us always trust in you. Come Lord Jesus, lead all people closer to you. Come and dispel the darkness of our world with the light of your love. Amen



- **Wednesday, December 24 Christmas Eve:**
– 6PM Mass– Bilingual [Choir: Cindy Wallace, Toni & Randy Montgomery, Cindy & John Betic, Sharon Woods, organist]
8PM- English Christmas Night Mass
- **Thursday, December 25 Christmas Day Mass/ Misa de Navidad–** 9AM – Bilingual [Coro, el grupo de Lupita Dubey]
- **December 27– 28 Feast of the Holy Family–** Masses: 5PM, Saturday, English and Sunday, 9AM – English, 11:00 AM – Spanish
- **Thursday, January 1, 2026 – New Year's Day Mass:** 9AM – English [Holy Day of Obligation]



Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference
January 30 – February 1, 2026 at the Waco Convention Center

