

# Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Mission: We are a dynamic and welcoming Catholic community, cooperating with God's grace for the salvation of souls, serving those in need, and spreading the Good News of Jesus and His Love.

## *Iglesia del Sagrado Corazón*

Misión: somos una comunidad católica dinámica y acogedora, cooperando con la gracia de Dios para la salvación de las almas, sirviendo a aquellos en necesidad, y compartiendo la Buena Nueva de Jesús y Su amor.



### Pastoral Team

#### **Pastor:**

Rev. Fr. Franklin U. Iwuagwu

#### **Deacons:**

Rev. Mr. Juan A. Rodríguez

Rev. Dr. Michael Rowley

Rev. Mr. Eric Nelson

Rev. Mr. Guadalupe Sosa

Rev. Mr. Francisco Rodríguez

### Masses/Misas

**Monday:** 12:10pm

**Tuesday:** 7:00am

**Wednesday:** 12:10pm

**Thursday:** 6:00pm

**Friday:** 12:10pm

**Saturday/sábado: (Vigil/vigilia)**

6:00pm (Spanish / en español)

**Sunday:** 8:30am, 10:30am & 5:00pm

**St. Catherine's Mission in Melrose**

1st Sunday of month/1er domingo del mes

@ 1:00pm

**1st Saturday Mass / Misa del**

**Primer Sábado:** 9:00am

**2nd Saturday Mass / Misa del**

**Segundo Sábado:** 9:00am

### Church Address/dirección

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#### Food Pantry/Despensa:

2nd & 4th Saturday/2º y 4º sábado:

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

#### Office Hours/

Horario de la oficina:

**Monday - Friday / lunes - viernes**

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Lunch / Almuerzo**

1 p.m. - 2 p.m.



**December 14th, 2025 / 14 de diciembre, 2025**

## **Gaudete Sunday** *Domingo Gaudete*

**Welcome to Sacred Heart Church**, where we embrace each other as family, just as Jesus taught us to love one another and share each other's burdens. We strive each day to grow a little kinder, a little better, guided by the light of our faith. We are thrilled to extend our warmest greetings to you as you join our community. We make it our mission to make you feel at home, starting with reserving you a seat among us. We invite you to explore our website or stop by the church office to learn more about how you can become an integral part of our parish family. We look forward to getting to know you and journeying together in faith. Remember Sacred Heart in your will!

***Bienvenidos a la Iglesia del Sagrado Corazón***, donde nos abrazamos como familia, así como Jesús nos enseñó a amarnos los unos a los otros y compartir las cargas de los demás. Aquí nos esforzamos cada día por ser un poco más amables, un poco mejores, guiados por la luz de nuestra fe. Estamos encantados de extenderle nuestros más cordiales saludos al unirse a nuestra comunidad. Nuestra misión es hacerle sentir como en casa, empezando por reservar un asiento entre nosotros. Lo invitamos a explorar nuestro pagina web o pasar por la oficina de la iglesia para obtener más información sobre cómo puede convertirse en una parte integral de nuestra familia parroquial. Esperamos conocerle y caminar juntos en la fe. ¡Recuerda el Sagrado Corazón en tu testamento!

### Confession Times/

#### Confesiones

**Mon., Wed. & Fri.**

***lunes, miércoles y viernes***

**11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

**Thurs. / jueves**

**5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.**

**Sat./sábado: 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.**

### Eucharistic Adoration/

#### Adoración del Santísimo

**Wednesday / miércoles**

**1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

**Thursday / jueves**

**6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

**Friday / viernes**

**6:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

# What is Gaudete Sunday?

*from the USCCB, December 9, 2022*

What is special about the Third Sunday of Advent? For much of the Church's history, this Sunday had a special name: "Gaudete" Sunday. The traditions surrounding this Sunday go back as far as the fourth or fifth century, as does the season of Advent itself. Advent, our preparation for Christmas, was originally a forty-day penitential season like Lent. In fact, since it used to begin on

November 12 (just after the Memorial of St. Martin of Tours), it was called "St. Martin's Lent." "Gaudete Sunday" was the Advent counterpart to "Laetare Sunday," which marks the mid-point in Lent.

On Gaudete Sunday, the season of Advent shifts its focus. For the first two weeks of Advent, the focus can be summed up in the phrase, "The Lord is coming." But beginning with Gaudete Sunday, the summary might be, "The Lord is near." This shift is marked by a lighter mood and a heightened sense of joyous anticipation.

