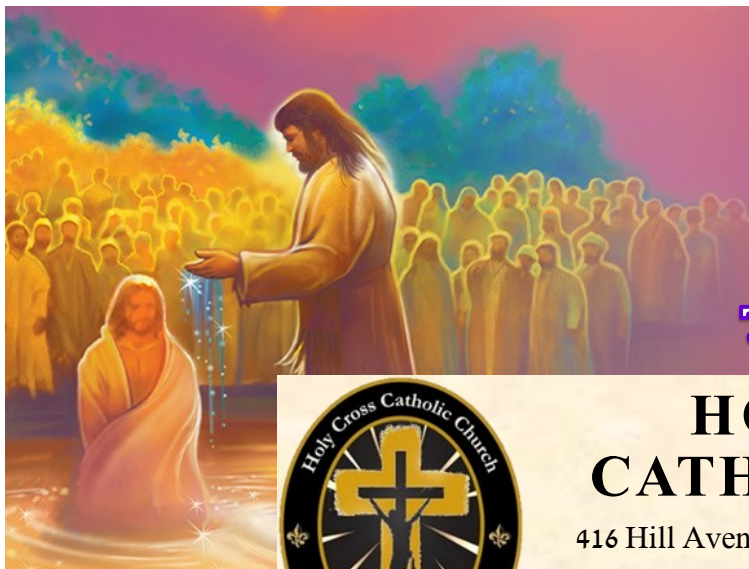


I AM BAPTIZING YOU WITH WATER
**BUT ONE MIGHTIER
THAN I IS COMING**
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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MASS SCHEDULE/HORARIO DE MISA

Saturday/Sabado

7:00p.m. Vigil Mass (Spanish)

Sunday/Domingo

9:00a.m. English Mass

11:30a.m. Spanish Mass

Weekday Mass

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

8:00a.m. English Mass

Wednesday, Thursday

6:00p.m. Spanish Mass

First Saturday

9:30a.m. English Mass

CONFESSIONS/CONFESIONES

Saturday/Sabado: 6:00-6:45 p.m.

EUCARISTIC ADORATION/ADORACIÓN

EUCARÍSTICA

Thursday/ Jueves: 8:30am—6:00pm

17 HRS. EUCARISTIC ADORATION

First Thursday at 7:00pm to First Friday at 12pm.

Primer Jueves de 7:00pm a Primer
Viernes a las 12pm.

SACRAMENTS/SACRAMENTOS

Baptismal Class Preparation in English

Every last Saturday of the month

9:00am—12:00pm

Rose Pasillas

Preparación Bautismal en Español

Terceros Sábados del mes

9:00am—12:00pm

Sister Ma. Carmen Sierra MGSA

Faith Formation/Formación de la Fe

Sunday/Domingo

10:15am—11:15am

Sacramental Formation/Formación Sacramental

Every Wednesday/Todos los Miércoles

6:00pm—7:30pm

Anointing of the Sick/Unción de los enfermos

First Friday of the Month/Primer Viernes de cada mes

12:00noon

Marriage Preparation/Preparación Matrimonial

Contact the Priest at least 6 months prior
of intended Marriage date.

Comuníquese con el Sacerdote al menos
6 meses antes de la fecha de matrimonio.

Office Hours (Horario de Oficina)

Tuesday through Friday (Martes a Viernes)

9:30am to 5:00pm

Monday / Closed

Secretary: Sister Georgina Sierra, mgsa and Jazmin Juarez

Adoration Chapel Code Number (Código Capilla de Adoración) 2-4-6-8

YO BAUTIZO CON AGUA
**PERO YA VIENE OTRO
MÁS PODEROSO QUE YO**

**December 15
2024**

**Third Sunday of Advent
Not Ready? No Problem!**

We often get so caught up in all the things we do to prepare for Christmas that we forget Advent all together. The readings remind us that in spite of the stress we may feel thinking about how close Christmas is, we are called to rejoice for the Lord is near. The stress we may feel may be from fear. But did you ever notice how much easier it is when you have someone to shop with you, or write the Christmas cards, or decorate the tree? "Shout for joy... fear not!" says the prophet Zephaniah in the first reading. He tells us the Lord is not coming to punish us for waiting till the last minute to put up the tree. The prophet says the Lord is in our midst, we are not alone. "he has turned away your enemies." And as if that wasn't good enough, he says that the Lord rejoices over us! How many times have you wondered if you could ask the Lord for help? Zephaniah reminds us that the Lord is happy to help. And St. Paul says the same thing in the second reading: "Have no anxiety at all... make your requests known to God." That is where Advent comes in. We can look forward to the Lord's presence in our lives. That is why faith and hope are central to the theme of Advent. Our faith in God's love for us gives us hope that he will support us in our weakness and fill us with the joy he has over us.

