



# SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## Pope Francis' Prayer for the Jubilee Year of Mercy

You are the visible face of the invisible Father,  
of the God who manifests his power  
above all by forgiveness and mercy:

let the Church be your visible face in the world,  
its Lord risen and glorified.

You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness  
in order that they may feel compassion  
for those in ignorance and error:

let everyone who approaches them  
feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing,  
so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord,  
and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm,  
may bring good news to the poor,  
proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed,  
and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy,  
you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit  
for ever and ever.

Amen.

Excerpted from Pope Francis' Prayer for the Jubilee Year of Mercy



## EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE OF MERCY

## JUBILEO EXTRAORDINARIO DE LA MISERICORDIA

DECEMBER 8, 2015 - NOVEMBER 20, 2016



# Celebrating 50 years of UNITY in COMMUNITY Celebrando 50 años de UNIDAD en COMUNIDAD

## EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE OF MERCY

DEC. 8, 2015 - NOV. 20, 2016



"IT WILL BE A HOLY YEAR OF MERCY."  
-POPE FRANCIS

### Year of Mercy

December 8, 2015– November 20, 2016

The opening of the Holy Year of Mercy will take place on December 8, 2015 during the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. On this feast, Pope Francis will open the Holy Door – which will become a Door of Mercy– through which anyone who enters will experience the love of God who consoles, pardons and offers hope.

Find information on all the events and activities planned to celebrate this Jubilee by visiting: [archatl.com/catholic-life/year-of-mercy](http://archatl.com/catholic-life/year-of-mercy) and explore the different ways in which you could be merciful in your own life.

Archbishop Gregory will open the Jubilee of Mercy in Atlanta on Tuesday, December 8th, 2015 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Cathedral of Christ the King  
12:10 p.m.

2699 Peachtree Road  
Atlanta, GA 30305

Christmas Masses Schedule  
available on Page 6.  
Horario de Misas de Navidad  
en la Página 6.



### The Altar Flowers this weekend are offered by: **Offered by Mimerose Jean-Baptiste** in honor of the Immaculate Conception of Mary

If you would like to remember a special occasion by donating to the Altar Flower Fund, please contact the Parish Office at 678-626-3940.  
Suggested offering: \$40.



## Altar Flowers

### In Our Prayers / En nuestras oraciones

We ask you to take a moment to pray for the people who are listed on this Bulletin Sick List. Please call the Parish Office to place a name on the list below.

The names will be kept in our bulletin for three consecutive weeks.

**Francisco Aguirre**  
**Dot Fick**  
**Pat Jester**  
**Ann Mattox**  
**John O'Donnell**  
**Enrique Signoret**

**Nnadozie Chinedu**  
**Celisa Irebuisi**  
**Emmanuela Irebuisi**  
**Paschal Irebuisi**  
**Monica Ogbugo**  
**Austin Valentine**

**Salvador Ascencio**  
**Betty Collins**  
**Trish Jackson**  
**Peggy Jorban**  
**Luis Lucero**  
**Rosemary Maruish**

### Prayer Line / Cadena de Oración

Here at St. Thomas the Apostle we have a Prayer Line Ministry. The members of this ministry are dedicated prayer warriors. If you have a prayer request that you would like to place in the care of the Prayer Line, contact Valerie Panditaratne at [vpandit@emory.edu](mailto:vpandit@emory.edu)

### Pray For Our Troops / Orando por nuestras tropas

We remember in our prayers all of those who are serving in the military. Please contact the Parish Office if you have a family member who is serving in the military:

**CDR Dominic R. Lovello, USN • ET2 Carolyn Deacon Brewer, USN**  
**Ensign Tanner Collins, USN • E5 Spencer Hanemann, USN**  
**HM2 Kenneth McIntosh, USN • SPC Dakota Nash, USA •**  
**A1C Johana Tatia, USAF • A1C Earl Zachary Shelton, USAF**

We ask that you call the Parish Office with the names of your loved ones so that we can have a current list. Thanks!

## Feast of the Immaculate Conception

### Mass Schedule:

- Monday, December 7th: English Vigil Mass at 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, December 8th: English Masses at 6:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

## Fiesta de la Inmaculada Concepción

### Horario de Misas:

- Lunes, 7 de diciembre: Misa de vigilia en español a las 8:30 p.m.
- Martes, 8 de diciembre: Misa en español a las 8:30 p.m.



