

**Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church**  
Austin Tx.  
December 27th, 2009



**From the Pastor**

**Holy Family**

This first Sunday after Christmas we celebrate the feasts of the Holy Family:

Joseph, Mary and Jesus.

Last year – 12-11-09-, proclaiming the Year of the Family, Bishop Gregory M. Aymond (Now Archbishop of New Orleans), said:

**“God is faithful. He strengthens members of each family. He calls us to himself. He shows us the way that the family can be a school of charity, a place where we learn to love one another and to live in relationship”.**

Now, a year latter of Bishop’s letter, and in the context of the Holy Family feast, is a good opportunity to reflect on these three characteristics of a Christian Family:

*Family as a school of Charity.* Charity is a Latin word which means, “a thing of great value”. What is it that has a great value in my family? Answer this question and share it with your family members. *A place where we can learn to love one another.* This economic crisis may help us to understand that love, specially in our families, is the most important thing in our lives.

*Live in relationship.* For me, relationship is love in action. Each family has different ways to live out its love for each other, but what is important is to live in relationship.

May the Lord, for the intercession of the Holy Family, help you to grow in love for each other.

**Friar. Francisco Munoz Villegas**

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

Collection numbers will be reported in January after the office returns from the Holiday break

**End of the year donations**

Need a contributions letter for tax season?

If so, the office will begin taking calls on January 5th 2010. Letters will begin going out as soon as all Christmas and end of the year contributions are posted. If you are interested in making an end of the year contribution please contact Natalie in the parish office. If the office is closed place your contribution in an envelope marked “End of the year gift” and drop it in the collection or Friar Francisco will be available to accept your donation. All donations will be reflected with your 2009 contributions. If you have any questions or need any further information, please contact Natalie at Natalie@olgaustin.org or at (512) 478-7955.

**Mass Intentions**

**SATURDAY 12/26**

6:00PM

+LUIS FRANCO CERVANTES

**SUNDAY 12/27**

7:45AM

SOCIEDAD GUADALUPANAS  
INOCENCIA ALCALA  
(BIRTHDAY)

9:45AM

+JOSE TERAN

11:30AM

+MRS. REBECCA ARREDONDO

6:00PM

+ENEDINA ANDRADE ALCAZAR

**MONDAY 12/28**

5:30PM

LAS ANIMAS

**Please Pray for our military personnel who are serving our Country, especially those in Iraq or overseas: SFC Michael E. Serna , Master Srgt. Janie Jimenez , LTC Michael Goains ; SSgt. Paul Nanez; Staff Sgt; Melissa de la Torre Jeff Cox (Navy)**

**On behalf of the  
Our lady of Guadalupe parish staff  
HAPPY NEW YEAR !!**

**From The Diocese of Austin- Administrator  
Msgr. Michael Mulvey.  
Christmas message**

We have been preparing for Christmas during this Advent season. Now Christmas is upon us. This year, may each one of us come to know the truth of Christ living in us and among us. It is this truth of Christ that gives us freedom and gives meaning to life. May light that comes only from the Son of God be reflected in our daily activities and in our daily lives. May Christ’s light shine brightly this Christmas so that those who see our good works and who see the love of God in us give glory to the Father.

I wish each of you a very blessed and holy Christmas season and will pray during my holiday Masses for each of you and your family members, especially those who are sick and suffering, those who are away from family and friends, and those who are alienated from the Church.

**May God bless you and bring you abundant graces during this Christmas season.**

# The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

## Social Ministry News

*Thank you*

*A great big thanks to all those who donated their time, talents, and service to any of the Social Ministry programs in 2009. We could not have helped so many without you!!*

*December 25th might have come and gone, but the Christmas season is still going strong. Take time with your family to keep the Christmas spirit alive all 12 days of Christmas. Today is the Feast of the Holy Family, help keep the spirit of the Holy Family with us by having a special dinner with your family and by praying this prayer for the Feast of Holy Family from [USCCB.com](http://USCCB.com):*

*We bless your name, O Lord,  
for sending your own incarnate Son,  
to become part of a family,  
so that, as he lived its life,  
he would experience its worries and its joys.*

*We ask you, Lord,  
to protect and watch over this family,  
so that in the strength of your grace  
its members may enjoy prosperity,  
possess the priceless gift of your peace,  
and, as the Church alive in the home,  
bear witness in this world to your glory.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen*

### Message about Offices being closed.

**The parish office will close on Thursday, December 24th in observance of the Christmas Holidays. The office will re-open on January 4, 2009 at 9am. In case of emergency, funerals, or emergency baptisms, call 512-478-4132. Leave your name and number and we will contact you as soon as possible**

### Holy Day of Obligation

Join us on Friday, Jan. 1, 2010 for the celebration of the feast of Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God at 10:00am. This Mass will be bilingual. In addition to this being a Holy Day of Obligation it is also a World day of Prayer for Peace. Join us on Thursday, December 31, 2009 for a Bilingual Vigil Mass of the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God at 7pm in the church

## Readings for the Week of December 27, 2009

- Sunday:** The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph  
Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128;  
Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52
- Monday:** The Holy Innocents, martyrs  
1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Ps 124; Mt 2:13-18
- Tuesday:** Saint Thomas Becket, bishop, martyr  
1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96; Lk 2:22-35
- Wednesday:** 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96; Lk 2:36-40
- Thursday:** Saint Sylvester I, pope  
1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96; Jn 1:1-18
- Friday:** The Blessed Virgin Mary, The Mother of God  
Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
- Saturday:** Saints Basil the Great; Gregory Nazianzen, bishops, doctors  
1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98; Jn 1:19-28

### O.L.G. HS YOUTH

Calling all HS Youth! Are ready to get away for a weekend of fun, fellowship, and praising our wonderful God? Come join HS youth from our parish and parishes in the Austin Diocese to Waco, TX, at this years DCYC Convention! The dates are January 29-31. Contact Suzie Plyler at 472-4210 or Natalie Rodriguez in the parish office, for more information. The cost is \$90.00 per person this includes meals and lodging! Financial assistance is available.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Michael Bourgeois  
Edna and David Smith  
Adele Camacho  
Vicente Sandoval Sr.  
Catherine H Sanchez  
James Crum  
Mary Hernandez  
Frank Hernandez  
Anna T Vasquez  
Gregorio Villalobos  
Julian Castro

Mary R Guerra  
Linda Martinez  
Maria Martinez  
Roland Vela  
Narciso Saucedo  
Louise Kuhn  
Julian Hernandez  
Alice Chambers  
Tara Penton  
Mary Vera  
Amanda Barrientez