

December 14, 2025

Nuestra Señora de los Dolores Our Lady of Sorrows

A 3RD SUNDAY OF
ADVENT
3^º DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

Fr. David Garnier — Pastor

Dcn. Humberto Carrasco

Office Hours

Tues—Fri 10:00AM— 5:00PM

3006 Kashmere St.

Houston, Texas 77026

(713) 673-5600

www.OurLadyHouston.org

Saturday Vigil Mass

5:00 PM - Spanish/Bilingual

Sunday Masses

8:00 AM - Spanish

10:30 AM - English

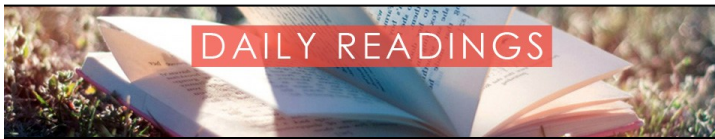
Weekday Masses

Tue, Wed, Thurs & Fri 9:00 AM



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Lecturas de la Semana

Monday	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a / Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13 / Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday	Gn 49:2, 8-10 / Mt 1:1-17
Thursday	Jer 23:5-8 / Mt 1:18-25
Friday	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a / Lk 1:5-25
Saturday	Is 7:10-14 / Lk 1:26-38
Sunday	<i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i> Is 7:10-14 Rm 1:1-7 Mt 1:18-24

Pray for the Sick



PRAY for the faithful departed of our community.

OREMOS por los difuntos de nuestra comunidad.

PRAY also for the sick of the community / OREMOS también por los enfermos:

Dolores, Hernandez, Lazaro Moreno, Pepe & Bea Martinez, Oscar Mercado, Jesús y Consuelo Maya, Lidia Ramos, Leonardo De La Cruz, Frances Alaniz, Bertha Lopez, Florentino Guerrero

In order to maintain an updated prayer list we are removing names that have been on the parish's prayer list longer than three months. Please call the parish office to add a name or remove your name from the list. 713-673-5601 Everyone needs prayers; we always pray for all parishioners.

Con el fin de mantener actualizada la lista de las personas que nos piden oraciones, quitaremos los nombres que han estado en la lista por más de un tres meses. Por favor, llama a la oficina de la parroquia para añadir o quitar un nombre de la lista. Todos necesitamos oraciones; siempre oramos por todos los feligreses. En cada Misa seguiremos añadiendo una petición por las intenciones especiales.



Sunday, December 14

8:00am—9:00am	Misa en Español
9:00am—10:15am	Last day of 2025 CCE Classes
10:30am—11:30am	Mass in English
11:30am—1:00pm	Confirmation Classes
2:00pm—4:00pm	CCE Party & Nativity Play

Tuesday, December 16

9:00am—10:00am	Mass / Misa
7:00pm—9:00pm	Las Posadas

Wednesday, December 17

9:00am—10:00am	Mass / Misa
7:00pm—9:00pm	Las Posadas

Thursday, December 18

9:00am—10:00am	Mass / Misa
7:00pm—9:00pm	Las Posadas

Friday, December 19

9:00am—10:00am	Mass / Misa
7:00pm—9:00pm	Las Posadas

Saturday, December 20

5:00pm—6:00pm	Mass / Misa
7:00pm—9:00pm	Las Posadas

Sunday, December 21

8:00am—9:00am	Misa en Español
9:00am—10:15am	No CCE Classes
10:30am—11:30am	Mass in English
11:30am—1:00pm	No Confirmation Classes
7:00pm—9:00pm	Las Posadas

Monday, December 22

7:00pm—9:00pm	Las Posadas
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Tuesday, December 23

9:00am—10:00am	Mass / Misa
7:00pm—9:00pm	Las Posadas

CHRISTMAS 2025 / NAVIDAD 2025

Wednesday, December 24

7:00pm—8:00pm	Christmas Eve Mass
8:30pm—10:00pm	Las Posadas
11:00pm—12:00am	Christmas Midnight Mass

Thursday, December 25

10:00am—11:00am	Christmas Day Mass
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Friday, December 26 OFFICE CLOSED

9:00am—10:00am	No Mass / No hay Misa
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Saturday, December 27

5:00pm—6:00pm	Mass / Misa
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(Carta en español en la página 5)

“Joy: A Sign of God”

By Fr. Joseph Juknialis

Once, as I was teaching a college theology course, I made an offhand comment that the purpose of life is not to be happy. The students were shocked. “What’s wrong with being happy?” they protested. “Nothing,” I said. “It’s simply not the purpose of life.” “But God wants us to be happy,” they insisted.

