

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 6, 2015

Mass Intentions

<i>Mon.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Milburn Frerich
	6:30 P.M.	Fred, Alvira & Ronnie Lerma
<i>Tue.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Alvin & Kirsten Wenske
	8:05 A.M.	Gene Biehunko
	10 A.M.	No Mass
<i>Wed.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Walter Skarke
<i>Thurs.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Special Intention
<i>Fri.</i>	6:30 A.M.	M/M Oscar Ward
		M/M Leland Tucker
	10 A.M.	No Mass
<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Alvin & Kirsten Wenske
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	M/M Louis Kutac & Val
	9 A.M.	Allie Ferry
	11 A.M.	Deceased Members of the Maciel Family

Sanctuary Candle Intention

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week in memory of Marie Wegener.

Prayer List

Contact Theresa Bordovsky at 293-3124 or
Ann Marie Bludau at 798-2959.

This Sunday's Holy Scriptures

Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

Your Gift to God: November 29th

St. Joseph Parish Support	\$3,481
Online Giving	\$1,050
Building Fund	\$305
Helping Hands	\$1,521.55
St. Ann Parish Support	\$318
Building Fund	\$150

May God reward your generosity!

Special Collection

A special collection for Retired Religious will be taken up at all Masses next weekend, December 12-13.

Christmas Flowers

Extra envelopes for the Christmas Flower donations may be found in the Church entrances. Donors and their listed memorials will be in the bulletin after Christmas. This applies to St. Joseph and St. Ann Parish.

Liturgical Assignments

Lectors

<i>Mon.</i>	6:30 P.M.	Rick Jahn
<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Dawne Wendel
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Diane Havlik
	9 A.M.	Rocki Grubert
	11 A.M.	Gabriel Espinosa

Offertory Gifts

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Sharon Wenske
<i>Sun.</i>	9 A.M.	Westley Ferry Family

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

<i>Mon.</i>	6:30 P.M.	Laurie Jahn
<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Bobby & Gladys Jiral, Patti Jetter
<i>Sun.</i>	9 A.M.	Patty Mabry, Anita Schulte, Susan Kelley
	11 A.M.	Miguel & Susana Trujillo, Nina Arriaga

Ushers/Hospitality

<i>Mon.</i>	6:30 P.M.	Bobby Fikac, Bill Lopez,
<i>Tues.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Charlie Migl, Tom Chilek
<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Charlie & Carolyn Hoepfl, Charlie Proschko, Andy Bordovsky
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Dennis & Rose Mary Havlik
	9 A.M.	Lance Muenich, E. J. Blaschke, Randy & Debbie Randazzo
	11 A.M.	Rachel Rodriguez, Ernest Gomez, Raquel Gomez, Alice Nunez

Altar Servers

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Reed & Ryan Gearson, Jesse Berger
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Madison DeBord, Samantha Adamek
	9 A.M.	Carly Hull, Ava Muenich, Hunter Kvinta
	11 A.M.	Jorge Trujillo, Griselda Portales, Samantha Arrendondo

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Tuesday, December 8th, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a holy day of obligation. Mass will be celebrated Monday, December 7th at 6:30 P.M. (Vigil Mass) and Tuesday, December 8th at 6:30 A.M. and 8:05 A.M.

of Confessions (December 2nd and 9th). On the 16th it will become a part of our weekly routine for the Year of Mercy.

Altar Society Bake Sale This Weekend

Ladies of the Altar Society will have their bake sale after all Masses this weekend. Your support is appreciated.

K.J.T. #13 Christmas Brunch

KJT Society #13 will hold the Annual Christmas Appreciation Brunch today, December 6th, after the 9:00 A.M. Mass at the Family Center.

CDA Christmas Party

All members of the Catholic Daughters, Court Our Lady of Guadalupe No. 206, are invited to attend the Christmas Party on Monday, December 7th at 6:00 P.M. at the Family Center. We will have a gift exchange and everyone is asked to bring an appetizer. Donations will also be collected for Blue Santa and the Yoakum Food Pantry.

KC Christmas Party

The Knights of Columbus will have their annual Christmas gathering on Wednesday, December 9th at the Family Center. Social begins at 6:00 P.M. followed by the meal and program. All Knights and their wives or guest, widows of Brother Knights, Catholic Daughters and their spouses or guest are invited.

