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

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**DECEMBER 4, 2022** 

**PRELUDE** 

### 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.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: On Jordan's Bank Hymn 221

Entrance Antiphon (10:30 am only)

Pew Missal, page 55

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

Pew Missal, page 4

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

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.** 

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### 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 Pew Missal, page 55

HOMILY

STAND

Creed 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

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Announcements

### <u>LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST</u>

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

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** 

*Prayer I* - page 11; *II* - page 14; *III* - page 15

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

THE PEACE Pew Missal, page 18

AGNUS DEI Latin Pew Missal, page 27

KNEEL

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 58

COMMUNION HYMN Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming Hymn 187

Prayer After Communion

STAND

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. MICHAEL Pew Missal, page 534

MARIAN ANTIPHON Alma Redemptoris Mater Hymn 85

POSTLUDE

# The Shape of the Liturgy

Communion Hymn: Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming

"Es ist ein Ros entsprungen" (literally "A rose has sprung up") is usually translated into English as Lo, How a Rose e'er Blooming, with the rose used as a symbolic reference to the Virgin Mary. The hymn was originally written with two verses, the first of which combines the story of Luke 1-2 and Matthew 2 with their fulfillment of the prophecy of Isaiah 11:1 - "And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots." — which we as Christians understand as foretelling the Incarnation of Christ, and to the Tree of Jesse used as a symbolic device that depicts the descent of Jesus from Jesse of Bethlehem, the father of King David. Because of its prophetic theme, the hymn is especially appropriate during the Holy Season of Advent.

The second verse of the hymn, written in the first person, then explains to the listener the meaning of this symbolism: That Mary, the Mother of Jesus, is the rose (representing a small flower) that has sprung up to bring forth the Christ child, emphasizing the doctrine of the Virgin birth of Jesus.

Finally, the third verse introduces imagery from John 1 and describes the love of God for each of us through the Incarnation of Christ into our human world in the words fragrant, tender, sweet.

The hymn has its roots in an unknown author before the 17th century. It first appeared in print in 1599 and has since been published with a varying number of verses and in several translations. It is most commonly sung to a melody harmonized by the German composer Michael Praetorius in 1609.

This Advent Season of 2022, as we prepare once again to welcome the birth of Our Lord at Christmas, perhaps it is sufficient for us today after receiving Our Lord in Holy Communion, to simply quieten our minds and hearts and to rest in the beauty and reassurances of this sublime hymn.

-Fr. James Ramsey



# St. Mary's Christmas Giving Tree

The focus this year will be on assisting the following charities:

- Gabriel Project of the Crossroads victoriagabriel project.org
- St. Vincent de Paul Society stmvictoria.org/st-vincent-de-paul-society
- Meals on Wheels South Texas mowstx.org
- Restoration House Ministries restorationhouseministries.org
- · Victoria Christian Assistance Ministry (VCAM) vcamvictoria.org

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Questions may be directed to St. Mary's Parish Office (361) 573-4328.

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

### **ADORER NEEDED**

There is an opening for Adoration on Tuesdays from 1 to 2 p.m., and Fridays from 8 to 9 a.m. Also, we need a substitute for Thursdays 8 to 9 a.m. for the month of December.

Thank you for prayerfully considering becoming an adorer of the Blessed Sacrament. Interested? Please call Cindy Brewer (361) 571-6510.

### HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



VIGIL MASS THIS WED DECEMBER 7TH AT 6:00 AND DEC. 8 AT 12:05 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 11TH 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 on Monday we will still celebrate this day with a Stew Dinner after the 10:30 am Mass.

### GRIEF MINISTRY FOR PARENTS WHO HAVE LOST A CHILD IN DEATH

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13 6:30 - 8:00 PM IN GANADO

Meeting Notice for parents who have children that have died at any age. Join us on Tuesday, December 13 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at Assumption Catholic Church Parish Hall in Ganado, Texas. For more info call Pat Hoelscher at 979-257-9984.

## TROOPS OF ST. GEORGE STEW FUNDRAISER

NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11



The Troops of St.  $\begin{array}{ccc} TROOPS_{\text{ OF}} & \text{George will be holding} \\ \underline{\text{SAINT GEORGE}} & \text{a stew fundraiser on} \end{array}$ Sunday, December

11th 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. 11. 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.

### **Christmas Flowers**

### St. Mary's Altar Society

is now accepting donations for decorating our church for the commemoration of the arrival of our salvation, the birth of Jesus Christ. Forms and envelopes are located on the back of the last pew in the church. Any donation in honor or memory of someone special in your life is acceptable. All donations received prior to December 19, 2022 will be published on an insert to our Christmas weekend bulletin for December 24th & 25th, 2022. Thank you for your generosity.

