

Schedules and Mass Intentions Horarios y Intenciones de Misa	Mass/Misa	EMHC	Lector
<u>November 29 – Saturday/Sabado (St. Richard)</u> 4:00 pm St. Richard Mass,	Saturday November 29 @ 5:30 pm	Kevin Le Mary Kay Sizemore Angie Simmons	Dennis Horan
<u>November 29 – Saturday/Sabado (St. James)</u> 1:00 pm - Wedding 5:30 pm - English Mass	Sunday November 30 @ 9:00 am	Harry Pace Margie Lercher Joanne Baker	Donlee Grad
<u>November 30– First Sunday of AdventSunday/ Domingo</u> 9:00 am – English Mass +Richard Grad 10:00 am -- No CRE – Thanksgiving Break 11:30 am – Misa En Espanol	Dom 30 de Noviembre @ 11:30 am	Rosario Perez Lilliana Otilla	Margarita Gallegos Imelda Munoz
<u>December 2, Tuesday/Martes</u> 12:00 pm – English Mass	Saturday, December 6 @ 5:30 pm	Amy Elam Carol Elam Angie Simmons	Mary Kay Sizemore
<u>December 3, Wednesday/Miercoles</u> 5:00 pm – Confession 6:00 pm – English Mass 6:30 pm – Group meeting/activities in the Parish Hall – Grupo de Vicentinos – Campus Ministry – CYM – 6 th –8 th Youth Group – K4J – Bible Study 7:00 pm Novena Our Lady of Guadalupe	Sunday December 7 @ 9:00 am	Lisa Baldwin Donlee Grad Carine Kamdem Kamdem	Lauren Davis Madison Bezner
<u>December 4, Thursday/Jueves</u> 12:00 pm – English Mass 6:00 pm – Adoration 7:00 pm – Misa En Espanol 7:30 pm – Nouen Our Lady of Guadalupe	Dom. 7 de Diciembre @ 11:30 am	Juana Garcia Dago Mirella	Jose Luis Aguilon Margarita Recendiz
<u>December 5, First Friday/ Primer Viernes</u> 9:00 am – English Mass 10:00 am – Adoration 6:00 pm – Benediction 7:00 pm – Novena Our Lady of Guadalupe	<u>Collections</u>		Classes <u>Pre- Baptismal</u>  29 de Diciembre 26 de enero de 2026 7:00 pm en la Antigua Iglesia. Llame a la oficina para inscribirse antes de tomar la clase y para fijar una fecha para bautizar.
<u>December 6, Saturday/Sabado (St. Richard)</u> 4:00 pm – St. Richard	<u>St. James Collections</u>	<u>St. Richard Collections</u>	
<u>December 6, Saturday/Sabado (St. James)</u> 1:00 pm – Quinceanera Mass 5:30 pm – English Mass (For All the Parishioners) 7:00 pm – Novena Our Lady of Guadalupe	<u>Offertory:</u> \$5993.00	<u>Offertory:</u> \$438.00	
<u>December 7, Sunday /Domingo</u> 9:00 am – English Mass +Phillip Van Alsdorf (Ladies Guild) 10:00 am – CRE – Breakfast by Charismatic 11:30 am – Misa En Espanol Rite of Acceptance 6:00 pm – Novena Our Lady of Guadalupe	Building Fund: \$110.00	Building Fund: \$5.00	
The First Sunday of Advent is the beginning of our new liturgical year, Year A. It is a time we not only prepare for Christmas, but we reflect on the virtues of Hope, Love, Joy, and Peace. The Candle of Hope symbolizes the hope and anticipation of the coming Messiah, and the light that Jesus Christ brings into the world.			



Diocese of Little Rock

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**Wedding /
Matrimonio**



Notifique al sacerdote al menos 6 meses antes de la fecha deseada para la boda, que se realizará después de reunirse con el Padre Nelson.

Notify the priest at least 6 months prior to the desired wedding date, which will take place after meeting with Father Nelson.



