



Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church

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December 24 & 31, 2017

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK . . .

This past week I was blessed to receive a Christmas gift for each of you. An anonymous donor sent me multiple copies of the Pieta booklet. This wonderful little book is a collection of Marian prayers and devotions. The use of this booklet is to help each of us grow daily in our prayer life so that we may continue to discover the blessings of God. Hopefully, this little tool will increase our faith and draw us deeper into the Mass and sacraments of the Church. So please, offer a prayer of gratitude for our benefactor and take a copy of the Pieta booklet. Make a New Year's resolution to use it every day.

I should also mention that the same benefactor made a generous contribution to our parish maintenance fund. Sometimes God blesses us in ways that we cannot even imagine. Then again, I suppose this is exactly what the Christmas season is all about. Sometimes we forget that God generously shared his Son with us in the Incarnation. All our acts of kindness, if they be authentic, share in the generous outpouring of God's love.

To that end, I want to thank all of you who sent Christmas gifts, cards, and food. Your generosity is very heartwarming. I truly appreciate you remembering me during this Holy Season. Know that you will be in my prayers as I celebrate Masses on Christmas day.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Father Kirby Hlavaty

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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. For Parishioners & Benefactors
Intentions of Father Kirby

9:00 a.m. Living/Deceased Tupa & Lidiak family

Tuesday, December 26

Wednesday, December 27

Thursday, December 28

8:00 a.m. †Jimmie & Lorene Roznovsky

Friday, December 29

Saturday, December 30

5:00 p.m. For Parishioners & Benefactors

Sunday, December 31 - The Holy Family

9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving by Katy Alvarez

MONDAY, JANUARY 1 - MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

8:00 a.m. †Daniel & Betty Joyce Staff

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MONDAY, JANUARY 1 – MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

8:00 a.m. †Daniel & Betty Joyce Staff

Tuesday, January 2

8:00 a.m. †Irene Psencik

Wednesday, January 3

6:00 p.m. †Marcos Garcia

Thursday, January 4

8:00 a.m. †Joe Vesely

First Friday, January 5

8:00 a.m. Recovery of Rosie Garcia

First Saturday, January 6

5:00 p.m. Parishioners & Benefactors

Sunday, January 7 – Epiphany

9:00 a.m. †Alvin Kollaja

SANCTUARY CANDLE - (Dec. 31)

❖ In thanksgiving for Joey Sablatura on his birthday
Youth Ministry, and return of Teen ACTS

SANCTUARY CANDLE - (Dec. 24)

❖ In memory of Alan Vajdos by Family & Friends
❖ In thanksgiving for Blessing of Family
by Wayne & Diane Bubela

PARISH OFFICE

Will be closed December 26-29. Please check the daily Mass schedule. Father Kirby will be away after Christmas with his family and on the Teen ACTS retreat. This bulletin will serve for two Sundays.

Fourth Sunday of Advent / The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

BULLETIN SPONSOR (Dec. 24)

Joe & Mary Rosalez in thanksgiving

BULLETIN SPONSOR (Dec. 31)

Deacon Red & Marilyn Hensley



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.

TEEN ACTS SEND-OFF

Join us on Thursday, December 28, at 5:00 p.m., at the Parish hall as we send off 27 teens to the Assumption ACTS retreat at the Spiritual Renewal Center in Victoria.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

The Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God falls exactly one week after Christmas, the end of the octave of Christmas. It is fitting to honor Mary as Mother of Jesus, following the birth of Christ. When Catholics celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God, we are not only honoring Mary, who was chosen among all women throughout history to bear God Incarnate, but we are also honoring our Lord, who is fully God and fully human.

Calling Mary "mother of God" is the highest honor we can give Mary. Just as Christmas honors Jesus as the "Prince of Peace," the Solemnity of Mary Holy Mother of God, honors Mary as the "Queen of Peace." This solemnity falling on New Year's Day is also designated as the World Day of Peace.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**Monday, January 1
9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

This Christmas season—a time of 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.



JOEY SABLATURA, Youth Minister

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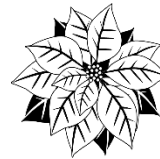
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We wish **Joey Sablatura** a very happy birthday on Sunday, December 31!



CCD Classes will resume on Wednesday, January 10

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.

ASSUMPTION of the B.V.M. SHIRTS

Just in time for the New Year – here's your chance to own a shirt with the Assumption picture & parish name! Order forms are located on the cabinets in Church to place your order for either a polo or t-shirt. Details are on the order form. The standard color of shirt will be khaki, but you may contact Creative Things and More to choose a different color.