# ARCHBISHOP'S

## ANNUAL APPEAL 2015

“All This I Do for the Sake of the Gospel”

Today, we wish to recognize those who have made a gift or pledge to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. On behalf of those who will be served by your contributions, thank you for faithfully making your pledge payments. Every gift is important and appreciated.

We are literally at the point of surpassing our goal to the Archdiocese, so every additional dollar received will come back to our parish. If you have not yet finished paying your pledge, please do it in the next few weeks remaining before year end.

If you have any questions please call the Parish Office at 770-432-8579 Ext. 0.

### Llamado Anual del Arzobispo 2015

Queremos reconocer a todos aquellos que hicieron un compromiso para el Llamado Anual del Arzobispo. En nombre de todos aquellos que serán servidos en nuestras comunidades con sus contribuciones, muchísimas gracias por haber cumplido con todos sus pagos. Cada donación es importante y apreciada.

Nos encontramos en el punto de sobrepasar nuestra meta con la Arquidiócesis, así que cada dólar adicional que sea recibido será regresado a nuestra parroquia. Si no han terminado de hacer sus pagos, por favor cumplan con su compromiso en las próximas semanas, antes de que finalice el año.

Si tienen preguntas, por favor comunicarse a la Oficina Parroquial al 770-432-8579 Ext. 0.

#### Regular Mass Schedule / Horario Regular de Misas

##### ENGLISH MASSES

###### WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: ..... 4:30 PM  
**Sunday:** ..... 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM, 5:00 PM

###### WEEKDAYS:

Monday, Tuesday & Friday: ..... 12 Noon  
 Wednesday: ..... 6:30 AM & 7:00 PM  
 Thursday: ..... 7:00 PM

**Confession:** Saturday: ..... 3:00 PM –4:00 PM  
**Adoration:** Wednesdays: ..... 7:00 AM-6:45 PM

##### Misas en Español

###### HORARIO DE FIN DE SEMANA

Sábado: ..... 6:30 PM  
**Domingo:** ..... 6:00 AM, 2:00 PM, 7:30 PM

###### HORARIO DURANTE LA SEMANA

Lunes: ..... 7:30 PM  
 Jueves: ..... 8:00 PM

**Confesiones:** Antes de Misas, los fines de semana.  
**Adoración:** Miércoles 7:00 AM-7:00 PM / 2do Sábado del mes a las 8:30 PM

**'Tis the Season to be Thankful, fa la la la la, la la la la**

My heart continues to be flooded with the energy of gratitude for the very wonderful Mass we had on Thanksgiving Day. This gratitude helps me to say thanks to all who made the beginning of our nation's day of Thanksgiving on November 26, 2015 so anchored in God to whom all gratitude ultimately comes from and goes back to.



- Thank you** to the parish staff and members of the Liturgy Committee who prepared for this day for all that it entails.
- Thank you** to those who decorated the Church to recognize that we do live in a land of good and plenty.
- Thank you** to Mrs. Patty Smith for her musical gifts with song and instruments for lifting up our hearts, minds, and souls to the Lord as we experienced THE Eucharist (thanksgiving), the source and summit from which all our Thanksgiving flows.
- Thank you** to the Choir of Children (Coro de los Niños) which so enthusiastically communicated the JOY of gratitude, and to the leaders of this choir.
- Thank you** to Padre Jaime who so powerfully rallies the faithful to reach for the stars of faith, hope and love.
- Thank you** to our clergy: Fr. Jojo, Fr. Paul, Fr. Joe, Deacon Michael, and Deacon Earl, who collaborate so well in the ministry of gratitude and compassion.
- Thank you** to the African Parish Organization (APO) of our parish that provided a procession of the Word of God that brings tears to my eyes under the direction of Mr. James Johnson. The youth who processed with the Book of the Gospel give witness to the future of the Church with blessed assurance.
- Thanks** to all our members of the liturgical ministries: Hospitality, Altar Servers, Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, and you, the People of God, who filled the Sanctuary with your presence to be thankful with happiness and acceptance of one another.

