

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 20, 2015

## Mass Intentions

<i>Mon.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Cullen & Amanda Jahn
<i>Tue.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Feryn Schulte
	10 A.M.	No Mass
<i>Wed.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Henry Zabransky
<i>Thurs.</i>	5 P.M.	Tony DeRay Pospisil
<i>St. Ann's</i>	10 P.M.	Dennis Baros
<i>Fri.</i>	12:01 A.M.	Presider's Intention
	9 A.M.	Ernest Gomez, Jr.
<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Theresa Mican
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Rudy Jahn
	9 A.M.	Bradyn Jacobs
	11 A.M.	Tomas Jimenez

## Sanctuary Candle Intention

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week in memory of Karl Proschko.

## Prayer List

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

## This Sunday's Holy Scriptures

Mi 5:1-4a; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

## Your Gift to God: December 13<sup>th</sup>

St. Joseph Parish Support	\$4,450.17
Online Giving	\$1,120
Building Fund	\$86
Special Collection ( <i>Retired Religious</i> )	\$416.14
St. Ann Parish Support	\$292
Building Fund	\$65
Special Collection ( <i>Retired Religious</i> )	\$49

*May God reward your generosity!*

## 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 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 A.M. in the Family Center  
Meeting Room.

*"Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord."*

*May it be done to me according to your word."*

## Liturgical Assignments

### Lectors

<i>Thurs.</i>	5 P.M.	Carol Bade
	10 P.M.	Paula Adamek
<i>Fri.</i>	12:01 A.M.	Rick Jahn
	9 A.M.	Rudy Garcia
<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Dawne Wendel
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Rose Sumler
	9 A.M.	Rick Jahn
	11 A.M.	Jose Martinez

### Offertory Gifts

<i>Thurs.</i>	5 P.M.	Robert & Jerrie Kacir
<i>Fri.</i>	12:01 A.M.	Michael Barton Family
	9 A.M.	Ernest Gomez, Sr. Family
<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Robert & Rita Pargmann
<i>Sun.</i>	9 A.M.	Jake Jacobs Family

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

<i>Thurs.</i>	5 P.M.	Robert & Jerrie Kacir, Anthony & Joyce Harper, Glenn & Darlene Renken, Gloria Lerma
	10 P.M.	Diane Havlik
<i>Fri.</i>	12:01 A.M.	Laurie Jahn, Shirley Mudd, David & Jo Ann Muehlstein, Blaise Dreitner, Susan Kelley
	9 A.M.	Susie Barrera, Raquel Gomez, Heriberto Castillo
<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Gary & Lorie Lacina, Wanda Zabransky
<i>Sun.</i>	9 A.M.	Patty Mabry, Debbie Villa, Anita Schulte
	11 A.M.	Virginia Amaro, Nina Arriaga, Pam Garza

### Ushers/Hospitality

<i>Thurs.</i>	5 P.M.	JoJo Machalec, Jeffrey Falcon, John Paul Barrera, Lance Muenich
	10 P.M.	Tommy & Roberta Wenzel
<i>Fri.</i>	12:01 A.M.	Andy Bordovsky, Emil Blashcke, Joe Machalec, Debbie Caka
	9 A.M.	Elsa Resendiz, Robert Barrera, Guillermo & Maria Vigna
<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Charlie & Carolyn Hoepfl, Ron Koenning, Charlie Proschko
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Charles & Diane Havlik
	9 A.M.	E. J. Blaschke, Robbie Hagan, Alan Migl, Johnny Salinas

11 A.M. Vicky Vasquez, Robert Schneider,  
Guillermo & Maria Vigna

### Altar Servers

*Thurs.* 5 P.M. Brittany Moreno, Chase Heller,  
Cameron Villa  
10 P.M. Luke & A. J. Adamek  
*Fri.* 12:01 A.M. Weston, Dylan & Austin Barton  
9 A.M. Angelica, Esmeralda &  
Tadeo Rojas  
*Sat.* 5 P.M. Sophie Jahn, Michael Chomout,  
Abigail Long  
*Sun.* 7 A.M. Madison DeBord,  
Samantha Adamek  
9 A.M. Reed & Ryan Gearson,  
Hunter Kvinta  
11 A.M. Griselda Portales, Luis Avalos,  
Gabrielle Moreno

### Feast of Christmas Mass Schedule

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

**December 25<sup>th</sup>** – 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 24<sup>th</sup>, 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.

### 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.

### Holy Day of Obligation

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (January 1<sup>st</sup>) is a Holy Day of Obligation. Please note the Mass schedule:

Thursday, December 31<sup>st</sup> – 6:30 P.M. *Vigil Mass*  
Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup> – 9:00 A.M.

### Blessings at Christmas!

*On behalf of Father Pat and myself, please accept our prayers for the choicest of blessing to each member of the parish family. Both of us are grateful for the many ways the parish family contribute to the work of the Church in our community. At this time of year, we are also the recipients of so much kindness that is shared with us--and please be assured of our gratitude and a place in our prayers at the Altar.*

*Fr. Matthew & Fr. Pat*

### FYI: Parish Office Schedule

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

### 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 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Upcoming Dates to Remember

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

**December 30** – Sacrament of Reconciliation  
5:00 – 6:00 P.M.

**January 2** – Clase de Preparacion Bautismal  
9:00 A.M.

**January 9** – Baptismal Preparation Class  
9:00 A.M.

*“Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to those  
on whom his favor rests.”*

*today a Savior is born for us,  
Christ the Lord."*

## Jubilee Year

With the Jubilee Year of Mercy our Holy Father has called beginning December 8<sup>th</sup>, 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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.

## 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 15<sup>th</sup>.**

## 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.



# 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/125<sup>th</sup> St. Joseph School Anniversary.

## Chicken Fried Steak Dinner

### Sponsored by

## Catholic Daughters Court No. 206

Sunday, January 31, 2016

11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

St. Joseph Family Center

Plates-To-Go or Dine-In

Tickets - \$9.00 "Pre-Sale Only"

(Chicken Fried Steak, w/gravy, potatoes, seasoned green beans, cole slaw & dessert)

Meal tickets and raffle tickets are available at:  
St. Joseph Pastoral Center, St. Joseph School Office,  
First State Bank, Yoakum National Bank, Prosperity  
Bank, Gaus, Natho & Swaney, Attys., Guys & Gals  
Hair Salon, Kunetka's, CDA Members.

Homemade Noodles & Baked Items will also be  
available for purchase.

Proceeds benefit CDA Charities

*"I proclaim to you good news of great joy:*



## Oh Holy Night



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### New Arrivals

#### Spiritual Reading Library

Just added: "The Biblical Basis For Purgatory" by John Salza; "Hungry Souls" by Gerald Van De Aardweg; "Eucharistic Miracles" by Joan Carroll Cruz; "Thirsting for God" by Mother Teresa. There are over 450 books in our Spiritual Reading Library which is located in the Pastoral Center. These books are for parishioners to "check out" and enrich their spiritual life. Stop by anytime the Pastoral Center is open!

### 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 catholic church.com](mailto:pastor@stj catholic church.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 adiós 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 catholic church.com](mailto:pastor@stj catholic church.com)). Una vez que tengamos el grupo formado programaremos el entrenamiento. Ser monaguillo es una excelente

*“A holy day has dawned upon us.  
Come, you nations, and adore the Lord.  
For today a great light has come  
upon the earth.”*

