

Sun, December 14	Mon, December 15	Tues, December 16	Wed, December 17
Mass 7:30 am, 10:30 am 12:00 pm and 5:00 pm Misa 9:00 am Youth Group meets from 1:30-3:00 pm – KC Hall Choir will practice for Christmas Mass at 2:00 pm in choir loft	Legion of Mary Mystical Rose 10-11:30 am (REC) Simbang Gabi Rosary 5 pm Mass at 5:30 pm CCE 6:15-7:30 pm Adult CCE 6:15-7:30 pm - Spanish Ultreya 7:30 pm (PAC)	Bible Study 4-5 pm (PAC) Simbang Gabi Rosary 5 pm Mass at 5:30 pm Choir practice 6pm Bereavement Committee 6pm CCE 6:15-7:30 pm SVdP 6:15-7:45 pm	Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help 5:00 pm Filipino Legion of Mary 4:00-5:00 pm in the REC Simbang Gabi Rosary 5 pm Mass 5:30 pm CCE 6:15-7:30 pm Adult CCE 6:15-7:30 pm

Mass Intentions for the Week:

Saturday, December 13

5:30 P.M. Parishioners

Sunday, December 14 – 3rd Sunday of Advent

7:30 A.M. † Joyce Albright

9:00 A.M. † Icilda Burton

10:30 A.M. † Emily Kosel

12:00 P.M. Members of Legion of Mary – Mystical
Rose

5:00 P.M. † Pedro and † Petra Hernandez
(Last Mass at 5:00 pm for this year)

Monday, December 15

5:30 P.M. † Walter Nicholas Wieber

Tuesday, December 16

5:30 P.M. Rivera Family Thanksgiving

Wednesday, December 17

5:30 P.M. † Rehufus Esters + Ana Valdes
Pierce Family

Thursday, December 18

8:15 A.M. Stephen Gaspard – 21st Birthday
Blessing

Friday, December 19

8:15 A.M. Jesus Ramos

Saturday, December 20

5:30 P.M. † Roy Chlub

Sunday, December 21 – 4th Sunday of Advent

7:30 A.M. Parishioners

9:00 A.M. † Roman Rios † Hermila Rios and
† Lucio Rios

10:30 A.M. Deceased members of the Rubert-
Negrón family

12:00 P.M. † Michael Unpingco Camacho

PARISH SUPPORT

12/04/2014

1st - \$ 12,061.10

2nd (St Joseph School) - \$ 3,077.11

Immaculate Conception - \$ 1,935.28

Gospel Meditation:

In today's Gospel the people press John the Baptist for an answer. "Who are you? ... Are you the Prophet?" John answers that he is not but that the Messiah was there and people did not recognize him. What outward signs or actions show others clearly that you follow Jesus, the Messiah?

En el Evangelio de hoy, la gente presiona a Juan el Bautista para que responda a la pregunta "¿Quién eres tú? ¿Eres el Profeta?" Juan contesta que él no lo es pero que el Mesías estaba ahí y la gente no lo reconocía ¿Qué señales externas o acciones tuyas muestran a otros claramente que usted sigue a Jesús, el Mesías?

PRO LIFE BRIEF: "Although we may feel unsure how best to comfort those who mourn, we must stand with them in their time of suffering. Miscarriage touches the lives of many people, yet all too often this tragedy remains unaddressed. ... As members of a community of faith ourselves, let us comfort those who mourn as we look forward together to a time when all tears are dried and our families are whole once again." — "Solace and Strength in the Sorrow of Miscarriage," 2014-2015 Respect Life Program, USCCB

CITAS PARA VIDA: "No os canséis de alzar con firmeza vuestra voz en defensa de la vida desde su concepción, y no os apartéis de vuestro compromiso de tutelar con valiente determinación la dignidad de toda persona humana. — Discurso del Santo Padre Juan Pablo II a los prelados de la Conferencia Episcopal de Albania en visita "ad limina", 3 de febrero de 2001 © 2001 Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Se utiliza con permiso.

