

- UPCOMING EVENTS / PRÓXIMOS EVENTOS: PARISH PRAYER GROUPS / GRUPOS DE ORACIÓN PARROQUIALES**
- ⇒ The Men’s Prayer Group will not meet during the month of December. Meetings will start in mid January of 2026 Contact Deacon Estevan./El Grupo de Oración de Hombres no se reunirá durante diciembre. Las reuniones comenzarán a mediados de enero de 2026. Comuníquese con el diácono Estevan.
- ⇒ She Shall Be Called Woman: Ten Virtues of Mary: Season Two starting in January 2026 contact Patricia Bautista./Ella será llamada mujer: Diez virtudes de María: Segunda temporada a partir de enero de 2026 Contactar a Patricia Bautista
- ⇒ We invite all every Monday/Tuesday for the Caminando Con Maria Grupo de Oración from 7pm to 8:45pm. For more information please contact Alma Salguero 210-917-7223/ Invitamos a todos los lunes y martes al Grupo de Oración Caminando con María de 7:00 a 8:45 h. Para más información, contacten a Alma Salguero al 210-917-7223.
- ⇒ We invite all every Monday/Tuesday for the Danza Corazon de Maria (Matachines) from 7pm to 8:45pm. For more information please contact : Imelda Cruz, 210-473-0350/ Invitamos a todos los lunes y martes a la Danza Corazón de Maria (Matachines) de 7:00 a 8:45 h. Para más información, contacten a Imelda Cruz, 210-473-035
- ⇒ We invite all for the Communion Service and Holy Hour is observed on the second Tuesday of every month in the Church for more information please contact Alma Salguero 210-917-7223/ Invitamos a todos al Servicio de Comunión y la Hora Santa se observa el segundo martes de cada mes en la Iglesia. Para más información por favor comunicarse con Alma Salguero 210-917-7223

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS / ANUNCIOS PARROQUIALES

- ⇒ Sunday December 14th CCD Christmas Party--starting at 1:00pm-2:30pm inside the hall. We are asking for donations of prepackaged cookies and juice boxes. Please RSVP if you plan on attending. Contact Sylvia Cruz (DRE) 210-415-1364./El domingo 14 de diciembre se celebrará la fiesta de Navidad de CCD, de 1:00 a 2:30 en el salón. Les pedimos que, si lo desean, traigan galletas envasadas y cajitas de jugo para compartir. Por favor, confirmen su asistencia. Para más información, comuniquense con Sylvia Cruz (DRE) al 210-415-1364.
- ⇒ Sunday, December 14th Las Posadas - starting at 3pm. Festival songs and a heartwarming enactment of the journey of Mary and Joseph. Followed by a potluck. Contact Sylvia Cruz (DRE) 210-415-1364 and Lupita Cruz 210-843-0719./El domingo 14 de diciembre se celebrarán Las Posadas, a partir de las 3 de la tarde. Habrá cantos festivos y una conmovedora representación del viaje de María y José. A continuación, habrá una comida compartida. Para más información, contacte con Sylvia Cruz (DRE) al 210-415-1364 y con Lupita Cruz al 210-843-0719.
- ⇒ Advent Mission: On *Wednesday, December 17h*, the Sacrament of Confession will be available from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., accompanied by the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. All parishioners are invited to participate in this time of prayer and reflection. Priests available in Spanish and English./Misión de Adviento: El miércoles 17 de diciembre, el sacramento de la Confesión estará disponible de 6:00 a 8:30, junto con la Exposición del Santísimo Sacramento. Todos los feligreses están invitados a participar en este tiempo de oración y reflexión. Habrá sacerdotes disponibles para confesarse en español e inglés.
- ⇒ Friday December 19th There will be a Ministry and Prayer group meeting to discuss planning of 2026. All coordinators please plan to attend, meeting starts at 6:30pm in the hall. Contact Deacon Estevan./Viernes 19 de diciembre Habrá una reunión del grupo de Ministerio y Oración para discutir la planificación del 2026. Todos los coordinadores por favor planeen asistir, la reunión comienza a las 6:30 p.m. en el salón. Contactar al diácono Estevan.
- ⇒ Wednesday, December 24th Christmas Day Vigil Mass will be a Children’s mass at 4pm. Christmas Day Mass Thursday, December 25th at 7:45am (Spanish) and 11:30am. Wednesday, December 24th Christmas Day Vigil Mass at St. Peter’s Christmas Day Vigil Mass at 6pm and Thursday, December 25th Christmas Day Mass at 9:45am./El miércoles 24 de diciembre, la Misa de Vigilia de Navidad será una misa para niños a las 4:00. La Misa de Navidad del jueves 25 de diciembre será a las 7:45 (en español) y a las 11:30. El miércoles 24 de diciembre, la Misa de Vigilia de Navidad en la iglesia de San Pedro será a las 6:00 y el jueves 25 de diciembre, la Misa de Navidad será a las 9:45.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 13TH & 14TH , 2025

