

First Sunday of Advent

We remember in our prayers all the sick, especially the following:

Barbara Quesada. Rev. Michael Snider. Wilburn Roberts. Ryan Melton. Rebecca Niebrugge. George Bruner. Chase Larsson. Jeff Gibbons. Eric Gray. Myles Acosta. Elise Sugg. Jacob Stephens. Fr. John Lydon. Fr. Joseph Nasser. Fr. Christopher Ruggles. Fr. Tim Kelly. Fr. Steven Duyka. Msgr. Gerald Priest. Jim & Joann Rayl. Rose Kennedy. Judy Fazzio. Marty Blahitka. Carolyn Edwards. Dominic Sosta. Joshua Larsson. Avery Boultinghouse. Wanda Stephens. Wanda Thompson. Elleana Fritz. Kathryn Allen. Jim & Geri O'Neil. We list the names of our sick Parishioners. Friends and Relatives for one month.

Father Peter McGrath has been placed in hospice care. Please pray for peace and serenity for him and his family as they enter into a very difficult time.

Please pray for the men and women active military service from our parish community:

Pvt Natalie York (Daughter of Steve & Julie York). Pvt Randall Scheaffer US Army(Grandson of Carlos & Pat Gallardo). Lt. Col. William P Shea. (Nephew of Deacon Sam and Nancy Mullen). Colonel John Anthony Fontana. U.S. Army (Son of John & Mary Fontana). Ensign Gary Buchanan & 2nd Lt. Blake Gaughan & Lcpl Mike Buchanan(Nephews of Jess & Eva Corrigan). Paul Moreno USCG (Grandson of Kathy & Dale Boman). Staff Sergeant Daniel Hodan. U.S. Army (Grandson of Ron & Barbara Eamma)

THE PROMISE OF JUSTICE

We are in fairly good company when we ask God for justice. Often enough we hear and agree with the lament of the people of Israel asking God why the wicked prosper. However, when we call out for justice, we usually want someone to get his or her comeuppance. God's justice is something other than this, of course. God's justice comprises a wonderful rightness between God and humankind.

Today, Jeremiah looks ahead to a time when a just one will sprout from the shorn-off stump of Jesse of the house and family of David. Life was not fair in Jeremiah's time. Israel's kings held the promise of God's fidelity, but it was difficult to see how God's promise could be realized through them.

Nevertheless, Jeremiah lifts his voice and announces that the Promised One will come. Luke's Gospel echoes that announcement, and Paul is filled with sturdy encouragement. And so Advent begins with a promise.

December Pope's Universal Intention: Evangelization – In the Service of the Transmission of Faith: That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

Mass Times & Intentions

Sat 12/01 5:00pm Mass—Charley & Beatrice Clymer+ (M/M Clymer)

Sun 12/02 9:30am Mass—David & Mary McNally+ (M/M Clymer)

Tue 12/04 9:00am Mass/Adoration—First Responders

Wed 12/05 5:00pm Mass—Nelda Juanita Daffada+ (M/M Clymer)

Thurs 12/06 9:00am Mass—For those that are involved in our church ministries

Fri 12/07 9:00am Mass—Cooper Anderson+ (Ruddie Anderson)

Sat 12/08 9:00am Mass—Holy Day of Obligation—Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary.

5:00pm Mass—Parishioners

Saturday Confessions are from 4:15—4:45pm

Sunday Confessions are from 8:45—9:15am

PARISH SUPPORT

Required Weekly Funds Offerings

11/24 & 11/25 Attendance

	Sat.	Sun.
11/24	\$ 3,962	69
11/25	\$ 2,983	90

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

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The days are coming when the LORD will fulfill the promise made to Israel and Judah (Jeremiah 33:14-16).

Psalms — To you, O Lord, I lift my soul (Psalm 25).

Second Reading — Abound in love for one another and for all (1 Thessalonians 3:12 — 4:2).

Gospel — Stand erect and raise your heads; your redemption is at hand (Luke 21:25-28, 34-36).

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: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

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

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

THE THREE COMINGS OF ADVENT

There are three distinct comings of the Lord of which I know: His coming to humankind, His coming into humankind, and His coming against humankind.—St. Bernard: *Third Sermon for Advent*



Please remember Holy Spirit Parish in your Will.



For free information on making a will, finding a lawyer or making a bequest to our parish, please call Mark Henry at the East Texas Catholic Foundation @ 903-534-1077 X 200 or visit www.etclegacy.org.

EVENTS AND NEWS

Dec. Second Collections: 1st & 2nd: "Building & Maintenance Fund". 8th & 9th: "Retirement Fund for Religious". 24th & 25th: "Christmas Collection" & "Seminarian Special Collection".

