

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Diocese of
Fort Wayne-South Bend

Sunday, December 21st, 2025

MASS TIMES

Saturday: English Vigil Mass of Sunday at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: English 10:00 a.m. / Spanish 12:30 p.m.

Weekdays: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday at 9:30 a.m.
and Thursday 6:30 p.m. (Spanish)

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: From 6:15 p.m. until last penitent.

Sunday: From 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Weekdays: Tuesday & Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. to 9:20 a.m.
Thursday from 10:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. and
from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

ENGLISH MASS DEDICATED TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

First Friday of the month:

At 9:30 a.m. and coffee & donuts after Mass.

EUCHARTISTIC ADORATION

Thursday: From 10:00 a.m. to 6:15 p.m.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

By appointment.

MASSES WITH THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

First Wednesday of the month:

English at 9:30 a.m. with Litany to St. Joseph.

First Thursday of the month:

Spanish at 6:30 p.m.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Telephone number: (260) 463 - 3472

Tuesday & Wednesday: From 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Thursday: from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and
from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Monday & Friday: Closed!

Fourth Sunday of Advent



Cuarto Domingo
de
Adviento

SPiritual DRop FROM OUR PASTOR

Fourth Sunday of Advent December 21st, 2025

Wishing a Merry Christmas can be challenging when global circumstances appear to be deteriorating. In these times of uncertainty and distress affecting many regions worldwide, and maybe our own life too, it is important to remember that the joy experienced during Christmas through the Child Jesus lies in His presence, the reassurance of being with Him, and the comfort of knowing we are not alone, even when circumstances may suggest otherwise. Furthermore, we have to remember that we are called to spread that joy as a fragrance of Christ. This Christmas we can ask ourselves, how can we make the LORD happy? How can we make others happy? Is it my responsibility to help others to find true happiness in life? In order to answer this question, we have to recall what we read in Genesis 4: 9, **"Then the LORD asked Cain, Where is your brother Abel? He answered, 'I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?'"**. The only catholic answer to this question is affirmative: Yes, you are his keeper!. We are all siblings under one Father, and no one has the right to destroy another's life in any way. All of us are needy in one way or another and it is our duty and salvation to help each other; it is simply not optional. Our presence full of love is the greatest gift that we can give this Christmas to Jesus and others. Material gifts don't make sense if we don't give ourselves to the LORD and others by loving them. May the tenderness of the Child fill our lives this Christmas and remain there forever. Merry Christmas!.

Desear una Feliz Navidad puede ser difícil cuando las circunstancias mundiales parecen estar empeorando. En estos tiempos de incertidumbre y angustia que afectan a muchas regiones del mundo, y tal vez también a nuestras propias vidas, es importante recordar que la alegría que se experimenta durante la Navidad a través del Niño Jesús reside en Su presencia, en la seguridad de estar con Él y en el consuelo de saber que no estamos solos, incluso cuando las circunstancias puedan sugerir lo contrario. Además, tenemos que recordar que estamos llamados a difundir esa alegría como la fragancia de Cristo. Esta Navidad podemos preguntarnos: ¿cómo podemos hacer feliz al Señor? ¿Cómo podemos hacer felices a los demás? ¿Es mi responsabilidad ayudar a los demás a encontrar la verdadera felicidad en la vida? Para responder a esta pregunta, tenemos que recordar lo que leemos en Génesis 4:9: **«Entonces el Señor preguntó a Caín: "¿Dónde está tu hermano Abel? Él respondió: "No lo sé. ¿Soy yo acaso el guardián de mi hermano?"»**. La única respuesta católica a esta pregunta es afirmativa: ¡Sí, tú eres su guardián! Todos somos hermanos bajo un mismo Padre, y nadie tiene derecho a destruir la vida de otro de ninguna manera. Todos somos necesitados de una forma u otra, y es nuestro deber y nuestra salvación ayudarnos unos a otros; simplemente no es opcional. Nuestra presencia llena de amor es el mayor regalo que podemos dar esta Navidad a Jesús y a los demás. Los regalos materiales no tienen sentido si no nos entregamos al Señor y a los demás amándolos.

Que la ternura del Niño llene nuestras vidas esta Navidad y permanezca allí para siempre. ¡Feliz Navidad!

Fr. Osman Ramos, FM
Pastor



Mass Intentions of December

Tuesday, December 2nd
- 9:30 a.m. +Purgatory souls

Wednesday, December 3rd
- 9:30 a.m. For Donna's Pineda health

Thursday, December 4th
- No religious services this day!

