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OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
Wednesday: 1:00 to 5:00 pm

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays	8:00 am	St. Helena
Saturday	5:00 pm	St. Helena (Eng.)
	7:00 pm	St. Helena (Sp.)
Sunday	7:00 am	St. Francis
	9:00 am	St. Helena (Eng.)
	9:00 am	Our Lady of Lourdes
	11:00 am	St. Helena (Sp.)
	1:00 pm	St. Helena (Sp.)

1st Saturdays 8:00 am Anointing of the Sick after Mass

CONFESSIONS — ST. HELENA

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 7:00 am - 7:45 am
Saturdays, 3:30 - 4:45 pm, or by appointment



MY BELOVED FLOCK

In the same sentence where he reminds his listeners that he has cured the blind, the lame, the deaf, the sick, and even raised the dead, Jesus concludes by adding, "The poor have the good news proclaimed to them." How did that make the list of supernatural cures? What's so miraculous about good news? The poor are not just those in physical poverty, but those whose sins have impoverished their souls. This of course applies to us. The poverty of our own sinfulness can be overcome by the forgiveness offered to us in Christ. Because of this, we have cause to rejoice!



And on this Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday, we are encouraged to rejoice. Gaudete Sunday derives its name from the opening prayer of the Mass for this day, where we pray, "Gaudete in Domino semper" ("Rejoice in the Lord always"). So in the midst of Advent fasting and devotions, we rejoice because the time we have been preparing for is almost at hand. We pause in this season of anticipation to remember that, in truth, our hopes have already been fulfilled. He is among us, saving us even now!

OUR OFFERING TO THE PARISH

Offertory:	St. Helena:	\$ 5,595.00
	St. Francis of Assisi:	\$ 352.00
	Our Lady of Lourdes:	\$ 806.00



MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

DAY	INTENTION
Saturday Dec. 15	
5:00 pm SH	+Richard Merrill (Merrill & Osthoff Fam)
7:00 pm SH sp.	Porfirio del Campo (Del Campo Family)
Sunday Dec. 16	
7:00 am SFA	+Tina K. Schneider (Ernest Schneider)
9:00 am SH	People of the Parish
9:00 am OLOL	+Martin Smits (Jo Ann Smits)
11:00 am SH Sp	+Mediz R. Melendez (Family)
1:00 pm SH Sp.	Animas del Purgatorio (John Piquette)
Monday Dec. 17	
8:00 am	+Sister of Michael Blossom (Mike & Joan)
Tuesday Dec. 18	
8:00 am	+Trinidad Jaquez (Flores Family)
Wednesday Dec. 19	
8:00 am	Nicolas M. Rask (Fr. Frank)
Thursday Dec. 20	
8:00 am	+Maria Luisa (Fr. Erik)
Friday Dec. 21	
8:00 am	+Luke Carruth (Carruth Family)
Saturday Dec. 22	
5:00 pm SH	Juan Diego Estrada (Maria Porras)
7:00 pm SH Sp.	Porfio del Campo (Del Campo Family)
Sunday Dec. 23	
7:00 am SFA	+Thomas Mitchell (Stella Mitchell)
9:00 am SH	+Erma Jones (Joan Blossom)
9:00 am OLOL	+Tom Kopetzky (Robert Ketteler)
11:00 am SH Sp.	+Kevin Chuck DeLeon (Rojas Family)
1:00 pm SH Sp.	+Luis & Maria Palomares (Julio & San Juana Glez)

LIFE OF THE PARISH

MASS READINGS

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 /Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18
Monday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 /Mt 1:1-17
Tuesday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25
Wednesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 /Lk 1:5-25
Thursday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 /Lk 1:26-38
Friday: Sg 2:8-/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 /Lk 1:39-45
Saturday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abed /Lk 1:46-56
Next Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 /Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

PARISH MINISTRIES

MINISTRY	COORDINATOR	PHONE
English	Beth Boettcher	970.380.6935
Spanish	Flor Silva	970.867.6141

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please contact the Parish Office at the onset of illness or as soon as your loved one is placed in Hospice if you would like them to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick or Last Rites.

HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND

If you know of any parishioner that would like to receive Holy Communion, please call the Parish Office to set up an appointment.

BAPTISM TIMES

Baptism Classes—First Monday of each Month in the Conference Room
Baptism—Third Sunday of each Month

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Please contact Cassie Groves, Director of Religious Education, (720)606-9848 or e-mail [Religious Ed. Classes@gmail.com](mailto:Religious.Ed.Classes@gmail.com) for any questions regarding religious education of the children.

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

Your personal encounter with the Risen Christ through the sacramental life of the Church begins with RCIA!

Who should inquire about RCIA?

- ◆ Anyone not yet baptized
- ◆ Anyone interested in becoming a Catholic Christian
- ◆ Any Catholic who has not received any of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Communion)
- ◆ Anyone interested in learning about the Catholic Faith

Classes begin September

For more information or to register for classes, please contact Deb Sagem @ 970.867.9309

BIBLE STUDY/CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

- ◆ English classes will meet on the Second and Fourth Tuesdays of each Month. Spanish Classes meet every Tuesday.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

- ◆ Please contact the Parish Office for information on Baptisms, Confirmation, and First Eucharist.
- ◆ **Sacrament of Matrimony**
Please contact the Parish Office one year prior to the anticipated marriage date.
Couples preparing for Marriage within the Archdiocese of Denver must take Natural Family Planning (NFP)
Call Lance & Carolyn Hochenadel @970,380.3742

Please be aware that if you need an annulment for any previous marriage(s), you must begin the annulment procedure before any marriage preparation can proceed. Annulments usually take up to a year to be finalized by the Archdiocese Metropolitan Tribunal.

QUINCEAÑERAS

Quinceañeras are celebrated on the last Saturday of each month, May through August, at 10:00 am at St. Helena Church. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Silent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins Thursday after the 8:00 am Mass until Friday before the 8:00 am Mass. Come and adore the Lord in *Sacred Silence*.

YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group meets Wednesday nights from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm in the Msgr. Dinan Hall. Please contact Lance & Carolyn Hochenadel @ 970.380.3742

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

Meetings are held every Third Wednesday of the Month after the 8:00 am Mass in the Conference Room.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Meetings are held every third Thursday of the Month from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. Rosary begins at 6:30 pm.

SPANISH PRAYER GROUP

The group gathers every Sunday at 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm in the Msgr. Dinan Hall.

NOCTURNAL ADORATION (SPANISH)

The group gathers every Second Saturday at 7:00 pm through 7:00 am Sunday in the Church.

PREVENCIÓN Y RESCATE (SPANISH)

This drug awareness group gathers every Monday evening in the conference room from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. 3

TERCER DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO



*El espíritu del Señor Dios está sobre mi.
Me ha enviado para anunciar la buena nueva a los
pobres.(Isaías 61:1)*

Mi Querido Rebaño:
El tercer domingo de Adviento se caracteriza por la invitación a la alegría. ¿De qué alegría se trata? En nuestra sociedad, el afán por las cosas, la búsqueda de honores o de placer ha desplazado el auténtico deseo de nuestro corazón; en las Escrituras se nos recuerda que el fundamento de la alegría está en la cercanía del Señor. Lo anuncia *Sofonías*: El Señor está cerca de tí; insiste en ello san Pablo y lo recalca Juan en su predicación. Así entendemos que la auténtica alegría consiste en el encuentro con Alguién que viene a envolvernos con su amor. En Cristo

La oficina estará cerrada durante la época de Navidad!

Del lunes 24 de Diciembre hasta el 1ro. De Enero 2019.

LA PARROQUIA

SANTA HELENA

TENDRA EL SERVICIO

PENITENCIAL (CONFESIONES) EL

18 DE DICIEMBRE A Las 6:00 PM.

VENDRAN VARIOS SACERDOTES.