FINAL CALL FOR THIS YEAR If you want to become an Altar Server and you missed the recent training on December 6, call Deacon Jim at (254)702-3709 and set up a time to get trained up in a special class session. Young people ages 7-18 who have had their First Holy Communion are eligible to become Altar Servers.

Thurs, December 18	Fri, December 19	Sat, December 20	Sun, December 21
Mass 8:15 am Confession 8:45-9:45 am Simbang Gabi Rosary 5 pm Catholicism 101 meets from 6-8 pm in the PAC	Mass 8:15 am Adoration 9:00 am-5:00 pm Divine Mercy 3:00-4:00 pm Simbang Gabi on Fort Hood at 5:00 pm (58 th St) Last day to pre-order tamales	Confession 3:30-4:30pm Simbang Gabi Rosary 5 pm Mass 5:30 pm	Mass 7:30 am, 10:30 am & 12:00 pm (*no 5pm Mass*) Misa 9:00 am Tamale pickup at PAC (after Masses) Youth Group meets from 1:30-3:00 pm in the PAC Simbang Gabi Rosary 5 pm

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no Children's Mass at 5:00 pm on the following Sundays: December 21 and 28, 2014, and on January 4, 2015. The Mass will resume on Sunday, January 11, 2015.

No habra misa de niños a las 5:00 pm en los proximos domingos; 21 y 28 de diciembre del 2014, y 4 de enero del 2015. Las misas se empiezan de nuevo el domingo, 11 de enero, 2015.

**DIOCESAN CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE
DEADLINE - REGISTER NOW
JANUARY 16-18, 2015 IN WACO**

PARENTS, we are getting really close to the deadline for registration. After Dec 21, the cost is \$65. YM and the parish are ready to help and assist with scholarships for those who need them. Please come talk to, call, text, or email Shirley Saiz (258-7715). We want to reach as many teens as we can, but parents we need your help. This Sunday, Dec 7, YM parents are invited to stop by the KofC John Paul II Youth Room for coffee after all Masses. Registration and scholarship forms will be available at that time until 3:30 p.m.

Mass Intentions for 2015 are now open. Come by the Parish Office to make your intentions. By making an offering, the Faithful contribute to the good of the Church. The suggested offering is \$5.00. Please be mindful that St. Joseph is a large parish and, in charity, we should limit our number of Mass Intentions so that others may offer Masses for their loved ones.

Intenciones para el año 2015 ja se abrieron. Venga a la Oficina Parroquial para hacer sus intenciones. Al hacer una oferta, los fieles contribuyen al bien de la parroquia. La oferta sugerida es de \$5. Por favor, tenga en cuenta que San José es una parroquia muy grande y, en la caridad, debemos limitar nuestro número de intenciones para una Misa para que otros puedan ofrecer Misas por sus seres queridos.

Midnight Mass Choir Rehearsal

All are invited to join the combined choir for the Midnight Mass. First practice will be Sunday, December 14 @ 2:00 pm in the choir loft. You do not have to be a regular choir member to join, just show up for practice! We are always in need of new voices- high voices, low voices, women's voices, men's voices, young voices, old voices- but most of ALL- YOUR VOICE!!



Wednesday Evening Adult Faith Formation Class

Come join us for the last class of the 2014 year! We will finish up talking about the first half of the Mass, the Liturgy of the Word. Bring a friend as an Advent gift to them!

Texas Catholic Pro-Life Day



Catholics from across the state will join together to stand in solidarity to promote a Culture of Life at Texas Catholic Pro-Life Day on Jan. 24. Purchase your T-shirt to wear throughout the day. Attend the prayer vigil at 7 a.m. at 201 E. Ben White Blvd., the Rosary for Life at 9:15 a.m. and Mass at 10 a.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Austin. Eat lunch in the Parish Activity Center at \$5 a plate and continue to the March for Life, which will start at 1600 N. Congress and begins at 1 p.m. The March will process to the Capitol for the Rally for Life, which begins at 2 p.m. Buses will be available from downtown at 1600 N. Congress at 8 a.m., which will take you to St. Vincent de Paul and back. Pre-purchase bus tickets and T-shirts at www.centraltexasprolife.org. For more information, contact Yvonne Saldaña at (512) 949-2486.