**Adoration of the
Blessed
Sacrament**

Every **First Friday** of the month, we will have Adoration beginning at 10:00 am (following Mass) and Benediction at 6:00 pm

Spend time with Jesus



First Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2025

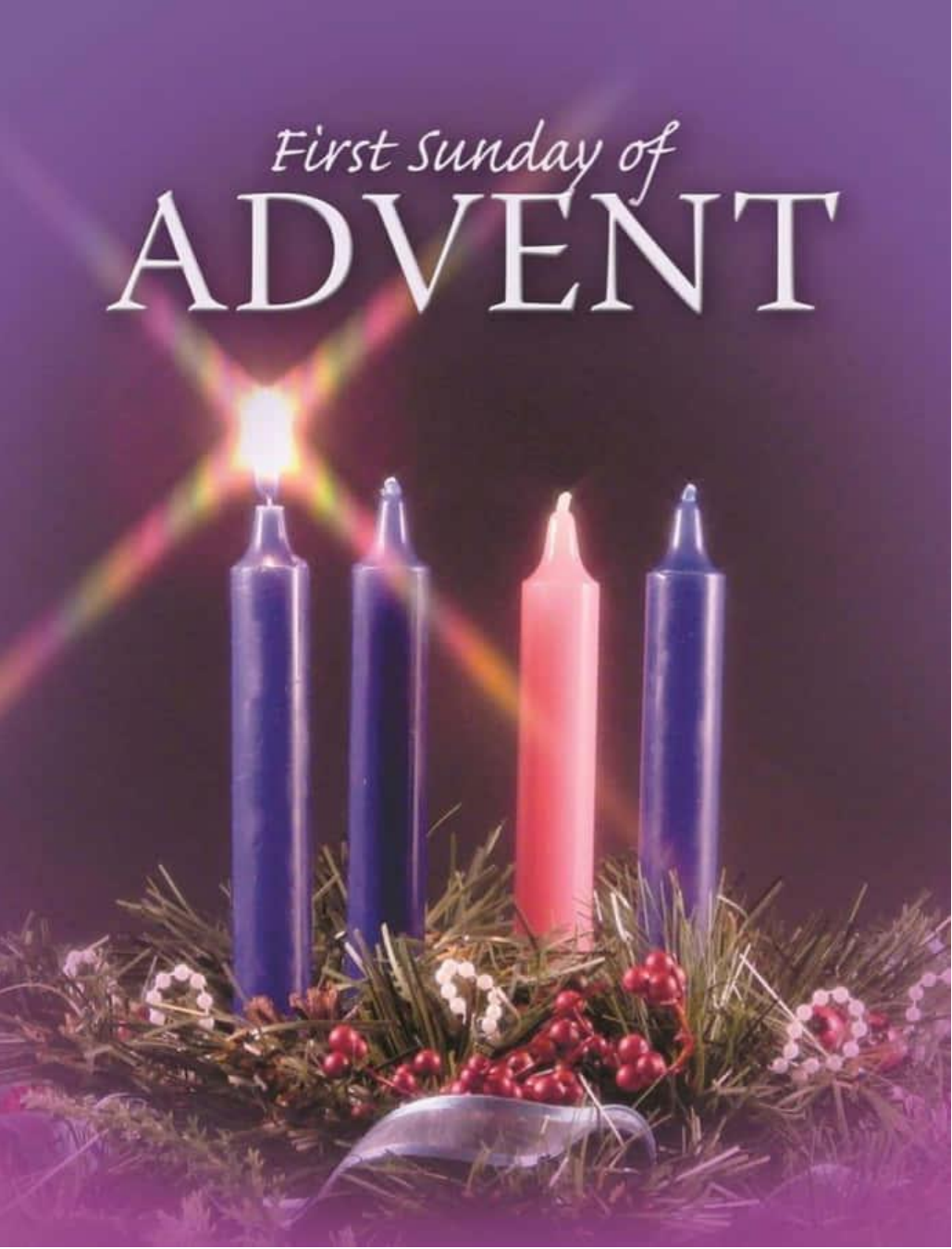
Parish Mass Schedule
Saturday
St. Richard 4:00 pm
St. James 5:30 pm
Sunday/Domingo
9:00 AM
11:30 AM Espanol
Tuesday-Thursday-Friday 12 noon
Wednesday 6:00 pm
Thursday/Jueves 7:00 pm

Adoration
Every Friday 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Thursday 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Sunday 8:00 am
Wednesday 5:00 pm
Thursday 6:00 pm
For appointment, contact
Fr. Nelson
Rosary Prayed
Every Saturday 5:00 pm and
Sunday 8:30 am
Rosario
Domingo 11:00 am

Parish Office Hours
Mon, 9:00 am–2:00pm
Tue, Wed, Fri
10:00 am - 3:00 pm
Thursday: CLOSED
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Pastor
Rev. Nelson Rubio
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Welcome to St. James Catholic Church

We welcome you to St. James Catholic Church. If you are new to this area or returning to the practice of our Catholic faith, we welcome you to our Parish. Please call the office so we can meet you. If you are a visitor, thank you for joining us.

