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First Sunday of Advent, November 29, 2026

From the Desk of the Pastor:

When you were a child, did you play the game, Hide and Seek? If you did, you will remember that the person who was "it" closed his eyes while the rest went to hide. To give them time to hide, the child started counting: 5, 10, 15, 20 and up to 100. Then he would say, "Ready or not, here I come!" The point of the game was to hide oneself so well that the leader could not find you, for if he found you, and beat you back to the goal, you had to be "it" the next go-around. The secret of the game was preparing oneself against being found and caught. With excitement we heard the words, "Ready or not -- here I come!" -- In today's Gospel lesson Jesus is saying to the world, "Ready or not -- here I come." In chapter 13 of Mark, Jesus tells us that he will be returning to the earth "with great power and glory." As in the game, only this is not a game, there is a counting and an accounting going on right now. It is a countdown before the blast of his appearance on earth again, this time to judge the world and to gather his faithful to himself.

In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah prays for God's active presence so that the Jewish community, returned from Babylonian exile, may remain faithful to their God. In the second reading, St. Paul prays for the reconversion of Christians in Corinth who have misused their gifts and charisms and remain ill-prepared for Christ's Second Coming.

In today's Gospel, using the short parable of the servants and gatekeeper of an absentee master who could return at any time, Jesus instructs his followers to be alert and watchful while doing their Christian duties with sincerity. The gatekeeper and the household servants are expected to be ever vigilant because their master is sure to return. Although the time of his return is uncertain, the reward or punishment is sure and certain.

Life messages: Live in the living presence of Jesus every day. The message of today's Scripture is that we should live in the living presence of Jesus every day waiting for his Second Coming. We can experience Christ's living presence in the Holy Eucharist, in the Holy Bible, in the worshiping community of our parish, in our family, in our own souls, and in everyone around us. The early Christians experienced the living presence and certain coming of Jesus, so their mutual greeting was not "Hi!" or "Good Morning!" but the Aramaic, "*Maran Atha*" which means "Come, Lord Jesus." This greeting acknowledged Jesus present in each of them and about to return. May God bless you, and keep you ever prepared for **Christ's second coming**.

Fr. Luke



Mass Schedule

Sunday Liturgies

Saturday
Rosary at 4:30 p.m.
Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday
Rosary at 9:25 a.m.
Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday (Spanish)
Rosary at 12 noon
Mass at 12:30 p.m.

Weekday Liturgies

Tuesday and Friday - Mass at 12:30 p.m
Thursday, Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet at 5:00 p.m., followed by Mass

Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday of each Month 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.
By appointment other times

Holy Day Masses *

6:00 p.m. English
7:00 p.m. Spanish

*check News & Notes for any exceptions

Thursday Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet

The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet are prayed every Thursday at 5 p.m. in the church or by telephone conference call. Mass immediately follows. If you wish to join by telephone, call the church office for details.

Children's Rosary

The Rosary will begin at 5:45 p.m. on Wednesdays when Faith Formation classes are in session.

Organizations/Groups Monthly Meetings

Altar Society - 1st Tuesday at 6:00 pm (Sept - May)
Knights of Columbus - 2nd Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
Men's Group - 3rd Thursday at 6:45 p.m.
Women's Group - Last Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Youth Group - Every Sunday at 3:30 p.m.

Join us in prayer for the needs of our families and community....

Pray for: Nadia Allmon, Jeff Briscoe, Barbara Dean, Adam Elliott, Steve Francis, Maria Gutierrez, Maria Lezama, Shirley Long, Rich Legler, Kamicia Lunceford, Julieta Marroquin, Judy LeBlanc, Dudley McKamie, Michael Miller, Leslie Payne, Donna Rocha, Fernando Rosales, Jr., Jewel Sanchez, Danny Smith, Matthew Williams, Manuel Yañez.

Mass Intentions

Masses on November 28 & 29, 2026 will be offered for our deceased near and dear ones whose names appear in the Book of Remembrance placed before the altar. +

Tues	Dec 01	12:30 p.m.	Adam Rossler S.I.
Thu	Dec 03	5:00 p.m.	Julie Sheilds S.I.
Fri	Dec 04	12:30 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory+
Sat	Dec 05	5:00 p.m.	Eileen McDonald+

Parish Giving

November 22, 2026

Collection information was not available at the time of printing.

Collections

2nd Collection	Nov 29	Mission Fund
2nd Collection	Dec 06	Emergency Fund
3rd Collection	Dec 06	Lawncare/Maintenance

Mass Attendance

Mass Attendance was not available at the time of printing.