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.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Christi Brown Voldan, Bruce Sulak, Gayle Engelmohr, Regina Gutierrez, Troy Don Jones, Ben Muniz, Kathy Tomanek, Jace Muncrief, Wanda Porche, Edwin Fiala ❖ Josephine Schneider, Alicia Rodriguez, Debbie Larson Fowler, ❖ Jo Ann Andel, Susan Ulcak, Billy Mader, Diana McDowell ❖ Diane Young, Marty Rucker, Robert Brzozowski, Junior Webernich, 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 ❖ All the Unborn and their parents, All people serving in the military, All Holy Souls in Purgatory

OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP

December 17

Envelopes – \$3,596.00 Loose – \$613.22
Harvest - \$149.00 Youth Ministry - \$20.00

Tuesday Morning Bankers – **December 26**
Ben Vyvial & Ruth Richards

MINISTRIES for DECEMBER 24 & 25 **Christmas Eve & Day**

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

MINISTRIES for DECEMBER 30 & 31

LECTORS:

Sat. - 5:00 PM – Larry Kotlar
Sun.- 9:00 AM – Maria Vorajakkmol

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

Sat. - 5:00 PM – Chuck & Brenda Hasdorff
Sun.- 9:00 AM – Jeff & Sharon Carroll

ALTAR SERVERS:

Sat. - 5:00 PM – Monica & Tanya Hernandez, Maddi Luera
Sun. - 9:00 AM – Michael Bubela, Vincent Barajas
David & Juan Almeda

USHERS:

Sat. - 5:00 PM – Robert Landry, Joe Verver,
Chuck Hasdorff, Harlan Tegeler
Sun. - 9:00 AM – Michael Roznovsky, Victor Martinez,
Dale Staff



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.

MINISTRIES for JANUARY 1 **Blessed Mary, Mother of God**

LECTORS:

Mon. - 8:00 AM – Marnie Gabrysch

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

Mon. - 8:00 AM – Philip & Veronica Webernack

ALTAR SERVERS:

Mon. - 8:00 AM – Ty, Mary, Luke Reid

MINISTRIES for JANUARY 6 & 7

LECTORS:

Sat. - 5:00 PM – Jimmy Fowler
Sun.- 9:00 AM – Casey Koop

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

Sat. - 5:00 PM – Cindy Bures & Heather Supak
Sun.- 9:00 AM – Patsy Schoenfeld & Lou Ann Tupa

ALTAR SERVERS:

Sat. - 5:00 PM – Stephen & Hannah Kelly, Peyton Green
Sun.- 9:00 AM – Jonathan & Vincent Barajas, Martin Ramirez

USHERS:

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

Tuesday Morning Bankers – January 2
Ruth Richards & Frances Toman

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

December 30 & 31 – Matthew 25 Ministry
January 20 & 21 – Church in Latin America
January 27 & 28 – 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.

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.

Readings for December 31: THE HOLY FAMILY: JESUS, MARY, & JOSEPH

1st Reading: Sirach 3:206, 12-14

God sets a father in honor over his children; a mother's authority he confirms over her sons. Whoever honors his father atones for sins, and preserves himself from them. When he prays, he is heard; he stores up riches who reveres his mother. Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children, and, when he prays, is heard. Whoever reveres his father will live a long life; he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother. My son, take care of your father when he is old; grieve him not as long as he lives. Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him; revile him not all the days of his life; kindness to a father will not be forgotten, firmly planted against the debt of your sins—a house raised in justice to you.

2nd Reading: Colossians 3:12-21

Brothers and sisters: Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Wives, be subordinate to your husbands, as is proper in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and avoid any bitterness toward them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is pleasing to the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, so they may not become discouraged.

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, They took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, *Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord*, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord. Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, He took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted—and you yourself a sword will pierce— so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

Readings for January 1: THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

1st Reading: Numbers 6:22-27

The LORD said to Moses: "Speak to Aaron and his sons and tell them: This is how you shall bless the Israelites. Say to them: The LORD bless you and keep you! The LORD let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace! So shall they invoke my name upon the Israelites, and I will bless them."

2nd Reading: Galatians 4:4-7

Brothers and sisters: When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to ransom those under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. As proof that you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son then also an heir, through God.

Gospel: Luke 2:16-21

The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them. When eight days were completed for his circumcision, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

Readings for January 7: THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

1st Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory. Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance. Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you: your sons come from afar, and your daughters in the arms of their nurses. Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you. Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the LORD.

2nd Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

Brothers and sisters: You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation. It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: *And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel.*" Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.