

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 3

5:00 p.m. Peggy Brennan, RIP

7:30 p.m. Intenciones de los parroquianos

Sunday, December 4

9:30 a.m. Fr. Elebius Xalxo, Illness

11:00 a.m. Parishioners intentions

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6:00 p.m. College Students

Weekly Parish Activities

December 4 to December 10

*All confessions 30 minutes before Mass

*Sacred Heart and OLG confess after Mass

SUNDAY: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sacred Heart

9:30 a.m. ENGLISH Bible Study

9:30 a.m. SPANISH Bible Study

9:30 a.m. Sacred Heart

Our Lady of Guadalupe

11:00 a.m. Mass - Our Lady of Guadalupe

St. Brendan:

4:15 – 5:45 p.m. RCIA in CCD Building

6:00 p.m. Mass- St. Brendan

St. Mary:

9:30 a.m. Mass - St. Mary

CCD 11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. at FLC

Monday:

8:00 a.m. Holy Mass (St. Brendan)

Tuesday: St. Nicholas

8:00 a.m. Holy Mass

Wednesday: St. Ambrose; Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

6:00 p.m. CCD St. Brendan

6:45 p.m. Bible Study at OLG

Thursday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary-HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

8:00 a.m. Holy Mass

8:30 a.m. Morning Bible Study

6:30 p.m. Español-Estudio Biblica en St. Brendan

7:00 p.m. Grupo de Oración St. Mary

7:00 p.m. Men's Prayer Group at FLC/Grupo de Oración para hombres St. Mary

Friday: St. Juan Diego

8:00 a.m. Holy Mass

Saturday: International Human Rights Day

Vigil Holy Mass:

5:00 p.m. St. Brendan

7:30 p.m. Santa Misa en español St.

PREPARE THE WAY

December 4, 2016

Saint John the Baptist appears on the scene today as Advent enters its second week. The mysterious consumer of locusts and wild honey, John echoes the words of the prophet Isaiah as he calls for repentance in the face of the nearness of the kingdom of heaven. The rhythms of the Christian life are often confounding. Each year we meet the Baptist and hear his calls for repentance. Each year we see him pointing to the one who is coming after him, the Lord Jesus. Yet each year the words and actions of John the Baptist echo anew in our hearts, because we have fallen into old sinful traps again and again. Advent gives us the opportunity once again to turn away from our sinful ways and embrace the gospel way of life. John the Baptist invites us to prepare the way for the Lord, in whom we place our hope.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — He shall bring justice for the afflicted; the earth shall overflow with the knowledge of the LORD (Isaiah 11:1-10).

Psalm — Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace forever (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — Glorify God by living in harmony with one another, welcoming each other as Christ welcomed you (Romans 15:4-9).

Gospel — Produce good fruit worthy of your baptism; repent, for the reign of God is near (Matthew 3:1-12).

ST. MARY

HELPING HANDS

Thank you from the Helping Hands Ladies for the baked goods and/or donations to our recent baked goods sale.

- Raffle tickets for the Christmas baskets will be available through Dec. 11 at which time the winners will be announced. Six tickets for \$5, or \$1 each.
- Christmas photo cards are also still available 15 cards/envelopes for \$15.00.

Both these items will be available in the foyer before and after Sunday Mass thru Dec. 11.

UPCOMING ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

Penance Service Schedule South and Southwest Deanery:

SERVICIOS PENITENCIAS DE ADVIENTO:

December 5 th	Weatherford, St. Stephens	6:30 p.m.
December 6 th	Mineral Wells, Our Lady of Lourdes	6:30 p.m.
December 7 th	Cleburne, St. Joseph	7:00 pm.
December 13 th	Breckenridge, Sacred Heart of Jesus	6:30 p.m.
December 14 th	Eastland, St. Francis Xavier	6:30 p.m.
December 16 th	Stephenville, St. Mary	6:30 p.m.
December 19 th	Granbury, St. Frances Cabrini	6:30 p.m.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

High School Special Studies and Squires will have a Pancake Breakfast to benefit 2017 Senior Scholarship fund after 9:30 a.m. Mass in St. Mary's FLC on Sunday, December 4th. Donations are accepted. Please support the scholarship fund. Thanks!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

Shopping during Advent

Dear God, as I look through my gift shopping list, I hold up to you each person listed on it. Slowly, one by one, I ask that the fire of your abundant love burn within each of them. I pray that the gift I find for each person will bring joy into that life.