EL PADRE ERIK Y EL PADRE

FRANCIS TENDRAN CONFESIONES COMENZANDO EL LUNES 17, DE 6-8 P.M. EN ESPAÑOL.



POSADAS

Las Posadas en la Parroquia St. Helena comenzarán el Domingo 16 de Diciembre a las 6:00 pm.

Si gustas patrocinar una posada, comunicate con Flor Silva o a la oficina 867-2885.



ST. HELENA'S NEWS

Please note change of plans. There will not be poinsettias for sale this year. However, there will be poinsettias on the altar. For more information, please call Fr. Erik.

ST. FRANCIS NEWS

Cleaning person for the month of December is Vivianne Lorenzini

Thank you Vivianne

OUR LADY OF LOURDES NEWS

We will be adorning the altar with poinsettias again this year.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration
Saturday, Dec. 15

11:30 AM Procession starting at

Fajitas Restaurant

12:00 pm Spanish Mass

1:00 pm Reception at Church
Dining Room

Everyone is Welcome

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISHES:

Eduardo Patino

Mike McFarland

Joan Smith

Charles Schroeder

Please pray for the recently deceased:

Leticia Estrada

Jack Westhoff

Cruz Garcia

Maximino Rodriguez

ALWAYS IN OUR PRAYERS

Priests: Fr. Erik—Fr. Francis

Deacon Rich

and our Seminarian: Abelardo Marrufo

Fr. Frank and Fr. Miguel

PLEASE PRAY THE ROSARY

Our Lady of Fatima has asked that we pray the Rosary daily with our family.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Dec. 24—Christmas Eve

5:30 pm—Children's Mass

7:00 pm—Spanish Mass

12:00 Midnight Mass (Bilingual)



12:00 Midnight Mass at St. Francis of Assisi

CHILDREN'S MASS NEWS

Children are encouraged to bring a wrapped gift for a child between ages Newborn to six months. These gifts go to help mothers who are in need and this will help lift the burden to allow them to have a good Christmas season.

Thank all of you for your generous gift giving.

TIME TO DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

Volunteers to decorate the Church for Christmas are needed on Sunday, Dec. 23, from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm. We will also decorate on Dec. 24 from 9:00 to 11:00 am **if needed**. Thanks for giving of your time and talent to make this Christmas season bright.

December 29th & 30th after all Masses

Olive Wood Statues: Jesus, Virgin Mary, Holy Family, Angels & Saints

Nativity Scenes - Christmas Ornaments - Crosses and Crucifixes

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Bethlehem Handicrafts will be at our church presenting Holy figurines from Christian hands thousands of miles away to your hands, so that a piece of the Holy Land may bring joy and love to your homes.

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For more information and to view available products, please visit: www.bethlehemhandicrafts.com.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Dec. 16—22, 2018

Sunday English Baptism
9:00 am Mass

Wednesday Religious Education

Thursday Holy Adoration
Youth Group

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Welcome! New to our Parish. Stop by the office to register to become a member and receive your giving envelopes.
- Poinsettias will not be available for sale for this years Christmas Season.
- Follow our parish activities on Facebook :
@sthelenafm
- The Church Web Page is up and running now. Check it out for all current information including the previous weeks bulletin.
- The Church office will be closed Monday, Dec. 24th through Jan. 1, 2019, to allow the Priests and Staff to enjoy Christmas with their families.
- Out of consideration for the faithful during Mass, please consider using the cry room when deemed necessary.

YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE 2019

Jan. 10

Jan. 17

Jan. 24

Jan. 31

Feb. 7

This temporary schedule is due to a scheduling conflict. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Meeting times will continue to be 7:00—8:30 pm. We will resume our regular schedule Wednesday, February 13, 2019.

SCRIPTURE

Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming." - Lk 3:15-16a



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