



*Ye shall find the babe
wrapped in swaddling clothes.*
Luke 2:12

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church

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December 23 & 30, 2018

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK . . .

We are grateful to have our Seminarian Joey Sablatura with us during his Christmas break. It's been a pleasure to see him assist at Mass and be involved in our Parish life again. He will return to the seminary on January 4. Please keep him in your prayers.

I wish each of you a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year. Christmas is always an opportunity for us to acknowledge the sacredness of humanity. Jesus cloaks himself in human flesh, elevating our nature. A priest friend of mine says, "The incarnation is not yet the resurrection." The incarnation reminds us that God is always present in His creation. Therefore let us rejoice and be glad at the birth of our Savior.

I want to thank all of you who sent Christmas gifts, cards, and food. Your generosity is heartwarming. I truly appreciate you remembering me during this Holy Season. Know that you will be in my prayers as I celebrate Mass at Midnight on Christmas Day.

Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year!

Father Kirby Hlavaty

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, December 23 – 4th Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. Parishioners & Benefactors

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24 – (Holy Day vigil)

5:00 p.m. †Living & Deceased members of
Cieslewicz and Petrash families

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25 – Holy Day of Obligation THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

12:00 a.m. Parishioners & Benefactors
Intentions of Father Kirby

9:00 a.m. †Joe F. Martinez & Joe L. Martinez

Wednesday, December 26

Thursday, December 27

8:00 a.m. Special Intention for Teen ACTS

Friday, December 28

Saturday, December 29

5:00 p.m. Parishioners & Benefactors

Sunday, December 30 - The Holy Family

9:00 a.m. †Mary Jane "Corky" Roe

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5:00 p.m. †G.A. "Rabbit" Bures

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1 – Holy Day of Obligation MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

9:00 a.m. Parishioners & Benefactors

Wednesday, January 2

6:00 p.m. Thanksgiving for Jayden Rosalez

Thursday, January 3

8:00 a.m. Inez Morales Alvarez

First Friday, January 4

8:00 a.m. †Garth Myers

Saturday, January 5

5:00 p.m. Parishioners & Benefactors

Sunday, January 6 – The Epiphany of the Lord

9:00 a.m. †Emil & Annie Mae Bures

SANCTUARY CANDLE - (Dec. 23)

- ❖ In memory of Fred & Cecelia Kaspar by Cecilia French
- ❖ In memory of Bruce Sulak by Carol Sulak
- ❖ In memory of Raymond & Alicia Rodriguez by David & Cristina Sedillo

ALTAR FLOWERS - (Dec. 23)

- ❖ In memory of Bruce Sulak by Carol Sulak
- ❖ In memory of Fred & Cecelia Kaspar by Cecilia French
- ❖ In memory of Daniel Kallus & Bessie Juranek by Mary Ann Kallus

SANCTUARY CANDLE - (Dec. 30)

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PARISH OFFICE

Will be closed December 24-28. Please check the daily Mass schedule. Father Kirby will be away after Christmas with his family and on the Teen ACTS retreat. This bulletin will serve for two Sundays. For Pastoral emergencies call the Rectory at 771-3325.

Fourth Sunday of Advent / The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

BULLETIN SPONSOR (Dec. 23)

In memory of Alan Vajdos

BULLETIN SPONSOR (Dec. 30)

Wayne & Diane Bubela



SPECIAL MUSIC

Everyone is encouraged to arrive 20 minutes early to Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day to enjoy the special music performed by our Assumption Parish Music Ministry.

4TH 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.**



TEEN ACTS SEND-OFF

Join us on **Thursday, December 27, at 5:30 p.m.**, at the Parish hall as we send off 42 teens to the Assumption ACTS retreat at the Spiritual Renewal Center in Victoria.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**Thursday, December 27
6:30-7:30 p.m. in Church**

You are encouraged to come for Adoration following the ACTS send-off.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

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.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Holy Day of Obligation

Masses to fulfill your obligation:

Monday, December 31 at 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 1 at 9:00 a.m.

The Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God falls exactly one week after Christmas, the end of the octave of Christmas. It is fitting to honor Mary as Mother of Jesus, following the birth of Christ. When Catholics celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God, we are not only honoring Mary, who was chosen among all women throughout history to bear God Incarnate, but we are also honoring our Lord, who is fully God and fully human.

Calling Mary "Mother of God" is the highest honor we can give Mary. Just as Christmas honors Jesus as the "Prince of Peace," the Solemnity of Mary Holy Mother of God, honors Mary as the "Queen of Peace." This solemnity falling on New Year's Day is also designated as the World Day of Peace.

HEATHER SUPAK, Youth Minister

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CCD Classes will resume on

Wednesday, January 16

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.



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sister Laura Toman, Kevin Mozisek, Mary Catherine Lewis, Sonja Bauerle, Jon Henry ❖ Lesley Klekar, Coby Brown, John Perez, Beatrice Rivera, Linda Burrows, 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 ❖ All the Unborn and their parents, All people serving in the military, All Holy Souls in Purgatory

OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP

December 16

Envelopes – \$3,962.00 Loose – \$511.00
Harvest - \$1,350.00 Youth Ministry - \$20.00
Retired Religious - \$125.00 Maintenance - \$478.95

Thursday, December 27 & Monday, December 31
Ben Vyvial & Janie Threet

MINISTRIES for DECEMBER 24 & 25 **Christmas Eve & Day**

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 – Kathy Stancik & Carol
Roznovsky

ALTAR SERVERS:

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

MINISTRIES for DECEMBER 29 & 30

LECTORS:

