

# Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church

## Catholic Diocese of Victoria in Texas

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### Mass Schedule

Saturday (anticipation) ..... 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday ..... 7:30 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.  
Monday ..... 8:00 a.m.  
Tuesday ..... 8:00 a.m.  
Wednesday ..... 6:00 p.m.  
Thursday ..... 8:00 a.m.  
Friday ..... 8:00 a.m.

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday ..... 4:00-4:45 p.m.  
Sunday ..... 8:45-9:15 a.m.

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#### OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday: 8:00 a.m.–Noon & 1:00-5:00 p.m.  
Friday: 8:00 a.m.–12:00 Noon

#### New Members

Welcome to Assumption Parish!  
Please call or stop by the Parish Office to register.

#### Holy Communion to the Home-Bound

Each Wednesday. If you are unable to attend Mass due to illness or disability, please call the Parish Office.

#### Sacrament of Baptism

Parents and Godparents are required to attend a baptismal class. Come by the Parish Office to ask about requirements for Godparents, paperwork required, and to register for a class. Check the bulletin for class schedule for 2024. All classes are on a Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. at the JPPII Family Center.

#### Sacrament of Matrimony

Please make an appointment with the Pastor at least six months prior to the intended date. No wedding date will be firm until after the initial meeting with the Pastor.

## December 17, 2023 Third Sunday of Advent

### TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11. I rejoice heartily in the Lord.

Luke 1. "My soul rejoices in my God."

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24. May you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

John 1:6-8, 19-28. There is one among you whom you do not recognize.

### QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

How can I recognize and then bear witness to the light that comes from God?

### DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

**Mon:** Jeremiah 23:5-8  
Matthew 1:18-25  
**Tues:** Judges 13:2-7, 24-25  
Luke 1:5-25  
**Wed:** Isaiah 7:10-14  
Luke 1:26-38  
**Thurs:** Songs 2:8-14  
Luke 1:39-45  
**Fri:** 1 Samuel 1:24-28  
Luke 1:46-56  
**Sat:** Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24  
Luke 1:57-66  
**Sun:** 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14-16  
Romans 16:25-27  
Luke 1:26-38

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Saturday, December 16**

5:00 p.m. ✠Dorothy Kaspar

**Sunday, December 17**

7:30 a.m. Parishioners & Benefactors

9:30 a.m. ✠Jerome (Sr.) & Ella Mae Knebel

**Monday, December 18**

8:00 a.m. ✠Emil "Fido" Bures, III

9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

**Tuesday, December 19**

8:00 a.m. Special Intention – Paul Rymniak

**Wednesday, December 20**

6:00 p.m. ✠Robert "Cowboy" Bures

**Thursday, December 21**

8:00 a.m. ✠Theo Andel

**5:30-6:30 p.m. PENANCE SERVICE**

**Friday, December 22**

8:00 a.m. ✠Philip Webernick

**Saturday, December 23**

5:00 p.m. ✠John & Pauline Cieslewicz

**Sunday, December 24**

7:30 a.m. Parishioners & Benefactors

9:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Bures & Labay

**CHRISTMAS EVE (anticipation)**

**5:00 p.m.** Thanksgiving for my Benefactors -  
Heather Supak

**10:30 p.m.** Living & Deceased members of  
Tupa & Lidiak family

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 25**

**CHRISTMAS DAY – The Nativity of the Lord**  
**Holy Day of Obligation**

**9:30 a.m.** Parishioners & Benefactors

**ALTAR FLOWERS & SANCTUARY CANDLE**

In memory of Geri Avery  
by Deacon Red & Marilyn Hensley

**SANCTUARY CANDLE**

In thanksgiving for Meira Arriaga on her 6<sup>th</sup> birthday  
by Buddy & Lydia Arriaga

**BULLETIN SPONSOR**

In thanksgiving for Father Greg Korenek  
Deacon Red Hensley and Deacon Kevin Petrash

**The Blessing of the Bambinelli**

St. John Paul II began a tradition early on in his papacy where he invited the children of Rome to assemble in St. Peter's Square on the Third Sunday of Advent during his Angelus address. He asked them to bring their little statue of the baby Jesus that would be placed in their Nativity set at home.



Assumption Parish will continue this tradition as Father Greg blesses your Bambinelli today.

God, our Father you so loved humankind  
that you sent us your only Son Jesus, born of the  
Virgin Mary, to save us and lead us back to you.

We pray that with your Blessing these images of  
Jesus, who is about to come among us, may be a  
sign of your presence and love in our homes.

Good Father, give your Blessing to us too,  
to our parents, to our families and to our friends.

Open our hearts, so that we may be able to  
receive Jesus in joy, always do what he asks  
and see him in all those who are in need of our love.

We ask you this in the name of Jesus, your beloved  
Son who comes to give the world peace.

He lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

~ Pope Benedict XVI, 2009.



**PARISH PENANCE SERVICE**

**Thursday, December 21**  
**5:30-6:30 p.m. Assumption Church**

Several priests will be available to hear  
Confession. A good confession can be one of the best  
ways to enter into the joy of the nativity with a clean  
heart, light and love.

# Third Sunday of Advent

## **MEETING THIS WEEK**

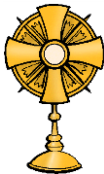
### **MONDAY, DECEMBER 18**

- Men's Gathering 6:30 p.m. JPII

## **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

**Monday, December 18**

9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.



