



*St. Mary Catholic Church
Windthorst, TX*

St. Mary / St. Boniface Vision Statement

To serve Christ and
promote
His teachings
through worship,
Education,
Training, Service,
and
Community



*St. Boniface Catholic Church
Scotland, TX*

Father Michael Moloney, O. F. S., PASTOR

"There's no such thing as a bad priest, just priests whose people don't pray enough for them." St. John Vianney

Mailing Address for Both Churches

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Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9 am-5 pm
Closed on Tuesdays
www.stmarysstboniface.org
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BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 9:15 A.M.
contact the office for dates and to register for classes

Marriage Preparation

contact the office at least nine to 12 months prior
to wedding date

RCIA

contact Fr. Michael at 423-6687

Funerals

in the case of a death in the family, please contact the office as
soon as possible.

Ministry to the Sick

contact the office immediately if you know of anyone
who is sick, hospitalized or home-bound

Confession

Every Saturday 3:00 – 4:00 pm

At the Church Office

Hispanic Ministry

Tuesday & Thursday in Convent
Call Oscar or Alma Contreras at 423-6918 or 940-224-8183

Protecting Our Children Sessions

Call Sharon Humpert @ 423-6283

Mass Schedule for the Week

Please wear a mask & practice social distancing at all
Masses. Sunday & Wednesday services will be live-
streamed.

Monday <u>12:00 noon</u>	DECEMBER 14 – St. Mary's † Reinhold Lindemann by Anna Mae Veitenheimer
Tuesday	DECEMBER 15 – St. Mary's Intention of Fr. Michael
Wednesday <u>6:00 pm</u>	DECEMBER 16 – St. Mary's Intentions of Donnie & Cindy Frerich On Their 50 th Wedding Anniversary by CDA
Thursday <u>6:00 pm</u>	DECEMBER 17 – St. Boniface † Bob Baumer by Penns, Idells & Amy
Friday <u>3:00 pm</u>	DECEMBER 18 – St. Mary's † Mary Jeanne Wolf by John Wolfs
Saturday <u>12:00 noon</u> <u>5:00 pm</u> <u>7:00 pm</u>	DECEMBER 19 – St. Mary's † Roy Dean Berend by Bernadine Berend † Dave & Loretta Meurer by Family Parishioners
Sunday <u>8:00 am</u> <u>10:30 am</u> <u>5:00 pm</u>	December 20 – St. Boniface † Kathie Hilbers by Albert Hilbers Family December 20 - St. Mary's † Jerry Schroeder by Mary Ann Schroeder † Willie Hoff by Dean Church Family

ST. MARY'S MINISTERS

Monday December 14th – December 20th, 2020

SATURDAY DECEMBER 19TH

Lector – Deana Vieth

Ushers – Roy & Julie Koetter, James Vieth Jr., Doug Wolf

Eucharistic Ministers – Ricky & Whitney Schreiber

SUNDAY DECEMBER 20th

Lector – Karen McCann

Ushers – Donnie Fleitman, Terry Schroeder, David McCann

Eucharistic Ministers – Brenda & Justin Doyal

SUNDAY DECEMBER 20TH 4PM

Lector – Gina Wolf

Eucharistic Minister – Mitzi Veitenheimer

SUPPORT – Envelopes \$7330.00 Loose \$35.00

Children \$14.00 Holy Day: Envelopes \$705.00 Loose

\$5.00 Human Development \$50.00 Thanksgiving \$50.00

ST. BONIFACE MINISTERS

Monday December 14th – December 20th, 2020

SUNDAY DECEMBER 20th

Lector – Pat Hemmi

Ushers – Kenneth Veitenheimer & Dan Smith

Eucharistic Ministers – Terry Berend & Brad Wolf

SUPPORT – Envelopes \$656.00.00 Loose \$25.00

ST. MARY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN THIS WEEK in memory of Margie Himmels & Pauline Cassidy by Ann Veitenheimer

BAPTISMAL CLASSES are offered on the third Sunday of the month at 9:15 a.m. Classes need to be attended by Parents and Godparents. Baptismal classes need to be refreshed every three years. You may attend the class before the baby is born. Please call the office at 423-6687 or Diane Hubbard at 631-1803 to register. Thank you.

The next Baptism will be Dec. 27th following 10:30 Mass.

LECTORS WORK BOOKS: New workbooks for the Lectors are ready for Lectors to pick up. The books are in the south sacristy in St. Mary's Church. All Lectors serving before the virus & on the list are asked to pick up a book as soon as they can.

STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES for 2021 are in Churches. Please pick up as soon as possible. Families with children in school, envelopes are in the paper bags. In case we have overlooked someone, please let the Church office know (423-6687). We realize this is a strangetime in the world but the Church still has obligations to meet. We thank you for your continued support of your Church. Thank you.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL – Thank you to everyone who responded generously to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Your gift makes a difference to the people whom we will accompany in our shared journey of faith, hope and charity as one Church united in Christ. **As of December 4, 2020, 71 families have donated for a total of \$9,344.01.** Not even 1/10 of St. Mary's Parish have responded to this appeal. Please, please turn in a pledge card even if you are unable to donate. We are counting on every family to make a commitment in order to reach our parish goal of \$20,000.00. Please return a pledge card even if you are unable to donate. There are cards in the office & on the tables in Church, in case you need one.

