

# 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 3, 2017**

**First Sunday of Advent**

### TODAY'S READINGS

**Isaiah 63:16-17, 19; 64:2-7.** *Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down!*

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

**1 Corinthians 1:3-9.** *We wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**Mark 13:33-37.** *Be watchful! You do not know when the Lord of the house is coming.*

### QUESTION OF THE WEEK

As we begin the season of Advent, how am I preparing a place for Jesus in my life?

### DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

**Mon:** Isaiah 2:1-5  
Matthew 8:5-11  
**Tues:** Isaiah 11:1-10  
Luke 10:21-24  
**Wed:** Isaiah 25:6-10  
Matthew 15:29-37  
**Thurs:** Isaiah 26:1-6  
Matthew 7:21, 24-27  
**Fri:** Genesis 3:9-15, 20  
Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12  
Luke 1:26-38  
**Sat:** Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26  
Matthew 9:35—10:1, 5, 6-8  
**Sun:** Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11  
2 Peter 3:8-14  
Mark 1:1-8

**FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK . . .**

Today we begin again. This First Sunday of Advent picks up where Christ the King left off. It is a reminder to us that Christ is always with his people.

Advent is a season in which we prepare for the coming of Christ, just as we celebrate his arrival the first time. This means the Advent Season is penitential in nature. It requires that we “clean house” of those things that are not in keeping with the Gospel; so that we rid ourselves of anything that prevents us from being in God’s company. Therefore we undertake these sacrifices, not with a somber attitude but with a joyful one.

The Gospel today invites us to keep watch. Your family Advent wreath will help mark the days of expectation as we witness the lighting and burning of each week’s candle. The wreath is an outward sign of our interior journey through these Advent days to draw us closer to the coming of Christ. I pray that we will use this Holy Season to purify our hearts, our minds, and our souls so we can worthily and faithfully stand in the presence of God and each other.

Happy Advent!

*Father Kirby Hlavaty*

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Sunday, December 3**

9:00 a.m. Parishioners & Benefactors

**Monday, December 4 (Ganado Nursing & Rehab Center)**

10:00 a.m. Living/Deceased members of Mike & Lennie Gregurek family

**Tuesday, December 5**

8:00 a.m. Recovery of Cynthia Bures

**Wednesday, December 6**

6:00 p.m. Recovery of Rosie Garcia

**Thursday, December 7 (vigil)**

6:00 p.m. In thanksgiving for Weston Koop

**Friday, December 8 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

7:00 a.m. †Parishioners & Benefactors

12:05 p.m. †Alan Vajdos

**Saturday, December 9**

5:00 p.m. Parishioners & Benefactors

**Sunday, December 10**

9:00 a.m. †Steffie Bures

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

❖In memory of Alan Vajdos by family & friends

**SANCTUARY CANDLE**

❖In memory of Bob French by Cecilia French

**BULLETIN SPONSOR**

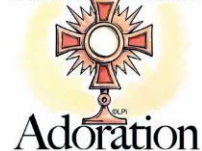
❖In thanksgiving by Ralph & Karen Klaus

**MUSIC MINISTRY**

We need your help! If you, or someone you know, is interested in helping with music ministry for Saturday Mass, please contact Father Kirby at the Parish office.



**Eucharistic**



**Adoration**

**OPPORTUNITIES for EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

**MONTHLY:**

Beginning **December 4**, on the first Monday of each month, we will offer Eucharistic Adoration from **9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.** in the **Divine Mercy Chapel**. Please contact Heather Supak (361-550-1049) to sign up for an hour, or for more details.

**DURING ADVENT**

**Wednesday, December 20**, following 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.

I know it’s a busy time of the year, but make the sacrifice to spend some time with Jesus as we prepare to celebrate his birth.

# First Sunday of Advent

## MEETINGS THIS WEEK

- **Tuesday, December 5**  
Scripture Study 9:30 a.m. – JPPII
- **Wednesday, December 6**  
RCIA 7:00 p.m. – JPPII
- **Thursday, December 7**  
KJZT Society – Catholic Family Fraternal  
3:00 p.m. – Parish hall

## ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

December 4 – Edna, 6:00 p.m.  
December 6 – Palacios, 6:00 p.m.  
December 13 – Blessing, 6:30 p.m.  
**December 14 – Ganado, 5:30 p.m.**  
December 19 – Port Lavaca, 5:00 p.m.



## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY **Holy Day of Obligation**

Masses to fulfill your obligation:

**Thursday, December 7 – 6:00 p.m.**

**Friday, December 8 – 7:00 a.m. & 12:05 p.m.**

This feast is celebrated nine months before the feast of the Nativity of Mary, which is celebrated on September 8. The Immaculate Conception is a dogma maintaining that from the moment she was conceived the Blessed Virgin Mary was kept free from original sin and was filled with the sanctifying grace normally conferred during Baptism.

## OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Assumption parish will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on **Sunday, December 10**. A Rosary procession with Matachines dancers around the church grounds will begin at 8:00 a.m. A bilingual Mass with Mariachis will be at 9:00 a.m., with a play and light refreshments in the Parish hall immediately after Mass.

**Mass on Tuesday, December 12,  
will be at 6:30 a.m. Please join us!**

La Sociedad Guadalupana celebrará el día de la fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe el 10 de diciembre de 2017. La ceremonia comenzará con una procesión del rosario alrededor de la iglesia a las 8 am. Una misa bilingüe a las 9 am. Y un juego y refrigerios ligeros en el salón parroquial inmediatamente después de la misa.



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## CCD CLASSES:

### WEDNESDAYS, DECEMBER 6, 13, 20

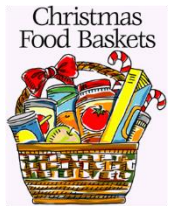
- ❖ Grades 1-5 4:00-5:15 p.m.
- ❖ Grades 6-12 7:00-8:15 p.m.

## FIRST CONFESSIONS

**Wednesday, December 6**, during regular class time for students preparing for First Holy Communion  
Parents are always welcome.

## MATTHEW 25 MINISTRY

Non-perishable food items are needed to help make up Christmas food baskets. Baskets are in the foyer of the Church to accept all donations of food items until **Friday, December 15**.



Please contact either Steve Labay (771-2674), Georgie Kruse (771-6179), or Karen Klaus (771-3425) for more information or to offer to help with packing.

## 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.

## MEMORIALS

In grateful appreciation we want to acknowledge memorials received in November

### **CHURCH memorial fund:**

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| In memory of Alan Vajdos  | \$135.00 |
| In memory of Lillie Bures | \$40.00  |

### **ALTAR SOCIETY**

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| In memory of Juan "J.J." Mendez | \$20.00 |
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## **MINISTRIES for DECEMBER 7 & 8**

### **LECTORS:**

Thurs. – 6:00 PM – Frances Toman  
Fri. – 7:00 AM – Anthony Fowler  
12:05 PM – Lou Ann Tupa

### **COMMUNION MINISTERS**

Thurs. – 6:00 PM – Philip & Veronica Webernck  
Fri. – 7:00 AM – Patsy Schoenfeld & Heather Supak  
12:05 PM – Dan & Mary Ann Kallus

### **ALTAR SERVERS:**

Thurs. – 6:00 PM – Ricardo Lazo, Nick & Liam Carruthers  
Fri. – 7:00 AM – Joey Sablatura & volunteers  
12:05 PM – Joey Sablatura

## **MINISTRIES for DECEMBER 9 & 10**

### **LECTORS:**

Sat. - 5:00 PM – Angela Petrash  
Sun.- 9:00 AM – Maria Vorajakmol

### **COMMUNION MINISTERS:**

Sat. - 5:00 PM – Cindy Bures & Paulette Petrash  
Sun.- 9:00 AM – Willie & Rosa Hernandez

### **ALTAR SERVERS:**

Sat.- 5:00 PM – Ty, Mary, & Luke Reid  
Sun.- 9:00 AM – Logan & Brianna Riojas

### **USHERS:**

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

## **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

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

## **OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

### **November 26**

Envelopes – \$2,839.00                      Loose - \$528.00  
Maintenance - \$575.00                      Youth Ministry - \$20.00  
Harvest - \$100.00

Monday Morning Bankers – **December 4**  
Marty Rucker & Ruth Richards

## **SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**

**December 9 & 10** – Retirement Fund for Religious  
**December 30/31** – Matthew 25 Ministry

## **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).

## **Readings for DECEMBER 10: Second Sunday of Advent**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11**

Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service is at an end, her guilt is expiated; indeed, she has received from the hand of the LORD double for all her sins. A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low; the rugged land shall be made a plain, the rough country, a broad valley. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. Go up on to a high mountain, Zion, herald of glad tidings; cry out at the top of your voice, Jerusalem, herald of good news! Fear not to cry out and say to the cities of Judah: Here is your God! Here comes with power the Lord GOD, who rules by his strong arm; here is his reward with him, his recompense before him. Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers the lambs, carrying them in his bosom, and leading the ewes with care.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14**

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day. The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard "delay," but he is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar and the elements will be dissolved by fire, and the earth and everything done on it will be found out. Since everything is to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be, conducting yourselves in holiness and devotion, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved in flames and the elements melted by fire. But according to his promise we await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, since you await these things, be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace.

### **Gospel: Mark 1:1-8**

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: *Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way. A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."* John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

**ANGEL TREE**

Wrap your gifts separately and return with the Angel tag to the Parish Office no later than **Friday, December 15**. Questions? Please contact **Charlotte Andel (771-3849)** chairperson.

