

# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 27, 2016

## Mass Intentions

<i>Mon.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Concepcion Garza
<i>Tues.</i>	6:30 A.M.	M/M Robert Benys, Sr., Robert Benys, Jr. & M/M Raymond Hermes
	10 A.M.	Diana Howell
<i>Wed.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Fabian Ramirez
	8:05 A.M.	All Souls Novena
<i>Thurs.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Coleman Brewer
<i>Fri.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Cecil Maresch
	10 A.M.	Lois Jirkovsky
<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Carl Neubauer
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	J. C. & Nell Wasek
	9 A.M.	Eugene Holik
	11 A.M.	Francisco Nieves

## Sanctuary Candle Intention

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week in memory of Cecil Maresch and Harvey Schumacher.

## Prayer List

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

## This Sunday's Holy Scriptures

Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37- 44

## Your Gift to God: November 20<sup>th</sup>

St. Joseph Parish Support	\$4,107
Online Giving	\$1,115
Building Fund	\$170
Special Collection ( <i>Campaign for Human Dev.</i> )	\$300.60
St. Ann Parish Support	\$544
Building Fund	\$40
Special Collection ( <i>Campaign for Human Dev.</i> )	\$70

*May God reward your generosity!*

## Special Collection

A special collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious will be taken up at all Masses December 10-11.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday: 6:30 – 7:30 P.M.

Saturday: 4:00 – 4:40 P.M.

*“Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,*

*have mercy on me, a sinner.”*

## Liturgical Assignments

### Lectors

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Patrick Matussek
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Paula Adamek
	9 A.M.	Alan Migl
	11 A.M.	Carolina Caballero

### Offertory Gifts

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Robert & Rita Pargmann
<i>Sun.</i>	9 A.M.	Mary Holik Family

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Bobby & Gladys Jiral, Theresa Belicek
<i>Sun.</i>	9 A.M.	Mark & Cindy Jemelka, Patty Mabry
	11 A.M.	Susie Barrera, Pam Garza, Nina Arriaga

### Ushers/Hospitality

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Rhonda Hansel, Andy Bordovsky, Charlie Proschko, Bobby Fikac
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Tom Chilek, Paul Ebner
	9 A.M.	E. J. Blaschke, Henry Janak, David & JoAnn Muehlstein
	11 A.M.	Robert Schneider, Robert Barrera, Guillermo & Maria Vigna

### Altar Servers

<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Emily Matussek, Konner Dismuke, Alex Hull
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Clayton Zabransky, Zachary Raz
	9 A.M.	Kasey & Kayla Kimes, Hunter Kvinta
	11 A.M.	Erick & Gael Castillo, Griselda Portales

## Feast of the Immaculate Conception

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

### Mass Schedule:

Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 P.M. (Vigil Mass)

Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 A.M. & 8:05 A.M.

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

### **Christmas Donations for YNR Residents**

Yoakum Nursing and Rehabilitation Center is accepting Christmas gift donations for their residents. Donations should be dropped off at the front desk at YNR **by December 2<sup>nd</sup>**. For more information contact Sabrina Hustead, Activity Director at 361-293.2801. Give a little Christmas cheer to our senior members by donating a gift for Christmas!

### **Clase de Preparacion Bautismal Diciembre 3**

La clase de preparacion bautismal sera el primer Sabado del mes a las 9 A.M. en el Salon Parroquial. Hable con Susana Trujillo para mas informacion.

### **Altar Society Bake Sale**

The ladies of the St. Joseph Altar Society are sponsoring a Christmas Bake Sale after all Masses next weekend, December 3-4. Consider the purchase of the homemade baked goods as the proceeds go towards the purchase of hosts, linens, wine and specialty items such as additional altar cloths, etc. Your previous generosity and participation has been greatly appreciated.

### **K.J.T. #13 Christmas Brunch**

KJT #13 Christmas Brunch will be held on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, after the 9:00 A.M. Mass in the Family Center. A short Christmas Pageant by the youth is being planned along with an anticipated visit by St. Nicholas. All members are invited to attend and asked to bring a favorite Christmas "goody" to share.

### **Altar Society Meeting**

The Altar Society will meet Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 P.M. at the Family Center. Students from the Yoakum High School Band will provide entertainment with a selection of Christmas music. The agenda will include making our Christmas donations and gifts. Hostesses for the luncheon will be: Gladys Jiral, Roberta Wenzel, Marie Terreo, Helen Janak, Aileen Hybner, Stacy Chomout, Mag Jahn, Johnnie Mae Lahodny, Geraldine Jahn, Suzanne Sestak, Helen Manning, Bea Welfl, Toni Jalufka, Margaret Baros and Marie Schumacher.

### **Advent Wreaths, etc.**

The Pastoral Center has a few Advent wreaths available for purchase along with other religious articles that may make nice Christmas presents. Stop by during regular business hours and check it out.

