

Sun, December 21	Mon, December 22	Tues, December 23	Wed, December 24
Mass 7:30 am, 10:30 am 12:00 pm. Misa 9:00 am	Legion of Mary Mystical Rose 10-11:30 am (REC)	<u>Bible Study 4-5 pm (PAC)</u>	No Novena today
Simbang Gabi Rosary 5pm	Simbang Gabi Rosary 5pm Mass 5:30 pm	Simbang Gabi Rosary 5pm	No CCE
(No Mass at 5:00 pm)	No CCE	Mass 5:30 pm	Mass 5:00 pm
No Youth Group meeting	No Adult CCE		Mass 7:00 pm
Tamale pickup (after Mass)	Ultreya 7:30 pm (PAC)		Mass at midnight

Mass Intentions for the Week:

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-
Negron family

12:00 P.M. † Michael Unpingco Camacho

Monday, December 22

5:30 P.M. † Shin Kwong Ui

Tuesday, December 23

5:30 P.M. † Ronald Albritton and Evelyn Albritton
52nd Anniversary

Wednesday, December 24 -

5:00 P.M. † Ronald Albritton † Melissa Albritton

7:00 P.M. † Jose Mario Rodriguez

12:00 A.M. † Jose Rodriguez - Soliz

Thursday, December 25

10:30 A.M. † Edna Perlinger

Friday, December 26

8:15 A.M. 55th Wedding Anniversary
† Willard and Carolyn Hartman

Saturday, December 27

5:30 P.M. † Maria Palafox, † Guadalupe Vazquez,
† Rolando Vazquez

Sunday, December 28 – Feast of the Holy Family

7:30 A.M. Parishioners

9:00 A.M. † Jose Angel Cuellar-Diaz, † Miguel
Hernandez, † Pedro Hernandez,
† Juana Hernandez

10:30 A.M. † Irma Garcia-Sanchez

12:00 P.M. † Joseph Minh Vu

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.

PARISH SUPPORT

12/14/2014

1st Collection \$ 9,261.99

2nd Collection – Retirement for Religious \$ 3,175.80

Celebration of Immaculate Conception

12/8/2014 in the evening \$ 500.50

12/12/2014 7:00 Collection

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe \$ 1,248.26

Reception/Dinner Fundraiser \$ 1,810.68

Additional Donations \$ 950.00

Gospel Meditation

In today's Gospel Mary accepts God's invitation. Being an invited guest makes everyone feel special. Is there someone you know who needs to be invited to come back to Mass? Now is the perfect time to ask them.

En el Evangelio de hoy, María acepta la invitación de Dios. El ser un invitado nos hace a todos sentir especiales ¿Hay alguien que usted conozca que necesite ser invitado a regresar a Misa? Este es el tiempo perfecto para invitarlo...

PRO LIFE BRIEF: "Never tire of firmly speaking out in defense of life from its conception and do not be deterred from the commitment to defend the dignity of every human person with courageous determination. Christ is with you: be not afraid!" — *Address of John Paul II to the Bishops and Apostolic Administrators of Albania on their "Ad Limina" Visit, February 3, 2001 © 2001 Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission*

CITAS PARA VIDA: "¿Nos conmueve el sufrimiento de quienes no tienen refugio? ¿Buscamos aliviar el temor, la confusión y el pánico que pueden estar sintiendo las mujeres que enfrentan embarazos no deseados? ¿Nos duele el corazón por los ancianos en asilos que se sienten abandonados y no queridos, sin tener quien los visite? Nuestra misión es mostrar a cada persona el amor de Cristo. Como personas únicas, cada uno tenemos dones particulares que estamos llamados a usar para compartir el amor de Cristo". -*Cardenal Seán P. O'Malley, O.F.M. Cap., Presidente, Comité para las Actividades Pro-Vida de la USCCB, Declaración para el Mes Respetemos la Vida 2014*

Thurs, December 25	Fri, December 26	Sat, December 27	Sun, December 28
<p>Mass 10:30 am</p> <p>Parish Office closed</p> <p>No Confession</p> <p>No Catholicism 101</p>	<p>Mass 8:15 am</p> <p>Parish Office closed</p> <p>Adoration 9:00 am-5:00 pm</p> <p>Divine Mercy 3:00-4:00 pm</p>	<p>Confession 3:30-4:30pm</p> <p>Mass 5:30 pm</p>	<p>Mass 7:30 am, 10:30 am & 12:00 pm</p> <p>Misa 9:00 am</p> <p><u>No 5pm Mass</u></p> <p>No Youth Group meeting</p>

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.

