

The parish office will be closed **Tuesday, December 30th** at 12:00pm through **Friday, January 2nd** and will reopen on **Monday, January 5th**.

Masses/Misas de Esta Semana

Saturday December 27th

5:00 pm

✦ *Ignacio & Demetria Castillo by the Castillo Family*

Sunday December 28th

7:30 am

Rosalinda Escalón (birthday) by Familia Escalón

9:30 am

✦ *Juan & Valentina Torres by Lydia Allen*

11:30 am

✦ *Barbara Garret, Dr. Albert Mikulencak, Jr. by Ann Mikulencak*

✦ *Patricia Abrego por su familia*

1:30 pm

✦ *Ryan Trahan & Reyes Gonzales, Jr. by the Trahan & Gonzales Families*

Monday December 29th

8:00 am

Margarito Briones (birthday blessings)

Tuesday, December 30th

NO MASS

Wednesday, December 31st

7:00 pm **VIGIL MASS/BILINGUAL
OFFICE CLOSED**

Thursday, January 1st

10:00 am **SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**

Friday January 2nd

OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday January 3rd

5:00 pm

✦ *Manuel Chavez by Mary Louise Guzman*

✦ ***Deceased***

BREAKFAST BY/DESAYUNO POR LOS JOVENES

A message from Pope Francis

"Babies cry, make noise, go here and there. But it annoys me when a baby cries in church and there are those who say he needs to go out. The cry of a baby is God's voice: never drive them away from the church!"

(Pope Francis, Gaudete Sunday at the parish of St. Joseph in Rome)

**SANCTUARY CANDLE FOR THE SPECIAL INTENTIONS
OF THE ESCALÓN FAMILY**

Regular Collection Sunday	December 21st	\$ 6,463.99
Youth Collection		\$ 167.25
Building Fund		\$ 140.00
Thank you for your donation/Gracias por su donación		
<i>Those donating to the \$20 Club Fund, please indicate on your check menu line "\$20 Club". If you are donating cash, please indicate on an envelope your name or weekly contribution envelope number.</i>		
\$20 Club	December 21st	\$ 630.00

Calendar of Events for the week of December 28th

Sunday:

10:30-11:45 **NO CLASS**

12:00-1:15 **NO CLASS**

2:30 pm **High School Youth Group**

Monday

6:30 pm **NO CLASS**

Wednesday:

10:00 am **Bible Study**

1:00 pm **Sew & So**

6:30-7:45 pm **NO CLASS**

Friday:

8:30 am **NO ADORATION**

Saturday:

3:00 pm **NO ADORATION**

3:30-4:45 pm **Confession in the church**

4:30 pm **Rosary (church)**

6:00-6:30 pm **Choir Practice**

Prayer for the Sick

Watch, O Lord, with those who wake, or watch, or weep tonight, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend your sick ones, O Lord Christ. Rest your weary ones. Bless your dying ones. Soothe your suffering ones. Pity your afflicted ones. Shield your joyous ones. And for all your love's sake. Amen.

Pat Avalos, Rosie Baltazar, Fr. Robert Becker, Barbara Boswell, Rick Bradshaw, Bibiana Briones, Msgr. Bill Brooks, Tamara Conner, Timmy Eubanks, Noe Garcia, Pete & Rosemary Hernandez, Linda Hickman, Craig Jorgenson, Jim Jurek, Anna LaFuenta, Jeff Lovett, Lawrence Matetzschk, Maria Mondragon, Cindy Navejas, Joe Nuñez, Paul Oncken, Ann Pease, Dale Pyeatt, Alice Samudio, Earline Seward, Wayne Strahan, Teresa Templeton, Monty Thomas, John Anthony Ubias III, Judy and Justin Zuckerbrow

May Perpetual light shine upon them and may they walk in the presence of the Lord.

Deceased: Alfred Nuñez, Jr.

