



SATURDAY / SÁBADO, 26 DE NOVIEMBRE 7:30 A.M. SABATINA

3:00 P.M. CONFESSIONS 4:00 P.M. MASS (ENGL) +Domingo T. Ortiz (B-day)- Fam. +Adelina Martinez- Ricardo y Estella Flores +Teresa S. Limon- Esposo & Fam. +Jesus Garza, Jr.- Hortencia Zamora +Eusebio Silva (Anniv)- Fam. +Eufrosina & Victor Moreno- Fam. +Constancia & Cesario Moreno- Fam. +Domingo & Mito Arce- Fina Arce & Fam. +Dcn. Ricardo Ayala- Wife, Josie Ayala +Josefina Ayala- Fam. 7:00 P.M. MASS (SPAN) +Elva Yzaguirre Martinez- Fam. +Chonita Guerrero (B-day)- Gomez Fam. +Jose Martin Ochoa- Fam. +Jose Francisco Cantu, Jr.- Mother & Sisters +Guadalupe Segundo (Anniv)- Fam. +Hipolito Guerrero Solis (31st Anniv)- Fam. +Miguel Herrera- Otila Alvarado

+Armando Javier Montes- Parents, Armando & Micaela Montes +Edgar Efren Montez- Fam. Montes & Fam. Leon A/G 50th Wedding Anniversary Blessing of Eliobardo & Lilia Cantu

SUNDAY/ DOMINGO, 27 DE NOVIEMBRE

7:30 A.M. MASS (SPAN) +Domingo T. Ortiz (B-day)- Familia +Geno Avila- M/M Leonel Reyna +Miguel Lopez (18th Anniv)- Familia +Ma. Rosa Moreno & Maria Rodriguez- Jose G. +Cayetano Lopez (8th Anniv)- Familia +Pedro Navarro- Esposa e Hijos +Damacio Garcia- Hermana +Salvador Teodora Sanchez- Fam. Garcia A/G 45th Anniversary of Justo & Sila Gonzalez 9:00 A.M. MASS (ENGL) +Guadalupe Vela- Mauro & Petra Anzaldua +Heraclio & Petra R. Olivares- Fam. +Betty Bellert- Richard Bellert +Ronald Poirier- Don & Anne Mayville +Guadalupe G. Sanchez (B-day)- Family +Lucille Holtz- Everette Holtz +Ronald Boerger-Shirley Boerger +Parents of Fred & Bea Massmann 10:30 A.M. MASS (ENGL) FOR THE PEOPLE/POR EL PUEBLO 12:30 P.M. MASS (TEX-MEX) +Dustin Hinojosa (B-day)- Mother, Brother & Sister +Julia T. Garza- Family & Friends +Reynaldo Garcia (3rd Anniv)- Fam. Garcia +Rudy Garcia- Fam. Garcia +Rafaela G. Flores (18th Anniv)- Guerra Fam.

+Bernardino Alvarado (4th Anniv)- Fam. Rodriguez & Alvarado 5:30 P.M. MASS (TEX-MEX)

+Augustina Gutierrez-Esposo e Hijos +Jose Luis Guerra (Annv)- Esposa, Martha Guerra & Hijos

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MONDAY /LUNES, 28 DE NOVIEMBRE 6:55 A.M. LITURGIA DE LA PALABRA Y COMUNION / LITURGY OF THE WORD W/ COMMUNION

TUESDAY, MARTES, 29 DE NOVIEMBRE **IN MEMORY OF +AUGIE** 6:55 A.M. LITURGIA DE LA PALABRA Y COMUNION/ LITURGY OF THE WORD W/ COMMUNION

WEDNESDAY / MIERCOLES, 30 DE NOVIEMBRE ST. ANDREW 6:55 A.M. MASS +Ma. Rosa Moreno- Jose G. Moreno +Maria Rodriguez– Jose G. Moreno

THURSDAY / JUEVES, 1 DE DICIEMBRE

SISTER LUPITA'S BIRTHDAY 6:00 P.M. CONFESSIONS 7:00 P.M. MASS +Emma & Ramiro Bourbois- Ginger & David Silva +Jorge J. Escobar- Roy Escobar & Family