Celebración de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

Sábado 12 de diciembre 2015 – Tendremos mañanitas y Rosario a las 6:00 A.M. Todos están invitados, y el domingo 13 de diciembre a las 11:00 A.M. será la celebración de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. De antemano están invitados y se les agradecerá si traen un platillo de comida o algún postre para convivir en el salón familiar.

Fourth Degree KC Christmas Party

The Fourth Degree KC Christmas Party (Social Baldric) will be held Sunday, December 13th at the KC Hall in Hallettsville beginning with the social at 6:00 P.M.

Jubilee Year

With the Jubilee Year of Mercy our Holy Father has called beginning December 8th, we will have an “extra” time midweek for the celebration of God's mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This will be in addition to the Saturday evening normally scheduled time. Each Wednesday beginning December 16th the Church will be open and a priest will be available in the confessional to celebrate the Sacrament beginning at 5:00 P.M. and lasting till 6:00 P.M. (We will actually begin on December 9th but that night will be reserved for one of our two CCD nights

CCD Reminder

CCD classes will be held this week, December 9th. This will be the last class until after the holidays.

Recordatorio: Doctrina

Tenemos clases de doctrina este Miercoles. Es la ultima clase hasta 2016.

Virgin Mary Consoles Eve

The bulletin cover this week is a copy of a painting by Sister Grace Remington, OCSO, of Our Lady of the Mississippi Abbey in Dubuque, Iowa. It is a picture filled with symbolism and fitting to reflect on for the Advent season—especially this week where we honor Mary under two important titles, the Immaculate Conception and Our Lady of Guadalupe. Mary with her “Yes” to God’s plan offers us the example of perfect discipleship.

December 8th Hour of Grace

There is a Marian tradition to observe the Hour of Grace on the Blessed Mother’s Feast of the Immaculate Conception. On Tuesday, December 8th from 12 noon to 1:00 P.M. there will be a devotional to Mary and it is open to anyone who would like to honor the Blessed Mother as well as deepen their Marian devotion/piety. Contact Judy Kubena for more information.

El Año de la Misericordia

Con el Año de la Misericordia nuestro Santo Padre ha llamado a que empezando el 8 de diciembre, tengamos tiempo “extra” entre semana para celebrar el Sacramento de la Reconciliación. Esto será en adición al tiempo que normalmente se tiene programado cada sábado. Cada miércoles, empezando el 16 de diciembre la Iglesia estará abierta y un sacerdote estará disponible en el confesional para celebrar el Sacramento de las 5:00 a las 6:00 de la tarde. (Empezaremos el 9 de diciembre pero esa noche será reservada para que uno de nuestros dos grupos de CCD haga sus confesiones, tanto el 2 como el 9 de diciembre). El día 16 de diciembre se convertirá en nuestra rutina semanal durante al Año de la Merced.

Advent Penance Services

All services begin at 5:30 P.M.

Monday, December 14 – Yoakum

Tuesday, December 15 – Hallettsville

Thursday, December 17 - Moulton

*"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all flesh shall see the salvation of God."*

Feast of Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24th – 5:00 P.M. *Children's Mass*
10:00 P.M. – St. Ann

December 25th – 12:01 A.M. *Midnight Mass*
9:00 A.M.

All Christmas Masses will be in English

Christmas Children's Mass

As a way of incorporating charity into our Christmas children's Mass at 5:00 P.M. on December 24th, the children are invited to bring gifts for boys and girls to place before the Holy Family. These gifts will be used in the Blue Santa Program.

FYI: Parish Office Schedule

The Parish Office will close at 5:00 P.M. Tuesday, December 22nd and re-open at 8:00 A.M. January 4th. **Deadline for the December 27th and January 3rd bulletins is noon Monday, December 21st.**

Looking Ahead

Due to the holiday time in which First Friday will fall for January, we will not have our 24 Hours of Eucharistic Adoration that Thursday. The simple rite of Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will be celebrated after the New Year's Day Mass at 9:00 A.M. on January 1st.

Clase de Preparacion Bautismal

La clase de preparaci3n bautismal ser3 el primer Sabado, **enero 2, del mes a las 9 am** en el Salon Parroquial. Hable con Susanna Trujillo para mas informaci3n.