Announcements

Second Collection for the National Retirement Fund for Religious December 6th & 7th

The weekend of December 6-7 the second collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious to provide nursing care, medicine and other necessities to elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests in our country who have devoted their lives to helping others. In our diocese, the Benedictines of Subiaco Abbey and the Discalced Carmelite Nuns of Little Rock receive funds from this collection.



Advent Retreat

Saturday, December 6th at 8:30 am - Noon

Speaker: Diane Buasom

For all men and women of St. James & St. Richard's.



Our Lady of Guadalupe Flower Donation



In honor of our Mother, the Virgin Mary, please donate so we can purchase flowers to organize and set up in the church for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. We will have envelopes available in the Church Vestibule for your donation. Thank you!

Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist Training January 10th

Eucharistic training involves understanding the significance of the Eucharistic and our role as a Eucharistic Minister in the celebration of this sacrament. Training will be on Saturday, January 10th after the 5:30 pm Mass for those who signed up for English Eucharistic Training. Thank you for volunteering for this service!

New Coming Events

Tuesday, December 2 – Ladies Guild Meeting at 6:00 pm , Finance Advisory

Council Meeting 6:00 pm, **Giving Tuesday**

December 3 –December 11 Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena at 7:00 pm on Dec. 3rd but please check Novena schedule for other times.

Friday, December 5th – First Friday Adoration, 9: 00 am Mass, 10:00 am Adoration, 6:00 pm Benediction,

Saturday, December 6 – Advent Retreat 8:30 am – Noon

Rite of Acceptance Mandatory Practice, **Second Collection Retirement Fund for Religious**

Sunday, December 7 – Rite of Acceptance, **Second Collection Retirement Fund for Religious**

Monday, December 8 – English Mass at Noon – Holy Day of Obligation- Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Bilingual Mass at 6:00 pm Church Office will be close

Tuesday, December 9 – No Noon Mass

Friday, December 12 – Our Lady of Guadalupe Procession and Bilingual Rosary

Saturday, December 13 – St. James Christmas Party and Celebration of Father Nelson 8th year Ordination Anniversary in Parish Hall after 5:30 pm Mass

Sunday, December 14 – CYM Tamales Food Sale after all masses

Tuesday, December 16 – 8th Anniversary of Father Nelson's Ordination

St. Richard Christmas Party

**and Celebration of Anniversary of Father Nelson's Ordination
December 20th at 2:30 pm**

Please come help celebrate Father Nelson's Ordination as we share a delicious Christmas meal together!

Prayer List/ Lista de Oraciones

Veronica Boasson, Jake Morris, Randle Laffon, Georgia Kaye Garriott, Aasen Family, Ian Aasen, Dorothy & Mark Boeckmann, Jean Hess, Dorothy Koffler, Kathy, Lakesha White, Flynn family, Brenda Baldwin, Debbie Myers, Blake Lercher, Deborah Sue Mobley, Dwayne Travis, Sully Wren, Troy Knight, Laura James, Charlotte Marshall, Malichi Davis, Melody Kennedy, Ann Sm ith, Debbie House, Joyce Kemper, Lizbeth Jones, Kim Baty, Henry Nguyen, Jeremy Duncan. Larry Stumpenhause, Fernando Farfan, Cesar Gonzalez & Diana Vasquez.. Alicia Cook, Mike Thompson, Mark Parker, Danny Sublette, Don Fitch, Shirley Hooks, Marsha Pond, Vicki Stumpenhause, Susan Bolton, Florence Wolfe, Claire Leheny, Carol Kent, Lawrence Family, John & Lee Jones, Virginia & Randy Snow, Pat & Megan Johnson, Reuben & Cheri Thonerfelt,, Michael Richmond, Sharon Hughes, Mary Kay Dawes, Gloria Chavez, Tim Harrison, Charles & Laura McDaniel,, Peggy McCord, Nancy Springer, Jim Gilliam, Judy Shannon, Dan Hepner, Jr, Rudy Hess Jr, Philip Van Alsdorf., Ana Lopez- Monatano., Arnulfo Cota. Mary Ann Jackson, Debra Hudson, Deb Cypert, Lina Martinez, Higinio Hernandez & their family. Gerald and Pam Medlin, Katie Cooley, Sandi Gum, Adrian Reyes, Aldo, Darrin Gainer, Gordon Sizemore,Judy Casey, Elizabeth Faircloth, Mary Louise Pruitt , Charles Stephenson, Kathy Krintz, Stephenson Family, Morris Family



Want to serve your church and your community? Come join the Ladies Guild!

We meet the first Tuesday of every month at 6:00 pm. Our next meeting will be December 2nd at 6:00 pm for our Christmas dinner at Spah Grill at 1609 West Beebe Capps Expy in Searcy. If you can, please bring a \$10 Exchange gift to share. We look forward to seeing you there!



