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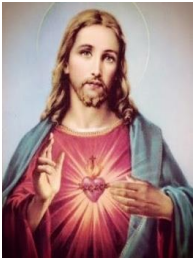
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Welcome to Our Parish

Mass Schedule

Saturday / Sabado
5:30 p.m. – English
7:00 p.m. – Español
Sunday / Domingo
7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. - English
11:30 a.m. – Español

Tuesday / Martes
5:30 p.m. - English
Wednesday / Miércoles
8:00 a.m. - English
7:00 p.m. - Español
Thursday / Jueves
6 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. – Eucharistic Adoration
7:00 p.m. – Mass
Friday / Viernes
8:00 a.m. - English
7:00 p.m. – Español

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Office Hours
Horario de la Oficina
Monday – Thursday
Lunes – Jueves
1:00-5:30 p.m.

Religious Education for Children

Faith Formation Classes:
Wednesdays 6:30p.m. – 8:00p.m.
Classes start in September.

Sacramental Prep Classes:
Sundays 10:30a.m. – 11:20a.m.
Classes start in October.

Faith Formation Coordinator:
Cristina Narvaez (903) 204-0099

First Sunday of Advent
December 1, 2024

“To you, O Lord,
I lift my soul.”

–Psalm 25



And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

Primer Domingo de Adviento
1° de diciembre de 2024

“A ti, Señor,
levanto mi alma.”

–Salmo 25

Exposition of the Holy Sacrament

First Friday of Every Month
8:00 a.m. – English Mass
Exposition of the Holy Sacrament
9:00 a.m. – 6:45 p.m.
7:00 p.m. – Mass in Spanish

Exposición del Santísimo Sacramento

Primer Viernes de Cada Mes
8:00 a.m. – Misa en Ingles
Exposición del Santísimo Sacramento
9:00 a.m. – 6:45 p.m.
7:00 p.m. – Misa en Español

Confessions / Confesiones
Saturdays 4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. or by appointment.
Baptism Formation / Formacion de Bautizo
Please call the office to schedule & fill out forms before attending classes.
Spanish Classes: 3rd and 4th Monday of the Month with: Laurencio Velásquez (903) 434-2904
Jesus Verduzco (903) 285- 1746
English Classes: 3rd and 4th Monday of the Month with: Amanda Angel (903) 807-9349
Marriage Formation / Formación De Matrimonio
Couples should contact the office 9-12 months before marriage formation.
Anointing of the Sick / Unción De Los Enfermos
By appointment or emergency.
Quinceañeras
Please contact the office to schedule & fill out forms. A Saturday class will be required.
Bible Study (English)
New Members Welcome!
Monday’s 5:30 P.M.
David Rice (817) 713-5905
Choir (English)
Stephanie Hyman – Music Director
Choir (Spanish)
Monday’s @ 7:00 P.M
Corazón González – Directora de Música
Jóvenes Y Adultos Para Cristo Grupo De Evangelización
Sundays 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Fridays 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Juan and Betty Guerrero (469) 438-1061
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texasneedsfatima.org
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Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults(RCIA)
Instruction in the Catholic Faith for Adults:
English: Greg Leitheiser (972) 444-0776

Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos (RICA)
Instrucción en la Fe Católica Para Adultos:
Spanish: Cristina Narvaez (903) 204-0099
Classes start in October.

Watchfulness and Prayer

The 1st Sunday of Advent Year C reminds us to be watchful and prayerful. Jesus warns about signs in the sun, moon, and stars. These signs can seem scary, but Jesus tells us not to be afraid. Instead, we should stand tall because our redemption is near. This teaches us to be ready for Jesus’ return.

Being watchful means staying alert and paying attention to how we live. We should avoid things that distract us from God. Instead, we should focus on prayer and good deeds. Jesus calls us to live in a way that pleases God. This makes us ready for His coming.

Prayer is a key theme in the readings for the 1st Sunday of Advent Year C. Jesus urges us to pray for strength to face challenges. Prayer helps us stay connected to God and strong in our faith. It reminds us that we need God’s help every day. By praying, we grow closer to Him and prepare our hearts for Jesus’ return.

