



Holy Faith Catholic Church

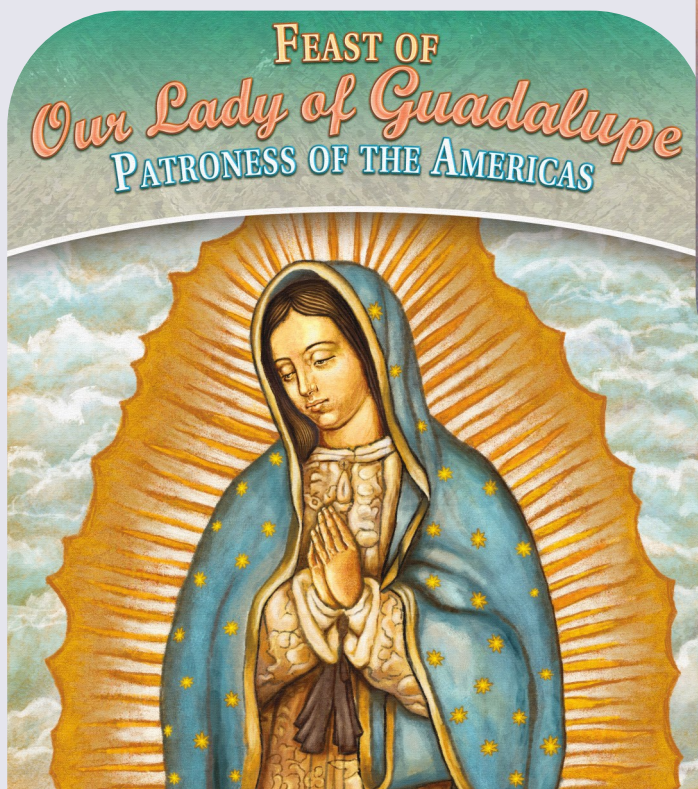
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 3 2023

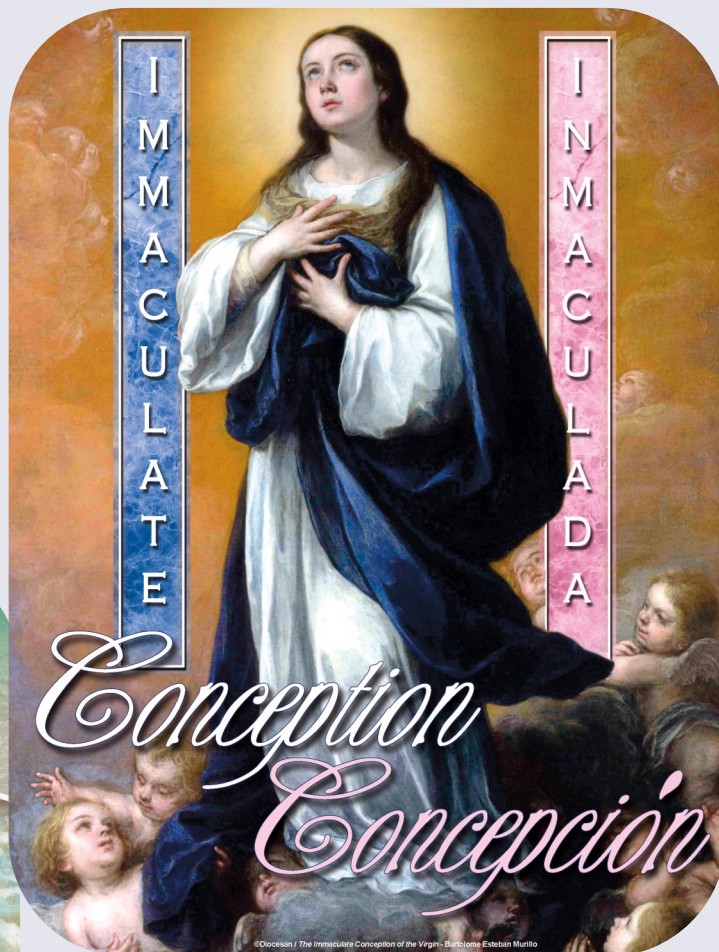
*Celebrating Mother Mary
during Advent*

*We celebrate the Solemnity of
The Immaculate Conception,
a Holy Day of Obligation,
on Friday, December 8 2023.*