CYM Tamales Food Sale Sunday, December 14th

The CYM Group will be selling Tamales after every Mass to support their Steubenville trip in the Summer of 2026. Please come out to support our Youth so they may attend this wonderful spiritual event!

CYM Venta de Comida de Tamales Domingo, 14 de diciembre

El Grupo CYM venderá tamales después de cada misa para apoyar su viaje a Steubenville en el verano de 2026. ¡Por favor, vengan a apoyar a nuestra juventud para que puedan asistir a este maravilloso evento espiritual!



The men's bathroom will be under repair starting the week of Monday, November 17th. Men, please use the bathroom in the old church till repairs are done. Thank you!

El baño de hombres estará en reparación a partir de la semana del lunes 17 de noviembre. Hombres, por favor usen el baño de la antigua iglesia hasta que se realicen las reparaciones. ¡Gracias!



CRE Dates To Remember!

Sunday, November 30th,

Thanksgiving Break – No Classes

Sunday December 21st – 28th –

No Classes – Christmas Break

Confirmation:

Saturday, June 27, 2026 -11:00 am

¡Fechas de CRE para recordar!

de Padres a las 10:30 am

(Clase de confirmación)

Domingo, 30 de noviembre, -

Vacaciones de Acción de Gracias - No hay clases

Domingo 21 – 28 de diciembre –

No hay clases - Navidad Break

Confirmación:

**Sábado, 27 de junio de 2026 –
11:00 am**



CRE Breakfast Schedule

November 30 – Thanksgiving Break

December 7 – Charismatic

December 14 – **Food Sale**

December 21 - Christmas Break

January 4 – Ladies Guild

January 11- Knight of Columbus

January 18 - Vincentians



Come Join Our Bible Study! Every Wednesday at 6:30 pm & Friday at 10:00 am

It is a wonderful opportunity to grow in your faith and develop friendships with fellow parishioners.

¡Únase a nuestro estudio bíblico! Cuando: Todos los miércoles a las 6:30 pm & Viernes a las 10:00 am

Es una oportunidad maravillosa para crecer en su fe y desarrollar amistades con otros feligreses.

Anuncios

Segunda Recaudación para el Fondo Nacional de Jubilación para Religiosos 6 y 7 de diciembre

Esta colección especial apoya el Fondo de Jubilación para Religiosos, que ayuda a más de 20.500 hermanas, hermanos y sacerdotes de órdenes religiosas mayores que han dedicado su vida al servicio y ahora necesitan nuestra ayuda. Por favor, dona generosamente para apoyar su vida de servicio.



Retiro de Adviento 13 de Diciembre 9:00 am – mediodía Esperamos verlos a todos allí. Por favor, traiga un plato para compartir



Donación de Flores de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

En honor a nuestra Madre, la Virgen María, por favor dona para que podamos comprar flores para organizar y montar en la iglesia para la Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. Tendremos sobres disponibles en el vestíbulo de la iglesia para su donación. ¡Gracias!

Nuevos Eventos

Martes, 2 de diciembre – Reunión del Gremio de Damas a las 6:00 pm, Reunión del Consejo

Asesor de Finanzas 18:00, **Martes de Donaciones**

3 de diciembre – 11 de diciembre-La Novena de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe a las 19:00 horas del 3 de diciembre, pero por favor consulta el horario de Novena para otros horarios.

Viernes, 5 de diciembre – Adoración del primer viernes, 9:00 am Misa, 10:00 am Adoración, 18:00 pm Bendición,

.6 de diciembre -Rito de Aceptación Práctica Obligatoria, Fondo de Jubilación de la Segunda Colección para Religiosos

Domingo, 7 de diciembre – Rito de Aceptación, **Fondo de Jubilación de la Segunda Colección para Religiosos**

Lunes 8 de diciembre – Misa en inglés al mediodía – **Día Santo de Precepto- Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción de la Santísima Virgen María – Misa bilingüe a las 6:00 pm**

La Oficina de la Iglesia estará cerrada

Martes, 9 de diciembre – Misa sin mediodía

Jueves, 11 de diciembre – 18:00 sin adoración/confesión ni misa a las 19:00, Vigilia de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe 22:00 h Novena Rosario, 23:00 h Misa

Viernes, 12 de diciembre – 5:30 pm Procesión de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe y Rosario bilingüe. 7:00 pm Misa, 8:30 pm Compartir Centro Parroquial

Sábado, 13 de diciembre – Retiro de Adviento 9:00 am – mediodía

– Fiesta de Navidad de St. James en el Salón Parroquial después de la Misa de las 5:30 pm

Domingo, 14 de diciembre – Venta de Comida de Tamales de CYM después de todas las misas

Martes, 16 de diciembre – 8th Aniversario de la ordenación del Padre Nelson



First Friday Adoration December 5th

English Mass – 9:00 am

Adoration – 10:00 am

Benediction – 6:00 pm

Adoración del Primer Viernes 5 de diciembre

Misa en inglés – 9:00 am

Adoración – 10:00am

Bendición – 6:00pm



Grupo Carismático

Todos los Viernes a las 7 pm

(estan **TODOS** invitados a dejarse tocar por la Gracia del Espiritu Santo.)