Pastoral Team

Pastor: Fr. Luke Kalarickal, M.S.F.S.
Deacons: Ruben Natera; Clarence Blalock
Acolytes: Rick Downey; Felipe Segura; Alberto Robledo
Bookkeeper: Noelia Gonzalez
Office Assistant: Linda Rossler

Location of Automated External Defibrillators (AED)

Two AEDs are on church property: one in the parish hall next to the women's restroom and the other one in the church foyer near the church entrance and bathrooms. Remember their locations, just in case you may need to retrieve one.

Committee Chairs

Pastoral Council Chair: Theresa Cheatham
Finance Council Chair: Lou Napolitano
Maintenance Committee Chair: Rick Downey

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Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. The office closes for lunch between noon and 1:00 p.m.



Never be in a hurry; do everything quietly and in a calm spirit. Do not lose your Inner peace for anything , even if your whole world seems upset.

St. Francis De Sales

News and Notes

First Friday, December 4, 2026

First Friday Adoration follows the 12:30 p.m. Mass from 1 to 2 p.m. and from 6 to 7 p.m. Come and spend time with the Lord this Advent season.

Christmas Wishes for Families

Christmas gifts are due no later than December 11. Remember, each gift should be wrapped with the **gift tag gently taped or secured** on the gift, as it identifies the person who will receive it. Thank you for your kindness and generosity towards families who need a little help spreading Christmas joy with their families.

Christmas Gathering Sunday, December 6, 2026

The parish Christmas gathering/dinner on Sunday, December 6, will follow the 11:00 a.m. bilingual Mass and Christmas Carols.The parish will provide the food, so all you have to do is come and enjoy! In order to have enough food for everyone, there is a sign up sheet in the church foyer. Include the total number who will be attending from your family. As it is a parish event, everyone is encouraged to sign up and participate in it.

December 8, Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

The Masses for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated on the eve of the day (Vigil Masses) which is on December 7: 6:30 p.m.(English) & 7:30 p.m. (Spanish). There will be no Mass at Prince of Peace on Tuesday, December 8.

Altar Society Advent and Christmas Fund Raiser

The Altar Society's Advent and Christmas Fund Raiser is this weekend, November 28/29, after each Mass. We are grateful and thankful for your continued support.

Helpers Food Pantry

The Food Pantry needs cooking oil, canned green peas, canned meats, hearty soups, chili, small bags of rice, pinto or red beans, corn meal, sugar, and flour. Thank you for your continued support.

From the Diocese of Tyler

Christian Initiation Formation Day

For those who lead others in their journey towards the Catholic Faith, as well as for those who have an interest or desire, the Diocese of Tyler is offering a Christian Initiation Formation Day on Saturday, January 16, 2027 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in St. Paul's meeting room at the Chancery. Registration is $10 - pay at the door. Lunch is included. RSVP to Susan Wells at swells1116@aol.com (903 235-5693) or Dcn. Trevor Wells at T1900Wells@aol.com (903 720-5355).

Early Registration for the Fifth Annual Diocesan Women's Retreat, March 13, 2027

The Diocese Tyler is offering an exclusive early registration fee of $65 for parishioners of the Diocese of Tyler from December 8-31. Flyers in the church foyer contain the link or QR code and the parish access code to claim it. Parish table sponsorships are also available. For more information, contact Deanna Johnston at djohnston@dioceseoftyler.org or 903 630-5055 Ext 120.

Safe Environment

Parental supervision of children keeps them safe, including when they are in church or on church grounds. If need be during Mass, escort your children to the restroom, wait for them, and return to your seat with them.

If you know or suspect that a minor or vulnerable adult is currently being abused or is in danger, immediately report it to state/local law enforcement or the TX Department of Family and Protective Services at (800) 252-5400 or txabusehotline.org. The Diocese of Tyler is committed to respecting the dignity of all persons and to helping anyone who may have been hurt or abused by a priest, deacon, religious, or anyone working in the name of the Church. Any current or past cases of abuse involving Church Personnel should be reported to civil authorities and also to the Victim Assistance Coordinator at (903) 266-2159 or vac@dioceseoftyler.org.

The Rosary is prayed before each weekend Mass. Please be mindful of the need for silent reflection, both in the nave and in the church foyer, out of respect for the Rosary and in preparation for the Holy Mass.

Kids, Youth/Adult Bible Corner

Answers for November 15

Kids: a. Eleazar
b. Saul

Adults: a. Five golden hemorrhoids and five golden mice
b. Samuel

The names of those who correctly answered the questions will be on next week's bulletin.

Questions for November 29 (1 Samuel 16- 20)

Kids: a. Who was the youngest son of Jesse?
b. Totally how many sons did Jesse present before Samuel?

Adults: a. Why was Jonathan angry with his father?
b. On whose power did David depend in fighting against the Philistines?

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