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**STEWARDSHIP REPORT
Weekly Contribution**

Collection for December 20th - \$5,827.16
Collection for December 25th - Next Week
Collection for December 27th – Next Week

Your faithful stewardship helps us meet our
Fiscal needs.

“Be rich in good works ...ready to share”

The Diocesan Services Fund (DSF) helps all of us fulfill
Christ's mission here on earth by supporting those programs
and services that cannot be accomplished by one parish
alone. Paid so far is **\$20,729.00** with **102** families.

**Please help us reach our goal of \$24,500.00
with your participation.**

PRAY FOR/Ruega Por Ellos:

Norma Moreno Garcia, Joe Saul Pena, Liz Fernandez
Strickland, Ignacio Damian Sr, Gabriel Gonzales, Will
Windham, Alan Neff, Melissa Garcia, Angelica Silva, Edward
Coufal, Maria Cerda, Gary W. Callaway, Mary Valdez, Olivia
Esperanza, Joyce Hargrove, Tim Kolafa, Joan Horr, Leon
Quintanilla, Sheila Hinojosa, Mia Cristy, Regina Martinez,
Chano Lopez, Pat Matula, Francis Emily Cyr, Justin Salazar,
Sherrie James, Craig Cameron, Jennifer Hermosillo, Roy
Martinez, Lou Roberts, Bridgett West, Robert Gonzales,
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Meeks, Leong Mendoza, Jenny Villegas, Joe Tyner, Margaret
Martinez, Chris Martinez, Martin DeLeon, Alberto Garcia Sr,
Graciela Garcia.

*And for all those whose names that have not been made known to
us.*

Altar Wine

You may sponsor the Altar wine for one month at \$75 in memory
of or in honor of a family member or members. If anyone is
interested in sponsoring, please call the parish office at
979-233-5271.

**January –In Loving memory of Katherine A.
Skalski from your husband Mike and Family**

Sponsor of the Week

[ILM Linda Marie Gonzales]

Scripture Readings for the Week

Lecturas de la Semana

Mass Intentions

January 4 – January 10



1 John 3:22-4:6
NO MASS

Monday/Lunes
Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

1 John 4:7-10
8:30 a.m. - **NO MASS INTENTIONS**

Tuesday/Martes
Mark 6:34-44

1 John 4:11-18
6:30p.m. – +Pete Waguespack requested by Lillie Spillars

Wednesday/Miercoles
Mark 6:45-52

1 John 4:19-5:4
6:15p.m. – **NO MASS INTENTIONS**

Thursday/Jueves
Luke 4:14-22a

1John 5:5-13
NO MASS

Friday/Viernes
Luke 5:12-16

1 John 5:14-21
5:30 pm – +Eugenia Hernandez requested by her children and Family

Saturday/Sabado
John 3:22-30

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 Acts 10:34-38 Luke 3:15-16, 21-22
9:00 a.m. - +Pete Waguespack requested by Lillie Spillars
11:00 a.m. – Virgin de Guadalupe requested by Guadalupana Society
5:00 p.m. – **NO MASS INTENTIONS**

Sunday/Domingo

**Preparing to Celebrate the Sacraments
Preparativos para celebrar los Sacramentos**

Sacrament of Confirmation

Anyone interested in celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation (9th grade and above) please call the Faith Formation office, 233-5271.

Sacramento de la Confirmación

Cualquier persona interesada en la celebración del sacramento de la Confirmación (noveno grado en adelante) por favor llame a la oficina de Formación de Fe, 233-5271.

1st Reconciliation and 1st Eucharist

Anyone interested in celebrating Reconciliation or Eucharist for the first time, please contact the Faith Formation office at 233-5271.

Primera Reconciliación y la primera Eucaristía

Cualquier persona interesados en la celebración de la Reconciliación o la Eucaristía por primera vez, favor de contactar la oficina de Formación de la Fe al 233-5271

Baptism Preparation

Through Infant Baptism, parents “transmit to their children their faith and the grace of the Sacraments which allow them to enter the people of God, the Church” (Pope Francis).