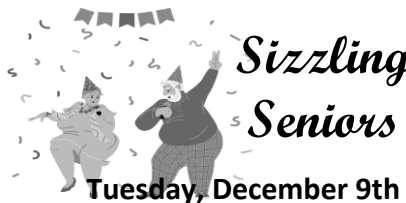
6th – 8th Grade Youth Group Schedule

December 3 - Baking spirits bright!

Making Christmas cookies for parishioners.

December 10 - no meet due to Novena

December 17 - Christmas party!



Sizzling Seniors

Tuesday, December 9th

5:30 pm in the Parish Hall

The Christmas meal will be catered so please bring Christmas snacks to share.

December 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Fr. Nelson Dayoff	2 Noon Mass 6:00 pm Finance Advisory Council Meeting	3 5:00pm Confession 6:00pm Mass 6:30 pm Youth Group Vicentinos Pre K 4Jesus CYM 7:00pm Novena Our Lady of Guadalupe	4 Office closed 12 noon Mass 6:00pm Adoration and Confession 7:00pm Misa 7:30pm Novena Our Lady of Guadalupe	5 Last First Friday of the year 9:00am Mass Follow the Mass adoration. 6:00pm Benediction 7:00pm Novena Our Lady of Guadalupe	6 1:00pm Quinceanera Mass 4:00 pm St. Richard Mass 5:30pm St. James Mass 7:00pm Novena Our Lady of Guadalupe
7 8:00 am confession 9:00 am Mass 10:15am Faith Formation (CRE) 11:30 am Misa Rite of Acceptance 6:00pm Novena Our Lady of Guadalupe	8 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception At noon English Mass 6:00pm Bilingue Mass 7:00pm Novena Our Lady of Guadalupe	9 Noon (NO MASS) 7:00pm Novena Our Lady of Guadalupe	10 5:00 pm No confession 6:00pm Mass 6:30 Youth Group Vicentinos Pre K 4Jesus CYM 7:00pm Novena Our Lady of Guadalupe	11 Office closed 12 noon Mass 6:00pm NO Adoration and NO Confession 7:00pm NO Misa Vigilia Our Lady of Guadalupe 10: 00 pm Novena Rosario 11:00pm Mass/ Misa	12 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe 11:00 am Adoration Noon Mass 5:30pm Precceslon and Bullingue Rosary. (Carmichael center parking lot) 7:00pm Mass/ Misa 8:30pm Compartir Centro Parroquial	13 4:00 pm St. Richard Mass 5:30pm St. James Mass 6:30pm Christmas Party and Fr. Nelson Anniversary of the Priesthood
14 8:00 am confession 9:00 am Mass 10:15am Faith Formation (CRE) 11:30 am Misa Sale Foods after all Masses Celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe (The income will be for the building fund)	15 Fr. Nelson Dayoff	16 Noon Mass Fr. Nelson Priest Anniversary, 8 Years	17 5:00pm Confession 6:00pm Mass 6:30 pm Youth Group Vicentinos Pre K 4Jesus CYM	18 Office closed 12 noon Mass 6:00pm Adoration and Confession 7:00pm Misa 7:30pm Novena of the Baby Jesus	19 11:00 am Adoration Noon Mass 7:00pm Novena of the Baby Jesus	20 2:30pm Christmas Party St and Fr. Nelson Priest anniversary, St Richard Church 4:00 pm St. Richard Mass 5:30pm St. James Mass 7:00pm Novena of the Baby Jesus
21 8:00 am confession 9:00 am Mass 10:15am Faith Formation (CRE) 11:30 am Misa 6:00pm Novena of the Baby Jesus	22 Fr. Nelson Dayoff 7:00pm Novena of the Baby Jesus	23 Noon Mass 7:00pm Novena of the Baby Jesus	24 Christmas Eve 4:00 pm St. Richard 5:30pm St. James (faith Formation Kids) 7:00pm Misa en Espanol (NO activities in the Parish Hall)	25 Christmas Day Office closed 10:00am English Mass 12:00pm Misa en Espanol	26 11:00 am Adoration Noon Mass Spanish Charismatic group	27 4:00 pm St. Richard Mass 5:30pm St. James Mass
28 8:00 am No confession 9:00 am Mass 10:15am NO Faith Formation (CRE) 11:30 am Misa	29 No Mass	30 No Mass	31 New Year's Eve 11:00 Adoration 12 noon English Mass HAPPY 2026 NEW YEAR	January 2026 01 Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God 10:00 am Mass 11:30 am Misa No mass at 6Pm (Office closed)	02 First Friday of the year 9:00am Mass Follow the Mass adoration. 6:00pm Benediction	

