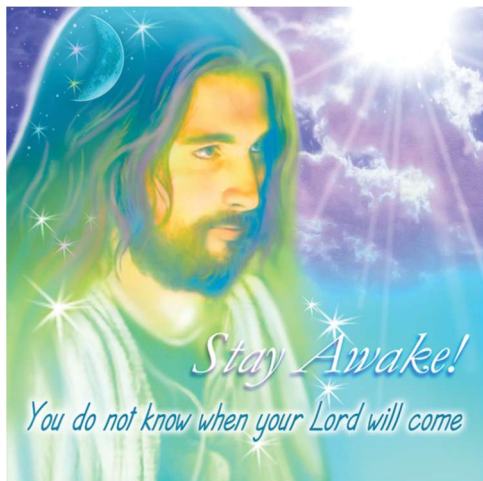


## November 30 2025 First Sunday of Advent



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

— *Matthew 24:44*

### BE PREPARED

Be prepared. It's that simple. As this Advent season opens before us, the Lord Jesus summons us to stand ready for his coming. At this time of year much of our attention is focused on being prepared for the details that accompany the holiday season. We purchase gifts; we decorate our homes, inside and out; we prepare foods that we eat only during the holidays; we write and send Christmas cards; we attend holiday concerts; we prepare either to welcome family and friends into our homes or arrange for visits to their homes. We really can't escape the details that make up the season. Perhaps this Advent is a time to attend to all those details with a different spin. As we prepare to celebrate the feast of Christmas, why not be deliberate about acknowledging the presence of the Lord as we go about these tasks? The Lord often comes to us in wonderfully surprising ways. Let us be prepared.

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### REFLECTION

Some popular religions regularly call up images of fire and brimstone and evoke dire warnings and apocalyptic visions of world catastrophe, which are supposed to accompany the Second Coming. Against this steady drumbeat of preaching that generates more heat (or cold fear) than light, we need to pay close attention to the deeper challenge of this Sunday's Scriptures. Jesus does not address the end times in an attempt to frighten us or to pile on reasons to worry and fret over the salvation of our sweet little souls.

Rather, we are reminded to pay close attention to the movement of God in our midst. We are given images of domesticity because this is precisely where we live. And this is precisely where the incarnation of God occurs. If

God's presence is attended to here and now amid the subtle shifts and erosions of our private and shared lives as a people, we need not worry. If we are preoccupied with tinsel and over-consumption, then this is the critical time for us to change our attitudes and ways.

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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11  
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;  
Lk 10:21-24  
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6;  
Mt 15:29-37  
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;  
Mt 7:21, 24-27  
Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31  
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6;  
Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8  
Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;  
Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

### FOOD DRIVE

The parish will be collecting non-perishable food items to donate to one of our local food pantries. You can bring your donations to any of the Masses during the month of November. Let us share what we have with those in need.

*God Bless you – Thank you!*

### COLECTA DE ALIMENTOS

La parroquia recolectará alimentos no-perecederos para donar a una de nuestras despensas de alimentos locales. Puede traer sus donaciones a cualquiera de las Misas durante el mes de noviembre. Compartamos lo que tenemos con los necesitados. *Dios lo Bendiga- Gracias!*

### 2025 Christmas Share-a-thon

December 1st through December 5th, 2025

Call 1-800-476-3311

Help keep Catholic radio going strong all across the WTX listening area and surrounding: (the triple play!)

- Pray - please pray for us and all the GRN family of listeners
- Pledge - call in, text in, or go online to make a generous donation
- Promote - tell others about it because ALL help is vital to our shared mission

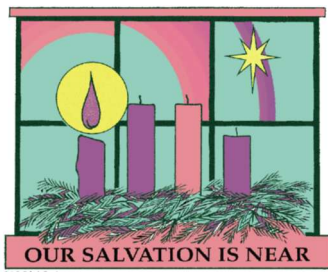
Want to make your donation early this year? Call 432-682-5476 option 4 to speak with Norma. Lastly, you are invited to tune-in to your LOCAL Station, KQOS 91.7FM, online at GRNOnline.com, or download the FREE Guadalupe Radio Network App.

-Your WTX GRN Family

### COLLECTION DATA – 11/22-11/23

ENVELOPES/CHECKS.....\$2985.05  
LOOSE PLATE.....1704.75  
TOTAL COLLECTION.....4689.80

*Thank you for your generosity!*



## “THANKSGIVING POT LUCK”

***This Sunday, November 30th in the parish hall. Bring something for yourself and to share with your parish family!***

- For those who attend **Daily Mass**, please **NOTE** the **Mass time change for Thursday & Friday -- 8:00AM**. Fr. Josh has to attend scheduled out of town meetings on those days.