*Mass Times at Holy Faith
7:00am ... 9:30am ... 7:00pm*



FIESTA DE
Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe
PATRONA DE LAS AMÉRICAS



*All are invited to celebrate with us
a Special Mass on*

*The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Tuesday, December 12 2023, at 6pm
followed by a candlelight Rosary
with meditations in Her honor.*

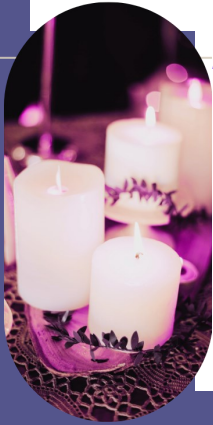
*An intention box will be in the vestibule of
the church for all to place their personal
intentions to Mother Mary for Her
intercession before the Mass. We will place
the box in front of Mary during the Rosary.
Come and Pray with us.*

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IN DECEMBER AT HOLY FAITH

ADVENT



A time of waiting and watching, a season where we focus on the light that will enter the darkness.

Mark your Calendars!

December 8: Feast of The Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation

December 9: 1 to 4pm Childcare event provided by the Catholic Youth Ministry for families to do some Christmas Shopping (see page 4)

December 12: Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (6pm Mass and Rosary)

December 15-23: Simbang Gabi (Filipino traditional 9-day Novena Mass before Christmas) 7pm each night

December 17: All Parish Christmas Cookie Sharing/Christmas Play Event (12:30pm in the FJMP Parish Life Center) hosted by our Welcome Committee (Hot Cocoa, Apple Cider and lots of Christmas Caroling Fun)

Bring your favorite cookies to share!

December 19: Advent Reconciliation Service at Holy Faith (6:30 PM) with opportunity for individual confessions

Watch for the Christmas Mass Times to be posted next week





DIOCESE OF ST. AUGUSTINE

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

THE MOST REVEREND ERIK T. POHLMEIER

November 3, 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

The national effort for a Eucharistic Revival has been underway for over a year. At the heart of every effort is a desire to respond more fully to God's invitation. The same God who gives us life wants to nourish us for our human journey. We live in a world filled with joys and challenges. We must respond, but the path forward is often difficult and uncertain. God does not abandon those who call out to him. He responds to give us strength as we follow the narrow way, as we carry our crosses alongside Jesus.

No part of human existence brings us as near to Jesus as the Eucharist. He tells us in very direct words, "Unless you eat my flesh and drink my blood, you have no life in you." "I am the Bread of Life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst." (John 6)

As powerful a promise as Jesus makes, we can easily remain indifferent. The Eucharistic Revival is meant to awaken our hearts and minds so that we receive the gift of God that gives abundant life. Every time we gather for Mass, we enter a privileged place for intimate contact with our Living God.

For this reason, I am asking every parish to begin a more direct preparation for the encounter with Jesus at Mass. I ask every parish to create a more intentional environment of prayer before Mass begins. The main area of the church, especially around the altar, should preserve silence before Mass. The goal of this silence is not merely a greater quiet. This silence should promote a kind of prayer that turns the heart to God in anticipation. Enter your parish church with expectation for the gifts that God gives. Bring your joys and sorrows to the altar. Take time before Mass to speak with the Lord in your heart. Pray for your intentions. Surrender your burdens. Open your heart and mind to the Word of God in the Scriptures.

I am also asking those who plan the liturgy and those who serve as ushers and greeters to look for ways to promote quiet prayer in the final minutes before Mass begins. While we also value the welcoming nature of our parishes, it is possible to promote both friendly interaction and intentional preparation to meet the Lord in the Eucharist. We can better use the spaces outside of the sanctuary and the time after Mass for strengthening our community.

My hope is that the Eucharistic Revival can teach us a deeper prayer, especially in the privileged location of our churches. With this initiative we are also releasing some materials to guide our prayer. Because we are easily distracted, we need help to turn our minds to God as we prepare for Mass. Please take advantage of the guidance these materials provide and develop a habit of arriving early enough to silence your heart and turn your attention to God.

