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Have a Blessed Christmas!

Guadalupe Masses (December 12)

6:00 a.m. Mañanitas & 6:00 p.m. Mariachi Mass

Christmas Eve Masses in English at 3:00 & 10:30 p.m.

Christmas Day 10:30 a.m. (Engl) 12:00 p.m. (Span)



OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE MOST HOLY EUCHARIST

Monday - Friday
9:15 a.m. *in English*

Friday
7:00 p.m. *in Spanish*

Saturday Vigil Mass
4:00 p.m. *in English*

Sunday Masses
10:30 a.m. *in English*
12:00 p.m. *in Spanish*

ADORATION

Wed-Fri 10:00-11:00 a.m.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays at 3:30 p.m. or by appointment; seasonal services

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (KINDERGARTEN - 8TH GRADE)

Sunday Classes 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

Sunday Mornings 8:45 - 10:15 a.m.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM / EL SACRAMENTO DE BAUTISMO

Please call the Parish Office for more information. English baptisms normally are held on the 2nd Saturday of the month at noon, Spanish Baptisms on the 3rd Saturday of the month at noon. / Por favor llame a la Parroquia para mas información. Normalmente, los bautismos están celebrando los tercer Sabado cada mes al mediodía.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY MATRIMONY (MARRIAGE) / EL SACRAMENTO DEL MATRIMONIO

Please call the office before setting a date for your wedding. The diocese requires a six month preparation prior to the wedding. / Las parejas pueden llamar a la oficina antes de poner una fecha para su boda o de hacer otros compromisos. La Diócesis de requiera un tiempo de preparación de un mínimo de seis meses entre la boda.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK / (UNCIÓN) DE LOS ENFERMOS

Call the Office if you know of someone in need of the Sacrament. / Contacte la Parroquia si alguien en su familia necesita el Sacramento.

FUNERALS / FUNERALES

Contact the Parish Office before placing any obituary notices.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP / ASOCIACIÓN DE PARROQUIA

Registration Forms are located in the Parish Office or in Church. / Las formas de inscripción pueden ser encontrado en la oficina.

December 06-07, 2025: The Second Sunday of Lent

THE SECOND OF ADVENT DECEMBER 6-7, 2025

Readings from this week's Mass can be found in #861 of the Journey songs Book



Monday (THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION) December 8

9:15 A.M. † Patricia Hart & Barbara Ryan
7:00 P.M. † Frank, Brett & Gina Novelli



Tuesday (St. Juan Diego) December 9

9:15 A.M. Communion Service

Wednesday (Our Lady of Loreto) December 10

9:15 A.M. Cordano & Brehn Families

Thursday (St. Pope Damascus I) December 11

9:15 A.M. † Lidia (Estella) Cronk

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CELEBRATIONS



6:00 a.m. Mass of Las Mañanitas with Fr. Pete Jankowski and the Camino y Esperanza Choir

6:00 p.m. Mariachi Mass with Fr. Juan Jose Hernandez and the Mariachi All-Stars (Mariachi Estrellas) of Chicago

St. Patrick's Church
119 N. Market St.
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(815) 472-2864

Friday (OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE) December 12

6:00 A.M. The Hispanic Community at St. Patrick's

9:15 A.M. † Former Deceased Pastors & Religious

6:00 P.M. † Mal Peterson (Ardis Wardynski)

Saturday December 13

4:00 P.M. The Parishioners of St. Patrick's

Sunday (3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT) December 14

10:30 A.M. The Benefactors of St. Patrick's Church

12:00 P.M. † Bruno & Anastasia Szczepanski

FR. PETE STILL OFFERS ONLINE MASSES AT
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COLLECTION COUNTERS:

December 7 D. & C. Bramer
December 7 J. & L. Meyer

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November 16-17, 2025 \$2,745.00

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ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH EMERGENCY

PHONE NUMBER If you know of someone who is sick and in need of the sacraments or wishes a visit at a care facility, please contact the parish office at ☎ (815) 685-1359.



