

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 3, 2017

Mass Intentions

<i>Mon.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Carl Neubauer
<i>Tue.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Gilbert Kacir
	10 A.M.	No Mass
<i>Wed.</i>	6:30 A.M.	J. E. & Tillie Mudd
<i>Thurs.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Elizabeth Keepers
	6:30 P.M.	Fred, Alvina & Ronnie Lerma
<i>Fri.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Alvin & Kirsten Wenske
	8:05 A.M.	Gene Biehunko
	10 A.M.	No Mass
<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Deceased Members of the Alfred & Leona Proschko Family
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Dennis Pesek
	9 A.M.	Special Intention
	11 A.M.	Concepcion Garza

Sanctuary Candle Intention

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week in memory of Elenora Ebner.

Prayer List

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

This Sunday's Holy Scriptures

Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

Your Gift to God: November 26th

St. Joseph Parish Support	\$4,072.29
Online Giving	\$1,280
Building Fund	\$160
St. Ann Parish Support	\$598
Building Fund	\$50

May God reward your generosity!

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday: 6:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

Saturday: 4:00 – 4:40 P.M.

Special Collection

A special collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious will be taken up at all Masses next weekend, December 9-10.

Liturgical Assignments

Lectors

<i>Thurs.</i>	6:30 P.M.	Carol Bade
<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Rhonda Hansel
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Nancy McNease
	9 A.M.	Georgia Kutach
	11 A.M.	Susana Trujillo

Offertory Gifts

<i>Thurs.</i>	6:30 P.M.	Lerma Family
<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Charles Proschko Family
<i>Sun.</i>	9 A.M.	Christopher Gearson Family

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

<i>Thurs.</i>	6:30 P.M.	Glenn & Darlene Renken, Carolyn Janak
<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Gloria Lerma, Theresa Belicek, Amy Hull
<i>Sun.</i>	9 A.M.	Mark & Cindy Jemelka, Patty Mabry
	11 A.M.	Heriberto Castillo, Vicky Vasquez, Virginia Amaro

Ushers/Hospitality

<i>Thurs.</i>	6:30 P.M.	Henry Janak, Emil Blaschke, Bobby & Gladys Jiral
<i>Fri.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Charlie Migl, Tom Chilek
<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Alan Migl, JoJo Machalec, Debbie Caka, John Paul Barrera
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Dennis & Rose Mary Havlik
	9 A.M.	Katherine Jendrzey, Sherri Spaeth, Lance Muenich, Joe Machalec
	11 A.M.	Gabriel Espinosa, Ernest Gomez, Miguel Trujillo, Alice Nunez

Altar Servers

<i>Thurs.</i>	6:30 P.M.	Ryan Gearson, Sophie Jahn, Chase Heller
<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Abigail Long, Hannah Boswell, Macanon Eggemeyer
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	A. J. & Samantha Adamek
<i>Sun.</i>	9 A.M.	Ava & Leah Muenich, Rileigh Chumchal
	11 A.M.	Erick & Gael Castillo, Miguel Trujillo

*“Show us, Lord, your love;
and grant us your salvation.”*

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, December 8th, is a holy day of obligation.

Mass Schedule:

Thursday, December 7th - 6:30 P.M. (Vigil Mass)

Friday, December 8th - 6:30 A.M. & 8:05 A.M.

Altar Society Bake Sale

The Altar Society will be sponsoring a bake sale after all Masses this weekend of **December 2nd and 3rd**. Proceeds from the sale will be used to replenish altar supplies. Parishioner participation will be greatly appreciated!

Today:

K.J.T. #13 Christmas Brunch

KJT Society #13 will meet for the Annual Christmas Brunch/Meeting today, Sunday, December 3rd after the 9:00 A.M.. Mass in the Family Center. A short Christmas Program is planned along with a visit with St. Nicholas. Please make plans to attend and bring Christmas "goodies" to share.

CDA Meeting

The Catholic Daughters will meet **Monday, December 4th at 5:30 P.M.** in the Meeting Room. Please bring Christmas "goodies" to share along with a donation to the Food Pantry. Games are planned.

Altar Society Meeting

Members of the Altar Society will meet at **2:30 P.M. on Wednesday, December 6th** at the Family Center. The Yoakum High School Band will provide Christmas music for everyone to enjoy. Hostesses for the meeting are: Mary Holik, Claudia Ennis, Margaret Ham, Josephine Janak, Marie Terreo, Marjorie Novak, Charline Stehle, Olga Eiler, Ruby Jiral, Theresa Bordovsky and Aileen Hybner.

Little Blue Books

With Advent starting we have available in the church each entrance the "Little Blue Book" devotionals. These simple and brief daily reflections can assist us in making the Advent and Christmas seasons a truly spiritual journey.

Daily Reflections for Advent

In addition to having the handy Little Blue Books, you can also find on the parish website a link to Bishop Robert Barron's Daily Advent Reflection. Check it out: www.stj catholicchurch.com.

Celebracion de Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe

Sabado 9 de Diciembre. Comenzaremos con una peregrinacion a las 5:30 P.M. que saldra del salon familiar y terminara en la Iglesia, durante la caminata se rezara el Rosario. Luego iremas al gimnasio a tomar un café.