Scripture Readings for The Week

Sunday	Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18
Monday	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9; Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday	Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Wednesday	Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Thursday	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Friday	Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
Saturday	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Sunday	Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 39-45

**Tercer Domingo de Adviento
¿No estas listo? ; No hay problema!**

A menudo nos envolvemos tanto en todas las preparaciones para la Navidad que nos olvidamos por completo del Adviento. Las lecturas nos recuerdan que, a pesar del estrés que podamos sentir al pensar en lo cerca que está la Navidad, estamos llamados a regocijarnos porque el Señor está cerca. El estrés que sentimos puede deberse al miedo. Pero, ¿ alguna vez has notado que es mucho más fácil cuando tienes a alguien que te acompaña en las compras, o te ayuda a escribir las tarjetas navideñas o a decorar el árbol? "Da gritos de júbilo... No temas", dice el Profeta Sofonías en la primera lectura. No dice que el Señor viene a castigarnos por esperar hasta el último minuto para poner el árbol. El Profeta dice que el Señor está en medio de nosotros, no estamos solos. "Ha expulsado a todos tus enemigos". Y si eso no fuera suficiente, dice que el Señor se goza y se complace en nosotros. ¿Cuántas veces te has preguntado si podrías pedirle ayuda al Señor? Sofonías nos recuerda que le da gusto al Señor ayudarnos. Y san Pablo dice lo mismo en la Segunda lectura: "No se inquieten por nada; más bien presenten... sus peticiones a Dios". Ahi es donde entra en juego el Adviento. Podemos anticipar la presencia del Señor en nuestras vidas Por eso la fe y la esperanza son centrales al tema del adviento. La fe en el amor que Dios tiene por nosotros nos da la esperanza de que nos apoya en la debilidad y nos llena con las misma alegría que El tiene por nosotros.

Lecturas de las Escrituras Para la Semana

Domingo	Sof 3, 14-18; Is 12, 2-3. 4bcd. 5-6; Flp 4, 4-7; Lc 3, 10-18
Lunes	Nm 24, 2-7. 15-17; Sal 24, 4bc-5ab. 6-7bc. 8-9; Mt 21, 23-27
Martes	Gn 49, 2. 8-10; Sal 71, 2. 3-4ab. 7-8. 17; Mt 1, 1-17
Miércoles	Jer 23, 5-8; Sal 71, 2. 7-8. 12-13. 17; Mt 1, 18-24
Jueves	Jc 13, 2-7. 24-25; Sal 70, 3-4a. 5-6ab. 16-17; Lc 1, 5-25
Viernes	Is 7, 10-14; Sal 23, 1-2. 3-4ab. 5-6; Lc 1, 26-38
Sábado	Can 2, 8-14 o Sof 3, 14-18; Sal 32, 2-3. 11-12. 20-21; Lc 1, 39-45
Domingo	Miq 5, 1-4a; Sal 79, 2ac y 3b. 15-16. 18-19; Heb 10, 5-10; Lc 1, 39-45

SAFE ENVIRONMENT: The Catholic Church in the United States and Holy Cross Catholic Church, Diocese of Tyler; are committed to providing an environment that is safe for children and vulnerable adults. If you know or suspect that a minor or vulnerable adult is currently being abused or is in danger, immediately report it to state/local law enforcement or the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services at (800) 252-5400 or txabusehotline.org



AMBIENTE SEGURO: La Iglesia Católica en Estados Unidos y la iglesia La Santa Cruz Diócesis de Tyler, estamos comprometidos a proporcionar un entorno seguro para niños y adultos vulnerables. Si sabe o sospecha de un menor o un adulto vulnerable actualmente está siendo abusado o está en peligro, repórtelo de inmediato a la policía estatal o local o al Departamento de Servicios Familiares y de Protección de Texas al (800) 252-5400 o txabusehotline.org.

