


# ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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 Diocese of  
Fort Wayne-South Bend

Sunday, December 14th, 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!**

# Third Sunday of Advent



Tercer Domingo  
de  
Adviento



## Schools of Gratitude of Franciscans of Mary

We congratulate the three schools of gratitude that have renewed their promises as Franciscan missionaries of Mary.

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## Escuelas de Agradecimiento de los Franciscanos de María

Felicitamos a las tres escuelas de agradecimiento que han renovado sus promesas como misioneros Franciscanas de María.



Escuela de agradecimiento  
Siervas de María



Escuela de agradecimiento  
San José

LaGrange, IN



Escuela de agradecimiento  
Siervos de Jesús - Angola, IN

Mass Intentions of December

**Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
- 9:30 a.m. +Purgatory souls

**Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
- 9:30 a.m. For Donna's Pineda health

**Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup>**  
- No religious services this day!

**Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup>**  
- 9:30 a.m. Yuliana Martinez (B-day)

**Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**  
- 5:00 p.m. +Mary Mynhier

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

**Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**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 9<sup>th</sup>**  
- 9:30 a.m. +Jose Luis Soto

**Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>**  
- 9:30 a.m. For spiritual health of Kailey Sosa

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

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

**Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**  
- 5:00 p.m. +Salud Avila

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

**Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**  
- 9:30 a.m. +Purgatory souls

**Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**  
- 9:30 a.m. +Martha Barajas Piña

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

**Saturday, December 20<sup>th</sup>**  
- 5:00 p.m. +Timoteo Luna

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

**Tuesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
- 9:30 a.m. +Juana Piña

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

**Thursday December 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**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 27<sup>th</sup>**  
- 5:00 p.m. Pablo Hurtado (B-day)

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

**Tuesday, December 30<sup>th</sup>**  
- 9:30 a.m. Maria Anicua (B-day)

**Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**  
- No Morning Mass!  
**New year's Eve Mass**  
- 5:00 p.m. (English) People of the Parish  
- 7:00 p.m. +Alex Bucio Cardenas

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

REGULAR COLLECTION REPORT

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| <p><b>Saturday &amp; Sunday</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$4,239.50</li> </ul> <p><b>Votives</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$76.00</li> </ul> <p><b>Charity Box</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$20.00</li> </ul> <p><b>Maintenance Fund</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$5.00</li> </ul> <p><b>Franciscans of Mary</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>n/a</li> </ul> <p><b>Retirement Fund for Religious</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$4.00</li> </ul> <p><b>Catholic Campaign for Human Develop</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$1.00</li> </ul> <p><b>Total: \$6,360.60</b></p> | <p><b>Donations Ceiling repair Fund</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>n/a</li> </ul> <p><b>Solemnity of Mary</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$959.00</li> </ul> <p><b>#39 Annual Bishop's Appeal</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$150.00</li> </ul> <p><b>Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Donations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$714.10</li> </ul> <p><b>Flowers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>150.00</li> </ul> |
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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.



PARISH OFFICE

Please note that the parish office will only be open in the morning on the following dates:

- Tuesday, December 16, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Tuesday, December 23, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.



**WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE**  
*Fourth Sunday of Advent*



| Mass Time & Date   | Altar Servers                                       | Lectors                           | Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers                    | Ushers   |
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| <b>Saturday Vigil, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.</b> | - Fatima Ballines<br>- Ruby Ballines                | - Nathan Stroup                   | - Marilyn Morton                                       | - Jay Benak<br>- Chris Benak   |
| <b>Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m.</b>        | - Valentina Mendoza<br>- Freddy Caballero           | - Mandy McDonald                  | - Kelly Payne  | - Maria Medina<br>- Alejandro Medina   |
| <b>Domingo, 21 de diciembre a las 12:30 p.m.</b>             | - Ariana Garcia<br>- Alondra Arroyo<br>- Mateo Luna | - Sofia Ceballos<br>- Norma Albor | - Manuel Bernal<br>- Salvador Nieves<br>- Manuel Jasso | - Elena Garcia<br>- Francisco Garcia<br>- Judid Castañeda<br>- Eduardo Castañeda |

**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 7<sup>th</sup>** - Class session.
- **December 8<sup>th</sup>** - 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 14<sup>th</sup>** - Class session.
- **December 21<sup>st</sup> - January 4<sup>th</sup>** - Christmas break.
- **January 11<sup>th</sup>** - Back to class.



**IMPORTANT!**

**Additionally, on Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>,** 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.

**ADVENT & PENANCE SERVICE**



**On Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**

Beginning at 6:30 p.m. until the last penitent. 5 priests will be available to hear confessions.



