

## First Sunday of Advent

**We remember in our prayers all the sick, especially the follow-**

**ing:** Bill Hoffman, Jr. George Duke. Jane Stone. Eric Hurley. Jim & Joann Rayl. Juan Delgado. Mark Owen. Andrea Easter. Dottie Schuetz. Cathy Ellis. Mary Lou Johnson, Betty Brown, Beth Benoit, Rose Kennedy, Judith Sotomayor, Dennis Rayl, Judy Fazzio, Jim Catalano, Marty Blahitka, Carolyn Edwards, Dominic Sosta, Dan Dolezal, Greg Hass, Joshua Larsson, Avery Boultinghouse, Wanda Stephens, Wanda Thompson, Elleana Fritz, Fr. Nano, Kathryn Allen, Jim & Geri O'Neil. We list the names of our sick Parishioners, Friends and Relatives for one month.

**Please pray for the men and women active military service**

**from our parish community:** Lt. Col. William P Shea, (Nephew of Deacon Sam and Nancy Mullen). Colonel John Anthony Fontana, U.S. Army (Son of John & Mary Fontana). Commander Tom Moroney, Navy (Son of Roger & Shirley Moroney). Colonel Sean Corrigan & 2nd Lt. Blake Gaughan & Lpl. Mike Buchanan (Nephews of Jess & Eva Corrigan). Paul Moreno USCG (Grandson of Kathy & Dale Boman). Zachary Stephen York, Specialist 4 U.S. Army (Son of Steve & Julie York). Staff Sergeant Daniel Hodan, U.S. Army (Grandson of Ron & Barbara Eamma.

**GOD HAS A DIFFERENT PLAN**

We begin the season of Advent with a heartfelt call for our own repentance. We remember God's faithful love for us, and call upon God to help us to turn back. For "behold, you are angry, and we are sinful" (Isaiah 64:4). In the first reading and in the psalm, we recall God's promises and lament our unfaithfulness and our guilt. We call upon God's might and power in order to save us. With Isaiah, we ask God to "rend the heavens and come down, / with the mountains quaking before you" (Isaiah 63:19).

Yes, God is faithful to us, because we are the work of God's hands. God is the potter, we are the clay. And yet, our concept of how God will come to save us is rooted in our own expectations of a warrior God who crushes mountains and thunders into our lives with great noise and glory. But God has a different plan: the Incarnation.

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — We are the clay and you, O LORD, are the potter: we are the work of your hands (Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7).

**Psalm** — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

**Second Reading** — God is faithful; by God you were called to fellowship with the Son (1 Corinthians 1:3-9).

**Gospel** — Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. (Mark 13:33-37).

**Mass Times & Intentions**

**Sat** 12/02 5:00pm Mass—Sister Mary Clare+ (M/M Clymer)

**Sun** 12/03 9:30am Mass—Holy Spirit Parishioners

**Tue** 12/05 9:00am Mass /Adoration—Holy Spirit Parishioners

**Wed** 12/06 7:45am Mass— Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

**Thurs** 12/07 9:00am Mass—Then 5:00pm Mass of anticipation of the Immaculate Conception

**Fri** 12/08 9:00am Mass—Holy Day of Obligation—Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

**Sat** 12/09 5:00pm Mass—Kevin Gillespie+ (Bridget Rich)

**Saturday Confessions are from 4:15—4:45pm  
Sunday Confessions are from 8:45—9:15am**

**PARISH SUPPORT**

**Required Weekly Funds Offerings**

<u>11/25 &amp; 11/26</u>		<u>Attendance</u>	
		<u>Sat.</u>	<u>Sun.</u>
<b>\$ 3,961</b>		<b>46</b>	<b>95</b>
<b>\$ 2,660</b>			

One can Give without Loving...But one cannot Love without Giving

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

***We would like to THANK the Holy Spirit Rosary Group for the generous donation from their Game/Luncheon Day that was held on Nov. 18th. They donated the proceeds of \$ 1,571.50 to Holy Spirit Building & Maintenance Fund. Thank you on behalf of our parish family.***

**Year B Lector Workbooks  
available in the Narthex  
New readings begin Sunday, Dec. 3rd.**

## EVENTS AND NEWS

**December Second Collections: 2nd & 3rd: "Building & Maintenance.**  
9th & 10th: "Retirement Fund for Religious". 23rd, 24th & 25th:  
"Seminarian Special Collection" & "10% Christmas Collection".

**Exposition is every Tuesday from 9:30am—4:00pm**

"It is in the Blessed Sacrament that we find strength. Without my daily Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament. I could not have lasted one single day."