ST. PATRICK'S PRAYER LINE:

Please call Janice Gelino at
☎ (815) 263-6342

SANCTUARY CANDLE:

This month, the Sanctuary Candle is being lit in memory of Marleen, Terry & Jerry.



ST. PATRICK'S PEW & CHURCH DEDICATION PROGRAM



If you are interested in learning more about the pew dedication program (\$2,500 a pew), contact the parish office at St. Patrick's Church at ☎ (815) 472-2864 or email us at the address pjankowski@yahoo.com.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK: P.

Anderson, N. Atkinson, R. Bailey, D. Barth, Beedle Family, J. Betourney D. Brown, M. Cárdenas, P. Caro, B & E. Coffman, S. Conner, M & D Cousin, M. Cronk, M. Cruz, A. Delaney, M. Dionne, J. Dobbins, E. Duke, D. Dunlap, G. Field, C. Fritz, A. Fuhrmann, R. Gall, Tony & Adrienne Gallinano, J. Grill, R. Harper, K. Hensa, J. Hibbs, D. Hiller, C. Jones, L. Kane, R. Kazee, A. Kijewski, Joe Kraus, L. Lee, L. Leranth, E. Lopez, B. Love, J. Marcotte, W. Marten, J. McCracken, L. McNulty, L. Mercado, R & V Morse, C. Ortman, C. Piec, J. Prather, C. Provost, E. Provost, R. Rehmer, P. Reising, D. Roberts, M. Saldaña, A. Schaff, J. Schopf, A. Schmid, D. Schmied, K. Simpson, B. Siwicki, B. Spagnola, M. Tolbert, M. Tolmer, H. Tousignant, S. Trubach M. Velazquez, C. Vickery, M. Williams, Gary Witherell, M. Witherspoon, S. Young, J. L. Zagal, A. Zimmerman, M. & L. Zink and G. Zokal.



Sunday December 14 (Fr. Eustice) 10:30 a.m.

Eucharistic Minister: B. Volek

Lector: J. Rehmer

Ushers: M. Dionne

J. Riemenschneider

Altar Servers: Y. Aalia, C. & P. Bickel

J. & B. Miller

Sunday December 14 (Fr. Eustice) 12:00 a.m.

Eucharistic Minister: E. Zagal, R. Andrade

Lector: F. Franco, L. Ojeda

Ushers: C. Dueñas, F. Nelson

R. Dueñas, G. Alvarado, B. Aguirre

Altar Servers: L. Flores, A. Flores, K. Flores

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES



Friday December 12 (Fr. Pete) 6:00 a.m.

Eucharistic Minister: C. Andrade, E. Zagal

Lector: P. Caro, M. Chagoya

Ushers: C. Dueñas, F. Franco, M. Torres

G. Careno, L. Flores

Altar Servers: None

Friday December 13 (Fr. Hernandez) 6:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Minister: R. Andrade, E. Zagal

Lector: L. Ojeda, C. Dueñas

Ushers: N. Viveros, M. Arellano

R. Nelson, R. Camacho

Altar Servers: None

Saturday December 13 (Fr. Eustice) 4:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Minister: M.J. Boicken

Lector: G. Hess

Ushers: K. Bukowski, R. Hess

D. Rademacher, S. Pansa

Altar Servers: A. Fuhrmann

The theme for the Advent homilies this year is **"A LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS,"** sharing FIVE stories of faith that illustrate this theme. The First Sunday of Advent's Mass references "The Little Italian Chapel" in Orkney, Scotland. Built by Italian Prisoners of War in the 1940s, this chapel united two vastly different cultures in the world of faith, a friendship that remains to this day. At the end of today's Online Mass, a video on the Chapel is offered for your reflection.

Other reflections during this Season of Advent will include St. Pope John Paul II and the "beggar priest" (Second Sunday of Advent), the story of Gina Petrecca-Novelli and the life of a "Hockey Mom" (Immaculate Conception), the charitable work of Mike & Lidia (Estella) Cronk and their ministry to the poor (Third Sunday of Advent) and the story of Dianne Marcotte and the care for the youth within the Momence Community (Fourth Sunday of Advent).



