

# Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church

Catholic Diocese of Victoria in Texas

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## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday (anticipation) ----- 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday ----- 9:00 a.m.  
Monday at Ganado Nursing Home ----- 10:00 a.m.  
Tuesday ----- 8:00 a.m.  
Wednesday ----- 6:00 p.m.  
Thursday ----- 8:00 a.m.  
Friday ----- 8:00 a.m.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday ----- 4:00-4:45 p.m.  
Sunday ----- 8:15-8:45 a.m.

Youth Minister ----- Heather Supak  
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## OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday:----- 8:00 a.m.–Noon & 1:00-5:00 p.m.

## New Members

Welcome to Assumption Parish!  
Please call or stop by the Parish Office to register.

## Holy Communion to the Home-Bound

Each Wednesday and Friday. If you are unable to attend Mass due to illness or disability, please call the Parish Office.

## Sacrament of Baptism

Parents and Godparents are required to attend a baptismal class. Call the Parish Office to ask about requirements for Godparents, and to register for a class. The schedule for 2019 Baptism class is: **January 8, April 2, July 23, October 15.** All classes begin at 7:00 p.m. at the John Paul II Family Center.

## Sacrament of Matrimony

Please make an appointment with the Pastor at least six months prior to the intended date. No wedding date will be firm until after the initial meeting with the Pastor.

December 16, 2018

Third Sunday of Advent

## TODAY'S READINGS

**Zephaniah 3:14-18.** *The Lord will sing joyfully because of you.*

**Isaiah 12.** *“Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.”*

**Philippians 4:4-7.** *Rejoice in the Lord always, for the Lord is near.*

**Luke 3:10-18.** *They all asked whether John might be the Christ.*

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Knowing that God is in our midst, how can I answer the question from the Gospel: “What should I do?”

## DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

**Mon:** Genesis 49:2, 8-10  
Matthew 1:1-17  
**Tues:** Jeremiah 23:5-8  
Matthew 18:12-14  
**Wed:** Judges 13:2-7, 24-25  
Luke 1:5-25  
**Thurs:** Isaiah 7:10-14  
Luke 1:26-38  
**Fri:** Songs 2:8-14  
Luke 1:39-45  
**Sat:** 1 Samuel 1:24-28  
Luke 1:46-56  
**Sun:** Micah 5:1-4  
Hebrews 10:5-10  
Luke 1:39-45

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK . . .**

Last Wednesday our second grade religious education class made their first confession. As you can imagine they were very nervous as they entered the Church. Despite the fact that they have been preparing for this since September the reality of confessing their sins to God was overwhelming (I know, we have all been in that situation before). But with some prodding from their teachers and the Holy Spirit, they made their way to this beautiful sacrament.

But when they came out, a different story! They were excited and their faces beamed with joy (I know, we have all been there before too.) It is amazing to me to witness the power of this sacrament time and time again. Therefore, I want to encourage the parents of our students to bring them back again to this important sacrament. Do it soon, while they remember the joy so that you can help them overcome the anxiety. In fact, that's probably good advice for all of us. If we could only remember the mercy of God and seek reconciliation regularly we might not be so apprehensive to enter the confessional. On that note, our Advent reconciliation service will be Monday at 5:30 p.m. There will several area priests to hear your confession. And as always, I am in the confessional each weekend before Mass. I ask that you arrive in plenty of time so that I can be finished in time to prepare for Mass.

So let me offer my congratulations to the students and their parents on this milestone in their faith. Continue to pray for them as they prepare to make their First Holy Communion during the Easter Season.

Happy Advent!

*Father Kirby Hlavaty*

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Sunday, December 16**

9:00 a.m. Parishioners & Benefactors

**Monday, December 17 (Ganado Nursing Home)**

10:00 a.m. †Edmund & Sophie Dybala

5:30 p.m. *PENANCE SERVICE*

**Tuesday, December 18**

8:00 a.m. †Ray & Anne Toman

†Jesse & Theresa Moore

**Wednesday, December 19**

6:00 p.m. †Alfred & Evelyn Janssen

**Thursday, December 20**

8:00 a.m. †Cecilia Pelech

**Friday, December 21**

8:00 a.m. †Pedro Trevino

**Saturday, December 22**

5:00 p.m. †Dorothy Kaspar

**Sunday, December 23**

9:00 a.m. Parishioners & Benefactors

**ALTAR FLOWERS & SANCTUARY CANDLE**

In thanksgiving for their 34<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary  
by Thui & Maria Vorajakkmol