Of course, God wants us to be happy, but that’s simply not what life is about. Happiness is something that comes in the back door while we wait at the front door. If we go looking for happiness, we never find it, but if we forget about ourselves and seek to bring joy into the lives of others, then happiness seems to find us. It comes in the back door of life. Curiously, that seems to be the dynamic of these Advent/Christmas days. We send cards, give gifts, think of making others happy, and overlook faults. In the process, there is a sense of joy that overtakes us without our realizing it.

The prophet Isaiah proclaimed that it is God who would crown them with everlasting joy; that they would meet with joy and gladness and sorrow, and mourning would flee away. (See Isaiah 35:10.) Joy is God’s doing, not ours.

Leon Bloy, a French novelist in the nineteenth century, observed, “Joy is the most infallible sign of the presence of God.” God is love, and God is also joy. Joy is so much more than happiness. Rather it is an inner quality—peaceful, serene, and nurturing—even when life may be unsettled.

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but if we seek to bring joy into the lives of others,
then happiness seems to find us.**

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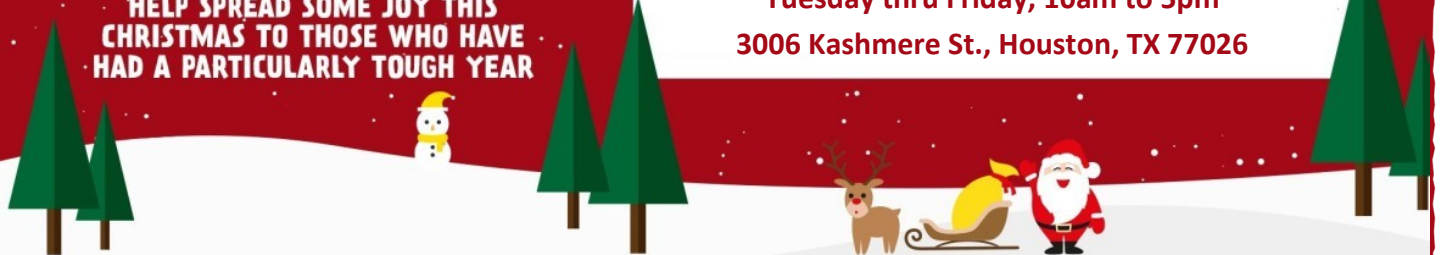
TOY DRIVE

HELP SPREAD SOME JOY THIS
CHRISTMAS TO THOSE WHO HAVE
HAD A PARTICULARLY TOUGH YEAR

**Our goal is to make sure every child's Christmas
gift bag is overflowing.**

**Toys Needed: Dolls, Toy Cars, Board Games, Books,
Stuffed Animals, Legos, and Sports Items such as
Basketballs, Footballs, Soccer Balls, etc.**

**Bring unused / new toys before December 23rd
Tuesday thru Friday, 10am to 5pm
3006 Kashmere St., Houston, TX 77026**



News and Announcements

Christmas 2025

The Nativity of the Lord

Wednesday, December 24 / Miercoles, Diciembre 24

7:00pm	Christmas Eve Mass
8:30pm	Las Posadas , Parish Hall
11:00pm	Music & Midnight Mass

Thursday, December 25 / Jueves, Diciembre 25

10:00am	Christmas Day Mass (Bilingual)
	La Natividad del Señor

Navidad 2025

DESAYUNO DOMINICAL

Domingo, 14 de Diciembre (Misioneras)
y 21 de Diciembre (Grupo de Hombres)

EN EL SALON PARROQUIAL

9:00AM — 12:00PM

Menu: Tacos, huaraches, pancakes, pan dulce y café

SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Sundays, December 14 (Misioneras)
& December 21 (Men's Group)