2015 calendars are now available in the Parish Office (one per family)

If you have been thinking about Catholic education for your child, please come to the school office between 8:00 am and 3:00 pm for a school tour, or call the school office 634-7272

Simbang Gabi / Las Posadas 2014

Experience a spirit of joy and prayer, join us in our fourth Annual Advent "Las Posadas and Simbang Gabi". These unique nine day Nativity tradition and Novena Mass / Rosary are combined in a special Liturgical celebration from December 15 – 23, 2014 at 5:00 pm.

These will be celebrated at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Killeen on December 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 20th, 21st, 22nd and 23rd; at St Elizabeth Ann Seton, Fort Hood on December 19th.

The Parish Family of St. Joseph joyfully welcomes

Jordan Villagomez, Phillip Villagomez, Gabriela Celeste Gholson, Carlos Alan Gholson, Alan Tamayo Rios, Genesis Ramirez Guereca, Jose Manuel Aguilar Pacheco, Abril Yohanis Heredia Gumbs, Alejandro Jomar Garcia, and Anthony Andres Torres to our Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism.



TAMALE SALE!

These are made with pork and cost \$10.00 for a dozen. Please place your order at the office through Friday, December 19. The tamales may be picked up on Sunday, December 21 in front of the PAC, after each Mass.

During Flu Season:

It's good to remember some simple habits during this flu season. We should wash our hands thoroughly with soap and water and use sanitizer regularly. Another good tip for our children is to remind them to cough and sneeze into the inside of their elbow instead of their hands. This will help prevent the spread of germs from hand to hand.....**and remember, it is not a sin to miss Mass when you are sick**



Advent Penance Service Schedule **(Each service begins at 7 PM)**

Tuesday, Dec 16
St. Luke - Temple

Wednesday, Dec 17
St. Monica – Cameron

Thursday, Dec 18
Holy Family, Copperas Cove

Friday, Dec 19
St. Mary, Temple

Sunday, Dec. 21
Church of the Visitation in Westphalia

Sunday, Dec 21
Fort Hood. Call 516-946-2765 for more information

Monday, Dec 22
St. Paul – Harker Heights

World Day of Peace

The Vatican has announced the theme and title for the annual World Day of Peace message that Pope Francis will release on Jan. 1: Slaves No More, But Brothers and Sisters.





The use of the Advent Wreath is a traditional practice which has found its place in the Church as well as in the home. The blessing of an Advent Wreath takes place on the first Sunday of Advent or on the evening before the first Sunday of Advent. The blessing may be celebrated during Mass, a celebration of the word of God, Evening Prayer or in the home. Customarily the Advent Wreath is constructed in a circle of evergreen branches into which are inserted four candles.

According to tradition, three of the candles are violet and the fourth is rose. However, four violet candles may also be used. The candles represent the four weeks of Advent and the number of candles lighted each week corresponds to the number of the current week of Advent. The rose candle is lighted on the Third Sunday of Advent, also known as Gaudete Sunday. If the Advent Wreath is to be used in church, it should be of sufficient size to be visible to the congregation. It may be suspended from the ceiling or placed on a stand. If it is placed in the presbyterium, it should not interfere with the celebration of the liturgy, nor should obscure the altar, lectern, or chair.

When the Advent Wreath is used in church, on the Second and succeeding Sundays of Advent, the candles are lighted either before Mass begins or immediately before the opening prayer; no additional rites or prayers are used. When the blessing of the Advent Wreath is performed in the home, it is appropriate that it be blessed by a parent or another member of the family; the shorter rite may appropriately be used for this purpose. When the Advent Wreath is used in the home, the opening prayer of the Sunday Mass is recited when the candles are lighted. The lighting of the candles may be preceded or followed by an Advent hymn and a Scripture reading. The lighting of the Advent Wreath may fittingly be included as a part of the evening meal. The Advent Wreath may be blessed by a priest, deacon, or a lay minister.

~(taken from the Book of Blessing)