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Third Sunday of Advent
December 13, 2020

Rev. Benjamin Romero Arrieta, C.M.F.
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IHM PARISH GIFT SHOP

Monday—Friday 8:30am—4:00pm
1 Customer at a time in Gift Shop



MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY / SABADO

5:30PM (English)

SUNDAY / DOMINGO

8:30AM (English)

10:30AM (Español)

12:30 PM (Español)

MONDAY—FRIDAY

12:00 PM (Español)

CONFESSIONS / CONFESIONES

By appointment only

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Thursdays: 8:00AM-11:40AM
(livestream on Facebook only)

Every First Friday: 10:30am-11:30am
(visitors welcome)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Classes Online Only

FACEBOOK

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Mission Statement

Immaculate Heart of Mary is a home for all! We strive to bring people to God through the celebrations of the sacraments and the Word of God while addressing the special and spiritual needs of the parish: the poor, the youth, the elderly, the physically challenged, the family and maintaining a multi-cultural heritage.

Inmaculado Corazón de María es un hogar para todos! Nos esforzamos para llevar a la gente a Dios a través de la celebración de los sacramentos y la palabra de Dios, respondiendo a las necesidades especiales y espirituales de la parroquia: los pobres, los jóvenes,

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Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.
— 1 Thessalonians 5:16

**Tercer Domingo de Adviento
13 de diciembre de 2014**

Vivan siempre alegres, oren sin cesar.
— 1 Tesalonicenses 5:16

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — As a garden makes its growth spring up, so will God make justice spring up before all the nations (Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11).

Psalm — My soul rejoices in my God (Luke 1:46-50, 53-54).

Second Reading — Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good (1 Thessalonians 5:16-24).

Gospel — I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord (John 1:6-8, 19-28).

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Regocíjense en el Espíritu del Señor que nos trae buenas noticias (Isaías 61:1-2a, 10-11).

Salmo — Mi espíritu se alegra en Dios, mi salvador (Lc 1:46-50, 53-54).

Segunda lectura — ¡Alégrese! Conserve su integridad en el Espíritu y guárdense sin mancha hasta la venida del Señor (1 Tesalonicenses 5:16-24).

Evangelio — Juan Bautista dice: “Soy la voz que grita en el desierto” (Juan 1:6-8, 19-28).

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today is known as Gaudate Sunday, Gaudate is the Latin word for rejoice. And it takes its name from the opening antiphon: ‘Rejoice in the Lord, again I say rejoice, the Lord is near.’ During Advent we wait expectantly for the coming of Christ at Christmas. We wait expectantly because we are aware of our poverty and emptiness, conditions described in the first reading from the Prophet Isaiah. But we must not allow our weakness and failures to discourage us. Rather, they should make us desire Christ's coming all the more. This is the attitude of the liturgy, and it should be ours as well.

In other words, we do not have to stay the way we are, weak, blind or crippled. Our Savior is coming at Christmas to bring us strength, light and healing. We don't have to look for another. Jesus is the one who is to come. We need no other. He is our way, our truth and our life. Let's keep our hope and prayer toward God!

Benjamin Romero Arrieta, C.M.F.
Claretian Missionaries

Querido Hermanos & Hermanas,

Este domingo es conocido como “Domingo Gaudete.” Esta es una palabra latina que significa regocijo. Este domingo toma su nombre de la antífona de apertura: “Regocíjate en el Señor. El Señor está cerca.” Durante el Adviento esperamos con gran expectativa la venida de Cristo en Navidad. Lo esperamos porque somos conscientes de nuestra pobreza y vacío, las condiciones que se describen en la primera lectura del profeta Isaías. Pero no debemos permitir que nuestras debilidades y fracasos como la última alternativa o como dejar la esperanza de lado. Más bien, todos estos deberían hacernos desear la venida de Cristo cada vez más. Esta es la actitud de la liturgia, y debería ser la nuestra también.

