



January 1, 2024
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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 16th birthday

MONDAY, JANUARY 1

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

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

Tuesday, January 2

8:00 a.m. Special Intention for Lou Ann Tupa

Wednesday, January 3

6:00 p.m. ✙ Julia Sulak

Thursday, January 4

8:00 a.m. ✙ Joe Vesely

First Friday, January 5

8:00 a.m. ✙ Charles Wells

Saturday, January 6

5:00 p.m. ✙ Patsy Janca Konarik

Sunday, January 7

7:30 a.m. Parishioners & Benefactors

9:30 a.m. Diane Bures Young

SANCTUARY CANDLE

Blessings for Lou Ann Tupa on her birthday by friends

BULLETIN SPONSOR & SANCTUARY CANDLE

Special Intention for Georgie Kruse by Lou Ann Tupa



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.

TODAY IS THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

This feast day honors Jesus, the Blessed Mother, and St. Joseph as the holiest of families, and therefore a model for all Christians families. They were holy because they placed God at the center of their family life, they loved and sacrificed for one another, and they radiated that love to others in the redemptive mission of the Word Incarnate.

Pope St. John Paul II said, "The Redeemer of the world chose the family as the place for his birth and growth, thereby sanctifying this fundamental institution of every society" (Angelus message, 30 December 2001).



CHURCH CALENDARS

All parishioners are invited to take a 2024 Church calendar, located on the cabinets in Church. Please 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.



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

NEW YEAR'S DAY

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.

PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

Loving God, thank you for a new year. May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate. We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another.

As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time. Amen.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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.

**MEMBERSHIP
DUES**



PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

Deacon Joseph Blackburn, Shane Goertz,
Caleb Krischke, Nelson Lagos,
Aaron Padilla, William Pettus, Alex Woods

TERRI SULAK, Director of Religious Education
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CCD CLASSES

***NO class on JANUARY 3**

Classes will resume on Wednesday, January 10

A PRAYER FOR OUR CHILDEN

Loving Heavenly Father, I ask that you place your angels around my children. Protect them wherever they go. Please help them make the right choices about things they should and shouldn't do. May they find comfort in knowing that your angels are with them to guide and protect them. In Jesus' name, Amen.

SAVE THE DATE!

February 28 – Confession during class time

March 6 – Practice for Confirmation during class time

March 16 – Rite of Confirmation, 5:00 p.m. Mass



March 3 – First Communion retreat, student & parent begins with 9:30 a.m. Mass

April 3 – Practice for 1st Confession during class time

April 10 – First Confession during class time

April 17 – Practice for First Communion during class

April 21 – First Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m. Mass

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.

Look back and be grateful,

Look ahead and be hopeful,

Look around and be helpful.

MINISTRIES for JANUARY 1

LECTORS:

9:00 AM – Michael Sulak

ALTAR SERVERS:

9:00 AM – Andrew S. & Matthew S.

MINISTRIES for JANUARY 6 & 7

LECTORS:

5:00 PM – Jerri Lara

7:30 AM – Richard Chovanec

9:30 AM – Terri Morales

ALTAR SERVERS:

5:00 PM – Fynlee G. & Lyliaanna E.

7:30 AM – Jase P. & 1 volunteer

9:30 AM – Gianna K. & Gwen R.

OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP

December 23/24 & 25



Envelopes – \$4,384.00 Loose – \$1,175.50
Maintenance – \$1,165.00 Christmas - \$5,424.00



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, 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

PRO-LIFE CORNER

There is no better time than now, this very Christmas season, for all of us to rededicate ourselves to the principals taught by Jesus Christ. It is the time to love the Lord, our God, with all our heart –and our neighbors as ourselves.



Readings for January 8 **THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory. Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance. Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you: your sons come from afar, and your daughters in the arms of their nurses. Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you. Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the LORD.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

Brothers and sisters: You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation. It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: *And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel.*" Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