**FIRST FRIDAY** – December 5th, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins at 8:00pm until 10:00 pm at Holy Family. Confession is available.

### **CCD Thanksgiving Holidays:**

- No Classes this Sunday, November 30th. Classes resume **next** Sunday, December 7th.
- Wednesday Classes – resume Wednesday, December 3rd

**WEDNESDAY** – Since several of the Penance Services are scheduled on Wednesdays, we will not have the Wednesday evening Mass during the month of December. All weekday Masses will be celebrated at Holy Family at 9:00am. We will go back to our regular schedule beginning in January.

**2025 POSADA NOVENA FOR CHRISTMAS** - One more spot, and our Posada Schedule will be complete. **Tuesday, December 23rd**. If you can host either in your home or the hall, please sign up on the list at the church entrance.

**WHY AM I CATHOLIC?** Deacon Bill’s sharing session is every Tuesday at his home, @6pm. All are invited!

**ULTREYA** meets -- **Sunday, November 30th, @6:00pm (English)** & **Monday, December 1st, 7:00pm (Spanish)**. Both meetings are at IHM Hall. All are welcome! You don’t have to be a cursillista to attend. For information on the Cursillo movement, please visit <http://www.sanangelocursillo.com/home.html>

**PARISH MOVIE GROUP** – will not meet this Sunday.

**GUADALUPANA SOCIETY** – is accepting new members. For more information please call (940) 256-3747, (325) 455-6311 or you may call the office – 235-3318.

### **HOLY SPIRIT CLEANING SCHEDULE**

Dec. 6 Cursillo Dec. 13 Parish Council

### **TIME OF PREPARATION**

This life is the time of our preparation for our future state. Our souls will continue for ever what we make them in this world.

—John Tillotson, Archbishop of Canterbury

### **Saturday, November 29th -**

**5:00PM-IHM**– +Daniel Grimaldo; +Gloria Castro, Delia Sparkman, Rudy Torres, Nellie, Dolores, Francisco, Frank, Jr., Velia, Juana, Tony y Patricia Gomez;  
In Thanksgiving for the birthday of Anna May McBride

### **Sunday, November 30th -** **“First Sunday of Advent”**

**8:00AM** – En acción de gracias por el cumpleaños de Megyn Kelly;  
+Ezequiel, Albina, Delia y Teresa Gonzalez; Rafael y Concha Acevedo

**11:00AM** – For the People of Nolan County

### **Tuesday, December 2nd 9:00AM - HF**

For the well-being of Tanis Moreno’s family

### **Wednesday, December 3rd 9:00AM-HF**

For our seminarians, Humberto Diaz, Martin Luna & Noah Hernandez;  
+Leticia Acopa

### **Thursday, December 4th 8:00AM HF**

For our seminarian Humberto Diaz

### **Friday, December 5th 8:00AM-HF**

For our seminarian Humberto Diaz

### **Saturday, December 6th -**

**5:00PM-IHM**– +Guadalupanas living and deceased;  
+Alma & Frances Solano;  
+Jovita, Benjie, Daniel & Amanda Olguin  
**7:00PM** – **Roscoe** - Por la Gente de Nolan County

### **Sunday, December 7th -**

#### **“Second Sunday of Advent”**

**8:00AM** – +Cirilo, Victoria y Lucia Chavira; en acción de gracias por el cumpleaños de Oliver Galvan;  
por nuestro seminarista Humberto Diaz

**11:00AM** – For the People of Nolan County

### **ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES - beginning** **Wednesday - in the surrounding area @ 6:30pm**

- December 03 – St. Vincent, Abilene
- December 09 – Holy Family, Abilene
- December 10 – St. Mary, Brownwood
- December 11 – St. Francis, Abilene
- December 16 – Sacred Heart, Abilene
- December 17 – Sacred Heart, Coleman
- December 18 – St. Ann, Colorado City
- December 19 – Holy Spirit, Sweetwater

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## Where We Are

A common sense saying reminds us that wherever we find ourselves, there we are. We tend not to believe this, of course, much less act on it. When we are in trouble or anguish we ignore it or wish our way out of it. When we are on the bus, we think about the office. When we are at our computer, we think about the evening commute. We barely enter Advent, and our heads are full of Christmas plans. This Sunday we are asked to be where we are as we light a single bright candle to break up the darkness. We are asked to consider God's salvation, which dawns on us right here where we are.