Liturgically, the colors lighten as well. The priest usually wears rose-colored vestments, a hue seen only on Gaudete Sunday and Laetare Sunday. On this day, we light the third candle of the Advent wreath, which is also rose-colored, or if you prefer, pink.

The word "Gaudete" is Latin for "Rejoice." This celebration is a reminder that God who loves us is still in charge and that we await his coming not with fear, but with tremendous joy. Today's Second Reading, from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians, reflects this joy: "Brothers and sisters: Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus."



*Gaudete Sunday:  
The Third Sunday in Advent*

## Christmas Office Closures

The church office will be closed from **Tuesday, December 23rd** until **Sunday, December 28th**. Then again from **Thursday, January 1st** until **Sunday, January 4th**.

## Vacaciones Navideñas Oficina Cerrada

La oficina de la iglesia permanecerá cerrada desde el **martes 23 de diciembre** hasta el **domingo 28 de diciembre**. Luego, nuevamente desde el **jueves 1 de enero** hasta el **domingo 4 de enero**.

# ADVENT MISSION

(IN ENGLISH)

17, 18, & 19 OF DECEMBER AT 6PM EACH NIGHT. MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW!



## Religious Education Schedule

We will not have Religious Education from **Wednesday, December 24th** until **Wednesday, January 7th** for **Christmas vacation**. Students will return to class on **Wednesday, January 14th**.

## Horario para Educación Religiosa

No vamos a tener clases de educación religiosa **miércoles, el 24 de diciembre** hasta **miércoles, el 7 de enero** para **vacaciones navideños**. Regresan a clases **miércoles, el 14 de enero**.

**Mercy**  
Retreat Center

605 S 19th St. • Slaton, Texas 79364 Office (806) 828-6428 Cell/Text (806) 789-8456



We have an upcoming **Women's Retreat** at the Mercy Retreat Center in Slaton, Texas. It will take place from **Saturday to Sunday, February 6th to the 8th**. More details to follow.



# Adult Formation Class Schedule

All parents with children in sacramental classes must attend four classes /  
*Todos los padres con hijos en clases sacramentales necesitan asistir cuatro clases*

## English Classes

Dec. 17 No Class / English Advent Mission  
 Dec. 24 No Class / Christmas Break  
 Dec. 31 No Class / Christmas Break

## Clases en Español

Enero 7 No hay clases / vacaciones Navideños  
 Enero 14 Importancia del Espíritu Santo para alcanzar la salvación Luis Campo  
 Enero 21 ¿Fueron necesarios la encarnación, Pasión, y muerte de Jesús? Dcn. Juan  
 Enero 28 Verdadera Presencia del Señor en la Sagrada Eucaristía Carmen Sosa

## English Classes

Feb. 4 Are the Sacraments critical for our salvation? Dcn. Eric  
 Feb. 11 Immaculate Conception / Assumption of Mary Sean Little  
 Feb. 18 No Class / Ash Wednesday  
 Feb. 25 Altar Servers Ministry Gabrielle Campos

## Clases en Español

Mar. 4 La importancia de la Misa Luis Campo  
 Mar. 11 Oración familiar y personal: una relación con Jesús Dcn. Juan  
 Mar. 18 No hay clase / vacaciones de primavera  
 Mar. 25 Ministerio de monaguillos Gabrielle Campos



CDA

GET READY FOR CHRISTMAS!

Red Ornaments \$20  
 Silver Ornaments (Lights up!) \$25

SOLD AFTER 10:30 MASS AT  
 COFFEE & DONUTS & THE OFFICE

*Christmas Mass / Confession Schedule*  
*Horario de Misas / Confesiones Navideñas*

**Advent Confessions - Confesiones de Adviento**

Monday, Dec. 22nd - Lunes, 22 de dic.  
**4pm - 5pm**

Wednesday, Dec. 24th - Miércoles, 24 de dic.  
**10am - 12pm** (noon—mediodía)

**Christmas Eve Masses - Misas de Noche Buena**

Wednesday, Dec. 24th - Miércoles, 24 de dic.  
**4pm** - Children's Mass - Misa para los Niños  
**6pm** - Spanish Mass - Misa en Español  
**Midnight - Medianoche** -  
 Bilingual Mass - Misa bilingüe

**Christmas Day Masses - Misas Navideñas**

Thursday, Dec. 25th - Jueves, 25 de dic.  
**8:30am**  
**10:30am**

# FOOD pantry



**The food pantry operates each 2nd and 4th Saturday** of the month at 9:00a.m. in an effort to help the less fortunate of God's children in our community. Thanks be to God, our Food Pantry is now the largest in Eastern New Mexico! Anyone interested in volunteering, please come at **8:30AM** or call **Mary Marez** at **575-268-1331** for further information.