MINISTRIES/MINISTERIOS

Financial Council / Consejo de Finanzas
Alton Werth (Chair Person)
Pastoral Council / Consejo Pastoral
Manny Pasillas (Chair Person)
Faith Formation / Formación en la Fe
Sister Georgina Sierra MGSA
RCIA-English/RICA-Spanish
Rose Pasillas/Sister Ma. Carmen Sierra
MGSA
Spanish Choir

Rosario Abrego
Baptism Preparation / Prep. Bautismal
Manny & Rose Pasillas (English)
Sister Ma.Carmen Sierra MGSA (Spanish)
Ethics & Integrity (ACS)/Ética & Integridad
Rose Pasillas
Lector / Lector
Mary Cole (English) /Salvador Ávila (Spanish)
Altar Servers / Monaguillos
Manny Pasillas / Alma Ugalde
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Manny Pasillas & Juan Osornio
Legion of Mary / Legión de María
Miriam Martinez
Pro-Life Group / Grupo Pro-Vida
María Álvarez
Maintenance / Mantenimiento
Fernando Ornelas / Rene Sierra
Church Cleaning / Limpieza de la Iglesia
Sara Mandujano
Ujieres/Ushers

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Second collection** this week will be for our Retirement Fund for Religious
- **If you would like to donate for our Christmas flowers** in thanksgiving or in memory of someone, please take one of the envelopes located at the entrance of the church.
- **Angel Tree Sponsors** - We ask that the gifts be brought before December 20 to our parish office.
- We will not have Holy Eucharistic Adoration until the second week of January due to many events happening these Holidays.

ANNUNCIOS

- ♦ **Segunda colecta** de esta semana sera para el Fondo de retiro para los religiosos
- ♦ **Si desea donar para las flores de Navidad** en acción de gracias o en memoria de alguien, por favor lleve uno de los sobres ubicados en la entrada Iglesia.
- ♦ Les pedimos de favor a todos los que se llevaron un Angelito del Arbol de Navidad. Traer los regalos antes del 20 de Diciembre
- ♦ No tendremos Adoración Eucarística hasta la Segunda semana de Enero debido a muchos eventos programados en estas fiestas.

Weekly collection/ Colecta Semanal

December 08, 2024

Regular Collection \$ 4,153.25
Building Fund \$2,160.00



POSADAS DE NAVIDAD

“NOVENA AL NIÑO JESUS”

Invitamos a las familias de nuestra comunidad de la Santa Cruz que deseen tomar un día para las posadas; se registren en la Iglesia o llamen a la Oficina.

Iniciarán el 16 de Diciembre y serán en la Iglesia Antigua a las 6:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptismal Class Preparation in English
Every last Saturday of the month
Next Class : December 28, 2024
9:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.

To Register, please call the office prior to the class.

Clases Pre-Bautismales en Español
Tercer Sábado de Cada Mes
Próxima Clase: Diciembre 21, 2024
9:00am — 12:00pm

Venir a la Oficina para registrarse y recoger el libro para la clase.

Eucharistic Adoration
Thursday/ Jueves
8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.



“Oh mi buen Jesús, que los latidos de mi corazón sean para ti alabanzas de adoración”.(Fr. Rivera)

GOD'S CLOSET CAMP COUNTY CARES

HOLY CROSS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE:

- 1st Monday of Each Month
- 3rd Monday of Each Month
- **4th Monday of Each Month**
(Except June, July, August)

LOCATION :

God's Closet

TIME:

8:30-11:00 AM

BILINGUAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED BUT NOT REQUIRED

Every day, rain or shine, there are those in our camp county community in need. You can help them. How? By giving of your time. Our time is the greatest gift we can give. Come and spend a few hours a month helping by showing your kindness and support to those in need. Bring your smile, your muscle, and your love for God's creations. You will be rewarded much more than you will ever know.

Come Join Us!





**Christmas
Flowers Donation**

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE FLOWERS
IN THANKSGIVING OR IN MEMORY OF
SOMEONE, PLEASE TAKE ONE OF THE
ENVELOPES LOCATED AT THE ENTRANCE
OF THE CHURCH.

Thank you.



THURSDAY
December 19th
5:00 p.m.
till
7:30 p.m.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE

**Christmas Mass Schedule
Horarios de Misas de Navidad**

Tuesday, December 24, 2024

Holy Mass (Nativity of the Lord)
Santa Misa (Natividad del Señor)
Vigil Mass in English – 5:00 p.m.

(Christmas Eve / Misa de Gallo)
Bilingual Mass – 12:00 a.m.

Wednesday, December 25, 2024
(Christmas Day)
English Mass – 9:00 a.m.

(Dia de Navidad)
Spanish Mass – 11:30 a.m.

NEW YEARS MASS SCHEDULE

Holy Day of Obligation
(Mary Mother of God)
December 31st, 2024

5:00 p.m Vigil English Mass
7:00 p.m. Misa Vigilia Español

January 1st, 2025

5:00 p.m. English
7:00 p.m. Español