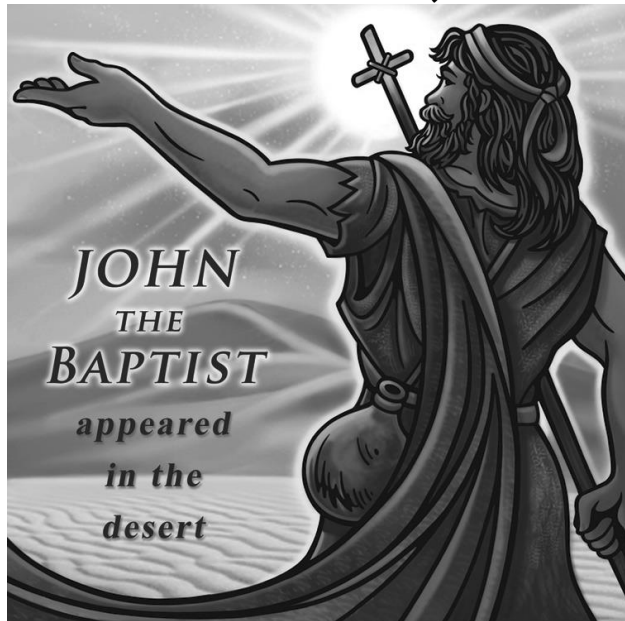


**2ND Sunday of Advent
December 9 - 10, 2017**



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26
 Tuesday: Zec 2:14-17; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38
 Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
 Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
 Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
 Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
 Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Budget to Actual

Weekly goal \$ 25,900.00
Week of 12/03/2017 27,446.41
Alleluia! Keep Praying!!!! \$ 1,546.41

****TREASURE STEWARDSHIP****

12/03/2017

Envelope Receipts \$ 14,352.50
Online Giving 11,373.25
Loose Plate 1,720.66
Total \$ 27,446.41

Catholic Charities Collection
 12/03/2017 \$ 400.00

Church Expansion

Total Pledged \$ 3,488,938.38
Collection week of 12/03 7,760.56
Online giving week of 12/03 5,456.23
Total Given to Date \$ 2,773,111.11

Organ Cost \$ 297,230.00
Organ Fund as of 12/03 - 38,408.64
Organ Debt \$ 258,821.36

May God bless you for your generosity!

MASS INTENTIONS

“Mass is Heaven on Earth” – St. John Paul II

SATURDAY, DEC. 9: 2ND Advent Sunday

4-4:45 pm Confessions
 5:00 pm +Teodoro, Jose Jr. Samaniego; Jose & Hector Polonco, & Saul Carrasco, by Margarita Juarez & Family

SUNDAY, DEC. 10: 2ND Advent Sunday

7:30 am +June & Francois Boutin, by Patti & Mike Langford
 10:00 am +Alonzo Molinar, by Wife & Children
 11:30 am For the People of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
 5:00 pm +Jose Angel McGuire, by Imelda Lopez & Family

MONDAY, DEC. 11: Advent Weekday

6:30 am +Mino Uranga, by Richard & Dianna Duke

TUESDAY, DEC. 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe

6:30 am All Souls Memorial Mass
 6:00 pm +June & Francois Boutin, by Patti & Mike Langford

WED'DAY, DEC. 13: St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

6:30 am +Katherine Chorney, by Detiveaux Family
 6:00 pm +Ralph Hurst, by Elva Hurst

THURSDAY, DEC. 14: St. John of the Cross

6:30 am +June & Francois Boutin, by Patti & Mike Langford
 6:00 pm +Lucy Luyet (Mother of Marilyn Hemann), by Parish Staff

FRIDAY, DEC. 15: Advent Weekday

6:30 am +Katherine Chorney, by Parish Staff
 6:30 pm +Harry Yarnell, by David Rucker

SATURDAY, DEC. 16: 3RD Advent Sunday

4:-4:45 pm Confessions
 5:00 pm +Simona Mancha, by Margie Lara

SUNDAY, DEC. 17: 3RD Advent Sunday

7:30 am +Roy & Alison Langford, by Mike & Patti Langford
 10:00 am +Josefina Cantu, by Ernesto & Mildred Sierra
 11:30 am +Norma Ybarra, by Graciela Chapa
 5:00 pm For the People of St. Elizabeth's

Advent Penance Liturgies

Friday, Dec. 15, 7 -pm. Holy Redeemer
 Thursday, Dec. 21, 6:30 pm. St. Joseph's
St. Elizabeth's:

*Every Tuesday, 11:30-Noon, 6:30-7:30 pm
 *Every Saturday, 4:00-4:45 pm

Next Latin Mass

Probably not until February after Fr. Innocent returns from his trip to Africa.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Back-to-back: Sunday & Christmas!!!!