Friday, November 5th
- 9:30 a.m. Yuliana Martinez (B-day)

Saturday, December 6th
- 5:00 p.m. +Mary Mynhier

Sunday, December 7th
- 10:00 a.m. People of the Parish
- 12:30 p.m. +Nestor Rodriguez

Monday, December 8th
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
- 5:00 p.m. (English) People of the Parish
- 7:00 p.m. (Spanish) Por las almas del purgatorio

Tuesday, December 9th
- 9:30 a.m. +Jose Luis Soto

Wednesday, December 10th
- 9:30 a.m. For spiritual health of Kailey Sosa.

Thursday, December 11th
- 9:30 a.m. For spiritual health of Aileen Sosa
- 6:30 p.m. +Alex Bucio Cardenas

Friday, December 12th
Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
5:30 p.m. (Spanish) +Guadalupe Botello

Saturday, December 13th
- 5:00 p.m. +Salud Avila

Sunday, December 14th
- 10:00 a.m. People of the Parish
- 12:30 p.m. +Ulises Rodriguez

Tuesday, December 16th
- 9:30 a.m. +Purgatory souls

Wednesday, December 17th
- 9:30 a.m. +Martha Barajas Piña

Thursday, December 18th
- 9:30 a.m. +Donna Botteron
- No Spanish Mass this day!
Due to the Advent Penitential Service!

Saturday, December 20th
- 5:00 p.m. +Timoteo Luna

Sunday, December 21st
- 10:00 a.m. People of the Parish
- 12:30 p.m. +Alberto Garcia

Tuesday, December 23rd
- 9:30 a.m. +Juana Piña

Wednesday, December 24th
No morning Mass!
Christmas Eve English Mass
- 5:00 p.m. +Edwin North

Thursday December 25th
Christmas Day Masses
- 10:00 a.m. (English) Osvaldo & Anna Mendoza (Anniv. #25 years of Matrimony)
- 12:30 p.m. (Spanish) People of the Parish

Saturday, December 27th
- 5:00 p.m. Pablo Hurtado (B-day)

Sunday, December 28th
10:00 a.m. People of the Parish
12:30 p.m. (Spanish) +Alberto Garcia

Tuesday, December 30th
- 9:30 a.m. Maria Anicua (B-day)

Wednesday, December 31st
- 9:30 a.m. People of the Parish
New year's Eve Mass
- 5:00 p.m. (English) People of the Parish
- 7:00 p.m. +Alex Bucio Cardenas

Thursday, January 1st
Solemnity of Mary Mother of God
- 10:00 a.m. Angelina Montoya (B-day)
- No religious services in the evening.

REGULAR COLLECTION REPORT

Saturday & Sunday \$5,366.00	Donations Ceiling repair Fund n/a
Votives \$73.45	Solemnity of Mary \$80.00
Charity Box n/a	#39 Annual Bishop's Appeal n/a
Maintenance Fund \$5.00	Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Donations \$975.00
Franciscans of Mary \$94.00	Flowers \$20.00
Retirement Fund for Religious \$1,020.75	
Total: \$7,634.20	

OFFERING MASS INTENTIONS

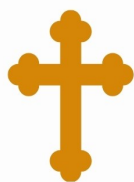
Remember that you can offer intentions for your deceased, sick relatives or for any other intention by coming to the Parish Office during office's hours. According to Canon Law, the bishops of a Providence determine the offering amount the offering amount that seems appropriate. The bishops of the Indiana Providence have determined that the appropriate offering is \$10.00.

OFRECER INTENCIONES PARA LA MISA

Recuerde que puede ofrecer intenciones por sus difuntos, familiares enfermos o por cualquier otra intención viniendo a la oficina Parroquial durante el horario de oficina. Según el Derecho Canónico, los obispos de una Providencia determinan el monto de la ofrenda que les parece apropiado. Los obispos de la Providencia de Indiana han determinado que la ofrenda apropiada es de \$10.00.



Youth Group from 8th to 12th grade
will meet until Sunday, January 11th 2026.



WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE
The Epiphany of the Lord



Mass Time & Date	Altar Servers	Lectors	Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers
Saturday Vigil, December 27 th at 5:00 p.m.	- Ruby Ballines - Isabel Ballines - Regina Ballines	- Necie Bejasa	- Marilyn Morton	- Aaron Keith - Pat Mynhier
Sunday, December 28 th at 10:00 a.m.	- Emilia Mendoza - Jeshua Nieves	- Kelly Payne	- Larry Gephart	- Anna Mendoza - Osvaldo Mendoza
Domingo, 27 de diciembre a las 12:30 p.m.	- Jesus Garcia - David Granados	- Lupita Barajas - Mariela Gomez	- Maria Hernandez - Griselda Nieves - Yolanda Garcia	- Julio Luna - Javier Anicua - Adriana Alvarez - Jesus Luna

PUBLIC PRAYER REQUEST

Please remember to pray for those who are sick or suffering. If you have any prayer request and you would like us to post it in the Bulletin please contact the parish office. We are here to pray for you and your needs!

