

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church

Catholic Diocese of Victoria in Texas

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday (anticipation) ----- 5:00 p.m.
Sunday ----- 9:00 a.m.
Monday at Ganado Nursing Home ----- 10:00 a.m.
Tuesday ----- 8:00 a.m.
Wednesday ----- 6:00 p.m.
Thursday ----- 8:00 a.m.
Friday ----- 8:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday ----- 4:00-4:45 p.m.
Sunday ----- 8:15-8:45 a.m.

Youth Minister ----- Joey Sablatura
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Parish Secretary ----- Karen Klaus
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OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday: ----- 8:00 a.m. – Noon & 1:00-5:00 p.m.

New Members

Welcome to Assumption Parish!
Please call or stop by the Parish Office to register.

Holy Communion to the Home-Bound

Each Wednesday and Friday. If you are unable to attend Mass due to illness or disability, please call the Parish Office.

Sacrament of Baptism

Parents and Godparents are required to attend a baptismal class. Call the Parish Office to ask about requirements for Godparents, and to register for a class. 2018 Baptism class schedule: **January 9, April 3, July 24, October 16.**

Sacrament of Matrimony

Please make an appointment with the Pastor at least six months prior to the intended date. No wedding date will be firm until after the initial meeting with the Pastor.

December 17, 2017

Third Sunday of Advent

TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11. *I rejoice heartily in the Lord.*

Luke 1. *"My soul rejoices in my God."*

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24. *May you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

John 1:6-8, 19-28. *There is one among you whom you do not recognize.*

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How can I help bring a "year of favor" to the world, to the community, to those I know?

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon: Jeremiah 23:5-8
Matthew 1:18-25
Tues: Judges 13:2-7, 24-25
Luke 1:5-25
Wed: Isaiah 7:10-14
Luke 1:26-38
Thurs: Songs 2:8-14
Luke 1:39-45
Fri: 1 Samuel 1:24-28
Luke 1:46-56
Sat: Malachi 3:1-4, 23=24
Luke 1:57-66
Sun: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16
Romans 16:25-27
Luke 1:26-38

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK . . .

A couple of weeks ago our Second grade religious education class made their first confession. As you can imagine they were very nervous as they entered the Church. Despite the fact that they have been preparing for this since September the reality of confessing their sins to God was overwhelming (I know, we have all been in that situation before). But with some prodding from their teachers and the Holy Spirit, they made their way to this beautiful sacrament.

But when they came out, a different story! They were excited and their faces beamed with joy (I know, we have all been there before.) It is amazing to me to witness the power of this sacrament time and time again. Therefore, I want to encourage the parents of our students to bring them back again to this important sacrament. Do it soon, while they remember the joy so that you can help them overcome the anxiety. In fact, that's probably good advice for all of us. If we could only remember the mercy of God and seek reconciliation regularly we might not be so apprehensive to enter the confessional.

So let me offer my congratulations to the students and their parents on this milestone in their faith. Continue to pray for them as they prepare to make their First Holy Communion during the Easter Season.

Happy Advent!

Father Kirby Hlavaty

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, December 17 – 3rd Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. For Parishioners & Benefactors

Monday, December 18 (Ganado Nursing & Rehab)

10:00 a.m. †Herman, Douglas & Doyle Moore

Tuesday, December 19

6:30 a.m. †Jim & Pauline Licona

Wednesday, December 20

6:00 p.m. †Francis †Maria †Joseph

Thanksgiving for Chung & Lien Nguyen

Thursday, December 21

8:00 a.m. In thanksgiving for blessings

– Mark & Vivian Abendroth

Friday, December 22

8:00 a.m. †Felix & Alice Garza

Recovery of Kathy Tomanek

Saturday, December 23

5:00 p.m. For Parishioners & Benefactors

Sunday, December 24 – 4th Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. †Henry Vesely

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 – CHRISTMAS VIGIL

5:00 p.m. †Jimmy Marek

†Adolph & Dolores Bubela

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25 – Holy Day of Obligation

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

12:00 a.m. Living/Deceased Tupa & Lidiak family

9:00 a.m. For Parishioners & Benefactors

ALTAR FLOWERS & SANCTUARY CANDLE

❖In thanksgiving for Allyce-Skye Marie Genzer on her baptism day given by Ronnie & Tenna Genzer

❖In thanksgiving for Lisa Fowler on her birthday by Jimmy & Kathy Fowler

❖In memory of Steffie Bures by Richard, Jeanie, & Bruce Bures

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 24: 5:00 p.m. Christmas Vigil

Monday, December 25: 12:00 a.m. Midnight
9:00 a.m.

