# SAINT MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH VICTORIA, TEXAS



St. John the Baptist - "He must increase, but I must decrease." Detail from the Isenhein Altarpiece, Matthias Grünewald's magnum opus, 1510-1515

# SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**DECEMBER 5, 2021** 

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#### **INTRODUCTORY RITES**

The Mass begins with the Processional Hymn. The celebrant and other ministers enter in procession and reverence the altar with a kiss. The altar is a symbol of Christ at the heart of the assembly and so deserves this special reverence. Stand

PROCESSIONAL HYMN On Jordan's Bank

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (10:30 am only)

V. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. R. Amen.
V. The Lord be with you. R. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

The Penitential Act follows the greeting. At the very beginning of the Mass, the faithful recall their sins and place their trust in God's abiding mercy.

Kyrie

Greek

Pew Missal, page 22

Pew Missal, page 55

Pew Missal, page 4

The Act of Penitence includes the Kyrie Eleison, a Greek phrase meaning, "Lord, have mercy."

Collect

The Introductory Rites conclude with the Opening Prayer, also called the Collect. The celebrant invites the gathered assembly to pray and, after a brief silence, proclaims the prayer of the day. The Opening Prayer gives a context for the celebration.

Almighty and merciful God, may no earthly undertaking hinder those who set out in haste to meet your Son, but may our learning of heavenly wisdom gain us admittance to his company. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

Sit

#### LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the Liturgy of the Word, the Church feeds the people of God from the table of his Word. The Scriptures are the word of God, written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. In the Scriptures, God speaks to us, leading us along the path to salvation.

READINGS

HOMILY

NICENE CREED

Stand

Pew Missal, page 55

Pew Missal, page 9

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL V. Let us pray to the Lord. R. Lord hear our prayer.

The Liturgy of the Word concludes with the Prayer of the Faithful. The gathered assembly intercedes with God on behalf of the Church, the world, and themselves, entrusting their needs to the faithful and loving God.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Pew Missal, back page

Sit

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Hymn 221

Hymn

#### LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The Liturgy of the Eucharist begins with the preparation of the gifts and the altar. As the ministers prepare the altar, representatives of the people bring forward the bread and wine that will become the Body and Blood of Christ. The celebrant blesses and praises God for these gifts and places them on the altar.

OFFERTORY HYMN Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

Hymn 117 Stand

ORATE FRATRES

Pew Missal, page 11

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Be pleased, O Lord, with our humble prayers and offerings, and, since we have no merits to plead our cause, come, we pray, to our rescue with the protection of your mercy. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

#### PREFACE DIALOGUE

Pew Missal, page 11

After a brief introductory dialogue, the celebrant begins the Preface. The Preface tells of the wonderful actions of God, both throughout history and in our lives, giving thanks to God for all these things.

SANCTUS Latin

Pew Missal, page 26

KNEEL

#### EUCHARISTIC PRAYER Pew Missal, page 15 (Vigil) | page 11 (Day)

We have entered the most important part of the Mass. This sequence of prayers contains the **consecration** which is the heart of the Mass. By the power of the Holy Spirit, through the words and actions of these prayers, the priest accomplishes the great work of the Mass: bringing Christ Himself down upon our altar, so that we may offer Him to God. Our gifts of bread and wine, representing ourselves, are transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ. Then the priest offers Christ, and ourselves in union with Christ, to God.

MEM. ACCLAMATION ICEL Chant- Save us... Pew Missal, page 39

STAND

#### **COMMUNION RITE**

The Communion Rite begins with the Lord's Prayer. Jesus taught this prayer to his disciples when they asked how to pray. In this prayer, the people join their voices to pray for the coming of God's kingdom. We ask God to provide for our needs, forgive our sins, and bring us to the joy of heaven.