Questions about Office Personnel

Through rumors and gossip, it has come to my attention that people are under the impression that Diane Reyes was pushed out or fired from her job. Let me assure you that was NOT the case; she was retired after discussion with a family member, and with the Austin Diocese. In addition, we have three people who manage the day-to-day operations of this parish, and they do a fabulous job. So, please be assured that our parish office meets or exceeds in all of their duties as assigned.

Your brother in Christ, Father George

Christmas Blessings

To my beloved parishioners, I pray you have a very Merry Christmas; and I want to take this time to thank each of you for all your prayers, support, and donations throughout this year. May our loving God continue to bless you and keep you this Christmas, and all the Christmases that we may share.

Yours in Christ, Father George

Preguntas sobre el Personal de Oficina

A través de rumores y chismes, que ha llegado a mi conocimiento que la gente tiene la impresión de que Diane Reyes fue expulsada o despedida de su trabajo. Permítanme asegurarles que no fue el caso; ella se retiró después de una discusión con un miembro de su familia, y con la Diócesis de Austin. Además, tenemos tres personas que manejan las operaciones del día a día de esta parroquia, y hacen un trabajo fabuloso. Así que, por favor, tenga la seguridad de que nuestra oficina de la parroquia cumple o supera en todas sus tareas asignadas.

Su hermano en Cristo, Padre George

Bendiciones de la Navidad

A mis queridos feligreses, ruego que tengan una muy Feliz Navidad; y quiero aprovechar este momento para darle las gracias por todas sus oraciones, apoyo y donaciones a lo largo de este año. Que nuestro Dios amoroso siga bendiciéndolos a ustedes y los mantenga en esta Navidad, y todas las Navidades que compartamos.

Suyo en Cristo, Padre George



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Elgin Knights of Columbus New Year's Rockin' Eve Dance Wednesday, December 31, 2014 Music - Food - Party Favors Prizes 8:00pm until 12:30am

Adults: \$10:00; 15 & under: \$5:00 Contact one of the Knights or the parish office for Tickets.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Those who honor their parents will be greatly blessed and will atone for sins.

(Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14) or Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3

Psalm — Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

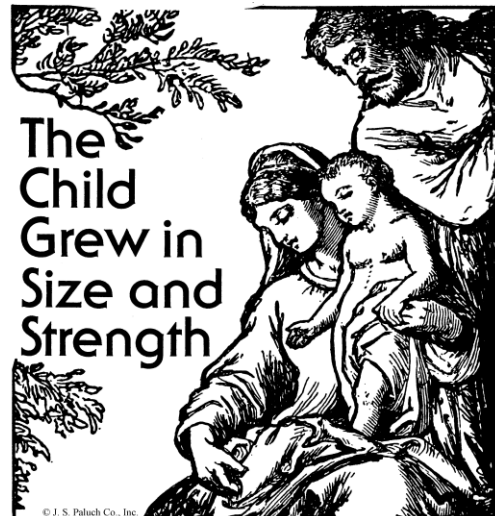
(Psalm 128) or Psalm 105

Second Reading — Be thankful; do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus.

(Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]) or Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

Gospel — The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom.

(Luke 2:22-40 [22, 39-40])



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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Los que honran a sus padres recibirán bendiciones y pagarán sus pecados.

(Sirácide 3:3-7, 14-17) ó Génesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3

Salmo — Dichoso el que teme al Señor, y sigue sus caminos.

(Salmo 128 [127]) ó Salmo 105 (104)

Segunda lectura — Vivan una vida de amor sincero, sean agradecidos, hagan todo en el nombre del Señor Jesús.

(Colosenses 3:12-21) ó Hebreos 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

Evangelio — María y José llevan a Jesús al templo para consagrarlo al Señor.

(Lucas 2:22-40 [22, 39-40])

Sanctuary Candle *If you would like to donate \$12 for a candle (burns 2 weeks) for the church/chapel, please, call or come by the church office.*

Flowers *If you would like to make a donation of flowers in the church, please, call or come by the church office.*