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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 28-29, 2025: The Solemnity of the Holy Family

SOLEMNITY OF THE HOLY FAMILY DECEMBER 28, 2025



Readings from this week's Mass can be found in #876 of the Journey songs Book

Monday **December 29**

9:15 A.M. Communion Service

Tuesday **December 30**

9:15 A.M. Communion Service

Wednesday **December 31**

9:15 A.M. † Julie Shainauskas

6:00 P.M. † Stanley & Julia Shainauskas

Readings from the Solemnity of Mary can be found in #877 of the Journey songs Book

Thursday **January 1, 2026**

10:30 A.M. † José Ramón Caro Castillo

Friday (Ss. Basil & Gregory) **January 2**

9:15 A.M. † Deceased Pastors of St. Patrick's

7:00 P.M. † Jacob & Angeline LaFranzo

Saturday **December 27**

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

Sunday (HOLY FAMILY) **December 28**

10:30 A.M. † Rick Gall (Cindy & Mark Provost)

Mal Peterson (Ardis Wardynski)

12:00 P.M. † Donald & Zaira Jankowski (Fr. Pete)

FR. PETE STILL OFFERS ONLINE MASSES AT
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COLLECTION COUNTERS:

December 28 **B. Boicken & M.J. Boicken**

January 4, 2026 **D. & C. Bramer**

SUNDAY COLLECTION:

December 6-7, 2025 **\$2,485.00**

Our Lady of Guadalupe **\$686.86**

2025 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL

GOAL FOR ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH **\$19,300**

THE WEEKLY BUDGETED GOAL IS \$3,000 TO PAY OUR BILLS AND KEEP THE PARISH AFLOAT. PLEASE CONSIDER THIS WHEN MAKING YOUR OFFERING.

PLEASE CONSIDER NAMING ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH IN YOUR WILL OR ESTATE PLANNING!!!



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:

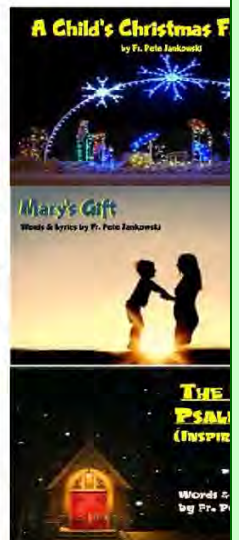
Please call Janice Gelino at ☎ (815) 263-6342

SANCTUARY CANDLE:

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



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 Gallinaro, J. Grill, R. Harper, K. Hensa, J. Hibbs, D. Hiller, C. Jones, L. Kane, R. Kazee, A. Kijewski, Joe Kraus, L. Lee, L. Lerranth, 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, 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.



NEWS & NOTES

FROM FR. PETE JANKOWSKI

Join Fr. Pete's mailing list at pjankowski@yahoo.com.

Over my almost thirty years as a priest (even before that!), my youth ministry years challenged me to pick up a guitar and learn songs that I could sing with the teens at whichever parish I happened to serve. To be honest, I am *lousy* at the guitar – outside of knowing the "Trinity" of chords that serve as the basis for most simple tunes (G-A-D), my limited ability on this

instrument I often utilize at teen retreats or on days of reflection. Once in a blue moon I bring the guitar to Sunday Mass to the sounds of snickers and guffaws from the congregation.

I also came to find out that many of the best sentiments of life I have experienced in my priesthood come from the Christmas Season and Christmas movies and music. Something about this particular feast brings much GOOD out in people, which must be the case when the Hallmark Channel is running Christmas movies in July and Pandora Radio has stations that play Christmas music 24/7/365.

As a challenge to myself, some years ago I set my hand to writing Christmas music for the sake of the faithful that I served at any given parish. I utilize the "Bing Crosby" A-side/B-side approach in the music I write – half the songs are for fun and the other half are based on scriptures or sentiments of the faith.

wedding couples and family grieving the anniversary of a loved one's passing by offering musical skills at these services without cost. God bless all of our volunteers who set the example of faith that model what Christmas is supposed to mean. God bless all of you for your contributions to the needy and those in community seeking hope. Please know you are in my prayers!

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.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES



Thursday, January 1 (Fr. Pete) 10:30 a.m.

