



## NOVEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2016 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### November 28<sup>TH</sup> - December 4<sup>TH</sup>

<b>Monday</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7:00AM</b> Communion Service
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7:00AM</b> Communion Service
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7:00AM</b> Communion Service
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8:15AM</b> Souls in Purgatory
	<b>10:00AM</b> †Daryl Entrop
	<b>12:10PM</b> †Pearlie Faichtinger
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>7:30AM</b> For the People
	<b>5:30PM</b> †Albert & Frieda Tschoerner
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7:30AM</b> For the People
	<b>9:15AM</b> John Mikeska Family
	<b>11:00AM</b> †Anna Jo Mikeska

### DECEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup> - 4<sup>TH</sup>

#### 5:30 PM MASS

No Deacon  
 Lector: HM Kreitz  
 Lay Ministers: J. Albers & C. & S. Guenat  
 Greeters: C. Ramm, B. Goonan  
 Altar Servers: A. & V. Lucksinger, A. Marin & M. Cruz

#### 7:30 AM MASS

No Deacon  
 Lector: N. Maldonado  
 Lay Ministers: T. Mireles & P. & K. Cameron  
 Greeters: J. Hattemer, R. & J. Bruggman  
 Altar Servers: S. & B. Mosmeyer, D. Nguyen, & A. Federle

#### 9:15 AM MASS

No Deacon  
 Lector: B. Roeder  
 Lay Ministers: D. Garza & R. & L. Luna  
 Greeters: A. Pechal & W. & E. Wilde  
 Altar Servers: M. & D. Mikeska, S Berumen, & M. Knight

#### 11:00 AM MASS

No Deacon  
 Lector: St. Mary's Students  
 Lay Ministers: J. Oakes, JA Mason & F. Trevino  
 Greeters: D. & K. Frei & N. Moreno  
 Altar Servers: A., V. & N. Basile, J. Martinez

#### COMMUNION CALLS December 4, 2016

J. Albers, C. & S. Guenat, P. & K. Cameron,  
 J. Dudley, P. Thrift, HM Kreitz, R. & L. Luna  
 & T. Mireles

#### YOUR GIFT TO GOD

#### November 20, 2016

Sunday Collection	\$	6584.56
Children's Collection	\$	28.00
Building Fund	\$	85.00
School Fund	\$	22.00
Generations to Come	\$	50.00
CCHD	<u>\$</u>	<u>1375.49</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>8,145.05</b>

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. **2 Corinthians 9:6-7**

#### STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

The Son of Man will come at an hour you do not expect. Good stewards know that they are accountable to God for all they have and are, and they strive to live in readiness for His coming.



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

With this Advent season, the Church's liturgical life moves into cycle A; this is the year of the Gospel of Matthew. Matthew's Gospel begins with an unmistakable narrative about Jesus' identity. Jesus is the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham, but, most importantly, the Son of God (8:29; 14:33). The Gospel concludes with another identifying statement with Jesus' final words to His disciples, "I am with you always, even to the end of time." (28:20)

The Advent season is marked with a spirit of reconciliation, promise and hope. It is a season of prayerful watch as we prepare ourselves to receive Christ in our lives. The liturgical color of the Advent season is purple. It is a Blue-purple which is in contrast to the red-purple used for Lent. Purple not only represents penance and fasting (Lent); it also expresses royalty as we welcome the Advent of our King. The use of purple during the Advent and Lenten seasons show the connection between Christ's birth and death. Advent is a season filled with anticipation and hope. Allow the season to be an opportunity for your family to come together and pray. When the Advent Wreath is used in the home, the opening prayer of the Sunday Mass is recited when the candles are lighted. The lighting of the candles may be preceded or followed by an Advent hymn and a Scripture reading. The lighting of the Advent Wreath may fittingly be included as a part of the evening meal. I pray that your Advent season will be filled with God's Blessing.

Fr. Steve

### CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS



Thank you to the following families who are taking the chalice to their homes to pray for a week that the Lord's call to vocations will be answered.