We had a hint of the Kingdom of God (a microcosm of what it will be like at the heavenly banquet). The dialogue homily will long live on in my heart of gratitude especially as the mother brought her triplet daughters to the Altar to share the joy of their second birthdays on Nov. 26. Oh happy day it was on Thanksgiving in our Eucharist...it beat the Macy's Day Parade for me by far.

**Thanks. Father Brian**

**Es tiempo de Agradecer, fa la la la la, la la la la**

Mi corazón aún está lleno de energía y gratitud por la maravillosa Misa que tuvimos el Día de Acción de Gracias. Esta gratitud me lleva a decir gracias a todos aquellos que lograron hacer que nuestra celebración de Acción de Gracias estuviera anclada a Dios, de donde viene toda gratitud y a El también debe regresar.

- Gracias** al personal de la parroquia y miembros del Comité Litúrgico que se prepararon para este día y todo lo que conlleva.
- Gracias** a aquellos que decoraron la Iglesia y nos ayudó a reconocer que vivimos en una tierra de abundancia.
- Gracias** a la señora Patty Smith que sus dotes musicales con canciones e instrumentos ayudó a levantar nuestros corazones, mentes y almas al Señor al experimentar la Eucaristía (acción de gracias), fuente y cumbre de donde proviene toda Acción de Gracias.
- Gracias** al Coro de Niños que con tanto entusiasmo comunicó el GOZO de la gratitud y de los líderes de este coro.
- Gracias** al Padre Jaime, que tan poderosamente dirige a los fieles a alcanzar las estrellas de la fe, la esperanza y el amor.
- Gracias** a nuestro clero: Padre Jojo, el Padre Paul, el Padre Joe, el Diácono Michael, y el Diácono Earl, que colaboran en el ministerio de la gratitud y la compasión.
- Gracias** a la Organización de Hermanos Africanos (APO) de nuestra parroquia que, bajo la dirección del Sr. James Johnson, proporcionó una procesión de la Palabra de Dios que trae lágrimas a mis ojos. Los jóvenes que hicieron procesión con el Libro del Evangelio dan testimonio del futuro de la Iglesia.
- Gracias** a todos nuestros miembros de los ministerios litúrgicos: Hospitalidad, monaguillos, lectores, ministros extraordinarios de la Eucaristía, y usted, el Pueblo de Dios, que llena el Santuario con su presencia para estar agradecidos con la felicidad y la aceptación de uno al otro.

Tuvimos una pista del Reino de Dios (un microcosmos de lo que será el banquete celestial). La homilía vivirá en mi corazón lleno de gratitud, sobre todo el momento en que una madre trajo a sus trillizas al Altar para compartir la alegría de su segundo cumpleaños el 26 de noviembre. Oh día feliz de Acción de Gracias en nuestra Eucaristía ... Me parece que le ganó al Desfile de la tienda Macy's.

**Gracias. Padre Brian**

**This week in our Parish**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 7**

- 9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
- 12:00 PM **MASS**  
† TOM O'DONNELL
- 6:00 PM EVANGELIZATION MEETING
- 5:45 PM CHRISTMAS CHOIR
- 6:30 PM **VIGIL MASS**  
GISELE ACCILLEN
- 8:00 PM PSR
- 8:00 PM **NOVENA GUADALUPANA**
- 8:30 PM **MISA**
- 8:00 PM EVANGELIZATION CHOIR

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8**

- IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**
- 6:30 AM **MASS**  
† ANOSIUS L. ETIENNE
- 9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
- 12:00 PM **MASS**  
† LUCY LUCZON
- 6:30 PM **MASS**  
† DALLAS PRASSER
- 6:30 PM SVDP
- 8:00 PM EVANGELIZATION CHOIR
- 8:00 PM **NOVENA GUADALUPANA**
- 8:30 PM **MISA**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9**

- 6:30 AM **MASS FOR PEACE**  
† TOM O'DONNELL
- 7:00 AM ADORATION
- 9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
- 5:45 PM CHRISTMAS CHOIR
- 6:45 PM BENEDICTION
- 7:00 PM K OF C 4TH DEGREE
- 7:00 PM **MASS**  
† NICHOLAS ARDITO, SR.
- 7:00 PM PSR
- 7:30 PM ADVENT AWAKENING
- 7:30 PM LIFE/TEEN BAND
- 8:00 PM **NOVENA GUADALUPANA**
- 8:30 PM **MISA**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10**

