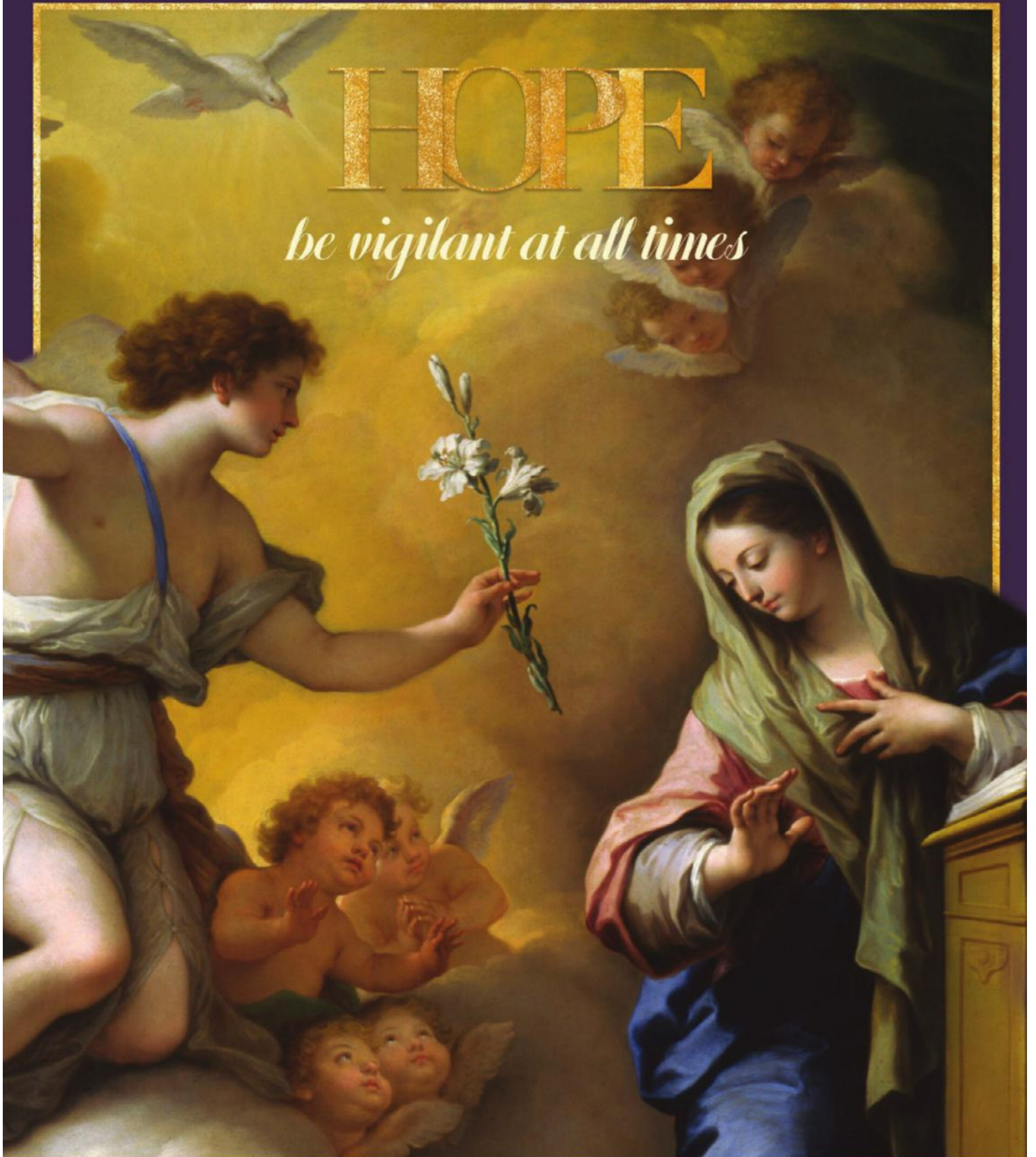


December 3, 2023

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MASS SCHEDULE

MON, WED, FRI

7:00AM

TUES & THUR

5:30PM

SATURDAY

5:30PM

**1st Saturdays - 8:00am*

SUNDAY

8:30AM

10:30AM

12:00PM

CONFESSION/ RECONCILIATION

TUES, THURS, SAT
4:45PM- 5:15PM

SUNDAY

**Please see weekly schedule*

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading- We are the clay and you, O LORD, are the potter: we are the work of your hands (Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7).

