

**Hope Guevara**

**St. James Catholic Church**

**Bulletin 515358**

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# Mass Schedule

### Monday, 12/31

5:30 P.M. Eddie/Rosie Malatek by Family (SH)

### Tuesday, 01/01

10:00 A.M. Colby Brown by M/M Bobby Tomas (SJ)

6:30 P.M. Vaclav Vana by Fr. Paul (SP)

### Wednesday, 01/02

10:00 A.M. Judy Huelefeld by Fr. Paul (CW)

5:30 P.M. Mildred Wilson by Minnie Espionosa (SJ)

### Thursday, 01/03

12:00 P.M. Joe Molnoskey by M/M Adolph Pekar (SH)

Hattie Respondek by M/M Marvin Barta

### Friday, 01/04

6:30 A.M. For World Peace (SH)

### Saturday, 01/05

5:30 P.M. Joan Floyd by Family (SJ)

### Sunday, 01/06

8:00 A.M. Angel Esparza by Family (SH)

9:30 A.M. Colby Brown by Billy L. Benes Family (SJ)

11:30 A.M. For The People of The Parish (SP)

5:15 P.M. Mike Torres by Wife/Family (SH)

Daniel Pena, Mary Lou Liguez, Lucia Rodela by Family

### Sacrificial Giving: Thank You!

St. James	\$2,555.78
Sacred Heart	\$1,335.71
St. Patrick	\$ 335.20

### ACTS News

- ACTS Songfest will be held at the 5:30 pm mass Saturday, January 5 at St. James Church with potluck Christmas gathering to follow. All are invited.
- Women's ACTS Faith Sharing will be held at St. James Hall on January 17th at 7 pm.
- Men's ACTS Faith Sharing will be held at Sacred Heart Hall on January 17th at 7 pm.



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### All Churches

The sign up chart for flowers in the church on a particular Sunday will be in back of church this weekend, add phone number so that you may be reminded of your time.

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

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

### Ministers for Next Sunday

#### *Thank You for Serving*

- 5:30 PM Lector: Kermit Thiele  
 Min. of Comm.: Deacon Terry  
 William Berger/ James Darilek  
 Ushers: Mary Ann Brzozowski/Butch Jackson  
 A.A. Kotzebue/Marivn Siegel
- 8:00 AM Lector: Abel/Lidia Ascencio  
 Min. of Comm.: Deacon Alfonso  
 Carla/Jose Ibarra  
 Ushers: Volunteers
- 9:30 AM Lector: Agnes Darilek  
 Min. of Comm.: Deacon Terry  
 Leon Netardus/Mary Ellen Shelton  
 Ushers: John Davis/Kevin Knesek  
 Larry Masek/Jeffrey Simper
- 11:30 AM Lector: Anita Torres  
 Min. of Comm.: Deacon Alfonso  
 Sam Melchor/Josie Rosas  
 Ushers: Volunteers
- 5:15 PM Lector: Teen ACTS Group  
 Min. of Comm.: Elizabeth Christian  
 Anita Dement  
 Ushers: Volunteers

### *Week-At-A-Glance:*

- Sun Dec 30.....No CCD
- Mon-Tue Dec 31-Jan 1 ..... Parish Offices closed
- Jan 1 Holyday: Mary, Mother of God.  
 ..... See this bulletin for mass schedules
- Wed Jan 2.....No CCD
- Thu Jan 3, 6:30 pm..... eSPIRITu Staff Meeting
- Fri Jan 4, 6:30 am - 12 midnight, SH..... Eucharistic Adoration
- Sat Jan 5, 6:30 pm, SJH ..... ACTS Christmas Party
- Sun Jan 6, 10:00 am, SP..... CCD, all grades
- Sun Jan 6, 10:45 am, SJ ..... CCD, k-5
- Sun Jan 6, 9 am, SH..... Guadalupanas
- Sun Jan 6, 1:30 pm, SP ..... Guadalupanas

Dear friends -

**I hope you are having a blessed Christmas season.** The great and wonderful mystery of God's taking on a human face cannot be celebrated in a single day. Although in our consumer-driven culture December 26 marks the end of the Christmas celebration and the beginning of preparation for the next holiday, for *us* Christmas has only begun. We are now in the Octave of Christmas, eight days of savoring God's passionate love for us. The final day of this octave is Tuesday, the feast of Mary, God's mother - a day when the whole church gathers again for worship. After that time, Christmas lingers for another week and a half - next Sunday we celebrate the Epiphany, the visit of the Magi, and the Sunday after that the feast of Jesus' baptism. Only then do we put away our Christmas symbols, unplug the lights, say a prayer of thanks, and move on into our year of grace. So - have a blessed Christmastime!

**Masses for the feast of Mary, Mother of God, are as follows:**

Dec. 31, 5:30 pm SH

Jan. 1, 10:00 am SJ

Jan. 1, 6:30 pm SP

**Eucharistic Adoration:** will be held this Friday, 6:30 am - 12:00 midnight at Sacred Heart. All are invited to participate.

