



Fourth Sunday of ADVENT December 21, 2014

The child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God.

— Luke 1:35

The padded kneelers are in place; and seat padding coming in January 2015. Gilding of capitals & painting of columns in process.



SUNDAY- December 21 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38
7:30 am - Grace Fossati †
10:00 am - Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family - Pastor

MONDAY - December 22

1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
8:00 am - J. U. Myers

TUESDAY - December 23

Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
8:00 am - M/M E. E. Waida †

WEDNESDAY - December 24 - Christmas Eve

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
8:00 am - Wm Carl Loest family
5:00 pm - †Frank L. Kandler - Vigil Mass - **Children's Liturgy**
Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]

MIDNIGHT - Christmas - The Nativity of the Lord

Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
12:00 am - William Strelczyk †

THURSDAY - December 25

Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
10:00 am - Victor & Alma Brosch †

FRIDAY - December 26 - St Stephen, The First Martyr

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
8:00 am - Most Rev. Bernard F. Popp †

SATURDAY - December 27 - St John, Apostle & Evangelist

1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
8:00 am - Luciano Say †
5:00 pm - Edna Kandler †

SUNDAY - Dec 28 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-5; Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]
7:30 am - Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family - Pastor
10:00 am - Bud Hofer † & Francine Murray †

SIGN UP FOR CHRISTMAS LITURGY SERVICES

(Sign-up sheet is on the table at the entrance of the church)

NEXT WEEKEND - December 27 & 28

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

of HOLY COMMUNION

and LECTORS

Sat. 5:00 pm - Diedra Kalina, Norman Schoener
Harvin Suggs
Sun. 7:30 am - Lawrence Yanta, Stephanie Holt
Jimmy/Patsy Whitaker
Sun. 10:00 am - Pat Pooley, Bud Tucker
Leona Sedlar, Donna Maxey

ALTAR SERVERS:

Sat 5:00 pm - Bryan Kalina
Sun 7:30 am - Braydon Manning, Sampson Holt, Nic/Ric Kurtz
Sun 10:00 am - Caleb, Olivia, and Maddie Urbano

USHERS:

5:00 pm - Mike John, F. Motal, T. Goslin, R. Dominguez
7:30 am - Frank Marbach, James Novak, Michael Fikac
10:00 am - Kenny Spann, Al Schoener, Jeremy Kurtz, H. Raska

ALTAR CLEANER(S):

Donna Valenta

Merry Christmas

SUNDAY - Fourth Sunday of Advent

Extra EnvlColl: Altar Srvr Education Sclrshp Fund
7:30 am - Altar Society group Communion

MONDAY - Altar Society meeting & Xmas Party

Christmas WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY (Holyday)
see Christmas Schedule on next page

SATURDAY - Confessions 4:00 - 4:30 pm

SUNDAY - the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Extra EnvlColl: StVdPaul "Black Bag"
Holy Family Breakfast 8:30 am - 9-ish - Parish Hall

ECHOING MARY'S DECISION

The angel Gabriel today confronts Mary with a mystery. The mystery of salvation in Christ is not a mystery that is solved, but a reality beyond our comprehension that we must choose to enter into. In the liturgy of the Eastern Church, everyone waits to see if Mary will enter into the mystery: God waits, Adam and Eve and all the souls of the dead who long for paradise wait, angels wait for new heavenly companions. And there is much rejoicing when her decision is "yes."

We have less dramatic choices offered to us, but the mystery of our salvation in Christ is by no means "solved." We may understand it a bit better due to Mary's "yes." We may be a bit closer to it through the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. But it still remains a mystery to which we all must give our own "yes." Soon we will be singing "O come, let us adore him." May our Advent prayer, our echo of Mary's "yes," continue then, so we may enter into the mystery of our salvation in Jesus Christ, God among us.

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Holy Family Breakfast

December 28th is Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph Sunday To honor the occasion **Holy Name Society** and **Altar Society** will be preparing a **FULL breakfast** for **ALL CHURCH MEMBERS**. Everyone is invited and urged to attend. Come to the Parish Hall after the 7:30 am Mass. Serving continues until all gone.



No report for WEEKEND of 12-13/14-14 due to holiday early publishing deadline.

Please Pray for Our Sick

Chris Stroh, Tina Moya, Jim Vacek, Mary A. Hoerig, Daria Sanchez, Sandra McKeown, Diane Mendoza, Bill Hough, Eunice Morkovsky, George Boedeker, Bob Kubesch, Margie Tater & Jackie Mahan

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Generations of Faith ~ GOF
Religious Education Classes

It is never too late to register!