Please pray for:
Gloria Davis
Ignacio Soto



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

- **December 7th** - Class session.
- **December 8th** - All students are required to attend one of the following Holy Day Masses of Obligation for the Immaculate Conception: **5:00 p.m. (English)** or **7:00 p.m. (Spanish)** (Mass calendars will be signed after all Masses.)
- **December 14th** - Class session.
- **December 21st - January 4th** - Christmas break.
- **January 11th** - Back to class.



IMPORTANT!

Additionally, on Sunday, January 11th, there will be a presentation of the program ***Theology of the Body*** for the parents of 7th-grade students at 11:15 a.m. in the Social Hall. Attendance is **MANDATORY** for all parents at this meeting.

PRIVATE PRAYER REQUEST FOR OUR FRANCISCANS OF MARY PRIESTS

If you would like the Franciscan of Mary priests pray for your intentions, instead of placing them in the prayer box as was usually done, you must now send them directly by email to the parish office at secretary@saintjosephlagrange.org
Please note that these intentions WILL NOT BE PUBLISH in our bulletin.

PETICIONES DE ORACIÓN PRIVADAS PARA NUESTROS SACERDOTES FRANCISCANOS DE MARÍA
Si desea que los sacerdotes franciscanos de María recen por sus intenciones, en lugar de colocarlas en la caja de oraciones como se hacía anteriormente, ahora deben enviarlas directamente por correo electrónico a la oficina parroquial a secretary@saintjosephlagrange.org

***Tenga en cuenta que estas intenciones NO SERÁN PUBLICADAS en nuestro boletín.**



CHRISTMAS MASSES

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Wednesday, December 24th

The Nativity of the Lord

- No morning Mass this day!
- 5 p.m. - English Mass of Christmas.

Thursday, December 25th

The Nativity of the Lord

- 10:00 a.m. - English Mass.
- 12:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass.
- No religious services in the evening.

*The Parish Office will be closed on
Dec. 24th , 25th & 26th.



Ministry Schedule	Ministry Schedule	Horario de Servidores
The Nativity of the Lord Wednesday, December 24th English Mass at 5:00 p.m. Altar Servers - Ellen Heiny - Fatima Hurtado - Gaby Medina Lector - Delores Henderson Extraordinary Minister - Edwina Payne Ushers - Mike and Anita Keith Music - Carol Foley & John Romer	The Nativity of the Lord Thursday, December 25th English Mass at 10:00 a.m. Altar Servers - Valentina Mendoza - Emilia Mendoza - Rene Rangel - Gessury Rangel Lector - Necie Bejasa Extraordinary Minister - Tom McCue Ushers - Mike and Anita Keith Music - Angie Baczynski	La Natividad del Señor Jueves 25 de diciembre Misa de español a las 12:30 p.m. Monaguillos - Arisbeth Alvarez - Alondra Arroyo - Jazlyn Garcia - Jesus Garcia Lectores - Raquel Luna - Sofia Ceballos Ministro Extraordinario - Manuel Bernal - Victor Rodriguez - Celia Rodriguez Musica Coro de español



CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST AT OUR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Schedule for Christmas Masses (Holy day of Obligation)

- No morning Mass this day!
- December 24th - 5:00 p.m. English.
- December 25th - 10:00 a.m. English and 12:30 p.m. Spanish. Also we will have a special Collection to support Catholic Charities at all Masses.

Schedule for New Year's Masses December 31st

- 9:30 a.m. Regular English Mass
- 5:00 p.m. English of Mary Mother of God.
- 7:00 p.m. Spanish of Mary Mother of God.

January 1st

(Holy day of Obligation)

- 10:00 a.m. English Mass
- No evening services in the afternoon.

On Friday January 2nd

- 9:30 a.m. English Mass in honor to the Sacred Heart of Jesus with litany at the end. After join us for coffee & donuts at the gathering area.

From January 5th through 9th

- No religious services because our priests will be out of town for vacation; nevertheless the Parish Office will remain open during its office hours.