ST. MARY'S POINSETTIAS...If you would like to remember or honor a loved one with Poinsettias this Christmas season, we are asking a donation of \$10.00 per plant. Please send your request and donation to the Church office by Wednesday, December 16. Thank you in advance for your part in always providing Poinsettias for the Christmas season.

CDA NEWS: We WILL NOT meet on Wednesday, December 16, 2020, due to the State Football Game being played that evening at 7pm. Go Big Blue! We will have our meeting on Sunday, December 20, @9:30am before the 10:30am Mass in the meeting room. I will open the hall at 9am for members to bring items for the Christmas Boxes. Meeting will start @9:30am. We will also reveal our secret pals and have coffee & hot cocoa. Hope to see you there! Merry Christmas and Have a Happy New Year, Regent Whitney Schreiber.

REMINDER: Just a reminder...Christmas decorating will begin on Tuesday, Dec. 22 at 1 pm and again on Thursday, Dec. 23 (time will be announced a bit closer as depends on arrival of poinsettias).

THANK YOU NOTE: St. Mary's wishes to thank Windthorst Federal Credit Union & The Junior Catholic Daughters for their generous donation to defray the costs of our bulletin.

THANK YOU NOTE: The St. Mary's Christian Mother's Society would like to thank all the wonderful volunteers who brought cookies and brownies for the Knights of Columbus Sausage Meal desserts. Also, a special thank you for all the hard working members who came to Berend Family Center and prepared these desserts into individual servings. We are grateful to have such loyal and faithful members.

THANK YOU NOTE: St. Mary's wishes to thank Jerry & Margaret Smith for their generous donation to St. Mary's Cemetery Fund in memory of Janet Moer & Marvin Hoff Jr.

ST. BONIFACE ANNOUNCEMENTS

SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN THIS WEEK in loving memory of Shawn Sargent by The Family.

7-DAY LIGHTS: Welfare of my family, Monica & Lonnie Buerger, All sick & homebound of St. Boniface & St. Mary's by Bertha Mae Schenk; Prayers for all who have COVID & al who are affected by COVID by Joyce Moer; For a successful surgery for Chuck Berend by His family.

WEEKLY BULLETINS: Since the Church is locked most of the week days, the bulletins will be placed in the bulletin board at the entrance of Church after Mass each Sunday if you would like to pick one up.

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SCOTLAND SENIOR CITIZENS will have a carry out meal at noon on December 13th at the K of C Hall.

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THE ST. BONIFACE ALTAR SOCIETY will decorate for Christmas at 1:00pm on Tuesday, December 22nd. Anyone wishing to help is welcome to do so, it is always greatly appreciated. Wearing masks will be required.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR BOTH PARISHES

THE PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE is in the home of the Lester Anderle Family the week of December 19th. They as well as all of us are asked to pray for world peace, military and vocations.

December 26th Bernard Scheffe Family

January 3rd Joey Schroeder Family

Confessions: Father Michael will be hearing confessions on Saturdays at the Church Office from 3:00 to 4:00pm or by appointment

MASS TIMES: Friday Masses will be at 3:00 pm. Monday Masses will be at 12:00 noon except the 4th Monday of each month. **PLEASE WATCH THE BULLETIN FOR MASS TIME CHANGES THROUGHOUT THE MONTH.**

NOTICE: Due to the coronavirus surge, we would like to ask that you call the office to make an appointment for any type of transaction, such as a visit with Father Michael, book the hall (For the future), or any type of concern you might have at this time. First of all it is to make sure the person you would like to speak with is in the office the time you plan to come by. We also ask that you wear a mask. This is for the protection of all concerned..we have the health and safety of our visitors in mind. You may continue to drop off bulletin notices, requests for lights in the slot of the office door. You may also drop off your stewardship donations if you would like. Even though the Church is serving a 50% capacity, the bills still continue. Thank you for your understanding.

ACTS OF CHARITY: Please wear a mask at all Masses and practice social distancing (3 ft. apart). This is an act of charity to our neighbors when we practice social distancing & wear a mask.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS MASSES FOR CCD STUDENTS &

PARENTS: Fr. Michael is offering pre-Christmas Masses for our CCD Students. For the youth 6-12, Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, Dec. 13th @4PM.

For students K-5, Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, Dec. 20th @5PM.

All student & parents & their families are invited to attend. A prize for grades K through 5 with the most participants will be awarded. Fr. Michael will also offer Mass Sunday Dec. 27th @5 PM for all students & parents & their families in Honor of the Holy Family of Jesus.

WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER-"I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'make straight the way of the Lord.'" Whose voice are you listening to, the world's or God's? Invite God into your marriage by going on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. For dates for "virtual" Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends visit our website at: <http://www.dfwme.org>. For more information e-mail apply@dfwme.org or call Brian and Tina Little 281-773-9014. Yo soy la voz de alguien gritando en el desierto. "Prepara el camino del Señor o la del mundo. Invita a Dios a tu matrimonio participando en un Fin de semana del Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial. Para mas informacion de Encuentro Matrimonial en Espanol, escriba a emmdfw@gmail.com o visite <http://www.emmseccion21.org/>

RETIRED RELIGIOUS SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS

WEEKEND: Make a Difference. "Every dollar makes a difference in covering our expenses," says a Trappist abbot. Hundreds of US religious communities struggle to provide for aging members because most senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little pay. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps these communities bridge the gap, offering support for medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please be generous.

UPCOMING EVENTS & REMINDERS:

Sun. Dec. 20th Kids (K-5) Christmas Mass at 5:00pm.

CHRISTMAS:

EVE Mass December 24th 1pm St. Boniface with Fr. Jerry Ward.

EVE Mass December 24th 4pm St. Mary's

EVE Mass December 24th 8pm St. Mary's

Christmas Day December 25th 8am St. Mary's

Sun. December 27th Children's Mass 5pm

"THE WINDTHORST KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLOOD

MOBILE will be held at the Berend Family Center, Weds., Dec. 23rd from 1:30 - 6:00pm. This Blood Mobile will honor our departed brother, and long-time Blood Chairman, Frosty Hoff. Texas Blood Institute will be collecting blood using appropriate protocols and social distancing requirements. You can schedule an appointment by texting Doug Berend, 940-782-4126, with a desired time, to minimize any waiting. There is a critical blood shortage as emergent surgeries and other needs are using up the limited supply, during this holiday season."

THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL was formed to help the needy of our area; as we are all called to serve in different ways. The St. Vincent De Paul Store is located at 1516 Beverly in Wichita Falls. Volunteers run the store. Donations are received such as clothing, bedding, kitchen items, etc. These items are then sold at low prices. We want to ask anyone that feels they could volunteer at the store to contact Denise Gough at 940-613-5268 in Wichita Falls for additional info. Store hours are 10-2 Mon., Tues., Wed., & Sat. Thank you in advance & look forward to fellowship with Our Lady Queen of Peace & Sacred Heart in Wichita Falls & St. Mary's in Windthorst. Individuals are also needed to serve on a board for each Church to offer guidance. Thank you & God Bless.

YEAR- END GIVING: The end of the year is a busy time, full of holiday fun with family and friends, special celebrations and a time of rejuvenation for the New Year. It's also one of the best times to review financial decisions, especially decisions regarding charitable giving. There are certain benefits making gifts before the end of the year. Plan Your Donations Now to Ensure Credit in the 2020 Tax Year. In order to be credited as a donation in the 2020 tax year, checks must be dated and mailed with a postmark on or before Thursday, December 31, 2020.

NOTE: Yearly Lights are due at the end of the year.

ATTENTION SENIORS 2020-2021: If you are a member of the JCDA or a son/daughter, grandson/granddaughter, or nephew/niece of a CDA member you are eligible for the Texas CDA State Memorial Scholarship. The postmark deadline for the scholarship is January 31, 2021. For more details or an application, please contact Whitney Schreiber at 631-8328 or WISD Counselor, Darla Tackett at 423-6608.

SEEKING HOSTS HOMES FOR INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC EXCHANGE STUDENTS: Thank you for being such a wonderful part of the community. I live here in Wichita Falls area and I am a representative to our area for Pan Atlantic Foundation, a non-profit organization, which works with international high school student exchange. Our students hail from Italy and many come from Catholic families! We are looking for families to host our incoming students and we would love to place them with families who share their faith. They would be such a great addition to your congregation!

Our students arrive in January and are here just for the Spring semester. They have a variety of hobbies and interests, including soccer, cooking, ice skating, golf, fashion, movies, mathematics, and so much more! They are proficient in English and come with their own health insurance and spending money for all personal, academic, and social expenses. Host families can be retired, empty nesters, single, or families of any size from zero to a tribe! Our students can even share a room with a same gender host sibling within 4 years of their age.

Many of our students have dreamed of studying in America since they were children. All they need is a seat at your table and a place in your heart.

Visit www.meetourstudents.org to get to know the students excited to become a part of your family!

Norma Prisock

Area Representative, Pan Atlantic Foundation, 811 Mohawk, Burkburnett, TX 76354 940-631-3713
www.panatlanticfoundation.org www.iwanttohost.org

THANK YOU NOTE: Words cannot express how thankful we are for our family and friends during the loss of our Mother, Janet Moer. Thank you Father Michael, for the visit and blessing during her final hours and the beautiful service, all the prayers, lights, kind words, flowers, food, donations made in her memory, and all that helped in any way. She loved everyone in Windthorst. We really appreciate everyone. Thank you! Eddie, Tina, Becky, Karen, Robin & Family

THANK YOU NOTE: The family of Leonard Schenk Sr. wishes to express their sincere thanks and appreciation for the many acts of kindness given to them at the passing of their loved one.