- Dec. 10 B. & J. Rodriguez 5:30pm mass
- Dec. 17 J. & JA Mason 11:00am mass
- Dec. 25 S. Garza 9:15am mass



### SANTA PAL GIVING TREES

St. Mary's Santa Pal has arrived. We have received 41 families that are in need in our community. Last year was a huge success because of the wonderful parishioners, students and families of St Mary's. We will be using the Giving Tree again this year. On November 23<sup>rd</sup> we will be putting up the trees in the church and school. The ornaments will be hung with a child or adult first name and wish list. If you grab an ornament, it will be labeled with a number and letter. Please write your name and telephone number on the clip board for the ornament that you choose so we can be sure all ornaments have been taken.

Bring the gift back to the church office (or drop at Allabout Insurance) by the deadline of December 16<sup>th</sup>. Please **wrap** the gifts (not a gift bag.) Kids love to tear open gifts! Also, tape the ornament to the gift so we can match the gift with the right person. Last year we only collected enough food to feed 9 of the 37 families. So, if you cannot help with a gift, please help with a bag of canned goods. Gifts will be delivered to families on Sat., December 24<sup>th</sup>. If anyone is interested in helping with any of the work, please call church office or call Tim Hodge. Tim's info is on the back of the bulletin.

*Let's make this another special year for 41 families in our community!*

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Weekly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with the parish community begins in the Sanctuary after the Wednesday 7:00 am Mass, thus flowing from the Mass, and will continue until Benediction at 6:30 PM.



Prayerfully consider signing up for an hour on Wednesdays. We also celebrate First Friday with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:00pm, followed by hymns, prayers for vocations and quiet time. Benediction and dismissal are at 8:00pm.



### St. Mary's Week Ahead

Date	Event	Location	Time
Monday Nov. 28th	Garden Ministry	St. Mary's Gardens	7:30am
	Quilting Angels	Ave Maria Building	9:00am
Tuesday Nov. 29th	Knitting & Crocheting	Ave Maria Building	12:30pm
	Adult Faith Formation	Ave Maria Building	1:30pm
	Adult Faith Formation	Ave Maria Building	6:00pm
	Building Committee	Parish Office	6:00pm
	Men of Joseph	Ave Maria Building	7:00pm
Wednesday Nov. 30 <sup>th</sup>	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church	7:30am
	Religious Education	Church	6:30pm
Thursday Dec. 1 <sup>st</sup>	Jr. High Choir Practice	School Auditorium	12:45pm
	Elementary Choir Practice	Church	3:30pm
	Choir Practice (9:15am Mass)	Church	6:15pm
	Choir Practice (5:30pm & 7:30am Masses)	Church	7:00pm
	RCIA	Ave Maria Building <i>Mary &amp; the Saints</i>	7:00pm
Friday Dec. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Adoration First Friday	Church	7:00pm

### FOCUS ON FAITH FORMATION

Advent this year begins on Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup> and will end, as always, on December 24<sup>th</sup>, the eve of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas). The word "Advent" is from the Latin "*Adventus*" which means "coming". Like Lent, Advent is a preparatory season when we are looking forward and waiting for something greater. We are not only waiting for and preparing for the annual celebration of the event of Christ's birth at Christmas, but also for the time when Christ will come again. <http://www.aquinasandmore.com/catholic-articles/the-history-and-meaning-of-advent/article/173>

As Catholics, we are all called during Advent to prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus into the world at Christmas. In addition, throughout the year we are expected to prepare and maintain our souls for the coming of Jesus Christ in Holy Communion. Through the grace received in the sacrament of Holy Communion we are making ourselves ready for His final coming as judge, at death and at the end of the world. <http://catholicism.about.com/od/holydaysandholidays/p/Advent.htm>

Advent celebration and traditions can vary from place to place, influenced by culture. However, some traditions have come to be common throughout the Catholic Church. The Advent wreath is likely the most popular tradition, and wreaths are typically present in both the parish church and in the home.

