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*November 30, 2014*

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

MONDAY-THURSDAY: 9:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M.

FRIDAY: 9:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M.

**SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m.

1:00 p.m. (Misa en español)

**WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

Tuesday-Friday 8:00 a.m.

**RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)**

Wednesday: 6:30-7:15 p.m.

Saturday: 3:30-4:30 p.m.

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Monday: 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

First Friday of each month:

8:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

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## ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

### SUNDAY, November 30, First Sunday of Advent

- 7:30 a.m. Mass - *Mary Anne Grasso* +  
 9:00 a.m. Mass - *Pro Populo*  
 11:00 a.m. Mass - *Honesto Torres* +  
 1:00 p.m. Misa en Español - *Fanny Romero* +

### MONDAY, December 1,

- 8:00 a.m. Rosary  
 6:45 p.m. Boy Scout Meeting (*JP II Rm*)  
 7:00 p.m. Adoration  
 7:00 p.m. Pack Meeting (*Parish Hall*)

### TUESDAY, December 2,

- 7:30 a.m. Rosary  
 8:00 a.m. Mass - *Int. Gordon Pena*  
 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer  
 9:00 a.m. Springtimers (*Parish Hall*)  
 7:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting (*Apostle Rm*)  
 7:00 p.m. Troop Meetings (*JP II Rm*)  
 7:00 p.m. Service Meeting (*Disciple Rm*)

### WEDNESDAY, December 3, St. Francis Xavier

- 7:30 a.m. Rosary  
 8:00 a.m. Mass - *Int. Aaron Pena*  
 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer  
 10:00 a.m. Bible Study (*St. James Rm*)  
 6:00 p.m. Faith Formation Classes (*Parish Hall*)  
 6:30 p.m. Confessions (*South Confessional*)  
 6:30 p.m. Children's Choir ( Church)  
 6:30 p.m. Boy Scout PLC/ASM Meeting (*JP II Rm*)  
 7:00 p.m. Spanish Choir Rehearsals (*Music Rm*)  
 7:00 p.m. High School Youth Nights (*Parish Hall*)

### THURSDAY, December 4, St. John Damascene

- 7:30 a.m. Rosary  
 8:00 a.m. Mass - *Mary Anne Grasso* +  
 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer  
 6:00 p.m. Bible Study (*St. James Rm*)  
 7:00 p.m. Choirs' Rehearsals (*Church, Music Rm*)  
 7:00 p.m. El Crecimiento (*Parish Hall*)

### FRIDAY, December 5

- 7:30 a.m. Rosary  
 8:00 a.m. Mass - *Int. Steve Griesmeyer*  
 8:30 a.m. FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION  
 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer  
 6:30 p.m. CFC Youth Prayer Assembly (*Parish Hall*)  
 7:00 p.m. Grupo de Oracion (*Church, Disciple Rm*)

### SATURDAY, December 6, St. Nicholas

- 8:00 a.m. Baptism Classes English/Spanish  
 10:00 a.m. Children's Music & Chime Class (*Music Rm*)  
 3:30 p.m. Confessions (*South Confessional*)  
 5:00 p.m. Mass - *Int. Theresa Avila*  
 5:00 p.m. FFN St. Nicholas Feast Day (*Parish Hall*)

## PARISH INFORMATION

**NEWCOMERS:** A warm welcome to you. We hope that you find a home with us here at St. James. If you would like to become a registered member of our parish family, please pick up a registration form locate on either side of the doors. If you wish, you may stop the parish office or please visit our website at [STJTA.org](http://STJTA.org). We will be happy to assist you in any way.

**INFANT BAPTISM:** We are excited about you having your baby baptized here at St. James. For information concerning Baptism, please contact the parish office or please visit our website at [STJTA.org](http://STJTA.org).

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** The church is here for you in times of sickness. If you wish to receive the Anointing of the Sick, please contact the parish office or see the priest or one of the deacons before or after mass. He will be glad to assist you.

**MARRIAGE:** Congratulations on your upcoming marriage. The church wishes to assist you in preparing for this important sacrament. Couples should contact the parish office at least six (6) months prior to the wedding date so that we can adequately prepare you to receive this sacrament or please visit our website at [STJTA.org](http://STJTA.org).