**El jueves 18 de diciembre**  
Comenzado a las 6:30 p.m. hasta el ultimo penitente.  
Habrá 5 sacerdotes disponibles confesando.  
¡No hay Misa de español este día!

with Individual Confession and Absolution

## DECEMBER EVENTS

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### Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup> Advent Penance Service

- Beginning at 6:30 p.m. until last penitent.
- There will be 5 priests available to hear confessions.
- **No Spanish Mass this day!**

### Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve

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

### Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day (Holy Day of Obligation)

- 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 Thursday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>**

### Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> New Year's Eve

- **No morning Mass this day!**
- 5 p.m. - English Mass.
- 7 p.m. - Spanish Mass.

### Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026 Solemnity of Mary Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)

- 10:00 a.m. - English Mass.
- **No religious services in the evening!**

**\*Parish Office will be closed from January 31<sup>st</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>**

#### Please note:

- There will be **no religious services** from **January 5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>** - the priests will be out of town for vacation.
- The Parish office will remain open during its regular hours.



## Eventos de Diciembre

### El jueves 18 de diciembre Servicio Penitencial de Adviento

- Comenzado a las 6:30 p.m. hasta el ultimo penitente.
- Habrá 5 sacerdotes disponibles confesando.
- ¡No hay Misa de español este día!

### El miércoles 24 de diciembre Víspera de la Natividad del Señor

- ¡No hay Misa de Inglés de 9:30 a.m.!
- 5:00 p.m. - Misa Inglés

### El jueves 25 de diciembre La Natividad del Señor (Día de Precepto)

- 10:00 a.m. - Misa en Inglés.
- 12:30 p.m. - Misa en Español.
- ¡No habrá servicios religiosos por la tarde!

\*La oficina parroquial estara cerrada el 24, 25 y 26 de diciembre.

### El miércoles 31 de diciembre Víspera de la Solemnidad de María Santísima, Madre de Dios

- ¡No hay Misa de Inglés de 9:30 a.m.!
- 5:00 p.m. - Misa en Inglés.
- 7:00 p.m. - Misa en Español.

### El jueves 1 de enero, 2026 Solemnidad de María Santísima, Madre de Dios (Día de Precepto)

- 10:00 a.m. - Misa en Inglés.
- ¡No habrá servicios religiosos por la tarde!

\*La oficina parroquial estára cerrada el 24, 25 y 26 de diciembre.

#### Tenga en cuenta:

- **No habrá servicios religiosos del 5 al 9 de enero**, ya que los sacerdotes estarán fuera de la ciudad de vacaciones.
- La oficina parroquial permanecerá abierta en su horario habitual.



## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### On Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup>

#### Advent Penance Service

- Beginning at 6:30 p.m. until the last penitent.
- 5 priests will be available to hear confessions.

#### \*New Schedule for Christmas Masses (Holy day of Obligation)

- **December 24<sup>th</sup>** - 5:00 p.m. English.
- **December 25<sup>th</sup>** - 10:00 a.m. English and 12:30 p.m. Spanish.

### On December 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>

- We have a special Collection to support Catholic Charities.

#### \*New Schedule for New Year's Masses (Holy day of Obligation)

- **December 31<sup>st</sup>** - 5:00 p.m. English and 7:00 p.m. Spanish.
- **January 1<sup>st</sup>** - 10:00 a.m. English.

### On Friday January 2<sup>nd</sup>

- 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 5<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup>

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

### On Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>

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

### On weekend of 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>

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

## ANUNCIOS PARROQUIALES

### Este lunes 15 de diciembre

- Comienzan las posadas mexicanas en el salón parroquial de 6 p.m. a 8 p.m.
- Todos estan invitados a venir con sus familias.

### El jueves 18 de diciembre

#### Servicio Penitencial de Adviento

- Comenzado a las 6:30 p.m. hasta el ultimo penitente.
- Habrá 5 sacerdotes disponibles confesando.
- **¡No hay Misa de español este día!**

#### \*Nuevo 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.

### El jueves 25 de diciembre

- Colecta especial para apoyar a las Caridades Católicas.

#### \*Nuevo horario para las Misas de Año Nuevo (Día de precepto)

- **31 de diciembre** - 5:00 p.m. en inglés y 7:00 p.m. en español.
- **1 de enero** - 10:00 a.m. en inglés.

### 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!**

**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**



**Share your blessings with others!**

Please take a color-coded tag... or several

We ask that all gifts:  
Be returned by December 14th  
Be placed around the Giving Tree  
Include the **original** color-coded tag

**God bless your generosity!**

**¡Árbol de Navidad de la Caridad!**

**¡Comparte tus bendiciones con los demás!**

Por favor, toma una etiqueta con código de color... o varias.