FRIDAY / VIERNES, 2 DE DICIEMBRE <u>6:55 A.M.</u> MASS +Anita S. Ozuna-OLG 7:00 P.M. WEDDING OF REYNOLDO & APRIL GARCIA

SATURDAY / SÁBADO, 3 DE DICIEMBRE

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER 7:30 A.M. SABATINA

- 3:00 P.M. CONFESSIONS
- 3:00 P.M. WEDDING OF EFRAIN RIOS & ISABEL FLORES
- 4:00 P.M. MASS (ENGL)
- +Rosalie Funke (2nd Anniv)- Fam.
- +Adelina Martinez- Ricardo y Estella Flores
- +Teresa S. Limon- Esposo & Fam.
- +Rip Halverson- HVR
- +Jose Prado, Sr. (21st Anniv)- Urbano Prado Aleman Fam.
- +Eufrosina & Victor Moreno- Fam.
- +Constancia & Cesario Moreno- Fam. +Josefina Flores– Flores Fam.
- +Ernesto Torres- Flores Fam.
- +Hermila G. Vela- Ramiro Vela & Fam.
- For all Soldiers Living & Deceased
- 7:00 P.M. MASS (SPAN)
- +Elva Yzaguirre Martinez- Fam.
- +Baldemar Salinas (5th Anniv)- Familia
- +Maria Elena Chavez (1st Anniv)- Familia
- +Guadalupe Benavidez- Familia
- +Aniceto Lara Villarreal- Familia Palacios
- +Jose C. Angel Lara Lopez-Fam. Palacios
- +Jose Juan de Dios Lara Lopez-Fam. Palacios
- +Jose Guadalupe Ancieto Lara Lopez-Fam. Palacios
- +Miguel Angel, Juan, Gerardo Rangel- Fam.
- +Miguel, Ma. Luisa , Angela Rangel- Fam.
- +Angelina Cortez-Friends
- +Ramon & Natalia Flores- Lydia Flores
- +Gavino Flores- Lydia Flores

IT IS NOW THE HOUR FOR YOU TO WAKE UP FROM SLEEP, FOR OUR SALVATION IS CLOSER THAN WHEN WE FIRST ACCEPTED THE FAITH. THE NIGHT IS FAR SPENT; THE DAY DRAWS NEAR. YÁ ES HORA DE DESPERTAR. NUESTRA SALVACION ESTA AHORA MAS CERCA QUE CUANDO COMENZAMOS A TENER LA FE. LA NOCHE AVANZA; ESTA CERCA EL DIA.

Preoccupied or Prepared?

"Hi, Kevin," said Julie, grasping the hand of her friend. 'My sister told me you had an accident and were laid up. What a shame, right before Christmas. What happened, anyway?"

Kevin smiled ruefully. "I was way behind on my Christmas preparations and was rushing around buying presents and ornaments, trying to catch up all at once. I was hurrying, preoccupied, not really paying attention to what I was doing. I slipped on some ice and sprained my ankle pretty badly. It'll be after Christmas before I can get around again." Julie shook her head sympathetically. "Gee, Kevin, if you were so far behind in your Christmas preparations already – this is going to mess them up completely."



¿Preocupados o preparados?

"Hola, Kevin," Julie dijo, tomándole la mano a su amigo. "Mi hermana me dijo que habías tenido un accidente y estabas en cama. ¡Que pena que te haya pasado poco antes de las Navidades! ¿Qué fue lo que le paso?"

Kevin se sonrió lamentándose. "Yo estaba atrasado con mis preparaciones de Navidad y estaba apurado, com-











"Oh, I don't know," Kevin said thoughtfully . "Maybe I can really start getting ready for Christmas now."

"What do you mean?"

"Well, while I was running around, worrying about buying presents and goodies, I forgot why I was doing it alllost sight of whose birthday it is I'm supposed to be celebrating. Since I've been sitting here with my foot on this pillow, I've had some quiet time to reflect and pray on what I should really be doing to get ready for Christmasadjusting my attitudes toward people I've held grudges against or haven't gotten along with." Kevin smiled again. "This is going to be a different Christmas in more ways than one."

Through the special prayers and liturgies of Advent, the Church offers us the opportunity to reflect on the true meaning of our celebration of Christmas.

prando regalos y decoraciones, tratando de hacer todo lo que me faltaba. Yo estaba preocupado, apurándome, sin prestarle atención a lo que hacia. Me resbale en el hielo y me torcí el tobillo. No voy a poder caminar bien hasta después de las Navidades."

Julie se compadeció de Kevin. "¡Que pena, Kevin! Si estabas atrasado con tus preparaciones de Navidad, esto no te va a ayudar en nada."

"Oh, no sé," dijo Kevin pensativo. "Quizás yo pueda empezar a prepárame ahora de verdad para las Navidades."

¿Qué quieres decir?"

"Bueno, mientras que me apuraba para hacer lo que me faltaba, preocupándome por los regalos que iba a comprar, me olvide de por que lo estaba haciendo-me olvide de que es el cumpleaños que se supone que celebremos. Desde que he estado aquí descansando con mi pie en esta almohada, he tenido tiempo para prepararme para la Navidad—he cambiado mis actitudes hacia las personas que he herido o con los cuales no me he llevado bien." Kevin se sonrió otra vez. "Estas Navidades van a ser diferentes que los anteriores y por muchas razones."