**10 DAY IRELAND PILGRIMAGE
 HOSTED BY FATHER MICHAEL MOLONEY**

October 18 – October 27, 2021

Please contact Denise Cooper at
 940-781-3931 for more details.

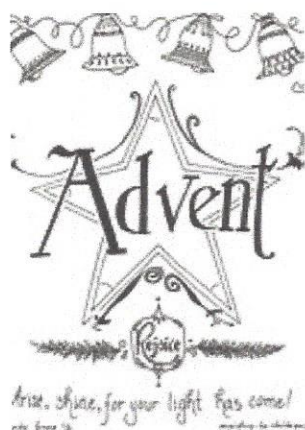
Third Sunday of Advent
 Third Week The joyful Sunday in Advent (known as "Gaudete") is represented by rose (or pink) instead of the penitential purple color. Each night during the third week the mother of the family lights the pink as well as the two previously burned purple candles after the following prayer has been said.
Prayer
Leader: O Lord, we beg Thee, incline Thy ear to our prayers and enlighten the darkness of our minds by the grace of Thy visitation. Through Christ our Lord. **All: Amen**
 The three candles are allowed to burn during the evening meals of the third week.



**This bulletin compliments of Catholic Life Insurance
 Union Branch #30 of Windthorst and
 Branch #36 of Scotland.**

ST. MARY'S 7-DAY LIGHTS: In memory of +Leonard Schenk Sr., +Louise, +Monte, +Gail & for all our deceased and living relatives and friends by Vera Ann; Complete healing for Gerald, Our family, Our Mothers, Jim & Geneva Simpson, Carol & Terry Sales by Gerald & Sherry; Healing for Linette & Tammy & Jim by Mom; Healing for Ryan, Rick Fleitman by Grandma; Beverly Wilde by Rosalee Schroeder; Our Sick Members, For an Increase in Priestly & Consecrated Life Vocations, Students of WISD/CDA #296 Members by CDA #296.

YEARLY LIGHTS: Joe & Magdalena Lindeman by Family; Formy family & in memory of +Henry & +Troy Pennartz by Hillary; For all battling cancer by Charles & Joyce Vieth; In Memory of +Janice, +Ed & +Catherine, Lois Luig, + Nanci Luig Carr & +Geraldine Lindemann by Eddie Luig Family; For World Peace and safety of our Military, especially for Damian Hoffman (Army), David Ogura (Army), & Zachary Zotz (Army) by Grandmommy; For Jeanne & Family, Ray & Myra & Family, Chuck & Diane & Family, Terry & Kathy & Family, Dolores Sumbera & Family by Frances Hoffman; Living & Deceased Members of Catholic Life Insurance Branch #30; Our Family & For The Safety of Our Military by Ralph & Clara; For +Joe Schreiber & +Joseph Schreiber by Agnes Schreiber; For Mom by Johnnie & Alice; For Students of W.I.S.D. & C.D.A. #296 Members by C.D.A. #296; The Holy Spirit's Daily Guidance in Endeavors for each member of my family by Donor; For +Lawrence & +Helen Berend Family by Terry & Carol Sales; For Our Family by Joe & Lugenia Zotz; +Arnold & +Lillian Lindeman by the Family; +Thomas & +Leona Schlumpf by Danny Schlumpf Family; Ben's safety by Mom & Dad; For our Family by Frank & Joyce Wolf; For all our Family by Don & Benita Essler; For Our Family by Bernard & Pat Scheffe; Sick & Hurting of St. Mary's Christian Mother's Society by the Christian Mothers; For my Family & for Bruce by Anna Mae Veitenheimer; Safety of Volunteer Firemen, Safety of Ben Wolf, Gina Loran, Brett Hoff, Kevin Schroeder, Corey George, & Greg Schlumpf, Living and Deceased Members of Charles & Mary Lindemann family by Benny Lindeman; Thank you for all the graces & blessings received for our Country, Community & Family by Bert & Elizabeth Hoff; Living & Deceased Members of Alphonse & Caroline Zotz by the Family; For our Family by George & Juanita Martin; My Family by Margaret Beaman; My Family; Living & Deceased members of Himmels Family, For my family & For +Al Veitenheimer by Ann Veitenheimer; Dad & Mom by Nubbin & Angela; +Floyd & Betty Humpert by the Family; For Our Family & In Memory of +Alfred Berend by Cordella; Guidance & Protection for our Military Service Men & Women by V.F.W.



REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS!

