

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
Grand Prairie, Texas **December 18, 2016**
Fourth Sunday of Advent



of Nov. 17 Dec. 25, 2016

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SATURDAY, Dec. 17th : BVM
Readings: Gn. 49:2, 8-10: Mt. 1:1-17
 8:30 a.m. For our faithful parishioners

SUNDAY, Dec. 18th: 4th Sunday of Advent :
Readings: Is. 7:10-14: Rom.1:1-7: Mt. 1:18-24
 Sat. 5:30 p.m. † Todd Rosenfelder
 8:00 a.m. † Joe Stephan
 10:00 a.m. † Todd Rosenfelder
 12:00 p.m. 47th Wedding anniversary for Antonio & Orfilia Amaya
 2:30 p.m. † Maria Gloria Guerrero
 5:30 p.m. † Francisco & Tomasita Limon

MONDAY, Dec. 19th :
Readings: Jgs. 13:2-7, 24-25a: Lk. 1:5-25
 6:00 p.m. In thanksgiving for the graduation of Carolina Cardenas
 6:30 p.m. Rosary-Guadalupanos

TUESDAY, Dec. 20th:
Readings: Is. 7:10-14: Lk. 1:26-38
 6:00 p.m. † Sheridan Ramirez
 6:30 p.m. Rosary-Guadalupanos

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 21st :
Readings: Sg. 2:8-14: Lk. 1:39-45
 6:00 p.m. Margie Vaca, birthday intention
 6:30 p.m. Rosary – Guadalupanos

THURSDAY, Dec. 22nd :
Readings: 1Sm. 1:24-28: Lk. 1:46-56
 6:00 p.m. Mass for the faithful
 6:30 p.m. Rosary – Guadalupanos

FRIDAY, Dec. 23rd :
Readings: Mal.3:1-4, 23-24: Lk. 1:57-66
 6:00 p.m. Vicky Favila, birthday intention
 6:30 p.m. Rosary – Guadalupanos

SATURDAY, Dec. 24th : BVM
Readings: 2Sam. 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16: Lk.1:67-79
 8:30 p.m. Mass for the faithful

SUNDAY, Dec. 25th: Christmas Day :
Readings: Is. 52:7-10:Heb.1:1-6:Jn.1:1-18
 5:30 p.m. Children Mass- -English
 10:00 a.m. Mass for the faithful- -English
 12:00 p.m. Mass for the faithful- -Spanish

SUNDAY, Dec. 18th:
 1:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Guadalupanos-FLC Room 303
 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Grupo de Oración- FLC-Gym 302-03-04
 7:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Grupo de Oración- Posada-Church

MONDAY, Dec. 19th :
 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Grupo de Oración POR Room 406
 8:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. English choir FLC Room 301

TUESDAY, Dec. 20th :
 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. BSA Troop 507 POR Room 406
 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Christmas Rehearsal-Church
 7:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Neo-Catechum 6th Comm – POR 403
 7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m. St. John Paul II Youth – FLC 301
 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Catechum 5th & 7th Comm – FLC Gym
 8:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Catechum 1st & 2nd Comm-FLC 303
 8:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Grupo de Oración – FLC 304

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 21st :
 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Spanish choir 12p.m. FLC-Room 301
 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Neo-Catechum 4th Comm-FLC 303
 8:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Neo-Catechum 8th Comm- FLC 304

THURSDAY, Dec. 22nd :
 Closed for Christmas

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 Closed for Christmas

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May they Rest in Peace: † Sonny Guardiola, Robert Méndez, Eric Adams, Juanita Rodríguez, Luis Rodríguez, Aurelia Torres, Elida Sánchez de la Cerda, Roberto Guel-Escobedo, Cesar de Rosa-Parra, and Ricardo Andrés Delgado

Pray for those in special need: Trinidad Vaquera, Domingo Treviño, Trudy Bentle, Virginia Blair, Helen Méndez, Benjamín, Antonia Rendón, Rose Mary Jennifer García, Violeta Verastique, Agustín, Silvia y Sigal Lazalde, Misti Salazar, Mercedes Salazar, María Soto, Francisco Gómez, María Narvarez, Maurice Herrera, Trino Reyes, Daniel Arce, Rudy and Sally Stobb, Eduvina Tambunga, Ramiro Sánchez Galván, Arthur “Tudy” Ramos, Edgar Lisa Duron, Michael Vásquez, Eduardo Orellana, Antonio Guzmán, Fernando Velos, Michael Vázquez, Elva Topete, Don Newby, and Pat Ironside

Thank you to all who contributed to the Retirement Fund for Religious. The funds are distributed to directly assist retired religious helping to pay for prescription medication and nursing care, along with planning and implementation assistance to the aging religious men and women throughout the United States. Thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests spent years working in Catholic schools, hospitals, and agencies— often for little pay. Their sacrifices leave their religious communities without adequate savings for retirement and eldercare. Your generous support is appreciated.



The Sanctuary Light
 For next two weeks
 Is offered by
 Zoe Ramirez
 In memory of
 † Rafael Ramirez

With Great Thanksgiving

Pope Francis has named the **Most Reverend Edward J. Burns** to serve as the new Bishop of the Diocese of Dallas.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS:

Office Hours- Monday, Wednesday and Thursday

9:00 - 12:00 noon and 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday

9:00 - 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Closed on Friday

972-264-8385

We are in need of Catechists. If you think God is calling you to announce the Gospel and share your faith with your neighbors, don't wait any longer. The time is now. Please stop by or call the office.

