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9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

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9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

The Office is closed for Lunch.

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12:00PM-1:00PM

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Tuesday through Thursday

De martes a jueves

11:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Friday/Viernes

11:00AM-4:00PM

Capital Campaign

Campaña Parroquial

Phone: (559) 686-3847 ext. 12

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 05:00 PM (English)
07:00 PM (Español)

Sunday 07:30 AM (Español)
09:30 AM (English)
12:00 PM (Español)
05:00PM (Español)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday 5:00PM – 6:00PM

Friday 9:00AM – 5:00PM

Daily Mass Schedule

Tuesday 6:00 PM (Español)
Wednesday 8:00 AM (Bilingual)
6:00 PM (Bilingual)

Thursday 8:00 AM (Bilingual)
Friday 8:00 AM (Bilingual)

Confessions / Confessions

Thursday 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM

Exposición del Santísimo Sacramento

Martes 5:00PM – 6:00PM

Viernes 9:00AM – 5:00PM

Ministries & Groups

Adoración Nocturna - Adultos	(559) 631-0688
Alianza de Oración por los Sacerdotes	(559) 563-9849
Altar Servers	(559) 631-3719
Altar Society	(559) 967-2695
Catholic Daughters	(559) 901-3119
Christian Joy Prayer Service	(559) 331-0045
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Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	(559) 747-7861
Grupo de Oración: Renovación Carismática	(562) 412-3126
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Ministros Extraordinarios de la Sagrada Comunión	(559) 358-7065
Ministerio Caleb	(559) 936-9433
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New Church and Parish Facilities Project

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Christmas Raffle

\$20.00 Drawing Sunday, December 17, 2023
per ticket

\$20.00
por boleto

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\$2,000

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\$1,000

Rifa de Navidad

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Sorteo domingo 17 de diciembre de 2023



Drawing will be livestreamed in our social media -- Rifa se transmitira en nuestras redes sociales



NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE

Our Lady of Guadalupe
Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

Novena & Mass / Novena Y Misa

December 3

(3 de diciembre)

5:00PM Mass/Misa

December 4 to December 9

(diciembre 4 -9)

7:00PM - 8:00PM

December 10

(10 de diciembre)

7:30AM Mass/Misa

9:30AM Mass/Misa

12:00PM Mass/Misa

Masses will be celebrated with Mariachi

Las misas se celebrarán con mariachi

5:00PM Mass canceled/Misa Cancelada

December 12

(12 de diciembre)

3:00AM Holy Hour/Hora Santa

4:00AM - 6:00AM Manatias con Mariachi

6:00AM Mass/Misa

12:00PM Mass/Misa

7:00PM Mass/Misa

(New Church/Iglesia Nueva)

All Masses will be bilingual/Todas las Misas serán Bilingüe



Posada and Simbang Gabi Schedule

Posada and Mass

December 15 to December 23

7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

(new church / Iglesia Nueva)

(All Masses will be Bilingual / Todas las misas serán bilingüe)

History of Simbang Gabi

“Simbáng Gabi” is a devotional nine-day series of Masses practiced by Roman Catholics in the Philippines in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary in anticipation of Christmas.

The Simbang Gabi originated in the early days of Spanish rule as a practical compromise for farmers who started their day before sunrise to avoid the heat in the fields. Priests began to say Mass in the early mornings 4 AM instead of the evening novenas more common in the rest of the Hispanic world. This cherished Christmas custom eventually became a distinct feature of Philippine culture and is a symbol of sharing.

The yearly practice of Simbang Gabi carries in its expression the apostolic exhortation of Pope John Paul II, where he states that it is the task of evangelization to “bring the power of the gospel into the very heart of culture and cultures. For this purpose, catechesis will seek to know these cultures and their essential components ... and will help bring forth from their own living tradition original expressions of Christian life, celebration and thought.”