Our encounter with the Lord in the silence of our hearts takes practice and is well worth the effort. Together, let us Seek First the Kingdom of God, joining in prayer for the many needs of our world and the conversion of our hearts.

In Christ,

Erik T. Pohlmeier
Bishop of St. Augustine

GROWING IN GOD'S KINGDOM!

CCF and Sacramental Class Schedule 2023-2024: 10:45am-Noon

December 3: CCF Class at Mass (gather at 9am in the Learning Center to attend the 9:30am Mass together)

December 3: Called to Be Catholic for Teens Session (9:30am in youth room)

December 3: CCF Classes for Grades Kinder thru 8th follows the Mass (10:45am)

December 3: Confirmation Class for registered students in grades 9 –11

December 3: Parent Gathering (Donuts included) 11:00am in CR #9

December 3: Christmas Play Rehearsal (12:00pm) in the Parish Life Center

December 3: CYM Youth Group Meeting (4:00pm) Youth Room

December 10: CCF Classes for Grades Kinder thru 8th follows the Mass (10:45am)

December 10: First Reconciliation Class (11:00am)

December 10: Parent Gathering (Donuts included) 11:00am in CR #9

December 10: CYM Youth Group Meeting (4:00pm) Youth Room

Holy Faith MOMS

We love Jesus, our families, and one another.

Our Moms are meeting this **Monday, December 4 at 10am** in the FJMP Parish Life Center. All moms are invited to enjoy some mommy time with us. Babysitting is always provided! email TiAnna McCabe @ yayam.holyfaith@gmail.com for more information.

All CCF Children and Youth are invited to participate in this 2 part Christmas Play!

Both speaking and non-speaking parts are available.

Rehearsals begin on December 3rd immediately following CCF class.



We could use some parent assistance as well

Christmas

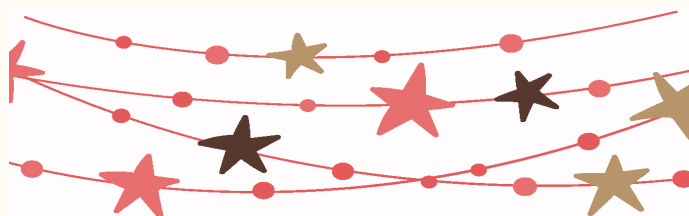
Childcare Day at Holy Faith Saturday, December 9th from 1 to 4:00pm.

Drop your children off at Holy Faith and let the High School youth group entertain them with games, crafts, and Christmas movies while YOU take the afternoon to check some pre-Christmas things off of your to-do list. Shop, wrap, sleep, or have some "me" time!

Please RSVP for this event so we know how many supplies to order. Email TiAnna at yayam.holyfaith@gmail.com.

FREE CHILDCARE
December 9 2023

1- 4pm in the FJMP Parish Life Center



Holy Faith's CCF Presents

"No Time for Christmas"

Sunday, December 17, 2023
12:30pm

Father John M Phillips Parish Life Center

CALENDAR & PARISH INFORMATION: DECEMBER 3 2023

SUNDAY, December 3 2023

First Sunday of Advent

Mass Celebrations

8:00am; 9:30am; 11:15am; 6pm

- **Called to Be Catholic for Teens Session (9:30 AM):** Youth Room
- **CCF Class at 9:30am Mass** (see page 4) arrive at 9am in the PLC
- **Women's Cursillo Small Group Mtg (10:30 AM):** Conference Rm
- **CCF Classes for grades Kinder-8th (10:45 AM):** FJMP Learning Center
- **Confirmation Class (11:00 AM):** FJMP Parish Life Center B/C
- **Coffee and Donut Parent Small Group Gathering (11:00 AM):** Mtg Room 9
- **Christmas Play Rehearsal (12:00 PM):** FJMP Parish Life Center
- **Holy Spirit Healing Conference Planning Committee Mtg (1:30 PM):** Conference Rm 2
- **Catholic Youth Ministry Group (4:00 PM):** Youth Room

MONDAY: December 4

- 7:00am, 9:30am Daily Mass: Church
- **Holy Faith Moms Group (10:00 AM):** FJMP Parish Life Center C
- **Cursillo - Men's Team Meeting (6:00 PM):** Mtg Room 7
- **Cursillo - Women's Team Mtg (6:00 PM):** Mtg Room 8
- **St Patrick School Christmas Concert grades 1-4 (6:00 PM):** Church