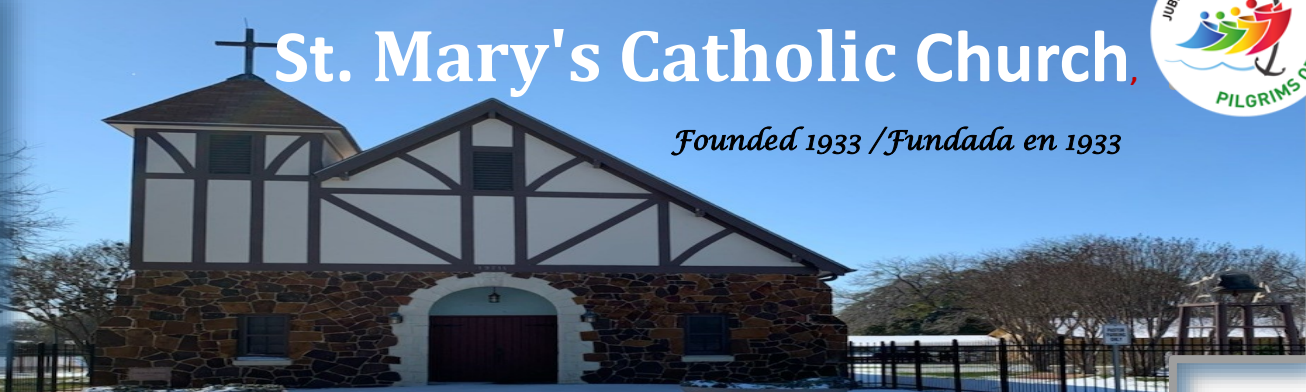
TERECO DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

13 Y 14 DE DECEMBER DE 2025



St. Mary's Catholic Church

Founded 1933 / Fundada en 1933





MISSION STATEMENT / Through prayer and worship, we are dedicated to serving the pastoral and spiritual needs of our parish, forming a welcoming sanctuary for all and continue the mission of our Lord Jesus Christ to evangelize and Proclaim the Word to build up our Church community with loving care, and to help bring others closer to God.

DECLARACIÓN DE MISSION: A través de la oración y la adoración, nos dedicamos a servir las necesidades pastorales y espirituales de nuestra parroquia, formando un santuario acogedor para todos y continuando la misión de nuestro Señor Jesucristo de evangelizar y proclamar la Palabra para edificar nuestra comunidad de la Iglesia con cuidado amoroso y ayudar a acercar a otros a Dios.

Mass Times / Horarios de Misa

Saturday / Sábado 4:00 p.m. English

Sunday / Domingo 7:45 a.m. Español

Sunday/Domingo 11:30 a.m. English

Confessions/ Confesiones

Saturday from 3:15pm to 3:50pm

Weekday Mass/Misa de entre Semana

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Lunes, Miércoles, Viernes 8:00 a.m.

Holy Hour Friday after mass

Hora Santa Viernes después de la misa

Confessions/ Confesiones: Friday from 8:30am to 9:15am

Fr. Kishore Bathula, Pastor

Deacon Estevan Bautista

Office Staff: Mary Turrin—Bookkeeper

Maddie Casares— Office Administrator

Office Hours/ Horas de Oficina:

Mon / Lun 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Tue & Thurs / Mar-Jue 10a.m.- 5:00 p.m.

12:30p.m-1:30p.m(Lunch)

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- ◇ **THE SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** the Sacrament is administered upon request to those seriously ill, permanently handicapped, very elderly and those undergoing major surgery. To arrange a pastoral visit please call the parish office.
- ◇ **HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK:** Holy Communion will be brought to the home. Please call the office when someone is ill and unable to come to church. Prayers may be requested for the sick and the elderly. Call the office when someone is in the hospital. **CONFESSIONS:** Any time by request. **NEWCOMERS:** We are happy to have you. Please approach the pastor right after the mass.
- ◇ **FUNERALS:** The family of the deceased should consult the pastor by calling the parish office, concerning the time and place of the funeral before making commitments with the undertaker, the normal setting of the funeral Mass is the Church.

