

December 11, 2022

# St. Stanislaus Kostka Catholic Church

1511 Hwy 90 South

Anderson, TX 77830

936-873-2291

Established 1866

Archdiocese of

Galveston-Houston

## Pastor Rev.

## Giovanni Hung Nguyen

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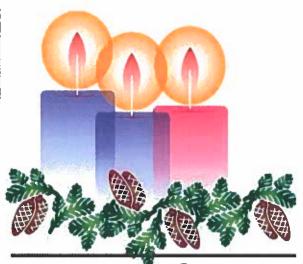
Kim Ritchie / Dana Wagner

## **December 11, 2022**

"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord." John 6:56

Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand.

In the first reading, Isaiah describes how the earth will rejoice when the Lord comes to save his people. In the second reading, James encourages patient hearts, for the return of the Lord is at hand. In the Gospel, Jesus praises John the Baptist as God's messenger and assures John's disciples that he is the one John has been seeking.



THIRD SUNDAY OF Advent

## **Mass Time & Intentions**

Wednesday December 14th noon

**Jack Smith** 

Friday December 16th noon

Rose Kimich

**Saturday December 17th 4:15** 

Living & deceased members of the Frances & John Wisnoski family

Sunday December 18th 10:00
Living & deceased members of the
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## <u>Father</u> <u>Giovanni Nguyen</u>

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## **Liturgical Ministers Schedule**



Lectors: Delores Posinski & Joan Pushee

**Rosary:** Dorothy Pasket

Altar Servers: Jillian Wisnoski, Zoey Smith, Dalton Sechelski

Ushers: Danny Pasket, Darrell Wagner, Michael Wisnoski, Johnny Pasket Jr.

## Sunday December 18th 10:00 am

Lectors: Margaret McClosky & Christi Leman

Rosary: Linda LaSalle

Altar Servers: Owen Otto, Evan Otto, Nolan Womack

Ushers: Ed Marek, Gary Klodzinski, Daniel Klawinsky, Don Sowell

If you cannot be present, please find a replacement



## Welcome to St. Stanislaus Kostka

Please contact the parish office if you wish to become a register member 936-873-2291

## **Our Holy Father's Prayer Intentions December**

#### **Volunteer Not-for-Profit Organizations**

We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.



## **2nd Collection**

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection on December 17th and 18th will be for DSF.

We are short of our goal, and this is a way to help make up the shortage.

The Anderson Knights of Columbus Annual Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 17 at the Council Hall. A reception will start at 5:45 pm followed by dinner and entertainment at 6:30. Members, wives and families are encouraged to attend. A catered meal is planned, followed by an evening of games and song. Contact Rick Atkinson <a href="mailto:ratkinson0601@hotmail.com">ratkinson0601@hotmail.com</a> or Henry Ostermann <a href="mailto:henry.ostermann@yahoo.com">henry.ostermann@yahoo.com</a> if you plan to attend. Please bring an <a href="mailto:unwrapped">unwrapped</a> gift (\$15-\$20) for a needy youngster or a bag of groceries to assist those in our community.

### ANNOUNCEMENT FROM ST. MARY'S CORNER SHOPPE

There is a Pre-Christmas sale going on in Plantersville at St. Mary's Corner Shoppe. Almost everything is 20% off! (With the exception of candles which are 10% off and already reduced items which will stay at the current sale price). The Shoppe has many items for both Advent and Christmas. Come see the beautiful jewelry, new children's books, and many other religious articles. Our surrounding parishes are most welcome! The Shoppe is open after all weekend Masses and every Wednesday from 10:00-2:00.

#### St. Vincent de Paul, friend in need.

He is a handicapped man who needs some basic things such as a full size or larger bed as he is a very tall man. Also blankets, pillows and sheets, etc.

Please call Jim or Shirley Hesse at 936-394-4027

On Gaudete Sunday we rejoice with all the earth in anticipation and preparation for Jesus' birth and the coming of his kingdom. We, like John the Baptist, are blessed and included in the kingdom of heaven, not because of what we do but what Jesus does for us.

## Our Church is open for daily prayer during office hours.

Tuesday—Friday 8:00 to 4:00

## Please pray for our parish family who are ill and/or homebound

Sam Bova, Donna Emmette, Margaret Fann, John Faust, Dolores Holler, Ann Joswiak, Walt Jones, Helen Moriarty, Arlie Muegge, Fred Murray, Thomas Nobles, Elizabeth Nowak, Matthew Oliver, Henry Ostermann, Adam Pasket, Charlie Pasket, Tina Pasket, Dave Pierce, Curtis Posinski, Laura Pursley, Avery Russell, Charles Russell, Christy Smythe, LaNell Szymczak, Tom Upton, Melissa Vargas, Estelle Vitanza, Gene Walkoviak, Shawn Welch, Joannie Willis, Maxine Wehmeyer, Bettie Wrobleski

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## **2nd Collections**

**December 18th** 

DSF special collection

**DSF 2022** 

Goal \$22,575

Paid \$18,705

**Under goal** 

\$3,870

## Weekly Collections

December 3rd & 4th

\$5,264.60



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December 11, 2022

Third Sunday of Advent (A)

Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10 / James 5:7-10 / Matthew 11:2-11





## Joy: A Sign of God

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

nce, as I was teaching a theology course to college students in their twenties, I made an offhand comment that the purpose of life is not to be happy. They were shocked. "What's wrong with being happy?" they protested. "Nothing," I said, "it's simply not the purpose of life." "But God wants us to be happy," they insisted. Of course, God wants us to be happy, but that's simply not what life is about.