Psalm — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

Second Reading -God is faithful; by God you were called to fellowship with the Son (1 Cor 1:3-9).

Gospel — Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. (Mark 13:33-37).

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TUESDAY, 5TH

- TMIY-That Man Is You!- 6:15am
- 6pm- Eucharistic Adoration begins

WEDNESDAY, 6TH

- Psalms Bible Study - 9:30am
- RCIA - Why Do I Need The Church? - 6:30pm
- Choir Practice - 7pm

FRIDAY, 8TH

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION



- Mass Times - 7am, 12:10pm & 5:30pm

SATURDAY, 9TH

- Men's Fellowship Group -8:30am

SUNDAY, 10TH

- 2nd Week of Advent

“Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you.”

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



Friday, December 8th, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is a Holy Day of Obligation.

A Solemn Vigil Mass will be on Thurs., December 7th - 5:30 p.m.

On Friday, December 8th the schedule is:

Simple Form Mass:
7:00 a.m. & 12:10pm

Solemn Vigil Mass - 5:30pm

This weekend's second collection
is for the
Parish Outreach.



Please give to those who
have given a lifetime.

Retirement Fund for Religious

Next weekend's second collection
is for the
Retired Religious Fund

All are welcome to join the **Rosary Prayer Group.** Please join us every third Tuesday of the month from 6:30-8:00 pm in the Madonna Room. For more information, contact Greg Clary at 903-714-0232.



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

All are welcome to the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Exposition begins on Tuesdays in the Adoration Chapel after the 5:30pm Mass and ends on Friday at 7am. For more information please contact Becky Prieto at 210-725-2383.

MASS, CONFESSION & INTENTION SCHEDULE

Monday, December 4

7:00 AM **Fr. Jorge**
Nancy Pabst (d) - Parish

Tuesday, December 5

4:45 PM **Confessions - Fr. Abe**
5:30 PM **Mass - Fr. Abe**
Mary Legreid - Mari Carmen Romero

Wednesday, December 6

7:00AM **Fr. Jorge**
In Thanksgiving

Thursday, December 7

4:45 PM **Confessions - Fr. Abe**
5:30 PM **Mass - Fr. Abe**
Luciano Soto (d) - Soto Family

Friday, December 8

7:00 AM **Fr. Jorge**
Vivienne Rettinger - Rettinger Family
12:10 PM **TBD**
Lucas Romero - Mari Carmen Romero
5:30 PM **Mass - TBD**
Ernest Horton, Jr. (d) - Pierrel Family

Saturday, December 9

4:45 PM **Confessions - Fr. Abe**
5:30 PM **Mass - Fr. Abe**
Gabriel Salazar (d) - Ruben & Veronica Escobedo

Sunday, December 10

8:30 AM **Fr. Abe**
Children's Liturgists
10:30 AM **Fr. Jorge**
Walter Espinoza (d) - Dora Urrutia
12:00PM **Fr. Jorge**
Our Lady of Grace Parishioners





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**CHRISTMAS
 PAGEANT**

Please use the QR Code to sign your children up for
 the Christmas Pageant

Registration Deadline is Wed. Dec. 13th @5 PM
 Roles will be announced Thurs. Dec. 14th

Participants parents will be added to the "2023
 Christmas" flocknote for communication




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Scan to fill out survey




Healy-Murphy
Angel Tree Project
 Nov. 12th - Dec. 17th

This year our parish will once again be participating in the gift drive to provide holiday cheer to children at the Healy-Murphy Center. Each registered child will receive a \$30 gift card to the store of their choice.

Parishioners may simply place cash or a check in an envelope labeled **'Angel Tree Project'** and drop it in the collection basket or drop it off at the church office.

You may also use
Venmo@OurLady-OfGraceSA
 and write Angel Tree in the memo.

A Christmas Angel will then shop to purchase all the requested gift cards!



“So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”

Matthew 24:44

To which time is our Lord referring? He is referring to the time of His coming. But it must be understood that even though He came to us once in the flesh long ago, and though He will return again in the flesh to judge the living and the dead at the end of time, He never ceases to come to us day and night by the transforming gift of grace. Are you attentive to this coming? Or do you miss out on the countless blessings of God’s grace that He wants to bestow upon you every day, all day?

The world has many distractions. We are distracted by the lure of riches, the indulgence of our appetites, and the constant noise of modern media, electronic gadgets and the like. These and many other daily distractions make it very difficult to be constantly “watchful” and “alert.” This is because our attention span is limited. Though some may learn to “multi-task” to a certain extent, no one can continually divide their attention between the presence of God and the distractions of the world.