If you have not registered, register at the next GOF class OR call the Rectory 575-3813 or Laurie Bautista @ 573-9561

- Dec 21 GOF Class
- Dec 24 Christmas Eve Mass
- Dec 28 No GOF Class - Christmas Break
- Jan 4 GOF Class
- Jan 4 Magi Party for catechists and guests @ 6:30
- Jan 11 GOF Class
- Jan 18 GOF Class



CONFESSIONS:
MONDAY,
TUESDAY,
WEDNESDAY
12-22, 23, 24
7:30 - 7:55 AM

MASSES:

- WEDNESDAY- Christmas Vigil**
12-24-14.....(Children's Liturgy) **5:00 PM**
- MIDNIGHT MASS****12:01 AM**
- THURSDAY - Christmas Day**
12-25-14.....**10:00 AM**



~ Children's Christmas Eve Mass ~
All Choir & Skit Practices are in Church

Choir: Sunday Dec 21 after 10 Mass
Skit: Sunday Dec 21 from 11:15 - 12:30
All our young people are encouraged to participate.
Contact info: Toni Schaar - 578-4561 (Choir)
Contact info: Monica Huddleston - 935-1006 (Skit)

CONTINUAL CHRISTMAS

A Good conscience is a continual Christmas. _____ Benjamin Franklin

CHRISTMAS IN THE HEART

Christmas! 'Tis the season for kindling the fire of hospitality in the hall, the genial fire of *charity* in the heart. _____ Washington Irving

Society of St Vincent de Paul ANNUAL REPORT
for the period of **10-1-13/09-30-14**

Income:	
Donations from our Parish.....	\$19,738.00
Donations from other entities.....	\$400.00
Disbursements:.....	\$18,021.00
Expenses:	
Mass donations.....	\$15.00
District Council dues.....	\$712.00
Cell Phone.....	\$585.00
Prosperity Bank Account: Balance as of 09-30-14.....	\$3,929.00

We would like to extend a huge **'Thank You'** to our Parish. Through your generous donations we were able to help 400 people and make 115 home visits. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul through Our Lady of Lourdes Parish also extended a helping hand to a family of 7 during the 2013 Christmas season. With the help of the Confirmation Group, we warmed the bodies and souls of those less fortunate. God Bless.....



Christmas Message from Fr. Say

How humble is our God! He came into a world that "did not know him" in order to redeem a people who "did not accept him"! At his very birth, the Lord of the universe did not receive a kingly welcome. He was not surrounded by fine gifts. He was not tended to by the finest doctors and servants. He was not clothed in the softest linens. Instead, Jesus was born impoverished, placed in an animal's stall, and wrapped in simple "bands of cloth" (Lk 2:7).

Our hearts are filled with awe by the immense love of God, in the wonder of the Christmas event and in the Son he sends us. May his coming bring us peace and his blessings abide with us.

The Parish Staff and I extend our best wishes and prayers for a blessed and joyful Christmas, and peaceful New Year! _____ Fr. Say

ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

All active and inactive members of Altar Society-come to the **annual Christmas Party - Mon. December 22, 2014.** Rosary 6pm, short meeting 6:30pm. Everyone attending please bring a Salad and/or Dessert dish to share. For gift exchange, everyone who wishes to participate needs to bring a gift in the dollar amount of \$10 to \$12. We also will have the annual shower for Perpetual Help Home--bring something for it, example, soap, tissue, deodorant, shampoo, paper towels, etc. Maybe some goodies for children. Looking forward to a festive & social evening with Altar Society members we have missed not seeing. Please try to join us. Wishing all a Merry & Blessed Christmas.

News Around Town

IN DECEMBER, KC COUNCIL 1329 WILL NOT HAVE A CHICKEN BBQ ON THE 3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

Availability will again resume on **JANUARY 18, 2015** and every month until July 2015.

Amor Meus Spirituality Center

1101 N. E. Water St. Victoria, TX - Call 361-575-7111 for information

Advent Solemn Vespers - Dec. 21, 2014

Vespers conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 5:00 pm-5:45 pm in the Convent Chapel.

Holy Family Catholic Church invites you to a **Christmas Program** -Sunday, December 21 -7:30 PM- 704 Mallette Drive. Free Admission. Christmas comes but once a year.

CDA Court St. Ann #369 will be meeting on Jan. 5th, beginning with prayer at 6:10 PM, followed by the business meeting at 6:30 PM in the KC Hall. We invite all Catholic women who are 18 and older to come and learn about the ministries we serve

Thank you!

"We can certainly call you friends because of the way you care for our retired members," writes a religious brother. Your gift to last week's collection for the **Retirement Fund for Religious** benefits some 35,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. May God Bless You for your generosity!

Remembrance envelopes, benefiting the **Preservation and Enhancement Fund at Our Lady of Lourdes Church** are available at the rectory or at the entrance of the church.