**MEETINGS THIS WEEK**

- **Sunday, December 16**  
Teen ACTS 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. JP II  
Young Adult Bible Study 3:00-5:00 p.m. JP II
- **Tuesday, December 18**  
Scripture Study 9:30 a.m. JP II
- **Wednesday, December 19**  
RCIA 7:00-9:00 p.m. JP II

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

**Monday, December 17:**  
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.



**PARISH PENANCE SERVICE**

**Monday, December 17**  
5:30 p.m. in Assumption Church



Several priests will be available to hear Confession. Please take advantage of this time before Christmas to prepare your hearts for the coming of Jesus.

**SANCTUARY CANDLE**

In thanksgiving for Miera Arriaga on her 1<sup>st</sup> birthday  
by Buddy & Lydia Arriaga  
In memory of Yolanda Saucedo Salazar  
by Joe & Mary Rosalez

**BULLETIN SPONSOR**

In memory of Timmy Fowler

# Third Sunday of Advent



## **YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!**

The Altar Society needs your help on **Tuesday, December 18**, to prepare the Church for Christmas. Immediately following the **8:00 a.m. Mass**, decorations will be put into place. If you can help for an hour or two – please come! Your help is greatly needed and appreciated.

## **ANGEL TREE**

Thank you to all who took an Angel to include with their own shopping. Fifty-nine children will have a brighter Christmas thanks to you. Bless you!



## **ALTAR SERVERS**

### **Reminder for current and new Altar Servers:**

Monthly schedules are posted in the Sacristy, in the CCD building, on the Parish website, and on the bulletin board in the foyer of the Church closest to the JP II building. It is the Server's responsibility to find their own replacement if unable to serve when scheduled. Please arrive no later than 15 minutes prior to Mass, dressed appropriately. No flip-flops. If you arrive late we reserve the right to replace you. Please note: New Servers are on the schedule beginning in January and we ask current Altar Servers to help train them as they begin their new ministry.



## **SPECIAL THANKS**

Thank you to everyone who helped prepare for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The Guadalupana Society was instrumental in arranging for the Matachines dancers as well as the Mariachis group for the Mass. Likewise we thank the 4<sup>th</sup> degree KCs for adding to the solemnity of the day. And of course the addition of the statue of Our Lady and the Grotto in Church, highlighted the importance of the Feast. Special thanks to all those who provided the tamales, pastries, and refreshments at the reception.

## **POINSETTIAS**

Special envelopes are located on the cabinets in Church to be used for donations to help with the cost of the poinsettias. Please make your check payable to Assumption Altar Society and drop it into the collection or mail to **Georgie Kruse**, 210 E. Heard Street, Ganado, Texas 77962.



**HEATHER SUPAK**, Youth Minister  
361-771-3200  
ymabvmchurch@ykc.com

## **CCD CLASSES**

**Wednesday, December 19**

- ❖ Grades 1-5 4:00-5:15 p.m.
- ❖ Grades 6-12 7:00-8:15 p.m.

## **SMOKED PORK TENDERLOINS**

The Knights of Columbus have delicious smoked hams ready for pickup at \$20 each. Please contact Robert Landry (361-676-2035) or Wayne Bubela (771-5693) for information.

## **4<sup>TH</sup> DEGREE**

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Will fall out at Midnight Mass on Christmas Day. All KCs are asked to meet and dress at the John Paul II Family Center in the ROC room at 11:30 p.m.



## **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church**

### **November 2018 Income & Expense**

#### **INCOME**

Collections .....	\$ 17,575.05
Hall Rental .....	195.00
Votives & bulletin sponsors.....	211.37
Emmaus Center (gas reimb.).....	147.37
Memorials .....	25.00
Special Collection (Camp. For Human Dev.)	380.83
Interest.....	9.03
	\$ 18,543.65

#### **EXPENSES**

Adult Education.....	300.00
CCD .....	78.52
Contract Services.....	750.00
Salaries .....	4,325.39
Payroll Taxes & Benefits.....	4,850.94
Church .....	1,719.81
Rectory .....	333.97
Maintenance .....	531.26
Special Collection (Camp. For Human Dev.)	380.83
Property Insurance (3 of 4) .....	6,862.07
Transfer to Savings.....	5,000.00
Utilities .....	2,693.61
	\$ 27,826.40
Monthly expenses exceeded income	\$ -9,282.75