East Central Deanery: **Advent Confession Schedule (December 2017)**

12/04 & 12/05: 6:00 pm - St. Matthew, Longview  
12/06: 7:00 pm - St. Francis, Gilmer  
**12/11: 6:00 pm - Holy Spirit, Holly Lake & St. Jude, Henderson**  
7:00 pm - San Pedro, Tatum & 5:00 pm - St. Joseph, Marshall  
12/13: 4:00pm: St. Mary, Longview. 6:00pm: Queen of Angels, Overton & St. William, Carthage  
12/14: 6:00 pm - St. Anthony, Longview  
12/15: 6:00 pm - St. Theresa, Union Grove  
12/16: 9:00 am - St. Jude, Henderson  
12/17: 10:15am: O.L. of Grace, Hallsville. 8:30am: St. Lawrence, Waskom  
12/19: 6:00 pm - Christ, the King, Kilgore  
12/20: 4:30 pm - O.L. of Grace, Hallsville & Queen of Angels, Overton  
12/21: 6:00pm: Immaculate Conception, Jefferson. 6:30pm: St. Matthew, Longview

The **15th Anniversary of the Dedication of Holy Spirit is on January 12, 2018** and plans are underway to celebrate the occasion. We will first of all have our parish's dedication as the Mass intention for both Saturday, January 13th and Sunday, January 14th. Bishop Strickland will be here to celebrate the Mass on Sunday, the 14th and we will all join in a potluck meal following Mass. There will be a slideshow presentation during this gathering highlighting our parish, the transformation over the years as well as events and special times which have been instrumental in our journey of faith and growth.

Your help is needed. If you have any pictures of parish events/gatherings over the past 15 years to include in the slideshow please email them to: [theleingangs@gmail.com](mailto:theleingangs@gmail.com) Cherie and Jeff Leingang have graciously agreed to prepare a slideshow and would appreciate you sending the pictures to them in a jpeg format. On the subject line please indicate the date (approx.) of the picture & the description of the photo. The deadline for this is Dec. 22nd. Also, we would like to include pictures of the various ministries/organizations/groups here at Holy Spirit. Bob Parker will be happy to come to your meeting in the next couple of weeks to take the picture so it would be helpful if the organization's leader would please call him at 512.468.3270 or email him at [parkerbiz52@yahoo.com](mailto:parkerbiz52@yahoo.com) with the time your organization meets, or can meet, for the photo. Since we would like past as well as current members of each organization in the picture please contact any past members and invite them to be part of the picture as well. If your group does not have a set meeting time in the next couple of weeks please let Bob know a good time when he should be at the church for the picture. He will try to be as flexible as possible. Pictures will also be taken the day of the event and a disc will be made and available for parishioners towards the end of January. More information about this special day will be in future bulletins but we would appreciate your cooperation in compiling the pictures needed for an illustrative journey of the Holy Spirit Parish.

### DECEMBER EVENTS

**Sun., Dec. 3rd:** K of C Breakfast after 9:30am Mass

**Thurs., Dec. 7th:** 5:00pm Mass of anticipation of the Immaculate Conception

**Fri., Dec. 8th:** 9:00am Holy Day of Obligation—Immaculate Conception. Diocese & Church Office Closed

**Sun., Dec. 10th:** Religious Education & Family Faith Formation Class after Mass. Topic: Your Baptismal Rights and Responsibilities

**Mon., Dec. 11th:** 6:00pm Advent Confessions

**Thurs., Dec. 14th:** K of C Meeting

**Sun., Dec. 24th:** 4:30pm Candlelight Music, follow by 5:00pm Christmas Eve Mass

**Mon., Dec. 25th:** 9:00am Mass Christmas Day

**Mon., Dec. 25th & 26th:** Diocese & Church Office Closed

**Sun., Dec. 31st:** 5:00pm New Year's Eve Mass

**Our Christmas Baskets are not that far off. We are asking for help keeping our pantry full, so our Christmas Baskets will be over flowing.**

**LINEN MINISTRY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS** We are in need of volunteers to assist with the laundering of our liturgy linens. Each volunteer is given a month or two throughout the year to launder and iron the linens for use at daily and weekend masses. If you can help, it will deeply appreciated. Call Nancy Mullen 903-769-0672



Please take an Angel from our Angel Tree in the Narthex. **Wrapped gifts and/or gift cards are welcome.** All gifts must be returned to the tree by **Sun. Dec. 17th by 10:30am.**

**Sun., Dec. 24th:** 4:30pm Candlelight Music, follow by 5:00pm Christmas Eve Mass



**Mon., Dec. 25th:** 9:00am Mass Christmas Day

**Sun., Dec. 31st:** 5:00pm New Year's Eve Mass

**Mon., Jan. 1st:** 9:00am Mass New Years Day. Holy Day of Obligation.