TUESDAY: December 5

- 7:00am, 9:30am Daily Mass: Church
- **Bible Timeline Study Group (10:00 AM):** Mtg Rm 9
- **SCC Hebrews Study (1:00 PM):** FJMP Parish Life Center Mtg Rm 9
- **Rosary Novena to Our Lady of Grace (6:00 PM):** Outdoors around the Statue of Mary
- **Clarinet Choir Rehearsal (6:30 PM):** Ministry Center Music Room
- **R.C.I.A. Facilitator's Team Meeting (7:00 PM):** Conference Rm 2

WEDNESDAY, December 6

Mass: 7am; 9:30am and 7pm: Church

- **Flame of Love Rosary Eucharistic Holy Hour (6:00 PM):** Church
- **Funeral Rosary Service - Col. Jere Cook (7:00 PM):** Church
- **RCIA Inquiry Session (6:00 PM):** Parish Life Ctr Mtg Room 9
- **RCIA Study of the Catholic Faith (6:00 PM):** Parish Life Ctr. Mtg Rm 7
- **Centering Prayer Group (6:00 PM):** Online via Zoom
- **Cursillo - Men's Team Meeting (7:30 PM):** Mtg Room 8

THURSDAY, December 7

- **Funeral Mass : Col. Jere Cook C (11:00 AM):** Church
- **Funeral Reception Col. Jere Cook (12:00 PM):** FJMP Parish Life Ctr
- **Catholic Charities "Gala" Planning Mtg (6:00 PM):** Mtg Room 9
- **Private Event (6:00 PM):** FJMP Parish Life Center
- **KOC - Monthly Business Mtg (6:30 PM):** Conference Rm 1
- **Adult Confirmation Class (6:30 PM):** Conference Rm 2
- **People of Praise Prayer Group (Praise and Worship) (7:00 PM):** Church

FRIDAY, December 8

Immaculate Conception

Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Times:

7am; 9:30am; 7pm: Church

- **Bulletin Deadline for Dec 24, 2023** Send email with details to bulletin@holylaithchurch.org
- **Pagasa Christmas Party (5:00 PM):** FJMP Parish Life Center

SATURDAY, December 9

- 9am Saturday Morning Mass: Church
- **Confessions: 9:30am & 3:00pm**
- **Saturday Vigil Mass Celebration (5:00 PM):** Church

SUNDAY, December 10

Second Sunday of Advent

Mass Celebrations

8:00am; 9:30am; 11:15am; 6pm

- **Women's Cursillo Small Group Mtg (10:30 AM):** Conference Rm
- **CCF Classes for grades Kinder-8th (10:45 AM):** FJMP Learning Center
- **First Reconciliation Class (11:00 AM):** FJMP Parish Learning Center
- **Coffee and Donut Parent Small Group Gathering (11:00 AM):** Mtg Room 9
- **Catholic Youth Ministry Group (4:00 PM):** Youth Room

At Holy Faith our mission is that everyone come to know, love and serve God in union with Christ Jesus and his Spirit-filled Catholic Church. In doing so we are committed to our vision to build together a community of compassion in Christ.

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Please call 352-376-5405 if you or a loved one are in the hospital in need of a priest for anointing of the sick. For after-hour emergency need for a priest, call the office and press 1 for the duty priest. For outreach Ministry, contact the office, Ext. 100.

Interested in becoming Catholic?

No obligation. Inquire about the journey. Weekly meetings on Wednesdays at 6pm in The FJMP Parish Life Center Mtg Rm#9 or contact the office, 376-5405.