Are you:

- * A person who has not been baptized and would like to learn more about the Catholic faith, with the possibility of becoming Catholic?
- * A Baptized Christian of another denomination who would like to learn about and possibly join the Catholic faith?
- * A Baptized Roman Catholic who has not received Eucharist or Confirmation and would like to become a full participant in the life of the Church?
- * A child over the age of seven who has never been baptized?

Is there someone you know who has been away from the Catholic Church?

Is there someone you know interested in becoming Catholic?

We invite you to experience the welcoming process into the Church – the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) or Children (RCIC). If this is you, why wait any longer to join the largest family in the world? Learn more about Jesus and His plan for you. To know, love and serve Him. We miss you and welcome you back with open arms! Questions? Please contact Immaculate Conception: RCIA Director Cecilia Tanaka, phone 972-264-8385 ext. 21 email - ctanaka@icgrandprairie.org or visit www.icgrandprairie.org.

Catholic Charities' Upcoming Citizenship Classes

Catholic Charities of Dallas will begin nine new courses in Dallas & Farmers Branch in January of 2017 to assist those studying for their US Citizenship Exam. Registration takes place on the first day of the courses, and the cost is \$30 which includes study materials. Contact Maggie Berman at 469-801-8169 or mberman@ccdallas.org for questions. You will find flyers at the entrance of the Church with the schedule for the classes.

GRIEF SUPPORT MINISTRY

For all persons grieving the death of a loved one.

This 8-week program, begins at St Vincent de Paul Catholic Church on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 7pm upstairs in the Johnson Activity Center Rooms 9-10. To register or for more information, call Marilyn Dietrich at the St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church office. 817 478 8206 X 204. There is no fee

Fall Festival News

A sincere thank you to all who helped with our Fall Festival. It was a great success!

Gross Income	\$82,809
Expenses	\$13,138
Net Income	\$69,671

Come Home for Christmas.....

Do you know someone who is struggling with coming back to church? Advent is a wonderful time to invite them back.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL

You can make a difference reaching out to others. St. Vincent de Paul suggests as part of your Corporal Mercy, bringing a can of food each time you come to Mass.

You can be the difference in our parish. Spread the word and also reap the benefits of a joyful heart.

Our pantry is open for food distribution on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month.

Hours of operation are 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

The person must live within the zip codes 75050 and 75051 (Closings will be posted on the door of the pantry.)



PLEASE NOTE:

All donations for St. Vincent de Paul should be dropped off on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month at the St. Vincent de Paul portable.

Thank you for your help.

2017 Annual Roe Memorial Mass and North Texas March for Life Events

January 13th, at 7:00 p.m. - Bilingual Mass celebrated by **Bishop Greg Kelly** at St. Monica Catholic Church, 9933 Midway Rd., Dallas (Additional parking available at Walnut Hill Rec Center, 10011 Midway Rd and at WH Church of Christ, 10550 Marsh Lane with shuttle service)

January 13th at 7:00 p.m. - Spanish Mass celebrated by **Pastor Jesús Belmontes** at San Juan Diego, 10919 Royal Haven Ln, Dallas.

January 14, 2017

10:00 a.m. Youth For Life Rally (includes lunch) at St. Jude Chapel, 1521 Main St, Dallas, TX 75201, featuring Life Training Institute presentation on being pro-life with your peers, inspiring testimony by a college sidewalk counselor and great music. **Minors must be accompanied by parents or Safety Environment personal, Pre-registration required at prolifedallas.org/yfrally.**

11:00 a.m. Roe Memorial Rosary outside the Southwestern abortion facility, 8616 Greenville Ave., Dallas. (Parking available on Boundbrook Ave. and Gaston Christian Center parking lot, 8515 Greenville) and Planned Parenthood abortion facility, 7989 West Virginia Dr, Dallas (street parking available).

12:30 p.m. Roe Memorial Procession of Roses at Dallas City Hall Plaza, 1500 Marilla St, Dallas. *If you or your children are interested in participating in the Procession of Roses, please email cplc@prolifedallas.org.*

1:00 p.m. North Texas March for Life & Rally from Dallas City Hall Plaza to rally outside the Earle Cabell Federal Courthouse, with **Bishop Greg Kelly; Pastor Matt Chandler** of the Village Church; **Patricia Vasquez** of the Hispanic Pastoral Ministry and more! Consider **riding the DART Rail** to the March for Life events to save time and money on parking. **We are also in need of volunteers**, particularly Knights of Columbus, parish ushers and police or security officers. **Don't miss this annual event for Life!!** More information at prolifedallas.org/roe or contact cplc@prolifedallas.org or 972-267-LIFE (5433).

Week of:	Weekly Collection	Adj. Year to Date
Dec. 10 & 11	\$ 13,227.21	\$ 217,401.50
Week of:	Children's Collection	Adj. Year to Date
Dec. 10 & 11	\$ 185.29	\$ 3,519.05
Week of:	Capital Improvement Fund	Adj. Year to Date
Dec. 10 & 11	\$ 338.00	\$ 46,093.99
Week of:	Retirement for Religious	
Dec. 10 & 11	\$ 2,215.50	

Sponsor of the Week:

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