Religious Education

GRADES 1—8

"Faith and Family Life" Class on Wed., Dec. 5th

GRADES 9—12

HSY "Holy Spirit Youth" Group Class on Sun., Dec. 9th at 5:00-6:30pm

4 reasons God became Man.....

to reconcile us with God by offering Himself for our sins (Jn 3: 16-17)
to reveal God's love for us (Roman 5:8)
to be model of holiness for us (Mt. 11:29, Jn 14:16)
so we could be adopted as God's children and share in God's eternal life
(Gal 4:4-5, & Pet. 1:3-4)

THE WAY" OF CHRIST



Please take a 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. 16th by 10:30am.**

Exposition is every Tuesday from 9:30am—4:00pm: "It is such an incomprehensible blessing to have Christ in bodily presence in one's house, within one's walls...To know that He is close by—to be able to visit Him, again and again throughout the day..." - Blessed Cardinal John Henry Newman

Christian Initiation: The Christian Initiation process is a journey of faith established by the Catholic Church, as a means of welcoming those seeking membership into the Church, or those desiring full sacramental participation. Classes will begin **December 9, 2018** after the 9:30 AM Mass and run through April 2019. Each member of Holy Spirit community is called to be a part of this process by inviting friends or family members to come forward who have shown an interest in joining the Catholic Church. Also important are your prayers, asking the Lord to bless the Christian Initiation team and those seeking a change in their lives through this process. Please contact Fr. Mike or Deacon Sam for additional information. There is a **SIGN-UP SHEET** in the narthex for **inquires**, as well as parishioners who would like to learn more about their faith, and also for those willing to be **sponsors** during the process, to those who do inquire.

We are asking for help keeping our food pantry full during the holidays. We are in need of non-perishable food, such as soups, spam, vegetables, pasta & pasta sauce with meat, can chicken & tuna.

Immaculate Conception, Saturday, Dec. 8, 2018

Is a Holy Day of Obligation for the Immaculate Conception this year, even though it is on a Saturday. The following day, Dec. 9, is the Second Sunday of Advent. This means that the faithful will attend **TWO Masses** for **two separate obligations**.

The **Legion of Mary** encourages all our parish families to participate in a program to honor the **Blessed Mother** by signing up to invite the **Pilgrim Virgin Statue** into your home for a week to pray the rosary. Please contact Esther Coronel @ 903-613-4249 to schedule a week of your choosing.

December News/Events

Sun. Dec. 2nd: KC Breakfast after 9:30am Mass
Wed., Dec. 5th: Grades 1—8 Class 4:00—4:55pm. Mass at 5:00pm.
Fri. Dec. 7th: Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
Sat. Dec. 8th: 9:00am Holy Day of Obligation—Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary.

Sun., Dec. 9th: **Christian Initiation** with Deacon Sam. And **Apologetics** for all parishioners from 14—99 yrs. old interested in the knowledge of our faith, will begin after 9:30am Mass

"HSY" 5:00-6:30pm.

Tues., Dec. 11th: 6:00pm Fr. Mike & Fr. Love hearing Advent Confessions at Holy Spirit

Wed., Dec. 12th: Grades 1—8 Class 4:00—4:55pm. Mass at 5:00pm.

Thurs., Dec. 13th: K of C Meeting

Sun., Dec. 16th: "HSY" 5:00-6:30pm.

Wed., Dec. 19th: Grades 1—8 Class 4:00—4:55pm. Mass at 5:00pm.

Sun., Dec. 23rd: No religious education class tonight Grades 9-12

Wed., Dec. 26th: No religious education class tonight Grades 1-8.

Thurs., Dec. 27th: Fr. Mike's 10 Year Ordination Anniversary

Mon. Dec. 24th—Wed., Dec. 26th: Diocese & Church Office closed.

Sun., Dec. 30th: No religious education class tonight Grades 9-12

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

ADVENT CONFESSIONS

Dec. 03: Mon. 5:00 pm - St. Matthew, Longview
Dec. 04: Tue. 5:00 pm - St. Matthew, Longview
Dec. 05: Wed. 5:15 pm - St. Mary's, Longview
Dec. 07 Fri. 5:30 pm - O. L. of Grace, Hallsville & 08 Sat. 9:30 am
Dec. 11: Tues. 6:00 pm - Holy Spirit, Holly Lake Ranch
Dec. 12: Wed. 5:15 pm - St. Mary's, Longview
Dec. 14: Fri. 6:00pm-St. Anthony, Longview
6:30pm-St. Theresa, Union Grove
Dec. 16: Sun. 5:00 pm - St. Joseph, Marshall
Dec. 18: Tue. 5:00pm-St. Matthew, Longview
6:00pm-St. Lawrence, Waksom
Dec. 19: Wed. 5:15pm - St. Mary's, Longview
6:00pm - Imm. Conception, Jefferson
6:00pm - Queen of Angels, Overton
Dec. 20: Thu. 5:00 pm - St. Matthew, Longview

Mon., Dec. 24th 4:30pm Candle light Music, followed by **5:00pm Christmas Eve Mass**

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

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

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