Parents wanting to have their children baptized must come by the parish office to register their child, attend preparatory classes and follow our policy for celebrating the Sacrament. The next sets of classes will be February, 2016.

Preparación Para Bautismo

Por medio del Bautismo de Niños, los Padres “trasmiten a sus hijos su fé y la gracia del Sacramento que les permite entrar, formar parte del pueblo de Dios, la Iglesia” (Papa Francisco).

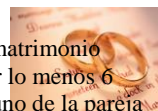
Los Padres que quieran que sus niños sean bautizados, deberán venir a la oficina a registrar a su niño y asistir a las clases de preparación y seguir el reglamento para la celebración del sacramento. Las próximas clases serán el 6 de febrero de 2016.

Sacrament of Marriage

A couple desiring to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage must contact the Pastor or Deacon at least 6 months before their desired wedding date. At least one of the couple must be an active member of the Parish and a practicing Catholic. Please call the parish office to reserve the date.

Sacramento de Matrimonio

Las parejas que desean celebrar el sacramento de matrimonio necesitan comunicarse con el Pastor o Diácono por lo menos 6 meses antes de la fecha de casarse. Por lo menos uno de la pareja debe ser miembro de la parroquia y estar viviendo la fe católica. Favor de llamar la oficina para reservar la fecha de su boda.



Sacrament of the Sick

Please notify the Parish Office if you or a loved one is in the hospital or homebound and desire to receive the Sacrament.

Sacramento de los Enfermos

Por favor llame a la oficina si usted o algún ser querido está en el hospital o confinado en casa y desea recibir el sacramento.



Rite of Christian Initiation

Anyone interested in knowing more about the Catholic Church or interested in becoming a Catholic, please call the Parish office. Anyone interested in sponsoring someone, please call the office at 233-5271.

Rito de la Iniciación Cristiana

Cualquiera que esté interesado en saber más acerca de la Iglesia Católica o interesado en convertirse en un católica, por favor llame a la oficina parroquial. Cualquier persona interesada en patrocinar a alguien, por favor llame a la oficina al 233-5271

Deadline: to publish information in the bulletin is 3:00 p.m. Wednesday.

Saint John Chrysostom (c.345-407), priest at Antioch then Bishop of Constantinople, Doctor of the Church
Homilies on St. Matthew, 7-8

"They prostrated themselves and did him homage."

Brothers, let us follow the magi, let us leave our pagan customs. Let us depart! Let us make a long journey so as to see Christ. If the magi had not left and gone a long way from their country, they would not have seen Christ. Let us also leave earth's interests. So long as they remained in their country, the magi saw only the star; but when they left their homeland, they saw the Sun of justice (Mal 3:20). Or rather, let us say: if they had not generously set out on their journey, they would not even have seen the star. Thus, let us also rise up, and even if everyone in Jerusalem is troubled, let us run to where the Child is...

"On entering the house, they found the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their coffers and presented him with gifts." What motivated them to prostrate themselves before this child? There was nothing remarkable in the Virgin or in the house, no object that could have struck their eye and attracted them. And yet, not content with prostrating themselves, they opened their treasure, gifts that are not given to a human being but only to God – frankincense and myrrh symbolize divinity. What was their reason for acting in this way? The same as that which made them decide to leave their homeland, to depart on this long journey. It was the star, that is to say, the light with which God had filled their heart and which led them little by little to a more perfect knowledge. If there hadn't been that light, how could they have given such homage when what they saw was so poor and humble? If there is not material grandeur but only a crib, a stable, a mother who is lacking in everything, it is so that you might see the magi's wisdom more clearly, so that you understand that they came not to a human being but to a God, to their benefactor.

**Adult Confirmation Sessions
January 4, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.**

**Youth Confirmation Session
January 10, 2016
2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

Faith Formation is in need of a second grade teacher on Wednesday, from 5:30 – 7 pm. If interested please call the Parish office.

