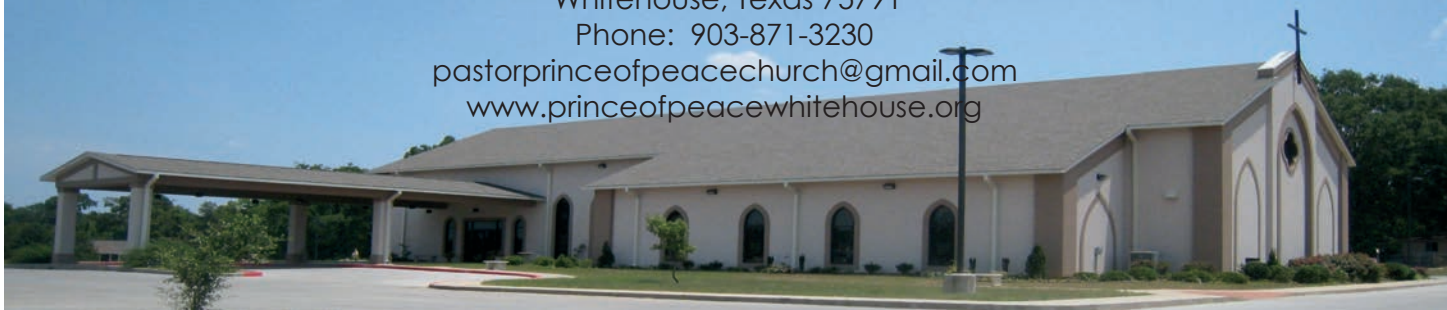


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Second Sunday of Advent, December 7, 2025

From the Desk of the Pastor:

Back in 1830, George Wilson was convicted of robbing the U.S. Mail in Pennsylvania and was sentenced to be hanged. At the request of Wilson's friends, President Andrew Jackson issued a pardon for Wilson, but he refused to accept it. The matter went to Chief Justice Marshall who concluded that Wilson would have to be executed. "*A pardon is a slip of paper, the value of which is determined by the acceptance of the person to be pardoned. If it is refused, it is no pardon. Hence, George Wilson must be hanged.*" It remains unclear whether Wilson was ever actually executed. For some, the pardon comes too late. For others, the pardon is not accepted. Today's readings remind us that the Advent is the acceptable time for repentance of life.

The first reading describes how God will reform the lives of His Chosen People by sending the Messiah. Because of the bad example of the unfaithful successors of King David, the Chosen People were wavering in their loyalty to Yahweh. Hence, in the first reading, the Lord God, through His prophet, Isaiah, tries to dispel their fears and to stir up *hope* among His people with His promise of a new Davidic King (a son of Jesse), who will establish peace and a glorious Kingdom of justice on earth. In today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 72), the Psalmist pictures the Messiah as one who will show compassion to the poor, the lowly, and the afflicted. In the second reading, Paul is praying for the reformation of the Jewish Christians of Rome and instructing them to draw endurance and encouragement from the Old Testament books. They are to live in harmony with Gentile Christians, accepting them as equal brothers and sisters, while they wait together for the second coming of Jesus. In today's Gospel, John the Baptizer urges the Pharisees and Sadducees to give evidence that they mean to reform their lives so as to recognize and be ready to meet and accept the promised Messiah. He challenges them to repentance, conversion, and renewal. He tells the common people, who expect the Messiah to come soon, to act with justice and charity, letting their lives reflect the transformation that will occur when the Messiah enters their lives. In the same way, as we prepare to welcome Christ at Christmas, John advises us to "*prepare the way of the Lord.*"

Life messages: 1) We need to prepare for Christ's coming by allowing him to be reborn daily in our lives. Advent is the time for us to make this preparation by repenting of our sins and renewing our lives through prayer, penance, and the sharing of our blessings with others. Let us humbly admit the truth about our need with the German mystic Angelus Silesius: "*Christ could be born a thousand times in Bethlehem – but all in vain until He is born in me.*" (https://en.wikiquote.org/wiki/Angelus_Silesius). He means that Jesus must be reborn in our own hearts during this season of Advent and every day of our lives, radiating through our living his love, kindness, mercy, forgiveness, and spirit of humble service to the world. 2) We need to answer the call for a change of life. John the Baptist challenges our superficial attempts at change, demanding that, while obeying the commandments faithfully, we must correct our relationships with others, mend ruptures, soothe frictions, face family responsibilities, work honestly, and treat our employers/employees justly. Let us share our love with others as selfless and humble service. "*Do small things but with great love*" advised St. Theresa of Lisieux and St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa). Therefore, following John's advice, let us celebrate the memory of Jesus' first advent, prepare for Jesus' daily advent into our lives through the Sacraments and the Bible, and wait confidently for his second advent at our own death or the end of the world, whichever comes first.

