


## ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

### *Mass Schedule*

**Mond /Lun Dec.,10**      **St. Jude Sp. Intention**  
**MASS 8:00 AM**      **Is 35:1-10 Lk 5:17-26**

**Tues/Mart. Dec.,11**      **✠ Amanda Pyland Tesar**  
**MASS 8:00 AM**      **Is 40: 1-11 Mt 18:12-14**  
**St. Damasus I, Pope**

**Wed./Mierc Dec.,12**      **Lucy Galdeano B-day**   
**Our Lady of Guadalupe**      **Zec 2:14-17 or Rv11:19a;**  
**Mass 8:00AM (English)**      **12:1-6a, 10ab Lk 1:26-38**  
**Mass 7:00pm (Bilingual)**      **or Lk 1: 39-47**

**Thurs/Juev Dec., 13**      **✠ Amanda Pyland Tesar**  
**MASS 8:00AM**      **Is 41: 13-20 Mt 11:11-15**  
**St. Lucy Virgin & Martyr**

**Fri./Vier Dec.,14**      **✠ Diana Hill**  
**MASS 8:00AM**      **Is 48: 17-19 Mt 11:16-19**  
**St. John of the Cross,**  
**Priest and Doctor of the Church**

**DECEMBER 16, 2018**

### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**Zep 3:14-18a Phil 4:4-7 Lk 3:10-18**

**Sat./Sábado Dec. 15,**  
**MASS 4:00PM**      **✠ Charles Parr**

**Sun/Dom. 8:00AM**      **✠ Ralph, Nell & David Wolf**

**10:30AM**      **Shane & Cody Burton**  
                  **✠ Luis Moran**

**1:00PM**      **✠ Lualice & Pete Hoffman**

### From the Pastor's Desk

On this second Sunday of Advent in the Gospel John the Baptist preaches repentance, as a way to experience salvation from God, "all the flesh shall see the salvation of God". Repentance comes from the word, "Metanoia", which means a change of life. It means stop living for ourselves, but for God and others which will make difference to our life.

Repentance or Metanoia concerns three areas of life, namely our relationship with God, our relationship to others and our relationship to self. About the first we are reminded, "You shall love the Lord, your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your strength". In others words we are supposed to love God above all things. We all have false gods, like material things, our own ego and our pride. God must be first in our lives and therefore we need to find time with God in prayer. The second thing we need to repent is the way we deal with others. Do we use other people as commodities for our own advantage? We are asked to love our neighbor as ourselves. We need to be concerned about making others happy and joyful. The third thing is not to focus on self. The purpose of Christian life is not to focus oneself, but forgetfulness of self. The more we empty ourselves, the more we received from God.

This advent is a God-given opportunity to reflect on three different areas of our life and experience real conversion and experience from God the salvation he wants to share in Christ.

### Offering Report 12/01 - 12/02

Regular Offertory	Mass	Collection	Attendance
<b>Saturday, 4 PM</b>	<b>\$3,737</b>	<b>248</b>	
<b>Sunday, 8 AM</b>	<b>\$3,567</b>	<b>218</b>	
<b>Sunday, 10:30 AM</b>	<b>\$5,098</b>	<b>545</b>	
<b>Sunday, 1:00 PM</b>	<b>\$1,199</b>	<b>460</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$13,601</b>	<b>1,471</b>	

### Special Collections

All Masses	
<b>Building Fund</b>	<b>\$10,333</b>
<b>Christmas Flowers</b>	<b>\$100</b>
<b>Maintenance</b>	<b>\$941</b>
<b>Christmas Flowers</b>	
<b>Children's Collection</b>	<b>\$112</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11,486</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$25,087</b>

### DEAR LORD,

TEACH ME TO TRUST IN YOU SO THAT WHEN THE  
 UNEXPECTED STORMS OF LIFE COME,  
 I WILL EXPECT PEACE IN THE MIDST OF THOSE STORMS,  
 KNOWING THAT YOU ARE NEAR,  
 YOU HEAR MY CRIES,  
 AND YOU ARE WITH ME AND FOR ME.