IN THE PARISH HALL

9:00AM — 12:00PM

Menu: Tacos, huaraches, sweet bread, pancakes and coffee

POSADAS NAVIDEÑAS



Please register to become one of our
Posada sponsors
from December 16th thru 24th

Por favor de registrarse para apadrinar una
Posada del 16 a 24 de Diciembre

(Letter in English on page 3)

“La alegría: una señal de Dios”

Por P. Joseph Juknialis

Una vez, mientras impartía un curso de teología en la universidad, comenté de pasada que el propósito de la vida no es ser feliz. Los estudiantes se quedaron atónitos. “¿Qué tiene de malo ser feliz?”, protestaron. “Nada”, dije. “Simplemente no es el propósito de la vida”. “Pero Dios quiere que seamos felices”, insistieron.

Claro que Dios quiere que seamos felices, pero la vida simplemente no se trata de eso. La felicidad es algo que entra por la puerta trasera mientras esperamos en la puerta principal. Si buscamos la felicidad, nunca la encontramos, pero si nos olvidamos de nosotros mismos y buscamos alegrar la vida de los demás, entonces la felicidad parece encontrarnos. Entra por la puerta trasera de la vida. Curiosamente, esa parece ser la dinámica de estos días de Adviento/Navidad. Enviamos tarjetas, damos regalos, pensamos en hacer felices a los demás y pasamos por alto las faltas. En el proceso, una sensación de alegría nos invade sin darnos cuenta. El profeta Isaías proclamó que Dios los coronaría de alegría eterna; que encontrarían gozo, alegría y tristeza, y que el luto huiría. (Véase Isaías 35:10). El gozo es obra de Dios, no nuestra.

Leon Bloy, novelista francés del siglo XIX, observó: «El gozo es la señal más infalible de la presencia de Dios». Dios es amor, y Dios también es gozo. El gozo es mucho más que felicidad. Es una cualidad interior: pacífica, serena y enriquecedora, incluso en tiempos de incertidumbre.

***Si buscamos la felicidad, nunca la encontramos,
pero si buscamos llevar alegría a la vida de los demás,
entonces la felicidad parece encontrarnos.***

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Todos los feligreses están invitados a participar en nuestra parroquia de muchas maneras. Estas son algunas de las oportunidades que puede encontrar personalmente y espiritualmente gratificantes.

Se necesitan miembros del Comité de Decoración para:

- Organizar y decorar la iglesia para eventos, bodas y funerales.

Se necesitan voluntarios en el Grupo de Cocina para:

- Organizar, planificar y vender desayunos los domingos. (Pueden crear su propio grupo o ayudar a un grupo establecido).
- Organizar y dirigir nuevos eventos, como vender pescado frito, platillos de barbacoa, platos de enchiladas, etc..

Otras oportunidades en la parroquia:

- Se necesitan servidores del altar para todas las Misas.



Clama con **ALEGRÍA** AL SEÑOR!

Estamos llamados a Clamar con Alegría al Señor! y extender su amor a los demás. A través de su donación al Fondo de Servicios Diocesanos, apoya 64 ministerios vitales que se preocupan por los vulnerables, educan a nuestros jóvenes y forman futuros sacerdotes. Comprométase este fin de semana en su parroquia, o en línea en archgh.org/dsf, y únase a nosotros para compartir el amor y la misericordia de Dios con los más necesitados.

ESCANEA AQUÍ PARA DONAR



Cry Out with **JOY** TO THE LORD!

We are called to Cry Out with Joy to the Lord! and extend His love to others. Through your gift to the Diocesan Services Fund, you support 64 vital ministries that care for the vulnerable, educate our youth, and form future priests. Make your commitment this weekend in your parish, or online at archgh.org/dsf, and join us in sharing God's love and mercy with those most in need.

SCAN HERE TO MAKE A GIFT



The Parish Hall Is Available for Private Rental

- Anniversaries
- Reunions
- Memorials
- Birthday Party
- Retirement Party
- Wedding Reception



Maximum occupancy: 100 people.
Included: 12 tables and 100 chairs.
Rental guidelines: No alcohol permitted
Events must conclude by 9:00pm

For more information contact (713) 673-5600

Funeral Planning



During a time of loss, we want to provide support and guidance for you and your family. When a family member or relative is in hospice, please contact the parish office to speak with the priest. Together, we will make arrangements for the funeral and any other necessary services.