Conner Berardi, Gerald Berend, Gus Berend, Nellie Berend, Patience Blake, J.C. Birkenfield, Teresa Lindeman Birkenfield, Mabel Bowlden, Al Cabrera, David Carcaño, Jesús Colchado, John Deason, Brandy Evans, Danielle Mueller Fontenot, Emily Foster, Jeanne Fischer, Annette Fleitman, Rick Fleitman, Cindy Frerich, Kimberly Fulford, Tootsie Gardner, Jerry Green, Louise Green, Sister Marie Green, Jerry Gibson, Judy Hale, Artie Hallenbeck, Gary Humpert, Pat Humpert, Billie Hoff, Debbie Hoff, Ernie Hoff, JoAnn Hoff, Leo Hoff Jr., Marvin Hoff Sr., Pauline Hoff, Willie L. Hoff, Myra Hoffman, Libby Ingram, Gary Julian, C.D. Knobloch, Elsie Koetter, Misty Lindley, Dee Litteken, Agnes Loran, Karen Lowe, Louis Lowe, Brian Lucore, Kyler Marlar, Annette Meurer, Jess Meurer, Hans Meyer, Madi Scogin, Skylar Mueller, Kim Nelson, Travis Nelson, Jerry Ostermann, Rita Pearson, Nancy Pennartz, Colby Peterson, Gina Phillips, Phillip Rafferty, Dawson Reynolds, Bradley Rodgers, Carol Sales, Cassey Schenk, Frank Schenk, Grady Schenk, Sr., Paul Schenk, Roch Schenk, Rosalie Schenk, Vera Ann Schenk, Agnes Schreiber, Fern Schreiber, Gerald Schreiber, Nelda Schreiber, Roxanne Schreiber, Alex Schroeder, Bruce Schroeder, Carolyn Schroeder, Hans Schroeder, Lauren Schroeder, Linda Schroeder, Mary Lou Schroeder, Rosalee Schroeder, Ryan Schroeder, Helen Seigler, Henri Seto, Debbie Shifflett, Geneva Simpson, Jim Simpson, Lisa Smith, Weldon Snyder, Kate Talley, Margaret Green Tift, Trent Tipton, Randy Townsend, Ann Veitenheimer, Anna Mae Veitenheimer, John Veitenheimer, Ralph Veitenheimer, James Vieth, Tim Vieth, Beverly Wilde, David Williams, Debbie Williams, Charles Winkles, Sarah Witten, Jim Wolf, Kenny Wolf, Larry Wolf, Martha Wolf, Pauline Wolf, Alphonse Zotz Jr., Bruce Zotz, Chuck Zotz, Harola Zotz.

Prayer of the Faithful: Lord Jesus, we lift those on our weekly list to you; You are the healer of the sick and we keep praying and hoping for those who are ill. May we continue to pray for all who are sick and hurting and may your peace come to each and every one of us. Amen

MILITARY PRAYER LIST -Charles Berend, Jr. (Navy), Fermin Estrada Jr., (Army), Sgt. Bill Foster, Capt. Sean Fuhrmann (Marines), Lt. Colonel Tony Garcia (Navy), Cpl. Kellen Green (Marine), Luke Grotelueschen (Army), Captain Brian Hoff (Marine), Tracey Hoff (Navy), Damian Hoffman (Army), Master Sgt. Nicholas Klein (Army), Stephen Koetter (Army), Adam Lambert (Army), James Devon Lindeman (Army), PVT Miguel Luna Jr., Jess Martinez (Army), Joshua Millican (Navy), Sgt. Kenneth (K.J.) Nichols (Army), Major David Ogura (Army), Kyle Page (Marine), Frank Prokop, (Colorado Air National Guard), Sgt. Robert Rhinehart, Private Trey Schenk (Marine), Tracy Hoff Schmitt (Army), 1st Class Craig Slaten (Air Force), Staff Sgt. Ricky Smith (Air Force), Judy Solorio (Navy), Staff Sgt. Matthew Tubbs, Sgt. Ann Schreiber Turner (Air Force), Cpl. Logan Veitenheimer (Marine) Josh Winter (Army), Major Audrey Wolf (Army), Zachary Zotz (Army). (If there are any changes or additions please call the office.) Dear Heavenly Father, please protect our troops as they protect us. Bless them and their families for all that they are doing for us in our time of need. We ask this in the name of Jesus. AMEN

Sunday, Dec 13, 2020

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Discern the spirit

Often we get an intuition, a burning in the heart that feels motivating. It may tell us to speak up or shut up; to reach out or keep our hands off a situation; to admit we need help or to stop leaning on others. Do we obey the prompt, or ignore it? The problem with following what may be a divine nudge is that we can't always discern the Holy Spirit from a lesser kind. Discernment involves prayer, familiarity with scripture, consultation with faithful others, and sometimes spiritual direction. Above all, it needs to be practiced. Befriend the Spirit!

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28 (8). *"Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances."*

Monday, Dec 14, 2020

MEMORIAL OF JOHN OF THE CROSS, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Be a light in the darkness

We have so many options in our modern world that it's easy to walk away from any organization or community that we struggle with and simply join ones that are more agreeable to us. But what if we stayed and worked to make them better instead? Saint John of the Cross did exactly that and reformed his Carmelite order, despite imprisonment for his efforts. When you feel disillusioned with institutions you love, be guided by John's writing—considered among the greatest in all of Spanish literature—about darkness leading to the light.