Sat. - 5:00 PM – Kevin & Angela Petrash
Sun.- 9:00 AM – ACTS Team

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

Sat. - 5:00 PM – Lou Ann Tupa & Paulette Petrash
Sun.- 9:00 AM – Jeff & Sharon Carroll

ALTAR SERVERS:

Sat. - 5:00 PM – Logan & Brianna Riojas, Aileen Zavala
Sun. - 9:00 AM – Michael Bubela, Luke Reid,
Tanya Hernandez

USHERS:

Sat. - 5:00 PM – Robert Landry, Joe Verver,
Chuck Hasdorff
Sun. - 9:00 AM – Michael Roznovsky, Victor Martinez,
Dale Staff, Matthew Sulak

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Members are reminded to pay their 2019 dues of \$30 by January 31, 2019. Dues can be mailed to: Ganado KofC, PO Box 90, Ganado, Texas 77962, or paid at the January 10, 2019 meeting. Contact Chuck Hasdorff (771-5911) if you have any questions.

MINISTRIES for DECEMBER 31 **& JANUARY 1**

Blessed Mary, Mother of God

LECTORS:

Mon. – 5:00 PM – Richard Chovanec
Tues. – 9:00 AM – Clinton & Jan Wooldridge

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

Mon. – 5:00 PM – Carol Roznovsky & Blake Petrash
Tues. – 9:00 AM – Kevin & Angela Petrash

ALTAR SERVERS:

Mon. – 5:00 PM – Trace Roznovsky & Julia Cox
Tues. – 9:00 AM – Michala & Matthew Sulak
D.J. Cortright

MINISTRIES for JANUARY 5 & 6

LECTORS:

Sat. - 5:00 PM – Missie Landry
Sun.- 9:00 AM – Marnie Gabrysch

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

Sat. - 5:00 PM – Jeff & Sharon Carroll
Sun.- 9:00 AM – Michael & Terri Sulak

ALTAR SERVERS:

Sat. - 5:00 PM – Stephen & Hannah Kelly, Alina Ayala,
Saylor & Jaxy Bures, Sergio Corona, Ricky Aguilar
Sun.- 9:00 AM – Juan Mendoza, Hallie Bures,
D.J. Cortright, Matthew & Michala Sulak

USHERS:

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

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

December 29 & 30 – Matthew 25 Ministry
January 19 & 20 – Church in Latin America
January 26 & 27 – Matthew 25 Ministry



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

2018 CHURCH CALENDARS

All parishioners are invited to take a 2019 Church calendar, located on the cabinets in Church. Be sure to say "thank you!" to our sponsors: Slavik & Ganado Funeral Homes, the Knights of Columbus Father Francis Havel Council #3204, and the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court St. Alberta #1381.

Readings for December 25: THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

1st Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings glad tidings, announcing peace, bearing good news, announcing salvation, and saying to Zion, "Your God is King!" Hark! Your sentinels raise a cry, together they shout for joy, for they see directly, before their eyes, the LORD restoring Zion. Break out together in song, O ruins of Jerusalem! For the LORD comforts his people, he redeems Jerusalem. The LORD has bared his holy arm in the sight of all the nations; all the ends of the earth will behold the salvation of our God.

2nd Reading: Hebrews 1:1-6

Brothers and sisters: In times past, God spoke in partial and various ways to our ancestors through the prophets; in these last days, he has spoken to us through the Son, whom he made heir of all things and through whom he created the universe, who is the refulgence of his glory, the very imprint of his being, and who sustains all things by his mighty word. When he had accomplished purification from sins, he took his seat at the right hand of the Majesty on high, as far superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. For to which of the angels did God ever say: *You are my son; this day I have begotten you?* Or again: *I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me?* And again, when he leads the firstborn into the world, he says: *Let all the angels of God worship him.*

Gospel: John 1:1-5, 9-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be. What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came to be through him, but the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, but his own people did not accept him. But to those who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to those who believe in his name, who were born not by natural generation nor by human choice nor by a man's decision but of God. And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.

Readings for December 30: THE HOLY FAMILY: JESUS, MARY, & JOSEPH

1st Reading: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

God sets a father in honor over his children; a mother's authority he confirms over her sons. Whoever honors his father atones for sins, and preserves himself from them. When he prays, he is heard; he stores up riches who reveres his mother. Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children, and, when he prays, is heard. Whoever reveres his father will live a long life; he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother. My son, take care of your father when he is old; grieve him not as long as he lives. Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him; revile him not all the days of his life; kindness to a father will not be forgotten, firmly planted against the debt of your sins—a house raised in justice to you.

2nd Reading: Colossians 3:12-21

Brothers and sisters: Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Wives, be subordinate to your husbands, as is proper in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and avoid any bitterness toward them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is pleasing to the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, so they may not become discouraged.

Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.

Readings for January 1: THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

1st Reading: Numbers 6:22-27

The LORD said to Moses: "Speak to Aaron and his sons and tell them: This is how you shall bless the Israelites. Say to them: The LORD bless you and keep you! The LORD let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace! So shall they invoke my name upon the Israelites, and I will bless them."

2nd Reading: Galatians 4:4-7

Brothers and sisters: When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to ransom those under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. As proof that you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son then also an heir, through God.

Gospel: Luke 2:16-21

The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them. When eight days were completed for his circumcision, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

Readings for January 6: THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

1st Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory. Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance. Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you: your sons come from afar, and your daughters in the arms of their nurses. Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you. Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the LORD.

2nd Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

Brothers and sisters: You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation. It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: *And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel.*" Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.