

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 2, 2018

Mass Intentions

<i>Tue.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Joe N. & Magdalene Steffek
	10 A.M.	Diana Howell
<i>Wed.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Alvin & Kirstin Wenske
	8:05 A.M.	Gene Biehunko
<i>Thurs.</i>	6:30 A.M.	J. E. & Tillie Mudd
<i>Fri.</i>	6:30 A.M.	Gene Biehunko
	10 A.M.	Agnes Indorf
<i>(Vigil)</i>	6:30 P.M.	Allen Ray Hagan
<i>Sat.</i>	8 A.M.	Eva Perez
	5 P.M.	Estelle Hanna
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Dennis Pesek
	9 A.M.	M/M Robert Benys, Robert Benys, M/M Raymond Hermes
	11 A.M.	Fabian Ramirez

Sanctuary Candle Intention

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week in memory of Bennie Lou Walker.

Prayer List

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

This Sunday's Holy Scriptures

Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thes 3:12 – 4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Your Gift to God: November 25th

St. Joseph Parish Support	\$4,421
Online Giving Parish Support	\$1,285
Building Fund	\$170
St. Ann Parish Support	\$526
Online Giving	\$30
Building Fund	\$100

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 8th & 9th.

Lectors

<i>Fri.</i>	6:30 P.M.	Mark Jemelka
<i>Sat.</i>	8 A.M.	Anthony Harper
	5 P.M.	Charles Kvinta
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Nancy McNeese
	9 A.M.	Georgia Kutach
	11 A.M.	Salvador Garcia

Offertory Gifts

<i>Fri.</i>	6:30 P.M.	Allen Ray Hagan Family
<i>Sat.</i>	8 A.M.	Eva Perez Family
	5 P.M.	Lloyd Hanna
<i>Sun.</i>	9 A.M.	Hayne Hermes Family

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

<i>Fri.</i>	6:30 P.M.	David & Jo Ann Muehlstein, Carolyn Janak
<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Patrick & Bernadette Matussek Dawne Wendel
<i>Sun.</i>	9 A.M.	Glenn & Darlene Renken, Dayna Tuttle
	11 A.M.	Susie Barrera, Susana Trujillo, Heriberto Castillo

Ushers/Hospitality

<i>Fri.</i>	6:30 P.M.	Henry Janak, Emil Blaschke, Bobby Fikac, Jo Jo Machalec
<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Ronnie Koenning, Bill Lopez, Andy Bordovsky, JoJo Machalec
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Janet & Jason Zabransky
	9 A.M.	Bobby & Bea Welfl, Randy & Debbie Randazzo
	11 A.M.	Arturo & Maria Gutierrez, Guillermo & Maria Vigna

Altar Servers

<i>Fri.</i>	6:30 P.M.	Sophie & Ben Jahn, Emily Matussek
<i>Sat.</i>	5 P.M.	Emily Matussek, Konner Dismuke, Chase Heller
<i>Sun.</i>	7 A.M.	Hunter Mischer, Zachary Raz
	9 A.M.	Brittany & Trevor Moreno, Gage Harrison
	11 A.M.	Erick & Gael Castillo, Nicholas Gomez

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Today: Altar Society Bake Sale

The Altar Society will be sponsoring a bake sale after all the Masses this weekend. Proceeds from the sale will be used to replenish altar supplies. Stop by on and check out all the delicious homemade goodies. As always, your support is greatly appreciated!

K.J.T. #13 Christmas Brunch

K.J.T. Society #13 Christmas Brunch, meeting, Christmas Program and visit from St. Nick will be held today, **December 2nd** after the 9:00 A.M. Mass in the Family Center.

CDA Meeting

There will be a Catholic Daughters meeting/Christmas celebration this **Monday, December 3rd at 6:00 P.M.** at the Family Center. Members are asked to bring Christmas "goodies" to share along with a donation to the Food Pantry.

Altar Society Meeting

Altar Society members will meet at 2:30 P.M. on **Wednesday, December 5th** at the Family Center. The Yoakum High School band will provide Christmas music for everyone to enjoy. Hostesses for the meeting are: Jenny Heller, Tita Mercer, Marie Schumacher, Mela Walker, Barbara Lauer, Jo Ann Machac, Mag Jahn, Rita Pargmann, Ardyce Vaclavik, and Earline Ashby. Come and share in the Christmas spirit!