Please plan your Sunday & Christmas Mass attendance!!!

Sunday, Dec. 24 is the **4TH Sunday of Advent**

Masses are:

Saturday, Dec. 23 – 5 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 24 – 7:30, 10 and 11:30 a.m.

Monday, Dec. 25TH is **Christmas**

Masses are:

Sunday, 5 p.m. & 10 p.m.

Monday, 8:30 & 10 a.m.

You must go **TWICE** on the weekend, once for the 4th Sunday of Advent, and once for Christmas.

Good options:

1. Saturday evening and Sunday evening or Monday morning
2. Or Sunday morning & Sunday evening or Monday morning

Church Dedication

Sunday, January 14
9 a.m.

Bishop Michael J. Sis will dedicate our enlarged church & bless the new altar;

All Parishioners should attend this very historic liturgy.

New Sunday Mass Schedule

Beginning Sunday, Dec. 31 our Sunday Mass schedule will be:

5 p.m. Saturday

9 a.m. Sunday

11:30 a.m. Sunday

5 p.m. Sunday

Note from Fr. Mark

Last Sunday I was in the hospital with my first ever gallbladder attack! After lots of tests, the doctor suggested postponing surgery and laid out a program for me: healthier eating, more exercise, loss of weight, decrease stress! (Fortunately I never smoked so I don't have to give that up.) So that's the plan! I want to thank everyone for their prayers. I feel unworthy of the sympathy because I realize I brought this on myself. Not wanting to go through a similar attack again is a great motivator!!!

Confraternity of the Brown Scapular

If you wear the brown scapular, you are invited to be part of our CONFRATERNITY OF THE BROWN SCAPULAR. Our next meeting is Sunday, December 10, 8:45-9:30 a.m. in the education building (classroom 2). For more information, call Fr. Mark at 367-4657. **Also see Fr. Mark for information about the Brown Scapular...**

Question of the Week

(from Deacon Gary Brooks)

What does baptism with the Holy Spirit mean to you?

Breaking Open the Word

There will be no classes on Dec. 24 and Dec. 31! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Pope's December Intention

The Elderly.

That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

IRON ANGELS

Do you have a license to carry? We are organizing Iron Angels to receive training in keeping our congregation safe. Call our Business Manager, Blas Campos, at 432-367-4657 to apply for membership in the Iron Angels.

BAPTISM

PREP CLASS-Our next baptism preparation class is Saturday, January 6 @ 9 a.m. **You must call to register for this class.** Please call after December 19. If there is no answer, dial 21 for Vickie's ext. and leave a message.

To Schedule a Baptism-In order to baptize at St. Elizabeth's, the parents of the child should be registered members of St. Elizabeth's, or live within our boundaries. Parents please come to the office to schedule your child's baptism. You will need to bring in the baby's birth certificate, **from the county**, the godparents' confirmation certificates, if the godparents are married, a copy of their church marriage certificate and proof of baptism prep classes for parents and godparents. We do baptisms the 1ST, 2ND and 3RD weekends of each month. Baptisms held on the 3RD weekend will be in **Spanish, if requested**. The first person to come into the office with all necessary paperwork to register for a weekend will get to pick which day, Saturday or Sunday, for **all** baptisms that weekend. You must register in the office, before the date of your child's baptism and you must have all paperwork!

MILITARY PERSONNEL

Please keep our **overseas** service men and women in your prayers, especially the following who have relatives in our parish!

