

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Celebration of the Mass

Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am
Monday 9:00 am
Communion Service
Tuesday 9:00 am
Wednesday 9:00 am
Thursday 9:00 am
Friday 9:00 am

Adoration

Tuesday
9:45 am - 12:30 pm
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm



Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 pm
Sunday 8:00 - 8:45 am

Sacrament of the Sick

Offered the first Friday
of the month after 9:00 am
& 6:00 pm Mass.

Marriage or Baptism

Contact the parish office
six (6) months prior to the
anticipated date.

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First Sunday of Advent
December 1, 2024

TODAY'S READINGS

1ST READING:
JER 33 : 14 - 16

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:
PS 25 : 4 - 5 ; 8 - 10 ; 14

2ND READING:
1 THES 3 : 12 - 4 : 2

GOSPEL:
LK 21 : 25 - 28 ; 34 - 36

*The Immaculate Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
December 9, 2024*

*Feast of the Conception of Mary by St. Anne; Pope Clem-
ent X established this Solemnity for the entire Church in
1708; patroness of the United States of America, Spain,
Tanzania, and the Democratic Republic of Congo.*

Mass schedule: 9:00 am and 6:00 pm

First Sunday of Advent

Church Organizations

Parochial Administrator	Fr. John Gomez
Financial Council	Charlie Clymer
Pastoral Council	John Rigney
Virtus	Justin Mahaffey
Knights of Columbus	Jerry Hauck
4th Degree Knights	Gary Laudt
Legion of Mary	Marge Clymer
	Jane Bidlack
	Bryan Todd
Food Pantry	
Music Ministry	
Rosary Makers	Carol Szczepanski
Cenacle of Life	Vicki Hauck
Welcome	Anna Parker
Bereavement	Eva/Jess Corrigan



Pope's December Intention

For anyone who has lost a child. WE pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.



Remember the sick of our parish: Patrick Wood; George Duke; Elizabeth Eagan; Donna Saad; LaMarylis & Carl Hodges; Wyatt Cesarz; Dale Boman, Elmer Mulhollon, Ram Singh, Evelyn Murfin, Joyce McConnell, Landen Mrdak, Pat Schmear, Suzanne DiCarlo; Barbara Schneider; Helene Kaczowka; Mary Ott; Emily Walker; Cindy Sue Erdag; Emeress Aiwohi; Fr. Ariel Cortes; Joe Bonneville; Wauneta Winton; Joe Fazzio; Sharon Kroll; Jeri Garfield; Ethan Cowles; Lupe & Leo Leal; Jason McCormick; Eloise Sanchez; Linda Hedgecock; Juan & Barbara Delgado; John Buchanan; Avery Boultinghouse; Rosemary Seltzer; Elaine March; Libby Paladino; Jo & Doris Hoffman; Roy Marchak; David Borel; Verna Sloan; Mike Stephens; Kathy Bowers; John McGrane; Msgr. Ron Diegel; Chris & Dave Paape; Richard & Dottie Schuetz; John Fabitz; Jodie Woods; Jean Hamilton; Kathleen Fleming; Jaye Anderson; Greg Mooney; Karee Haney; Charlie Parker; Jacob Stephens.

We list the names of our sick parishioners, friends, and relatives for one month.

We remember in our prayers all those who have recently died especially: Joann Rayl passed away on 11/13 in her home in Magnolia, Tx. Mary Jenkins, daughter of Joann, address: 21075 Titian Dr. Magnolia, TX 77355



Remember the active military of our parish: Corporal Steven Blackburn, US Army (Nephew of Michael & Kathleen Laurel) Mitchell, LTJG Navy (Son-in-law of Stan & Terrie Evans). Ben Clymer, Air Force (Grandson of Charlie & Marge). Captain Joseph Chandler, U.S. Army (Nephew of Mike & Margaret Jernigan). Lt. Gary Buchanan; Capt. Blake Gaughan; Lt. Will Corrigan (Great Nephews of Jess & Eva Corrigan). Paul Moreno E4 AMT 3rd Class (Grandson of Kathy & Dale Boman). Staff Sergeant Daniel Hodan. U.S. Army (Grandson of Ron & Barbara Eamma). Petty Officer 2 Rainer Hauck (Grandson of Jerry & Vicki Hauck & nephew of Jeff & Cathy Ellis).