- 9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
- 10:00 AM BIBLE STUDY
- 10:00 AM STORY TIME
- 4:00 PM KWURUE CONVALIDATION
- 6:00 PM FIDELES ROSARY
- 7:00 PM K OF C 1ST-2ND DEGREE
- 7:00 PM BIBLE STUDY
- 7:00 PM **MASS**  
FR. PAUL RAINVILLE
- 7:00 PM PSR
- 7:30 PM FIDELES MTG
- 8:00 PM **NOVENA GUADALUPANA**
- 8:30 PM **MISA**

**Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe:  
Patroness of the Americas  
Feast Day: December 12th**

**Guadalupe Novena: December 2nd—December 10th (Main Sanctuary)**

Weekdays: Rosary at 8:00 p.m. / Spanish Mass at 8:30 p.m.  
 Friday, December 4th: Bilingual Rosary at 8:00 p.m. and Bilingual Mass at 8:30 p.m.  
 Saturday: Rosary at 6:00 p.m. / Spanish Mass at 6:30 p.m.  
 Sunday: Rosary at 7:00 p.m. / Spanish Mass at 7:30 p.m.

**Friday, December 11th (Jim R. Miller Park)**

2245 Callaway Road, Marietta, GA 30008

6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m. Traditional Dances / Enthronement of Virgin  
 9:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m. Rosary / 10:30 p.m.—12:00 a.m. Holy Mass  
 12:00 a.m.—2:00 a.m. Serenade (Las Mañanitas)

**Saturday, December 12th (Main Sanctuary at St. Thomas the Apostle)**

10:30 a.m. Spanish Mass (Expecting Parents and Children)  
 6:30 p.m. Spanish Mass (Workers and Blessing of their Tools)

**Celebración Guadalupana**

**Diciembre 2-10: Novena Guadalupana (Iglesia Santo Tomás el Apóstol)**

Entre semana: Rosario a las 8:00 p.m. y Misa a las 8:30 p.m.  
 Sábado: Rosario a las 7:00 p.m. y Misa a las 7:30 p.m.  
 Viernes, 4 de diciembre: Rosario y Misa bilingüe

**Viernes, 11 de diciembre (Jim R. Miller Park)**

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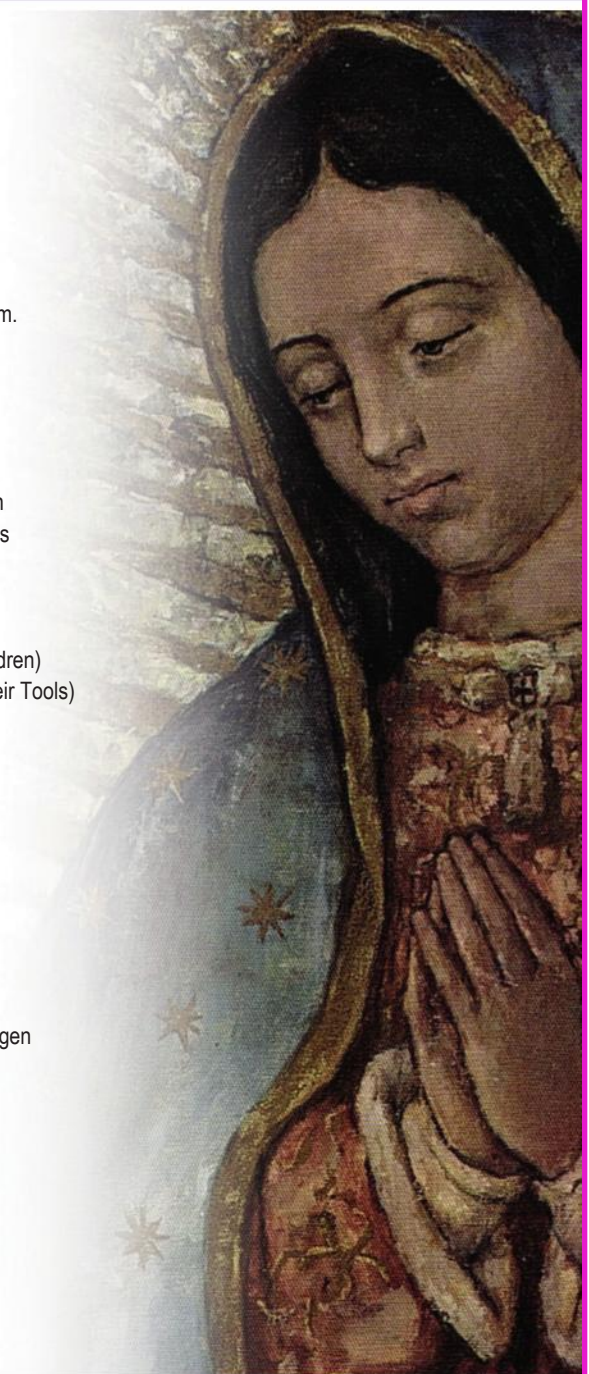
6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m. Danza Matachines / Entronización de la Virgen  
 9:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m. Rosario Viviente  
 10:30 p.m.—12:00 a.m. Santa Misa  
 12:00 a.m.—2:00 a.m. Serenata (Las Mañanitas)