Please note: Christmas Day falls on a Monday and **IS** a Holy Day of Obligation. The Sunday evening Mass at 5:00 p.m. can fulfill the obligation for the 4th Sunday of Advent, but you would need to come to one of the other Masses (12:00 Midnight or 9:00 a.m.) To clarify: the vigil Mass **CANNOT** count for both Sunday and Christmas.



SPECIAL MUSIC

Everyone is encouraged to arrive 20 minutes early to Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day to enjoy the special music performed by our Assumption Parish Music Ministry.

BULLETIN SPONSOR

❖Michael & Barbara Andel

Third Sunday of Advent

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

- **Monday, December 18**
Men's Gathering 6:30 p.m.—Maria Goretti bldg.
- **Tuesday, December 19**
Scripture Study 9:30 a.m. – JPll
- **Wednesday, December 20**
RCIA 7:00 p.m. – JPll

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

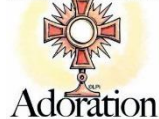
Tuesday, December 19 – Our Lady of the Gulf Church
Port Lavaca 5:00 p.m.

ADVENT ADORATION

Wednesday, December 20,
after the 6:00 p.m. Mass until 8:00 p.m.

This Advent season—a time of preparation before our celebration of the mystery of the birth of Christ—is a prime opportunity to enter more deeply into the Church's Eucharistic faith. Come and allow your faith to be nourished and to grow in the Real Presence of the Eucharistic Lord.

Eucharistic



Adoration



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Members are reminded to pay their 2018 dues of \$30 by January 31, 2018. Dues can be mailed to: Ganado KofC, PO Box 90, Ganado, Texas 77962, or paid at the January 11, 2018 meeting. Contact Chuck Hasdorff (771-5911) if you have any questions.

SMOKED PORK TENDERLOINS

The Knights of Columbus have delicious smoked hams ready for pickup at \$20 each. Please contact David Muegge (782-1552) or Wayne Bubela (771-5693) for information.

4TH DEGREE

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Will fall out at Midnight Mass on Christmas Day. All KCs are asked to meet and dress at the John Paul II Family Center in the ROC room at 11:30 p.m.



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CCD CLASSES:

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

- ❖ Grades 1-5 4:00-5:15 p.m.
- ❖ Grades 6-12 7:00-8:15 p.m.

SPECIAL THANKS

Thank you to all who helped prepare for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The Guadalupana Society was instrumental in arranging for the Matachines dancers as well as the Mariachis group for the Mass. Likewise we thank the 4th degree KCs for adding to the solemnity of the day. And of course the addition of the statue of Our Lady and the Grotto in Church, highlighted the importance of the Feast. Special thanks to all those who provided the tamales, pastries, and refreshments at the reception. Lastly we thank the students for the reenactment of the apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe.



CHRISTMAS TREES & FLOWERS



Special envelopes are located on the cabinets in Church to be used for donations to help with the cost of the poinsettias and new pre-lit trees. Please make your check payable to Assumption Altar Society and drop it into the collection or mail to **Georgie Kruse**, 210 E. Heard Street, Ganado, Texas 77962.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Josephine Schneider, Alicia Rodriguez, Debbie Larson Fowler, ❖ Jo Ann Andel, Susan Ulcak, Billy Mader, Diana McDowell ❖ Diane Young, Marty Rucker, Robert Brzozowski, Junior Webernck, Danny Morrison, Joseph Janecek, Jr., Marcella Janecek, Michelle Benavides, Lindsey Fowler ❖ Daren & Jennifer Kingsbury, Brayson Kingsbury, Edith Galow, Luis Garza, Sylvia Falcon, Vicky Pena, Brandon Janak, Luke Fridel, Joe & Mary Martinez, Terry Harris ❖ Cynthia Bures, Bruce Sulak, Gayle Engelmohr, Regina Gutierrez, Troy Don Jones, Kathy Tomanek, Jace Muncrief, Wanda Porche, Edwin Fiala ❖ All the Unborn and their parents, All people serving in the military, All Holy Souls in Purgatory