The priest will work with you to help plan the funeral Mass, burial, and any additional memorial services, ensuring that your loved one's wishes are respected and that your family has the spiritual support it needs.

Parish Office Phone: (713) 673-5600

We are here to assist you through every step of the process, offering comfort and prayer during this difficult time. Please reach out, and we will guide you in making appropriate arrangements for your loved one's funeral and remembrance.

Sacrament of Marriage And Convalidation



If you wish to be married in the Catholic Church or have your marriage convalidated (recognized by the Church), please contact the parish office to begin the preparation process. This includes meeting with the priest, completing necessary paperwork, and attending marriage preparation classes. Please reach out to the parish office at (713) 673-5600 for more details and to schedule an appointment.

Sociedad del Altar

Estos son los grupos que hacen la Limpieza de la Iglesia:

Sábado, Diciembre 20

Dolores Maldonado, Gloria García,
Claudia García, María Huerta, Petra Rivera,
Edilia Bastard y Dominica Contreras

Sábado, Diciembre 27

Teresa Nolzco, Teresa Huerta y Maria Castillo

Sábado, Enero 3

María Pereira, María López, Carmen Balleza,
Mariana Torres y Carmen Herrera



Muchas gracias a todas las personas que apoyan en la limpieza de la iglesia.

**Religious Education**

Parents and students must attend Mass on Saturday or Sunday.

All students are to use their yellow envelope for Mass attendance.

If your child is sick or unable to attend class, please notify Mrs. Oralia Guerrero (832) 858-9561.

Se les pide a todos los padres y estudiantes a asistir a Misa los Sábados o Domingos.

Los estudiantes deben de usar su sobre amarillo para marcar la asistencia a Misa.

Upcoming Second Collections / Próximas Segundas Colectas**December 13 & 14**

Retirement Fund for Religious
Fondo de Retiro para Religiosos

December 20 & 21

Flowers for Christmas
Flores para Navidad

Offertory Collection Report: December 7, 2025**Colecta del 7 de diciembre de 2025**

Entire Sunday Collection / Toda la Colecta de Domingo	\$ 2,149.00
Children's collection / Colecta de los niños	\$ 64.00
Online giving contributions / Contribuciones hechas en linea	\$536.00
Regular collection total / Total Colecta Regular	\$2,749.00
Average Weekly Expenses / Gasto semanal aproximado	\$6,000.00
Weekly Deficit / Deficit Semanal	(\$3,251.00)
Second Collection / Segunda Colecta (Advent offering)	\$415.00
Diocesan services fund/ Fond de servicios diocesanos	n/a
Sunday Breakfast / Desayuno Dominical ()	n/a

Liturgical Schedule**Eucharistic Adoration / Adoración Eucarística**

Fridays after Mass, from 9:30am to 3:00pm

Parish Office

Main Line: (713) 673-5600
Emergency: (832) 494-7265
Fax: (713) 673-5667

Office Staff

Oralia Guerrero
C.C.E. / Catecismo
(832) 858-9561

Reconciliation / Reconciliación

By appointment or Saturday at 3:30pm

Por cita o Sabado 3:30pm

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Ongoing Garden Cleanup

All parishioners are welcome to take care and plant flowers in the church gardens.

¿Te gusta la jardinería?

Todos los parroquianos son bienvenidos a plantar y cuidar los jardines de la Iglesia.



PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

Our parish is grateful for your continued support. Thank you!

www.osvhub.com/ourladyhouston/funds

The
Inmaculate
Conception

December
dedicated to



Retirement Fund for Religious
December 13 & 14, 2025

Please give
to those who
have given
a lifetime.



Altar Server
Ministry

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE
AN ALTAR SERVER FOR
WEEKEND MASSES?

Children, both male and female, who have received their First Eucharist are eligible to begin their training.

Los niños y niñas, que han recibido su Primera Eucaristía son elegibles para comenzar su entrenamiento de servidor.

To be an altar server you need to attend training. Additional training sessions may be added.