Happiness is something that comes in the back door while we wait at the front door. If we go looking for happiness, we never find it, but if we forget about ourselves and seek to bring joy into the lives of others, then happiness seems to find us. It comes in the back doors of life. Curiously, that seems to be the dynamic of these Advent/Christmas days. We send cards, give gifts, think of making others happy, and overlook faults. In the process, there is a sense of joy that overtakes us without our realizing it.

The prophet Isaiah proclaimed that it is God who would crown them with everlasting joy; that they would meet with joy and gladness and sorrow and mourning would flee away (Isaiah

35:10). Joy is God's doing, not ours.

Leon Bloy, a French novelist in the nineteenth century, observed, "Joy is the most infallible sign of the presence of God." God is love, and God is also joy. Joy is so much more than happiness. Rather it is an inner quality—peaceful, serene, and nurturing—even when life may be unsettled. •

#### Reflect

What brings you joy?

Do something to bring joy

to someone this week.

## Dear Padre,

I struggle with depression, and sometimes it gets really bad during the holidays. When is it morally acceptable to use antidepressant medication?

You are not alone. People who struggle with depression often find the holidays especially difficult. To answer your question, it is morally acceptable to use antidepressant medications when a medical professional judges them to be the best response to the condition of the patient. As we learn more about the causes of depression and other disorders that challenge the sense of equilibrium in people, we hope that the most reliable responses may be found and employed to restore a sense of peace to those suffering from these ailments.



Evaluation and treatment of depression must be done within the context of a person's whole life. Depression often involves a chemical imbalance in the brain, and some people respond quite well to antidepressants. For others, the best treatment might be counseling or psychotherapy. Or both medicine and therapy. As each experience of suffering is unique, so, too, must be the response.

Frequently people will be embarrassed to admit to suffering with depression or consider it a sign of weakness or inability to deal with matters in life. Such thinking is of little help in resolving the issue. People who experience depression need the love and support of family and friends to accompany them in the suffering and to assist in their healing.

From Life, Death, and Catholic Medical Choices: 50 Questions from the Pews, © 2011 Liguori Publications

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December 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a: 12:1-6a, 10ab Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

#### **TUESDAY**

December 13 St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr Zep 3:1-2, 9-13

Mt 21:28-32

Is 45:6c-8, 18,

Lk 7:18b-23

#### WEDNESDAY

December 14 St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the

Church

21c-25

**THURSDAY** 

December 15 Advent Weekday Is 54:1-10

Lk 7:24-30

FRIDAY

December 16 Advent Weekday Is 56:1-3a, 6-8

Jn 5:33-36

**SATURDAY** 

December 17 Advent Weekday Gn 49:2, 8-10

Mt 1:1-17

#### SUNDAY

December 18 Fourth Sunday of Advent Is 7:10-14 Rom 1:1-7

Mt 1:18-24



### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Every yes to God gives rise to stories of salvation for us and for others. Like Mary with her own yes. In this Advent journey, God wishes to visit us and awaits our yes. Let's think: Today, what yes must I say to God?

**ANGELUS, DECEMBER 8, 2016** 



### Altar Society:

Meets the first Thursday
September to May.
The next meeting will be
January 5th at 6:00 in the
rectory. All Catholic ladies
are welcome.

Birthdays & Anniversaries
On the 1st weekend of every
month Fr. Giovanni will
bless anyone with a
birthday or wedding
anniversary during that
month.

### Counseling:

Gratia Plena is a nonprofit organization that provides mental and spiritual health services for mental illnesses. addictions, and marriage/family problems. All counselors are Catholic and provide services in a way that is faithful to the teachings, values and traditions of the Church. Their closest office is near The Woodlands. but counselors are also available by video session. For more information, see their website at www.gratiaplenacounseling.org or call (832) 532-0129, or email

info@gratiaplenacounseling.org

### **Anointing of the Sick**

The anointing of the sick will be held after the 3rd Sunday mass each month.

### **Choir Practice:**

Choir practice is on Thursday evenings at 6:15pm in the church.

#### **Divine Mercy**:

Every Friday after the noon Mass

#### **Gabriel Project:**

Pregnant. Scared. Need to talk!
Gabriel Project offer
assistance to women
experiencing difficult
circumstances. Please call Wanda
O'Brien 936-597-6328 or St.
Mary's Catholic Church
936-894-2223

#### 12 Hour Adoration:

Our church is open every
Monday 8 am to 8 pm.
September 12th to the end of
May. Everyone is welcome to
join in the worship with the
scheduled persons.

#### **RCIA & RCIC:**

Anyone seeking the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults/ Children or adult confirmation. Please call the church office at 936-873-2291 RCIA classes to start in the fall.

### **Baptism:**

Classes are necessary for baptism. Please contact the parish office to make needed arrangements.

### **Cemetery Guidelines:**

If you have any questions of concerns pertaining to the cemetery, please contract Charles Posinski at 936-873-2113. If work needs to be done you must call Charles Posinski first. The first week of February and in August,

ALL flowers will be removed.

#### **Knights of Columbus:**

KC Council #4054 meets at the KC Hall every 2nd Tuesday at 7pm. Please join us.
Contact Deen Miller
936-524-1700 for membership
And James Moran
936-306-9663 for rental
information.

### Marriage:

There is a required preparation process that must be completed prior to one being married in the Catholic Church. Call the office for more info.

#### Reconciliation:

30 Minutes before Wednesday & Friday Masses (Please call ahead to let the Priest know) and 3:00 to 4:00 on Saturdays

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