Will You Notice the Shoot?

ANN M. GARRIDO

Today's first reading from the prophet Isaiah offers a familiar Advent image: the shoot sprouting from the stump of Jesse. The verses immediately preceding speak of God walking through the forest with an ax: "The tall of stature shall be felled, and the lofty ones shall be brought low" (Isaiah 10:33). But now, amidst all the destruction, a tiny sign of new life emerges, and the Spirit of God descends upon it, bearing many gifts—wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, awe, delight.

So often, when we scroll through the news, our attention is captured by violence and war and the "mighty" who make great noise when they fall. "Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees," echoes John the Baptist in today's gospel. If we are looking



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for where God's Spirit can be found, however, Isaiah reminds us we will need to look elsewhere. We will need to attend to the quiet, fragile resurrections taking place below the surface when it appears as if all has been lost. If we seek wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, awe, and delight, we will need to look where the little ones of the earth are found. We must have our eyes open for the shoots.

The gospels emphasize that Jesus was one such little one. Although the glory days of his people seemed to have come to a crashing close, they have not. In him, we glimpse the truth that life is stronger than death. We see that the future has not been erased, no matter how terrible the past. In him, we find our hope. ●

Reflect

Are my eyes open to the small signs of God's work in the world, or am I too distracted to notice?

A shoot shall sprout from
the stump of Jesse, and
from his roots a bud shall
blossom.

ISAIAH 11:1



Dear Padre,

Do non-Catholics go to heaven?

Yes, they do, because of the grace of God at work in his people. To suggest otherwise would seem to imply that Catholics somehow have a “golden ticket,” or some kind of right that simply does not exist.

The Incarnation of Jesus healed the division between heaven and earth, a division established by the “sin of Adam” and confirmed by our own lives of sin. Through his passion, death, and resurrection, all has been restored to the manner that the Father first envisioned through his Creation. The division was between humanity and divinity, not between religious practices and divinity. Catholics believe and celebrate that God accepts all people of a good heart and a good spirit. God is not blinded by the labels that sometimes blind his people to the bigger reality.

When Catholics, or people of any religion, proclaim exclusivity and specialness, particularly when it concerns eternal life, all people should be very cautious about what they assume. To assume a certain type of arrogance—to yourself and to your belief and life of faith—that excludes others or separates another as “not one of us” simply has no place in the kingdom of God. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org



PASCAL HUOT / SHUTTERSTOCK

Monday

December 8
The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Gn 3:9–15, 20
Eph 1:3–6, 11–12
Lk 1:26–38

Tuesday

December 9
Advent Weekday
Is 40:1–11
Mt 18:12–14

Wednesday

December 10
Advent Weekday
Is 40:25–31
Mt 11:28–30

Thursday

December 11
Advent Weekday
Is 41:13–20
Mt 11:11–15

Friday

December 12
Our Lady of Guadalupe
Zec 2:14–17
or Rv 11:19a;
12:1–6a, 10ab
Lk 1:26–38 or
Lk 1:39–47

Saturday

December 13
St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
Sir 48:1–4, 9–11
Mt 17:9a, 10–13

Sunday

December 14
Third Sunday of Advent
Is 35:1–6a, 10
Jas 5:7–10
Mt 11:2–11

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

With the light and the strength of the Holy Spirit, let us build a Church founded on God's love, a sign of unity, a missionary Church that opens its arms to the world, proclaims the word, allows itself to be made “restless” by history, and becomes a leaven of harmony for humanity.

HOMILY, ROME, MAY 18, 2025

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There will be a basket in the entry ways of church with names and addresses of home bound and shut-ins. Take as many names as you wish. Send a Christmas greeting to each name you take. They look so forward to hearing from parishioners. Let's try our best to spread some joy and blessings this Christmas Season!

