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St. Patrick's Catholic Church

Father Samuel Appiasi
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Weekday Mass

December 5th - Monday - No Mass

December 6th - Tuesday 8:00 a.m. Mass Intention: Beatrice Cantu+

Bacilio Cantu & Barbara Cantu

December 7th – Wednesday 6:00 p.m.

Mass Intention: Vigil Mass - The Immaculate

Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

December 8th - Thursday 8:00 a.m.

Mass Intention: The Immaculate Conception of the

Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)

December 9th - Friday 8:00 a.m.

Mass Intention: Isidoro & Isabel Perez +
Ismael & Gracie Perez

Offertory November 27th

\$870.00 - Parish Support \$47.00 - Candle Money \$1113.23 - Building Fund \$50.00 - Altar Servers

Pro-Life Corner:

December 11- The Alan Guttmacher Institute, which favors abortion on demand, indicates that "about 14,000 women have abortions each year because they became pregnant after rape or incest." At the same time, it indicates that in 1996, 1.37 million abortions took place. In other words, some 99% of all the abortions that occur have nothing to do with rape or incest, according to "pro-choice" sources.

Weekend Mass Schedule/Intentions

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

December 10th - Saturday-6:00 pm. Mass

Intention: Clifford Mercado+

Steve & Jean Mercado

EME: Jeanne Lange Lector: Lisa Canales

Altar Servers: Gabriella and Madeline Canales
Ushers: Adolph Escalante, Isaac Martin,
Alex Chamberlain. Patrick Canales

December 11th - Sunday-8:00 a.m. Mass

Intention: Jose Mendez, Jr. +

Angel Liserio Mendez

EME: Juanita Madrigal
Lector: Veronica Ledezma

Altar Servers: Lili Gonsalez, Enriqueta Gonsalez
Ushers: Bacilio Gonsalez, Adelaido Posada,
Hector Cardona, Ted Cabral

December 11th - Sunday-10:00 a.m. Mass

Intention: David & Olivia Musquiz+

Ismael & Gracie Perez

EME: Gracie Perez
Lector: Marissa Sanchez

Altar Servers: Jason Valenzuela, Anjelica Valenzuela,

Michael Valenzuela

Ushers: Lupe Rivera, Jr., Daniel Hybner,

Albert Rodriguez, Adolph Escalante

Parish News

TODAY – Knights of Columbus BBQ Chicken

- The KC's will be selling BBQ chicken plates or whole BBQ chicken at \$7.00 per plate.
- ** Please keep in mind that we are still collecting non-perishable food items for the Christmas season. If you are interested in donating, please place your donation in the boxes located at the entrance of the church. May the Lord Bless your Generosity.

Knights of Columbus – Next weekend 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.

Wednesday, Dec. 7th – There will be a vigil mass for The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation) at 6:00 p.m. All CCD students are to attend this mass.

Thursday, Dec. 8th – There will be an 8:00 a.m. mass in celebration of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Remember that this is a Holy Day of Obligation.

- ** 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.
- **Giving Tree A very sincere "thank you" to all who generously donated gifts for families in need. Please bring your donation by the church by Sunday, December 18th so that we may prepare the gifts to deliver to the families.

Saints of the Week



December 7th, St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor

Son of a Roman, Ambrose (c. 339-

397) became the ranking government official in Milan. Ambrose was studying Christianity when the people demanded him as their bishop. He received the sacraments and on this date was ordained bishop. Ambrose was an outstanding pastoral figure who taught unceasingly and who influenced Augustine.



December 6th, St. Nicholas, Bishop

Few saints have received popular veneration comparable to St. Nicholas. He was bishop of Mira, on the southern coast of Turkey, in the first half of the 4th Century. An ancient tradition places him at the Council of Nicea in 325. Since 1087 his relics have been at Bari in Italy. Legends of his wonderful generosity made him a most popular saint, the "Santa Claus" of more recent centuries.

Lord, let us see your kindness and grant us your salvation.