En otras palabras, no tenemos que permanecer como somos, débiles, ciegos o lisiados. Nuestro Salvador viene en Navidad a traernos la fuerza, la luz y sanar nuestras heridas. Nosotros no tenemos que esperar a otro. Jesús es el que ha de venir. No tenemos que esperar ningún otro. Él es nuestro camino, nuestra verdad y nuestra vida.

¡Mantengamos nuestra esperanza y oración hacia Dios!

Rev. Benjamin Romero Arrieta, C.M.F.
Misionero Claretiano

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Simón Gonzales	Melanie Rodriguez	Eddie Salinas
Sandra Burks	Susie Peña	Ismael Rodriguez
Ángela Díaz	Marcelino Rangel	Carmelita Najar
Olga Bustamante	Mike Alcalá	Alvin Poore
Santiago Delgado	Maria Chavez	Roy Ehlers
Josie Weaver	Makency Garcia	Peggy Lee Haynes

ALTAR FLOWERS

Donations for the Altar flowers may be made to the Parish in memory of a loved one, a birthday, anniversary or special occasion.



SANCTUARY LIGHT

In Memory of
Carlos L. Hughes

PARISH NEWS

THANK YOU!

We would like to thank the volunteers who donated their time and monies to have the Tamale Plate sale, with all proceeds going to Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. These funds will help to alleviate our day to day operations as Covid 19 continues to affect us all. We also want to extend a special thank you to all those who sold and bought plates, because of you we had a successful fundraiser!

*** *Con profunda alegría damos las gracias a los voluntarios que donaron su tiempo y recursos para la venta del plato de tamales. Los fondos que se ha colectado se destinarán a la Iglesia del Inmaculado Corazón de María. Estos fondos ayudarán a aliviar nuestras operaciones diarias mientras Covid 19 continúa afectándonos a todos. También queremos extender un agradecimiento especial a todos los que vendieron y compraron platos. ¡Gracias a ustedes tuvimos una recaudación de fondos exitosa!*

PENITENTIAL/CHRISTMAS CONFESSION

Monday, December 21st at 6:30p.m. we will have a special Penitential service and Confessions in preparation for Christmas. Everyone is invited to take advantage of this Spiritual cleansing opportunity.



****El Lunes, 21 de diciembre a las 6:30pm tendremos el servicio penitencial y Confesiones en preparación para la Navidad. Invitamos a todos para aprovechar esta oportunidad de limpieza espiritual.*

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE—FELIZ NAVIDAD

Christmas Eve Thursday—December 24th

4:30 P.M.—Children's Mass (Bilingual)

Christmas Day Masses Friday December 25th

10:00 A.M.—English

12:00 P.M.—Español



HAPPY NEW YEAR - PRÓSPERO AÑO NUEVO

Thursday—December 31, 2020

5:30 P.M.—New Year's Eve Vigil Mass—Bilingual

Friday—January 1, 2021

12:00 P.M.—Spanish Mass



BLESSED SACRAMENT

Thursday, December 31st 4:00pm—5:00pm: We will have the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament inside the Church. Spend time with Our Lord in the Blessed Eucharist! 5:30pm Mass following adoration.

****Jueves 31 de diciembre de 4:00 pm a 5:00 pm: Tendremos la exposición del Santísimo Sacramento dentro de la Iglesia. ¡Pase tiempo con Nuestro Señor en la Santísima Eucaristía! 5:30 pm Misa posterior a la adoración.*

OFFICE CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS

December 24th & 25th—Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

January 1, 2020—New Year's Day

****El 24 y 25 de Diciembre—Navidad*

El 1 de Enero 2020—Día de Año Nuevo

STEWARDSHIP: DECEMBER 6, 2020

MASS	LOOSE	ENVELOPES	TOTALS
5:30 PM	\$80.00	\$375.00	\$455.00
8:30 AM	\$47.00	\$896.00	\$943.00
10:30 AM	\$370.00	\$268.00	\$638.00
12:30 PM	\$167.00	\$39.00	\$206.00
Personal Delivery	\$250.00	\$421.00	\$671.00
TOTALS	\$914.00	\$1999.00	\$2913.00

Online Giving: \$0.00

Other Income: \$2653.00

Total Weekly Income \$5566.00

Thank you for your Generosity.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Christmas Poinsettias will be available to purchase this year for \$10.00. Poinsettias will be used to decorate the Church Altar at Christmas. Please fill out form below and return to the Parish office or you may use a Christmas flowers envelope and place this form along with payment in the collection basket.