PARISH SUPPORT

Attendance: 11/23 SAT: 70 11/24 SUN: 98

Collections from 11/23 - 11/24:

Offertery	\$ 3,291.00
Building & Maintenance Fund	\$ 0.00

DECEMBER SECOND COLLECTIONS

11/30 & 12/1: "Building and Maintenance Fund"

12/7 & 12/8: Retirement Fund for Religious

12/24 & 12/25: Caring for Priest Collection

DECEMBER UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun 12/1:	9:00 am Mass
Mon 12/2:	9:00 am Communion Service
Tues 12/3:	9:00 am Mass
	Adoration 9:30 am - 12:30 pm
	Adoration 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Wed 12/4:	9:00 am Mass
	10:30 am Bible Study
	3:00 pm Cenacles of Life
	6:00 pm Parish Pot Luck Christmas Dinner
Thur 12/5:	9:00 am Mass
	9:30 am Legion of Mary
Fri 12/6:	9:00 am Mass
	9:30 am Rosary Makers
	6:00 pm Mass
Sat 12/7:	5:00 pm Mass
Sun 12/8:	9:00 am Mass
	Knights of Columbus Breakfast
Mon 12/9:	Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
	9:00 am Mass
	6:00 pm Mass
Tues 12/10:	9:00 am Mass
	Adoration 9:30 am - 12:30 pm
	Adoration 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Wed 12/11:	9:00 am Mass
	9:30 am Rosary Rally - Pray for our Country
	10:30 am Bible Study
	3:00 pm Cenacles of Life
Thurs 12/11:	9:30 am Legion of Mary

Mass Intentions

Sat 11/30		Wanda Duke+ (Melinda Hlavenka)
Sun 12/1		John Ott+ (M/M Hauck)
Tues 12/3		Chris Cunningham+ (Ann Marie Vancas)
Wed 12/4		Jean Kelly (M/M Clymer)
Thurs 12/5		Ed Cohen+ (Ann Marie Vancas)
Fri 12/6	9:00 am	Neil Hamil+ (Ann Marie Vancas)
	6:00 pm	Fr. Ariel (Knights of Columbus)



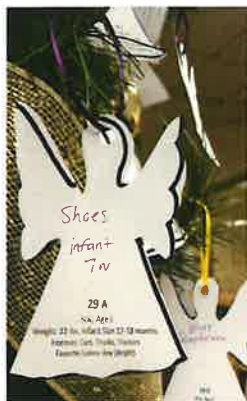
Special Observances

Tuesday: St. Francis Xavier, Priest (Died at the age of 46 on the island of Sancion off the China Coast; from Navarro; one of the founding Jesuits; preached in India, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, and Japan; with St. Therese of the Christ Jesus, co-patron of the Apostleship of Prayer and of the foreign missions.)

Wednesday: St. John Damascene, Priest, Doctor of the Church (Born in Damascus, a Muslim city; raised as a Christian yet served as a financial minister or "grand vizier" at the court of caliph where he was respected for his competence, fairness, and humility; became a monk, later a priest at the monastery of St. Sabas, near Jerusalem, first of the East to formulate a comprehensive synthesis of Christian dogma; main dogmatic work "The Fount of Knowledge"; defended the veneration of images against iconoclasts; composed hymns and preached many homilies in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, especially her assumption; last of Greek Fathers.)

Friday: St. Nicholas, Bishop (Bishop of Myra in Asia Minor; model pastor noted for charity; popularized as Santa Claus; patron of children, bankers, pawnbrokers, sailors, perfumers, brides, unmarried women, travelers, dock workers, brewers, poets, and prisoners; also of Russia, Greece, Sicily, Lorraine, and Apulia in Italy where his relics are enshrined in Bari.)

2024 Angel Tree



Our angel tree is located in the Narthex of the Church. Please stop by and select on "Angel" (one of the less fortunate children in our area). Return the unwrapped gifts in a white bag with the "Angel" tag tied to the outside.

"Angel" gifts must be returned by Sunday, December 15th so that they can be distributed within the community.

Thank you so much for your consideration of these children.



Rosary Rally

Our next Rosary Rally will be held on Wednesday, December 11th, immediately following the Mass (about 9:45 am). We will be praying for our Country.



Toys for Tots Marine Corps Reserves

Unwrapped donations need to be dropped off in the Marine Corps' Toys for Tots box (located in the Narthex) no later than Tuesday, December 12th.

