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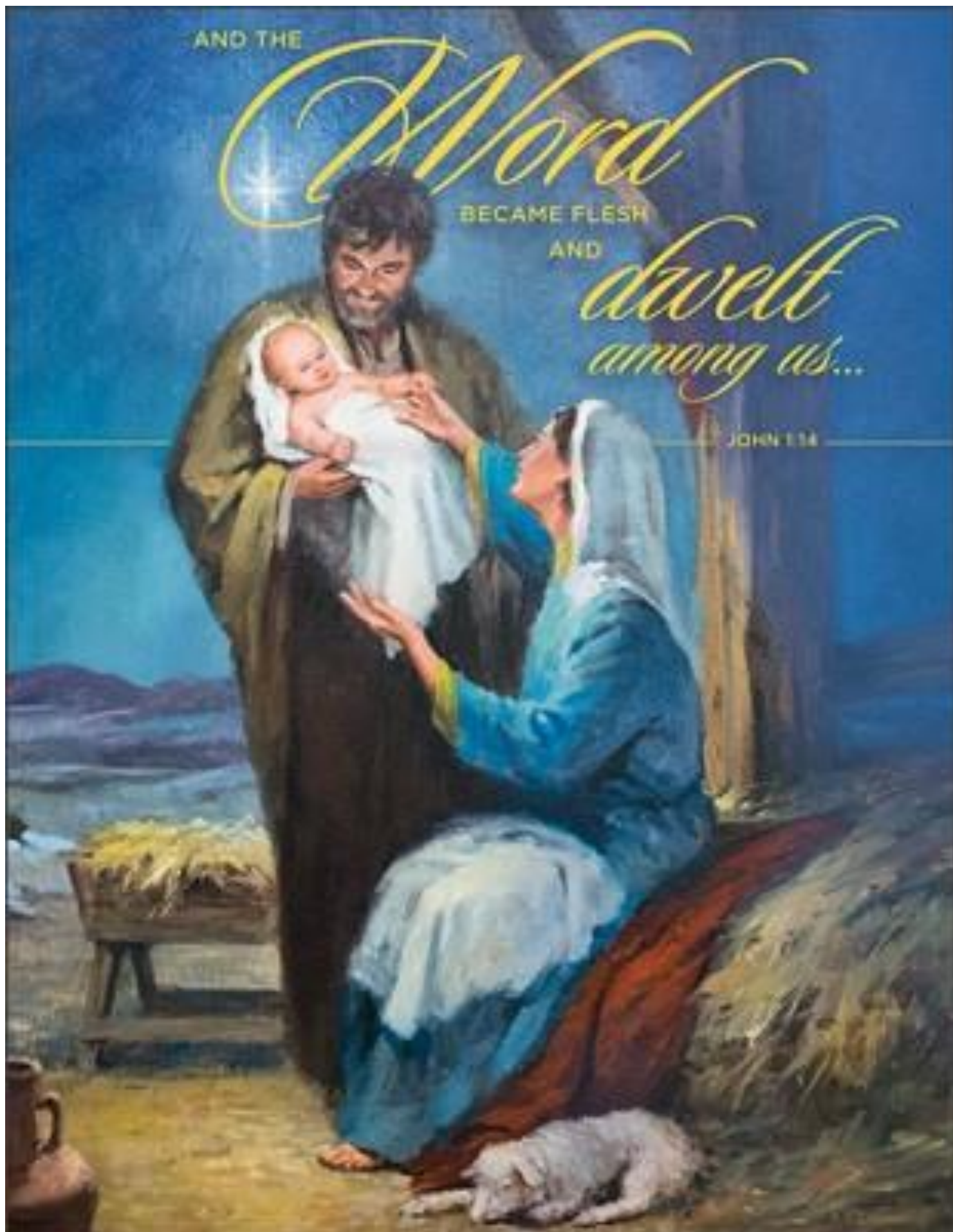
Word

BECAME FLESH

AND

dwelt
among us...

JOHN 1:14



Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church

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December 25, 2016 & January 1, 2017

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK . . .

I wish each of you a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year. Christmas is always an opportunity for us to acknowledge the sacredness of humanity. Jesus cloaks himself in human flesh, elevating our nature. A priest friend of mine says, "The incarnation is not yet the resurrection." The incarnation reminds us that God is always present in His creation. Therefore let us rejoice and be glad at the birth of our Savior.

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

Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year!

Father Kirby Hlavaty

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, December 25 – The Nativity of the Lord

12:00 a.m. Intentions of Father Kirby Hlavaty

9:00 a.m. Parishioners & Benefactors

Monday, December 26

Tuesday, December 27

Wednesday, December 28

6:00 p.m. †G.A. "Rabbit" Bures

Thursday, December 29

8:00 a.m. †Maria †Joseph †Francis

Intentions of Chung & Lien Nguyen

Friday, December 30

Saturday, December 31

5:00 p.m. Parishioners & Benefactors

Sunday, January 1 – Mary, the Holy Mother of God

9:00 a.m. †Steffie Bures

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, January 1 – Mary, the Holy Mother of God

9:00 a.m. †Steffie Bures

Monday, January 2 (Ganado Nursing Home)

10:00 a.m. †Fred Kaspar, Jr. †Bud Duplessis

Tuesday, January 3

8:00 a.m. †Marvin Hubenak

Wednesday, January 4

6:00 p.m. †Joe Vesely

Thursday, January 5

8:00 a.m. †Connie Janssen

Friday, January 6

8:00 a.m. †Otto "Sonny" Matus

Saturday, January 7

5:00 p.m. Special Intention for the Hicks

Family birthdays

Sunday, January 8 – Epiphany

9:00 a.m. Parishioners & Benefactors

PARISH OFFICE

Will be closed December 26-30. 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.

