

Prince of Peace Catholic Church

903 East Main St.
Whitehouse, Texas 75791
Phone: 903-871-3230
pastorprinceofpeacechurch@gmail.com
www.princeofpeacewhitehouse.org



First Sunday of Advent, December 1, 2024

From the Desk of the Pastor:

In its day, the Titanic was the world's largest ocean-liner, weighing 46,328 tons, and it was considered unsinkable. Yet, late during the night of April 14-15, 1912, the unthinkable happened to the unsinkable. Near midnight, the great Titanic struck an iceberg, ripping a three-hundred-foot hole through five of its sixteen watertight compartments. It sank in two and a half hours, killing 1,513 people. Before the Titanic sank, warning after warning had been sent to tell the crew that they were speeding into an ice field, but the messages were ignored. In fact, when a nearby ship sent an urgent warning, the Titanic was talking to Cape Race about the time the chauffeurs were to meet arriving passengers at the dock in New York, and what dinner menus were to be ready. Preoccupied with the trivia, the Titanic responded to the warning, "Shut up. I am talking to Cape Race. You are jamming my signals!" Why did so many die that night? Perhaps the crew disregarded the danger of the weather; there were not enough lifeboats on board; and the radio operator of nearby *California* was off duty; perhaps those responsible did not heed the warnings; they were preoccupied with other things!

In the first reading, the prophet Jeremiah waits and hopes for an ideal descendant of King David Who, as Messiah of God, will bring security, peace, and justice to God's people. Christians believe that Jeremiah's waiting and hoping have been fulfilled in Jesus. Jeremiah's prophecy assures us that *the Lord, our Justice* will fulfill His promises, and, hence, we need not be afraid, despite the frightening events and almost universal moral degradation. The Psalmist expresses the central idea of patient, vigilant, prayerful waiting for the Lord in today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 25), praying, "*Your ways, O Lord, make known to me; teach me your paths, guide me in your Truth and teach me for You are God, my Savior.*" In the second reading, Paul urges the Thessalonians to continue and intensify the life of holiness and mutual love he has taught them as they wait for "*the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His holy ones.*" In today's Gospel, Jesus prophesies the signs and portents that will accompany his *Second Coming* and encourages us to be expectant, optimistic, vigilant, and well-prepared: "*When these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand*" (Luke 21:28). Jesus wants us to face the future with confidence in God's providence.

Life messages: 1) We need to prepare ourselves for Christ's second coming by allowing Jesus to be reborn daily in our lives. Advent gives us time to make this preparation -- repenting of and confessing our sins, renewing our lives through prayer and penance, and sharing our blessings with others. In Advent, we also need to check for what needs to be put right in our lives, to see how we have failed, and to assess the ways in which we can do better. Let us accept the challenge of Alexander Pope this Advent season: "*What does it profit me if Jesus is reborn in thousands of cribs all over the world and not reborn in my heart?*" 2) A message of warning and hope: The Church reminds us that we will each be asked to give an account of our lives before Christ the Judge, both at the moment of our death and at Jesus' *second coming*. Today's readings invite us to assess our lives every night during Advent and to make the necessary alterations in the light of the approaching Christmas celebration. Amid the tragedies that sometimes occur in our daily lives and the setbacks in spiritual life, we must raise our heads in hope and anticipation, knowing that the Lord is coming again.

Fr. Luke



Mass Schedule

Sunday Liturgies

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

Sunday

Rosary at 9:30 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
Wednesday - Mass at 10:00 a.m.
Oakbrook Healthcare

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

Masses at Wellspring

Monday - Friday, 6:45 a.m.; Sunday, 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.

The administration and pastoral care of Prince of Peace Parish is entrusted to the Missionaries of St. Francis De Sales (M.S.F.S.), also known as Fransalian Missionaries, an international religious order with headquarters in Rome and the Provincial House in Atlanta, Georgia. For more information, visit www.fransaliansusa.com or www.wellspringcommunity.net.

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

Pray for: Lucile Cook, Adam Elliott, Steve Francis, Natalie Hayes, Mike Jackson, Fr. Joseph Jacobi, Judy LeBlanc, Diana & Al Leonhardi, Maria Lezama, Shirley Long, Kamicia Lunceford, Orbelina Maradiaga, Julieta Marroquin, Dudley McKamie, Michael Miller, Marcela Montenegro, David Ratcliff, Donna Rocha, Fernando Rosales, Jr., Jewel Sanchez, Amalia Saucillo, Danny Smith, Shirley Stenklyft, and Manuel Yañez.

Mass Intentions

Sat	Nov 30	5:00 p.m.	Deceased Near & Dear Ones Whose names are in the Book Of Remembrance at the Altar+
Sun	Dec 01	10:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Children & Youth of our Parish Adam Rossler S.I.
Tue	Dec 03	12:30 p.m.	Grace Levy+
Thu	Dec 05	5:00 p.m.	Maria Mendez+
Fri	Dec 06	12:30 p.m.	Diego Gonzalez S.I.
Sat	Dec 07	5:00 p.m.	Adam & Aleatha Rossler S.I.

Parish Giving

November 24, 2024

Collection information was not available at the time of printing.

