

St. Mary, Star of the Sea Catholic Church

DIOCESE OF CORPUS CHRISTI

December 6, 2020
Second Sunday of Advent



MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend

Saturday: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 9:30 am & 11:30 am

Weekdays

Tuesday: 6:00 pm
Wed-Friday: 7:30 am

First Saturday
of the Month: 7:30 am

Holy Days 7:30 am & 6:00 pm

Confession

First Fri. of the month: 6 pm - 7 pm (or by
appt)

Rosary Wed-Sat: 7:00 am

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Office Hours

Monday 9 am - 5 pm
(closed for lunch from 1-2 pm)

Tue, Wed & Thurs 9 am - 1 pm

Closed Weekends & Holidays

We welcome all
our visitors &
guests!

“Virtue begins at home, but grows in a community.”

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. Dec. 5	7:30 am	No Mass
	5:00 pm	For People of the Parish, †Romulo & Petra Campos
Sun. Dec. 6	9:30 am	Special Intention
	11:30 am	†Lina & Gavino Flores, †David Pyland †Henry Hershberger
Mon. Dec. 7		No Mass Today
Tues. Dec. 8	7:30 am	Special Intention
	6 pm	Special Intention
Wed. Dec. 9	7:30 am	Special Intention
Thur. Dec. 10	7:30 am	Special Intention
Fri. Dec. 11	7:30 am	Special Intention
Sat. Dec. 12	7:30 am	Special Intention
	5:00 pm	George Gonzalez
Sun. Dec. 13	9:30 am	For People of the Parish
	11:30 am	†Henry Hershberger



Please pray for *Sara Rodriguez, Juanita Fernandez, Emita Vasquez, Jenny Magee* and all who are sick – at home, in the hospital or nursing homes. Please contact the parish office if you would like to add anyone to the prayer list.

NEW Mass Schedule

SATURDAY: 5 pm

SUNDAY : 9:30 am & 11:30 am

Once we have reached the number of people who can safely congregate at the 9:30 mass, people will be asked to come back to mass at 11:30.

We apologize in advance to anyone who will be turned away. Please continue to follow “social distancing” rules, and wear a mask throughout mass. This will continue indefinitely.

Tuesday, December 8, 2020 is a Holy Day of Obligation.

We will have mass at 7:30 am and 6 pm.

News from Fr. Emilio's Desk

During this time of Fr. Emilio's absence from November 18 – December 11, we may not be able to find a priest to celebrate daily mass, so there will likely be Communion Services on these days.

There will be no First Saturday morning mass on December 5 or anointing of the sick, but there will be a Saturday morning mass on **December 12, at 7:30 am** on the **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**.

There will be Thursday Adoration from 8 am – 9 am every Thursday.

Mass Book is OPEN

If you would like to have a mass celebrated for a loved one or a special intention, please contact church office at 361-758-2662 or mail in your requests with your contact information. Each person is allowed only 6 Days/Masses. This will allow those with recent deaths to offer a Mass. Once everyone who is interested in having a Mass has done so, anyone wishing to request additional masses may contact the parish to fill in the dates not taken.

Baptisms

There will be no Baptisms in December. The next Baptism class will be in January 2021 if Covid 19 situation gets under control and numbers don't increase. Please contact the parish office as soon as possible for more information.



Poinsettias \$10.00

If you would like to purchase a “Poinsettia” to decorate the altar, please fill out an envelope that can be found on the table in the foyer, and drop it in the collection basket or mail it to the parish office. The cost is \$10 per Poinsettia.

Church office will close on Tuesday, December 8 in observance of *The Immaculate Conception of Mary*. We will reopen on Wednesday at 9 am.

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With COVID—19, much time is spent wondering “where did it start?” or “who passed it on to whom?” Through science can tell us much there are many unanswered questions. Today’s Gospel is about as concrete as sacred scripture gets. We know this the beginning of the Gospel of Mark, which was the first Gospel to be written down in about 70 AD. Unlike Luke and John, Mark does not begin with an infancy narrative of Jesus. This section was written six hundred years before Chris, in another time of great upheaval, as the Israelites were displaced from their homeland during the Babylonian Exile. The first words of Isaiah 40 are “Comfort, comfort, my people .” John the Baptist starts by explaining he is the go-between, sent to “Prepare the way.”

**SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT:
HOPE**



We light a second purple candle on the second Sunday of Advent to represent the hope of Christ coming to the world.

The word "hope" has two meanings in the Bible. The first, tiqvah, contains the sense of eager anticipation or waiting. The second, elpis. depicts a sense of confident expectation based on certainty. Biblical hope is secured by God's faithfulness to His promises. For the Old Testament leaders, their hope was in the Messiah's arrival. For us, it is the hope of the Messiah's return.

God's plan for humanity unfolded in the town of Bethlehem, the birthplace of the Messiah, joyously fulfilling a long-awaited promise. Today we confidently wait for the Messiah's triumphant return.

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Every valley shall be filled in,
every mountain and hill
shall be made low.
— Isaiah 40:4

6 de diciembre de 2020

Segundo Domingo de Adviento

Debido al COVID-19, se dedica demasiado tiempo a preguntarse “donde comenzo?” o “quien se lo contagio a quien?” Aunque la ciencia tiene mucho que decirnos hay muchas preguntas que no se han respondido. El Evangelio de hoy es tan concreto como lo son las Escrituras. Sabemos que este es el principio del Evangelio de Marcos, del que se cree fue el primero que fue escrito por ahi del ano 70 DC. A diferencia de Lucas y Mateo, Marcos no empieza con una narrative de la infancia de Jesus. El comienza proclamando la profecia de Isaias. Esa parte de Isaias fue escrita seiscientos anos antes de Cristo, en otro tiempo de gran cambio, cuando los israelitas fueron desplazados del territorio que habitaban u llevadal al exilio en Babilonia. Las priemras palabras en Isaias 40 son: “Consuelen, consuelen a mi pueblo:. Juan el Bautista comienza explicando que el es e3l intermediario, enviado a “preparar el camino”.

Watching for Christ’s Coming

In the season of Advent, we look to the coming of Christ at the end of time, and we prepare ourselves to celebrate his first coming among us at Christmas. Remembrance of the past is combined with preparation for the future. Memory meets action.

In a certain sense, the Mass is an Advent prayer. At the Last Supper, Jesus did not tell his disciples, “Never forget what I did for you.” Instead, he said, “Do this in remembrance of me.” He calls us to remember by doing, to combine memory with action. In the celebration of the Eucharist, remembering and doing become one. Jesus is as present in our midst as he was in that upper room, breaking the bread and sharing the cup; but it is a new kind of presence, seen only with the eyes of faith. In the heavenly liturgy, there will be no need of sacraments, for there, “celebration is wholly communion and feast” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1136). Here, things are different. We have only glimpses and flashes of the beauty that is yet to be. And yet, in the liturgy, we truly participate in the heavenly liturgy. The Mass is our foretaste of the joys of heaven. – Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



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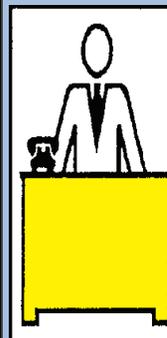
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