LITURGY FOR THE WEEK

of December 3 2023 Mass Times:

Sat December 2 5pm Vigil

Sunday 8am, 9:30*, 11:15am, 6pm

***9:30am Mass Livestreamed TBD**

December 8 Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Times: 7am; 9:30am & 7pm

Monday-Friday 7 & 9:30am

Saturday 9:00am Morning Mass

Saturday Confessions:

9:30am-10:45am & 3-4:30pm



The Holy Rosary is prayed every Weekday at 9am & 10am and at 9:30am Saturdays. All are invited to come and pray with us and Mother Mary



Lord, hear our prayers for the sick of our parish and for all those in need of our prayers: We pray for Fr. Julien, Fr. Emmanuel, Agnes

G, Alice C, Alice W, Alisa G, Amelia H, Andrew S, Amy Sue B, Andrea B, Andres V, Angela G, Angela R, Angie C, Angie K, Annie J, Annie L, Barbara S, Barry J, Bavoo K, Bella R, Beth F, Betty H, Bev M, Brandon B, Brian S, Brielle R, Carl H, Carrol, Carol H, Chavel B, Chenoa H, Crystal S, Delia A, Diane C, Diane M, Dick G, Doris B, Dulce V, Dyron R, Frances J, Gail W, Gary G, Gloria E, Baby Grace, Harvey M, Helene L, Ignacio A, Janet S, Jayden P, Jaylina F, Jenn Z, Jennifer M, Jim D, Jim S, Joan K, Joan P, Joe R Jr., Joe and Sue S, Joey R, Josefina R, Jodie P, John B, John C, John M, Jordan T, Jose S, Juan Carlos D, Judy R, Kaylee R, Kelsey F, Kristin E, Kyra H, Lindsay W, Lou G, Luca A, Lula W, Margaret Rose H, Maribel C, Mariel, Mark B, Martin and Lorena A, Manuel L, Marty M, Mary S, Max Q, Miguel B, Milagros D, Millie R, Myriam Z, Nell A, Neville R, Nicky A, Oliver A, Pam Z, Paula T, Pearse H, Phil B, Raven W, Rebecca B, Regina M, Richard P, Robert K, Roger W, Ron Q, Ronald D, Rosa F & Grandkids, Rosalea B, Rose G, Santiago P, Sara, Sharon D, Sheila B, Sheila I, Shelby D & Amelia H, Sheryl M, Sid M, Skip O, Susan S, Tara P, Teresa N, Tim G, Tom L, Tomasa V, Tony A, Tressa M, Vincente M, Viola B, and William P



MASS INTENTIONS December 4 to December 10 2023

MONDAY, December 4

7:00am Waldemar F. Kissel III,

RIP, by Waldemar Kissel, Jr

9:30am Claude Marsh, RIP, by

John and Pat Hughes

TUESDAY, December 5

7:00am Judith Ezepue, Spiritual

Birthday Bouquet, by Juliet

Ezepue

9:30am Jennifer and Wayne

Hackett in Thanksgiving for

Friendship, by Peg Iwata

WEDNESDAY, December 6

7:00am Waldemar F. Kissel III,

RIP, by Waldemar Kissel, Jr

9:30am Francis Giuffrida, RIP,

by Rose Gray

THURSDAY, December 7

7:00am ChiChi Johnson, Spir-

itual Birthday Bouquet, by

Juliet Ezepue

9:30am Waldemar F. Kissel III,

RIP, by Waldemar Kissel, Jr

FRIDAY, December 8

Immaculate Conception Holy Day

Mass Times: 7:00am; 9:30am; 7:00pm

SATURDAY, December 9

9:00am Louis Santiago, RIP, by

wife Pearl Santiago

5:00pm Madeline Lodeiro, Spir-

itual Healing and Special Inten-

tions, by Jorge and Sila Lodeiro

SUNDAY, December 10

8:00am Dennis Poulsen, RIP, by

Joan and Santiago Prado

9:30am In Thanksgiving for

Intercessions, by Peg Iwata

11:15am Robert Edward

Koperski, RIP, by the Family

Please submit Christmas Season Flower envelopes with names for insert by December 15.