## **MINISTRIES for DECEMBER 22 & 23**

### **LECTORS:**

Sat. - 5:00 PM – Jerri Lara  
Sun. - 9:00 AM – Frances Toman

### **COMMUNION MINISTERS:**

Sat. - 5:00 PM – Philip & Veronica Webernick  
Sun. - 9:00 AM – Willie & Rosa Hernandez

### **ALTAR SERVERS:**

Sat. - 5:00 PM – Martin & Celeste Ramirez,  
Ricardo Lazo  
Sun. - 9:00 AM – Alina Ayala, Kyla Stancik,  
Monica & Tanya Hernandez

### **USHERS:**

Sat. - 5:00 PM – Joe Verver, Mike Van Pelt, Jeff Carroll  
Sun. - 9:00 AM – Tony Juarez, Clinton Wooldridge  
Bubba Toman, Harlan Tegeler

## **MINISTRIES for DECEMBER 24 & 25**

### **LECTORS:**

Mon. - 5:00 PM – Diane Bubela  
Tues. - 12:00 AM – Lou Ann Tupa  
- 9:00 AM – Clinton Tegeler

### **COMMUNION MINISTERS:**

Mon. - 5:00 PM – Heather Supak & Cindy Bures  
Tues. - 12:00 AM – Kevin & Angela Petrash  
- 9:00 AM – Carol Roznovsky & Kathy Stancik

### **ALTAR SERVERS:**

Mon. - 5:00 PM – Julia Cox, Michael & Emily Bubela  
Tues. - 12:00 AM – Vincent & Jonathan Barajas  
- 9:00 AM – Gwen, Luke, Mary, & Ty Reid  
Abby Tegeler

## **SPECIAL COLLECTION**

December 29/30 – Matthew 25 Ministry

### **OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

#### **December 9**

Envelopes – \$3,309.00                      Loose - \$794.35  
Maintenance - \$155.00                      Youth - \$20.00  
Harvest – \$300.00    Immac. Conception - \$1,297.00  
Our Lady of Guadalupe - \$259.56  
Retired Religious Fund - \$345.44

**December 17** – Debbie Van Pelt & Frances Toman

### **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Lesley Klekar, Coby Brown, John Perez, Cindy Carrasco, Beatrice Rivera, Linda Burrows, Jeanette Supak, Theresa Hicks, Susan Ulcak, Chad Gabrysch ❖ Marcus Kaspar, Richard Telles, Steven Rosalez, Irene Janecek, Larry Kaspar, Sr., Danny Morrison, Doug Hlavaty, Alice Saucedo Sanchez ❖ Chuck Hasdorff, Gary Staff, Alice Staff, Vernon & Delinda Gresham, Joe Girndt, Leo Macha, Nancy Melton, Brandon Janak, Lillian Walch ❖ Sonja Bauerle, Jon Henry ❖ All the Unborn and their parents, All people serving in the military, All Holy Souls in Purgatory

**DON'T FORGET!**

Now is the time to make your annual donation to the **Harvest** collection, **Maintenance** fund, **Assumption Church**, and the **Diocesan Services Appeal**. Your gifts are greatly needed and appreciated.

## **Readings for DECEMBER 23: Fourth Sunday of Advent**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Micah 5:1-4**

Thus says the LORD: You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah too small to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel; whose origin is from of old, from ancient times. Therefore the Lord will give them up, until the time when she who is to give birth has borne, and the rest of his kindred shall return to the children of Israel. He shall stand firm and shepherd his flock by the strength of the LORD, in the majestic name of the LORD, his God; and they shall remain, for now his greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth; he shall be peace.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10**

Brothers and sisters: When Christ came into the world, he said: "Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me; in holocausts and sin offerings you took no delight. Then I said, 'As is written of me in the scroll, behold, I come to do your will, O God.'" First he says, "Sacrifices and offerings, holocausts and sin offerings, you neither desired nor delighted in." These are offered according to the law. Then he says: Behold, I come to do your will." He takes away the first to establish the second. By this "will," we have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

### **Gospel: Luke 1:39-45**

Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."