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12TH AT OUR LADY OF VICTORY TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13TH AT ST. MARY'S WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14TH AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15TH AT HOLY FAMILY

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16TH AT OUR LADY OF SORROWS

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!



	EEK AT ST. MARY'S	
Saturday, Dec. 3	Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier	
9:00 am 1st Saturday Mass	Mass Intention: Louise Orsak †	
4:30 pm Vigil Mass	Mass Intention: Larry Young †	
5:30 pm Confession	Bernice Tipton <sup>†</sup>	
Sunday, Dec. 4	Second Sunday in Advent	
8:00 am Sunday Mass	Mass Intention: Waldine Roberson †	
9:15—10:00 am Confession	Robert Moore †	
9:30 am Holy Face Devotion	s - Chapel	
	Mass Intention: People of the Parish	
Monday, Dec. 5	Monday of the Second Week in Advent	
7:00 am-7:00 pm Exposition	Monday of the Second Week in Advent n of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel	
12:05 pm Daily Mass	Mass Intention: Jodie Vahalik†	
12:35 pm Confession and Co		
6:00 pm Catholic Daughters	of the Americas meeting at the KC Hall	
Tuesday, Dec. 6	<b>Tuesday of the Second Week in Advent</b>	
7:00 am-7:00 pm Exposition	n of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel	
	Mass Intention: Earl & Hazel Schmeltzer †	
12:35 pm Confession and Communal Rosary		
3:00–4:30 pm Divine Mercy Cenacle in the Chapel		
6:30 pm Choir Practice in the Church		
7:00 pm RCIA (Classes to become Catholic)		
7:15 pm KC Council #1329 Business meeting KC Hall		
Wednesday, Dec. 7	Memorial of Saint Ambrose	

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7:00 am—7:00 pm Exposi	ition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel
11:45 am Sacrament of th	e Anointing of the Sick in the Church
12:05 pm Daily Mass	Mass Intention: Mary Hood †
12:35 pm Confession and	Communal Rosary
6:00 pm Holy Day Vigil	Mass Intention: People of the Parish
7:00 pm Troops of St. Ge	orge–Committee Meeting
Thursday, Dec. 8	Immaculate Conception of the B.V.M.

(Holy Day of Obligation)

7:00 am—7:00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel

8:10 am Nazareth Academy Mass Intention: Mary Fritz†

Mass Intention: Theo, Leona & Lain 12:05 pm Daily Mass

Hermes †

12:35 pm Confession and Communal Rosary

Friday, Dec. 9 Friday of the Second Week in Advent 7:00 am-7:00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel 12:05 pm Daily Mass Mass Intention: Wavne Dierlam † 12:35 pm Confession and Communal Rosary 4:00 pm Ramirez-Ozuna Wedding Rehearsal

**Saturday of the Second Week in Advent** Saturday, Dec. 10 12:00 pm Ramirez–Ozuna Wedding

2:30 pm Jaschke-Serrano Wedding

4:30 pm Vigil Mass

Mass Intention: Vivian Tyng † 5:30 pm Confession Mike Donalson †

Sunday, Dec. 11 Third Sunday in Advent

8:00 am Sunday Mass Mass Intention: Wallis Koontz †

Noreen Pfister †

9:00 am - Noon: Stew Fundraiser for the Troop St. George 9:15—10:00 am Confession

9:30 am Holy Face Devotions—Chapel

10:30 am Sunday Mass Mass Intention: People of the Parish

† symbol indicates the deceased

OFFERTORY	GIFTS
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Nov. 14-20         Sunday Collection\$6,705.35         On-line giving
Nov. 21-27
Sunday Collection\$4,339.00
On-line giving1,075.00
Total\$5,414.00  Amount needed weekly to meet budget: \$8,085.00
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Sat., Nov. 19th at 4:30 pm107 Sun., Nov. 20th at 8:00 m104 Sun., Nov. 20th at 10:30am135 Total346
First Sunday in Advent
Sat., Nov. 26th at 4:30 pm121 Sun., Nov. 27th at 8:00 m99 Sun., Nov. 27th at 10:30am140 Total360

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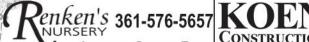
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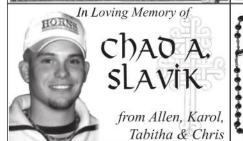


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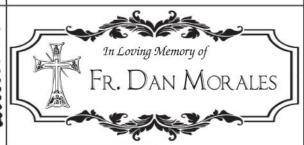
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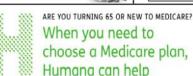
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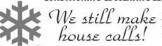
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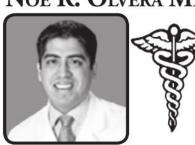
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