## **MASS ATTENDANCE OBLIGATION NOTE**

**CHRISTMAS, December 25, 2023**, will be on a **Monday** this year and **IS** a Holy Day of Obligation. In conjunction with the **Fourth Sunday of Advent**, a clarification regarding Mass attendance obligations is in order. The faithful will need to attend two Masses – one for the Fourth Sunday of Advent and one for Christmas. Thus, you cannot attend the evening Mass on Sunday at 5:00 p.m., or the Mass at Night at 10:30 p.m., and consider it as fulfilling both obligations.

**January 1, 2024, The Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God**, falls on a Monday. While this feast is normally a Holy Day of Obligation, it is one of the Holy Days in which the obligation to attend Mass is abrogated (done away with) when it falls on a Saturday or Monday. Thus, even though there is no obligation to attend Mass on this day in 2024, coming to Mass would, nevertheless, be a beautiful way to honor the Blessed Mother, and to pray for God's blessings in the new year.

## **SCHEDULE for** **CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S**

### **THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Saturday, December 23** – 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday, December 24** – 7:30 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.

### **THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

**Sunday, December 24** - Christmas Eve (vigil)

5:00 p.m. & 10:30 p.m.

**Monday, December 25** -- Christmas Day

9:30 a.m.

### **SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**

**Monday, January 1** – New Year's Day – 9:00 a.m.

## **CONGRATULATIONS!**

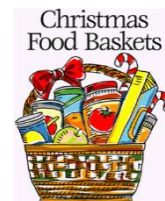
Knight of the Year – **Dennis "Rabbit" Bures**

Daughter of the Year – **Frances Toman**

## **THANK YOU!**

Matthew 25 Ministry thanks everyone: families, individuals, organizations, who donated food items for the Christmas baskets and those who helped sort, pack, and distribute.

Through your generosity we were able to give 45+ baskets to the less fortunate of our Community. May God continue to bless you for sharing your time, talents, and treasure. This wouldn't be possible without YOU!



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## **CCD CLASSES**

**\*NO class on DECEMBER 20, 27, or JANUARY 3**  
**Class will resume on Wednesday, January 10**

## **HIGH SCHOOL TEEN RETREAT**



**December 28-30, 2023**  
**Spiritual Renewal Center, Victoria**

## **2024 CHURCH CALENDARS**

All parishioners are invited to take a 2024 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.



## **POINSETTIAS**



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 Church and drop it into the collection clearly marked.

## **MINISTRIES for DECEMBER 23 & 24**

### **LECTORS:**

5:00 PM – Jimmy Fowler

7:30 AM – Missie Landry

9:30 AM – Casey Koop

### **ALTAR SERVERS:**

5:00 PM – Aileen Z. & Evan Z.

7:30 AM – Alina A. & 1 volunteer

9:30 AM – Dylan H. & Lacie H.

## **MINISTRIES for DECEMBER 24 & 25**

### **LECTORS:**

5:00 PM – Richard Chovanec

10:30 AM – Clinton Tegeler

9:30 AM – Angela Petrash

### **ALTAR SERVERS:**

5:00 PM – Kyla S. & Kyle S.

10:30 PM – To be Appointed

9:30 AM – Jon R. & Luke R.

## **OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

**December 9 & 10**



Envelopes – \$3,205.00

Loose – \$571.00

Maintenance – \$495.00

Harvest - \$125.00

Immaculate Conception - \$1,316.00



### **REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

Steve Bibb, Gilbert Luera, Sr., Johnny Vesely, Lanoe Macha, Eddie Lindsey, Mary Ann Peters, Connor Sulak, Tyler

Fowler, Joe Janecek, Jr., Jenna Morrison, Sally Bermea, Frank Morales, Georgie Kruse, Paul Kaspar, Regina Gutierrez, Clara Gutierrez, Misty Beard, Kristie Rogers, Renee Bures, Pam Gates, Doug Hlavaty, All the Unborn and their parents, People serving in the Military, Holy Souls in Purgatory, and all those who asked us to pray for them

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Members are reminded to pay their 2024 dues of \$30 by January 31, 2024. Dues can be mailed to: Ganado K of C, PO Box 90, Ganado, Texas 77962, or paid at the January 11, 2024 meeting. Contact Chuck Hasdorff (771-5911) if you have any questions.



## **ALTAR FLOWERS & SANCTUARY CANDLE**



The **2024 sign-up calendars** to donate either Altar flowers or Sanctuary candles are available on each of the cabinets in Church.

Please fill in your special days. We ask for a minimum of \$30 for flowers and \$5 for candles. Please make your check payable to Assumption Church and drop it into the collection clearly marked.

## **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church**

**November 2023 Profit & Loss**

### **INCOME:**

Sunday & Holyday Collections	20,512.00
Harvest Collection	1,175.00
CCD Registration	50.00
Maintenance Fund	3,743.00
Interest	6.30
Votive Lights	140.81
Altar Flowers	120.00
Memorials	35.00
Rent	700.00
Gift	1,858.00
Cemetery Plots	150.00
Other	170.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$28,660.11</b>

### **EXPENSE:**

Auto	264.62
Altar Flowers	400.00
Payroll Taxes & Benefits	2,604.09
Salaries	4,520.00
Clergy Assistance	190.00
Church	416.80
Rectory	66.43
Cemetery	719.93
Office Operations	449.81
Repairs/Maintenance	1,439.24
Utilities	2,634.97
Outreach Ministry (Matthew 25)	50.00
Youth Activities	220.56
Other	148.96
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$14,125.41</b>

<b>November Profit</b>	<b>\$14,534.70</b>
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