Stephen Gilson	Brandon Ritz
Zachary Hamilton	Sean Ernst
Ian Davis	Dallas Ryan Luera
Jason Tyler Pope	Tony La
Adam Arellano	Matthew Cagle
Eric Huki	Samuel Urias
Khiry Gallegos	Mario Montoya
Douglas M. Hicks	Mark McComick, Jr.
Joshua Lambert	Andres Contreras
Christopher Clemenza	
Mateo Soto	Paul Porras

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Many people think that Saint Francis originated the Christmas crèche, but its origins go far back. The Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome has housed what is said to be relics of the cradle of Jesus since the seventh century. In time, every year during the Christmas season the reliquary (container for relics) was surrounded by an increasingly grand three-dimensional scene of the place of Jesus' birth. Rocks and trees, houses, streams, figurines of villagers going about their daily tasks were all included. It was a very dramatic presentation. If you've ever seen an elaborate model train installation, you get the idea. The proper term for this depiction is *presepio*, from the Latin word for "surround" or "hedge."

Over the centuries, the custom spread first to churches, and then to aristocratic homes. In Italy, whole chapels are often set aside for the *presepio*, and it is not unusual to have hundreds of figures. It can sometimes be a challenge to locate the Holy Family amid the crowd, almost like a *Where's Waldo?* children's book. The oldest surviving *presepio* is in St. Mary Major and dates from the thirteenth century, although many pieces have been broken or lost. Saint Francis of Assisi took a decidedly creative step in 1233 in the village of Greccio, when he directed his followers to fill a manger with hay and tether an ox and ass nearby. He then invited the villagers to attend Mass outdoors near the crib, the worshipers themselves becoming a living *presepio*. By the seventeenth century, the tradition was well-established, particularly in Naples, and had a firm hold in Portugal, Spain, and in the Provence region of France. Today, it is not unusual to find *presepios* with five hundred figures, a vivid reminder of Emmanuel, God-with-us!

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Elementary CCD December – January News Christmas/New Year Break

NO CCD

December 24, 27, 31

January 3, 7, 10, 14

**ALL STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS ARE
ASKED TO ATTEND THE DEDICATION OF
THE CHURCH AND ALTAR
ON SUNDAY, JAN. 14TH – 9 AM**

In Memoriam

We remember deceased parishioners who died in the month of December in years past.

Carol Chenot	1	Johnnie Williams	18
Lewis Hoover	2	Helen Chambers	19
Ollie Blank	2	Genowefa Starnes	19
Diego Pazos	3	Mary Jo Rauscher	19
Charles Dickey	4	Myla Madrid	20
Vidal G. Ramos	4	Linda Bell	20
Leo Goulet	5	Humberto "Slim" Lara	22
Julian Cardenas	5	Margarita Sanchez	23
Sonia Camacho	5	Prudencio Minjarez	24
Tink Schott	8	Marion Tiner	25
Lillian Buss	9	Patti Hardison	25
Esther Leal	10	Russell Strasser	26
Herman Lawson	12	Marie Martin	26
Jesus Aguirre	12	Al McAllister	28
Ted Dutchover Sr.	13	Sisto Gonzales	28
Virginia Nagel	14	Eleanor Rivera	29
Paula Sanchez	14	Stacey Fingerle	29
Ruben Gandara	14	Robert Ganter	29
James Hoffman	15	Jerry Martel	30
John Clark	16	Carlos Hernandez	30
Betty Strackbein	16	Louis Wiesman	30
Charles Tacker	18	Michael Dominguez	30
Barbara Landa	18	James Puga	31
Thelma Moyaert	18	Florence Richey	31
William Edmiston	18	Charles Blythe	31

Shrine of the Virgin of Childbirth

A simple shrine of the Virgin of Childbirth has been erected in the Chapel of the Risen Lord. It's a place to pray for:

- the conception of a child,
- a safe birth once pregnant,
- and thanks giving after the child is born.

If you wish to have the votive candle lit for your intention, call the office at 367-4657 to arrange it so we can post the name of the parents!

A blessing of the child in the womb is also available; call one of the priests to arrange it before or after Sunday Mass.



KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST

The Knights of Columbus Council #8773 is holding a "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest. The

deadline for entry is December 15th.