OUR FATHER Pew Missal, page 17 | page 27 (Latin - 10:30 am)

THE PEACE

Agnus Dei Latin

BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD

Pew Missal, page 18

Guidelines for the Reception of Holy Communion are inside the front cover of the Pew Missal.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Pew Missal, page 57

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Pew Missal, page 18

Pew Missal, page 27

COMMUNION HYMN Hark! A Herald Voice Is Calling Hymn 153

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

STAND

KNEEL

Replenished by the food of spiritual nourishment, we humbly beseech you, O Lord, that, through our partaking in this mystery, you may teach us to judge wisely the things of earth and hold firm to the things of heaven. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

#### CONCLUDING RITES

| BLESSING & DISMISSAL |                        | Pew Missal, page 19  |
|----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| PRAYER TO ST. MICH   | AEL                    | Pew Missal, page 535 |
| MARIAN ANTIPHON      | Alma Redemptoris Mater | Hymn 85              |

# The Shape of the Liturgy

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist Cries

Advent does not have an official patron saint, but if it did that saint would surely be John the Baptist. This is evident both through our reading from Sacred Scripture, and through our hymns, one of which is the well know "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist Cries." John the Baptist's announcement "Prepare the way for the Lord" (Matt. 3:3, a quote from Isa. 40:3) is the basis for this Advent hymn. Stanzas 1 and 2 apply that message to people today; stanza 3 is a confession by God's people of their need for salvation; stanza 4 is a prayer for healing and love; stanza 5 is a doxology. This much-loved Advent text is laced with various scriptural phrases.

The original version of the hymn tune Winchester New by George Wittwe first appeared in 1690. The text of this hymn was written by Charles Coffin (died 1749) who was a Catholic and composed a total of 95 hymns in French; they are noted for their simplicity and healing character. The Rev. John Chandler, an Anglican clergyman who in died 1876, was one of the most successful translators of hymns, composed the music for this hymn.

And the message of John the Baptist for the people of his day who came from Jerusalem and the surrounding country side to hear him preach in the desert: John consistently did one thing. He pointed people to Jesus and told his hearers to be prepared for his arrival. And surely that is John's message to us in our own day, especially considering the secular society, the culture, and the world we live in which man has for all intents and purposes become God, the only sin is inconvenience, and there are no longer any absolutes of right and wrong, good and bad, healthy and diseased; and there are no longer set any boundaries for our behaviour, all of which Pope Benedict XVI defined as the "Dictatorship of Relativism."

## HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS THIS WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8TH AT 12:05 PM & 6:00 PM



The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, when Mary was conceived in the womb of her mother, St. Ann, is the feast of our National Patroness, making this feast particularly important for Catholics in the United States.

## PARISH FEAST DAY NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12TH PARISH MEAL AFTER 10:30 AM MASS

St. Mary's Church was originally titled, the Church of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Although, now officially titled, St. Mary's, the feast of her title *Guadalupe*, remains the parish feast day. Although December 12th is the Third Sunday of Advent, we will still celebrate this day with a Stew Dinner after the 10:30 am Mass.



Confession

## ADVENT CONFESSIONS BEGINS AT 6:30 PM AT ALL LOCATIONS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13TH AT OUR LADY OF VICTORY

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14TH AT OUR LADY OF SORROWS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15TH AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16TH AT HOLY FAMILY

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17TH AT ST. MARY'S

Multiple priests will be available at each parish at 6:30 pm on the above dates to hear individual confessions in preparation for the Christmas Feast. Please take advantage of this opportunity! God's mercy endures forever!

## TAMALE SALE: KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #1329 THIS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

The Knights of Columbus will be selling Tamale plates to go from 9:00 am - noon at the Columbus Hall, 3610 N. Ben Wilson, (Airline & Ben Wilson). Plates are \$10 each and consist of 1/2 dozen pork tamales, Spanish rice and pinto beans. Proceeds will go towards 2022 Columbus Club operating expenses. For information or to reserve plates, call Donald at 361-649-9556 or the hall Sunday morning at 361-575-9214. 423 plates will be prepared.

