

Hope Guevara

St. James Catholic Church

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Mass Schedule

Monday, 12/03

No Services

Tuesday, 12/04

- 6:30 A.M. Frances Malatek by Bea Maddox (SJ)
Julie Polasek by Family
- 9:30 A.M. Communion Service (CI)
- 6:30 P.M. For World Peace (SP)

Wednesday, 12/05

- 9:30 A.M. Doris Brennan by Catholic Daughters (CW)
- 5:30 P.M. Michael Havel by John Janecka (SJ)
Jim/Bettie Vinklerek by Anna L. Burger

Thursday, 12/06

- 12:00 P.M. Ernest Kapavik by M/M Jerry Malik (SH)
Louis/Gussie Benes by Family

Friday, 12/07

- 6:30 A.M. June Sweeny by Ruby Kapavik (SH)
Hattie Respondek by Kenneth, Gregory, and Candice Molnoskey
- 5:30 P.M. For The People Of The Parish (SJ)

Saturday, 12/08

- 9:00 A.M. Juana G. Ovalle by Family (SH)
- 5:30 P.M. Ernest Kapavik by Family (SJ)
Julie Polasek by Family

Sunday, 12/09

- 8:00 A.M. Maria Vega by Family (SH)
Helen Bazan by Family
- 9:30 A.M. Frances Malatek by Billy L. Benes (SJ)
Family
Holly Cantu by M/M Michael Oakes
- 11:30 A.M. Maricela Rodriguez and (SP)
Baby Juan Rodriguez by Family
- 5:15 P.M. Hattie Respondek by (SH)
M/M Marvin Barta
Maxie Flores by Concha Flores/Family

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday, December 2nd

The annual Knights of Columbus Christmas Party for members and their families will be held at the St. James Parish Hall on December 2nd starting at 5:30 pm.

Week-At-A-Glance:

- Sun Dec 2, 10 am, SP..... CCD – All Grades
- Sun Dec 2, 11:00 am, SJ..... CCD K-5
- Sun Dec 2, 9 am, SH..... Guadalupanas
- Sun Dec 2, 12:30 pm, SP..... Guadalupanas
- Sun Dec 2, 6:30 pm, SJH..... Knights' Christmas Party
- Tue Dec 4, 7:30 pm..... Gonzales Pastoral Council
- Fri Dec 7, 6:30 am – 12 m, SH..... Eucharistic Adoration
- Fri Dec 7, 11 am – 1 pm, SJH..... KC Seniors' Dinner
- Fri Dec 7, 5:30 pm, SJ..... Mass - Immaculate Conception
- Sat Dec 8, 9 am, SH..... Mass – Immaculate Conception
- Sun Dec 9, 10 am, SP..... CCD – All Grades
- Sun Dec 9, 11:00am, SJ..... CCD K-5
- Sun Dec 9, 9 am, SH..... Santo Nombre
- Sun Dec 9, 6:30 pm, SH..... First Reconciliation (Confession)

Come by the church office during office hours to schedule masses for 2008

ACTS News

- ACTS Songfest will be held at the 5:30 pm mass Saturday, January 5 at St. James Church with potluck to follow. All are invited.
- Director for the Women's ACTS Retreat in May will be Neely Yackel and Co-Directors are Mary Esther Camarillo and Cheryl Pavliska

We are collecting for GCAM
During December, please bring peanut butter to Church, to the office or to GCAM.

For those wishing to purchase a poinsettia (\$13.00) to honor the memory of a loved one and to help beautify the church for the Christmas season, sign up sheets will be in back of churches this weekend and Dec. 8/9. For more information call Georgia Pavliska at 672-3056 or Lillie Kocian at 672-3873 for St. James, Teresa DeLeon at 672-2126 or Lupe Martinez at 672-6643 for Sacred Heart and Victoria Cobler at 540-4819 for St. Patrick's. The poinsettias will remain in churches thru the Feast of the Epiphany, payments with order payable to the respective Altar Society will be appreciated.