**RCIA:** The church welcomes you as a son or daughter. We hope that you find a home with us here at St. James. If you are interested in becoming Catholic and learning about our faith, please speak to the priest or one of our deacons. You may also wish to visit It is our our website at [STJTA.org](http://STJTA.org). It is our pleasure and privilege to assist you on your journey of faith.

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## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE ON THE PRAYER LIST

Anita Zepeda, Jeannie Steffensmeier, Jackie Walton, Paisley McCabe, Jean Lesieux, Maria Teresa & Raymond Barrau, Rita Coppa, Ilona Legradi, Maria Isabel Cortez, John Martinko, Joan Lariccia, Mason Coronado, Randy Hamala, Josefa Morales, Javier Camba, Chris & Mike Ferron, Richard Baca, Sam Carroll, Rosa Cediillo, Maria Partida, Mary Helen Grant, Carol, Beverly, Maggie, Magdalena Diaz, William Jackson, Ken Bacon, Maria, Selena, Maureen Kroeger, Manuel Garcia, Sr. Pedro Garcia, Manuel Garcia Jr., Ted Landa, Mark New, Heidi Richmond, Mary Parker, Consuelo Herrera, Lloyd Sherbert, Janell McCormick, Virgil Muncey, Mary Lopez, Irene Wilson, Matthew Wood, Paul Bernard, Ramona Trevino, Malena Trevino, Joe Trevino, Cloid Hall, Jimmy Arnold, Gary Grant, Felipe Cavazos, Mary Consford, Keylee Humphreys, Pierce Counts, Laura Counts, Martha Calvin, Vincent Sanzone, Donna St. Clair, Sarah Calzada, Hai Nguyen, John Lyke, , Moises Woods, Andrea Duran, Hannah Henry, Raymond & Michelle Vera Jr., Pat Schultz, Zeny Naguit, Gail Nevlud, Mary Ahr, Erin Musick, Joseph Moone.

## ALSO FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY AND THOSE WE HOLD IN OUR HEARTS

If you or a member of your family experiences illness or injury call the parish office and we will add that name to the prayer list. We post the name in the bulletin for 4 weeks, and pray every day for those on the prayer list (present and past).

ADVENT



A PRAYER FOR ADVENT

Lord Jesus,  
Master of both the light and the darkness,  
send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations  
for Christmas.

We who have so much to do seek quiet spaces  
to hear your voice each day.

We who are anxious over many things look  
forward to your coming among us.

We who are blessed in so many ways long for  
the complete joy of your kingdom.

We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your  
presence.

We are your people, walking in darkness, yet  
seeking the light.

To you we say, "Come, Lord Jesus!" Amen

—Henri Nouwen

Advent: A Time of Preparation:

The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and also to the anniversary of the Lord's birth on Christmas. The final days of Advent, from December 17 to December 24, focus particularly on our preparation for the celebrations of the Nativity of our Lord (Christmas).

Beginning the Church's liturgical year, Advent is the season encompassing the four Sundays (and weekdays) leading up to the celebration of Christmas.

The word *Advent* comes from the Latin *advenio*, "to come to," and refers to the coming of Christ. This refers, first of all, to our celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas; but second, to the coming of Christ in our lives through grace and the Sacrament of Holy Communion; and finally, to His Second Coming at the end of time.



ST. NICHOLAS FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

Saturday, December 6

Mass at 5:00 p.m.



After Mass Come Join us in the Parish Hall for some crafts  
and visit with St. Nicholas

(Dinner is available for \$2.00 (drink, macaroni & cheese  
and chicken nuggets)



Kids, Be sure to take your shoes off and leave them  
in the Narthex before Mass.

Hosted by the Family Fun Night Ministry.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

A Holy Day of Obligation

We will celebrate this Feast Day on  
Monday, December 8th., with a Fam, 12 Noon,  
and 7pm Mass. There will be NO Adoration this  
day. The Parish office will be closed.

2014 ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Wednesday, December 10, 2014 @ 7:00 p.m.

This year's Parish Advent Reconciliation Service  
will be at St. Edward.