Eucharistic Minister: E. Pionk

Lector: G. Hess

Ushers: M. Dionne, J. Riemenschneider

Altar Servers: Y. Aalia, J. & B. Miller, P. & C. Bickel

Saturday, January 3 (Fr. Pete) 4:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Minister: D. Surprenant

Lector: S. Surprenant

Ushers: K. Bukowski, R. Hess

Altar Servers: D. Rademacher, S. Pansa

Altar Servers: A. Fuhrmann

Sunday, January 4 (Fr. Pete) 10:30 a.m.

Eucharistic Minister: J. Rehmer

Lector: L. Meyer

Ushers: M. Dionne, J. Riemenschneider

Altar Servers: Y. Aalia, J. & B. Miller, P. & C. Bickel

Sunday, January 4 (Fr. Pete) 12:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Minister: R. Andrade, E. Zagal

Lector: F. Franco, C. Dueñas

Ushers: N. Viveros, P. Gonzalez, F. Nelson, Arellano

Altar Servers: I. Falcon, N. Melendez, N. Padilla, G. Franco



As a result, on the parish website I included *eight* of those Christmas songs that I simply produced and uploaded for our parishioners and those in the faith. With the help of a record studio in West Chicago, I was able to get help creating these songs and putting them online. When I came to the Border Town Parishes, I turned the songs into simple "music videos" for those who wish to view them.

This type of "Stewardship" is important as well – often we talk about the financial part of stewardship but the "Time" and "Talent" are essential to the faith as well. So many good souls do so many good things at our parishes from cleaning buildings to shoveling walks to praying the rosary to Novenas and other devotions of the faith. I am most grateful this week to Freddy Franco, who assisted two



Embracing a Spirituality of Listening

ANN M. GARRIDO

The most treasured prayer of Jesus' people has long been and remains the Shema: "Hear O Israel, the Lord is God. The Lord is One." Jewish spirituality is grounded not in seeing or touching or tasting, but in hearing. No one exemplifies fidelity to this way of being in the world more than Joseph, as evidenced in today's gospel. Joseph is one who listens to what God's messenger says to him and immediately acts on it. He responds to the call to flee with Mary and Jesus to Egypt. Then, he responds to the call to return home with his family to Israel. As many have noted, Joseph never speaks in Scripture, but he certainly listens, and he certainly acts on what he hears.

Christmas is perhaps the noisiest season of the year. At gatherings of family and friends with festive music in the background, it often feels as if we are shouting over one another to be heard. It is a season when it can be hard to have deep conversations, even with God. Indeed, it can be such a busy season that sometimes our regular prayer practices fall by the wayside. But, if we do not make space in our daily lives to listen, might we miss messages that are important, even urgent, for us to hear, as in the case of today's gospel? Messages that require immediate response? What would it look like to carve out a bit of silence in this holiday season, to be like Joseph and reground yourself in a spirituality of listening? ●



SCAN TO
LEARN ABOUT
AUTHOR
ANN M.
GARRIDO

Let the word of Christ dwell in you
richly, as in all wisdom you teach
and admonish one another, singing
psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs
with gratitude in your hearts to God.

COLOSSIANS 3:16

Reflect

*Do I allow myself enough
silence, or am I tempted to fill
the silence with noise?*

Dear Padre,

A friend of mine took his life. He was a very staunch Catholic. His wife wanted to know if he could be buried or have a Mass in the Catholic Church.

Yes, your friend should most certainly receive a Catholic funeral and burial. "We should not despair of the eternal salvation of persons who have taken their own lives. By ways known to him alone, God can provide the opportunity for salutary repentance. The Church prays for persons who have taken their own lives" (*The Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2283).

A person who is suffering with a mental illness or disorder, certainly a prerequisite for suicide, may not have the necessary mental freedom to choose something that is understood as grave or mortal. In other words, he or she does not have the necessary requirements for full and free consent of the will.

Not that long ago, suicide was often misunderstood. Thankfully, today we understand the havoc and suffering of mental illness, and that a person can be a victim, even if it might look like he or she is not. The great suffering of those who take their own lives must not be dismissed or discarded. The family members and friends of a person who suffers suicide should also not be judged but should only receive compassion and understanding. They, too, are victims, in the fullest sense of the word and in the truest understanding of what it means to be a fragile human being. ●

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



AMY STOUT / CATHOLICA

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV



Young people of our time, like those of every age, are a volcano of life, energy, sentiments, and ideas. It can be seen from the wonderful things they are able to do, in so

many fields. However, they also need help in order for this great wealth to grow in harmony and to overcome what...can still hinder their healthy development.

