



STS. CYRIL & METHODIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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December 14, 2025

Mass Intentions

December 14 – Third Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. Members of Sts. Cyril & Methodius Parish

9:30 a.m. Joseph Novosad +

December 15 – Monday

6:30 a.m. Dolores Leared +

December 16 – Tuesday

6:30 a.m. B. J. & Adela Machart +

December 17 – Wednesday

12:10 p.m. Cole Ohrt +

6:00 p.m. Felix & Pauline Vanek & Family +

December 18 – Thursday

6:30 a.m. Gene & Lois Jirkovsky +

December 19 – Friday

11:00 a.m. Marvin Adamek and Trista Sevcik +

December 20 – Saturday

8:00 a.m. Bo (Eugene) Patek +

5:00 p.m. A. J. Cerny +

December 21 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. Members of Sts. Cyril & Methodius Parish

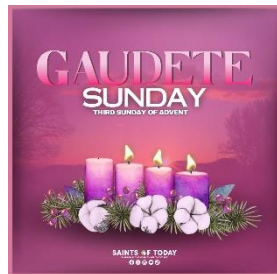
9:30 a.m. Jimmie Patek and James Patek +



From the Pastor's Desk

This 3rd Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday.

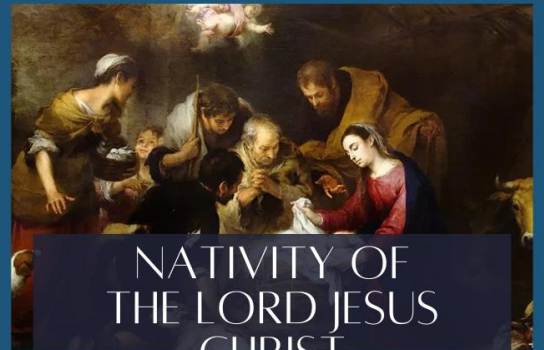
It's called that for several reasons: "Rejoice" is the first word of the Entrance Antiphon at Mass; the pink candle means we're more



than halfway to our Lord's nativity; and thus the readings stop focusing on the terrible end-times to come and start expecting the joy that's nearly here. This officially brings us to the second half of advent with December 17th beginning the joyous anticipation of the the O Antiphons. These are 7 ancient, poetic prayers used during Vespers (Evening Prayer) from December 17th to 23rd, each beginning with "O" and calling on Christ by different titles from the Old Testament, expressing deep longing and excitement for His coming and forming the basis for the hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" or "O Come Divine Messiah". They serve as a climactic countdown to Christmas, emphasizing the fulfillment of prophecy and the Church's anticipation for Jesus. The 7 O Antiphons are: O Wisdom, O Lord, O Root of Jesse, O Key of David, O Rising Sun, O King of the Nations, and O Emmanuel.

To build on this excitement, it is fitting to begin to decorate the exterior of the church starting on December 17th and decorate the interior of the church following the 4th Sunday of Advent. We will be decorating the church following the 9:30am mass next Sunday, December 21. Please come join us!

The Christmas Mass Schedule is published below. Please consider coming to midnight mass, it will be glorious. We will be doing candlelight midnight mass with the overhead lights off, celebrated *ad orientem*, with the Roman Canon in Latin, and a brass ensemble for joyous music! Also, after Mass we will have a midnight snack of hot chocolate and hot toddies on the steps of the church to celebrate our Lord's Nativity.



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

WED. 12/24 5:00PM CHRISTMAS VIGIL
CHILDREN'S PAGEANT BEFORE MASS

THU. 12/25 12:00AM MIDNIGHT MASS
CANDLELIGHT AD ORIENTEM MASS
IN LATIN. CAROLING BEGINS AT 11:30

7:30AM CHRISTMAS MASS
9:30AM CHRISTMAS MASS

Area Penance Services:

Monday, December 15,

St. Joseph, Moulton, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 16,

Sacred, Hallettsville, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 18,

Sts. Cyril & Methodius, Shiner, 5:30 p.m.

2026 Workbooks for Lectors are available for all parish lectors. Please pick up your copy from the sacristy.

Other Confessions This Week:

Sunday, December 14, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, December 17, 5:00 – 5:50 p.m.
Friday, December 19, 9:00 – 9:45 p.m.
Saturday, December 20, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 21, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.