Catholic Daughters will be having their annual Christmas party on December 11th at 6 pm in the St. James Hall. If you choose to participate in the Christmas Ornament exchange you are asked to bring one valued at \$5.00.

Ministers for Next Sunday
Thank You for Serving

- 5:30 PM Lector: Cecilia Williamson
Min. of Comm.: Deacon Terry
Bernice Knesek/Joe Vana
Ushers: MaryAnn Brzozowski/Keith Elstner
Michael Brzozowski/Butch Jackson
- 8:00 AM Lector: Lidia Ascencio/Emma Irlé
Min. of Comm.: Deacon Alfonso
Mary Porras/Gloria Aguilar
Ushers: Volunteers
- 9:30 AM Lector: Agnes Darilek
Min. of Comm.: Deacon Terry
Leticia Cenotti/Bonnie SanMiguel
Ushers: Frank Benes/Gerald Fougerat, Jr.
Joseph Kridler/Ron Pekar
- 11:30 AM Lector: John Kelly
Min. of Comm.: Deacon Alfonso
David Ibarra/Pedro Villegas
Ushers: Volunteers
- 5:15 PM Lector: John Klapuch
Min. of Comm.: Deacon Terry
Liz Christian/Anita Dement
Ushers: Volunteers

An Invitation: Deacon Tu Nguyen invites you all to his ordination to priesthood, to take place this Saturday, Dec. 8, 9 am, at San Fernando Cathedral in San Antonio. You may recall that Tu did his intern year in the Catholic Community of Gonzales and Waelder three years ago. Tu also invites you to a Mass of Thanksgiving to be celebrated at St. St. John Neumann Church, 6680 Crestway Drive in San Antonio next Sunday, Dec. 9 at 12 noon. Any correspondence may be sent to: Rev. Tu T. Nguyen, 6680 Crestway Dr., San Antonio, Texas 78239. Congratulations, Tu! (and *no, we don't know yet where Fr. Tu will be assigned after he is ordained.*)

Holyday: Immaculate Conception is celebrated this Saturday, Dec. 8. Masses for this beautiful Advent Marian feast will be Friday, Dec. 7, 5:30 pm at St. James, and Saturday, 9 am at Sacred Heart.

Jesse Tree: The "Jesse Tree" is our children's Advent activity. The tree that is decorated reminds us of Isaiah 11:1: "A shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from its roots a bud shall blossom." The many symbols of the tree remind us of Jesus' ancestors who longed for his coming. We encourage you to do the activity at home with your children, with the symbols they receive at Mass. Consult the latest edition of eSPIRITu for a fuller explanation of the tree; extra copies are available.

Knights' Dinner for Seniors: This Friday at St. James Hall. No charge – just come! Open to all senior citizens of the Gonzales community. Serving begins around 11 am.

Eucharistic Adoration this Friday, 6:30 am-12 midnight at Sacred Heart. For everyone!

Special Collection Next Weekend: Retired Men and Women Religious. The average Catholic sister, brother, or order priest remains in active ministry until age 74. Today, 37,870 women and men religious are past age 70 and need our help with the current high cost of living and health care. To learn more, visit www.retiredreligious.org.

Youth Council News: Our youth - middle- and high-schoolers are invited to Deanery Youth Day in Stockdale this afternoon. Our High School Lock-In, re-scheduled twice, will be held JANUARY 4-5, 2008, at St. Patrick Hall in Waelder. Transfer in dates is due to the football playoffs – *GO APACHES!* All youth are also invited to the Dec. 16 Posada, beginning at Sacred Heart Church after the evening mass and ending at Fr. Paul's house.

Potential Foster Parents: Did you know that in September 2007, there were 127 children from Caldwell County in Child Protective Services care? Of these children, only 9 were placed in foster care families in Caldwell County. We have a growing need for caring people to become foster parents. If you are concerned about the welfare of children in our area and are interested in being a foster parent, please contact Michelle Berger at Baptist Child & Family Services Foster Care Program at 830-875-2734 or 210-208-5636 or via email at fostercare@bcfs.net or adoption@bcfs.net.