Other Opportunities:

- Tuesday, Dec. 9, 6pm at Sts. Simon & Jude (with St. Anthony of Padua)
- Tuesday, Dec. 16, 6pm at Prince of Peace (with St. Ignatius & St. Anne)
- Thursday, Dec 18, 6pm at St. Martha (with St. Mary Magdalene & St. John of the Cross)

**Annual Christmas Visit** ~ The Altar Society will be visiting Northwest Health & Rehabilitation Nursing Home on **December 7th**. If you would like to donate white socks or magazines for the residents please place them in the basket located in the Narthex. If you're interested in joining us to deliver these donations, please contact

Tina Robles at 281-353-7034 or

email: Teresa Avila at:

[tavila@stjta.com](mailto:tavila@stjta.com).





**—STEWARDSHIP**

**DSF 2014 ~**  
**“GO FORTH AND BEAR FRUIT**  
**THAT WILL LAST...”**



**Parish Goal for 2014: \$85,000.00**  
 Amount Paid: \$73,572.85  
 Amount Pledged: \$81,268.14  
 # of participants: 321  
 % paid at: 86.56% Report date: 11/17/2014

**OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

*Thank you for your generous stewardship*

**SCHEDULED SECOND COLLECTIONS:**

1st Sunday: 12/7/14 Debt Reduction  
 5th Sunday: 11/30/14 Social Ministry

**Lesson from the Infant Jesus on Stewardship**

It is interesting to note that while throughout his adult life Jesus always taught us to give and to serve, He first came into this world as one who needed assistance. It was no accident that He was born without a place to lay His head. In coming to our world in this way Jesus shows us there is no shame in being poor. A risk we take when we practice stewardship is that we may begin to think of ourselves as better or luckier than someone in need and consciously or unconsciously look down upon those who need our generosity. When we look down upon the poor we look down upon the infant Jesus Himself.

*Sign up for Online Giving by visiting*  
[www.stjta.org](http://www.stjta.org)

**—MORE PARISH NEWS****OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**

The celebration Mass of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be on  
*Friday, December 12th at 7:00 p.m.*  
 Reception following in the Parish Hall.  
 All are invited!

**CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE**

Will be the weekend of  
December 13th & 14th at all  
Masses. Please bring an  
unwrapped toy and place it at  
 the altar. This benefits those  
 less fortunate in our community.

**SIMBANG GABI**

Will be celebrated on *Monday, December 22nd with*  
*Mass at 7:00 p.m.* Join us for dinner after Mass in the  
 Parish Hall. All are welcome!

**NEW PARISH APP COMING SOON!**

Coming soon, St James will launch our own app for iPhone and Android smart phones. This will allow us to better communicate with you throughout the week and keep you updated with relevant parish news or updates. The app is very well designed and very intuitive. It will be a great resource for parishioners by providing daily Mass readings, Catholic news and prayers, convenient prayer and Confession reminders, our bulletins and more.

We hope for our new app to be a tool for fostering stronger parish life at St James and better engaging the New Evangelization.

Please watch in the coming week for our official launch announcement.

**CELIAC DISEASE ~** If you (or someone you know) has Celiac Disease, please speak to the priest or the deacon before Mass to make arrangements to receive Holy Communion under a special form other than bread.

***PLEASE PATRONIZE OUR BULLETIN***  
***SPONSORS***

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### FAITH FORMATION

**\*Regular class registration is CLOSED\***

*(Please visit our webpage at [www.stjta.org/Formation & Sacraments](http://www.stjta.org/Formation & Sacraments) for class schedules, information, and forms).*



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**FOR ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL ~**

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### YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

-Middle School Youth Nights are from 7:30-8:30pm in the Parish Hall on the following dates: 12/3, & 12/17  
-High School Youth Nights are every Wednesday from 7-9pm in the Parish Hall

### READINGS THIS WEEK

#### NOV/DEC 2014

##### **30 Sunday**

Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37  
PS 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

##### **1 Monday**

Is 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11:PS 122:1-2, 3-4B, 4CD-5, 6-7, 8-9

##### **2 Tuesday**

Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24:PS 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

##### **3 Wednesday**

Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37;PS 23:1-3A, 3B-4, 5, 6

##### **4 Thursday**

Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27;PS 118:1 AND 8-9, 19-21, 25-27A

##### **5 Friday**

Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31;PS 27:1, 4, 13-14

##### **6 Saturday**

Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8;PS 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

