

MASS & CONFESSION TIMES, INTENTIONS & LITURGICAL CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK  
Confessions will end at the posted time or when the line is done, which ever comes first.

**Sunday, December 17 - Gaudete Sunday, I Class, Rose**  
**Low Mass** 7:00a De Kroon-Lapitan Family (RIP)  
**Low Mass (Parish Hall)** 8:30a Carol Apple  
**Sung Mass** 9:15a Pro populo  
**Low Mass (Parish Hall)** 10:00a Barry Bender (RIP)  
**Sung Mass** 11:30a Carle Mock                      Live Stream Form: <https://forms.gle/GRLXkv4a2rBHX95o9>  
**Confessions** 12:00-2:00pm  
**Low Mass** 1:30p Theodore Hansen (RIP)  
**Low Mass** 5:30p Jesse Corniham

**Monday, December 18 - Greater Feria of Advent, II Class, Rose**  
**Low Mass** 12:15p Mary Schwalm (RIP)  
**Confessions** 12:15-1:15p  
**Low Mass** 6:00p Albert Mantsch (RIP)  
**Confessions** 6:00-7:00p

**Tuesday, December 19 - Greater Feria of Advent, II Class, Rose**  
**Low Mass** 6:00a Patricia Felock (RIP)  
**Confessions** 6:00-6:30a  
**Confessions** 8:30-9:30a  
**Low Mass** 12:15p Rachel Herrera  
**Confessions** 12:15-1:15p

**Wednesday, December 20 - Ember Wednesday of Advent, II Class, Violet**  
The Ember Days represent an ancient and cherished tradition of the Roman Church. Four times a year, at the change of seasons, three days of the week, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday, were traditionally devoted to prayer and fasting to call down God’s blessing upon the new season and on the ordinations that would traditionally take place on the Saturday. Advent has endowed the December Ember Days with their special character of expectation and preparation for Christmas, thus reducing the idea of fasting and penance to a secondary position. The Mass for Wednesday gives prominence to our Lady, by way of the prophecy of Isaias and the Gospel of the Annunciation.  
**Low Mass** 8:30a Fr. Brian McDonnell FSSP

**Thursday, December 21 - St. Thomas, Apostle, II Class, Red**  
St. Thomas, the Apostle who at first did not believe, has become for the Church one of the first witnesses to her Faith. She is fond of appealing to his testimony and frequently puts in our mouths at the Elevation of the Host those simple words whereby he expressed the fervor of his regained faith: Dominus mesus et Deus meus, “My Lord and my God.” It is known that he preached the Gospel in Asia beyond the frontiers of the Roman Empire, most likely in India  
**Low Mass** 6:00a The Pichon Family  
**Confessions** 6:00-6:30a  
**Confessions** 8:30-9:30a  
**Low Mass** 12:15p Ron (RIP) & Ellie Cosgrove  
**Confessions** 12:15-1:15p

**Friday, December 22 - Ember Friday of Advent, II Class, Violet**  
While the Church continues to recall in succession the mysteries which formed the immediate preparation for the birth of our Lord, today we hear the extract in which Isaias describes in advance the spirit that was to animate the Messiah in the saving mission which He came to accomplish.  
**Low Mass** 12:15p Edward (RIP) & Joy Stocks w/family  
**Confessions** 12:15-1:15p  
**Low Mass** 6:00p Jack Swafford (RIP)  
**Confessions** 6:00-7:00p  
**Sacred Heart Devotions:** 7:15pm

**Saturday, December 23 - Ember Saturday of Advent, II Class, Violet**  
**Low Mass** 8:30a Albert Tellson (RIP)  
**Confessions** 8:30-9:30a



**Mater Dei Parish**  
**Apostolate of the Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter**  
Fr. Peter Bauknecht, FSSP, Pastor  
Fr. Brian McDonnell, FSSP, Parochial Vicar  
Fr. Michael Cunningham, FSSP, Parochial Vicar  
Fr. David Ramirez, FSSP, Parochial Vicar  
Fr. James Buckley, FSSP, in residence



*December 17, 2023*  
*Gaudete Sunday*



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From the Dallas Diocese: Reporting Abuse-If you believe that you, or someone you know, is a victim of past or present abuse or sexual abuse, please notify law enforcement. In the event the abuse involves a minor, please also contact the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services through the Texas Abuse Hotline at 1-800-252-5400 or [www.txabusehotline.org](http://www.txabusehotline.org). Finally, if the abuse involves a member of the clergy, a parish employee, or diocesan employee, please also notify the Diocese of Dallas Victims Assistance Coordinator, Barbara Landregan, at 214-379-2812 or [blandregan@cathdal.org](mailto:blandregan@cathdal.org)

Pursuant to Section 30.07, Penal Code (trespass by license holder with an openly carried handgun), a person licensed under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code (handgun licensing law), may not enter this property with a handgun that is carried openly.