Formación en la Fe está en la necesidad de una maestra de segundo grado el miércoles de 5:30-7:00 pm. Si está interesado por favor llame a la oficina parroquial.

Faith Formation classes will resume back on **Jan. 6th** for PK3-5th grade and **Jan. 10th** for 6th to 12 grade.

Clases de Formación de Fe se reanudará de nuevo el **06** de enero de PK3- quinto grado y **10** de enero de sexto grado para 12 grado.

San Máximo de Turín (¿-c. 420), obispo
Sermón 10, sobre la Natividad del Señor, PL 57,24

"Nacido antes de todos los siglos..., tomó carne de la Virgen María" (Credo)

Leemos, queridos hermanos, que en Cristo hay dos nacimientos; tanto el uno como el otro son expresión de un poder divino que nos sobrepasa absolutamente. Por un lado, Dios engendra a su Hijo a partir de él mismo; por el otro, una virgen lo concibió por intervención de Dios... Por un lado, nace para crear la vida; por el otro, para quitar la muerte. Allí, nace de su Padre; aquí, nace a través de los hombres. Por ser engendrado por el Padre, es el origen del hombre; por su nacimiento humano, libera al hombre. Ni una ni otra forma de nacimiento se pueden expresar propiamente y al mismo tiempo son inseparables...

Cuando enseñamos que hay dos nacimientos en Cristo, no queremos decir que el Hijo de Dios nace dos veces, sino que afirmamos la dualidad de naturaleza en un solo y único Hijo de Dios. Por una parte, nace lo que ya existía; por otra parte se produce lo que todavía no existía. El bienaventurado evangelista Juan lo afirma con estas palabras: "En el principio ya existía la Palabra, y la Palabra estaba junto a Dios y la Palabra era Dios", y también: "La Palabra se hizo carne".

Así pues, Dios que estaba junto a Dios salió de él, y la carne de Dios que no estaba en él salió de una mujer. Así el Verbo se hizo carne, no de manera que Dios quede diluido en el hombre, sino para que el hombre sea gloriosamente elevado en Dios. Por eso Dios no nació dos veces, sino que hubo dos géneros de nacimientos – a saber el de Dios y el del hombre- por los cuales el Hijo único del Padre ha querido ser al mismo tiempo Dios y hombre en una sola persona: "¿Quién podría contar su nacimiento?" (Is 53, 8 Vulg)

Registrations for Steubenville Lone Star in Dallas, Texas will open on January 15, 2016. You can start bringing in your registrations in now with your deposit.

Please call the office to schedule your children's interview for **1st Reconciliation**.

Por favor llamar ala oficina para programar la entrevista para su hijo a' para su **Primera Reconciliacion**.

90th Anniversary Committe Meeting on Monday, January 11th at 6:30 p.m. in the conference room. Anyone interested in helping plan our Anniversary Celebration can come.

Come join the members of the **Altar Society** for a **Pot Luck Lunch on Tuesday, January 5th** at 11:30 am and stay for the meeting that begins at noon.

This Week in the Our Parish**January 4:****NO MASS**

7:00 pm - Almas Misioneras Choir Practice – (S)

January 5:**8:30 am – English Mass**

9:30 am - LOM – (English) – HW Classroom #5

12:00 pm - Altar Society – HW

6:30 pm – Core Meeting - HW

7:00 pm – Spanish Choir Practice – (C)

8 pm - Alcohol Anonymous Meeting – Rms. #9 & #10

January 6:**NO Confessions – (C)**

6:00 pm – Peace Rosary– (C)

6:30 pm – English Mass5:30 - 7 pm - Faith Formation/PK3-5th Grade Classes

7:15 pm - RCIA - HW

January 7:

9:00 am – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

6:00 pm - Benediction

6:15 pm – Spanish Mass

7 pm – Almas Misioneras – (C)