### ~SAINT OF THE WEEK~

*It is not the actual physical exertion that counts towards a man's progress, nor the nature of the task, but by the spirit of faith with which it is undertaken.*

**- Saint Francis Xavier (1506-1552), Feast Day,  
December 3, Jesuit priest**

### AROUND THE DIOCESE



The CatholicTV Network, America's Catholic Television Network, is now available to cable and satellite providers in our area. Please help provide this upbeat, youthful and exciting Catholic network and a powerful resource to the people of our area and the entire nation. To help, simply visit [www.GetCatholicTV.com](http://www.GetCatholicTV.com) as an easy way to petition your cable or satellite provider. If you are unable to access the internet please follow up with a postcard or letter to your provider

**Couple to Couple League NFP** class will be held at St. Anthony of Padua in The Woodlands, starting on Saturday, December 6th from 9am to 11:30am. You can register at: [www.ccli.org](http://www.ccli.org) or Contact **Mike & Mary Ellen Van Horn** with any questions: [mike.maryvanhorn@gmail.com](mailto:mike.maryvanhorn@gmail.com).

#### TV AND ONLINE MASS FOR THE HOMEBOUND:

Do you know someone unable to get to church because of illness, frailty, or other struggles? For the homebound, "My Sunday Mass on KPXB (ION) channel 49 at 9:00 a.m. provides spiritual comfort and hope. To see the Mass online, visit [www.MySundayMass.org](http://www.MySundayMass.org). (For Catholics who can get to church, TV or online Mass does not meet the Sunday Mass obligation.)

## —MINISTERIO HISPANO

**SERVICIO DEL FONDO DIOCESANO 2014**  
**“VAYAN Y DEN FRUTO ABUNDANTE Y DURADERO...”**



**Meta de la parroquia 2014: \$85,000.00**

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 Promesa: \$81,268.14  
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### NUESTROS DONES A DIOS

*(Gracias por su ayuda Cristiana De Los Dones)*

**SEGUNDA COLECTA PROGRAMADA:**

1er domingo: 12/7/14 Reducción de la deuda  
 5o domingo: 11/30/14 Ministerio Social

### BIENVENIDOS TODOS NUESTROS FELIGRESES Y VISITANTES HISPANOS!

Si usted vive dentro de la zona postal de nuestra parroquia, se le invita a registrarse en la parroquia. Esto le dara grandes beneficios como estar informado de todas las actividades que ofrece St. James y a la vez, ayuda a la parroquia a planificar las actividades requeridas por la comunidad.

No se olvide de anotar la cantidad de su donacion en sus sobres dominicales cada semana para darle el crédito apropiado.

*Visite nuestra pagina renovada al [www.stjta.org](http://www.stjta.org) y reunase con nosotros en el foro de Facebook.*

### SOCIEDAD DE SAN VICENTE DE PAUL (SVDP)

La Sociedad de SVDP esta en constante busqueda de voluntarios para contestar llamadas de telefono asi como para hacer visitas a los hogares. Si esta usted interesado en ayudar en este ministerio, favor de contactar a Brandey Porter o la direccion brandey29@yahoo.com, o asisitir a la reunion de los domingos en St. Anthony of Padua (The Woodlands) en donde podran responder a sus preguntas acerca de este ministerio.

### HORARIO DEL DIA DE DAR GRACIAS “THANKSGIVING”

Las oficinas de la parroquia estaran cerradas los dias jueves 27 de noviembre y viernes 28 de noviembre. La Misa se celebrara el dia miercoles 26 de noviembre a las 7:00 p.m.



**Conoce a alguien que no pueda asistir a Misa por enfermedad, incapacidad, u otro problema físico?** Vea la Misa por

televisión para los que no pueden salir de casa. El Canal 49 KPXB (ION) provee Misa los domingos a las 9:00a.m. Puede también visitar la pagina [www.MySundayMass.org](http://www.MySundayMass.org)

(para los que puedan asistir a Misa esta no es opción).

**Visita Anual Navideña** ~ El ministerio de “Altar Society” estara visitando a “Northwest Health & Rehabilitation Nursing Home” el 7 de Diciembre. Si desea donar calefines blancos o revistas para los residentes de este asilo, colozelos en la canasta que se encuentra en la entrada de la parroquia. Si esta interesado en ir con nosotros para la entrega de estas donaciones,

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