

“We adore You, O Christ, and we praise you, because by Your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world.”

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Weekly Masses:

Sunday: 6:30 am, 10:30 am
Wed & Fri: 6:00 pm

Monthly: First Thurs: 7:00 pm

Office Hours:

Mon/Wed/Fri, 9 am - 12 noon

Parish Office (361) 888-4012
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Reconciliation : By appointment
Baptism: By appointment
Marriage: Six months in advance

6:30 AM SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Dec 3 John & Katie Kainer
 Dec 10 Greg Melton & Denise Speer
 Dec 17 John & Katie Kainer

10:30 AM SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Dec 3 Teddy Ibañez
 Dec 10 Rodessa Jones
 Dec 17 Aiden Vesely

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Dec 6 Marvin Earl Emrich
 Dec 8 Bill & Theresa Kainer

SANCTUARY LAMP

Dec 3 - 16 John A. Sheldon

ALTAR MINISTRY

Date	Lector	Altar Servers	Extraordinary Ministers
12/3	Andrew Duarte	Juan Aranda Marylou Aranda Olivia Ramos	Fern Carter Ray Ramos
12/10	Norma Ortiz	Michael Ortiz Roderick Tilley Emily Witherspoon	Fern Carter Korey Hardeman
12/17	Armando Ortiz	Elijah Ramos Olivia Ramos Rayven Ramos	Erika Ramos Ray Ramos
12/24	Angel Emrich	Daniel Ortiz David Ortiz Michael Ortiz	Armando Ortiz Norma Ortiz

GREETERS & USHERS

12/3 Elijah Ramos, Korey Hardeman, Cynthia Shaw, Stephanie Woodson
 12/10 Sylvia Davila, Ann Woodson, Eunice Sharkey, William Tilley
 12/17 Korey Hardeman, Ann Woodson, Roland Woodson, Liz Gomez
 12/24 Sylvia Davila, Margaret Jeter, Margaret Jeter, William Tilley

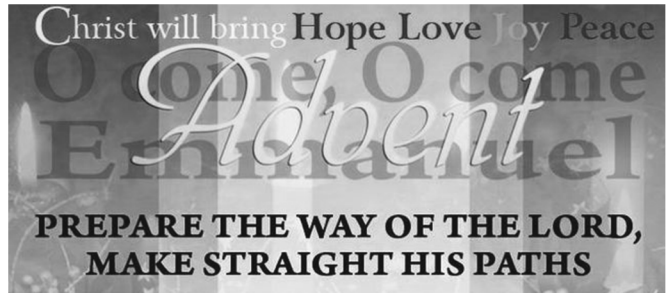
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Birthdays for the week of Dec 3rd

December 7: Marylou Aranda
 December 9: Denise Rosales



**News & Upcoming Events
 in our Parish & Diocese**



**ADVENT BEGINS TODAY
 TRY THE BEST ADVENT EVER APP!**

Dynamic Catholic has produced a mobile phone app to help Catholics enter into prayerful preparation during the season of Advent, which begins on December 3. Information is available on the cards are available in the back of the church or you can sign up at: DYNAMICCATHOLIC.COM/ADVENT.

ADULT CONFIRMATION SATURDAY
Congratulations to Ray Banda and to David Mauricio on their confirmation this Saturday. All are invited to support and celebrate with them at the Mass at **Corpus Christi Cathedral this Saturday, December 9, 10 AM.**

CHRISTMAS LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday, Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve)
10:30 AM Sunday Mass
 7:00 PM Children's Christmas Pageant
7:30 PM Vigil Mass of Christmas
 Monday, Dec. 25 (Christmas Day)
7:30 AM Christmas Day Mass

YOUTH RETREAT

Dec 15-17, 2017 TOUGH at Pax Christi Liturgical Retreat Center. TOUGH is a weekend retreat for both boys and girls in high school (9-12 Grades). Due to limited rooms the deadline to register is December 7, 2017 (or until filled). FMI visit Diocesecc.org/tough.

**THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:
*Identity of the Blessed Virgin Mary***

"I AM the Immaculate Conception," was the response of Our Lady to St. Bernadette when she asked the identity of the mysterious beautiful woman in her vision. Most Catholics know that Mary is unique, and many even know that she escaped the curse of original sin passed down from our first ancestors. But some also mistakenly think that the "Immaculate Conception" refers to Jesus instead of Mary. So what does Virgin Mary mean by saying, "I AM the Immaculate Conception?"

First of all, a holy God requires a holy dwelling place. For God the Son to become man in the Incarnation, a pure vessel was required. Mary is the Ark of the New Covenant where God dwells not merely in tablets of stone, but as a real human person.

Furthermore, Mary IS the Immaculate Conception not simply because she was conceived without original sin for the sake of her Son, the God-man. True, she was immaculately conceived, but her full identity derives not only from her Motherhood of the Divine Word, but also from her spousal relationship with the Holy Spirit.

Within the Holy Trinity the Holy Spirit uniquely proceeds as Love between Father and Son— a love so strong that it necessitates the existence of a third Divine Person. The Virgin Mary is the *created* Immaculate Conception in time and space as the Holy Spirit is the "uncreated Immaculate Conception" in eternity. St. Maximilian Kolbe summarizes:

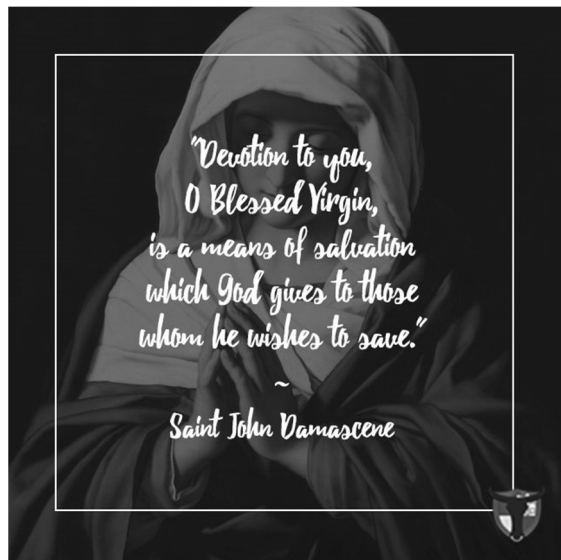
"In the union of the Holy Spirit with her, not only does love bind these two beings, but the first of them [the Holy Spirit] is all the love of the Most Holy Trinity, while the second [the Blessed Virgin Mary] is all the love of creation, and thus in that union heaven is joined to earth, the whole heaven with the whole earth, the whole of Uncreated Love with the whole of created love: this is the vertex of love."

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Marylou Areola, Marchant Bradford, Tony Canales, Fern Carter, Paul Carter, Gail Dement, Ana Dudley, Louise Gazin, Doug Hopkins, Otis Jackson, Rodessa Jones, Darell Johnson, Charlester Lewis, Nathan Lopez, Fr. McGowan, Martha Moore, Billie & Hector Munguia, Emily Petru, Rosanne Ramirez, Phillis Ridgels, Donna Solis, Renalda Sharkey, Lamont Taylor, Carolyn Satterwhite, Eula Shaw, Les Spear, Dolores Vesely, Patricia Whitfield, Henry G. Winn, Ann Woodson

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: First Sunday of Advent**
- Monday: St. John Damascene**
- Wednesday: St. Nicholas**
- Thursday: St. Ambrose**
- Friday: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
- Saturday: St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin**



"Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."
-2 Corinthians 9:7



Weekly Contributions

(Sunday, November 26, 2017)

- Adult Envelopes (21).....\$ 625.00
- Children's Envelopes (2).....\$3.00
- Loose Currency.....\$ 47.00

TOTAL \$ 695.00

May God bless you for your generous support!