

# Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20, 2020

Rev. Benjamin Romero Arrieta, C.M.F.  
Parish Administrator

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## IHM PARISH GIFT SHOP

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

## FOURTH SUNDAY

OF  
*Advent*

Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.  
May it be done to me  
according to your word.

Luke 1:38



DECEMBER 20, 2020

### 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, los ancianos, los discapacitados, la familia y manteniendo un patrimonio multi-cultural.*

**Fourth Sunday of Advent  
December 20, 2020**

The child to be born will be called holy,  
the Son of God.—*Luke 1:35*

**Cuarto Domingo de Adviento  
20 de diciembre de 2020**

El Santo, que va a nacer de ti, será llamado  
Hijo de Dios.—*Lucas 1:35*

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — I will fix a place for my people.  
(2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16).

**Psalm** — For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord  
(Psalm 89).

**Second Reading** — To the only wise God, through Jesus  
Christ, be glory forever and ever (Romans 16:25-27).

**Gospel** — Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it  
be done to me according to your word (Luke 1:26-38).

**LECTURAS DE HOY**

**Primera lectura** — El Señor promete a David que su casa  
permanecerá para siempre (2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16).

**Salmo** — Cantaré eternamente las misericordias del Señor  
(Salmo 89 [88]).

**Segunda lectura** — Pablo ora para que Dios sea glorificado  
mediante Jesucristo (Romanos 16:25-27).

**Evangelio** — El ángel Gabriel anuncia a María que ella con-  
cebirá al hijo de Dios (Lucas 1:26-38).

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We celebrate today the Fourth Sunday of Advent. God's Word is active and effective and is continually made present in our lives. God comes to share our humanity where we are also invited to recognize and rejoice over the abiding presence of Jesus. When and where do we see the face of God in our lives? At times we are impatient when it seems that God's coming might seem slow. God comes in every moment, every event, and every encounter with another. God's Word calls us to new possibilities and new life. We are called and invite to renew our commitment, God's Love.

In this Christmas time, we pray that we might recognize more fully Christ's presence among us and within us. There are many opportunities for us to give of ourselves... to children, to the elderly, to those in need. Christmas is about giving of ourselves and this is a source of joy. Merry Christmas-Feliz Navidad.

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

Querido Hermanos & Hermanas,

Celebramos hoy el IV domingo de Adviento. La Palabra de Dios es activa y eficaz y se hace continuamente presente en nuestras vidas. Dios viene a compartir nuestra humanidad, donde también estamos invitados a reconocer y regocijarnos por la presencia permanente de Jesús. ¿Cuándo y dónde vemos el rostro de Dios en nuestras vidas? A veces somos impacientes y parece que la venida de Dios puede parecer lenta. Dios viene en cada momento, en cada caso, y cada encuentro con otros. La Palabra de Dios nos llama a nuevas posibilidades y una nueva vida. Estamos llamados e invitados a renovar nuestro compromiso, el Amor de Dios.

En este tiempo de Navidad, oramos para que podamos reconocer más plenamente la presencia de Cristo en medio de nosotros y dentro de nosotros. Hay muchas oportunidades para que demos de nosotros mismos ... a los niños, a los ancianos, a los necesitados. Navidad es tiempo de dar Tiempo de darnos nosotros mismos y esto es una fuente de alegría y regocijo. Feliz Navidad-Merry Christmas.

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	Elia DeHoyos
Santiago Delgado	Maria Chavez	Roy Ehlers
Nicholas Rodriguez	Makency Garcia	Peggy Lee Haynes

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

For the Health of  
Elia DeHoyos



**SANCTUARY LIGHT**

For the Health of  
Sandra Burks & Simon Gonzales

# PARISH NEWS

## **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*

## **PEW PLAQUE DEDICATIONS**

Here's your chance to leave a lasting mark or memory in honor of family, or a loved one or commemorate a special event! Pew Plaques are still available for purchase. A portion will go towards our Restoration Fund to help with the cost of future restorations and projects. For more information please contact the Parish office at (210) 226-8268.

*¡Tienes la oportunidad de dejar una marca duradera o un recuerdo en honor a la familia, a un ser querido o conmemorar un evento especial! Las placas en nuestras bancas todavía están disponibles para la compra. Parte de los ingresos se destinará a nuestro Fondo de Restauración para ayudar con el costo de futuras restauraciones y proyectos. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con la oficina de la parroquia al (210) 226-8268.*

## **STEWARDSHIP: DECEMBER 13, 2020**

Due to early submission of the Bulletin, the Collection amounts for last week will be available in next week's bulletin.

Archbishops Appeal Goal: \$9,162.24 Received:\$5,074.00

Thank you for your Generosity.

## **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.*

## **WELCOME NEWCOMERS**

If you are a visitor to Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, we want you to know how welcome you are; whether you come from another part of the country, from across the world, or simply from another parish. We hope you find our worship true and reverent and our people here friendly and cordial. If you are seeking a spiritual home, we would be honored by your presence in our family. For more information about becoming a parishioner, please come to Our Parish office to register.

## **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: \_\_\_\_\_

## **2020—BAPTISMS**

**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

**CLASES** Thursday, February 18th (English) 6:30-9pm

**GROUP BAPTISM** Saturday, February 20th at 9am

**REGISTRATION BY:** Friday, February 12th

## **PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!**

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

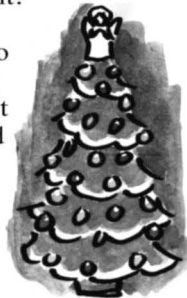
## **PRIVATE BAPTISMS**

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.

# Christmas is Almost Here!



Now it's only five days until Jesus' birthday! Are you all ready for it? If you have an Advent wreath then this is the week that all the candles will be lit. Jesus is coming soon, so the light should be getting very bright!



Do you have a Christmas tree? Do you know what it represents? A long time ago people used to have plays at Christmas time about how Adam and Eve sinned when they ate the fruit from the tree, and how Jesus was born to save us from that sin. So a Christmas tree is there to remind us of why Jesus came.



Does your family have a nativity scene? It should be all ready for Christmas, but the Baby Jesus doesn't get put in the manger until Christmas Eve.

Answer to front page puzzle: Blessed are you among women! Answer to True or False: 1.true, 2.false, 3.false, 4.true, 5.true, 6.false, 7.true.

www.thekidsbulletin.wordpress.com

## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

5:30 p.m. Sp. Int.—Holy Souls in Purgatory  
Sp. Int.—Hernandez & Cerda Family

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

8:30 a.m. Sp Int.—Holy Souls in Purgatory  
10:30 a.m. †—Sara G. Sanchez, Elias Martines  
B/D—Alejandro Roldan  
12:30 p.m. †—Roxana Rodriguez

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 21

12:00 p.m. B/D—Michael Martinez  
†—Roxana Rodriguez  
Sp. Int.—Holy Souls in Purgatory

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22

12:00 p.m. Health—Roxana Rodriguez  
Health—Elia DeHoyos  
†—Roxana Rodriguez

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23

12:00 p.m. Health—Veronica Rodrigues  
Health—Elia DeHoyos  
†—Roxanna Rodriguez

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24 Christmas Eve

4:30p.m. ALL PARISHIONERS

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25 Christmas Day

10:00 a.m. ALL PARISHIONERS  
12:00 p.m. ALL PARISHIONERS

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