El Domingo 10 de Diciembre. Se Celebrara la Santa Misa a las 11:00 A.M. Empezando con las mananitas a las 6:00 A.M. Despues rezaremos el Rosario a las 6:30 A.M. y al terminarse la misa iremos al salon familiar, todos estan invitados a traer un platillo o postre para convivir como en familia.

KC Christmas Party

The Knights of Columbus will have their annual Christmas gathering on Wednesday, December 13th 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.

Inspirational Thought

"O good Cross, made beautiful by the body of the Lord, so long desired, so ardently loved, so unceasingly sought, now thou art ready for my eager soul. Receive me from among men and restore me to my Master, that by thee he may receive me, who by thee redeemed me."

--St. Andrew

*"What I say to you, I say to all:
'Watch!'"*

Live Production of Maximilian: Saint of Auschwitz

Maximilian: Saint of Auschwitz, the moving, live production performed by Leonardo Defilippis of Saint Luke Productions, will be presented at **Holy Family Catholic Church in Victoria on Tuesday, December 5th at 6:30 p.m.**

Experience firsthand the story of the heroic priest, Fr. Maximilian Kolbe, who courageously fought the forces of evil, and offered his life for another man in Auschwitz concentration camp during World War II. The program is filled with all the elements of professional theater, runs 90 minutes, and is suitable for ages 10 and up.

Admission is free. For additional information, contact Holy Family Parish Office at 361-573-5304 or visit www.hfccvic.org.

Altar Server Training for New and Existing Servers

All servers are asked to attend a training on **December 30th at 1:00 p.m.** at St. Joseph Church. Boys and girls from 4th grade and older are also invited to attend if they would like to begin serving.

Formación de Monaguillos nuevos y existentes

A todos los servidores se les pide que asistir a una formación el **30 de diciembre a las 1:00 p.m.** en la iglesia de San José. Niños y niñas de 4^o grado y mayores también están invitados a asistir si les gustaría empezar a servir.

Advent Prayer

Father, in the wilderness of the Jordan you sent a messenger to prepare people's hearts for the coming of your Son. Help me to hear his words and repent of my sins, so that I may clearly see the way to walk, the truth to speak, and the life to live for Him, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Advent Penance Services

All services begin at 5:30 P.M.

Monday, December 11 – Shiner

Tuesday, December 12 - Moulton

Thursday, December 14 – Yoakum

Friday, December 15 - Hallettsville

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.

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.

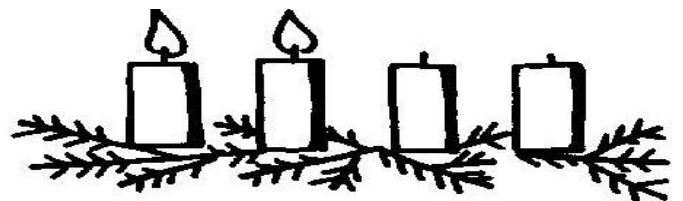
All Christmas Masses will be in English

Religious Goods

The Pastoral Center has various types of religious goods available for sale in the lobby. There are religious cards, crucifixes, rosaries, Bibles, prayer books (English and Spanish), Advent wreaths, religious Christmas ornaments, statues, cemetery candleholders, etc....just the beginning of the list. All are available during office hours. It is never too early to start your Christmas shopping!

"From Thy Bounty"

Copies of our parish cookbook are still available and make great Christmas gifts! They are available in the Pastoral Center for \$20.



**A Note from
Principal Mooney**

Wednesday, December 6th
6-8 Grade Retreat at Sacred Heart

Thursday, December 7th
No Lunches Served
Basketball – at Trinity in Victoria – 5:00 P.M.

Friday, December 8th
Liturgy – 8:05 A.M. – Feast of the Immaculate
Conception

“Cub Care”

Available every day after school until 6:00 P.M. for
SJS students. Contact the office for more details.

Please call or stop by the school office and speak to
Mr. Mooney if you are interested in enrolling your
child(ren) in St. Joseph’s.

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:

2018 Ford F-150 Truck **or**
2018 Ford Fusion Sedan **or**
\$20,000 Prepaid Visa Credit Card

Participating School Prize:

Each participating school will have a \$1,000 prepaid
Visa credit card individual winner drawn from tickets
sold by their school.

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 24th.



**Diocese of Victoria
30th Annual Catholic Conference**

Saturday, January 27, 2018
Holy Family Church, Wharton

The seven principles of **Catholic Social Teaching**
will be presented by 22 speakers in 32 workshops. The
titles, descriptions and presenter vitae can be seen on
the diocesan website.

Also see the newly revised flyer and registration form,
mailed in mid-October, for titles and names of
speakers. If you did not receive one, call us at (361)
573-0828 ext. 2224, 2225, or 2227.

**On line registration is now open. Go to the
Diocesan website www.victoriadiocese.org to
register.**



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Extending a Listening Heart to Those in Need



*“Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you;
blessed are you among women.”*