The Service Commissions of
St. Anne's & St. Patrick's

ST. PATRICK'S PEW & CHURCH DEDICATION PROGRAM



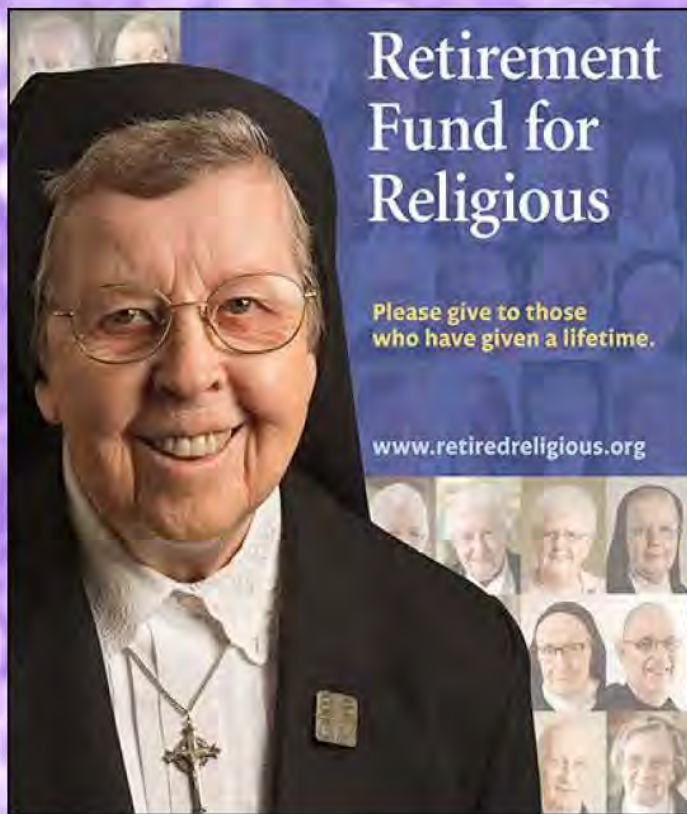
If you are interested in learning more about the pew dedication program (\$2,500 a pew), contact the parish office at St. Patrick's Church at ☎ (815) 472-2864 or email us at the address pjankowski@yahoo.com.

ST. ANNE'S PEW & CHURCH DEDICATION PROGRAM



The concept for our dedication program is simple - we are offering the opportunity to remember a loved one in a memorial dedicated for one of our church or chapel pews (\$2,500).

If you are interested in learning more about the dedication program, contact the parish office at phone ☎ (815) 427-8265 or email us at the address pjankowski@yahoo.com.



In our faith lives, nearly all of us have been deeply touched by the example of thousands of now elderly women and men religious who, for so many, were a living sign of God's mercy. Through their service and witness, they modeled the love of Jesus and showed us that we, too, could be instruments of peace and mercy.

Today, many senior religious continue to be vessels of mercy, serving in a wide range of volunteer and prayer ministries. Others are frail and need assistance. Most older religious ministered for small stipends, leaving a substantial gap in retirement savings. With the ever-rising cost of health care and the increased number of those needing care, many religious communities struggle to provide for aging members.

Soon, our parishes will be conducting the appeal for the **RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS**, an annual collection that benefits nearly 33,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Your gift religious communities implement long-term retirement



The Return of St. Nicholas and the RA Brass Sextet! On December 7, 2025, St. Nicholas makes his triumphant return at St. Anne's 9:00 a.m. Mass and St. Patrick's Masses at 10:30 a.m. (English) and 12:00 noon (Spanish). The RA Brass Quintet will play a communion reflection and closing hymn at the 9:00 & 10:30 a.m. Masses, as well as offering a half an hour concert following both Masses. A reception will be held after the 9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Masses and at St.



O GOD OUR CREATOR,

from your provident hand we have received our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. You have called us as your people and given us the right and the duty to worship you, the only true God, and your Son, Jesus Christ.

Through the power and working of your Holy Spirit, you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world, bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel to every corner of society.

We ask you to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty. Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.