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 ya 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.

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)

Calendarios del 2015 estan disponible en la oficina (uno por familia)

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 21st, 22nd and 23rd.

The Parish Family of St. Joseph joyfully welcomes

Brandon Lee Canales, Armani Cruz Solorzano, Walkera Little-Thunder Miller, and Hector Manuel Solorzano III to our Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism.

**TAMALE SALE!**

These are made with pork and cost \$10.00 for a dozen. The tamales may be picked up on Sunday, December 21 in front of the PAC, after each Mass, while supplies last.

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**

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

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE FOR YOUTH GROUP

NO YOUTH GROUP on Sunday, December 21 and December 28. We resume on January 4, 2015. Many thanks for the continued support from the parishioners and most especially parents. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all families!

The Parish Office will close at 12:30 pm on Wednesday, December 24. It will be closed on Thursday, December 25 and on Friday, December 26.

La oficina de la parroquia va a cerrar las 12:30 el miércoles, 24 de diciembre y será cerrado el jueves, 25 de diciembre y también viernes, 26 de diciembre.

**A very special Thank You to everyone who contributed and continues to contribute their time and effort to helping St Joseph Parish run effectively. We could not do it without you. We look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.
~ Your family at St. Joseph Catholic Church**

Do you know...How to keep Christ in Christmas?

Remember that once the Christmas day has passed, Christmas itself remains. We should keep it all year long. It is most important to keep these steps in mind for keeping Christ in Christmas. Christmas is

the time of year when giving is at the forefront of our minds, but giving material objects isn't what Christmas is really about. It's about God's loving gift of his Son and our response to that gift. This holiday season, resolve as a family to understand and celebrate the real meaning of Christmas.

Here are a few tips to help families get started. Emphasize the spiritual. We need to take time out of the hustle and bustle of practical holiday preparations to prepare ourselves ---and our families--- spiritually. Make it a point to do some spiritual reading. Take time to pray together as a family, perhaps at the end of the day before everyone goes to bed. Also, as you go to Mass on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day, plan as well to go on New Year's Day. Make time for your family. We think of the holidays as family time, yet practical preparations for holiday events can take a toll on quality family time. Schedule some "downtime" to spend together. Prioritize family meals, making sure to sit around the table together at dinnertime. Count your blessings.

At a time of the year when budgets get tighter and wish lists get longer, it's tempting to focus on what we lack, rather than what we have. Spend some time thinking about the good things in life and encourage other family members to do the same. At the dinner table or during family prayer time, take turns naming blessings God has given the family, thank God for His goodness. Plan some family acts of charity. Take time as a family to help those less fortunate. This may mean helping in a soup kitchen or helping collect or sort items for a local food or toy drive. Another way to give to the needy families is to sort through items at home (clothing, food, etc.) that can be donated to shelters or local drives. Consider donating items that are still in use or a favorite (nice clothing or favorite toys) and encourage other family members to do the same.

It may sound cliché, but remembering the "reason for the season" can help us put things in perspective and prioritize our time. Christmas is about remembering God's greatest gift, his only Son and bringing Christ's love into the world. Keeping this focus will help make Christmas and the New Year to come both a giving experience and a deeply fulfilling one. Give gifts that reflect the light of Christ--- *Joseph D. White, Ph.D. Catholic Spirit-December 2009*

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

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

Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24, 2014: 5:00PM (Children's Mass)
7:00 PM
Midnight

December 25, 2014: 10:30 AM (Bilingual)

St. Joseph's wants to thank everyone that supported the Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration by means of monetary donations, food, gifts for the raffle baskets and buying tickets for the meal. A special thank you to the committee who organized it to make a great success.

Rememberance of
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr

Dinner Program featuring
Speaker Father Reginald Samuels
and the St Joseph Gospel Choir

Date: January 17, 2015

Time: 6:30 pm

Place: Holy Family Social Hall

Tickets are \$15.00.

Tickets available at the St Joseph Parish Office