### **24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration**

We will have our monthly 24 hours of Eucharistic Adoration beginning this Thursday after the 6:30 A.M. Mass in the Meeting Room (door combination 2-4-3). Take some time out of your busy schedule and spend some quiet time in the presence of the Lord.

### **Adoration...Devotional Hour**

During the 24 hours of Eucharistic Adoration on Thursday there will be a "special" devotional hour from 3:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. This will include the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Rosary and other prayers combined with time for private reflection.

### **Adoracion del Santissimo**

Este Jueves vamos a tener nuestra hora de adoracion y devocion en espanol en el Salon Parroquial desde las 8:00 P.M. a las 9:00 P.M. Todos estan invitados a compartir su fe durante esta hora de alabanza y oracion.

### **First Friday Devotions**

This Friday at 6:10 A.M. we will have traditional devotions in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, concluding with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

### **Advent Penance Services**

*All services begin at 5:30 P.M.*

Monday, December 12 – Shiner

Tuesday, December 13 - Hallettsville

Thursday, December 15 – Moulton

Friday, December 16 - Yoakum

### **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 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

*“May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ’s promise to bring us salvation.”*

## Planeando en Adelante...

### Diciembre 10<sup>th</sup>

Habra una Peregrinacion para empezar a celebrar la fiesta de Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe. Nos reuniremos en el Salon Parroquial a las 5:30 P.M. y comenzaremos a caminar a las 6:00 P.M. Durante la peregrinacion rezaremos el Rosario y concluiremos en la Iglesia. Despues tendremos un pequeno convivio, y tambien habra velacion hasta las 12:00 A.M.

### Diciembre 11<sup>th</sup>

Para celebrar la santa Misa de nuestra Sra. de Guadalupe, comenzaremos con las mananitas a las 6:00 A.M. seguida por el Rosario a las 6:30 A.M.

La Misa sera a las 11:00 A.M. como de costumbre, despues nos reuniremos un el Salon familiar. Todos los feligreses estan invitados a traer un Platillo o un Postre, para convivir como en familia.

## "From Thy Bounty"

Our parish cookbook has had a great response! Thank you! They are available in the Pastoral Center for \$20...get them as the extra gift to share during the upcoming holidays!

## 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:

2017 Ford F-150 Truck **or**

2017 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 9<sup>th</sup>.**

## Upcoming Dates to Remember

### December 8 – Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)

Mass Schedule:

Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 P.M. (Vigil Mass)

Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 & 8:05 A.M.

### December 15

St. Joseph School Christmas Play – 7:00 P.M.

Yoakum ISD Auditorium

### December 16

Advent Penance Service – 5:30 P.M.

## TMIY

Over seventy men have risked deeper involvement in their faith relationship and tried the That Man Is You offering we have embarked upon for the men of the parishes. It is never too late! Try it out...put your toe in the water...see if it is for you! Each Wednesday morning the men gather at 6:00 A.M.--breakfast, camaraderie, inspiration/reflection and discussion. All concludes at 7:30 A.M.

## A Note from Principal Mooney

St. Joseph School activities for this week.

Everyone is welcome.

### Monday:

Basketball at St. Michael’s, Weimar – 5 P.M.

### Wednesday:

8:05 A.M. Mass with Bishop Cahill

Jesse Tree after Mass

### Thursday:

Picture retake day – 10 A.M.

### Friday:

Early Dismissal – 1 P.M.

If interested in sending your child(ren) to St. Joseph School, please stop by the school office and speak to Mr. Mooney. It is never too late to enroll!



O Come,  
O Come  
Emmanuel

## A New Year's Resolution You Can Keep

Want to start the New Year in a way that will transform your work, your marriage, your family, and your life? Are you ready to learn the quickest surest, and easiest way to holiness? In our hectic day and time, Saint John Paul II and Saint Mother Teresa knew that the quickest way to be transformed into a saint is through a relationship with Our Blessed Mother Mary.

Join us on January 3, 2017, as we begin a 33-day preparation for Marian Consecration. Each day we'll individually follow four great Marian giants: St. Louis de Montfort, St. Maximilian Kolbe, Saint Mother Teresa, and Saint John Paul II. They'll teach us the secrets to drawing closer to the Heart of Jesus through the Heart of Mary. In our weekly meetings, Sundays from 6:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M., we'll share our insights within our small group and then watch a 30-minute video. The video by popular author and speaker, Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC, brings our individual reflections and group experience into a clear and live-able focus.

If you want to transform your relationship with Christ, this is a perfect New Year's Resolution. Contact Joyce Harper, 361-798-6325, prior to December 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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## FORMED.org

We are approaching the end of the second month of our "trial run" with FORMED.org. There have been a number of parish family members that have signed up for at least a peak. More need to sign in and utilize this offering so that the subscription is justified and worthwhile. This offering especially could be helpful with catechisms in Faith Formation. We will continue subscribing for another month and then evaluate if it is being utilized. The login code is: **WJKPMW**.

## 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