Grant, we pray, O heavenly Father, a clear and united voice to all your sons and daughters gathered in your Church in this decisive hour in the history of our nation, so that, with every trial withstood and every danger overcome — for the sake of our children, our grandchildren, and all who come after us — this great land will always be “one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

7 Diciembre 2025: Segundo Domingo del Adviento

PREPAREN EL CAMINO

San Juan Bautista aparece hoy cuando el Adviento comienza su segunda semana. Juan, el misterioso consumidor de saltamontes y miel silvestre, hace eco de las palabras del profeta Isaías en su llamado al arrepentimiento en la cercanía del Reino de los cielos. Los ritmos de la vida cristiana son muchas veces confusos. Todos los años conocemos a Juan Bautista y oímos su llamado al arrepentimiento. Todos los años lo vemos señalando al que vendrá después de él, al Señor Jesús. Sin embargo, cada año las palabras y las acciones de Juan Bautista hacen eco de nuevo en nuestro corazón, porque hemos caído una y otra vez en antiguas trampas pecaminosas. El Adviento nos da otra oportunidad para alejarnos del camino del pecado y aceptar el modo de vida del Evangelio. Juan Bautista nos invita a preparar el camino para el Señor en quien depositamos nuestra esperanza.

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

El 8 de diciembre, la Iglesia celebra solemnemente la Inmaculada Concepción de María. A la vez, la Madre de Jesucristo es honrada en Venezuela bajo la advocación de Nuestra Señora de Coromoto, en Paraguay como Nuestra Señora de Caacupé, en Panamá como Nuestra Señora de La Antigua y en Nicaragua como Nuestra Señora del Viejo.

Esta última advocación tiene distintas historias que relatan su origen. Hay quienes dicen que pertenecía a un viejo ermitaño que viajaba con unos marinos. En cierto punto la imagen no quiso

LAS MISAS EN ESPAÑOL



7:00 p.m. por los Viernes

12:00 p.m. los Domingos

Misa de Concepción Imaculada

7:00 p.m. el 8 Diciembre

Misas de Guadalupe

5:30 a.m. Las Mananitas

6:00 a.m. Misa de la Mañana

6:00 p.m. Misa con Mariachis



continuar el viaje y el barco no se movió hasta que se bajó el viejo con ella. Según otro relato, Nuestra Señora del Viejo fue traída a Nicaragua por Francisco de Ahumada, hermano de Teresa de Ávila. Francisco viajaba a América y su santa hermana quiso mandar tres imágenes marianas como regalo a los misioneros religiosos que estaban evangelizando en Guatemala, Perú y Nicaragua. Durante el año 1562, Francisco entregó la imagen de la Purísima a los Franciscanos de Nicaragua en el pueblo de "El Viejo," por lo cual los nicaragüenses han declarado por años que "El viejo nos trajo a la Conchita." Hay que saber que el viejo Francisco tenía 41 años de edad cuando paso por Nicaragua. - Fray Gilberto Cavazos- Glz, OFM, Copyright© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera Lectura - Brotará un retoño del tronco de Jesé. Juzgará a los pobres con justicia y herirá al violento con el látigo de su boca (Isaías 11:1-10).

Salmo - Que en sus días florezca la justicia y la paz abunde eternamente (Salmo 72 [71]).

Segunda Lectura - Vivan en perfecta armonía unos con otros. Por lo tanto, acójense los unos a los otros como Cristo los acogió a ustedes, tanto circuncidados como gentiles (Romanos 15:4-9).

Evangelio - Juan Bautista predica, "Arrepiéntanse, porque el reino de los cielos está cerca" (Mateo 3).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Sal 98 (97):1-4; Ef 1:3-6, 11-12; Lc 1:26-38

Martes: Is 40:1-11; Sal 96; Mt 18:12-14

Miércoles: Is 40:25-31; Sal 103; Mt 11:28-30

Jueves: Is 41:13-20; Sal 145; Mt 11:11-15

Viernes: Zac 2:14-17 o Apo 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lc 1:26-38

Sábado: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Sal 80 (79):2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Domingo: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Sal 146 (145):6-10; Stgo 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11



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