But, help me to keep a balance this season, Lord. Let me keep my buying in perspective, not to spend more than I need to or can afford. Let me not give in to the pressures of this world and not equate love with money spent. Let me always remember the many, many people who have so much less in material things. Help me to buy wisely, so that my choices will not burden those in other countries who are so deeply affected by this country's economy. And finally, loving God, help me to find time in the frantic moments of each day to become centered on you. Walking through a store, riding on the bus, hurrying down a street: let each of these times be moments when I can remember your incredible love for me and rejoice in it.

Credit: <http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Advent/advent-prayers.html#Halfway>

SACRED HEART

BAUTISMOS

En el mes de Diciembre no va ver pláticas ni bautismos por causa del tiempo de Adviento. Gracias.

DIA DE LA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE

Para el 12 de diciembre la Fiesta de La Virgen:

- Las Mañanitas seran a las 5:00 a.m.
- Misa a las 7:00 p.m.
- Siguiendo la Misa tendremos la danza
- Comida siguiendo la comida

CHRISTMAS PLAY/OBRA DE NAVIDAD

Christmas play practice for all CCD students on every Sunday at 5:00 p.m.

Todos los estudiantes de CCD son invitados practicar para **la obra de Navidad**. Practica pasara cada domingo a las 5:00 p.m.

OUR NEW WEBSITE

Please visit us at: www.stbrendanscc.org

Favor de visitarnos en el web:

You can find Holy Mass times, calendar of events, the church bulletin and more. We also have links to our official Facebook pages, please like your c

hurch's Official Facebook page so you don't miss anything. If you have any questions or suggestions, please send them to stbrendanscc@gmail.com.

NUESTRA NUEVA PÁGINA WEB: Ahora tenemos

selección al español!

Usted puede encontrar tiempos de la Santa Misa, calendario de eventos, el boletín de la iglesia y más. También tenemos enlaces a nuestras páginas oficiales de Facebook, por favor, dale un like a la página oficial de Facebook de tu iglesia para que no te pierdas nada. Si tiene preguntas o sugerencias,

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION FOR THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ON

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2016. Holy Mass will take place at 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. at St. Brendan. Thank you!

NEWS FOR ALL PARISHES

2nd Collections:

National Collection for Retired Religious **Dec. 10-11**

REGISTERING OUR PARISHIONERS

We will continue with our parish registration drive today and next Saturday and Sunday, December 10 and 11. Thank you for your participation.

REGISTRAR A NUESTROS PARROQUIADORES

Continuamos con registraci3n de nuestros feligreses ahora y el proximo sabado y domingo, 10 y 11 de diciembre. Gracias por su participaci3n.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLOOD DRIVE- THIS WEEKEND

The Knights of Columbus along with the Carter Blood Care Center will host a blood drive Sunday December 4, from 9am-2pm at Newman Hall.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTRY FOR HOLY EUCHARIST

The ministry serves all four parishes Father Matthew oversees. The Extraordinary Ministry program serves the home bound members of our parishes, by enabling persons sick, in assisted living, in nursing homes, hospital, or home bound to receive the Eucharist. If you have a friend or loved one who might be served by this ministry, one week or on-going, please contact Mike Hill at 254-485-9007 or Mike Coggins at 254-592-5545.

BAPTISM COORDINATOR

We need an English speaking Baptism Coordinator to give classes for those who want to baptize their children. Training will be provided. If you have an interest in volunteering your time and talent, please contact the Church office at (254)965-5693 to speak with Fr. Matthew.

St. Brendan

PLEASE MAKE NOTE OF RCIA SCHEDULE

RCIA schedule:

Class meets on December 4th and 11th

No class during Christmas Holidays

RCIA resumes January 8, 2017

Bautismos en Espa3ol

En el mes de Diciembre no va ver pláticas ni bautismos por causa del tiempo de Adviento. Si tienes preguntas, favor de llamarle en (254)965-2078.

PRAYER CORNER: Prayers this week for: Jana Piskor, Abel Cruz, Filegonio Cardenas, Josefina Basulto de Solorio, Ed Withers, Maria Inez Hernandez, Juan Hernandez, Maureen Bole, Billy Joe Fulfer, Angel Coronado, David Gonzales, Jeanna DeViney, Nursing Home Patients and all those who are ill

Bulletin: Send to: stsbrendanmarybulletin@yahoo.com Please call or text (512) 652-8006. Give name, announcement and parish, or prayer intention. Deadline: Wednesday