Fr. Luke



Mass Schedule

Sunday Liturgies

Saturday

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

Sunday

Rosary at 9:25 a.m.
Mass at 10:00 a.m.
Rosary in Spanish at 12:00 noon
12:30 p.m. Mass in Spanish

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

6:30 p.m. English
7:30 p.m. Spanish

Masses at Wellspring

Monday - Friday, 7:00 a.m.
Sunday, 9:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.



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.

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.

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, Natalie Hayes, Maria Lezama, Shirley Long, Kamicia Lunceford, Julieta Marroquin, Judy LeBlanc, Dudley McKamie, Michael Miller, Leslie Payne, Donna Rocha, Fernando Rosales, Jr., Jewel Sanchez, Danny Smith, Shirley Stenklyft, Matthew Williams, Blanca Villatoro, Manuel Yañez.

Mass Intentions

Sat	Dec 6	5:00 p.m.	Shannon and Mike Lutmer and Family S.I.
Sun	Dec 7	11:00 a.m.	Members of our Parish
Mon	Dec 8	6:30 p.m.	Grace Calleja+
		7:30 p.m.	Gesina Levy+
Tue	Dec 9	12:30 p.m.	Elza Marguet+
Thu	Dec 11	5:00 p.m.	Poor Souls in Purgatory+
Fri	Dec 12	12:30 p.m.	Clotilde Meyer+
Sat	Dec 13	5:00 p.m.	Matthew Williams S.I.

Parish Giving

November 30, 2025

1st Collection	\$5,033.00
2nd Collection	\$ 556.00
Children's Collection	\$ 82.00

2nd Collection	Dec 07	Emergency Fund
3rd Collection	Dec 07	Lawn Care/Maintenance
2nd Collection	Dec 14	Retirement Fund for Religious

Mass Attendance

5:00 p.m. 77
10:00 a.m. 134 and 12:30 p.m. 129

Pastoral Team

Pastor: Fr. Luke Kalarickal, M.S.F.S.
Deacons: Ruben Natera; Clarence Blalock
Acolytes: Rick Downey; Felipe Segura;
Alberto Robledo
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Church Office Hours

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



Don't despair over your shortcomings.
Start over each day. You make
spiritual progress by beginning
again and again.
St. Francis de Sales

News and Notes

The Solemnity of the of the Immaculate Conception, December 8, A Holy Day of Obligation

Mass times are 6:30 p.m. in English and 7:30 p.m. in Spanish.

Penance Service and Confessions

There will be a penance service with confessions next Thursday, December 11, at 6 p.m.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration on Friday, December 12

The Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration begins at 5:00 a.m. with mañanitas, then Honoring dances at 5:30 a.m., and Mass at 6:00 a.m. In the evening, there will be a procession carrying the statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe with Mariachi and the Knights of Columbus at 5:30 p.m. The Rosary with mariachi will be at 6:00 p.m., followed by dinner honoring our Blessed Mother at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited.

Gifts for Families this Christmas

All gifts are due next Friday, December 12. Remember to bring your wrapped gift(s) with the gift tag on it so that the gift can be matched to the correct person. That tag will be replaced with a named gift tag. Thank you for participating.

Altar Society Bake Sale

The Altar Society is having a Bake Sale next weekend, December 13 and 14, after all Masses. Donations of home baked goods and other sweet treats are appreciated. All must wrapped/in containers, not need refrigeration, and be priced. Drop them off at the church office on Friday, December 12 until 4 p.m. Having your baked goods available for sale for all the Masses provides an opportunity for everyone to purchase and enjoy them.

Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest

The Knights of Columbus annual Christmas poster contest is for children in grades K through the 8th grade. See a Knight for an application which contains the rules and how the poster will be judged. All posters are due by Wednesday, December 17.

Bible Questions and Answers

Remember to use Bible questions answer card for answering the weekly Biblical questions and place your completed answer card in the white box the following weekend. **Answers on a sheet of paper or bulletin sheet will be counted invalid.**

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@diocesoftyler.org.

The Rosary is prayed 30 minutes 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 Corner

Answers for November 23

- Kids:** a. Gad
b. Cave in the field of Machpelah

Correctly answered by Vicky Gutierrez, Zaya Monnen, Natalia Gutierrez, Elijah Rivera, Steven Rocha, Emily, Ismael, and Isabella Briones.

- Adults:** a. He flung himself on Joseph's neck and wept
b. Shechem

Answered correctly by Eriselda and Alonso Gutierrez, Leo Rossler, Maria Ocampo, and Mimi Plumb.

Congratulations to Victoria Gutierrez for answering the 2nd round five consecutive questions.

Questions for December 7 (Exodus 6-10)

- Kids:** a. Who were the parents of Aaron, Moses and Miriam?
b. Who were the people the Lord appointed to talk to Pharaoh and do signs and wonders before him?

- Adults:** a. What are the signs, and plagues the magicians were able to imitate Moses successfully?
b. After which plague did Pharaoh tell Moses to leave his presence and that the day he appeared again before Pharaoh he would die?

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