## KJZT AND KJT CHRISTMAS PARTY THIS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

KJZT #101 and KJT #115 will have a joint Christmas Party on Sunday,





Tamales

December 5th at the Gabriel Room at the Our Lady of Victory Cathedral Center starting at 1:30 pm. The meat will be furnished.

Please bring a Covered dish. RSVP to 573-2669.

## GIVING TREE PROJECT RETURN GIFT CARDS BY NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12TH

Thank you to everyone who took an ornament off the Christmas Giving Tree. After taking an envelope from the Tree and purchasing a gift card, please place the sealed envelope in the collection basket at Mass or drop it off at the Parish Office.



#### CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS FORMS AT ENTRANCE OF CHURCH

St. Mary's Altar Society is now accepting donations for Christmas flowers. Forms and envelopes for donations are located behind the last pew at

the entrance of the church. Instructions are contained on the forms; however, if you have any questions, please contact Georgia West 361-935-6701.



## GRIEF MINISTRY FOR PARENTS WHO HAVE LOST A CHILD IN DEATH TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14 FROM 6:30 - 8:00 PM IN GANADO

A Grief Ministry for parents who have lost children in death will meet on Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 - 8:00 pm in the parish hall at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church, 108 S. 6<sup>th</sup> St., Ganado, TX. The topic will be "God's Sustaining Grace". For more information, please contact Deacon Larry and Pat Hoelscher 979-257-9984 or <u>phoelscher@victoriadiocese.org</u>. Presented by Strength for the Journey Team.

## TROOPS OF ST. GEORGE STEW FUNDRAISER NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

The Troops of St. George will be holding a stew fundraiser on Sunday, December 12th at St. Mary's. Quarts of stew will



be available to-go for \$12. They will be sold from 9:00 am to noon on Dec. 12. Pre-purchased tickets are available at the St. Mary's rectory. All proceeds benefit the local chapter of the Troops of St. George, a fraternal Catholic nonprofit apostolate for priests, men, and young men looking for a life of adventure coupled with virtue. Young men ages 6 and up are invited to participate with their father/guardian in events such as campouts, meetings, and socials. For more information, contact John Vecera at 361-571-1300 or Dr. Glenn Hunter at 361-676-1241.



THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY ON DECEMBER 8, 2021, THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, ARE GIVEN BY STELLA SILVA.

# Adoration Chapel News

The Adoration Chapel needs a full-time adorer for Wednesdays from 3 to 4 pm. The Adoration Chapel also needs someone to adore the Lord and lock up the chapel on Mondays from 6 to 7 pm during the winter hours. Please prayerfully consider these holy opportunities. Call Cindy Brewer at (361)571-6510 to volunteer.



| THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S  | OFFERTORY GIFTS  |
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| Saturday, Dec. 4 Saturday of the First Week of Advent  | Regular Offertory Gifts  |
| 10:30 am - 2:00 pmGabriel Project Luncheon4:00 pmVigil MassMass Intention: Waldine Koontz Roberson †5:00 pmConfessionRobert J. Moore, Jr. †                            | <b>November 15-21</b><br>Sunday Collection\$5,453.50<br>On-line giving\$730.00 |
| Sunday, Dec. 5 Second Sunday of Advent   | Total\$6,183.50<br>November 22-28  |
| 8:00 am Sunday Mass Mass Intention: Jodie Vahalik †  | Sunday Collection\$5,421.00  |
| 9:30 am Holy Face Devotions - Chapel Bernice Kurtz †<br>10:30 am Sunday Mass Mass Intention: People of the Parish  | <u>On-line giving\$1,195.00</u>  |
|  | Total\$6,616.00  |
| Mon, Dec. 6Monday of the Second Week of Advent7:00 am - 7:00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel12:05 pm Daily MassMass Intention: Irene Armentrout † | Amount needed weekly<br>to meet budget: \$8,085.00                             |
| 12:35 pm Confession and Communal Rosary  | MASS ATTENDANCE  |
| 6:00 pm Catholic Daughters Meeting at the KC Hall  | Sat., Nov. 20th at 4:00 pm156<br>Sun., Nov. 21st at 8:00 am109                 |
| Tuesday, Dec. 7Feast of Saint Ambrose7:00 am - 7:00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel   | Sun., Nov. 21st at 10:30 am203   |
| 7:00 am - 7:00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel<br>12:05 pm Daily Mass Mass Intention: Ernest Innocenti <sup>+</sup>                               | Total468   |
| 12:35 pm Confession and Communal Rosary  | Sat., Nov. 28th at 4:00 pm136  |
| 3:00 - 4:30 pm Divine Mercy Cenacle in the Chapel  | Sun., Nov. 29th at 8:00 am71   |
| 6:30 pm Presentation of the Lord's Prayer (RCIA)   | Sun., Nov. 29th at 10:30 am182   |
| 7:00 pm R.C.I.A. (Classes to become Catholic) in the Activity Center   | Total389   |
| 7:15 pm Knights of Columbus meeting at the KC Hall   |  |
| <u>Wednesday, Dec. 8</u><br>(Holy Day of Obligation)   | THE SANCTUARY CANDLE   |
| 7:00 am - 7:00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel  | in the church burns this week<br>in memory of                                  |
| 8:10 am Nazareth Academy Mass Intention: Natalie Halepeska †   | Theresa Wearden  |
| 12:05 pm Holy Day Mass Mass Intention: O. R. R. †  | by   |
| 12:35 pm Confessions and Communal Rosary   | James & Denise Bednorz   |
| 1:30 pm Homeschool Co-op the Nazareth Convent<br>6:00 pm Holy Day Mass Mass Intention: Grace Wakefield   | THE ADORATION CANDLES  |
| 6:00 - 7:15 pm CCD (Religious Education K-12) Meet in Church for Mass  | burn this week in memory of  |
| Thursday, Dec. 9 Thursday of the Second Week of Advent   | Frank & Ann Saski  |
| 7:00 am - 7:00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel  | by<br>The Roger Saski Family   |
| 9:00 am - 2:00 pm Quilt and Craft Corner in the Annex  | c ,  |
| 12:05 pm Daily Mass Mass Intention: Theo Kocian, Sr. †   | THE CANDLE   |
| 12:35 pm Confession and Communal Rosary  | IN COMMEMORATION OF<br>THE DECEASED  |
| 1:30 pm Altar Society Board Meeting  | burns in memory of   |
| Friday, Dec. 10Friday of the Second Week of Advent7:00 am - 7:00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel  | Deacon Dick Wearden and  |
| 12:05 pm Daily Mass Mass Intention: Noreen Pfister †   | Debra Wearden Hampton  |
| 12:35 pm Confessions and Communal Rosary   | by<br>Theresa Wearden & James  |
| Saturday, Dec. 11 Saturday of the Second Week of Advent  |  |
| 11:00 am Vasquez Baptism   | THE CANDLE<br>AT MARY'S ALTAR  |
| 4:00 pm Vigil Mass Mass Intention: Wallis Koontz †   | burns this week in memory of   |
| 5:00 pm Confession Vivian Tyng †   | Kathy Spears   |
| Sunday, Dec. 12<br>Third Sunday of Advent  | by<br>Sandra Haeber  |
| 8:00 am Sunday Mass Mass Intention: Rosalie & Rosemary Blank †<br>Theresa Wearden †  |  |
|  | THE CANDLE<br>AT JOSEPH'S ALTAR  |
| Coffee and donuts after the 8:00 am Mass in Nazareth Convent   | burns this week in memory of   |
| 9:00 am - Noon: Stew Fundraiser for the Troops of St. George   | Frank & Otylia Pagel   |
| 9:30 am Holy Face Devotions - Chapel<br>10:30 am Sunday Mass Mass Intention: People of the Parish  | by<br>The Pagel Family   |

10:30 am Sunday Mass Mass Intention: People of the Parish 12:00 noon Patronal Feast Meal Activity Center

*† symbol indicates the deceased* 

To sponsor the candle intentions, please contact Cathy at the parish office.





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