PARISH MINISTRY COORDINATORS/
COORDINADORAS DEL MINISTERIO PARROQUIAL

- ⇒ **LITURGY/** Liturgia: Patricia Bautista 817-657-2128
- ⇒ **DRE**—Sylvia Cruz 210-415-1364
- ⇒ **BAPTISM / MATRIMONY / QUINCEANERA:** Dn. Estevan Bautista 817-300-1145
- ⇒ **OCIA:** Diana Bonelli, 210-336-2638
- ⇒ **CEMETERY / CEMENTERIO:** Flo Uriegas, Cookie White, Carmen Barbola 830-399-2142
- ⇒ **PASTORAL COUNCIL / CONSEJO PASTORAL:** Ricardo Abundes, 956-459-4395
- ⇒ **FINANCIAL COUNCIL / CONSEJO FINANCIERO:**

PRAYER GROUPS / GRUPOS DE ORACIÓN

- ⇒ **MEN’S PRAYER GROUP:** Deacon Estevan Bautista, 817-300-1145
- ⇒ **WOMEN’S PRAYER GROUP:** Patricia Bautista, 817-657-2128
- ⇒ **CAMINANDO CON MARIA GRUPO DE ORACIÓN:** Alma Salguero, 210-917-7223
- ⇒ **DANZA CORAZON DE MARIA (MATACHINES):** Imelda Cruz, 210-473-0350
- ⇒ **WEEKDAY MASS AND DEVOTIONS:** Mary Frances Anderson, 210-286-4110

Weekend Collection/
Colección Semanal:
DECEMBER 6TH & 7TH:

Saturday at 4pm - \$899.00

Second collection- \$0.00

Sunday at 7:45am- \$559.50.

Second collection- \$0.00

Sunday 11:30am- \$1005.92

Second collection- \$0.00

- * Thank you for your continued support and generosity/
- * Gracias por su continuo apoyo y generosidad.

This Sunday’s Readings/Lecturas de este Domingo

First Reading

Isaiah 35:1-6,10

In the day of the Lord, all sorrow and mourning will cease.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 146:6-7,8-9,9-10

The Lord will save his people.

Second Reading

James 5:7-10

Be patient, and be ready; the coming of the Lord is near.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 11:2-11

Jesus tells John the Baptist of the signs of the kingdom that are being worked through him and praises John as more than a prophet.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK / LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

15 Mon Advent Weekday violet
Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21:23-27 (187)

16 Tue Advent Weekday violet
Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32 (188)

17 Wed Advent Weekday violet/
Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17 (193)

18 Thu Advent Weekday violet
Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25 (194)

19 Fri advent Weekday violet
Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25 (195)

20 Sat Advent Weekday violet
Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38 (196)

MASS INTENTIONS

SAT	12/13 4PM	+William Barbola +Maricela Ramon
SUN	12/14 7:45AM	+Luis Alaquinez
SUN	12/14 11:30AM	+Diane Alaniz
MON	12/15 8AM	For All The Sick and Their Caregivers.
Wed	12/17 8AM	For Specialist Santino Mireles and all the Men and Women Serving Our Country.
FRI	12/19 8AM	+Eddie Zuniga
SAT	12/20 4PM	+Lorenzo Garza +William Barbola All the Prayer Petitions of the Ladies Prayer Group
SUN	12/21 7:45AM	+Luis Alaquinez Todas las peticiones de oración del Grupo de Oración de Mujeres
SUN	12/21 11:30AM	+Diane Alaniz All the Prayer Petitions of the Ladies Prayer Group

Sanctuary Lamp/lámpara del santuario

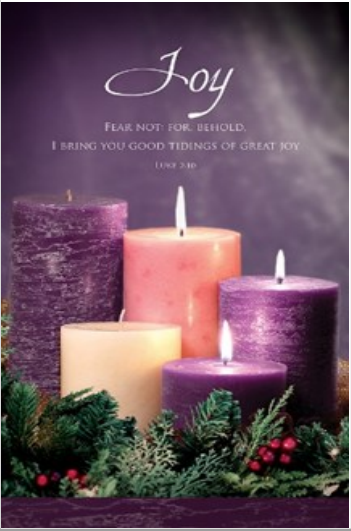


Father Kishore Bathula

James 5:7

“Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord’s coming.”