**Sábado, Diciembre 12 (Iglesia Santo Tomás el Apóstol)**

Todas las Misas en español

**10:30 a.m.** Misa (Bendición de Niños y Mujeres Embarazadas)

**6:30 p.m.** Misa (Bendición de Herramientas de Trabajo)



Calendar updated as of November 30, 2015

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11**

9:00 AM PRESCHOOL  
 12:00 PM MASS  
 † LUCY LUCZON  
 5:00 PM TRAN REHEARSAL  
 6:00 PM CELEBRACIÓN GUADALUPANA  
 JIM R. MILLER PARK  
 6:00 PM BASKETS PREP  
 7:00 PM CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP  
 10:30 PM MISA GUADALUPANA  
 JIM R. MILLER PARK

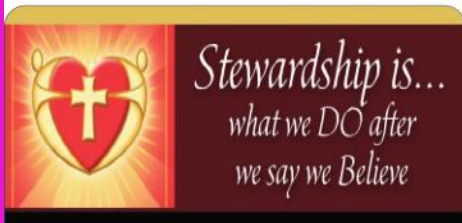
**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12**

8:00 AM SUNDAY AM CHOIR PRACTICE  
 8:00 AM ULTREYA  
 8:30 PM CHRISTMAS BASKETS  
 10:30 AM MISA GUADALUPANA  
 2:00 PM TRAN WEDDING  
 3:00 PM CONFESSION  
 4:30 PM MASS  
 † CHARLES & ROSE MARIE  
 DEMATTO  
 4:30 PM ESTUDIANTINA CHOIR  
 6:00 PM APO RETREAT  
 6:30 PM MISA GUADALUPANA

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13**

6:00 AM MISA  
 † MOISÉS CAPILLA  
 7:30 AM MASS  
 PEOPLE OF ST. THOMAS  
 MASS  
 † ATALIE ANDRESSEN  
 9:30 AM PSR  
 9:30 AM RCIA  
 11:00 AM LEGION OF MARY  
 11:15 AM PSR  
 11:30 AM MASS  
 † JOANN SCANNAPIECO  
 † LYNN CAMPANARIO

2:00 PM MOMS MAKE A DIFFERENCE  
 2:00 PM MISA  
 CONCHITA AGUIRRE  
 JAIME REYES  
 2:30 PM RCIT CLASS  
 5:00 PM MASS  
 † IRIS NAVA  
 6:00 PM LIFE TEEN NIGHT  
 7:30 PM MISA



**Offertory Actuals/Ofertorio Actual  
November 28-29, 2015 vs 2014**

	FY 2015-16	FY 2014-15
Budgeted.....	\$35,769	\$37,500
Weekly Actual .....	\$34,833	\$29,481
<b>Surplus/Shortfall .....</b>	<b>(\$936)</b>	<b>(\$8,019)</b>

**FY2016 Offertory Projected vs Actual to Date  
And Last year Comparison**

Budgeted.....	\$786,918	\$825,000
FYTD .....	\$771,399	\$733,150
<b>Shortfall .....</b>	<b>(\$15,519)</b>	<b>(\$91,850)</b>