**Marriage Banns 2nd Notification:**  
**Eoin McKnight & Phoebe Jones**



Anyone having knowledge of any obstacle to the proposed marriage has an obligation in conscience to make it known to the Pastor as soon as possible.

**Fiat Bake Sale**

The Fiat girl's group will hold a bake sale today, December 17th from 9:30-1:30 in the hospitality area. Come and see the Christmas goodies they will have available!

**There will be a second collection for the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Today. A second basket will be passed around.**

**Carmelite Christmastide Food Collection**

There is an annual Christmastide food donation coordinated for the Dallas Carmelites. Food donations MUST be taken to Carmel; there is not a drop-off option at the parish. The signup is active through 12/23/ Directions for food drop off is in the sign up link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0544AFA72DA7FA7-carmelite2#/>

**REQUESTS FOR:**

Parish Facility Use • Mass Intentions • House Blessings & Enthronements • Announcements

- Baptism (*at least 1 month in advance*)
- First Communion • Confirmation •

Wedding Requests • Letters of Suitability

**Please contact the Parish Secretary:**

secretary@materdeiparish.com or  
(972) 438-7600 x0

***Starting on Dec. 5th, the Tuesday & Thursday 8:30am Mass will be temporarily cancelled. Confession WILL NOT be cancelled. The Mass schedule will resume after Epiphany.***

**Blessed items are ready to be picked up from the Blessing Table in the St. Julie & Louis Room. Items not picked up will be donated!**

**Sodality of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and St. Francis de Sales**



**Next Meeting:  
Tuesday, 7PM  
December 19th  
Parish Hall**



**Winter Ember Days: December 20, 22 & 23**

This coming week includes the Winter Ember Days, which always follow on the Wednesday after the feast of St. Lucy. The Church has four sets of Ember Days during the year, which correspond to the four seasons.

The “Embertides” are non-obligatory days of fasting, partial abstinence, and prayer, with the purpose of thanking God for the gifts of creation, and to ask His help in using them well.

<https://materdeiparish.com/ember-days/>

**Mater Dei Choir Sign-ups**

The Choirs (Adults and Children) of Mater Dei are looking for new volunteer singers to join the ranks of our active and exciting program in the new year.

For more information, please contact:

- Chase Fowler, Music Director; *Men, Boys, Mixed Choir:* [musicdirector@materdeiparish.com](mailto:musicdirector@materdeiparish.com)  
- Kimberly Walters, Music Assistant; *Women, Girls :* [music.assistant@materdeiparish.com](mailto:music.assistant@materdeiparish.com)

In your charity towards your fellow parishioners at Mass, please take your children out of the church if they are noisy or can't sit still in a pew. This includes crying, babbling loudly and banging on the pews. **The cry room is located in the St. Anne's room, in the classroom building.** Thank you.



**Fr. James Buckley, FSSP**

*November 29, 1937 - December 14, 2023*

**R.I.P.**



**WEEKLY DEVOTIONS**  
**SACRED HEART OF JESUS**

**Friday Devotions 6:45pm  
Adoration following**



***First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart is to make reparation for the ingratitude, irreverence, sacrileges, coldness and contempt which the majority of mankind exhibit for the Saviour in his Sacrament of love.***

**KOC Tamale and Christmas Yard Sign Sales**

The KOC will be selling packaged tamales from 8-3pm on Sundays, through 12/17, in the hospitality area. In conjunction with the Troops St. George, our council is constructing and selling handcrafted 4 X 4 foot lawn ornament/signs displaying the KOC registered trademark message: “Keep Christ in Christmas”. Proceeds will go toward the charitable endeavors of the parish KOC Council and TSG chapter. The price is \$150 per sign. There will only be 50 available, so act quick! The KOC will contact you when your order is ready for pickup at the church. Payment will be collected upon pickup. Order using this form:

["Keep Christ In Christmas" Sign Pre-Order Form](#)

The St. Anthony Lost & Found corner in the parish hall will be cleaned out this coming week. Items in the corner without names will be collected and put out on tables after Sunday Mass on December 17 for anyone to claim.

**MATER DEI BOOKSTORE**

972-793-0484 / [bookstore@materdeiparish.com](mailto:bookstore@materdeiparish.com)

**Hours:**

Monday- Closed  
Tuesday-Friday 12:30-5:30pm  
Saturday- 9:00am-12:00pm  
Sunday after all Masses

**PLEASE DRESS MODESTLY**  
*FAVOR DE VESTIRSE CON MODESTIA*



**PROPER DRESS**



**IMPROPER DRESS**



- SLEEVELESS  
ROPA SIN MANGAS
- TIGHT FITTING  
ROPA ENTALLADA
- SHORTS  
PANTALONES CORTOS
- LOW NECKLINE  
ROPA ESCOTADA
- EXPOSED MIDRIF  
ENSEÑAR EL ESTOMAGO
- EXPOSED BACK  
ENSEÑAR LAS ESPALDAS
- SKIRT ABOVE KNEES  
FALDAS ARRIBA DE LA RODILLA
- SEE THROUGH  
TELAS TRANSPARENTES
- OFFENSIVE PRINT  
EMBLEMAS VULGARES

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All children 14 years & younger **MUST** be accompanied by a parent or older sibling while on Mater Dei property.