Some may argue that it is necessary to engage the world today. It is not possible to continually pray and think only about God. But those who would be tempted to think this do not understand the attentiveness and watchfulness to which we are called.

Being watchful and attentive simply means that God is central in our lives and is the motivation and purpose of all we do every day. Our love for and service to God cannot be divided. We cannot set aside some time for the world and other times for God. Instead, everything we do, every day, all day, must have the glory of God and the fulfillment of God’s perfect will as the central and exclusive purpose of our lives. Thus, if we interact with the world, tune into social media, fulfill household chores, put in extra hours at work, etc., we must constantly ponder the simple question, “Lord, am I doing this for Your glory and in accord with Your will?” We must never fail to ask ourselves that question. We must always have the glory of God and the fulfillment of His will as the central purpose and motivation for all that we do. If we can live this way, then we will discover that it becomes increasingly easy to always and everywhere be attentive to and watchful for God’s will.

Reflect, today, upon that to which you most often turn your attention. What is it that you think about the most each day? To what are you most attentive and watchful? If the answer to that question is not the ongoing promptings of God and His grace, then make note of that fact. Humbly pray that you can change and begin to form a transforming habit of daily keeping your attention on our Lord so that He will become your daily guide and focus in all things.

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Our Christmas Season Schedule is based on the Liturgical Guide provided by the Archdiocese of San Antonio. Please use these helpful tools to plan your family's Mass attendance schedule.



Liturgy Guide for Dec. 23, 2023 - Jan.1, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Advent

- Saturday, Dec. 23**
- Vigil Mass for the 4th Sunday of Advent: Regular Saturday Mass schedule
- Sunday, Dec. 24**
- 4th Sunday of Advent UP UNTIL 4:00 PM
 - Arrange your Mass schedule for the 4th Sunday of Advent in such a way that your last Mass ends by 1:00 PM
 - If you normally have a youth Mass on Sunday afternoons, consider transferring that Mass to Saturday, suspend it for this weekend, or convert it to one of the Christmas Eve Masses after 4:00 PM

Christmas

- Sunday, Dec. 24**
- As of 4:00 PM - Vigil Masses of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ (Christmas)
 - Use your regular schedule of Christmas Eve Masses
- Monday, Dec. 25**
- Christmas Day Masses | Holy Day of Obligation | The Obligation is Binding
 - Use your regular schedule of Christmas Day Masses

Feast of the Holy Family

- Saturday, Dec. 30**
- Vigil Mass for the Feast of the Holy Family: Regular Saturday Mass schedule
- Sunday, Dec. 31**
- The regular schedule of Sunday Masses for the Feast of the Holy Family may be celebrated, including Sunday evening Mass. This is true for 2023 since the obligation to attend Mass on Monday, January 1, 2024 is not binding this year.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

- Monday, Jan. 1**
- Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God is always a Holy Day
 - THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND MASS IS NOT BINDING THIS YEAR
 - The Liturgical Calendar for the Dioceses of the United States of America issued by the USCCB states, "Monday, January 1, is the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. This year, the obligation to attend Mass on this date is abrogated, [that is, not in force] in accord with the complementary norm to Canon 1246 §2 confirmed for the dioceses of the United States of America" (because it falls on a Monday).





Christmas SEASON SCHEDULE

Parish Advent Reconciliation Service
Monday, Dec. 18th 6:30pm

4th Sunday of Advent

Dec. 23rd 5:30pm

Dec. 24th 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:00pm

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

3:30pm Children's Pageant

4:30pm Children's Mass-OLG

4:30pm Mass-SAHS Chapel

6:30pm Christmas Eve Mass

10:00pm Christmas Eve Mass

Monday, Dec. 25th

Christmas Day Mass 10:30am, 12:00pm

Sunday, New Year's Eve

Dec. 30th 5:30pm

Dec. 31st 8:30pm, 10:30pm, 12:00pm

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

Sunday, Dec. 31st 5:30pm Vigil Mass

Monday, Jan. 1st 10:30am, 12:00pm

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, Jan. 6th 5:30pm

Sunday, Jan. 7th 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:00pm

Adoration of the Child Jesus after every Mass

**The Baptism of the Lord (Jan. 8th- 7am Mass)
is the conclusion of the Christmas Season**

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