**Operating Financial Statement  
For the 3 months ending 9/30/2015**

Revenue.....	\$828,906
Expenses.....	(\$679,310)
<b>Surplus .....</b>	<b>\$149,596</b>

Total Assessments .....\$1,256,155  
still owed to Archdiocese as of 9/30/15

**Archbishop Annual Appeal 2015 (Week 44)  
Llamado Anual del Arzobispo 2015 (Semana 44)**

Goal (Meta).....	\$149,300
Total Pledged (Compromisos totales).....	\$276,322
Paid to date (Pagos recibidos).....	\$166,988
Percent Paid to Goal (Porcentaje pagado) .....	112%
Number of Donors (No. de Donantes).....	1,266
Surplus/(Shortfall) to Goal .....	\$17,688

**Thank You Saint Thomas the Apostle people!**

**Children's Offertory  
Ofertorio de los Niños  
November 21-22, 2015**

Total .....\$889.12

♥ I prayed to the Lord (Oré al señor) ♥ Be nice to family and friends (Fui bueno con familia and amigos) ♥ I helped my Mom clean (Ayudé a limpiar) ♥ Picked up my toys (Recogí mis juguetes) ♥ I learned to say Thank You (Aprendí a decir Gracias) ♥ Learning to go potty (Aprendí a ir al baño) ♥ Got good grades (Saqué buenas notas) ♥ I played with my baby cousin ♥ I helped my teachers (Ayudé a mis maestros) ♥ I helped cleaning the house (Ayudé a limpiar la casa) ♥ I helped Chloe all week (Ayudé a Chloe toda la semana) ♥ I helped taking care of my cousin (Ayudé a cuidar a mi primo) ♥ I did my homework of this week (Cumplí con la tarea de esta semana) ♥ I cleaned my bedroom (Limpié mi cuarto) ♥

Offering envelopes are available in the Commons Area. Ask your child to write his/her good deed of the week and encourage him/her to deposit the envelope in the special basket near the altar, during the offertory.  
Plant the seeds of a generous heart!

**End of Life Seminar—Save the Date!**

Saturday, January 9, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Social Hall

Come learn more about:



- Catholic burials and cremation
- Advanced directives
- Will planning
- How we can give from our estates to help the church long after we are gone.

More details to follow in next week's bulletin!

Contact Linda Veit for more information at 678-626-3961.

**Missed our Penance Service?**

The following parishes are still offering opportunities for Reconciliation in this Advent season:

- December 9th: St. Joseph (Marietta)
- December 14th: Holy Family (Marietta)
- December 15th: St. Michael the Archangel (Woodstock)
- December 16th: St. Ann's (Marietta)

**Christmas Mass Schedule 2015**

Horario de Misas Navideñas 2015



**Christmas Eve**

**Masses in English on Thursday, December 24th, 2015:**

- 4:00 p.m. .... Children's Liturgy (Main Sanctuary)
- 4:00 p.m. .... Christmas Eve Mass (Social Hall)
- 6:00 p.m. .... Christmas Eve Mass (Main Sanctuary)
- 11:30 p.m. .... Christmas Carols (Main Sanctuary)

**Misas en español el jueves, 24 de diciembre del 2015:**

- 8:00 p.m. .... Misa de Nochebuena (Iglesia y Salón Social)

**Christmas Day**

**Masses in English on Friday, December 25th, 2015**

- 12:00 a.m. .... Christmas Midnight Mass (Main Sanctuary)
- 9:30 a.m. .... Christmas Mass (Main Sanctuary)
- 11:30 a.m. .... Christmas Mass (Main Sanctuary)

**Misas en Español el viernes, 25 de diciembre del 2015**

- 2:00 p.m. .... Misa de Navidad (Iglesia)
- 7:00 p.m. .... Misa de Navidad (Iglesia)

**Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions**

**Universal:** That all may experience the mercy of God, who never tires of forgiving.

**Evangelization:** That families, especially those who suffer, may find in the birth of Jesus a sign of certain hope.



**Alerta de Inmigración! Niños menores de 18 años de edad que no viven con sus papas o solo viven con uno pueden aplicar para su residencia!**

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