**We are only providing commodities outside of the gym. This drive-thru system will be in effect until further notice.**

**Many thanks to all those who donate their time and goods to this wonderful ministry!!!**

**ATTENTION!!!** All donations are greatly appreciated. However, if you are donating to the Food Pantry, please ensure that all items are in their original packaging and are unopened. Also, no items past their best buy date will be accepted. Thank you for your generosity!



## Sacred Heart Ministries

Adoration	Marriage Preparation
Adult Confirmation Class	Pro-Life Ministry
Altar Server	Music - Choir
Altar Linens	Religious Education
Cleaning Ministry	O.C.I.C. & O.C.I.A.
Catholic Daughters (CDA)	Rosary Mass Leaders
Catholic Bible Study	Sacristans
Crusaders for Christ	Usher Ministry
Deacon Formation Mentor	Vacation Bible School
Food Pantry	Men's Group
Grief Ministry	Hospitality Ministry
Lectors	Knights of Columbus
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Homebound	



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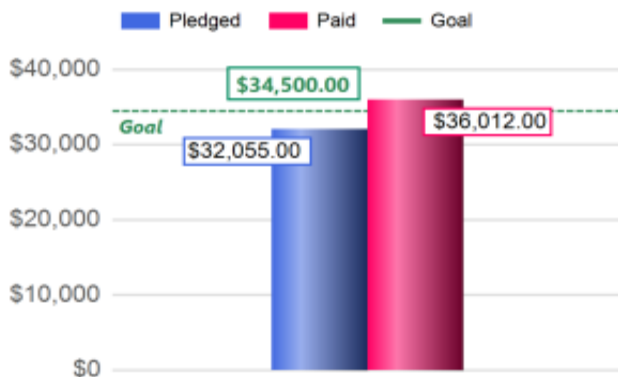


## Congratulations! ¡Felicidades!

Praise be to God, we have reached our A.C.A. goal for the sixth consecutive year. Many thanks to all who participated and contributed to us meeting our goal!

**Gracias a Dios, hemos alcanzado nuestra meta de A.C.A. por sexto año consecutivo. ¡Muchas gracias a todos los que participaron y contribuyeron a que lográramos nuestra meta!**

Archdiocesan Goal / <i>Objetivo Arquidiocesana</i> -	\$2,500,000
Parish Goal / <i>Objetivo Parroquial</i> -	\$34,500.00
Total Pledged / <i>Total Comprometida</i> -	\$32,005.00
Total Paid / <i>Total Pagado</i> -	\$37,042.00
Shortfall / <i>Déficit</i> -	\$0.00
Registered Families / <i>Familias registradas</i> -	1,673
Families Participating / <i>Familias participando</i> -	100





# Weekly Readings



## Monday, December 15th:

*NUM* 24:2-7,15-17a *PS* 25:4-5ab,6&7bc,8-9 *MT* 21:23-27

## Tuesday, December 16th:

*ZEP* 3:1-2,9-13 *PS* 34:2-3,6-7,17-18,19&23 *MT* 21:28-32

## Wednesday, December 17th:

*GEN* 49:2,8-10 *PS* 72:1-2,3-4ab,7-8,17 *MT* 1:1-17

## Thursday, December 18th:

*JER* 23:5-8 *PS* 72:1-2,12-13,18-19 *MT* 1:18-25

## Friday, December 19th:

*JUDGES* 13:2-7,24-25a *PS* 71:3-4a,5-6ab,16-17 *LK* 1:5-25

## Saturday, December 20th:

*IS* 7:10-14 *PS* 24:1-2,3-4ab,5-6 *LK* 1:26-38

## Sunday, December 21st: 4th Sunday of Advent

*IS* 7:10-14 *PS* 24:1-2,3-4,5-6 *ROM* 1:1-7 *MT* 1:18-24



The Sacred Heart Men's Group meets **EVERY Monday at 5:30 P.M.** in Room One. This is a wonderful opportunity for Catholic Men to gather together in fellowship and grow in their faith. All men are invited to attend. We look forward to seeing you there!



