

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Reading 1 IS 11:1-10

On that day, a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom. The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD, and his delight shall be the fear of the LORD. Not by appearance shall he judge, nor by hearsay shall he decide, but he shall judge the poor with justice, and decide aright for the land's afflicted. He shall strike the ruthless with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked. Justice shall be the band around his waist, and faithfulness a belt upon his hips. Then the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the young lion shall browse together, a little child to guide them. The cow and the bear shall be neighbors, together their young shall rest; the lion shall eat hay like the ox. The baby shall play by the cobra's den, and the child lay his hand on the adder's lair. There shall be no harm or ruin on all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be filled with knowledge of the LORD, as water covers the sea. On that day, the root of Jesse, set up as a signal for the nations, the Gentiles shall seek out, for his dwelling shall be glorious.

Responsorial Psalm PS 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 R. (cf. 7) Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

Reading 2 ROM 15:4-9

Brothers and sisters: Whatever was written previously was written for our instruction, that by endurance and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus, that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, then, as

Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I say that Christ became a minister of the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, to confirm the promises to the patriarchs, but so that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written: *Therefore, I will praise you among the Gentiles and sing praises to your name.*

Gospel MT 24:37-44

John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said: A voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. When he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God can raise up children to Abraham from these stones. Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees. Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand. He will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

COMING SOON TO SMU CATHOLIC

MON, DECEMBER 9

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SMU CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY



December 8, 2019

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS & ADORATION SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

Collins Executive Center | 9 AM & 5 PM

Catholic Center | 8 PM

MONDAY & WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY

Catholic Center | 12:10 PM

TUESDAY & THURSDAY

Catholic Center | 5:10 PM

ADORATION

Monday - Friday | 9 AM - 10 AM

Monday - Thursday | 9 PM - 10 PM

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ABOUT SMU CATHOLIC

Since 1932 SMU Catholic Campus Ministry has served SMU students, faculty, staff, alumni, and the local Catholic community. SMU Catholic is committed to being a profound presence on campus as inspired by the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We strive to form servant leaders of SMU's future "world changers" to live their Catholic faith professionally and personally. By becoming an active member of SMU Catholic, students gain intimate knowledge of self, the love of God, and our faith tradition. All are welcome at SMU Catholic, the loving home-away-from-home for many students on campus.

COVER STORY

The Catholic Foundation generously awarded \$850,000 during the Nov. 22 Grant Ceremony. Each spring and fall, The Catholic Foundation provides grants to organizations that meet the physical and spiritual needs of the Catholic community throughout the Diocese of Dallas and the region. SMU Catholic is so grateful to be selected among 19 other local schools, churches and community organizations, to receive a grant. Thank you to The Catholic Foundation for your support!

GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP

Project Esperanza will host two opportunities to serve in Guatemala. Over spring break (March 14-21), the student-focused trip will be returning to Tecpan Guatemala to install stoves and water filters in families' homes. If spring break is not an option, consider the Team Legacy trip (April 25-May 3). This is a life-changing opportunity to inspire hope in families in Guatemala and expand your global outlook. For more information, email Lezlie Vlasimsky at stan.lezlie.kids@vlasimsky.org.

REPORT ABUSE

If you believe that you or someone you know is a victim of past or present abuse or sexual abuse, please notify law enforcement. In the event the abuse involves a minor, please also contact the Texas Department of Family and Protective Service through the Texas Abuse Hotline (1-800-252-5400 or www.txabusehotline.org). Finally, if the abuse involves a member of the clergy, a parish employee, or diocesan employee, please also notify the Diocese of Dallas Victims Assistance Coordinator, Barbara Landregan, at 214-379-2812 or blandregan@cathdal.org

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Since Sun, Dec 8, is the Second Sunday of Advent, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is transferred to Mon, Dec 9. The obligation to attend Mass does not transfer. Come celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception with us at our 12:10PM Mass on Dec 9!

AQUINAS 101 PROGRAM

The Thomistic Institute has launched its new Aquinas 101 program! Aquinas 101 is a series of free video courses that help you to engage with life's most urgent philosophical and theological questions with the wisdom of St. Thomas Aquinas. The course is completely free. Once you sign up, you'll receive two emails per week that include a video, recommended further listening, and related readings. Enroll at aquinas101.thomisticinstitute.org.

WE'RE ON VENMO



SMU Catholic is on Venmo! Venmo makes it easy to securely send and share money online or through the free mobile app. You can use Venmo to send a gift to SMU Catholic any time, for Mass collections, general gifts, etc. You can find SMU Catholic by searching for our username: [@smucatholic](https://www.venmo.com/smucatholic)

LATE NIGHT BREAKFAST



Come by the Catholic Center for late night breakfast at 10PM! During finals, the Catholic Center will also be open until midnight. Come and find a quiet place to study. We'll have free Wi-Fi and coffee brewing around the clock!

RETURN TO PERKINS CHAPEL

Our last Mass in Collins Executive Center is today, Sun, Dec 8! Mass will resume in Perkins Chapel at 9AM on Sun, Dec 15, which is also when the last 5PM and 8PM Masses of the semester will occur.

We will return to our full Mass schedule on Sunday, January 19, 2020 as follows:

9AM & 5PM | Perkins Chapel

8PM | Catholic Center

We appreciate your flexibility and patience during this time!

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

Join the SMU Catholic community to celebrate Christmas with a Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve, Dec 24 at 5PM in Perkins Chapel. We will begin with Christmas carols at 4:30PM. We look forward to seeing everyone!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Susan Piot Rory Meyers Nancy Swanson Patty Stark
Carney Family Geisler Family Keener Family Davis Collins
Dick Hoesterey David Adams Tannous Family
Flood Family Tullier and Skwirz Family Krebs Family

In Thanksgiving

Nicole Grinkivitch — Daughter of Sharon and Peter Larson

9 AM EMs and Lectors for December 8:

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