CHRISTMAS

Christmas is one of the most important days of the Church year, second only to Easter itself. Celebrating the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ, it is the culmination of the mystery of the incarnation, the feast of God becoming flesh (the Latin “in carne” means “enfleshment”). It is a uniquely Christian teaching, the Divine choosing to become one of us. Because of this belief, God is not only Transcendent, but also wholly Immanent, Emanuel (God-with-us). While remaining Tanscendent (meaning we must rise above our present condition to reach Him), He is at the same time Immanent (meaning He is with us as we rise toward Him). Every Eucharist is like Christmas where the bread and wine are transformed into His flesh, His Body and Blood, and, in a sense, He is born anew on the altar.

Procesión de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

Cuándo: 12 de diciembre

Dónde: Nos reuniremos en el Centro Carmichael en 801 South Elm Street en Searcy a las 5:00 pm y saldremos del Centro Carmichael a las 5:30 pm para caminar hasta la Iglesia Católica St. James. ¡Esperamos verlos a todos allí!



Our Lady of Guadalupe Procession

When: December 12th

Where: We will meet at the Carmichael Center on 801 South Elm Street in Searcy at 5:00 pm and will leave the Carmichael Center at 5:30 pm to walk to St. James Catholic Church. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

Novena of the Baby Jesus



Date/ Dia	Responsible/ Responsible
1 Primer Dia/ Diciembre 18	Charismatics
2 Segundo Dia/ Diciembre, 19	First Communion students & parents
3 Tercer Dia/ Diciembre, 20	Vicentinos
4 Cuarto Dia/ Diciembre, 21	Confirmation students & parents
5 Quinto Dia/ Diciembre, 22	
6 Sexto Dia/ Diciembre, 23	

Novena Our lady of Guadalupe

Date/ Dia	Responsible/ Responsible
1 Primer Dia/ Diciembre 03	Flia. Flor y Familia
2 Segundo Dia/ Diciembre, 04	Faith Formation Teacher
3 Tercer Dia/ Diciembre, 05	Flia Castillo- Carvajal
4 Cuarto Dia/ Diciembre, 06	Flia Hernandez
5 Quinto Dia/ Diciembre, 07	Flia Martinez y Mitoterias
6 Sexto Dia/ Diciembre, 08	Flia Alvarado- Garcia
7 Septimo Dia/ Diciembre, 09	Flia Hernandez- Sanchez
8 Octavo Dia/ Diciembre, 10	Flia. Candelario
9 Noveno Dia/ Diciembre, 11	Flia. Munoz

USHERS



Ushers Needed!

We need Ushers to greet the parishioners before Mass and hand out Bulletins. If interested, sign-up sheet is in the Church Vestibule. Thank you!



CYM SCHEDULE December 2025



DEC 3RD

A Night With Our Lady
We will talk about the importance of the rosary + Adoration
6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

No CYM



DEC 17

Joy to the World
A Christmas get-together with friends, food, and games.
6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Annunciation of Mary
Mass at 7:00 PM

For more details and updates about these events, follow us on social media @St.jamescym



DEC 10



DEC 24

CYM TOY DRIVE

Spread the love through our meaningful project!

Let's create some special moments of joy that make the holidays memorable for children in need!

NOV. 23rd THUR DEC 14th

HELP SUPPORT AR. CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Contact us for more information 501-254-8731 (BRENDA S.)

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

Happy Advent! This Sunday we begin Advent, a time of grace and preparation to receive Jesus in the manger of our hearts. For me, it is one of the most beautiful times, as it immerses me in an atmosphere of Love, Peace, and Hope, inviting me to meditate on the great mystery of Jesus' incarnation in the world.

With Advent, we begin a new liturgical year. In this new year, we will read the Gospel of Saint Mark, a very profound yet simple Gospel. The word Advent comes from the Latin adventus, which means coming, arrival. Therefore, Advent invites us to prepare ourselves, each in our own way, to celebrate the great feasts of Christmas.

