

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 10

5:00 p.m. Ed Wither Recovery

7:30 p.m. Participantes de la Danza para la Virgen de Guadalupe

Sunday, December 11

9:30 a.m. Diego Campos, Feast Day (12/9)

11:00 a.m. Parishioners intentions

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6:00 p.m. College Students

Weekly Parish Activities

December 11 to December 17

*All confessions 30 minutes before Mass

*Sacred Heart and OLG confess after Mass

SUNDAY: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (GAUDETE SUNDAY)

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: Our Lady of Guadalupe

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

Tuesday: St. Lucia

Mass Intention: Lucia Campos, Feast Day

8:00 a.m. Holy Mass

Wednesday: St. John of the Cross

6:00 p.m. CCD St. Brendan

6:45 p.m. Bible Study at OLG

Thursday:

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: Empiezen Las Posadas

8:00 a.m. Holy Mass

Saturday: Vigil Holy Mass:

5:00 p.m. St. Brendan

7:30 p.m. Santa Misa en español St. Mary

A SEASON OF HOPE

Today we can bask in the imagery that the Mass readings offer us. In particular, Isaiah's vision of a parched land that blooms with abundant flowers holds a message for each of us. Too often we are just like that parched land. We can allow ourselves to become absorbed in the waves of consumerism that grip so many. We look for fulfillment in the things that money can buy. Unfortunately, this leaves us like parched land, thirsting for something that money can't buy. This holy season has much to offer to quench our thirsts. In a word, this season offers hope. We are told that those who are ransomed by God will know joy and gladness. For them, sorrow and mourning will be no more. Let us place our hope in these promises.
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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The barren deserts will rejoice and flower. Tired bodies will receive strength. Aching hearts will be made glad (Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10).

Psalm — Lord, come and save us (Psalm 146).

Second Reading — Be patient, for the coming of the Lord is as sure as the rain (James 5:7-10).

Gospel — Tell of what you hear and see: The blind regain their vision, the crippled their movement, the deaf their hearing (Matthew 11:2-11).

ST. MARY

CELEBRANDO NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE

Las danzas para celebrar Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe tendrán lugar en el Centro de Vida Familiar St. Mary. Comenzando con un Santo Rosario a las 12:30 p.m., unas pocas palabras del Padre Mateo y una procesión, con danzas a partir de las 1:10 p.m. Por favor venga y apoye nuestra comunidad eclesial y sus actividades. ¡Gracias!

CELEBRATING OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

The danzas (dances by the Native people of Mexico) to celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe will take place at St. Mary Family Life Center. Beginning with a Holy Rosary at 12:30 p.m., a few words from Father Matthew, with danzas beginning at 1:10 p.m. Please come and support our church community and its activities. Thank you!

RAFFLE

Helping Hands group will sell raffle tickets for 2 Gift Baskets. The drawing will be conducted **TODAY**, December 11. They also have Christmas cards available. Thank you.

UPCOMING ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

Penance Service Schedule South and Southwest Deanery:

SERVICIOS PENITENCIAS DE ADVIENTO:

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	Dublin, St. Mary	6:30 p.m.
December 19 th	Granbury, St. Frances Cabrini	6:30 p.m.

Christmas Program at St. Mary

St. Mary's CCD students will sing for all who wish to attend the Annual Christmas Program on December 18, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m..

There will be **no CCD** classes on Sunday, **December 25 and January 1.**

Programa Navideña en St. Mary

Los estudiantes de CCD cantaran para todos quien asisten a la Programa Navideña en el 18 de diciembre a las 11:00 a.m. hasta 12:15 p.m.

No tendremos clases de catecismo el domingo de 25 de diciembre ni el 1 de enero.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Is 45: 6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday: Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b; Lk 7:24-30

Friday: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Jn 5:33-36

Saturday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

Sunday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve Mass (Saturday Vigil)

5:00 p.m. St. Brendan
7:00 p.m. Sacred Heart (Comanche)
9:00 p.m. St. Mary

Christmas Day Mass (Sunday)

9:30 a.m. St. Mary
11:00 a.m. Our Lady of Guadalupe (DeLeon)

New Years Eve and New Years Day Mass (Saturday)

5:00 p.m. St. Brendan (Vigil for Mary, Mother of God)
7:30 p.m. St. Mary (Vigil for Mary, Mother of God)

(Sunday)

9:30 a.m. St. Mary (Mary, Mother of God)
11:00 a.m. Sacred Heart (Comanche)

Please cut out this schedule and post it in a visible place. Thank you!

Horario de la Misa Navideña

Misa Vigilia Navideña (sabado)

5:00 p.m. St. Brendan
7:00 p.m. Sagrado Corazón (Comanche)
9:00 p.m. St. Mary

Misa Navideña (domingo)

9:30 a.m. St. Mary
11:00 a.m. Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe (DeLeon)

Favor de cortar este horario y ponerlo en lugar visible. ¡Gracias!

Año Nuevo Misa Vigilia y Dia del Año Nuevo(Sabado)

5:00 p.m. St. Brendan (Vigilia de Maria, Madre de Dios)
7:30 p.m. St. Mary (Vigilia Maria, Madre de Dios)

9:30 a.m. St. Mary (Fiesta de Maria, Madre de Dios)
11:00 a.m. Sacred Heart (Comanche)

SACRED HEART

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 program done by the youth this Sunday at 6:00 p.m. All are invited.

Tendremos una programa de la **Obra de Navidad** este domingo a las 6:00 p.m. Todos son invitados.

OUR NEW WEBSITE

Please visit us at: www.stbrendanscc.org

Favor de visitarnos en el web:

ADVENT is a time of preparation for the coming of Jesus. It is a good time for reconciliation so that we may fully celebrate and receive Jesus with a cleansed heart and soul.

Penance Service at St. Mary will be held for all those in our area on December 16, beginning at 6:30 p.m. We will have 5 priests hearing confessions! All parishioners from all four parishes are invited to please participate.

ADVIENTO ES TIEMPO DE PREPARACIÓN

Tendremos **un Servicio de Penitencia en St. Mary**, viernes, 16 de diciembre a las 6:30 p.m. Adviento es el tiempo para prepararnos para la llegada de Jesus con limpia alma y corazón. Todos feligreses de todas las parroquias son invitados. ¡Favor de venir!

NEWS FOR ALL PARISHES

2nd Collections:

National Collection for Retired Religious Dec. 10-11

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

There will be a Pastoral Council Meeting on Monday, December 12, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Brendan CCD building.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLOOD DRIVE- THIS WEEKEND

The Knights of Columbus along with the Carter Blood Care Center collected 51 pints of blood to save 153 lives. A thank you to Mr. and Mrs. John Seifert and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gordon for their help in making a great breakfast for our donors. Thanks to everyone who participated.

BAPTISM COORDINATOR

We are still in need of an English speaking Baptism Coordinator 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.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to those who participated in the book drive for Bluffdale School. We collected many books that will be put to good use by the children.

St. Brendan

CCD Students: Last Class on December 14. We resume on January 14. Thank you!

Estudiantes CCD: Ultima clase es 14 diciembre. Clases resumen el 14 de enero. Gracias.

PLEASE MAKE NOTE OF RCIA SCHEDULE

RCIA schedule:

Class meets on and 11th. No class during Christmas Holidays. RCIA resumes January 8, 2017.

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