TODAY'S READINGS: Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a; Matthew 21:23-27 (187). *"By what authority are you doing these things?"*

Tuesday, Dec 15, 2020

ADVENT WEEKDAY

The darkness before dawn

Two days ago we celebrated Gaudete Sunday with refrains of rejoicing. Two days from now, we'll begin to pray the O Antiphons—seven days to laud the fast-approaching Messiah. What to make of this in-between time, when scripture shows Jesus chiding religious leaders and Old Testament prophets preach fire and brimstone? "The day in which we now find ourselves is still night," wrote Saint Augustine. But the promise of salvation is sure. "Keep your attention closely fixed on it, as you would on a lamp shining in a dark place until the first streaks of dawn appear."

TODAY'S READINGS: Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13; Matthew 21:28-32 (188). *"Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God."*

Wednesday, Dec 16, 2020

ADVENT WEEKDAY

Usher in a renewed Advent

This Advent season is so different from any other in our lifetimes, and the holidays may not allow for worship in person with our faith communities or celebrations with beloved families. For many of us, this brings sadness to these Advent days as we mourn the loss of familiar rituals. The poetic words of theologian, educator, and civil rights leader Howard Thurman remind us that the work of Christmas is to "find the lost, heal the broken, feed the hungry . . . rebuild the nations and bring peace among others." Let us pray for the grace to overcome any disappointment we feel and focus on feeding the hungry, having compassion for the broken,

and rebuilding the relationships around us. In such practices, we will find Advent hope and peace.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25; Luke 7:18b-23 (189). *"The poor have the good news proclaimed to them."*

Thursday, Dec 17, 2020

ADVENT WEEKDAY (O WISDOM)

Heavenly sounds

Today is the first of the O Antiphons, an Advent tradition from the seventh century whereby for a week the church's evening prayer salutes the coming Messiah by different names each evening. Tonight monasteries, parishes, and ordinary Christians will sing or recite "O Sapientia" (Wisdom). Reading about the loveliness of this prayer is no substitute for hearing it. Let the ethereal sound of this ancient tradition uplift your prayer today. Here is "O Sapientia" sung by Dominican friars in Oxford, England.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 49:2, 8-10; Matthew 1:1-17 (193). *"Thus the total number of generations from Abraham to David is fourteen generations."*

Friday, Dec 18, 2020

ADVENT WEEKDAY (O SACRED LORD)

A call to rescue and restore

The calamities that piled up in 2020 point surely to the longing of today's O Antiphon. A wave of global pandemic, quarantine, massive unemployment, fires, floods, and protest for racial justice crests, resonating with the yearning for freedom. More than ever, we yearn for the Leader who will restore justice and rescue us with mighty power. And at a time when more people are exiled from their homes than ever before in human history, we commemorate Migrants Day with a plaintive call: *Come, Lord Jesus to our human mess. We need you as we have throughout the centuries.*

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 23:5-8; Matthew 1:18-25 (194). *"O sacred Lord of ancient Israel, who showed yourself to Moses in the burning bush, who gave him the holy law on Sinai mountain: come, stretch out your mighty hand to set us free."*

Saturday, Dec 19, 2020

ADVENT WEEKDAY (O FLOWER OF JESSE'S STEM)