The spirit of expectation in Advent is very different from passive longing. We do not simply wait for the Lord's arrival. Rather, as expressed in the Collect of the Mass for the First Sunday of Advent, we ask God to grant us the strength to go out to meet him. We are called to participate actively during these weeks to prepare a place for the Lord, to be ready for his return. This path is visible, and we can see it each Sunday with the Advent wreath, where we light a candle every Sunday until we have lit all four, one for each of the four Sundays that make up the Advent season. As we hear in the Gospel, the Lord himself, speaking to his disciples about the coming of the Kingdom at the end of time, exhorts them: “Be always on the watch!” Our anticipation of the Lord’s coming implies being active: standing firm, with our heads held high, attentive and serene, without any fear, because our redemption is near.

One way to prepare ourselves for the Lord’s coming is to be vigilant and attentive to his presence and action among us. The more we become accustomed to perceiving God’s love at work in our lives, and the more we strive to follow his will, especially in the charity we show one another. This closeness to the Lord will also grant us the experience of the fullness of joy in his presence. As Christians, our hope lies in the salvation the Lord comes to offer us, and this hope keeps us focused on eternity as we journey through this life. At the end of Mass on the First Sunday of Advent, we will pray: “For even now, while we walk among these things, you teach us by them to love the things of heaven and to cling to what remains.”

May this be our attitude until the coming of the Lord!

Fr. Nelson Rubio

Pastor

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo: ¡Feliz Adviento! Este domingo comenzamos el Adviento, tiempo de gracia y preparación para recibir a Jesús en el pesebre de nuestros corazones. Para mí, es uno de los tiempos más hermosos porque, junto con la Navidad, me sumerge en una atmósfera de Amor, Paz y Esperanza y meditación sobre el gran misterio de la encarnación de Jesús en el mundo.

Con el Adviento, iniciamos un nuevo año litúrgico. En este nuevo año, leeremos el Evangelio de San Marcos, un Evangelio muy profundo, pero a la vez simple. La palabra Adviento proviene del latín adventus, que significa venida, llegada. Por lo tanto, el Adviento nos invita a prepararnos, cada uno a nuestra manera, para celebrar las grandes fiestas de la Navidad.

El espíritu de expectación del Adviento es muy diferente del anhelo pasivo. No nos limitamos a esperar la llegada del Señor. Más bien, como se expresa en la oración colecta de la Misa del primer Domingo de Adviento, rogamos a Dios que nos conceda la fortaleza para salir a su encuentro. Estamos llamados a participar activamente durante estas semanas para preparar un lugar para el Señor, para estar listos para su regreso. Este camino es visible y lo podemos ver cada domingo con la corona de Adviento, donde encenderemos una vela todos los domingos hasta encenderlas las cuatro, con los cuatro domingo que conforma el tiempo de Adviento. Como escuchamos en el Evangelio, el Señor mismo, al hablar a sus discípulos sobre la venida del Reino al final de los tiempos, los exhorta: “¡Estén siempre alerta!”. Nuestra anticipación de la venida del Señor implica ser activos: permanecer firmes, con la frente en alto, atentos y serenos, sin temor alguno, porque nuestra redención está cerca.

Una forma de prepararnos para la venida del Señor es estar vigilantes y atentos a su presencia y acción entre nosotros. Cuanto más nos acostumbremos a percibir el amor de Dios actuando en nuestras vidas y cuanto más nos esforcemos por seguir su voluntad, especialmente en la caridad que nos profesamos unos a otros, como san Pablo les recordó a los tesalonicenses, más prepararemos nuestros corazones para una eternidad cerca de Dios. Esta cercanía al Señor nos brindará también la experiencia de la plenitud del gozo en su presencia. Como cristianos, nuestra esperanza está en la salvación que el Señor viene a ofrecernos, y esta esperanza nos mantiene enfocados en la eternidad mientras caminamos por esta vida. Al finalizar la Misa del primer Domingo de Adviento, oraremos: “Porque aun ahora, mientras andamos entre las cosas pasajeras, nos enseñas con ellas a amar las cosas del cielo y a aferrarnos a lo que permanece.”

¡Que esta sea nuestra actitud hasta la venida del Señor!

Padre Nelson Rubio

Parroco

Christmas PARTY

**Mark your Calendar !!
St. James Christmas Party
& Celebration of Father Nelson's
Ordination will be on
December 13th at 6:30 pm
in the Parish Hall.
The 8th Anniversary of Father
Nelson's Ordination is on
December 16th.**

Please don't forget to let him know how thankful we are for all he does for St. James & St. Richards.