As we begin Advent, the 1st Sunday of Advent Year C encourages us to reflect on our lives. Are we living in a way that honors God? Are we watchful and prayerful? By focusing on these themes, we can prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus and grow in our faith.

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — The Lord promises to fulfill his covenant with Israel and Judah, raising a righteous leader from David’s line. (Jer 33:14-16)

Psalm – “To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.” (Psal 25)

Second Reading –May the Lord help you grow in love and holiness. (1 Thes 3:12-4:2)

Gospel – Stay alert and pray for strength to endure and stand before him. (Lk 21:25-28, 34-36)

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Offerings & 2nd Collection Schedule

November: 23-24

1st Collection: \$ 2104.48

2nd Collection: \$ 427.00

2nd Collection: December 1st – Christmas Flowers

2^{da} Colecta: 1º de diciembre – Flores Navideñas

December 8th – Retirement Fund f/Religious

Aging religious need your help. “Your support acknowledges that we continue the mission of Christ even in our retirement,” says Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart Sister Celeste Burgos, 80. Donations provide for the care, medicine, and daily needs of over 24,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives to service. Please give to the Retirement Fund for Religious .

8 de diciembre - Fondo de Jubilación para Religiosos

Religiosas y religiosos ancianos necesitan de ustedes. “Su apoyo reconoce que hacemos la mission de Cristo durante nuestra jubilación”, dice sor Celeste Burgos, 80, de las Misioneras Auxiliares del Sagrado Corazón. Los donativos cubren el cuidado, las medicinas y necesidades diarias de más de 24,000 hermanas, hermanos y sacerdotes de órdenes religiosas que han dedicado su vida a servirnos. Les rogamos que donen al Fondo para la Jubilación de Religiosos.



Advent Confessions - Thursday, December 5th

6:00p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Holy Hour and the 7p.m. mass are cancelled for this day only.

“Let your door stand open to receive Him, Unlock your Soul to Him, Offer Him a welcome in your mind, And then you will see the Riches of Simplicity, The Treasures of Peace, The Joy of Grace. Throw wide the gate of your Heart, stand before the Sun of the Everlasting Light.”

-St. Ambrose of Milan

Join us for the Guadalupe Celebration

December 15

The Guadalupe Celebration will begin on December 11th at 11 p.m. with the Danzantes and the mañanitas for Our Lady of Guadalupe at 12 a.m. On December 12th there will be the Holy Hour at 6 p.m. and then the 7 p.m. mass in honor Our Lady of Guadalupe.

The big Celebration in honor of Our Lady will take place on December 15, beginning with the procession that starts at the Mt. Vernon plaza and ends at the church. The mass will begin at 11:30 a.m. and then food will be offered to the community while Marian hymns are sung. All parishioners are invited!

If you would like to offer your assistance, please contact:
Pedro Valle at 903-305-2396 or the parish office at 903-537-2174.
All parishioners are invited !

Deacon Ordination

Christopher Oraziaka, seminarian for the Diocese of Tyler, will be ordained a deacon on Wednesday, December 18th at 6:00p.m. at St. Edward’s Catholic Church in Athens (1310 S. Palestine Street). Bishop Joe S. Vásquez, Apostolic Administrator for the Diocese of Tyler, will be presiding over the ordination. All are welcome to attend.



Pray for ... Oremos Por...

Ernie Snapka, Peter Vella, Sam Vella, Nora Holder, Dudley & Sally Salisbury, Henry Russell, Lauren Herman, Elizabeth Mckenzie-Smith, Maria Gonzalez, Ray Banning, Julianne Pinto, Davi Morais

STRENGTH AND COURAGE

Prayer infuses the weak with strength and the fainthearted with courage. —Anonymous

FUERZA Y VALENTÍA

La oración infunde fuerza a los débiles y valor a los pusilánimes. —Anónimo

Vigilancia y Oración

El 1.er domingo de Adviento del año C nos recuerda que debemos estar atentos y orar. Jesús advierte sobre las señales en el sol, la luna y las estrellas. Estas señales pueden parecer aterradoras, pero Jesús nos dice que no tengamos miedo. En cambio, debemos mantenernos firmes porque nuestra redención está cerca. Esto nos enseña a estar listos para el regreso de Jesús.