8 pm - Alcohol Anonymous Meeting – Rms. #9 & #10

January 8:**NO Mass**

3:00 pm – Divine Mercy

January 9:

4-5 pm – Confession – C

4:30 pm – English Choir Practice – Somerville

5:30 pm – English Mass

Hospitality after Mass – Host: Legion of Mary

January 10:

9:00 am – English Mass

11:00 am – Spanish Mass

Hospitality after morning Masses - Host: Legion of Mary

2:00 – 4:30 pm – Confirmation - HW

5:00 pm – Teen Mass English/Breaking open Word

6:00 – 8:30 pm - Life Teen/ Edge Classes

Liturgical Ministers Schedule**January 9, 5:30 P.M – English Mass****Acolyte:** Richard Moreno**Altar Servers:** Paige Damian**Lectors:** Jimmy mikes, Johanna Blanchard**EM's:** Yolanda Solis, Delores Rodriguez**January 10, 9:00 A.M – English Mass****Acolyte:** Chris Thompson**Altar Servers:** Omar & Carlos Ramos, Aaron Navarrete**Lectors:** Marilyn Saccomanno, James Saccomanno**EM's:** Carmen Olguin, Nieves Olguin**January 10, 11:00 A.M – Spanish Mass****Acolyte:** Chris Thompson**Altar Servers:** Jesus Salazar, Emmanuel Ramirez, Jasmin Conejo**Lectors:** America Nunez, Maria Gutierrez**EM's:** Patricia Ramirez, Leobardo Ramirez**January 10, 5:00 P.M – English Mass****Altar Servers:** Jose & Manuel Acuna, Francisco Castro**Lectors:** Steve Melaragno, Cynthia Lopez**EM's:** Margaret Garcia, Erica Ayala**ALTAR DUTY**

January 1-15 – Carolina Luna, Junior Damian

Month of November 2015

Contributions	\$ 25,869.65
Other Contributions	\$ 1,798.82
Hand Crafts Christmas Bazaar	\$ 2,720.00
Total Contributions	\$ 30,388.47
Salaries	\$ 5,835.14
Clergy & Rectory	\$ 1,653.79
Health Ins/Pension/Workers Comp	\$ 498.75
Liturgy Supplies/Music License Renew	\$ 717.06
Youth Faith Formation	\$ 257.96
Hand Craft Christmas Bazaar	\$ 60.00
Retreats/RCIA, Confirmation, etc.	\$ 100.55
Edge/Life Teen Food	\$ 195.39
Social Activities Lunch	\$ 203.89
Festival Expense	\$ 22.50
Office Supplies	\$ 109.35
Supplies Collection Envelopes	\$ 1,263.23
Supplies Furnishing/Office Equipment	\$ 763.85
Professional Services-Killum	\$ 174.00
Calendars	\$ 780.00
Bank Charges	\$ 60.43
Janitorial Supplies	\$ 143.37
Maintenance & Repairs	\$ 793.00
Fire & Security Alarm Maintenance	\$ 462.33
Trash Service-Waste Management	\$ 266.60
Utilities-Telephone, Gas, Water & Light	\$ 5,013.18
Property & Liability Insurance	\$ 1,791.00
Support –Diocese Cathedraticum	\$ 2,279.93
Total Expenses	\$ 23,445.30
PROFIT/LOSS	Profit \$ 6,943.17

Trinity Publication News

Joe Villanueva from Trinity Publications will be at St. Mary's from January 4th until the 8th. If you want to place an ad in memory of a loved one or a business in the back of the bulletin please call the office. For those who have an ad already, he will contact you during that week.

Joe Villanueva de Trinity Publicaciones estará en Santa María del 4 de enero hasta el 8. Si desea colocar un anuncio en la memoria de un ser querido o un negocio en la parte posterior del boletín, por favor llame a la oficina. Para aquellos que tienen un anuncio ya, se pondrá en contacto con usted en esa semana.