



DECEMBER 2024

A New Year full of God's Surprises and Love

With the feast of Christ the King, Christians end the liturgical year by confessing Jesus as the center of our lives, as the axis on which our entire existence revolves, confessing that “the innocent nailed to the cross, poor, naked and deprived of everything, embodies and reveals the fullness of God's love.”

Advent opens the doors of a new year to us. In the same way that the beginning of each calendar year is offered to us as an opportunity, as an open possibility, to give the best of ourselves in the year that lies ahead. But also to look back at what we did the previous year and seek to do better the new year. Therefore, we would have to live the beginning of each liturgical year in fullness.

I honestly believe that Christians tend to fall into a mistake: considering the liturgical year as a “cycle that returns again and again, without change, repeating itself monotonously: “another Advent, another Christmas..., then there will be another Lent, another Easter..., and so on to start over again...”

But for us, that have a renewed faith, there is no monotony. We, people of faith, Sunday after Sunday we celebrate the God of surprise, the God of novelty, the One who always goes ahead, that is not repeated, to the One who sustains and pushes our history, who challenges us and commits us to the construction of the Kingdom, until Jesus is truly all in all.

Our personal, family, social, historical journey... is a walk forward, towards the best, towards constant improvement..., it is a walk that opens up to us full of possibilities, that should excite us, that should fill us with new energy... because God, who is constant newness, drives it from within.

I believe that if we look at the new liturgical year from this perspective, we will be able to break with the routine. We will allow ourselves to be surprised, moved and mobilized by the presence of God. It will no longer be “just another Advent”, but “a new and different Advent”; not “one more Christmas”, but “a new and unforgettable Christmas”...

Peace and Blessings,

+ Bernard Benedict CSSM

CALENDAR:

Women's Bible Study

Monday, December 2nd & 16th
@ 7pm

Men's Bible Study

Wednesday, December 4th &
18th @ 7pm

Sunday, December 1st

Parish Christmas Party & Potluck
Following Mass
With White Elephant Gift Exchange

Wednesday, December 18th

Bunko
Parish Hall @ 7:00 pm

Saturday, December 21st

Ministry to the Homeless
Austin St. Shelter @ 11am

Angel Tree

Return unwrapped gifts with
Angel tags the latest 12/15 after
Mass.

Christmas Novena

From December 16th up and
until 24th, daily Holy Eucharist
@ 5.30 am

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NEWS & UPDATES

Helping Hands Items of the Month Hygiene Items & Personal Toiletries



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

Helping Hands
Contact for
December:
Mary Dingwell

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Holy Rosary, Every Thursday @ 12.00 noon
- There are rosaries in the Narthex (Foyer) for a small donation.
- Annual **Parish Christmas Party and Potluck with White Elephant Gift Exchange**, will follow mass on **Sunday, December 1st**
- Sunday December 8th Sint Nicholas Shoe pick-up for the kids.
- Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Holy Eucharist, Thursdays 12th of December @ 7.00 pm
- Christmas Novena December 16th—December 24th, daily Mass @ 5.30 a.m.
- Ministry to the Homeless, Saturday, December 21st @ 11.00 am
- Bible Study Theme for December “The Seven Principles of Catholic Social Teaching” presented by Bishop Todd Bell.
- Angel Tree: Return unwrapped gifts with Angel tags the latest 12/15
- Christmas Eve Carols
- Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist 11.00 pm
- Christmas Morning Eucharist 10.00 am
- Christmas Afternoon Spanish Eucharist @ 1.00 pm

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Monday, December 2nd & 16th @ 7pm

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday, December 4th & 18th @ 7pm

BUNKO

Wednesday, November 20th
@ 7 pm



10:00 Servers List for December 2024

December

Date	12/1/2024	12/8/2024	12/15/2024	12/22/2024	12/24/2024 / Christmas Vigil	12/25/2024	12/29/2024
Reading	Rhiannon Young	Josh Zachary	Megin Danna	Preston Landman	Emily Holmes	Gerry Coppler	Jeff Gay
Altar Guild	Cristina Zachary	Margie Chung	Erica Casares	Leslie Coppler	Marguerite Brindock	Judy Fries	Debbie Kopec
Altar Server	Ryan Holmes / Clayton & Ginnesy	Steven Danna / Emory & Clayton	Mark Volpi / Emory & Ginnesy	Frankie Valdez / Clayton & Ginnesy & Ginnesy	Preston Landman / Emory & Clayton	Ryan Holmes / Emory & Ginnesy	Steven Danna / Clayton & Ginnesy
Eucharistic Ministers (2)	Cristina Zachary / Mark Volpi	Jeff Gay/Victoria Souder	Rodney Dingwell / Cristina Zachary	Mark Volpi / Marguerite Brindock	Andrew Brindock / Emily Holmes	Jeff Gay / Mark Volpi	Bob Marcoux / Victoria Souder
Usher	Josh Zachary	Rod Dingwell	John Hajdu	Frank Kopec	Bill Fries	Pam / Erv Slovak	Michael Souder
Childcare	Erica Casares	Allie & Maggie Volpi	Rhiannon Young	Cecilee Younes	Rhiannon Young	Allie & Maggie Volpi	Erica Casares
Fellowship Prep	Pam Slovak	Henly Pogue	Rhiannon Young	Sara Villagoomez	Pam Slovak	Henly Pogue	Rhiannon Young
Parish Council	Frank Kopec	Cristina Zachary	Marc Volpi	Jeff Gay	Rhiannon Young	Frank Kopec	Cristina Zachary
Helping Hands Contact of the month	Mary Dingwell						

Advertisements

Jeremiah 29:11

For I know well the plans I have in mind for you—oracle of the Lord—plans for your welfare and not for woe, so as to give you a future of hope.

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13

May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call, what are the riches of glory in his inheritance among the holy ones, and what is the surpassing greatness of his power for us who believe, in accord with the exercise of his great might, which he worked in Christ, raising him from the dead and seating him at his right hand in the heavens

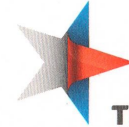


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VILLA TERESA

Villa Teresa is a Rockwall-based nonprofit that will provide a loving home and care to the dying in need!

For questions about our mission or for any end-of-life needs, please contact us at hello@villateresahome.org.

villateresahome.org

Saint Matthias Catholic Church

116 Kenway St
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Sunday English Mass Childcare is available for children
Up to Kindergarten during the 10:00 am mass.

Confession.....Available by appointment



Saint Matthias Church Office

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Office Hours

Please call to make an appointment..