SCRIPTURE READINGS as of Monday, December 4

Monday:

**Is 2: 1-5; Ps
122:1-2, 3-4b,
4cd-5, 6-7, 8-
9; Mt 8:5-11**



Tuesday:

**Is 11:1-10; Ps
72:1-2, 7-8,
12-13, 17;
Lk 10:21-24**

Wednesday:

**Is 25:6-10a;
Ps 23:1-3a,
3b-4, 5, 6;
Mt 15:29-37**



Thursday:

**Is 26:1-6; Ps
118:1 and 8-9,
19-21, 25-27a;
Mt 7:21, 24-27**

Friday:

**Solemnity
Gn 3:9-15, 20;
Ps 98:1; 2-
3ab, 3cd-4;**

**Eph 1:3-6, 11-
12; Lk 1:26-38**



Saturday:

**Is 30:19-21, 23
-26; Ps 147:1-
2, 3-4, 5-6;
Mt 9:35-10:1,
5a, 6-8**

Sunday

**Second
Sunday of
Advent**

**Is 40:1-5, 9-
11; Ps 85:9-10,
11-12, 13-14; 2**

**Pt 3:8-14;
Mk 1:1-8**

In Memoriam, RIP

Maria Bolocon (1947 - 2023)

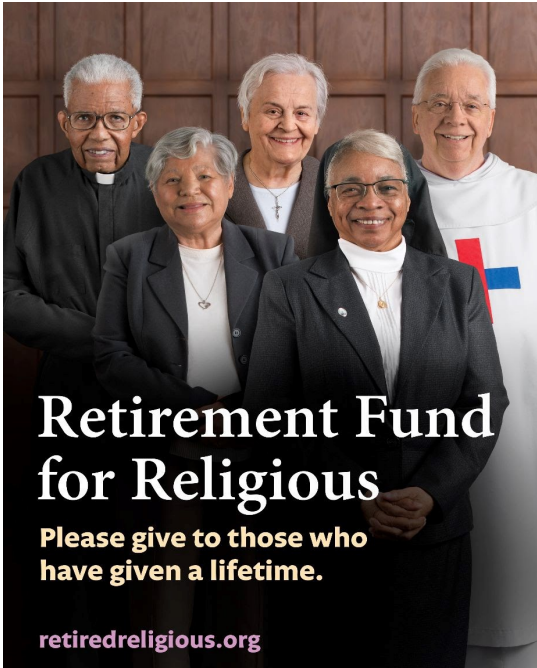
Col. Jere Cook (1948 - 2023)

Linda Joan Servidio (1932- 2023)

If you would like us to mention a loved one who has past away on an anniversary of death, please call the office with the information: Name and years of life.

To get names of your deceased loved ones on the Christmas Season Flower list, please turn in your flower donation envelopes, or check with memo, and submit the names as soon as possible before December 15. TY

PARISH GIVING ... Thank you for your continuing support of our Ministries.



**Retirement Fund
for Religious**

**Please give to those who
have given a lifetime.**

retiredreligious.org

You can help. "Religious are blessed to serve," says Dominican Father Bertrand Ebben, age 90. Please donate to the Retirement Fund for Religious next weekend, December 9-10. Your gift will provide essential care for nearly 25,000 senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives to serving others. Let us show our gratitude to these selfless individuals by giving generously. Thank you in advance and God Bless.

We still have some Guatemalan coffee available for sale in the Ministry Center office. Call in advance to get yours while supplies last. Cost is \$13 per lb. Proceeds support our Sister Parish.



STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

Mary's Immaculate Conception prepared her for her unique role as the Mother of God.

We, too, have been given all the gifts we need to do the work to which God calls us.

*Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us
that we may have the courage to say "yes!" when God calls.*



Dear Parishioners, We can't begin to thank you enough for your amazing response to the "Giving Tuesday" Holy Faith campaign. We have received enough funds to send 23 teens to the summer camp in Covecrest GA, thanks to a specially generous donor along with everyone else. We are so proud of Holy Faith! We placed 5th on the leaderboard out of 75 and had the most individual gifts, receiving 125 so far, making us #2 in that area. We are on our way to making a dream come true for a playground at Holy Faith for our parish families. Donations of cash or check can still be made until December 5. We will post the

final amount at the end of the campaign, but know that we surpassed our goal. Thank you again and God Bless you each and everyone! *I thank you with love, your Pastor, Fr. Jose,*



SUPPORTING MIGRANT FAMILIES FOR CHRISTMAS

Here's a way to share your gifts.

Angel Tree

Pick up an angel tag from our Angel Tree in the vestibule of the church and return your unwrapped gift by December 15.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMPASSION
FOR OUR MIGRANT FAMILIES**

The gifts will be matched to a child in need and delivered by Migrant Education.