Simbang Gabi is a special part of Filipino spiritual life. Because of the close liturgical connection of Simbang Gabi to the Divine Office of Advent, the novena reinforces the invitation of the Advent season to live a life that is attached to the liturgical year of the Church. This nine-day Marian preparation for Christmas can be the personal witness that each Christian can offer not only to each other but to the secular community at large that it is the time of Emmanuel, God with us.



Weekly Offering Ofrenda semanal

The Collection will be published in our next bulletin.

Las colectas serán
Publicada en el próximo
boletín.

2nd Collection for November

1st Sunday— Building Fund

2nd Sunday— Charity

3rd Sunday— Charity

4th Sunday— Maintenance

Segunda Colección de Noviembre

1er Domingo— Fondo de construcción

2do Domingo— Caridad

3er Domingo— Caridad

4to Domingo— Mantenimiento

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DECEMBER

3-21

DICIEMBRE

3-21

REQUIREMENTS:

20 YEARS OLD AND OLDER

- If you need First Communion and Confirmation,

YOU NEED A COPY OF BAPTISM CERTIFICATE.

- If you ONLY need Confirmation,

YOU NEED COPIES OF BAPTISM AND FIRST COMMUNION CERTIFICATES.

Fee: \$150.00

REQUISITOS:

20 AÑOS EN ADELANTE

- Si necesita la Primera Comunión y la Confirmación,

NECESITA ENTREGAR UNA COPIA DE CERTIFICADO DE BAUTISMO.

- Si necesita SOLO la Confirmación,

NECESITA COPIAS DE CERTIFICADOS DE BAUTISMO Y PRIMERA COMUNIÓN

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HORARIO:
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CONFESSIONS ✕ CONFESIONES

CONFESSIONS SCHEDULE HORARIO DE CONFESIONES

December 4 to 8

4 - 8 de diciembre

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

New Church / Iglesia Nueva

December 18 to 22

18 - 22 de diciembre

5:30 PM- 6:30 PM

New Church / Iglesia Nueva

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Why Join?

- Does the prospect of a deep merging of spirituality and service resonate within your heart?
- Are you perhaps looking for a way to help the less fortunate in your community or wondering how you can help people in your area who have experienced tragedy?
- Maybe you'd like to take a more active role in your parish, community, city or town but aren't sure exactly how to do it?
- What about sharing "woman time" with other Catholic women?

If you answered "yes" to any of the above, joining the Catholic Daughters of the Americas might be the thing for you to do. Being a Catholic Daughter is a wonderful gift from God. For more information call us today at: 559-901-3119

Parishioners, Family and Friends, The Seventh Heaven Ministry will be Caroling during the month of December. If you or your business would like to be visited by Seventh Heaven for Caroling please call Susan Fabro at (559) 300-9470 for available date. Please share this information with your family and friends.

Feligreses, familiares y amigos, el Ministerio de Seventh Heaven estará llevando serenata durante el mes de diciembre. Si usted o su negocio desea ser visitado por Seventh Heaven por favor llame a Susan Fabro al (559) 300-9470 para la fecha disponible. Por favor, comparta esta información con su familia y amigos.



Fr. Juan and the staff of St. Rita's would like to thank the volunteers and Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Fresno for distributing much needed food to many families of our community. The Food Distribution was a great success. There were many families that received much needed food during this time of uncertainty. Catholic Charities is constantly in need of donations. Please consider donating to this organization and together we can make a difference.



El P. Juan y el personal de Santa Rita quieren agradecer a los Voluntarios y Caridades Católicas de la Diócesis de Fresno por distribuir alimentos muy necesarios a muchas familias de nuestra comunidad. La distribución de alimentos fue un gran éxito. Hubo muchas familias que recibieron alimentos muy necesarios durante este tiempo de incertidumbre. Caridades Católicas está constantemente en necesidad de donaciones. Por favor considere donar a esta organización y juntos podemos hacer una diferencia.

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