

Second 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 First Class 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)

AWAITING THE SALVATION OF GOD

The world does not seem big enough to contain the jubilation of the first reading. In the Gospel reading, the Roman empire isn't big enough, either. The great powers of Rome are named and made to stand waiting for the arrival of God's salvation. And we find Paul meditating joyfully on what really matters.

According to Baruch, the city of Jerusalem is like a person standing on tiptoe looking for God's salvation, which is coming from the east. Those who were led away on foot, heads down, now come back, a proud people. Why, the very way is smoothed out. The path is lined with fragrant, lush trees. It can't get any better than this, can it? Well, yes, it can. For a voice calls out in the desert. Here is the beginning of the salvation of God.

RICHES: Riches are the instrument of all vices, because they render us capable of putting even our worst desires into execution. —St. Ambrose

YET TO DO: One never notices what has been done; one can only see what remains to be done.—Marie Curie

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 12/08 5:00pm Mass—Parishioners**
- Sun 12/09 9:30am Mass—Parishioners involved in church ministries**
- Tue 12/11 9:00am Mass/Adoration—First Responders**
- Wed 12/12 5:00pm Mass—Our Lady of Guadalupe**
- Thurs 12/13 NO MASS—Fr. Mike attending the priests Advent gathering.**
- Fri 12/14 9:00am Mass—Holy Souls of Purgatory (Rosary Group)**
- Sat 12/15 5:00pm Mass—Parishioners**

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

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

<u>PARISH SUPPORT</u>	<u>12/01 & 12/02 Attendance</u>	
Required Weekly Funds	\$ 3,962	Sat. Sun.
Offerings	\$ 4,412	76 68

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

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God (Baruch 5:1-9).

Psalm — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126).

Second Reading — I am confident that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus (Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11).

Gospel — The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth (Luke 3:1-6).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26
- Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14
- Wednesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
- Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
- Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
- Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80: 2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
- Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18



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: 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. 12th

GRADES 9—12

HSY "Holy Spirit Youth" Group Class on Sun., Dec. 16th 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: "The Eucharist bathes the tormented soul in light and love. Then the soul appreciates these words, 'Come all you who are sick, I will restore your health'." - St. Bernadette Soubirous (Mary visited her many times at Lourdes, France)

2019 Parish Directories are available, please notify Bridget Rich (903)769-3235, church office. If you did not have your picture taken by Lifetouch there is a \$10.00 directory charge to defray our cost to buy extra copies.

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.

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. 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

K of C Christmas Party 2:00-4:00pm. "HSY" 5:00-6:30pm.

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

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

Thurs., Dec. 13th: No 9:00am Mass. 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

2019 Collection Envelopes are available in the hallway leading to the parish hall. They are in alphabetical order. If you do not see your name please leave your name and phone number on the sign-up sheet by the envelopes. Questions, please call Bridget Rich @ 903-769-3235, leave a detailed message on the voice mail.

ADVENT CONFESSIONS

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, Waskom

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

