

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Reading 1 IS 35:1-6A, 10

The desert and the parched land will exult; the steppe will rejoice and bloom. They will bloom with abundant flowers, and rejoice with joyful song. The glory of Lebanon will be given to them, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon; they will see the glory of the LORD, the splendor of our God. Strengthen the hands that are feeble, make firm the knees that are weak, say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication; with divine recompense he comes to save you. Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared; then will the lame leap like a stag, then the tongue of the mute will sing. Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy; they will meet with joy and gladness, sorrow and mourning will flee.

Responsorial Psalm PS 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10

R. (cf. Is 35:4) Lord, come and save us.

Reading 2 JAS 5:7-10

Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand. Do not complain, brothers and sisters,

about one another, that you may not be judged.

Behold, the Judge is standing before the gates. Take as an example of hardship and patience, brothers and sisters, the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Gospel MT 11:2-11

When John the Baptist heard in prison of the works of the Christ, he sent his disciples to Jesus with this question, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" Jesus said to them in reply, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regains their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me." As they were going off, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John, "What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind? Then what did you go out to see? Someone dressed in fine clothing? Those who wear fine clothing are in royal palaces. Then why did you go out? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you. Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

COMING SOON TO SMU CATHOLIC

SUN, DEC 15—TUES, DEC 17

Late Night Breakfast

10PM—12AM | Catholic Center

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

Last daily Mass and Adoration

9AM Adoration | Catholic Center

12:10PM Mass | Catholic Center

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

Christmas Eve Mass

5PM | Perkins Chapel

MON, DEC 23—WED, JAN 1

Catholic Center Closed for Break

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SMU CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY



December 15, 2019

THIRD 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

On Wed, Dec 4, we had a blast at SMUCUS—SMU Catholic Ugly Christmas Sweater party. We blasted Christmas music. We played games. We voted on the best Christmas deserts, which included peanut butter cookies, scones, brownies, and more. We voted on the best ugly Christmas sweater, which involved two rounds of deliberation—a fashion show and a talent show. We loved celebrating Christmas with our SMU Catholic family.

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. Students, Christmas break is the perfect time to apply! You can apply for the trip at i-ep.org under Team Endurance. 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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CHRISTMAS EVE POINSETTIA

We invite our community to bring a poinsettia to decorate Perkins chapel for Christmas Eve Mass, and take it home after Mass. Please bring it to the front of the Chapel when you arrive!



CATHOLIC CENTER WINTER BREAK

As the semester comes to a close, we hope all the students had a wonderful fall semester. We wish everyone a Merry Christmas with their families and loved ones. The last day for daily Mass and Adoration is the last day of finals on Wed, Dec 18. The Catholic Center will be closed from Mon, Dec 23 to Wed, Jan 1 for Christmas Break. Pray for our students and FOCUS Missionaries going to SLS in Phoenix, AZ on Dec 30—Jan 3. Catholic Center hours for the remaining days during winter break

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:

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!

WELCOME BACK TO PERKINS

Today is our first Mass back in Perkins Chapel. We're thankful to be back here! Today we are celebrating our last 5PM and 8PM Masses for the semester.

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

9AM & 5PM | Perkins Chapel

8PM | Catholic Center

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.

Rory Meyers Nancy Swanson Patty Stark Davis Collins

Carney Family Geisler Family Keener Family

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 15:

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