**A friendly reminder from your Safety Team. Please use the available and designated parking spaces; and the field by the rectory for parking overflow. Please keep the parish dumpster and fire lanes clear.**



**Regular Adoration Times At Mater Dei**  
**First & Third Friday / Saturday - 8:30p - 8:30a**  
**First Sunday - After the 1:30p Mass**

Are you new to the parish or have a parish question? Visit the blue Welcome Table after the morning Sunday Masses!

**To Register as a parishioner of Mater Dei,**  
go to: <https://materdeiparish.com/join-our-parish/>

**To receive Mater Dei emails:**  
Go to: [flocknote.com/materdeiparish](https://flocknote.com/materdeiparish)  
and follow the simple instructions.  
By text: Text **MATERDEI** TO **84576**

**Please Keep In Your Prayers** - Carl Schwalm, Edward Steininger, Sandra Seraphin, Issac Ogu, John, Kate, Gail Koloc, Christine Lux Jagge, Elizabeth Nugent, Judy, Alexander, Andrew, Henry Hillburn, Laurel Anne Attar, Yolonda, Tamara Nugent, Regina Ramirez, Christine Jordan, Lilla Buchanan, Jeanne Strzala, Margaret Grace Naranjo, Cheryl Anderson, Donald Fowler Nelson, Mark Woodson, All considering abortion, Mater Dei priests friends & benefactors.  
**Souls of the Faithfully Departed...** Fr. James Buckley, FSSP, Anna Barbieri Reilly, Robert Bell Tudor, Martha Klein, Elizabeth Grace Lively, Daniel Tadyshak, Ila Gene Toups, Alexis Daly, Richard George Shook, Eugene Koloc, Angela Gladden, Scott Jagge, Teresa Terrell, Gene Graves, Tommy Mantooth, Hector Adame, Cecelia Robinson, William F. Nugent, Robert Michael Tomich, Nicholas Dewit, James Berg, Courtney Kampa, Irene Barber, Andrew and Cynthia Payne, Joanne Martinez, Terry Embry, Rose, Edward Stocks, Bertha Norman, Roderick W. Thoits, Vernon Tritchka, Fran Carlson , Chuck Lynk , Luciano Jr. Cavazos , Patricia C. Hernandez , Judi Lynk , Benny,Raul, Hernandez Edward, Modesto, Edmund Avalo, Esavel, Emma Cavazo, Caledonia A. Cavazos, Allen Cardona, Candelaria Cardona, Trinidad Cavazos, Luciano Cavazos, Rosie Antosh, Sylvia Ormon, Sangnapar Choberka, Rose Prokash, Helen Fernandes, Delores Nieman, Fr. Patrick O'Kane, Pete Bynum, Cyndy Bowden, Mary Conoly Hester, Raymond Shields, Barbara Hunhoff , Socorro Alvarez, Nena deLeon, Timothy Sullivan,III, Tollie Lee Pilgrim Jr, Greg Liliy, Dale Blizzard, Margret Kelly Nugent, Maria Socorro Garcia Flores , Mnafor "M" Asobo Kammeynue, Marsha Corcoran, Catherine (Tritchka) Harris, Larry Harris, Ezra Harris, Marvin Hlavenka, Thavamani Pillai, Richard & Sandy Holmes, James, Evelyn Sorrells, Carolyn Wiewel , Mary Lou Fife, Sylvie Tomich, Rory Nunley, Marjorie Davis, Rolando de Luna, Thomaz DaGroomes, Eloise Cullum, Javier Reyes, Patrick Tinning, Mary Heidenhofer, Madeleine Medina, Bryan Okvist, Father Wieslaw Lipka, Hector Lopez, Trudi Weinberger, Delores Paplow, Mr. Brian McDonnell Sr., Angela Wimmer, Bishop Morlino, Mary Smith, Joseph LeRoy Siegmund Jr, Mr. Jim Irving , James Albert Cullum Jr., Fr. Michael Irwin, Dr. Shirley Bliss, Nelda de St. Germain, Rosemarie Uland, Francisco Garza Diaz, Dane Anderson, Jose Oscar Garza, Rogelio Garza, Roxanne Gomez, Sr. Eileen Guerky, Fr. August Otto.

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