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St. Patrick's Catholic Church

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Saints of the Week

Weekday Mass

December 19th - Monday – 8:00 a.m.
Mass Intention: No Mass

December 20th - Tuesday 8:00 a.m.
Mass Intention: Beatrice Cantu+
Bacilio Cantu & Barbara Cantu

December 21st – Wednesday 8:00 a.m.
Mass Intention: Gerald Kalina+

December 22nd - Thursday 8:00 a.m.
Mass Intention: Delphine Hanselka+
Charlene & Don Pennington

December 23rd - Friday 8:00 a.m.
Mass Intention: Parish Family

Offertory December 11th

\$1079.00 – Parish Support
\$132.00 – Candle Money
\$535.00 – Building Fund
\$329.00 – 2nd Collection
\$37.00 – Flower Offering
\$350.00 – Knights of Columbus
Christmas Giving Tree Donation

Pro-Life Corner:

December 25- "The mystery of the Incarnation reveals the specific value of the dignity of human life. God gave us this gift and sanctified it when the Son became man and was born of Mary. Life is a gift that must be protected, from conception until natural death. With all my heart I join people involved in various initiatives aimed at respecting life and promoting a new social awareness." Pope Benedict XVI. Choose the culture of life.

Weekend Mass Schedule/Intentions

Confessions – Every Saturday- 5:15-5:45 p.m.
Rosary- 5:40 p.m.

December 24th - Saturday-6:00 pm. Mass

(Children's Mass)

Intention: Paul & Mary Lerma+
Mary Moya

EME: Veronica Garcia

Lector: Jason Valenzuela
Ryan Wade

Altar Servers: Gabriella and Madeline Canales

Ushers: Youth of the Parish

December 24th – Saturday 10:00 p.m. Mass

Intention: Parish Family

EME: Paulette Brandl

Lector: Janie Robles

Altar Servers: April Chapa, Evan Andrade,
Allan Cabrera

Ushers: Lupe Rivera, Jr., Hermilo DeLuna,
Magdaleno Garcia, Domingo Robles

December 25th – Sunday-8:00 a.m. Mass

Intention: Pro Populo

EME: Emilio Ledezma

Lector: Raquel Gonzalez

Altar Servers: Lili Gonzalez, Enriqueta Gonzalez

Ushers: Manuel Estrada, Bacilio Gonzalez,
Adelaido Posada, Hector Cardona

December 25th - Sunday-10:00 a.m. Mass

Intention: Frank Jelinek+

Elenora Jelinek

EME: Ismael Perez

Lector: Isabel Rodriguez

Altar Servers: Marissa Soto, Mia Martinez, Elias Pena

Ushers: Manuel Gonzales, John Sanchez,
David Escalante, Kathy Escalante

Parish News

**** TODAY – Sunday, December 18th - Annual Christmas Social** in the parish hall beginning at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to come celebrate as a parish family the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Families are asked to bring a covered dish for all to enjoy. There will also be a special **Christmas program** presented by our CCD students. Please make plans to attend.

**** TODAY, Sunday, December 18th - Giving Tree** – Please remember to **bring your donation** by the church **today** so that we may prepare the gifts to deliver to the families.

**** Christmas Mass Schedule –**

Sat., Dec. 24th – 6:00 p.m. (Children's Mass)
10:00 p.m.

Sun. Dec. 25th – 8:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m.

Knights of Columbus – The Knights of Columbus will be selling car magnets with the message "Keep Christ in Christmas" after each mass. It is a great way of witnessing for Christ during this season. The price is \$5.00 each.

**** Sunday Envelopes** – Next Sunday the envelope boxes for 2012 will be at the entrance of the church. Please be sure to pick up your box as soon as possible because the starting envelope is dated for January 1, 2012. If you cannot find a box with your name, please contact Father Sam.

Community Events:

Come join us at **Our Lady of Lourdes Church**, 105 N. William Street, Victoria, Texas as Father Phi Nguyen, chaplain of IWBS convent, Celebrates **Mass and Healing Prayer on January 7th, at 10:00 a.m.**



**December 21st,
St. Peter Canisius,
Priest and Doctor**

Peter Canisius, born in 1521 in Holland, became a Jesuit priest and lived most of his life in Germany. He lived and worked in the tumultuous 16th Century, sparking the Counter Reformation. Peter was a writer, catechist, preacher, confessor, missionary, papal delegate, founder of colleges and seminaries. He wrote a famous "Little Catechism" to teach the faith. Peter Canisius died in a humble assignment in 1597 and was canonized a saint in 1925.



**December 23rd,
St. John of Kanty,
Priest**

John Wacienga was born in 1390 at Kanty, near Cracow, in Poland. He studied and spent his life at the newly-founded University of Cracow. During years of devastation he was outstanding for charity to the poor, pastoral care and sound theological teaching. John made one pilgrimage to the Holy Land and four to Rome. He died at age 83 on the Vigil of Christmas, and was canonized a saint in 1767.

*Today is born our Savior,
Christ the Lord.*