Name: _____

Phone: (____) _____

In

Memory: _____

In Honor of (living): _____

I plan to pick up plant _____ Donate plant to Church: _____

2021 BIBLE DIARY

The 2021 Bible Diary is available in English & Spanish for \$15 each. The Diary contains prayers, mysteries of the Rosary, daily readings and more.

El Diario Bíblico 2021 esta disponible en ingles y español por \$15. El diario contiene oraciones, los misterios del Rosario, las lecturas diarias y mas.

2020—BAPTISMS

CLASSES Thursday, December 17th (English) 6:30-9pm

GROUP BAPTISM Saturday, December 19th at 9am

REGISTRATION BY: Friday, December 11th

CLASES DE BAUTISMO Jueves, 14 de Enero 6:30-9pm

BAUTISMO EN GRUPO Sábado, 16 de Enero 9am

REGISTRARSE PARA EL: Viernes, 8 de Enero

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!

For Registration requirements call the office, visit our website at www.ihmsatx.org or email admin@ihmsatx.org Register in the Parish office Monday–Friday 8:30am-1pm & 2:30pm-5pm.

PRIVATE BAPTISMS

Please remember that baptisms are a community event as we are welcoming the Child into the Catholic Community. Private baptisms should only be requested for medical emergencies and military deployment urgencies.

Who Will Lead You to God?



Today's Gospel reading tells us about Saint John the Baptist, who prepared the people for the coming of Jesus. At first people thought that he might be the saviour they were all waiting for, but he was very clear when he told them that he wasn't- there was one coming after him Who would be the truly great One.

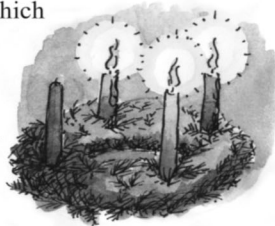
Sometimes we hear about great or important people. We know about movie stars and singers and government leaders. Who are some important people you know of?



Do those people that you've thought about help to bring you closer to God? Do they teach you well and give good example? Or do they lead people away from God by doing wrong things or making fun of God's truth?



We can know which people are really great by thinking about whether they lead us closer to God, like Saint John the Baptist did, or further away from Him. Which sort of people do you want to follow?



Answer to Word-find: brokenhearted

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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe

5:30 p.m. Sp. Int.—Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sp. Int.—Christopher & Kimberly Montano
B/ D—Charles Ehlers

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

8:30 a.m. †—Sylvia Hernandez
Sp Int.—Holy Souls in Purgatory
10:30 a.m. †—Sara G. Sanchez
B/D—Daynara Roldan, Juan Pina Jr.
12:30 p.m. Sp. Int.—Holy Souls in Purgatory
†—Jose Garcia, Justino Palomino Fuentes
†Ann.—Manuel Rodriguez

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14

12:00 p.m. B/D—G.G. Bigrigg
†—Toribio Mata, Roxana Rodriguez

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15

12:00 p.m. †—Jose Maria Mata, Lourdes Pena
†—Roxana Rodriguez

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16

12:00 p.m. †—Joana Gonzales, Lourdes Pena
†—Roxana Rodriguez

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17

12:00 p.m. †—Juan Gonzales, Roxana Rodriguez
†B/D—Carlos L. Hughes

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18

12:00 p.m. †—Camila Gonzales, Roxana Rodriguez
Sp. Int.—Holy Souls in Purgatory

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