Anyone involved in any Ministry at our Parish, must be compliant on your Ethics and Integrity training with VIRTUS.

To sign up for training, please notify Holy Spirit's contact person: Justin Mahaffey 903-714-3649 or email him at: justin.mahaffey@icloud.com

Holy Spirit Food Ministry

First, we would like to thank everyone for all the wonderful donations for our Thanksgiving boxes which were delivered this past Friday. Many smiles and much gratitude was expressed.

Turning to Christmas.....

The Christmas food items we will need: cake mixes and frostings; fruit/pudding cups; canned vegetables; and any other non-perishable items. The collection box will be located in the church hallway outside of the office. Monetary donations envelopes can be found in the Narthex. Please place the envelopes in the collection baskets.



If you know of anyone who needs our help, please contact: Bob Mailliard (503-559-6022) or Bryan Todd (972-672-4218).

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US FEED THE HUNGRY IN OUR COMMUNITY



Knights of Columbus Breakfast Sunday, December 8

Come join us for food and fellowship! Children through 12th grade eat for free; everyone else is \$5.00.

First Friday Services December 6, 2024

Mass Times: 9:00 am
6:00 pm
6:45 pm Healing Service (immediately following the Mass)

Parish Potluck Dinner

When: Wednesday, December 4, 2024
Time: 6:00 - 7:30 pm

You are cordially invited to Holy Spirit Catholic Church's annual Christmas Potluck Dinner. The entrée (turkey and ham) will be provided by the Knights of Columbus. Parishioners are asked to bring appetizers, salads, side-dish vegetables, and desserts; a sign-up sheet is located in the narthex of the church.

Additionally, we will be celebrating Fr. Ariel...Because he will be leaving on December 11th for a one month visit with his family in Colombia, South America, we will commemorate Father's ordination and wish him a Happy Birthday (on December 19th he will celebrate his 28th ordination anniversary and on December 26th is his birthday, also Jan. 4th is his Baptismal Birthday—you'll have to ask him how old he will be). We will have a table set up for congratulatory cards.



MEANING OF ADVENT WREATH



Advent traditions will vary by country, but the heart behind Advent is mostly the same across cultures and denominations. Derived from the Latin word “adventus,” the word advent means “arrival” or “coming.” In this instance, it is used to indicate a set time(s) during the month of December to commemorate the coming of the Messiah in Jesus Christ. Advent, like Christmas, is a season of expectation, celebration, and hope connected to the birth of the prophesied Messiah and the promise of Christ’s subsequent ministry.

Advent wreaths were eventually fashioned out of evergreens, twisted together in a circle to symbolize continuous life across the seasons, from the death of winter to the new life of spring. Naturally, this earthly symbolism also points to the spiritual symbolism of newness and the promise of eternal life and salvation offered through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ ([John 3:16](#)). The circular nature of the Advent wreath, similar to a wedding ring or band, is further meant to reflect the unending love of Christ and eternal life offered through salvation.

What is an Advent Wreath?

The Advent wreath is one of the most symbolic traditions for the season of Advent. With its colorful candles lit on each of the four weeks of Advent, the wreath is a reminder of the hope and joy coming. Advent wreaths are not exclusive to churches; many families and individuals have an Advent wreath at home and observe the tradition of lighting the candles for each Sunday.

Circular Shape: The circular shape of the wreath represents the eternal nature of God—His never-ending love, mercy, and faithfulness. It also symbolizes the unending cycle of seasons and the continuous nature of time.

Evergreen Branches: Evergreen branches, which do not lose their leaves in winter, represent the everlasting life found in Christ. They are a symbol of hope and renewal, pointing to the promise of eternal life through Jesus.

Lighting of Candles: The lighting of the candles is an important tradition during Advent. Each week, an additional candle is lit to symbolize the increasing anticipation and preparation for the arrival of Jesus. The light from the candles represents the light of Christ coming into the world.

Holly leaves, berries, and seeds are also added to the Advent wreath. Holly leaves can be prickly and, therefore, used to represent the crown of thorns placed on Jesus’s head during his crucifixion. Berries, which are typically red, also point to Christ’s sacrifice and the bloodshed for sins. Pinecones, seeds, and nuts are also placed within the wreath as a symbol and promise of new life. Together, the elements of the Advent wreath reflect the new life and eternal salvation offered through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, who we now celebrate.