No matter how you choose to celebrate Advent, either as a family or as an individual, the important thing is that you do prepare for the coming of Jesus Christ on Christmas, Jesus in the Eucharist and when He comes again in His glory. This year, I pray that you keep Christ in Christmas and that you keep the light of His love burning in your heart.

*Thank you to all parishioners and RE families who donated to Food for Families. We collected 297 pounds! Continue to drop off donations in the boxes at church – we'll deliver to St. Vincent de Paul of Greater Temple.*

**Reminder:** Classes resume Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>.

*Blessings, Patricia St. Amour, DFF*



## Falcon's Corner

The Students of St. Mary's Catholic School are thankful for:

**Grade 2:** moms, dads, family, life, brothers, pets, school, God, grandparents and everything good in the world

### Grade 5A:

**Skyler:** for my sister because without a sister I would have been lonely. I am also thankful for my grandma because without a caring grandma I will have nobody to take care of my sister and I.

**Audrey** my school and all the teachers and staff that work here. I am also thankful for my great friends and all of the my family members too.

**Waverly:** for my family and friends.

**Henri:** for my family and friends because they help me every day.

**Josie:** being able to go to a Catholic School.

**Nathaniel:** for my family because they love me and I love them back.

**Adrain:** for what we have to eat on our plates and that we work hard for our family.

**Ty:** for having friends and family because I wouldn't be who I am today.

**Anna J:** for everything God gave me and my parents.

**Isabella:** for God, our teachers, and our parents because God and our teachers have taught us everything and our parents have given us everything we need.

**Cooper:** for food, a house and to live in Texas.

**Anna F:** for St. Mary's Catholic School because I love to learn here.

**William:** for my school because I get to learn and make friends.

**Thomas:** for my family and friends because they help me with my homework.

**Nicholas:** for the school and teachers to help us learn.

**Joseph:** for Mass on Friday because we get to altar serve and lector.

**Zachary:** for my family because they take care of me.

**Brisa:** for my family, friends, teacher and God because they are awesome in every way.

**Grade 8:** Family, Friends, Books to read, Scouting, Basketball, Good Health, Clean Water ,A positive environment in which to learn, Beautiful, smart, charming students, and Staff, and Knowing That God Loves us No matter what!!

*Amanda Arney and David Alexander*



**KJT**  
Catholic Union of Texas

#114 invites all KJT members and families to attend a Christmas party on Thurs., Dec. 15, from 6:00PM to 8:30PM in the Ave Maria Room at St. Mary Catholic Church, Temple. Please bring a covered dish of meat, vegetable or dessert to share. RSVP by Dec. 11 to [egpavlat@aol.com](mailto:egpavlat@aol.com) or call Eugene at 254.778.8954 or [ruth.bigon@yahoo.com](mailto:ruth.bigon@yahoo.com) or call Ruth at 254.773.6300.



Be sure to say hello to the following families who have joined our parish community:  
Regan, Flores and Marburger

**We celebrate a newly baptized child of God:**  
Gabriella Renee Regan  
daughter of Jason & Cynthia Regan

## WHAT'S GOING ON AROUND TOWN?

**Cedarbrake Retreat Center** is offering a silent retreat to prepare for the hustle and bustle of the Advent and Christmas season. Spiritual direction will be provided for this event which runs from Dec. 2 – 4. Call 254.780.2436 if you need more information or would like to register.

**St. Joseph Altar & Rosary Society of Killeen** will hold its annual Christmas Bazaar in the Parish Activity Center on Saturday, Dec. 3 from 10:00am to 7:30pm and Sunday, Dec. 4 from 8:30am to 3:00pm. Eat at the Christmas Café, buy crafts, take the kiddos to the Christmas corner and meet Santa!

**Save the Date!** The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Our Lady of the Angels Banquet Fundraiser Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 6pm-9pm at St. Paul Chong Hasang Parish Hall in Harker Heights. Watch their website at <http://ladyoftheangels.org/> for updates and other information regarding the shelter.