

SAINT MATTHIAS
CATHOLIC CHURCH

CALENDAR:

Monday, December 2nd

Women's Bible Study
7:00 pm

Tuesday, December 3rd

Israel Presentation
7:00 pm

Wednesday, December 4th

Men's Bible Study
7:00 pm

Wednesday, December 4th

Bunko @ 7:00pm
Church Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, December 10th

Adoration
7:00 pm

Sunday, December 15th

Christmas Party & Potluck
7:00 pm

Monday, December 16th

Men Women's Bible Study
7:00 pm

Wednesday, December 18th

Men's Bible Study
7:00 pm

Saturday, December 21st

Ministry to the Homeless
Austin St. Shelter @ 11am

Tuesday, December 24th

Caroling @ 10:00pm
Midnight Mass @ 11:00pm

Wednesday, December 25th

Mass @ 10:00am

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DECEMBER 2019

“It Is Advent, Not Yet Christmas”

The word Advent comes from the Latin word *adventus* and Greek word *parousia*. The meaning of the word Advent is “coming”. All too many people see Advent as the preparatory season for Christmas which is not actually true. It is the preparatory season for the celebration of the Incarnation. In the earliest days of Christianity, Advent was seen as “a little Lent” in that it was a season of repentance in preparation for the celebration of the Incarnation. The Christmas season begins with Christmas Day and continues through the Feast of the Epiphany (the 12 days of Christmas). In the church we follow that with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord as we mark the beginning of His ministry.

Why is this important to know?

If we will treat Advent as a season of reconciliation, cleaning our hearts of all that is impure, then we can truly celebrate the joy of the Incarnation as we too are filled with the presence and divine love of Jesus Christ. If your glass is full, there is no room for more, but if we will empty ourselves of our own selfish desires, Jesus Christ will fill us with Hope, Peace, Joy and Love.

May our Advent truly prepare us to receive the greatest gift known to humanity in the Incarnation of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Peace and Blessings,



NEWS & UPDATES

Helping Hands Items of the Month Hygiene Items & Personal Toiletries



**Helping Hands
Volunteer
Juan & Yolanda
Garza**

This has been an ongoing ministry of our congregation for many years. Please consider being a part of our giving to Helping Hands.

Yu Ying Chang was introduced to our congregation at the 10:30am mass on Sunday, November 24th. Yu Ying will be bringing live music to our church home in a few weeks.

Sunday, December 1st, you'll get a chance to hear Yu Ying play in between mass at 9:45am.

CONFIRMATION

**Classes
Begin
Dec. 8th
@ 1:30 pm**

Poinsettias



Poinsettias will be available for pick-up on December 15th

\$7.00 per plant—payment is due when the Poinsettias arrive.

**No Sunday School
December 1, 2019**

**Winter Break
December 22nd
December 29th**

Advent Season & Christmas Season

Saint Matthias
Christmas Party & Potluck
Sunday, December 15th
5:00pm—7:30pm

White Elephant Gift Exchange

To participate, please bring a wrapped gift for each participant.
\$10.00 Kid Gift / \$15.00 Adult Gift

REVERSE ADVENT

Each day during the season of Advent, add an item of need (packaged food or toiletries) to a bag, basket, or box and on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day bring your donated items to church and we will send it to the Helping Hands Pantry

HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE



CHRISTMAS EVE CAROLING
& MIDNIGHT MASS

Dec. 24th
10pm - 12am

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

Dec. 25th
10am - 11am



We will be sponsoring a family in need this Christmas. Please bring all gifts unwrapped on or before December 15th.

Purchase only the item listed on the tag you select.



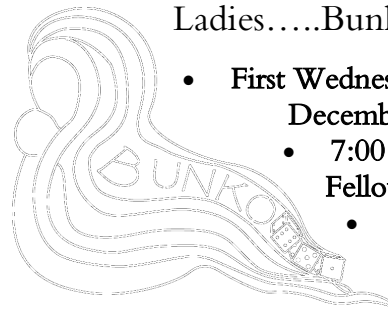
Social Committee



**Holy Land Tour
in 2021**

Tuesday, December 3rd @ 7:00 pm
ISRAEL PRESENTATION

This event is for everyone. Those who are planning on going on the Holy Land Tour in 2021, and for those who are not going.