Come enjoy a night of fun and fellowship with your family at St. James. Please bring a dish to share.

**¡Apunta en tu calendario!
Fiesta de Navidad de San Santiago
& Habrá lugar la celebración de la
ordenación del padre Nelson 13 de
diciembre a las 18:30 en el Salón
Parroquial.**

El 8º aniversario de la ordenación del padre Nelson es el 16 de diciembre. Por favor, no olvides hacerle saber lo agradecidos que estamos por todo lo que hace por St. James & St. Richards. Ven a disfrutar de una noche de diversión y convivencia con tu familia en St. James. Por favor, traed un plato para compartir.

Advent Schedule

**First Sunday of Advent/Primer
domingo de Adviento**

30 de noviembre/November 30th

**Second Sunday of Advent/Segundo
domingo de Adviento**

7 de diciembre/December 7th

**Third Sunday of Advent/Tercer
Domingo de Adviento**

14 de diciembre/December 14th

**Fourth Sunday of Advent/Cuarto
Domingo de Adviento**

21 de diciembre/December 21st

Christmas Eve Mass Time

St. Richard – 4:00 pm

St. James English – 5:30 pm

Misa En Espanol – 7:00 pm

Christmas Mass Time:

10:00 am English Mass

12:00 pm Misa del mediodía



Para la Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

1º Premio: Imagen de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe en marco de oro y plata

2º Premio: Olla Princess House

3º Premio: Cesta con objetos religiosos y premio misterioso

Entradas: 5 dólares por entrada

Vendido después de todas las misas de Santiago Todos los beneficios del sorteo se destinarán al Fondo de Construcción St. James para ayudar a pagar nuestras renovaciones.

For Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

1st Prize: Picture of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Gold & Silver Frame

2nd Prize: Princess House Pot

3rd Prize: Basket with Religious Items & Mystery Prize

Tickets: \$5 per ticket

Sold after all St. James Masses

All proceeds for the raffle will go toward St. James Building Fund to help pay for our renovations.



Rosary before Mass



We would love to have you come participate in the Rosary before Mass.

It gives time for spiritual reflection before the Mass. The Rosary is at 5:00 pm on Saturday and 8:30 am and 11:00 am on Sunday.

We also need volunteers to pray the Rosary before Mass on Saturday at 5:00 pm and Sunday at 8:30 am. If you would like to participate in this Christ centered prayer, please contact:

Theresa Gilliam at 501-230-7515.

8:30 am Rosary Schedule

Sunday, November 30th –

Theresa Gilliam – Joyful Mystery

Sunday, Dec. 7th – Trinity Fox,

Joyful Mystery

Sunday, Dec. 14th- Theresa Gilliam

Joyful Mystery

Sunday, Dec. 21st – Nikki Spriggs –

Joyful Mystery

Sunday, Dec. 28th – Carine Kamdem

Kamdem- Joyful Mystery



**GIVING
TUESDAY**

Giving Tuesday December 2nd

We have a wonderful problem!

We are outgrowing our Parish Hall.

We currently have 170 children attending CRE classes and the Groups that utilize the Parish Hall are outgrowing the space as well! We need to renovate our Parish Hall to make room for our children growing in their faith as well as all of the Groups who are utilizing the Parish Hall.

Giving Tuesday is a time where we can apply the grace and blessings we have received throughout the year and donate on this date. All donations will go toward the Building Fund to help us renovate the Parish Hall to accommodate our growing Church family. **You can either donate through our Online giving or place in offering basket and designate it for Giving Tuesday Building Fund.** Please give generously for Giving Tuesday!

Thank you!!

Martes de Donaciones 2 de diciembre

¡Tenemos un problema maravilloso!

Estamos superando nuestro salón parroquial. Actualmente tenemos 170 niños asistiendo a clases de CRE y los grupos que utilizan el Salón

Parroquial también están superando el espacio. Necesitamos renovar nuestro Salón Parroquial para dar espacio a nuestros niños que están creciendo en su fe, así como a todos los grupos que lo están utilizando el Salón Parroquial. El Martes de

Donaciones es un momento en el que podemos aplicar la gracia y las bendiciones que hemos recibido a lo largo del año y donar en esta fecha. Todas las donaciones se destinarán al Fondo de Construcción para ayudarnos a renovar el Salón

Parroquial y así acomodar a nuestra creciente familia de la iglesia. **Puedes donar a través de nuestro Giving Right Online o solicitar en Offering y designarlo para el Giving Tuesday Building Fund.** ¡Por favor, dona generosamente para el Giving Tuesday!

¡¡Gracias!!