

## Fourth 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:**

Airman First Class 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 Emma)

**MEMORIES AND DREAMS**

Throughout our lives, we retain the language and habits of our native region and family of origin. Should we return to our home after a long absence, we quickly revert to its familiar speech and practices. Our deep memory is reflected in old stories and words and speech patterns. This familiarity runs like an underground river and accompanies us wherever we go.

Not only do we remember, we are incorporated into and made part of a greater memory. In remembering and recollecting, we are in turn gathered up and re-collected.

Today we remember Mary, a small figure travelling the country roads to visit Elizabeth. All the great pronouncements and dreams of the prophets point to this time when the Lord's words to Mary would be gathered and fulfilled. The memories of her people are alive in her, and memories of her nourish our own living faith.

**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 12/22 5:00pm Mass—Parishioners**
  - Sun 12/23 9:30am Mass—Rusty & Cooper Anderson+ (Ruddie)**
  - Mon 12/24 4:30pm Candlelight Music; 5:00pm Christmas Eve Mass**
  - Tue 12/25 9:00am Christmas Day Mass**
  - Wed 12/26 NO 5:00pm Mass**
  - Thurs 12/27 9:00am Mass—First Responders**
  - Fri 12/28 9:00am Mass—Agnes Laudt Zitnick+ (M/M Clymer)**
  - Sat 12/29 5:00pm Mass—Agnes Laudt Zitnick+ (Bridget Rich)**
- Saturday Confessions are from 4:15—4:45pm**  
**Sunday Confessions are from 8:45—9:15am**

<b><u>PARISH SUPPORT</u></b>	<b><u>12/15 &amp; 12/16 Attendance</u></b>	
<b>Required Weekly Funds</b>	<b>\$ 3,962</b>	<b>Sat. Sun.</b>
<b>Offerings</b>	<b>\$ 6,500</b>	<b>77 80</b>

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

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — From Bethlehem-Ephrathah shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel (Micah 5:1-4a).

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

**Second Reading** — We have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Christ once for all (Hebrews 10:5-10).

**Gospel** — Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken by the Lord would be fulfilled (Luke 1:39-45).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
- Tuesday: **Vigil:** Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25] **Night:** Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 **Dawn:** Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20 **Day:** Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
- Wednesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
- Thursday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
- Friday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18
- Saturday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
- Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52



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](http://www.etclegacy.org).

## **EVENTS AND NEWS**

**Dec. Second Collections: 24th & 25th: "Christmas Collection" & "Seminarian Special Collection".**

### Religious Education

**GRADES 1—8**

"Faith and Family Life" NO Class on Wed., Dec. 26th

**GRADES 9—12**

HSY "Holy Spirit Youth" Group NO Class on Sun., Dec. 23rd

**Volunteers needed** for this coming year to purchase the donuts for after Sunday Masses. Preferably on a quarterly basis or annual. **A BIG Thank you to Bill & Barbara Smith** for the past couple of years of purchasing donuts.

We also need volunteers to pick them up at the donut shop on the corner of 2869 and 14 and serve them. On the first Sunday of the month (when the K of C does not have breakfast), or second, third, fourth or fifth Sunday of each month. A sign up sheet is located in the Narthex.

We would like to thank everyone that provided, picked-up and serve the donuts for this year. Holy Spirit has been so generous with the coffee/donut weeks this year. Please notify the church office. Many Blessings!!!

### Think of Me at Christmas

**Besides the decorations,  
the presents and the tree,  
every year at Christmas,  
I hope you'll think of Me.**

**I'll know when you include Me  
as celebrations start,  
and you will know it too, because  
you'll feel it in your heart.**

**There'll always be distractions,  
yes, and plenty of,  
but don't forget you always will  
be wrapped up in My love.**

**So think of Me at Christmas,  
let's share a work or two,  
for nothing could be better than  
to spend the time with you.**

Love, Jesus

### Jan. 5, 2019 - Day of Life for Teens — Diocese of Tyler

**8:30am Mass followed by conference in Cathedral Center ending 5:00pm.**

Speakers include Fr. Lowry & Fr. Bowlin and others covering ProLife topics that will give you the tools to make a difference in the world.

Join us it's free!! No registration is required. Parents are welcome. The day includes snacks & lunch. Please bring donations for Homeless Blessing bags (shampoo, razors, soap, etc) and materials to make Valentines for shut-ins.

**All 70 Angels** from the Angel Tree were taken by our wonderful parishioners that are so giving. Jean Kelly has distributed the gifts. A BIG thank you for those that helped. **Merry Christmas!!!**

**Sat., Jan., 5, 2019, 9:30 am – 12:30 pm Wellspring Spirituality Center,**

**Whitehouse:** Each year at Wellspring, a virtue is chosen for study and reflection. It has become a wonderful tradition that helps us grow in virtue and become virtuous people. Fr. Gus Tharappel has chosen the virtue of hospitality as our virtue for study and reflection in 2019. Hospitality has a way of making strangers into friends, moving people to reach out in service, and challenging all to share their possessions and experiences, Join us for our first retreat of 2019 as we strive to become more hospitable.

All are welcome. No registration is necessary. For more information about our programs and retreats, contact us at 903-839-1280 or [retreatsatwellspring@gmail.com](mailto:retreatsatwellspring@gmail.com) or visit our website at [www.retreatsatwellspring.com](http://www.retreatsatwellspring.com)

### December News/Events

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

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

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

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

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

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

### January News/Events

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

**Wed., Jan. 2nd:** 5:00pm Mass. No religious education class Grades 1-8.

**Sat., Jan. 5th:** After 5:00pm Mass Celebration for Fr. Mike's 10th Ordination Anniversary.

**Sun. Jan. 6th:** No K of C Breakfast. **Christian Initiation** with Deacon Sam begins after 9:30am Mass. **"HSY" 5:00-6:30pm.**

**Wed., Jan. 9th:** Grades 1—8 Class 4:00—4:55pm. Mass at 5:00pm.

**Sun., Jan. 13th:** **Christian Initiation** with Deacon Sam. And **Apologetics** for all parishioners from 14—99 yrs. old interested in the knowledge of our faith, begins after 9:30am Mass. **"HSY" 5:00-6:30pm.**

**Fri., Jan. 18th:** K of C Fish Fry.

**Sun., Jan. 20th:** **Christian Initiation** with Deacon Sam begins after 9:30am Mass. **"HSY" 5:00-6:30pm.**

**Wed., Jan. 23rd:** Grades 1—8 Class 4:00—4:55pm. **5:00pm Mass.**

**Thurs., Jan. 24th:** **No morning Mass.** Fr. Mike attending the Priests Study Day.

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### Come celebrate with us!!

Share in our potluck celebration for the 10th anniversary of Fr. Mike's priestly ordination.

This will be held in our parish hall on Sat. Jan. 5th after the 5:00pm Mass.

Sign-up sheets will be available in our Narthex. Questions call Barbara Eamma 903-725-7691

**To all who contributed to "Christmas food boxes"** - - the Knights of Columbus. Thank you for your generosity. Holy Spirit's Congregation knows the meaning of giving!!! Boxes were distributed Mon., Dec. 17th. *Merry Christmas to All from the K of C!!!*

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

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