Creation is full of surprises

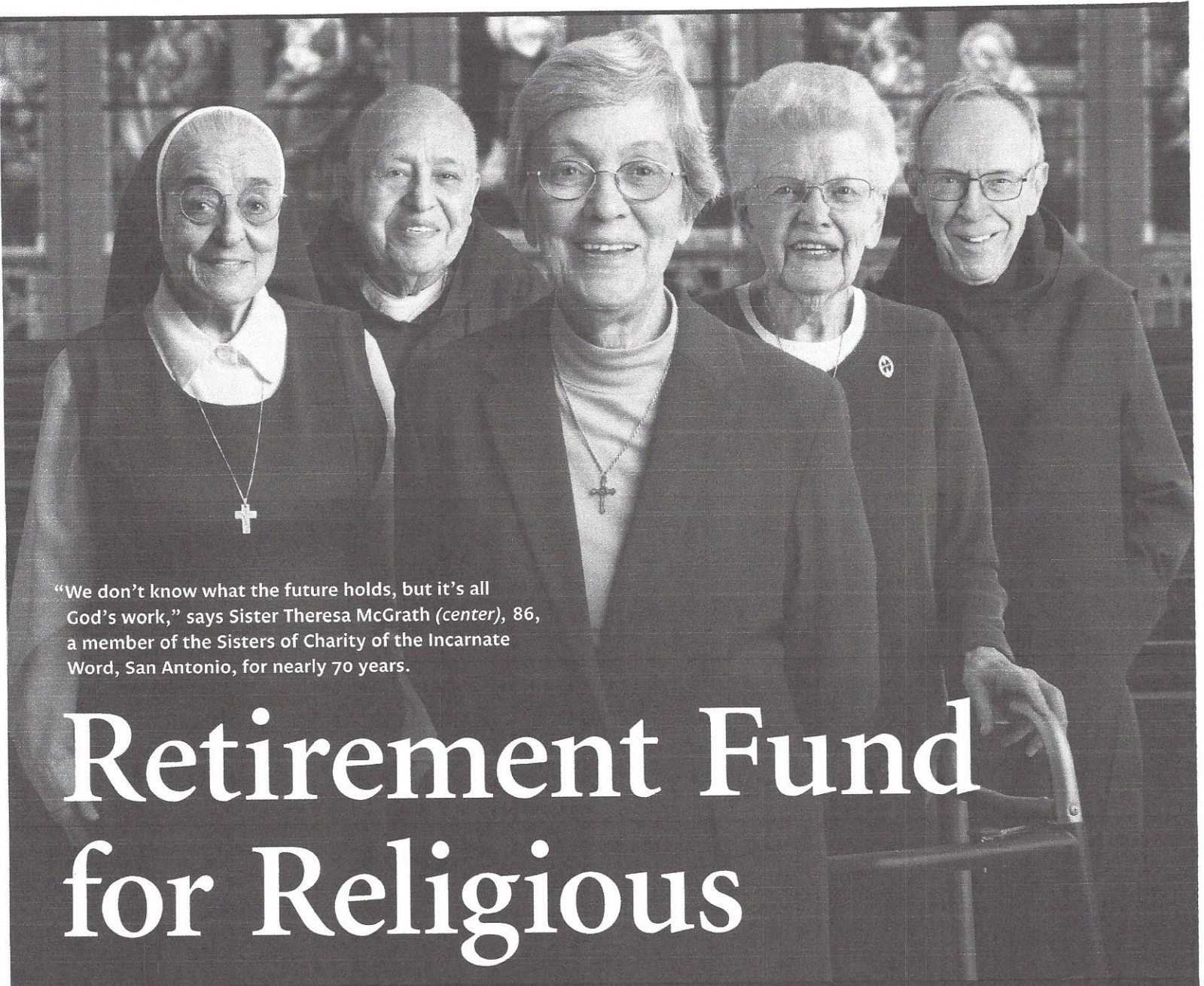
The image of "Jesse's Stem" in today's O Antiphon comes from the Book of Isaiah. Using the image of a tree much like we use a family tree to trace our lineage, Isaiah traces the lineage of the kings of Judah forward from Jesse, the father of King David, to the hoped-for Christ, the new king who might restore the monarchy to its former greatness. But like the birth of John the Baptist, the actual coming of the Christ would be a surprise, a new revelation of a heavenly Kingdom. Reflect on the various ways God has surprised you in your life.

TODAY'S READINGS: Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a; Luke 1:5-25 (195). *"O Flower of Jesse's stem, you have been raised up as a sign for all peoples."*

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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"We don't know what the future holds, but it's all God's work," says Sister Theresa McGrath (*center*), 86, a member of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word, San Antonio, for nearly 70 years.

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Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

In good times and bad, Sister Theresa and the senior religious shown here have devoted themselves to God's work. Together with nearly 30,000 elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests, they educated the young, tended the sick, and ministered to the needy. Today, they pray for a hurting world. Yet many US religious communities do not have enough retirement savings and struggle to provide for aging members. Covid-19 has only increased these challenges. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please be generous.

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Above, from left: Sister Alice Garcia, SSCJ, 91; Brother Martin Gonzales, OCSO, 95; Sister Theresa McGrath, CCVI, 86; Sister Anne Cecile Muldoon, OSU, 93; Abbot Emeritus Peter Eberle, OSB, 79.
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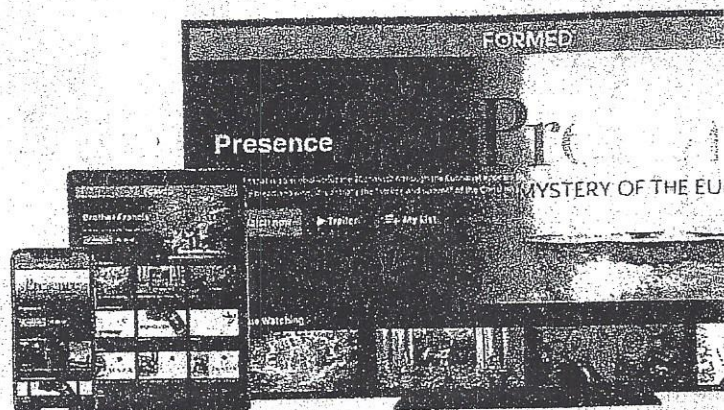
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K-5 EARLY CHRISTMAS MASS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20TH, 2020

