

# ¿Qué Pasa? / What's Up?

Family Bulletin #14

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## THE SEASON OF ADVENT - SPECIAL FEASTS AND EVENTS

This is the **First Week of Advent** when the Church begins a new year of prayer and worship. We are called to prepare our hearts and our homes to welcome the birth of God's own Son in our midst. In our classrooms we begin the "countdown" with our **Advent wreath ceremonies**, lighting a new candle each of the four weeks until Christmas. Grades 3<sup>rd</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> have the opportunity for the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** to receive the grace of forgiveness through God's mercy and love, and to restore our closeness to God as His dear children.

The Faculty and Staff are taking part with teachers from other Dominican schools in a day of reflection and sharing on **this Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>**, at the Dominican Sisters' Motherhouse, so there will be **no school tomorrow**.

## FEASTS

Next week there are two Feasts of Mary – On Thursday, **December 8**, it is the **Feast of the Immaculate Conception**, and there will be a School Mass at 10:30am, which is open to the whole parish family. The United States is consecrated to Mary's Immaculate Conception as our Patronal Feast, and in many dioceses it is a holy day of obligation. Then on **Monday, December 12**, we have no school as the church celebrates the **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**, with many activities and visitors.

## ADVENT ACTIVITIES

The Posadas in the Parish begin Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> and continue each evening through Dec 23<sup>rd</sup>. **Our St. Elizabeth Elementary School family will take our turn in leading the Parish Posadas on the evening of December 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.** Our Room Parents will be in touch with the families in each class about contributing to this Posadas celebration. Our Christmas program will be Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm. The program will be held in our church and families are asked to park in the high school parking lot. See you there!

## FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

There will be masses from Nov 29<sup>th</sup> – Dec 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm, Monday thru Friday. All families are invited to attend. Our church Leaders are encouraging our families to attend with their children with their traditional dress and flowers. **More importantly on Dec 8<sup>th</sup> our school will participate in the Novena and will donate bread for the altar.** Students that attend will receive a free dress pass.

## FIRST TRIAD

We completed our First Triad and gave out reports cards before Thanksgiving. There will be an **Awards Assembly** on Wednesday Dec 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am. Recognitions will be given for

those who made Honor Roll and had other important accomplishments in the First Triad.

## 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE FUNDRAISER

The 6<sup>th</sup> grade class is selling tamales to raise money for their trip to Caritas. For more information please see the flyer in your family envelope.

## LOST AND FOUND

There are new "Lost and Found" procedures. Sister Regena has all lost and found uniform articles. If your child has lost something, there are a few ways to claim an article: 1.) a student may ask S. Regena for the article, 2.) a parent may claim an article outside after school (please park your car and come to the rack that will be outside), or 3.) send S. Regena an email (rross@[saintelizabeth.us](mailto:rross@saintelizabeth.us)). This is a friendly reminder to label **ALL** student uniform articles with a permanent marker somewhere on the inside, not just on the label. If articles aren't labeled and claimed within 2 weeks they may be donated to students who are in need of articles.

## Box Tops

Please be sure to save your Box Tops from all eligible products especially during the holiday season. Each Box Top coupon is worth 10¢.

## REMINDERS

**Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>** No school for students- Faculty/Staff Dominican Share Day.

**Dec 6<sup>th</sup>** Feast of St. Nicholas – surprise! Faith Family Activity – making ornaments for our school Christmas tree, 1:15pm.

**Dec 7<sup>th</sup>** \$1.00 Day Donation for Charity

**Dec 8<sup>th</sup>**, Thursday  
Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, 10:30am Mass in the church.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena school participation at 6:30pm.

**Dec 11<sup>th</sup>** Parish and School Mass for Our Lady of Guadalupe 7pm.

**Dec 12<sup>th</sup>** No School

**Dec 14<sup>th</sup>** Award Assembly 8:30am

**Dec 16<sup>th</sup>** K-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Trip to "Nutcracker"

**Dec 19<sup>th</sup>** School Posada Participation at 7pm

**Dec 21<sup>st</sup>** Christmas Concert at 6:30pm

**Dec 22<sup>nd</sup>** Noon Dismissal. There is no 21<sup>st</sup> Century

**Christmas Break Dec 23,2016-Jan 3,2017**

**Classes Resume on Wednesday  
January 4, 2017!**