

# DECEMBER 5, 2021

## Second Sunday of Advent

SACRED HEART PARISH (SH); SAINTS CYRIL & METHODIUS PARISH (SSCM)  
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### MONDAY, December 6

7:00 p.m. SH, *Novenario de la Virgen de Guadalupe*

### TUESDAY, December 7

*Saint Ambrose, bishop & doctor of the Church; feast*

9:00 a.m. CCF Building, Room 5, Word Among Us  
Bible Study.

10:00 a.m. CCF Building, Quilting Circle

7:00 p.m. SH, *Novenario de la Virgen de Guadalupe*

### WEDNESDAY, December 8

*Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patronal Feastday of the United States of America, Holyday of Obligation*

Parish Office Closed.

10:00 a.m. SSCM, Eucharist

6:00 - 6:30 p.m. SH, Sacrament of Penance  
(confessions / confesiones)

6:30 p.m. SH, Eucharist

7:00 p.m. SH, *Novenario de la Virgen de Guadalupe*

### THURSDAY, December 9

6:30 – 7:30 a.m. SH Parish Hall, Men's Group

7:00 p.m. SH, *Novenario de la Virgen de Guadalupe*

### FRIDAY, December 10

7:00 p.m. SH, *Novenario de la Virgen de Guadalupe*

### SATURDAY, December 11

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*Third Sunday of Advent*

5:00 p.m. SH, Sunday Eucharist

7:00 p.m. SH, *Novenario de la Virgen de Guadalupe*

### SUNDAY, December 12

5:00 a.m. SH, *Mañanitas / Morning Serenade to Mary*

8:00 a.m. SSCM, Sunday Eucharist

9:30 a.m. SH, Sunday Eucharist

#### OUR OFFERING TO GOD

**Saints Cyril & Methodius Parish**

Last Sunday's Collection: \$ 532.00

**Sacred Heart Parish**

Last Sunday's Collection: \$1,846.00

#### FUTURE EVENTS

### FRIDAY, December 24

*Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord, Christmas Eve*

5:00 p.m. SH, Eucharist

8:00 p.m. SSCM, Eucharist

### SATURDAY, December 25

*Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord, Christmas Day*

9:30 a.m. SH, Eucharist

No 5:00 p.m. SH, Eucharist

### SUNDAY, December 26

*Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*

8:00 a.m. SSCM, Sunday Eucharist

9:30 a.m. SH, Sunday Eucharist

#### FOR THE WEEK

##### Scripture Readings

Monday: Is 35:1-10 Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11 Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Is 41:13-20 Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19 Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 Mt 17:9, 10-13

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18 Phil 4:4-7 Lk 3:10-18

##### Remember in your prayers

##### the following Catholic clergy:

Pope Francis, Bishop Brendan Cahill, Bishop Emeritus David E. Fellhauer, Rev. Gabriel Bentil, Rev. John Bily, Rev. Philip Brune and Deacon John McCourt.

##### Mass Intentions

+Catherine & Charles Syrinek, +Jeremy Miller, +Gary Zimmerhanel; +Libby Teague, +Dale Teague, Deceased Members of the Kazmir & Urban Family, +Alvin Vinklerek; Parishioners of Saints Cyril & Methodius and Sacred Heart;

**A SPECIAL COLLECTION** for the Retired Religious Fund will be taken at the Sunday Eucharist at 5:00 p.m., 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. on December 11 & 12. Please, be generous.

*Una Colecta Especial se hará para el fondo de las Religiosas retiradas el siguiente Sabado y Domingo, Diciembre 11 y 12 en las Misas de 5:00 p.m., 8:00 a.m. y 9:30 a.m. Favor de ser generosos.*

## MESSAGE FROM THE DEACON

Today's gospel continues the theme of preparedness. Today we focus on preparing ourselves to receive the good news of Jesus. Does it seem odd that we have to prepare ourselves to receive something that we already know about? Each year, we have the Advent season as a way of getting ready for the cosmic change of God entering our world. This coming is not meant to be a one size fits everyone type of event. Each one of us has a very unique set of circumstances that filters our experiences.

Throughout our lives, our filters change. Using the obvious example, the COVID virus has had an impact on everyone for the past two years. Many were thankful that the virus did not have an adverse effect on their lives, while others prayed that their life would become normal soon, and everyone wondered whether or not they would be able to get together to celebrate Christmas with family and friends. As the saying goes, "the only thing constant is change." Today, it is good to reflect on what events in our lives will influence our experience of Christ coming, Christ coming again.

Speaking of change, an interesting thing about the gospel reading is that Luke begins by acknowledging the political and religious leaders of the time, which are normally a source of stability in a society. And yet, the word of God comes to John in the desert. Imagine that, the announcement of the coming reign of God comes from a guy who eats locusts and honey, wears animal skins, and lives in the desert. By no means is this the proper respected messenger we would expect. But nothing about Christ's coming is going to be as expected.

John's message about preparing is simply to get right with God. Repent of our sins, remove as many of the day-to-day distractions that impede God being able to speak to us personally, and do the things we need to do to make our hearts more open to the good news that once again Christ is coming into our world to save us for eternal life.

In Christ, Deacon Tim

## THERE ARE SPECIAL FLOWER ENVELOPES

at the church entrances to use if you want to make a donation toward the flowers that are ordered for the Christmas Season. You can make the donation in memory of a loved one or in commemoration of an event like a birthday or anniversary.

*Hay sobres de flores especiales en las entradas de la iglesia para usar si desea hacer una donación para las flores que se ordenan para la temporada navideña. Puedes hacer la donación en memoria de un ser querido o en conmemoración de un evento como un cumpleaños o aniversario.*

## DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL 2021

*As of October 6, 2021*

### Saints Cyril & Methodius Parish, Cistern

<b>Parish Assessment</b>	<b>\$ 8,207.00</b>
<b>Parishioner Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 4,435.00</b>
<b>Balance Owed February 28, 2022</b>	<b>\$ 3,772.00</b>

*Praise to God for those who have given!*

### Sacred Heart Parish, Flatonia

<b>Parish Assessment</b>	<b>\$22,105.00</b>
<b>Parishioner Contributions</b>	<b>\$10,680.00</b>
<b>Balance Owed February 28, 2022</b>	<b>\$11,425.00</b>

*Praise to God for those who have given!*

## PLEASE, PRAY FOR THE SICK.

Father Eddie Winkler, April Abdelbagi, Giselle Aguilon, Andrea & Jerry Alvarado, Agnes & Leonard Barta, Carol Barta, J. D. Bartek, Della Bartos, Elva & David Benavides, Donald Bennett, Donna Bizzell, Angeline Boehnke, Tanya Brannies, Dawn Bratton, Ted Bratton, Dub Brazzel, Kenneth Brosch, Georgia Brunner, Ben Charba, Linda Clabourne, Jackie Coldewey, Analea Del Rio, John Demny, Emma Dunham, Emery Eldridge, Jena Ermis, Mason Ermis, E.J. Filip, Cathy Frazier, Doris & Lonnie Garbade, Landry Gipson, Nancy & William J. Gosch, Jill Borel Gough, Raymond Harbich, Lincoln Hardy, Roy Henderson, Lenore Hernandez, Leona Herzik, Estella & Ed Hughes, Mildred & Armand Hollas, Joyce & Dale Hutcherson, Karen Janak, Charlie Jurak, Merlene Jurek, Sharyn Kahlden, Carolyn Kallus, Garrett Kallus, Daniel Kocian, Ronnie Koncaba, Nadine Krischke, Keith Le Pori, Georgie & Joe Lev, David Lev, Scott MacDonald, Cullen Machac, Myrtle Maeker, Maria Angelse Manzano & Family, Margaret Marruffo, Anthony Martin, Kim McCoy, Chuck Meyer, Margaret & Victor Molnoskey, E. Norma Montoya, Linda Munos, Janet, Danny & Darby Neiderhofer, Earline & Bennie Okruhlik, Evelyn Okruhlik, William Psencik, Almeda Poth, Samantha Ramirez, Kenny Ratliff, Norm Ratliff, Richard Ratliff, Mariana Reyes, Barbara Richter, Juanita Rosas, Mike Schulze, Brandon Smolik, Vivi Snow, Edward Stech, Skylar Stephens, Evelyn Syrinek, Janice Taubert, Victor Tichacek, Jacob Vargas, Bruce Vecera, Central Vecera, Felix Velasquez, Stella Velasquez, Dorothy Vinklarek, Julia Webster and Jeanette & Ervan Zouzalik.

**MEN'S GROUP** meets weekly on Thursdays, from 6:30 am until 7:30 am in the parish hall. Coffee provided. Any questions, contact Andrew Velasquez 361-798-6883 or Johnnie Hoffman 361-772-5049.

## CLASES DE INGLÉS / English as a Second Language

*¿Necesitas aprender inglés? Hay clases en el edificio de CCF de la Parroquia del Sagrado Corazón los martes y jueves de 6:00 a 8:00 PM. Inviten a sus amigos y familiares, porque el inglés es muy importante para el trabajo y desarrollo en los Estados Unidos. Vengan; las clases son gratis y pueden empezar todos los martes y jueves.*

Class meets in the Sacred Heart CCF Building on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:00 – 8:00 PM.