Ladies.....Bunko is back!

- First Wednesday,
December 4, 2019
- 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall
- \$10/per person
- Prizes

- Bring a "small" food item to share
- Iced tea/coffee will be provided by the church – you are welcome to bring your own drink as well

There is an organization, the Women In Need - My Sister's Closet Rockwall that Bunko will be supporting through donations. Each month you will have the opportunity to donate to this organization.



Server's List

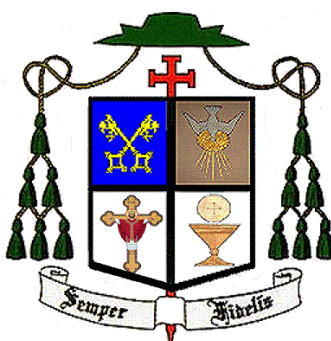
8:30 am Mass					
Date	12/01/2019	12/08/2019	12/15/2019	12/22/2019	12/29/2019
1st Reading	Tracy McLeland	Adam Dingwell	Bonnie Penny	Vicki Graska	Gerry Coppler
2nd Reading	Marguerite Brindock	Vicki Graska	Tracy McLeland	Adam Dingwell	Dee Schueler
Eucharist	Marguerite Brindock	Gerry Lamb	Andrew Brindock	Marguerite Brindock	
Usher	Albert Hernandez	Luke Krawietz	Brandon Morgan	Albert Hernandez	Luke Krawietz
Altar Guild	Jody McGee	Margie Chung	Tracy McLeland	Emilia Hernandez	Marguerite Brindock

10:30 am Mass					
Date	12/01/2019	12/08/2019	12/15/2019	12/22/2019	12/29/2019
1st Reading	Angela Garza	Randy Lewandowski	Jeff Gay	Kathy Oehler	Yolanda Garza
2nd Reading	Taylor Bell	Bonnie Penny	Josh Zachary	Juan Garza	Greg Oehler
Eucharist	Karen Anderson	Yolanda Garza	Kathy Oehler	Cristina Zachary	Jeff Gay
Ushers	Randy Lewandowski Juan Garza	John Bulsterbaum Bob Marcoux	Erv and Pam Slovak	Bobbie Walker Sara Linehan	Randy Lewandowski Juan Garza
Altar Guild	Karen Anderson	Pam Slovak	Cristina Zachary	Karen Anderson	Pam Slovak
Torch Bearers	Logan Zachary Noah Danna	Ryan Holmes Ramon Garza	Angela Garza Juan Garza	Logan Zachary Noah Danna	Ryan Holmes Ramon Garza
Childcare	Allie / Maggie	Cathy / Annabelle	Yolanda / Ramon	Allie / Maggie	Juliana / Emma
Parish Council	Greg Oehler Bonnie Penny	Bobbie Walker Bonnie Penny	Marc Holmes Jeff Gay	Bonnie Penny Bobbie Walker	Jeff Gay Marc Holmes

Saint Matthias Catholic Church

116 Kenway St
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Sunday English Mass.....8:30 am &
10:30 am
Sunday School.....9:45 am—
10:15 am
Confession.....Available before Mass



Saint Matthias Office

102 Kenway St
Rockwall, TX 75087
972-771-1378

Office Hours

Monday 9:00 am — 1:00 pm
Wednesday 9:00 am — 1:00 pm
Friday 9:00 am — 11:00 am

Please call to make an appointment..

Childcare is provided for children under the age of 7 at the 10:30 am Mass.

Advertisements

“His dominion is vast and forever peaceful, from David’s throne, and over his kingdom, which he confirms and sustains by judgement and justice, both now and forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this!” *Isaiah 9:6*

“When Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” They replied, “Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter said in reply, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” Jesus said to him in reply, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father.”

Matthew 16:13-17

A Charlie Brown Christmas; where Linus finally lays his treasured security blanket down (*for this first time*) as he passionately tells the story of Christ's birth. When he repeats the angel's words from **Luke 2** "Fear not," he drops the symbol of his fears to the ground with an angelic smile!



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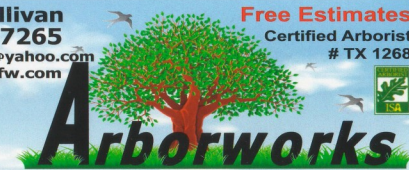
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