## Monday

12:10 PM

## December 15th, 2025

Andy Cox (Healing), †Josef Allen Ford

## Tuesday

7:00 AM

## December 16th, 2025

Andy Cox (Healing)

## Wednesday

12:10 PM

## December 17th, 2025

Gregory Bryant (Intercess.), Blessed Stanley Rother (Canonization), †Tom Gorley

## Thursday

6:00 PM

## December 18th, 2025

Fr. Franklin's Ordination Anniversary, Andy Cox (Healing)

## Friday

12:10 PM

## December 19th, 2025

Andy Cox (Healing), †Julia Lueras

## Saturday

6:00 PM

## December 20th, 2025

Tim & Cecilia Moore (35th Anniv.), Beatriz Varela Peniche & Eduardo Ceh Gual (50th Anniv.)

## Sunday

8:30 AM

## December 21st, 2025

Gabriel Bryant & family, Bryant grandchildren, †Patrick Rathbun

10:30 AM

Andy Cox & Jacquelyn Bonney (Healing for both), †Raul Lucero

5:00 PM

Marvin Campos, Marlon Lopez, & Ana Chávez (Healing for all)



## Sacred Heart Prayer Warriors!

If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, please contact Mary Shockley at (575)799-6402. She will place that individual that is

in need of prayer into a circle of prayer. Parishioners of Sacred Heart Church will then pray for those individuals to Almighty God. This is a wonderful ministry and privilege for us to be able to pray for you.

# FORMED

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## Holy

## Days of

## Obligation

## 2025

## January 1st -

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

## May 29th -

Ascension of Jesus

## August 15th -

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

## November 1st -

All Saints Day (Not a Holy Day this year)

## December 8th -

Immaculate Conception

## December 25th -

Nativity of our Lord, Jesus Christ



Our Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group meets from **5:30pm to 6:30pm** in the parish office/school on the first Monday of each month. This group is designed for all persons, family or otherwise who provide care to someone who has dementia.

Come and help us support each other!



The Sacred Heart Youth Group meets on **Sundays from 6:00PM to 7:30PM** in the Room One in the school. Ages 14 through 12th grade are welcome and encouraged to attend.

### **Ministros—Sábado, 20 de diciembre, 2025 - 2do domingo de Adviento**

#### **Sacristanes**

6:00PM Carmen Sosa

#### **Lectores**

6:00PM Carmen Sosa & Marisol Velasco

#### **Monaguillos**

6:00PM Thiago Ramos, Naomi Ramos, & Yandel Barajas López

#### **Ministros Extraordinarios de la Sagrada Comunión**

6:00PM L-Tina Hernández R-Rocío Candelario Ramos

### **Ministers—Sunday, December 21st, 2025 - 4th Sunday in Advent**

#### **Sacristans**

8:30AM Mary Shockley & Katie Haynes-Burns

10:30AM Anna Alexander & Jim Hicks

5:00PM Martha Campos

#### **Lectors**

8:30AM Madeline Hettinga & Sean Little

10:30AM Virginia García & Billy Penland

5:00PM Julie Ford & Martha Campos

#### **Altar Servers**

8:30AM Samantha Streseman, Luke Gutierrez, & Beckett Wiegel

10:30AM Edgar Reyna, Arabella Rodarte, Nykolás Sotelo & Jacob Gallegos

5:00PM Carlos Bouchard, Julia Bouchard, & Noah Dybevik

#### **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

8:30AM \*Sally Trujillo, \*David Vickers, Joseph Vickers, Lola Bryant, Katie Haynes-Burns, & Laura DeBusk

10:30AM \*Juan Reyna, \*Randy Rodríguez, Jim Hicks, Lora Rodríguez, Anna Alexander, & Vanessa Reyna

5:00PM L-Phil Stella R-Jacquelyn Bonney

### **Tithes and Offerings - December 7th, 2025**

### **Diezmos y Ofrendas - 7 de diciembre, 2025**

<b>Envelopes / Sobres</b>	<b>\$4,658</b>
<b>Loose / Sueltos</b>	<b>\$3,021</b>
<b>Repairs / Reparaciones</b>	<b>\$510</b>
<b>Online / En Línea</b>	<b>\$5,269</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13,458</b>

