

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 15, 2013

Mass Intentions

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| <i>Tue.</i> | 6:30 A.M. | Paul Molnoskey, Willie & Mary Pavelka |
| | 10 A.M. | Evelyn Sokol |
| <i>Wed.</i> | 6:30 A.M. | Laurence Bishop |
| | 8:05 A.M. | Alfred Mucala |
| <i>Thurs.</i> | 6:30 A.M. | Living & Deceased Kolek & Kozel Family Members |
| <i>Fri.</i> | 6:30 A.M. | Frances Hermes |
| | 10 A.M. | James Chomout, Sr. |
| <i>Sat.</i> | 5 P.M. | Louis & Marion Olsovsky |
| <i>Sun.</i> | 7 A.M. | Douglas & Edna Manning |
| | 9 A.M. | Henry Zabransky |
| | 11 A.M. | Parish Family <i>Pro Populo</i> |

Sanctuary Candle Intention

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week in memory of the John Heidaker Family.

Prayer List

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

This Sunday's Holy Scripture

Is 35:1-6a, 10; Jam 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

Your Gift to God: December 8th

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| St. Joseph Parish Support | \$4,540.41 |
| Online Giving | \$805 |
| Building Fund | \$230 |
| Special Collection (<i>Retired Religious</i>) | \$640 |
| St. Ann Parish Support | \$210 |
| Special Collection (<i>Retired Religious</i>) | \$64 |

May God reward your generosity!

Feast of Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24th: 5:00 P.M. *Children's Mass*

St Ann: 10:00 P.M.

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

9:00 A.M.

All Christmas Masses will be in English.

God and Breakfast

The last God and Breakfast until after the holidays is December 20th. It will resume on January 10th.

Liturgical Assignments

Lectors

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| <i>Sat.</i> | 5 P.M. | Diana Darilek |
| <i>Sun.</i> | 7 A.M. | Kendra Wenske |
| | 9 A.M. | Billy Natho |
| | 11 A.M. | Carolina Caballero |

Offertory Gifts

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| <i>Sat.</i> | 5 P.M. | Olsovsky Family |
| <i>Sun.</i> | 9 A.M. | Wanda Zabransky Family |

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

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| <i>Sat.</i> | 5 P.M. | Gloria Lerma, Theresa Belicek, Patti Jetter |
| <i>Sun.</i> | 9 A.M. | Debra Villa, Carolyn Janak, Patty Mabry |
| | 11 A.M. | Virginia Amaro |

Ushers/Hospitality

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| <i>Sat.</i> | 5 P.M. | Ronnie Koenning, Bill Lopez Charlie & Carolyn Hoepfl |
| <i>Sun.</i> | 7 A.M. | Al Janak, Joe Machalec |
| | 9 A.M. | Randy & Debbie Randazzo, Henry Janak, Alan Migl |
| | 11 A.M. | Rachel Rodriguez, Elsa Resendiz, Gerardo Rivas, Clara Rosales |

Altar Servers

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| <i>Sat.</i> | 5 P.M. | Hali & Jesse Berger, Kelley Kusak |
| <i>Sun.</i> | 7 A.M. | Madison DeBord, Clayton Zabransky |
| | 9 A.M. | Brendan, Lauren & Cameron Villa |
| | 11 A.M. | Tristan Caballero, Selena Amaro, Cecilia Rivas |

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.

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.

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor."

Advent Reflection

--Thomas Merton

Into this world, this demented inn, in which there is absolutely no room for him at all, Christ has come uninvited. But because he cannot be at home in it, because he is out of place in it, and yet he must be in it, his place is with those others for whom there is no room.

His place is with those who do not belong, who are rejected by power because they are regarded as weak, those who are discredited, who are denied the status of persons, tortured, exterminated. With those for whom there is no room, Christ is present in this world.

Youth Group Christmas Party

All High School and Jr. High students are invited to the CRU (youth group) Christmas party **today, December 15th** from 5:00-7:00 P.M. at the CRU Place (apartment above parish garage). Dinner and White Elephant gift exchange (bring a fun/recycled gift to participate!)

Attn: Youth Group

The Youth Group (CRU) will participate in the "Christmas on Grand Parade" on December 20th. Any Jr. High or High School student interested in participating should contact Therese Ferry at 361-772-6373.

CCD/Faith Formation

CCD is on break now till after the New Year holiday.

Doctrina

CCD es de vacaciones para las Fiestas Navidenas hasta el ano nuevo.

Ongoing Projects Update

--The Pavilion at St. Joseph Cemetery is coming along as the stucco work continues. Still to come is the electrical hookup and placement of some of the decorative aspects. The main thing is that work is continuing.
--The parking lot is still coming along as well. There is still one more meeting with the city to get the necessary approval. The storage building will be started as soon as certain plumbing issues with existing lines are verified and moved if necessary. The weather has obviously caused some delays but preparatory work continues. The contract for the parking lot has been approved by the Diocesan Building Board and Bishop has signed the contract. More information in coming weeks.

*"Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you;
he will prepare your way before you."*

Advent Penance Services

Each begins at 5:30 P.M.

December 16 – Yoakum

December 17 – Moulton

December 19 – Hallettsville

Penance Service

Tomorrow, December 16th, at 5:30 P.M. we will have our Advent penance service. There will be extra confessors present to assist with the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Take advantage of this healing sacrament in preparation for the great Feast of the Nativity of our Lord and Savior.

Confesiones para Adviento

Manana vamos a tener un grupo de sacerdotes bilingues para celebrar el Sacramento de Penitencia en preparacion para las Fiestas Navidenas. Vengan temprano...no esperas al ultimo momento a venir. No es un "drive-thru," y en respeto a los sacerdotes no es justo a venir al final del tiempo cuando los sacerdotes estan preparando a salir.

FYI: Parish Office Schedule

The Parish Office will close at 5:00 P.M. Monday, December 23rd and re-open at 8:00 A.M. January 2nd. **Deadline for the December 22nd and 29th bulletin is noon Wednesday, December 18th.**

Movie - "Mary of Nazareth"

"Mary of Nazareth" is an epic new motion picture on the life of Mary, mother of Christ, from her childhood through the Resurrection of Jesus. This movie will be shown at the Lynn Theater in Gonzales at 7:00 P.M. on December 17th. Tickets are \$8.00 each and are available at several locations in Gonzales or contact Deacon Kutach at 741-2657. For more information, contact Carney Zambrano at 830-445-9210 or cdzinternational@yahoo.com.

Hope - Preparation - Joy - Love