La Iglesia, por medio de las oraciones especiales y las liturgias de Adviento, nos ofrece la oportunidad de reflexionar acerca del verdadero significado de nuestra celebración de la Navidad.

WELCOME HOME, MIGRANTS & WINTER TEXANS! WELCOME HOME, FR. GERRY MCGOVERN, OMI!

This weekend, we celebrate the 1st Sunday of Advent & we start getting ready for the sweet, tender, tremendous Feast of Christmas. For us crazy Catholics, it's a time to try to "sensitize" or "recharge" our sense of wonder as we move toward and look forward to the day we remember and celebrate and savor the mystery of God coming to us in such an amazing way! Christ being born in our weak and imperfect, but beautiful and noble human condition, born in a stable! Surrounded by animals! Imagine that! We'll try to make Advent a time to refresh our innocence, refocus, reenergize, and re-discover our souls, our hearts in Christ, born into our homes, hearts and stories. If you can "power down" and think and pray about it, it's pretty amazing and "wonder-full"!

This weekend, we'll start using the <u>New Roman Missal</u> in the English Masses. It'll be a "little bit" of a "verbal shift" for us, but we'll adjust in our own "down home" way, as always! The flyer with this bulletin shows you the changes in the prayers you say out loud at Mass. We have cards in the pews and of course the new missalettes will have the new responses and prayers in them. As always, what matters most is your <u>heart</u>. If you don't say the "right words", God still loves you and always hears what's in your heart!!

We sure had a beautiful Fr. Keralum Mass and Welcome Home celebration for our Winter Texans and Migrant neighbors last Sunday and two fine Thanksgiving masses Wednesday evening and Thursday morning. Lots of beautiful days in the neighborhood! Thanks to our Seniors, class of '12, & their teachers. Thanks to all our fine, generous, talented and energetic parishioners for all your help! What a fine parish and fine folks and so many of 'em!

AS THANKSGIVING FADES OUT AND ADVENT LIGHTS UP...



WELCOME HOME to all our university men & women and everybody else who is home for Thanksgiving. It sure is good to be together and with everybody at the Thanksgiving Day and Sunday masses. We really have a lot to thank God for!

Advent Reflection: (by the great American Humorist: Garrison Keillor)

To know and to serve God, of course, is why we're here, a clear truth that, like the nose on your face, is near at hand and easily discernable but can make you dizzy if you try to focus on it hard.

But a little faith will see you through. What else will, except faith, in such cynical, corrupt time? When the country goes temporarily to the dogs, cats must learn to be circumspect, walk on fences, sleep in trees and have faith that all this woofing is not the last word. Time to shut up and be beautiful, and wait for morning. Yahooism, when in power, is deaf and neither satire nor the gospel will stay its brutal hand, but hang on, another chapter follows. Our brave hopes for changing the world all sank within the view of their home port, and we have become the very people we used to make fun of, the old and hesitant, but never mind, that's not the whole story either. So hang on!

What keeps our faith cheerful is the extreme persistence of gentleness and humor. Gentleness is everywhere in daily life, a sign that the <u>faith rules through ordinary things</u>; through cooking and small talk, through storytelling, making love, fishing, tending animals and sweet corn and flowers, through sports, music and books, raising kids' all the places where the gravy soaks in the grace shines through. Even in time of elephantine vanity and greed, one never has to look far to see the campfires of gentle people. Lacking any other purposes in life, it would be good enough to live for their sake.

During Advent, in contrast to the commercial world, we kind of savor our longing for the joy of the great Feast of Christmas. We try to kind of re-discover, re-invigorate the energy of our love for Christ, our desire to be faithful friends & His faithful friends, to look for Him in the story of our lives. Advent celebrates and meditates on that searching and longing for what we haven't yet achieved or discovered or reached yet or what hasn't reached us yet. We look forward to the celebration, but we don't move it up so we can have it now. It's kind of a neat thing; kind of like, "getting there is half the fun"! Even though the Christmas decorations were up in the stores before Halloween, we have a different pace, a different style, a different vision, a different "feel" for things! You could call it a sense of mystery or a sense of wonder or a sense of reverence. Something like that!

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"THE WAY!"

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iChihuahua! iQue cosas! What about that truck? That's a truck what am a truck! A Toda Maquina! It's got bells and whistles I never knew existed! Check it out! We oughtta sell more tickets than ever! (We'll have to, to pay for that truck!) IF EVERY HOUSEHOLD CAN BUY OR SELL ONE OR TWO BOOKS, WE'LL BE IN GREAT SHAPE. Pick up your books as soon as possible! Let's make it a howling success! The truck and the spirit gets better every year. This is the last raffle-Jamaica before the BIG restoration-expansion begins in early 2012! We really need to do good!

Ticket Agents:

Joe Rodriguez: 222-9891 * David Moreno: 624-7174 * Celia Garcia: 585-3979 * Norma Cortez: 457-8315 * Letty Salinas: 451-0369 * Mario Peña: 570-4140 * Joe Hoffman: 222-8858 * Lito Rodriguez: 585-4266 * Connie Garza (Guadalupanas): 867-0742 * Tony O'caña: 585-8737 * OLG School: 585-6445

<u>PLEASE PITCH IN</u>! All the money stays here at the church and school you love! Our noble, faithful and overworked TICKET AGENTS will be looking for you after mass. In fact, they could use some allies in our great effort. If you'd like to help out as a TICKET AGENT-AMBASSADOR for O.L.G., let us know! The more the merrier. If every household can sell or buy at least one or two books, we'll have a wonderful success! Last year we astonished ourselves and everybody else! Let's do it again!

<u>TICKETAGENTS!</u> We could ALWAYS use some more "movers and shakers" on the Raffle and Jamaica project. Being a ticket agent or super salesman or woman could even be kinda fun and give you a chance to share some of that famous "Guadalupe hospitality" with our neighbors. How 'bout it? Our agents are great Ambassadors!

THE CONFESSION SCHEDULE is the same for the beginning of Advent: Thursday at 6:00 P.M. & Saturday at 3:00 P.M. If you're "fixin' to," better not wait til the last minute! We will add some more opportunities for confessions later on in Advent.

Did you see that stack of old shingles out on the SE corner of the church yard and think "old Fr. Roy is sure a slob!"? Well, that's true, BUT those are old shingles from the La Lomita

chapel that you might want for a souvenir, "recuerdo," and maybe some homemade art project. So, there is sometimes some method to my messes.! If you'd want to make a donation for the shingles, we'd put it in the restoration expansion fund and we'd sure appreciate it and need it!

****Last week's Collection**: \$10,995.69

We're double checking our records! Please write your name & address on your church envelopes for the next 3-4 weeks! Bring in your pull tabs for cancer patients! Thanks!

We will tenderly and lovingly remember all our sick friends and parishioners at all our week-end masses. Also please remember in your prayers, <u>+Anita S. Ozuna</u>, who died last week, and her family in their great sorrow. Que brille para ella la luz perpetua.

Advent Prayer: Come, O long- expected Jesus; excite us in wonder at the wisdom and power of your Father and ours. Receive our prayer as part of our service of the Lord who enlists us as His instruments here on earth.

Come, O long- expected Jesus; excite in us a hunger for peace; peace in the world, peace in our homes; peace within ourselves.

Come, O long-expected Jesus; excite in us a joy responsive to our Father's joy. At this moment we seek his will so we can serve him with gladness, singing and love. Come, O long-expected Jesus; excite in us the joy and love and peace with which it is right to come to the manger of our Lord. But raise in us, too, sober reverence for the God who acted there, and hearty gratitude for the life begun there, and spirited resolution to serve that Father and Son.

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, whose advent we hail. Amen.

It's ironic that this sweet and tender season of Advent is probably the most stressful, restless, rushed, and worried time of the year. You could lose sight of the "Good Stuff" if you aren't careful. We pray for that "extreme persistence of gentleness and humor" that Garrison Keillor talks about. Brad Paisley sings a fine song about really seeing and savoring the ways the Spirit of the love of Christ comes to you in your "down home" life.

Well I'll never forget the first time that I heard That pretty mouth say that dirty word And I can't even remember now what she backed my truck into But she covered her mouth and her face got red And she just looked so darn cute That I couldn't even act like I was mad Yeah I live for little moments like that

Well that's just like last year on my birthday She lost all track of time and burnt the cake

"Little Moments," Brad Paisley

And every smoke detector in the house was goin' off And she was just about to cry until I took her in my arms And I tried not to let her see me laugh Yeah I live for little moments like that

I know she's not perfect but she tries so hard for me And I thank god that she isn't 'cause how boring would that be It's the little imperfections it's the sudden change in plans When she misreads the directions and we're lost but holdin' hands Yeah I live for little moments like that When she's layin' on my shoulder on the sofa in the dark And about the time she falls asleep so does my right arm And I want so bad to move it 'cause it's tinglin' and it's numb But she looks so much like and angel that I don't wanna wake her up Yeah I live for little moments When she steals my heart again and doesn't even know it

Yeah I live for little moments like that