Pedimos que todos los regalos:  
Se devuelvan antes del 14 de diciembre.  
Se coloquen alrededor del Árbol de los regalos.  
Incluyan **la etiqueta original** con código de color.

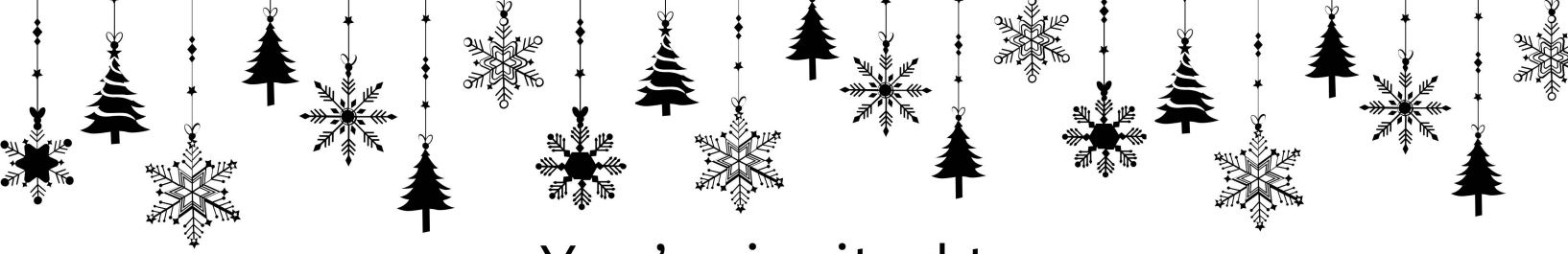
**¡Dios bendiga tu generosidad!**



**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!





You're invited to

# Bambinelli SUNDAY

During Advent, we Catholics take our Bambinello—baby Jesus—to be blessed! Bambinelli is the plural form of the Italian word *bambinello*, which means little baby boy. Pope St. John Paul II began the tradition of Bambinelli Sunday early in his papacy by inviting all the children in Rome to bring the baby Jesus figurines from their family's Nativity scenes to St. Peter's Square on Advent. The Holy Father gave a special blessing to the bambinelli statues.

Both Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis continued the tradition, and over the last 40 years, the tradition has grown beyond the Vatican and is now a treasured Advent tradition in parishes worldwide, helping us to keep our focus on the true meaning of Christmas.

Pope Leo shared, “the birth of Jesus reveals to us an engaging God: Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, and all those who encounter the Lord are involved, called to participate. It is a great honor, and how dizzying! God involves us in his story, in his dreams.”

## Let's celebrate together!



We invite **everyone** - young and old - to bring the bambinello, the baby Jesus, from your Nativity scene to all Masses on the weekend of December 20/21 for a special blessing.

May we, like so many generations of the faithful before us, experience the true joy of salvation in our homes this season.



Estás invitado al

# DOMINGO de Bambinelli

Durante el Adviento los católicos llevamos a nuestro Niño Dios a que lo bendigan. Bambinelli es la forma plural de la palabra italiana bambinello, que significa niño pequeño. El Papa Juan Pablo II inició la tradición del Domingo de los Bambinelli al principio de su pontificado, invitando a todos los niños de Roma en el tiempo del Adviento a llevar a la Plaza de San Pedro, las imágenes del Niño Jesús de los nacimientos de sus familias. El Santo Padre dio una bendición especial a las imágenes bambinelli.

Tanto el Papa Benedicto XVI como el Papa Francisco continuaron la tradición, y en los últimos 40 años, la tradición ha crecido más allá del Vaticano y ahora es una tradición de Adviento muy apreciada en las parroquias de todo el mundo, ayudándonos a mantener nuestra atención en el verdadero significado de la Navidad.

El Papa León dice que, «el nacimiento de Jesús nos revela a un Dios que nos involucra: María, José, los pastores, y todos aquellos que se encuentran con el Señor están involucrados, están llamados a participar. ¡Es un gran honor, y qué vértigo! Dios nos involucra en su historia, en sus sueños.»

## ¡Celebremos juntos!



El domingo, 21 de diciembre, invitamos a todos -niños, jóvenes y mayores- a traer el bambinello, el niño Jesús, de su nacimiento a Misa para una bendición especial.

¡Que logremos experimentemos la verdadera alegría de la salvación en nuestros hogares a través de esta especial bendición de nuestro Niño Dios!