BULLETIN SPONSOR (Dec. 25)

Phillip & Janie Threet

SANCTUARY CANDLE - (Dec. 25)

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

BULLETIN SPONSOR (Jan. 1)

KJT Union #71 – Insurance, Annuities, IRAs
Frances Toman, agent

SANCTUARY CANDLE - (Jan. 1)

In thanksgiving for Sara Arriaga on her 8th birthday
by Andrew and April Arriaga & family

The Nativity of the Lord / Mary, the Holy Mother of God

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Special envelopes are located on the cabinets in Church to be used for donations to help with the cost (\$497.40) of the beautiful Christmas poinsettias. Please make your check payable to Assumption Altar Society, drop it into the collection, or mail to Georgie Kruse, 210 E. Heard Street, Ganado, TX 77962.

TEEN ACTS SEND-OFF

Join us on Thursday, December 29, 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.

PARISH HALL RENTAL

Effective January 2017 Special Events Insurance will be required for all parish facilities rentals. (Rare exceptions can be granted by the pastor.). This was requested by the Diocese of Victoria a few years ago but a policy was never established at Assumption parish. Special Events Insurance is intended to cover the deductible the parish would have to pay if an insurance claim was granted. The Special Events Insurance is \$95 and must be paid, and applied for, no later than two weeks prior to the scheduled event. This, of course, is in addition to any other hall rental fees.

GUADALUPANA MEETING

Monday, January 2, 2017 - 5:00 p.m. – Parish hall

HOLY LEAGUE

Thursday, January 5 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Church and St. Maria Goretti House

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Members are reminded to pay their 2017 dues of \$30 by January 31, 2017. Dues can be mailed to: Ganado K of C, PO Box 90, Ganado, Texas 77962, or paid at the January 12, 2017 meeting. Contact Chuck Hasdorff (771-5911) if you have any questions.

JOEY SABLATURA, Youth Minister
361-771-3200 [ymabvmchurch@ykc.com](mailto:y Mabvmchurch@ykc.com)

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!



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

CCD Classes will resume on Wednesday, January 14

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Norma Liberda, Virgil Knowlton, Tim Pair, Jerry Bassham, Barbara Arnold, Maria Jesus Canchola, Michelle Benavides, ❖ Luke Fridel, David & Marsha Bain, Antonio J. Rodriguez, Monroe Tyler, Francis Callis, Ralph Klaus, Joe & Mary Martinez, Terry Harris ❖ Carl Greathouse, Chris Cihal, Jimmie Roznovsky, Marcella Janecek, Joe Janecek, Jr. ❖ Wanda Porche, Gilbert Luera, Jr., Carol Crist, Randy Vyvial, Edwin Fiala ❖ All the Unborn and their parents, All people serving in the military, All Holy Souls in Purgatory

On Christmas morning as you gather round
the tree, don't forget to be thankful for all
that you see. For children grow up,
and loved ones pass away. So cherish these
moments, you'll miss them some day.
Have a Blessed Christmas!

MINISTRIES for DEC. 31 & JAN. 1

LECTORS:

Sat. - 5:00 PM – Clinton Tegeler
Sun.- 9:00 AM – Casey Koop & Missie Landry

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

Sat. - 5:00 PM – Philip & Veronica Webernck
Sun.- 9:00 AM – Lou Ann Tupa & Patsy Schoenfeld

ALTAR SERVERS:

Sat. - 5:00 PM – Liam & Nick Carruthers, Logan Riojas
Sun. - 9:00 AM – Trace Roznovsky, Michael Bubela
Mary & Luke Reid

USHERS:

Sat. - 5:00 PM – Robert Landry, Mat Pena, Brian Holub
Sun. - 9:00 AM – Michael Roznovsky, Victor Martinez, Dale Staff

OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP

December 18

Envelopes – \$3,267.00 Loose – \$539.11
Harvest - \$1,125.00

Tuesday Morning Bankers – **December 27**
Ben Vyvial & Ruth Richards

MINISTRIES for JANUARY 7 & 8

LECTORS:

Sat. - 5:00 PM – Angela Petrash
Sun.- 9:00 AM – Richard Chovanec

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

Sat. - 5:00 PM – Lanoe Macha & Blake Petrash
Sun.- 9:00 AM – Mary Martinez & Kathy Stancik

ALTAR SERVERS:

Sat. - 5:00 PM – Nick & Liam Carruthers, Trevor Vasquez,
Sun.- 9:00 AM – Nick Borel, Logan Riojas, Trace Roznovsky

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

Monday Morning Bankers – January 2
Marty Rucker & Ruth Richards

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

December 24/25 – Matthew 25 Ministry
January 21/22 – Church in Latin America
January 28/29 – Matthew 25 M

Readings for January 1: MARY, THE HOLY 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 8: 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.