MINISTRIES for DECEMBER 23 & 24

LECTORS:

Sat. - 5:00 PM – Missie Landry
Sun.- 9:00 AM – Lou Ann Tupa

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

Sat. - 5:00 PM – Kevin & Angela Petrash
Sun.- 9:00 AM – Michael & Terri Sulak

ALTAR SERVERS:

Sat.- 5:00 PM – Stephen & Hannah Kelly, Luke Green
Sun.- 9:00 AM– Jonathan & Vincent Barajas,
Ricardo Lazo

USHERS:

Sat. - 5:00 PM – Jesse Rosalez, Gilbert Luera, Jr.
Joe Verver, Jeff Carroll, Mike Van Pelt
Sun.- 9:00 AM – Clinton Tegeler, Tony Juarez, Harlan
Tegeler, Bubba Toman

OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP

December 9 & 10

Envelopes – \$3,515.00 Loose - \$588.25
Maintenance - \$200.00 Youth Ministry - \$20.00
Harvest - \$1,450.00
Immaculate Conception - \$1,214.75
Monday Morning Bankers – **December 18**
Ruth Richards & Ben Lois Vyvial

MINISTRIES for DECEMBER 24 & 25

LECTORS:

Sun. - 5:00 PM – Clinton Tegeler
Mon. - 12:00 AM – Terri Morales
- 9:00 AM – Richard Chovanec

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

Sun. - 5:00 PM – Dan & Mary Ann Kallus
Mon. - 12:00 AM – Carol Roznovsky & Kathy Stancik
- 9:00 AM – Dale & Betty Jo Staff

ALTAR SERVERS:

Sun. - 5:00 PM – Liam & Nicholas Carruthers
Mon. - 12:00 AM – Trace Roznovsky & Nicholas Borel
- 9:00 AM – Juan & David Almeda
Emily & Michael Bubela

SPECIAL COLLECTION

December 30/31 – Matthew 25 Ministry



Now is the time to make your annual donation to the Harvest collection, Maintenance fund, and to Assumption Church. Your gifts are greatly needed and appreciated.

Readings for DECEMBER 24: Fourth Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16

When King David was settled in his palace, and the LORD had given him rest from his enemies on every side, he said to Nathan the prophet, "Here I am living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God dwells in a tent!" Nathan answered the king, "Go, do whatever you have in mind, for the LORD is with you." But that night the LORD spoke to Nathan and said: "Go, tell my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD: Should you build me a house to dwell in?' "It was I who took you from the pasture and from the care of the flock to be commander of my people Israel. I have been with you wherever you went, and I have destroyed all your enemies before you. And I will make you famous like the great ones of the earth. I will fix a place for my people Israel; I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance. Neither shall the wicked continue to afflict them as they did of old, since the time I first appointed judges over my people Israel. I will give you rest from all your enemies. The LORD also reveals to you that he will establish a house for you. And when your time comes and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your heir after you, sprung from your loins, and I will make his kingdom firm. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me; your throne shall stand firm forever."

2nd Reading: Romans 16:25-27

Brothers and sisters: To him who can strengthen you, according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages but now manifested through the prophetic writings and, according to the command of the eternal God, made known to all nations to bring about the obedience of faith, to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. "Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?" And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God." Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Ages 18-30 Fridays at 5:30 p.m. at St. John Paul II Family Center. Contact for more information: Rachel Chovanec (771-8012), Megan Taylor, (771-8237), or Jenny Vesely (771-6452).



2018 CHURCH CALENDARS

All parishioners are invited to take a 2018 Church calendar, located on the cabinets in Church. Be sure to say "thank you!" to our sponsors: Slavik & Ganado Funeral Homes, the Knights of Columbus Father Francis Havel Council #3204, and the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court St. Alberta #1381.