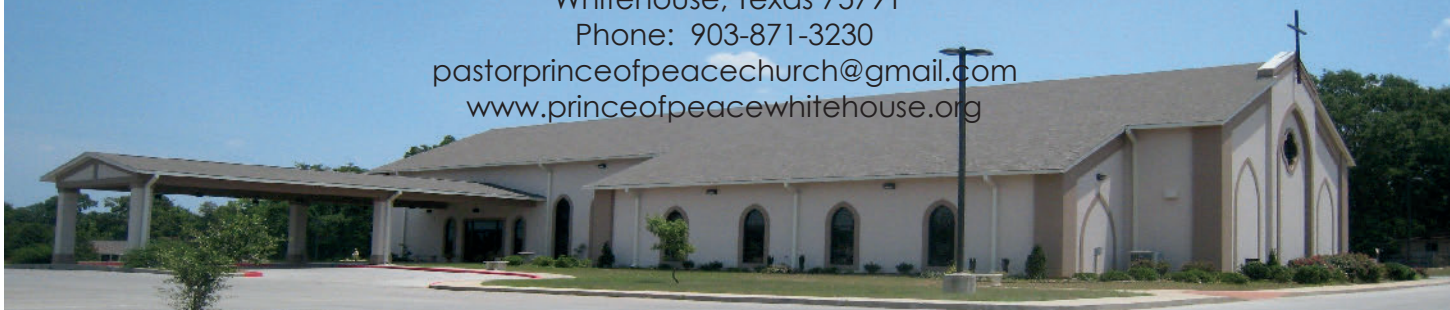


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First Sunday of Advent, November 30, 2025

From the Desk of the Pastor:

Ever since the attack on the World Trade center in New York on Sept 11, 2001, there have been nonstop warnings to be alert to possible terrorist attacks. In U. S. airports, repeated public announcements from Homeland Security advise whether the level of alert is yellow, orange or red. People are asked to be vigilant about their luggage, lest someone add to our bags something that contains a bomb. -- Who of us is smarter than Jesus? Today's second and third readings want us to move to red alert. Paul wants the Romans to wake up, and Jesus warns us to stay awake.

In the first reading ([Is 2:1-5](#)), Isaiah describes his prophetic vision of all nations making a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, affirming their Faith in the one true God. Today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 122), is one of the Songs of Assent, the joyous hymns originally sung as pilgrims journeyed to the Temple in Jerusalem. They prepare us for our yearly pilgrimage. In the second reading ([Rom 13:11-14](#)), Paul exhorts the Roman Christian community to get ready to meet Jesus in his *Second Coming* by discharging their duties properly and by freeing themselves from their former pagan life style of jealousy and rivalry. We, too, are challenged to make spiritual preparations for Christ's birth in our lives.

In today's Gospel ([Mt 24:37-44](#)), Jesus warns us of the urgency of vigilant preparation for his coming on our part that we may meet him as our Judge both at the end of our lives on earth and on the day of the Last Judgment when he comes in his glory. Jesus reminds us that the unrepentant, ill-prepared evil people were destroyed by the flood in the time of Noah and that a thief will be able to break in and plunder the precious belongings of an ill-prepared householder. Using additional examples later, Jesus repeats his warning for us to be vigilant and well-prepared all the time, doing the will of God by loving others.

Life message: We need to be alert and watchful while spiritually preparing for Christmas by offering our daily work to God for His glory, by practicing more self-control in resisting our evil habits and inclinations, by seeking reconciliation daily with God, our families, and our neighbors, and by asking God's pardon and forgiveness as we extend our unconditional forgiveness to those who have hurt us. Let us begin each day by praying for the strength and power of the Holy Spirit to prepare ourselves for Jesus' rebirth in our hearts and lives.

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 5:30 p.m.
(temporary until December 16)
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

Masses for the month of November are offered for:

Our Deceased Near & Dear Ones whose names are written in the
Book of Remembrance
placed before the Altar.

Parish Giving

November 23, 2025

Collection Information was unavailable at the time of printing.

2nd Collection	Nov 30	Catholic Charities-Diocese of Tyler
2nd Collection	Dec 07	Emergency Fund
3rd Collection	Dec 07	Lawn Care/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; Michael Morris
Felipe Segura; Alberto Robledo
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Committee Chairs

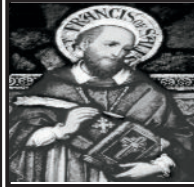
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Church Office Hours

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



It is wonderful how attractive a gentle, pleasant manner is, and how much it wins hearts.

St. Francis de Sales

News and Notes

First Friday, December 5, 2025

Mass at 5:30 p.m. with Holy Hour following from 6 to 7 p.m. No Holy Hour at 1 p.m.
Come and spend an hour with our Lord this Advent season.

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

Temporary Change of Mass Time on Tuesdays and Fridays

From November 25 until December 16, Masses on Tuesdays and Fridays will be at 5:30 p.m.

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.

Altar Society Christmas Sale

The Altar Society is having its 2025 Annual Advent and Christmas sale each weekend in the foyer of the church through December 7. Advent wreaths, Christmas, and other gift items will be offered. Be sure to check out our items, and thank you so much for your continued support of the Altar Society and Prince of Peace Church.

Christmas Gathering, December 7, 2025

Our Christmas gathering will be held next Sunday, December 7. There will be one bilingual Mass at 11 a.m., followed by the Christmas carols in the church. Immediately afterwards there will be the parish-wide lunch in the parish hall. **This weekend is the last weekend to sign up.** The sign-up sheet is in the foyer and includes: family name, number attending, and the type of dish/serving size you will be bringing with you. The main dishes of fish and meat will be provided by the church and Knights of Columbus. Contact the church office if you plan to attend but have been unable to sign up.

Gifts for Families this Christmas

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. The due date is December 12. Thank you for participating.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration on 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 of Our Lady 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.

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.**

Helpers Food Pantry

Thanks and gratitude to everyone who supports our food pantry. Without you the food pantry could not help those in need. The pantry is running low on meat items such as canned chicken, tuna, chili, stews, and soups, as well as cooking oil, spaghetti, rice, and dry pinto or red beans, and small bags of cornmeal.

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 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. Everyone is advised to come and join the Rosary and receive its priceless benefits and graces.

See the insert in today's bulletin for the Kids and Youth/Adult Corner

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary (1207-1231) chose to live her life as a witness for Christ by serving thousands of those who were poor, hungry, and sick.



She was a princess, the daughter of the King of Hungary. At the age of six, her mother was murdered for political reasons, and her prayers for peace were a source of comfort to her. As she grew, her prayer life continued.

When she was 14, she married Ludwig IV, a German nobleman of Thuringia. Ludwig loved Elizabeth and respected and supported her desire to live a life of simplicity and penance and helping the less fortunate. On a daily basis, she brought bread to hundreds of the hungry poor. She cared for the victims of disease and floods.

Ludwig died in 1227. In 1228, Elizabeth joined the Third Order of St. Francis and founded a hospital in his honor, where she personally tended to the sick. Elizabeth died when she was 24 years old in 1231.

Pope Gregory IX canonized her on May 27, 1235, four years later. St. Elizabeth of Hungary is the patron saint of bakers, Catholic Charities, and the Secular Franciscan Order. Her feast day is November 17.

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