





**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**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 Families

**CHRISTMAS EVE (anticipation)**

5:00 p.m. Thanksgiving for my Benefactors & Supporters of Missionary Work- 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

**Tuesday, December 26**

8:00 a.m. ✠ Ray Rodriguez, Sr.

**Wednesday, December 27**

6:00 p.m. ✠ Annie Lesak

**Thursday, December 28**

8:00 a.m. ✠ Lillian Marek

**Friday, December 29 NO MASS**

**Saturday, December 30**

5:00 p.m. ✠ Corrian Bock

**Sunday, December 31**

7:30 a.m. Parishioners & Benefactors

9:30 a.m. In thanksgiving for Paul Juranek on his 16<sup>th</sup> birthday

**MONDAY, JANUARY 1**

**BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**

9:00 a.m. Special Intention for the Toman families

**MASS ATTENDANCE OBLIGATION**

**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.

**BLESSING FOR THE NEW YEAR**

On New Year's Eve or New Year's Day, the household gathers at the table or the Christmas tree or manger scene. Many people make New Year's Day a day of prayer for peace. The calendar of the new year may be held during the blessing.

✠ All make the sign of the cross. **The leader begins:**

Let us praise the Lord of days and seasons and years, saying: Glory to God in the highest!

**All respond:**

And peace to his people on earth!

**Then the leader begins:**

Let us now pray for God's blessing in the new year.

After a short silence, parents may place their hands on their children in blessing as the **leader says:**

Remember us, O God;

from age to age be our comforter.

You have given us the wonder of time,

blessings in days and nights, seasons and years.

Bless your children at the turning of the year and fill the months ahead with the bright hope that is ours in the coming of Christ.

You are our God, living and reigning, for ever and ever.

**R: Amen.**

**ALTAR FLOWERS & SANCTUARY CANDLE**

Blessings for Vorajakmol Family by Maria

In memory of Marvin Novak by Katy & Melissa Novak

Special Intention by Pat & Paulette Petrash

# Third Sunday of Advent



## 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.



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

## MEMBERSHIP DUES

Members are reminded to pay their 2024 dues of \$30 by January 15, 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.



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## CCD CLASSES

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



## TEEN RETREAT

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

## RETREATANTS

Juanaluz Espino	Ell Todish
Saylor Bures	Hallie Bures
Jocelynn Reid	Makayla Perez
Brenda Govea	Gwen Reid
Emily Contreras	Logan Bures
Laci Holt	DJ Cortright
Carlos Avalos	Jayce Rosalez
Bailey Taylor	Paisley Hajovsky
Grayson Davis	Jose Aguilar
Mary Rodriguez	Martin Guzman, Jr.
Mason Garcia	Alyson Andres
Viviana Rosales	Mi Reyna Zarate
Lesly Prado	Dominic Garcia

## TEAM

<b>Briana Hoskins (Dir)</b>	<b>Luke Reid (Co-Director)</b>
Callen Hajovsky	Chandler Gabrysch
Justin Ware	Brant Peters
Kylea Almaraz	Kyla Stancik
Julie Sulak	Raina Martinez
Kamryn Holub	Mireya Solorzano
Mykah Mabry	Marlee Guthry
Brandon Peters	Sabrina Peters
Deacon Kevin Petrash	Angela Petrash
Missie Landry	Robert Landry
Sharon Hicks	Jamie Sulak
Trace Roznovsky	Logan Petrash

Dear God, guide and protect our youth from the anxieties and distractions that are ever present in the world today. Be with them as they experience life's challenges. Show them Your Presence when they encounter both sickness and healing, loneliness and friendship, failure and success, sorrow and joy.

Gracious God, give them the courage and strength to make decisions guided by Your Light as they journey through life.

Through the power of the life-giving Spirit may they come to know Your love. Amen.

## **BULLETIN SPONSOR**

Special Intention – Pat & Paulette Petrash

### **MINISTRIES for DECEMBER 24 & 25** **Christmas Eve & Day**

#### **LECTORS:**

5:00 PM – Richard Chovanec  
10:30 PM – 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.

### **MINISTRIES for DECEMBER 30 & 31**

#### **LECTORS:**

5:00 PM – Luke Reid  
7:30 AM – Lou Ann Tupa  
9:30 AM – Margaret Reed

#### **ALTAR SERVERS:**

5:00 PM – Sophie B., & D.J. C.  
7:30 AM – Tanya H. & Abad Orta  
9:30 AM – Lylianna E. & Easton Mc.

### **MINISTRIES for JANUARY 1**

#### **LECTORS:**

9:00 AM – Michael Sulak

#### **ALTAR SERVERS:**

9:00 AM – Andrew S. & Matthew S.

## **OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

**December 16 & 17**



Envelopes – \$3,915.00	Loose – \$698.00
Maintenance – \$860.00	Harvest - \$1,000.00



## **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

## **READINGS for the SOLEMNITY of The BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER of GOD January 1, 2024**

### **First Reading: Numbers 6:22-27**

The LORD said to Moses: "Speak to Aaron and his sons and tell them: This is how you shall bless the Israelites. Say to them: The LORD bless you and keep you! The LORD let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace! So shall they invoke my name upon the Israelites, and I will bless them."

### **Second Reading: Galatians 4:4-7**

Brothers and sisters: When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to ransom those under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. As proof that you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son then also an heir, through God.

### **Gospel: Luke 2:16-21**

The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them. When eight days were completed for his circumcision, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.



*Have a blessed  
Christmas*

*May the blessing  
of the Lord be  
with you and your  
family as you  
celebrates the coming  
of our  
Savior Jesus Christ.*

<http://christmasday.com>