English Scripture Study today in Sacred Heart Hall-10:45 am. All are invited!

New Parking Lot at St. Patrick's:—is under way! Area is also being re-graded, to divert storm water away from the church. Work is being done by T.J. Ehrig Construction Co., at a cost of \$26,547.00. New parking lot by Christmas? Weather permitting, the odds are in our favor.

Una Invitación: Diácono Tu Nguyen les invita a su ordenación al sacerdocio, que tomará lugar este sábado, dic. 8, 9 am, en la Catedral de San Fernando en San Antonio. Acaso recuerdan que hace tres años Tu hizo su año de internar en la Comunidad Católica de Gonzales y Waelder. Tu les invita también a una Misa de Acción de Gracias en la Iglesia St. John Neumann, 6680 Crestway Drive en San Antonio el Domingo, dic. 9 a las 12 mediodía. Pueden enviar sus tarjetas a: Rev. Tu T. Nguyen, 6680 Crestway Dr., San Antonio, Texas 78239. ¡Felicidades, Padre Tu! *No sabemos todavía donde servirá el Padre Tu después de su ordenación.*

Día de Obligación: Inmaculada Concepción – se celebra este Sábado, Dic. 8. Misas para esta hermosa fiesta Mariana seran el viernes, dic. 7, 5:30 pm en St. James, y Sábado, dic. 8, 9 am en Sagrado Corazón.

Árbol de Jesé – será la actividad para nuestros niños para Adviento. El árbol que se adorna con símbolos especiales nos recuerda de Isaías 11:1: "Brotará un ramo del tronco de Jesé, y de sus raíces brotará una flor." Los símbolos nos recuerdan de los antepasados de Jesucristo que anhelaron su venida. Hagan esta actividad con sus niños en su casa, con los símbolos que recibirán en la misa. eESPIRITu tiene una explicación mas amplia del árbol; puede conseguir copias extras en las iglesias.

Comida Para los "Seniors": Los Caballeros de Colón patrocinarán una comida para los seniors este viernes en el salón de St. James. No hay cobra; ¡no mas vengan! Abierto a todos los de mayor edad en Gonzales. Empieza como las 11 am.

Adoración Eucarística este viernes: 6:30 am – 12 medianoche en Sagrado Corazón. ¡Para todos!

Colecta Especial el próximo fin de semana: Religiosos y religiosas jubilados. Una monja o sacerdote religioso permanece active en su ministerio hasta la edad de 74 años. Actualmente, 37,870 religiosos y religiosas pasan de 70 años y necesitan de nuestra ayuda para cubrir los elevados costos actuales de vida y del cuidado de la salud. Para mayor información visite www.retiredreligious.org.

Noticias del Concilio de Jóvenes: Los jovenes de 6-12 grados están invitados al Día de Jovenes en Stockdale esta tarde. El retiro para los de grados 9-12 será enero 4-5, 2008, en el Salón de San Patricio en Waelder. Se ha cambiado la fecha por los "playoffs" de fútbol – ¡*ADELANTE APACHES!* Los jóvenes están invitados también a la Posada de dic. 16, que empieza a las 6:15 en Sagrado Corazón y termina en la casa de Padre Paul.

Nuevo estacionamiento en San Patricio—está en proceso! También se quita tierra para mejorar el drenaje y divertir el agua cuando llueve. Contratista es T.J. Ehrig Construction Co., a un costo de \$26,547.00. ¿Nuevo estacionamiento para la Navidad? Esperamos que sí, si el tiempo nos permite.

St. James Church

Flowers at the Tabernacle: Margaret Zella

Flowers at the Altar: in honor of parents Werner/Joyce Keller

Sacred Heart Church

Flowers at the Tabernacle: community

Flowers at the Altar: for blessings by Natalie Eureste



The Holy Rosary will be recited before the 9:30 A.M. mass by the following: 1st Sunday-Youth, 2nd Sunday-St. James Altar Society, 3rd Sunday-Catholic Daughters of America, 4th Sunday-Knights of Columbus, and 5th Sunday-Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus.