*Gary Green, Richard & Christopher Ramirez, Carolyn Nightingale, Monty Nichols, Jim Skipper, Howard Hoening, Gary Buttler, Rome Milan, Elaina Grace Kelly, Jan Nowicki, Juana Gonzalez, Jorge Hernandez, David Reyes, Tommy Edwards, Melissa Byrd, Laura Snider, Claire Keighley, Edward Cervantes, John Francis.*

## ADVENT SCHEDULE



### Wednesday, December 12

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Children's Play: 6:30 P.M.

Mass at 8:00 A.M., Spanish Mass at 7:00 P.M.

### Thursday, December 13

Advent Reconciliation Service at 7:00 P.M.

## CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE



### Monday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

Children's Mass at 4:00 P.M.

Vigil Mass at 8:00 P.M.

### Parish Office closed December 24 – January 1

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### Tuesday, December 25 - Christmas Day

English Mass at 10:30 A.M.

Spanish Mass at 1:00 P.M.

### POSADA NAVIDEÑA

Todos estan invitados a la POSADA NAVIDEÑA el omingo 16 de Diciembre después de la Misa de la 1:00 pm se pide su apoyo con los dulces. Favor de entregar cualquier donación a la oficina

parroquial. Si tiene alguna pregunta, favor de comunicarse con Betty Quezada al 817-353-6605.



**PROMISE**  
To Protect



### Virtus Safe Environment Awareness Sessions Saturday, December 15, 2018

Anyone, 18 years or older, that is involved in a church ministry, or participates in a church organization, must possess a current Safe Environment certificate.

A Virtus "Protecting God's Children" session is 9:00 Saturday, December 15, 2018, in St Thomas the Apostle Education Building. (Be on time, late arrivals will not receive credit) Children are not allowed.

To enroll,

- 1) Key in this link <https://fwdioc.org/safe-environment>,
- 2) Select the button for "Training Sessions (Adult & Teen)", and
- 3) Complete the online enrollment process for the session that you wish to attend.

Thanks for helping make our parish a safe place for children!



Youth group meets every Wednesday 6:45-8pm in the parish hall. On December 12th we will visit CASA nursing home. On that day we will meet in the parish hall at 6:30pm and return by 8:45pm.

**No youth group on December 26th and January 2nd.**

*Thank You!*

Thank you to everyone who made donations and volunteered their time to make our Advent Lock-in a success. We had 63 children and youth present. We are blessed to have a supportive community that invests in our children's faith formation. We invite you stop by the bulletin board near the parish hall to see what our kiddos had to say about their experience.

## Tamales

Order your delicious tamales! We will be taking orders this weekend, December 8-9 after each Mass. If you didn't get a chance to place your order. Please email Mirna Cano at [m.cano@sttafw.org](mailto:m.cano@sttafw.org). We will accept your orders up to Tuesday, December 11th via email. They are \$12 a dozen and you can choose from chicken, pork or beans. They will be ready to pick up after each Mass the weekend of December 15-16.



### Advent Mission - Living as a Disciple

December 17, 18, & 19 from 6:00 - 7:00 P.M. in the Church

Deacon Kevin Bagley has extensive proficiencies in leadership and pastoral ministry. He volunteered in parishes in various liturgical ministries, served on pastoral councils, and as a catechist; he has served in professional positions as Pastoral Associate, Director of Ministry, Director of Faith Formation and Evangelization, and Pastoral Life Director - all leading to a wealth of experience in pastoral settings. He has served in leadership and management positions in retail, government and not-for-profit organizations, always advancing the mission and objectives in a fair, objective, pastoral, and compassionate manner.

Deacon Bagley's education experience include: a degree in Education, a Master's degree in Biblical Studies from The Ecumenical Institute of Theology at Saint Mary's Seminary and University in Baltimore, and a Doctorate in Ministry from The Catholic University of America, in Washington, D.C. Deacon Bagley is married with four children and eight grandchildren. He lives in Fort Worth, Texas.