There are three age groups with one winner in each age group. The prize is a \$25 gift card. Entry forms are available in the church and the office. You can drop of your entry at the office.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Dec 10 – Charles Pagliaroli, Kimberly Kwiatkowski, Jordan High, Emalie Rodriguez, Asher Hilal, Brianna Munoz, Jennifer Battaglia, Jennifer Rodriguez, Gianna Ibarra, Maylenn Montoya, Inez Aranda

Dec 11 – Jason Schoel, Gabriella Garriga, Mallory Jones, Jessica Flores, Roger Longoria, Don Mathis, Jose Ortiz Jr., Ana Bordner, Felicia Robles, Saben Shrestha, Aaron Neil, Christian Chapman

Dec 12- Joaquin Lopez, Sandra Hubbard, Michael Chavez, Isac Aguirre, Guadalupe Venegas, Luis Becerra, Paul Villegas, Jared Perry, Vidal Cadena, Evander Segura, Melissa Rivera, Mayra Saucedo, Caitlin Bennett, Jose Estrada

Dec 13- Tina Lopez, Savannah Ramirez, John Carlo Escontrias, Amanda Martinez, Leigha Hagen, Manuel Rosero Jr., Melissa Ramirez, Ximena Dominguez, Bradley Ball, Dominic Gamez

Dec 14- Joe Detiveaux, Terry Lustgarden, Manuel Gonzalez, Nelida Nicolas, Robert McMinn, Isabel Castilla, Samantha Munoz, Alexes Arriola, Freddy Arocha, Audelio Cobos, Diana Losoya, Jacquelyn Velasquez, Liliana Vela, Manuel Bitolas, Maliyah Galindo, Karissa Herrera

Dec 15- Barbara Atkins, Robert De La Garza, Raiden High, Phillip Carrasco, Luna Rodriguez, Christine Sanchez, Mary Adela Urquidi, Mario Morales, Diego Gonzales, Sandra Cacho, Michael Lopez, Ethan Alvarado, Angie Leal

Dec 16- Jeanette Hollmann, Susan Bryant, Noah Petersen, Mike Moreno Sr., Jonathon Pepper, Francisco Florez, Eva Ordunez, Joenna Escarcega, Sing Dy Uy, Daniel Sanchez, Esther Shockey, John Juarez, Matt Moore, Erick Cabello, Karla Aceves, Myra Lopez

Please pray for:

Lois Chorney, Donovan Crawley, Dan Carpenter, Artie Everett, Noah Johnson, Juan Urias, Domingo Nunez, John Miller, Jason Miller and family, Rhina Toruno-Haensly. Joe Villarreal, Frank Davila



HOW BRIGHT IS YOUR LIGHT?

Our parish is growing in size and activities. As such, we need more volunteers to help spread the word of God. Please commit to helping the people of your community and yourself by volunteering in one of these ministries.

- Religious Ed teachers and aides
- First Communion teachers and aides
- Quincenera class teacher
- RCIA team member
- Youth Group leaders and chaperones
- Youth Confirmation leaders/teachers
- Steubenville chaperones
- Marriage Retreat team
- Baptism Prep class teacher
- Choir member
- Cantor
- Bell Choir member
- Hospital and Homebound Minister
- Eucharistic Minister
- Lector
- Ushers at all Masses (Sat. & Sun.)
- Marriage Retreat team member
- Altar server
- Altar linen laundering group
- Catholic Charities Volunteer

Call the office (367-4657) for more information.

To help us share our time and talents with our church community we have these opportunities to enrich our faith.

- Rosary Group
- ACTS
- Men's Bible Study
- Women's Bible Study
- Spanish Prayer Groups
- Knights of Columbus
- Adoration

Corinthians 12:7-11 A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other.

What is your gift?

Are you helping others?

Addiction Counseling

Call Randy at 432-631-9225 or
Angela at 432-803-9435

Adult Bible Study Opportunities

WOMEN

Women's bible study will begin again in the spring.

SPANISH

Los pequeños Hijos de Maria

Monday: Spanish Bible Study 7 – 9 pm in the classrooms.

Thursday: Spanish Mass, Rosary and Prayer 6 – 9 pm.

Los Angeles de Cristo Grupo de Oracion

Friday: Spanish Bible Study 7 – 9 pm in the Youth Building. Contact Pilar or Romelia Ornelas 362-4610.

Checks to St. Elizabeth's

Please make **all** checks out to St. Elizabeth's. Also, please only use **blue or black ink** for your checks. All processing is done digitally now and other colors are not picked up. This results in extra time and work, not only for us but also for the bank.

Deacon Gary's Prayer Chain

If you are in need of prayers or would like to be a prayer warrior with him and others in the community, please contact him at gbrooks@sanangelodiocese.org.

Quinceanera Guidelines

Parents must be registered and contributing and their daughter must have attended CCD for 2 years prior to the ceremony.