On Sunday, January 11th

- We have a guest priest, Fr. Jerry will celebrate 10:00 a.m. English Mass because Fr. Jorge will be on vacation from Jan. 5th to 22nd visiting his family in Guatemala.
- No confessions this day!

On weekend of 17th & 18th

- We have a special Collection to support the Church in Latin America.

ANUNCIOS PARROQUIALES

El Lunes 22 de diciembre

Posada para todos los jovenes adultos en el salón Parroquial a las 6 p.m. todos estan invitados.

Horario para las Misas de Navidad (Día de precepto)

- 24 de diciembre - 5:00 p.m. en inglés.
- 25 de diciembre - 10:00 a.m. en inglés y 12:30 p.m. en español. y tendremos una colecta especial para apoyar a las Caridades Católicas en todas las Misas.

Horario para las Misas de Año Nuevo 31 de diciembre

- 9:30 a.m. Misa regular de inglés
- 5:00 p.m. en inglés de Maria Madre de Dios.
- 7:00 p.m. en español de Maria Madre de Dios.

1 de enero

(Día de precepto)

- 10:00 a.m. en inglés.
- No habrá servicios religiosos por la tarde.

El viernes 2 de enero

- 9:30 a.m. Misa en Inglés en honor al Sagrado Corazón de Jesús con letania al final. Despues acompañenos a tomar café con donas en el área de reunión.

Del 5 al 9 de enero

- No habrá servicios religiosos porque los Padres estarán fuera de la ciudad de vacaciones.
- La oficina parroquial estara abierta en su horario regular.

El domingo 11 de enero

- Tenemos un sacerdote invitado, el P. David Langford, que celebrará la Misa en español de 12:30 p.m. ya que el P. Jorge estará de vacaciones del 5 al 22 de enero visitando a su familia en Guatemala.
- ¡No habrá confesiones ese día!

El domingo 18 de diciembre

- Tenemos una colecta especial para apoyar a la Iglesia en América Latina.



PARISH STAFF CONTACT INFORMATION

Pastor: Fr. Osman Ramos, FM
(osmanramosguzman@hotmail.com)

His office hours are: Thursdays
from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30p.m. / 5p.m. to 8p.m.

Parochial Vicars:

Fr. Raúl Marroquin, FM (raul@frmaria.org)

Fr. Jorge Sis, FM (jorge@frmaria.org)

If you want to talk to any priest, please make an appointment by calling at the Parish Office

Parish Secretary & DRE: Lupita Hurtado

(secretary@saintjosephlagrange.org)

Her office hours are: Tues., Wed., from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Thurs. from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. & in the afternoon from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Business Manager: Anna Mendoza

(accountant@saintjosephlagrange.org)

Her office hours are: Tues. and Thurs. from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and Wed. /5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Sacristan & Cleaning: Veronica Montoya

Saturday evening Pianist: Kevin Ramer

KEY VOLUNTEERS

Pianist of Sunday morning:

Elizabeth Rogers

Cantors:

Charlie & Megan Hire (Saturday)

John Romer (Sunday)

Spanish Choir:

Luz Piña & Miguel Muñoz

Youth Ministry Coordinators:

**Ruben Jr. Hurtado, Diana Mendoza
and Nathan Cook**

Parish Council President

Nathan Stroup

If you have any questions or concerns about our Parish please contact him.

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

To request information for Baptism, Quinceañeras Masses, Weddings, house blessings, Anointing or Communion of the sick, funeral Masses or Masses for 25th, 50th, 60th wedding anniversaries, and also information about social hall rental please call the parish secretary during office hours at (260) 463 -3472.

INFORMACIÓN SACRAMENTAL

Para solicitar información para Bautizos, Misas de Quinceañeras, Bodas, Bendiciones de casas, Unción y Comunión a los enfermos, Misas de funerales o Misas de aniversario de bodas de 25, 50, 60 años y también información para rentar de salón parroquial por favor llame a la secretaria parroquial durante el horario de oficina al (260) 463 -3472.

St. Joseph's Christmas Giving Tree

**Thank you for sharing
your blessings with others!**

by making donations to our giving tree.
It was a huge success!

God bless your generosity!

¡Árbol de Navidad de la Caridad!

**¡Gracias por compartir tus
bendiciones con los demás!**

haciendo donaciones a nuestro
árbol de la caridad.
¡Fue un gran éxito!

¡Dios bendiga tu generosidad!



Dear Parishioners,

If you would like to make a donation for the works of charity of our Franciscans of Mary priests, you can contact our Parish Secretary. Thank you for your generosity!