ADDRESS, ROME, MAY 15, 2025

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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

Monday

December 29
Octave of Christmas
1 Jn 2:3-11
Lk 2:22-35

Tuesday

December 30
Octave of Christmas
1 Jn 2:12-17
Lk 2:36-40

Wednesday

December 31
Octave of Christmas
1 Jn 2:18-21
Jn 1:1-18

Thursday

January 1
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
Nm 6:22-27
Gal 4:4-7
Lk 2:16-21

Friday

January 2
Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
1 Jn 2:22-28
Jn 1:19-28

Saturday

January 3
Christmas Weekday
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



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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.

28 Diciembre 2025: Solemnidad de la Sagrada Familia

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Celebrar el comienzo de un año nuevo tiene una larga trayectoria en la historia humana. Hace unos 4000 años el pueblo de Babilonia ya festejaba la llegada de un nuevo año con grandes fiestas de primavera. Los judíos, al igual que otros pueblos agrícolas, también celebraban su año nuevo durante la primavera, el primer día de Nisán (a principios de abril). Fue Julio César quien nos dio la fecha del primero de enero como el inicio de nuestro calendario. En 1582 el Papa Gregorio XIII reformó el calendario para darnos el que actualmente está en uso. No obstante, los cristianos continuaron celebrando el año nuevo en primavera para evitar los excesos del "hombre viejo". Hace 400 años la Iglesia comenzó a celebrar el día primero de enero buscando cristianizarlo lo mejor posible. Por eso en el calendario litúrgico este día es dedicado a María, Madre de Dios. -Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Gluz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

LA SAGRADA FAMILIA DE JESÚS, MARÍA Y JOSÉ

Por generaciones, diversas culturas han considerado la vida familiar como una necesidad sumamente útil. El libro de Sirácide introduce el honor y el respeto. Tanto para los judíos como para los cristianos, el valor de la familia da otro audaz y espléndido paso. La familia es vista como la es-



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7:00 p.m. por los Viernes

12:00 p.m. los Domingos

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Todos los Miércoles a las 6:30 p.m..

cuela indispensable donde se aprende el amor. Pablo se dirige a los Colosenses y presenta una lista de virtudes que ayudan a crear una Iglesia sólida y feliz. Estas virtudes -misericordia, bondad, humildad, docilidad, paciencia, perdón- contribuyen también a que una familia feliz se sienta cómoda consigo misma y con sus miembros. Y como pilar, Pablo insta al amor que eleva todas estas virtudes a la perfección. Pablo parece estar muy entusiasmado cuando exalta las virtudes de la Iglesia en Colosas. Con estas virtudes tan sentidas no es de extrañar que Pablo rompa a cantar: ¡Quién no haría lo mismo! Está claro que el centro de su círculo es el amor. Es evidente que no importa cuán lejos sus miembros estén del hogar, el corazón siempre está allí y todos ellos están conectados por la fuerza gravitatoria del amor mutuo. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera Lectura - Los que honran a sus padres recibirán bendiciones y pagarán sus pecados (Sirácide 3:2-6, 12-14).

Salmo - Dichoso el que teme al Señor, y sigue sus caminos (Salmo 128 [127]).

Segunda Lectura - Vivan una vida de amor sincero, sean agradecidos, hagan todo en el nombre del Señor Jesús; vivan en armonía (Col. 3:12-21).

Evangelio - Después que partieron los Magos, José tomó a María y al niño de noche y se fueron a Egipto para escapar la persecución de Herodes. Regresaron después y se quedaron en Nazaret (Mateo 2:13-15, 19-23).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 1 Jn 2: 3-11; Sal 96; Lc 2: 22-35

Martes: 1 Jn 2: 12-17; Sal 96; Lc 2: 36-40

Miércoles: 1 Jn 2: 18-21; Sal 96; Jn 1: 1-18

Jueves: Nm 6: 22-27; Sal 67; Gál 4: 4-7;
Lc 2: 16-21

Viernes: 1 Jn 2: 22-28; Sal 98; Jn 1: 19-28

Sábado: 1 Jn 2: 29-3: 6; Sal 98; Jn 1: 29-34

Domingo: Is 60: 1-6; Sal 72 (71): 1-2, 7-8, 10-13;
Ef 3: 2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2: 1-12

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Ef 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12



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