Angel Tree: The JCDA and CDA are sponsoring an Angel Tree project for Shiner Nursing Home residents. The tree will be placed in back of church this weekend, December 13/14. The angels on the tree will have an item from the wish list of one of the residents. Pick an angel, register your name on the form provided, return the angel with the gift, wrapped, or in a gift bag, to the parish office by Monday, December 22.



Flowers on the Altar

In Memory of Herbert & Allen Marek by Family

Church & Children's Bulletin Sponsor

Shiner Knights of Columbus Council #3081

Sanctuary Candles

In Memory of B. J. & Adela Machart by Family

Adoration Chapel Candles

In Memory of Father Patrick Fidgeon
By Clarence & Mary Rose Barta

Memorial Candle for the Unborn

Shiner Knights of Columbus Council #3081

Note: There are openings for bulletin and candle sponsors in the coming weeks. To book a date please call the parish office at 361-594-3836.

Christmas Flowers: Your donations for the poinsettias that will enhance the beauty of our church during the Christmas season will be most appreciated. These may be dropped in the collection basket in a marked envelope or left at the parish office.



Sts. Cyril and Methodius Homily YouTube Channel:

Several times a month Fr. Jacob will post his Sunday homily on our new parish YouTube channel. You can subscribe to these recordings at [YouTube.com/@ShinerCatholic](https://www.youtube.com/@ShinerCatholic)



The Memorial Crosses bearing names of parishioners who died this past year are available for pickup from the communion rail in church. Please take the cross with the name of your loved one. Also, the binder with the list of the names of the souls from the All Souls Novena will remain at the Pieta statue until the end of the year.



Please remember in prayer the priests of the Diocese of Victoria who died during the month of December:

- Rev. Msgr. C.J. Martin, Dec. 1, 1989
- Rev. Msgr. Henry S. Herbst, Dec. 7, 1994
- Rev. Joseph A. Koebel, Dec. 12, 2005
- Rev. Msgr. Alex Kraus, Dec. 19, 1992
- Rev. Msgr. Eustace A. Hermes, Dec. 23, 2016
- Rev. Msgr. Lawrence Matula, Dec. 25, 2017
- Rev. Joseph Leyva, Dec. 31, 1983



Our Gifts to God This Week

Church Support Envelopes.....	\$ 8,682.00
Loose Collection.....	\$ 1,208.00
2 nd Collection–Repair Fund.....	\$ 622.00

Retirement Fund for Religious: This weekend's second collection will be for this worthy cause.



Adoration Chapel Notes

The chapel will close on **December 19** and will remain closed until **January 5**.

Please call the parish office at 361-594-3836 if you can take any of the following open hours, or if you are willing to be a substitute adorers.

Mondays: 11:00 pm - Midnight

Tuesdays: 1:00 – 2:00 am

Wednesdays: 1:00 – 2:00 am (on 1st, 2nd, & 5th Wednesdays)

Thursdays: 3:00–4:00 am.



Looking Ahead

January 1, is the Solemnity of Holy Mary Mother God, a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses for this day:

Wednesday, December 31, 5:00 p.m. (Vigil), and 11:00 p.m. Holy Hour followed by Mass at Midnight.

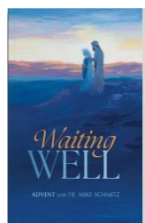
Thursday, January 1, 9:30 a.m. and Noon



February 19 - 22, 2026: Join us for a **SILENT WOMEN'S RETREAT** this Lent where we will journey into the desert with Christ. A sacred space of quiet, reflection and renewal.

Cost is \$150 and there will be a limited number of spaces available. Call Sharon

Patek at the Parish Office at 361-594-3836 to reserve your space.



Please join us in preparing for our Lord in this Advent time. Monday Evenings 6-7 and Friday Morning 7-8 in the PAC. You do not need to have attended past meetings; all are welcome to come and experience the beauty in waiting.



Congratulations to Deacon Joe Machacek, on the 16th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Diaconate, which he observes on December 19. Thank you for your ministry and for service to our parish. May God bless you always!



Religious Education Schedule

Dec. 17 – Regular Class
Dec. 24 and 31 – No Class



Shiner KJT Society #20 will hold its quarterly meeting on Sunday, December 14, in the PAC after the 9:30 am. Mass. Delegates to the state convention will be selected.



2026 Catholic Art Church Calendars are available for your convenience at the church entrances.