2nd Collection	Dec 01	Emergency Fund
2nd Collection	Dec 08	Retirement Fund for Religious

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; Michael Morris
Felipe Segura; Alberto Robledo
Bookkeeper: Noelia Gonzalez
Office Assistant: Linda Rossler

Committee Chairs

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



Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
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 Adoration, December 6, 2024

The times for First Friday adoration on December 6 are:
1 p.m. - 2 p.m. after the 12:30 p.m. Mass & from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Mass at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, December 9

The Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe, December 12, 2024

Schedule of activities for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration:

Morning: 5:00 a.m. Mañanitas; 5:30 a.m. Rosary; 6:00 a.m. Breakfast
Evening: 5:30 p.m. Procession Around the Church (with Mariachi's)
6:30 p.m. Mass; 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Dinner

Advent Retreat and Confessions

Retreat: Tuesday, December 17: 6 - 8 p.m.
Penance Services and Confessions: Thursday, December 19: 6:15 p.m.

Altar Society Christmas Sale

The Altar Society is selling any remaining handmade advent wreaths this weekend. The sale of Christmas gifts and religious articles begins this weekend and continues on Dec 7/8. Come by the parish hall after each Mass.

Christmas Gathering, Sunday, December 15, 2024

Prince of Peace will have its Christmas gathering on Sunday, December 15. One 11 a.m. bilingual Mass will be celebrated instead of the 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Masses that day. After the Mass there will be special Christmas Carole singings, followed by a potluck lunch in the parish hall. Everyone is invited. Include on the sign up sheet the total number of persons attending with you. Include what dish you will bring to share with others.

Sign-up for Carol Singing

Carolers are needed to sing during the parish Christmas gathering on December 15. If you can sing or play an instrument, you are invited to join the group of carolers. Please sign up latest by today on the sign-up sheet in the church foyer, which also shows the dates and times of choir practice.

KofC "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest

The KofC "Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest" has begun! This contest is open to any child who attends Prince of Peace Catholic Church and is in grades K thru 8. The preferred poster size is 11 x 17." An entry form must be filled out and turned in with the poster. Entry forms are located on a table in the church foyer. The due date to submit posters is Wednesday, Dec. 18th.

Christmas Gifts for Families

You may bring your wrapped gifts to the church or church office anytime, but no later than Friday, December 13. Remember to gently attach the gift tag to the gift. Thank you.

Kelly Jackman Mission of Love Dominican Republic Mission - Donations Needed

Thank you, Prince of Peace parishioners, for your generous monetary donations. Please consider donating items for the children, such as crayons, pencils, erasers, glue sticks and other things that they would love. Blessings for remembering our less fortunate brothers and sisters: Frank Ward, fellow parishioner. Cell 903 574-0477; email ftward@aol.com.

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 30 minutes before each week-end 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. Everyone is advised to come and join the Rosary and receive its priceless benefits and graces.

Saint Nicholas (280 – 343), Bishop of Myra, a man of extraordinary character, dedicated his life to serving God and neighbor.

Nicholas was orphaned when he was still young and inherited his parents' wealth. With that money, he assisted the needy, the sick, and the suffering.

A devout Christian who became widely known for his generosity and protection, Nicholas was named Bishop of Myra. As Bishop, he fought tirelessly against Arianism and paganism. He loved serving the poor and those in need. Nicholas also suffered; he was persecuted and imprisoned for five years by the Roman emperor Diocletian, along with many other Christians and clergy, until Emperor Constantine replaced Diocletian and freed them.

Many legends surround his generosity and fame. To name a few, Nicholas saved starving families during the famine of 342 by giving them gold coins to buy food; in secret, he gave bags of gold coins to a destitute father to purchase marriage dowries, which saved his three daughters from being sold into slavery; and he rendered aid to sailors whose ship had run aground after the sailors prayed to him for help. Legend tells that even after his death, he saved a child who was kidnapped and sold as a slave by miraculously appearing before the child and returning him home to his parents.

St. Nicholas Day is celebrated in many countries on December 6, his feast day.





Tyler Roofing Co.
Residential • Commercial
Tommy & Mark Sukiennik, Owners
10465 Spur 164 | 597-4152


Get this bulletin emailed to you every week.
Simply go to
www.DM.CHURCH/5627



...or scan → 



Classic TOYOTA
Collision Center
Michael Allare
General Mgr.
903-579-0230
1717 WSW Loop 323
www.classictoyotatyler.com

 Mercedes-Benz of Tyler

Michael Allare
General Mgr.
3274 Professional Dr., Tyler
(903) 534-7060
www.mercedesbenzofityler.com

WHITEHOUSE VETERINARY HOSPITAL
Kirk W. Reese, D.V.M.
Small & Exotic Animals
Medicine & Surgery
Office Hrs. Mon. - Fri. 8-5:30
Sat. by Appointment Only
102 West Main St.
Whitehouse, TX 75791
Phone: (903) 839-2057



Auto • Home • Life
Chuck Osborn
903-839-3000
chuck@chuckosborn.us

ADVERTISE HERE
Promote your Business AND support your Parish. **Give us a call! 800-997-4986**

Brent Boltz
Broker Associate

Real Estate
Sales
Property Management

903.253.5328
BoltzOrganization@gmail.com
Whitehouse, TX
TREC # 776302

Classic TOYOTA
Michael Allare
General Manager
581-0600
1717 WSW Loop 323
www.classictoyotatyler.com

 **EWTN** Global Catholic Radio
EWTN.COM/RADIO **TUNE IN**


#ThankYouForYourPriesthood