

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 11, 2017

St. Damasus I
8:00 am Dearing-Schmitt Family Liv. & Dec.

Tuesday, December 12, 2017

Our Lady of Guadalupe
8:00 am † Joseph Tran

Wednesday, December 13, 2017

St. Lucy
8:00 am † Shawn Bunch

Thursday, December 14, 2017

St. John of the Cross
8:00 am Parishioners of St. Bartholomew

Friday, December 15, 2017

8:00 am † Bertha Rubio

Saturday, December 16, 2017

4:00 pm Marcella Kaufman (Special Intention)
† Dec. Members of the Alvey Family

6:00 pm Spanish Mass

Sunday, December 17, 2017

Third Sunday of Advent
8:00 am Spanish Mass
10:30 am † Frank & Janet Karrer
† Leo Guzman
† Juin Coomes

Remember in Prayer...Our Sick and Shut-In

Deloris Newton, Dorothy Hawkins, Lucille Roby, Dick Brohm, Randy and Margie Meredith, Mark Williams, Johnny Federoff, Becky Cowherd, Ginny Cowherd, William Gomez, Noelcarroll Seesing, Stephen Herp, Tom and Helen Bullen, Jack Frick, Sara Boyd, Eric Pendleton, Thelma Metts, Johnathan Cleary, April Whitten, Tim Terrell, Bill Barker, Joyce Walker, Bill Dullaghan, Jennifer Clem, Gail Leezer, Louise Williams, Mo Goodin, Joanie Brohm, Gene Brohm, Sandy Yates, Theresa Whitworth, James Stevenson, Adelina Biagtan, Carol Palazzolo, Theresa Spalding, Laura Truitt, Mary Camron, Amanda Frank

Rehab/Nursing Home/Hospital: Hazel Manning, Margaret Davis, Frances O'Reilly, Marcella Kaufman, Patricia Hughes, Joe Herp, Barbara Schmitt

PRAYERLINE: 459-0706 or 239-4885

Readings for Next Sunday

Third Sunday of Advent

1st Reading Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11
2nd Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
Gospel John 1:6-8, 19-28

In Our Parish

Sunday, December 10, 2017

2:00 pm Bingo (J-Town Bingo Hall)

Monday, December 11, 2017

7:00 pm Bingo (J-Town Bingo Hall)

Tuesday, December 12, 2017

5:30 am Mananitas (morning prayer) (Church)

9:00 am Dare to Care (Check with Office)

7:00 pm Spanish Mass

8:00 pm Fiesta (Gym)

Wednesday, December 13, 2017

6:30 pm First Communion (Barth Hall)

6:30 pm Parish Council (Hughes Room)

6:30 pm Armada Blanca (Chapel)

6:30 pm First Com. Parents (Gym))

Thursday, December 14, 2017

6:00 pm Confirmation (Barth Hall)

7:00 pm Youth Group (Barth Hall)

Friday, December 15, 2017

3:00 pm Adoration 3:00-5:00 pm (Chapel)

7:00 pm Spanish Choir Practice

**Barth Hall unavailable December 16 thru 24.
Las Posadas (Definition on the Opposite Page)**

Prayers for Our Women and Men in Military Service



Matthew Cleary, Jerry Haueter, Denise Edson Stich, Brian M. Thomas, Chad Cheshire, Shawn Farnsley, Paul Yaden, Patrick Pugh, Angela Hayden, Clayton Simms, Bryan Cox (Retired), Corey Marshal, Michael Lee Thompson, Jr., Roy Sublett, Jr., Gregory VonBokern, Katie Kohrs

*Lord, hold our Troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need.
Amen*

Collection Report

Weekly collection Dec. 2 & 3	\$ 10,283.55
Weekly budgeted collection	8,385.00
Over weekly budgeted amount	1,898.55
SEAM	505.00
Maintenance	320.00

Anointing Service during Mass on Saturday,
December 16 and Sunday, December 17.

Second Sunday of Advent

Communal Penance Service
December 10, 3:00 pm, St. Gabriel

Christmas Mass schedule

Sunday, December 24

8:00 am Spanish

10:30 am

4:00 pm

11:00 pm

Monday, December 25

10:30 am



We have two young women celebrating special birthdays. Lucille Roby will turn 101 years young on December 11. Patricia Hughes will celebrate her special day on December 16.

Happy Birthday and God's blessings!

2017 Catholic Services Appeal

Bringing Christ to Others

Our Parish Target: \$21,700 150 households

We have reached and surpassed our target of 100% and 150 households. Fantastic!

Our totals are: \$26,675 123% participation

Thanks to those who have already responded with a gift to the 2017 Catholic Services Appeal. There is still time to respond with a gift to this year's Appeal. Gifts can be made through our parish office or online at www.ArchLou.org/CSA.

Thank you to all those who participated in the American Red Cross Blood Drive here at St. Bartholomew on December 4.

We had 24 people who came to give blood and 18 successful donations. We sincerely appreciated all the donors, helpers, callers and all who helped in any way. Together, we have helped to give the gift of LIFE! If you were unable to donate here, please remember the Holiday Donorama which is held every year during the Holidays, or call the American Red Cross for the next nearest blood drive. Our blood supply is especially critical during the Holidays. Thank you no matter the part you played, it was important!

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank those generous families who donated coats for our 2017 Fall Coat Drive. Your coats will be keeping someone much warmer this winter!

Meaning of Las Posadas

Posadas are an important part of Mexican Christmas traditions. These community celebrations take place on each of the nine nights leading up to Christmas, from December 16 to 24th. The word *posada* means "inn" or "shelter" in Spanish, and in this tradition, Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem and their search for a place to stay is re-enacted.

Posadas are held in neighborhoods across Mexico and are also becoming popular in the United States.

The celebration begins with a procession in which the participants hold candles and sing Christmas carols. Sometimes there will be individuals who play the parts of Mary and Joseph who lead the way, or occasionally images representing them are carried. The procession will make its way to a particular home (a different one each night), where a special song is sung.

Asking for Shelter

There are two parts to the traditional posada song. Those outside the house sing the part of Joseph asking for shelter, and the family inside responds singing the part of the innkeeper saying that there is no room. The song switches back and forth a few times until finally the innkeeper decides to let them in. The hosts open the door, and everyone goes inside.

Celebration

Once inside the house, there is a celebration which can vary from a very big fancy party to a small get-together among friends.

Often the festivities begin with a short Bible reading and prayer. Then the hosts give the guests food, usually tamales and a hot drink such as ponche (a warm spiced Christmas punch) or atole (a thick hot drink made of corn meal). Then the guests break piñatas and the children are given candy.

The nine nights of posadas leading up to Christmas are said to represent the nine months that Jesus spent in Mary's womb, or alternatively, to represent nine days journey to Bethlehem.