K-5 CCD STUDENTS, PARENTS & TEACHERS

WELCOME TO ATTEND MASS AT 4 PM



DECEMBER 12, 2020 – JANUARY 8, 2021

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
SATURDAY DEC. 12 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe St. Mary's Spanish Mass 12:00 NOON Confessions 3:00 – 4:00 At the Church office St. Mary's Mass 5:00PM Live-streamed at 5 Please wear a mask & practice social distancing Retired Religious Collection	SUNDAY DEC. 13 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT St. Boniface Mass 8:00 AM St. Mary's Mass 10:30 AM Both Masses live streamed Please wear a mask & practice social distancing. Retired Religious Collection St. Boniface Fatima Prayer Hr. 10am Scotland Sr. Citizens	MONDAY DEC. 14 CCD 7:25am Mass St. Mary's 12:00 noon Please wear a mask & practice social distancing. VFV/VFW Aux. meeting (Berend Family Center)	TUESDAY DEC. 15 Mass St. Mary's CCD 7:25am <u>Church Office closed</u>	WEDNESDAY DEC. 16 CCD 7:25am K-12 Youth Mass St. Mary's 6:00pm Novena 6:30pm Please wear a mask & practice social distancing. Mass will be live-streamed Flower donations are due CDA #296 after Mass	THURSDAY DEC. 17 St. Mary's Prayer 7:25am Mass St. Boniface 6pm Please wear a mask & practice social distancing.	FRIDAY DEC. 18 Word & Worship St. Mary's 7:25 am Mass St. Mary's 3:00pm Please wear a mask & practice social distancing.
SATURDAY DEC. 19 St. Mary's Mass 12:00 NOON Confessions 3:00 – 4:00 At the Church office St. Mary's Mass 5:00PM Spanish Mass 7:00PM Live-streamed at 5 Please wear a mask & practice social distancing	SUNDAY DEC. 20 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT St. Boniface Mass 8:00 AM St. Mary's Mass 10:30 AM Kids(K-5)Christmas Mass 5:00PM Please wear a mask & practice social distancing. Both Masses live streamed	MONDAY DEC 21 Bulletin Notices due by noon Mass St. Mary's 12:00 noon Please wear a mask & practice social distancing.	TUESDAY DEC. 22 Mass St. Mary's <u>Church Office closed</u>	WEDNESDAY DEC. 23 St. Mary's 6:00pm Novena 6:30pm Please wear a mask & practice social distancing. Mass will be live-streamed Blood mobile 1:30-6:00pm Berend Family Center	THURSDAY DEC. 24 CHRISTMAS EVE Mass St. Boniface 1PM Mass St. Mary's 4PM Mass St. Mary's 8PM Church Office closed Please wear a mask & practice social distancing. Masses will be live-streamed.	FRIDAY DEC. 25 THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD Mass St. Mary's 8AM Please wear a mask & practice social distancing. Mass will be live-streamed. <u>Church Office closed</u>
SATURDAY DEC. 26 St. Mary's Mass 12:00 NOON Confessions 3:00 – 4:00 At the Church office St. Mary's Mass 5:00PM Spanish Mass 7:00PM Live-streamed at 5 Please wear a mask & practice social distancing	SUNDAY DEC. 27 THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH St. Boniface Mass 8:00 AM St. Mary's Mass 10:30 AM St. Mary's Children's Mass 5:00PM Please wear a mask & practice social distancing. Both Masses live streamed	MONDAY DEC. 28 Bulletin Notices due by noon St. Mary's Mass 6:00 pm 4th Degree K of C after Mass	TUESDAY DEC. 29 Mass St. Mary's <u>Church Office closed</u>	WEDNESDAY DEC. 30 K-12 Youth Mass St. Mary's 6:00pm Adoration 6:30/Chaplet 6:30 Novena 7:00pm Please wear a mask & practice social distancing. Mass will be live-streamed	THURSDAY DEC. 31 St. Mary's Mass 6:00PM Mass will be live-streamed. Please wear a mask & practice social distancing.	FRIDAY JAN. 1 SOLENNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD (Holy Day of Obligation) Mass St. Boniface 8:00AM Mass St. Mary's 10:30AM Please wear a mask & practice social distancing. <u>Church Office closed</u>
SATURDAY JAN. 2 1ST SATURDAY St. Mary's Mass 8:00AM Confessions 3:00 – 4:00 At the Church office St. Mary's Mass 5:00PM Spanish Mass 7:00PM Live-streamed at 5 Please wear a mask & practice social distancing	SUNDAY JAN. 3 St. Boniface Mass 8:00 AM St. Mary's Mass 10:30 AM Please wear a mask & practice social distancing. Both Masses live streamed	MONDAY JAN. 4 Father Michael On Retreat!	TUESDAY JAN. 5 CCD 7:25AM <u>Church Office closed</u>	WEDNESDAY JAN. 6 CCD 7:25am Family Life & Mission Outreach 5pm St. Mary's Mother's Society	THURSDAY JAN. 7 St. Mary's Prayer 7:25am Food Distribution 9am - 11am	FRIDAY JAN. 8 Mass St. Mary's 3:00pm Please wear a mask & practice social distancing.