Baptismal Preparation Class

The next Baptismal Preparation Class will be held Saturday, January 9th at 9:00 A.M. in the Family Center Meeting Room.

Help Wanted!

It's time to put out the Help Wanted sign...liturgical help, that is. Each of the past few years we have bid farewell to some truly dedicated Altar Servers who graduating high school are now off to college. Our Altar Server numbers have been down a bit and so we are in need of boys and girls, grades 4 and up, to jump in. This time--to try a different approach--those who have children interested please call the parish office or drop an email to us (pastor@stj catholicchurch.com). Once we get a group together we will schedule a training. Being an Altar Server is an excellent way to involve the children more intimately with the solemn mysteries of our Catholic faith. It is service and privilege--Catholic parents, encourage your young ones to help!



¡Necesitamos Ayuda!

Es tiempo de pedir ayuda... ayuda litúrgica. Cada año le decimos adi3s a monaguillos (servidores de altar) verdaderamente dedicados que se gradúan de high school y se van a la universidad. El número de monaguillos en servicio se ha reducido un poco y por lo tanto necesitamos a niños y niñas del grado escolar cuarto y arriba para que nos ayuden. Esta vez lo haremos un poco diferente, aquellos que tengan niños (o niñas) interesados por favor llamen a la oficina de la parroquia o envíenos un correo electrónico (pastor@stj catholicchurch.com). Una vez que tengamos el grupo formado programaremos el entrenamiento. Ser monaguillo es una excelente manera de involucrar a los niños más cercanamente con los solemnes misterios de nuestra Fe Católica. Es un servicio y un privilegio; padres católicos, ¡animen a sus jóvenes a sus jóvenes a que nos ayuden!



*Our Lady and St. Joseph met a lot
of closed doors in Bethlehem that night.*

*Yet, they never allowed the closed doors
to become a dead end.*

WANTED

St. Joseph School Memorabilia

St. Joseph School will be celebrating their 125 anniversary next year (2016) and the P.T.C. will be using this monumental anniversary as part of their theme for the 2016 Gala in February. If you have any St. Joseph School memorabilia, (pictures, uniforms, historical facts, alumni fond memories, etc.), that you would like to lend to the P.T.C., please label the item with your name and phone number and drop it off at the Pastoral Center. These items will be well cared for and returned after the gala. So mark your calendars, February 6, 2016, and make plans to attend the P.T.C. Gala/125th St. Joseph School Anniversary.

Support Catholic Education

Catholic Life Insurance is sponsoring Catholic School Sweepstakes and all proceeds from the sale of tickets benefit St. Joseph School.

Grand Prize Choice of:

2016 Ford F-150 Truck **or**
2016 Ford Fusion Sedan **or**
\$20,000 Prepaid Visa Credit Card

Tickets are \$5.00 and may be purchased at the school or parish office. For more information contact the school office at 293-9000.

Deadline for purchasing tickets is January 15th.



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Extending a Listening Heart to Those in Need

Upcoming Dates to Remember

December 5 & 6 – Altar Society Bake Sale

December 6 – K.J.T. #13 Brunch

December 7 – CDA Meeting &
Christmas Party – 6 P.M.

December 9 – KC Christmas Party

December 12 – 6 A.M. - Rosario
Senora de Guadalupe

December 13 – 11 A.M. - Celebracion de
Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe

December 14 – 5:30 P.M. – Penance Service

December 16 – Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 – 6:00 P.M.

December 17 – 7 P.M. St. Joseph School Christmas
Play – YHS Auditorium - Band Concert 6:30 P.M.

December 23 – Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 – 6:00 P.M.



It Out

Over 450 Books in the Spiritual Reading Library

This past year we have had the St. John of God Book Trade as a way to make available spiritual reading for our parish family. There is now going to be a room at the Pastoral Center with these books and more available for parishioners to "check out" and enrich their spiritual life. Stop by anytime the Pastoral Center is open!



Credit Card Capable

The Pastoral Center is now capable of handling credit card payments (Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover) in the office. This will assist those when seeking to purchase religious goods, make a donation, School and CCD needs or for Cemetery payments/installments.