KC Christmas Party

The Knights of Columbus will have their annual Christmas gathering on **Wednesday, December 12th** 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.

Sanctuary Flowers

The sanctuary flowers last weekend were donated in memory of Frances Jurica.

Advent Prayer Social

Please join us today for coffee and donuts at 10:00 A.M. in the St. Joseph School Library. After some time of fellowship our confirmation students will be leading an Advent prayer service to help us prepare our hearts as we await the birth of our Lord. The program will conclude before 11:00 A.M. Mass. This is an opportunity to build community and support the students in their spiritual growth. We hope you will join us!

Celebracion de Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe

Sabado 8 de Diciembre. Comenzaremos con una peregrinacion a las 5:00 P.M. que saldra del salon familiar y terminara en la Iglesia, durante la caminata se rezara el Rosario.

El Domingo 9 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 compartir como en familia.

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:

Friday, December 7th – 6:30 P.M. (Vigil Mass)
Saturday, December 8th – 8:00 A.M.

Advent Penance Services

All services begin at 5:30 P.M.

Monday, December 10 – Moulton

Tuesday, December 11 - Hallettsville

Thursday, December 13 – Shiner

Friday, December 14 - Yoakum

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

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).

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.

"From Thy Bounty"

Copies of our parish cookbook are still available and make great Christmas gifts! Stop by Pastoral Center to purchase a copy. Cost is \$20.

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!

Children's Liturgy

We have resumed our Sunday 9:00 A.M. Mass Children's Liturgy...and so as to ease the burden on our helpers...we are looking for volunteers! If interested call the parish office and more details can be provided.

*"Abound in love for one another
and for all."*

Mark Your Calendar: Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed on **Thursday, December 20th** at 6:30 P.M. to thoroughly clean the Church before the Christmas season. Men and women are needed. Please lend a hand and help make the church spotless as we prepare for the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Christmas day. Call the parish office at 293-3518 if you would like to volunteer. Cleaning supplies will be provided.

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

FYI: Parish Office Schedule

The Parish Office will close at 12-noon on Friday, December 21st and re-open at 8:00 A.M. Wednesday, January 2nd. **Deadline for the December 23rd and December 30th bulletins is noon Wednesday, December 19th.**

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.

A Note from Principal Mooney

Monday, December 3rd

Basketball at OLV in Victoria – 5:00 P.M.

Wednesday, December 5th

Mass – 8:05 A.M.

Friday, December 7th

Early Dismissal – 1:00 P.M. – Faculty Meeting

Monday, December 10th

Basketball – St. Michael in Weimar – 5:00 P.M.

December 24th – Children's Mass

Students in Kindergarten thru 12th grade are invited to participate in the reenactment of Christ's birth as angels, shepherds, kings and a drummer boy at the 5:00 P.M. Christmas Mass on December 24th. Even if you have participated previously, we invited you to join us again. A brief rehearsal will be held on December 23rd at 5:00 P.M. in the church at 5:00 P.M. If you are not able to attend the rehearsal on the 23rd, you are still welcome to participate on December 24th. Costumes will be provided. If you/your child is interested in participating, please complete one of the forms available at the entrances of the church. The forms must be returned to the St. Joseph School office or the Parish Office **by Friday, December 14th**. For more information contact Sherri Spaeth at 361- 772-4705.

Consoling the Heart of Jesus Small-Group Retreat

Join us for a 10 week small –group retreat that delves into the simplicity and grandeur of Consoling spirituality. This retreat is based on the popular book by Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC, *Consoling the Heart of Jesus*.

Gain new insights into how you can console Jesus; learn the keys to the great sanctity of the saints and blessed like Therese of Lisieux, Faustina Kowalska, and Mother Teresa; and have all the tools you'll need to "Become a saint, a great saint, and quickly."

The Small-Group Retreat will be held at 6:00 P.M. at the St. Joseph Family Center beginning on Sunday, January 6th and will continue for the following Sundays ending on March 10th. For more information, contact Joan Macha at 361-293-1371 or Joyce Harper at 361-798-6325.

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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 25th.



"May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation."