Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 1, 2018
5:00 pm ..... Parishioner Intentions
7:30 pm ..... Father Matthew, Father Amasi, All Religious, & CCM Students

Sunday, December 2, 2018
9:30 am ..... Parishioner Intentions
11:00 am ..... Parishioner Intentions
6:00 pm ..... All College Students

Monday, December 2, 2018
8:00 am ..... Violet Bittenbinder (RIP)

Thursday, December 6, 2018
8:00 am ..... Mary Davitt (Birthday)

Weekly Parish Activities
December 2 – December 8
First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 2
Sacred Heart
11:00 am..... Holy Mass
Confession after Mass

Our Lady of Guadalupe
11:00 am..... Holy Mass
Confession after Mass

St. Brendan
4:15 pm..... RCIA (English)
5:30 pm..... Confession
6:00 pm..... Holy Mass
7:00 pm.....CCM Meal (Newman Hall)

St. Mary
9:00 am..... Confession
9:30 am..... Holy Mass
11:00 am..... CCD

Monday, December 3
8:00 am..... Daily Mass (St. Brendan)

Tuesday, December 4
8:00 am..... Daily Mass (St. Brendan)

Wednesday, December 5
6:00 pm ..... CCD (St. Brendan)
7:00 pm..... Daily Mass (St. Brendan)
Youth Group (St. Mary)

Thursday, December 6
8:00 am..... Daily Mass (St. Brendan)
8:40 am..... Bible Study (St. Brendan)

Friday, December 7
6:00 am..... That Man Is You (Newman Hall)
8:00 am..... Daily Mass (St. Brendan)

Saturday, December 8
Holy Day of Obligation
8:00 am..... HDO Mass (St. Brendan)
5:00 pm..... Holy Mass (St. Brendan)
7:30 pm..... Santa Misa (St. Mary)

***** ADORATION SCHEDULE *****
Friday, December 7
6:00-10:00 pm at St. Brendan
Thursday, December 13
6:00-8:00 pm at St. Mary

THE PROMISE OF JUSTICE — December 2, 2018

We are in fairly good company when we ask God for justice. Often enough we hear and agree with the lament of the people of Israel asking God why the wicked prosper. However, when we call out for justice, we usually want someone to get his or her comeuppance. God's justice is something other than this, of course. God's justice comprises a wonderful rightness between God and humankind. Today, Jeremiah looks ahead to a time when a just one will sprout from the shorn-off stump of Jesse of the house and family of David. Life was not fair in Jeremiah's time. Israel's kings held the promise of God's fidelity, but it was difficult to see how God's promise could be realized through them. Nevertheless, Jeremiah lifts his voice and announces that the Promised One will come. Luke's Gospel echoes that announcement, and Paul is filled with sturdy encouragement. And so Advent begins with a promise.

TODAYS READINGS

First Reading -- The days are coming when the LORD will fulfill the promise made to Israel and Judah (Jeremiah 33:14-16)

Psalm -- To you, O Lord, I lift my soul (Psalm 25)

Second Reading -- Abound in love for one another and for all(1 Thessalonians 3:12 -- 4:2)

Gospel -- Stand erect and raise your heads; your redemption is at hand (Luke 21:25-28, 34-36)

LA PROMESA DE JUSTICIA — 2 de diciembre de 2018

Estamos en buena compañía cuando clamamos a Dios por justicia. Con frecuencia escuchamos y estamos de acuerdo con el pueblo de Israel que pregunta a Dios por qué el malo prospera. Sin embargo, cuando clamamos por justicia usualmente queremos que alguien reciba el castigo que se merece. Obviamente la justicia de Dios es más que eso. La justicia de Dios abarca una maravillosa rectitud entre Dios y la humanidad. En la lectura de hoy Jeremías avizora un tiempo en el que un justo brotará del tronco de Jesé, de la casa y la familia de David. La vida no era justa en el tiempo de Jeremías. Los reyes de Israel mantenían viva la promesa de la fidelidad de Dios, pero era difícil ver cómo la promesa de Dios se podía cumplir por medio de ellos. No obstante, Jeremías levanta la voz y anuncia que ya viene el Salvador prometido. El Evangelio de Lucas hace eco de ese anuncio, y Pablo se llena de un gran ánimo. De esta manera el Adviento comienza con una promesa.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Sunday: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

BULLETIN NOTICES: Please direct all bulletin announcements to Heather, in the church office, (254) 965-5693 or email them to catholic@embarqmail.com. Deadline: Wednesday by 12:00 pm

EL BOLETIN Y ANUNCIOS EN ESPAÑOL: Pero seguirá recibiendo anuncios en español. Por favor, envíe en texto todos los anuncios en español a ella en (512) 652-8006 o en correo electronico a **stsbrendanmarybulletin@yahoo.com** Gracias.

The **Knights of Columbus** will sponsor two special prayer services this week to begin the month of December.

The **1st Thursday Rosary** will be recited December 6 at St. Brendan's at 6:00 p.m. The Lay Apostles Group will hold an open discussion following the rosary.

The **1st Friday Eucharistic Adoration** service will be held December 7 at St. Brendan Church beginning at 6:00 p.m. with benediction followed by adoration until 10:00 p.m.

Sign-up for one-hour devotions are being conducted after the 9:30 a.m. mass at St. Mary Sunday, are located at West entrance of St. Brendan, or contact Mike Coggins at cogmik@yahoo.com or call 254-459-1957. Everyone is invited to attend both services.

St. Mary's CCD Christmas Program will be Sunday, December 16, in the church beginning at 11:00 am. All parishioners are invited.

Helping Hands will have raffle tickets for sale for the Christmas Baskets beginning today through December 16 with the announcement of the winners.
$1 for one ticket or $5 for six tickets.

UPCOMING ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

All services start at 6:30 pm

December 5:	Breckenridge, Sacred Heart of Jesus
December 10:	Graham, St. Mary
December 13:	**Dublin, St. Mary (Starts at 6:00 pm)**
December 17:	Mineral Wells, Our Lady of Lourdes
December 19:	Eastland, St. Francis Xavier
December 20:	Weatherford, St. Stephen

Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration Mass
December 11, at 11:00 pm, at St. Mary

Holy Day of Obligation, Feast of Immaculate Conception, Saturday, December 8. Mass at 8:00 am at St. Brendan.

The Knights of Columbus will host a **Blood Drive** today, December 2 from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm at Newman Hall. Breakfast items will be available for all donors. Please contact John Seifert at (254) 592-4574 for more information.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

If you are interested in becoming an altar server, you must attend two sessions of training **(December 2 & 9 or December 9 & 16).** Training sessions last for an hour and a half. We will begin training sessions on the following dates:
Sunday, December 2 at 12:30 p.m.
Sunday, December 9, at 12:30 p.m.
Sunday, December 16, at 12:30 p.m.
Requirements for becoming an altar server:

- You must attend Saturday Vigil OR Sunday Holy Mass -it is an obligation for all Catholics
- You must have made your First Holy Communion
- You must be 9 years old
- You must be registered for and attending weekly CCD classes at St. Mary or St. Brendan

You **must register** for the training session by calling or texting Mrs. Campos at (512) 652-8006 or email jcbvm2003@gmail.com. Please give the name of your child, child's age, and which days he/she will attend. Parents also must fill out a form upon bringing their child to the first session and agree to the requirements of behavior and dress. Thank you.

ENTRENAMIENTO PARA MONAGUILLOS

Si está interesado en ser un/a monaguillo/a, favor de asistir a dos sesiones de entrenamiento **(2 y 9 de diciembre o 9 y 16 de diciembre).** Las sesiones de entrenamiento duran una hora y media. Comenzaremos las sesiones de entrenamiento en las siguientes fechas:
Domingo 2 de diciembre a las 12:30 p.m.
Domingo, 9 de diciembre, a las 12:30 p.m.
Domingo 16 de diciembre a las 12:30 p.m.
Requisitos para ser un monaguillo son:

- Asistir a la Vigilia del sábado O a la Santa Misa del domingo: es una obligación para todos los católicos.
- Haber hecho tu primer comunión.
- Tener 9 años
- Estar registrado y asistiendo a las clases semanales de catecismo en St. Mary o St. Brendan

Uno tiene que registrarse antes del entrenamiento. Puede hacerlo por llamada o un mensaje de texto a la Sra. Campos al (512) 652-8006 o por correo electrónico a jcbvm2003@gmail.com. Indique el nombre de su hijo/hija, la edad del niño/a, y los días que asistirá para entrenamiento. Los padres también deben de completar un formulario al traer a su hijo a la primera sesión y aceptar los requisitos de comportamiento y vestimenta. Gracias.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST: High School Special Studies (HSSS) will have a Pancake Breakfast Sunday, December 9. It will be served in the gym after the 9:30am Mass. So please come and support our Senior Scholarship Fund!

Sacred Heart Match Campaign: **Attention All Parishioners**, unique opportunity to **DOUBLE** your contribution to our local Catholic community. A group of donors has committed to **MATCH** all donations towards the Sacred Heart Building Fund during the month of December up to a maximum amount of **$50,000!** To qualify for the **MATCH** the donations must be received at any of the four parishes during **DECEMBER**, and designated for Sacred Heart Building Fund, Comanche. Do not let this opportunity for charity pass us by. Please help us raise the funds to fully utilize the **$50,000** generous **MATCHING** opportunity. Let's all make this happen **TOGETHER!**

PRAYER CORNER: Please pray for the different intentions of each person this week for: Peter DeJong, Chuck Schneider, Teresa Villadesanchez, Marisol Sanchez, Tino Bernal, Lupita Ojeda, Elizabeth Olfers, Margie Derrick, Maria Bernal, Rudy Guerrero, Filegonio Cardenas, Chris Roemer, Mykal Jones, David Hallmark, Maureen Bole, Billy Joe Fulfer, David Gonzales, Tom Bole, Jeanna DeViney, Lisa Lagarde, Bill Luther, Kate B., Pete Sanchez, Teresa Sanchez, Angela Drone, Ken & Jaqueline, Ed Withers, Lindsay Schouten, Patrick Noonan, Estela Patlan, Kody Huxen, Carol Schmidt, Cristino DeLeon, Jr., Janice Schuetz, Dorothy Casseqtta, Kennedy & Carter Alexander, Jose Torres, Cody Keith, Bob Gibbons, Mary McGill, Judy Rindom, Joan Schouten, Sister Ruth Schock, Sara Maldonado, Nursing Home Patients, homebound parishioners, and all those who are ill.