**Parish Leaders' Workshop:** Saturday, January 19, our Gonzales Pastoral Council will hold a workshop for the leaders of our parish community. This workshop will be held at St. James Hall, 8:30 am till 12 noon, with a meal to follow for all. It will include reports from the many groups and organizations that are part of our parish community, and goal-setting for the future. All are invited to attend; we especially encourage the leaders of our parish organizations and committees to be present.

**Youth Lock-In:** Once again, our dates have been changed. The Lock-In is now scheduled for January 11-12 in Waelder. This overnight retreat is for high school youth. There will be no charge, but we will need permission slips from all who attend. More later; right now, circle your calendar!

**10-Day Pilgrimage to Mexico** - Shrines of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Holy Infant of Good Health in Morelia; \$1790/person from Houston. Spiritual Director: Rev. Fisher Robinson, SVD. Call Betty Urbanovsky, 979-543-2333 for information.

**13-Day Shrines of Italy Pilgrimage Tour** - Venice, Florence, Siena, Assisi, Cascia, Monte Cassino, Rome; \$3490/person from Houston. Spiritual Director: Rev. Michael Rother. Call Betty Urbanovsky, 979-543-2333 for information.

**Gonzales ACTS men's Faith Sharing** meetings will be held 4 times this year - January 17, April 17, July 17 and October 16 - each is a Thursday.

**Gonzales ACTS women's Faith Sharing** meetings will be held the 3rd Thursday of each month.

**ACTS Songfest and potluck dinner** will be held 4 times this a year in 2008 beginning in February, May, August and November. This will be the first Saturday of the month after the 5:30 pm mass.

**ACTS CHRISTMAS PARTY....JANUARY 5, 2008** after the 5:30 pm mass BRING A DISH TO SHARE AND bring the kids as St Nick will be there and have a picture taken with Santa.

**Queridos amigos:**

Les deseo a cada uno un bendito tiempo da Navidad. El gran y maravilloso misterio de la encarnación de nuestro Señor no se puede celebrar en un solo día. Aunque en nuestra cultura materialista Dic. 26 termina el tiempo de las celebraciones navideñas y el comienzo de preparación para el próximo día de feista, para *nosotros* la celebración de la Navidad apenas ha comenzado. Estamos ahora en la octava de Navidad, ochos días de saborear el amor impasionado de Dios para nosotros. El día final de esta octava es el martes, la fiesta de María, la madre de Dios - cuando toda la iglesia vuelve a reunir para misa. Después de esta fiesta, el espíritu de Navidad queda por otra semana y medio. El próximo domingo celebramos la Epifanía, la visita de los reyes magos; y despues de eso la fiesta del bautismo del Señor. Luego podemos apagar las luces, rezar una oración de gracias, y anticipar otro año de gracia. ¡Que tengan todos una navidad muy bendita!

**Misas para la fiesta de Maria, Madre de Dios, son los siguientes:**

Dic. 31, 5:30 pm SH

Enero 1, 10:00 am SJ

Enero 1, 6:30 pm SP

**Adoración Eucarística: este viernes,** 6:30 am - 12:00 medianoche en Sagrado Corazón. Todos están invitados a participar.

**Taller de Líderes:** Sabado, Enero 19, nuestro Concilio Pastoral de Gonzales tendrá un taller para los líderes de nuestra comunidad parroquial. Este taller tomará lugar en el Salón de St. James, 8:30 am-12 mediodía, seguido con una comida para todos. Habrá reportes de todos los grupos y organizaciones, y discusión sobre las metas para el futuro. Todos están invitados a participar; queremos especialmente que los de nuestras organizaciones y comités estén presentes.

**Retiro "Lock-In" para los jovenes** se llevará a cabo el 11-12 de enero en Waelder. El retiro es para jóvenes de high school. No habrá cobra, pero se necesitarán cartas de permiso para todos los que participarán. Mas información sigue --

**Peregrinación a México de 10 días:** Santuarios de Nuestra Sra. de Guadalupe, Santo Niño de Buena Salud en Morelia. \$1790-persona desde Houston. Director Espiritual: Rev. Fisher Robinson, SVD. Llame a Betty Urbanovsky, 979-543-2333 para mas información.

**Paseo de 13 Días a los Santuarios de Italia:** Venicia, Florencia, Siena, Assisi, Cascia, Monte Cassino, Roma. \$3490-persona desde Houston. Director Espiritual: Rev. Michael Rother. Llame a Betty Urbanovsky, 979-543-2333 para mas información.

**Gonzales ACTS Reuniones de Hombres** se llevarán a cabo 4 veces este año en los jueves siguientes: Enero 17, Abril 17, Julio 17 y Octubre 16.

**Gonzales ACTS Reuniones de Mujeres** tendrán lugar cada 3er jueves del mes.

**ACTS Cena y Canción** tendrá lugar 4 veces este año, el primer sábado del mes, en Febrero, Mayo, Agosto y Noviembre, después de la misa de 5:30.

**Fiesta Navideña de ACTS** - este sábado, enero 5, despues de la misa de 5:30. Traiga una comida, y toda la familia para la visita de los Reyes Magos.



**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: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18  
Tuesday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps. 67; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21  
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28  
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Jn 1:29-34  
Friday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42  
Saturday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51  
Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

# Happy New Year!

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**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)