El Santo Rosario se reza cada Domingo antes de la misa de 8:00 A.M.

Divine Mercy Monday-Friday @ 3 pm at Sacred Heart Church.

Scriptural Rosary: every Monday @ 5:00 P.M. in the St. James Church.

The Holy Rosary will be recited every Monday @ 6:30 P.M. at Sacred Heart Church.

Bible Study every Monday @ 7:30 P.M. in the Sacred Heart Hall.

Estudio Bíblico Lunes a las 7:30 P.M. en el Salón de Sacred Heart.

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help every Wednesday after 5:30 P.M. Mass at St. James Church.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every First Friday after the 6:30 A.M. Mass at Sacred Heart Church.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 4:2-6; Mt 8:5-11
 Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24
 Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37
 Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27
 Friday: Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31
 Saturday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12;
 Lk 1:26-38
 Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72; Rom 15:4-9;
 Mt 3:1-12

Sacrificial Giving: Thank You!

St. James	\$1,963.32
Sacred Heart	\$1,625.04
St. Patrick	\$ 362.82
Jeremiah Fund	\$ 96.43

Sacred Heart Guadalupanas will meet every first Sunday of the month and participate in the 8:00 A.M. Mass.

St. Patrick's Guadalupanas will meet every first Sunday of the month and participate in the 6:30 P.M. Mass every Tuesday.

The Santo Nombre will meet every second Sunday of the month and participate in the 8:00 A.M. Mass.

Knights of Columbus participate in the 9:30 A.M. Mass every fourth Sunday of the month and meet at 7 P.M. every second Wednesday of the month at the K.C. Hall. Officer/Business meeting held on the last Wednesday of the month at 7:30 P.M.

St. James Choir practice will be on Monday evenings at 6 P.M. at St. James Church.

The Altar Society will meet every second Tuesday of the month in the conference room at 9 A.M.

ACTS Core Committee will meet every third Tuesday of the month in the CCD Center at 6:30 P.M.

Catholic Daughters of America will meet every fourth Tuesday of the month in the St. James Hall at 6 P.M.

Bulletin deadline every Monday at 5 pm

Office Hours

Monday-Friday
8:30—12:00 PM
1:00 PM—5:30 PM

Office E-mail: catholic@stx.rr.com
Fr. Paul's E-mail: PaulRaaz@stx.rr.com

Sacrament of Baptism Interview with Parents

Second Tuesday of Each Month
anytime between 7:00 and 8:30 PM at office
or second Tuesday of Each Month
anytime between 5:00 and 6:00 PM at St. Patrick
or by special appointment with Deacon.

Class for Parents and Godparents 4th Sunday of Each Month

6:15 PM at Sacred Heart
*Baptism celebrated at the end of any Sunday Mass
Preparation may be done before child is born.*

Sacrament of Marriage

Please Call Office
At least Six Months Prior to wedding

Sacrament of Reconciliation

(Confession)
Saturday 4:30-5:15 PM (St. James)
Tuesday 5:45-6:15 PM (St. Patrick)
Immediately before or after Masses (on request)
or by special appointment

Adult Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist

Call office or join our RCIA group

Mass Schedule

Saturday

5:30 PM—St. James

Sunday

8:00 AM—Sacred Heart (Spanish)
9:30 AM—St. James
11:30 AM—St. Patrick (Spanish/English)
5:15 PM—Sacred Heart

Monday

no services

Tuesday

6:30 AM—St. James
9:30 AM—Care Inn (every other week)
6:30 PM—St. Patrick (Spanish/English)

Wednesday

9:30 AM—Cartwheel Lodge (every other week)
5:30 PM—St. James

Thursday

12:00 PM—Sacred Heart

Friday

6:30 AM—St. James (on First Fridays —
Sacred Heart)