Thought for the week



Dear parishioners

The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally known as Gaudete Sunday. *Gaudete* is the Latin word for “rejoice,” and this Sunday takes its name from the first word of the entrance antiphon drawn from Philippians 4:4–5: “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near.” Many mark this moment of joyful anticipation by lighting a pink candle instead of the usual purple one on the Advent wreath. Gaudete Sunday stands as a bright reminder that our salvation is close at hand. Matthew recounts the story of John’s arrest, John sends disciples to ask Jesus directly whether he is indeed the long-awaited Messiah. Jesus answers by pointing to the miracles taking place in his ministry and invites John, and all who hear, to discern the truth for themselves. Immediately afterward, Jesus speaks with deep respect for John’s mission in preparing the way, and then proclaims that all who labor for the Kingdom of God can share in—even surpass—that greatness. Jesus’ message to John echoes the promises proclaimed by the prophet Isaiah: signs of healing, restoration, and hope that reveal God’s saving work. These signs remind us that salvation is already present among us, though not yet fully realized. We encounter it in the life and ministry of Jesus and in the Church today. Even as we look at our world—with all its brokenness—we can still catch glimpses of God at work. And by our own words and actions, we participate in preparing the way for God’s Kingdom. This hope-filled promise is, indeed, a true cause for rejoicing.

With love Fr.Kishore Bathula.

Advent: Advent is the four-week season in the Christian liturgical year that prepares our hearts for the celebration of **Christ’s birth at Christmas** and for His eventual **second coming**. It is a time of hopeful waiting, prayer, and reflection. The word *Advent* comes from the Latin *adventus*, meaning “coming” or “arrival.” **The Advent Wreath and Its Four Candles:** The Advent wreath is a circular arrangement of evergreen branches symbolizing **God’s eternal love** and the **everlasting life** Christ brings. Four candles—usually three purple and one pink—are placed around the wreath, and one is lit each Sunday of Advent. Here is what the candles traditionally represent: **1 . First Candle – The Prophecy Candle (Hope)** Purple. Reminds us of the prophets’ promise of the coming Messiah and the hope we have in Christ. **2 . Second Candle – The Bethlehem Candle (Faith or Preparation)** Purple. Reflects Mary and Joseph’s journey to Bethlehem and our call to prepare our hearts for Jesus. **3 . Third Candle – The Shepherd’s Candle (Joy)** Pink. Lit on *Gaudete Sunday* to signify joy, recalling the angel’s joyful announcement of Christ’s birth. **4 . Fourth Candle – The Angel Candle (Peace)** Purple. Represents the peace Christ brings to the world and the message of the angels: “Peace on earth.” Some wreaths include a **fifth white candle** (the *Christ Candle*) in the center, lit on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day to celebrate the birth of Jesus, the Light of the World.



Adviento: El Adviento es el periodo de cuatro semanas del año litúrgico cristiano que prepara nuestros corazones para la celebración del nacimiento de Cristo en Navidad y para su segunda venida. Es un tiempo de espera esperanzadora, oración y reflexión. La palabra Adviento proviene del latín *adventus*, que significa «venida» o «llegada». La Corona de Adviento y sus Cuatro Velas: La corona de Adviento es una disposición circular de ramas de hoja perenne que simboliza el amor eterno de Dios y la vida eterna que trae Cristo. Cuatro velas —generalmente tres moradas y una rosa— se colocan alrededor de la corona, y una se enciende cada domingo de Adviento. Esto es lo que representan tradicionalmente las velas: **1. Primera Vela – La Vela de la Profecía (Esperanza)** Morada. Nos recuerda la promesa de los profetas sobre la venida del Mesías y la esperanza que tenemos en Cristo. **2. Segunda vela: La vela de Belén (Fe o Preparación)** Morada. Refleja el viaje de María y José a Belén y nuestra invitación a preparar nuestros corazones para Jesús. **3. Tercera vela: La vela del Pastor (Alegría)** Rosa. Se enciende el Domingo de Gaudete para simbolizar la alegría, recordando el gozoso anuncio del nacimiento de Cristo por parte del ángel. **4. Cuarta vela: La vela del Ángel (Paz)** Morada. Representa la paz que Cristo trae al mundo y el mensaje de los ángeles: «Paz en la tierra». Algunas coronas incluyen una quinta vela blanca (la vela de Cristo) en el centro, que se enciende en Nochebuena o Navidad para celebrar el nacimiento de Jesús, la Luz del Mundo.