Estar atentos significa permanecer alerta y prestar atención a cómo vivimos. Debemos evitar las cosas que nos distraigan de Dios. En cambio, debemos centrarnos en la oración y las buenas obras. Jesús nos llama a vivir de una manera que agrade a Dios. Esto nos prepara para su venida.

La oración es un tema clave en las lecturas del 1.er domingo de Adviento del año C. Jesús nos insta a orar para tener fuerza para enfrentar los desafíos. La oración nos ayuda a mantenernos conectados con Dios y fuertes en nuestra fe. Nos recuerda que necesitamos la ayuda de Dios todos los días. Al orar, nos acercamos más a Él y preparamos nuestros corazones para el regreso de Jesús.

Al comenzar el Adviento, el primer domingo del Año C de Adviento nos anima a reflexionar sobre nuestras vidas. ¿Estamos viviendo de una manera que honra a Dios? ¿Estamos atentos y orando? Al centrarnos en estos temas, podemos prepararnos para la venida de Jesús y crecer en nuestra fe. -young-catholics.com

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — El Señor promete cumplir su pacto con Israel y Judá, suscitando un líder justo de la línea de David. (Jer 33:14-16)

Salmo — “A ti, Señor, levanto mi alma.” (Sal 25)

Segunda lectura – Que el Señor te ayude a crecer en el amor y la santidad. (1 Tes 3:12-4:2)

Evangelio — Mantente alerta y ora para tener fuerza para resistir y permanecer delante de él. (Lc 21:25-28, 34-36)

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Mass Intentions

Intenciones de la Misa

Saturday Mass – 5:30p.m. – Thanksgiving for the Presidential Election Results

Please turn in your mass intentions to the Parish Office before the date that you are requesting.

Por favor entregue sus intenciones de misa a la Oficina Parroquial antes de la fecha que solicita.



With Joyful Hearts, We Welcome You Into Our House of Prayer

Visitors: Thank you for celebrating the Most Holy Eucharist with our faith community. We pray you will have a safe journey home.

Con Corazones Gozosos, Les Damos la Bienvenida a Nuestra Casa de Oración

Visitantes: Gracias por celebrar la Santísima Eucaristía con nuestra comunidad de fe. Oramos para que tenga un buen viaje a casa.



Confesiones de Adviento - Jueves, 5 de diciembre

6:00p.m. – 8:00p.m.

No habrá Hora Santa ni misa de las 7 p.m. solo este día.

“Deja que tu puerta esté abierta para recibirlo, Abre tu alma a Él, Ofrécele una bienvenida en tu mente, y entonces verás las Riquezas de la Sencillez, Los Tesoros de la Paz, La Alegría de la Gracia. Abre de par en par la puerta de tu Corazón, árate ante El Sol de la Luz Eterna” .

-San Ambrosio de Milán

Acompañenos a la Celebracion Guadalupeana

15 de diciembre

La Celebracion Guadalupeana comenzara el 11 de diciembre a las 11p.m. con los danzantes y las mañanitas para Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe a las 12 a.m. El 12 de diciembre sera la Hora Santa a las 6p.m. y despues la misa de 7p.m. en honor a La Virgen Maria.

La Celebracion en honor a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe se hara el 15 de diciembre, comenzando con la procesion que empieza de la plaza de Mt. Vernon terminando en la iglesia. La misa comenzara a las 11:30a.m. y despues se ofrecera comida a la comunidad mientras se cantan los cantos Marianos. ¡Todos los feligreses están invitados!

Si gusta ofrecer su asistencia, por favor comuniquese con:
Pedro Valle al 903-305-2396 o la oficina parroquial 903-537-2174.

Ordenación de Diácono

Christopher Oraziaka, seminarista de la Diócesis de Tyler, será ordenado diácono el miércoles 18 de diciembre a las 6:00 p. m. en la iglesia católica St. Edward’s en Athens (1310 S. Palestine Street). El Obispo Joe S. Vásquez, administrador apostólico de la diócesis de Tyler, presidirá la ordenación. Todos están invitados a asistir.

First Sunday
Of
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