

Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 17

5:00 p.m. Linda Albano, RIP

7:30 p.m. Intenciones de los parroquianos

Sunday, December 18

9:30 a.m. Ruben and Sylvia Barrios, 40th

Wedding Anniversary

11:00 a.m. Parishioners intentions

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6:00 p.m. College Students

Weekly Parish Activities

December 18 to December 24

*All confessions 30 minutes before Mass

*Sacred Heart and OLG confess after

Mass

SUNDAY: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sacred Heart

9:30 a.m. ENGLISH Bible Study

9:30 a.m. SPANISH Bible Study

9:30 a.m. **Sacred Heart**

Our Lady of Guadalupe

11:00 a.m. Mass - Our Lady of Guadalupe

St. Brendan:

4:15 – 5:45 p.m. RCIA in CCD Building

6:00 p.m. Mass- St. Brendan

St. Mary:

9:30 a.m. Mass - St. Mary

CCD 11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. at FLC

Monday:

8:00 a.m. Holy Mass (St. Brendan)

Tuesday:

8:00 a.m. Holy Mass

Wednesday: St. Peter Canisius

6:00 p.m. No CCD St. Brendan

6:45 p.m. Bible Study at OLG

Thursday:

8:00 a.m. Holy Mass

8:30 a.m. No Morning Bible Study

6:30 p.m. Español-Estudio Biblica en St. Brendan

7:00 p.m. Grupo de Oración St. Mary

7:00 p.m. No Men's Prayer Group at

FLC/Grupo de Oración para hombres St. Mary

Friday: St. John of Kanty

8:00 a.m. Holy Mass

Saturday: Vigil of Christmas

Vigil Holy Mass:

5:00 p.m. St. Brendan

7:00 p.m. Sacred Heart

9:00 p.m. Santa Misa en español St.

Mary

SUMMONED BY GOD

December 18, 2016

As Christmas draws near, Advent's scriptures lure us into a world of dreams, signs, wonders, and the miracle of the virgin birth. Too often we allow the great stories of our faith, the ones that are most familiar, simply to wash over us. Today's Gospel account of the events leading up to the birth of the Lord reads like a present-day soap opera. Yet Joseph's courage, even in the midst of what must have been an incredibly confusing time, provides a model for us. Each week, we are summoned by God to embrace the way of goodness and truth through the proclamation of God's holy word. Like Joseph, we are called to do as the Lord commands us. As we stand at the threshold of Christmas, let us have the courage to be open to whatever it is that the Lord will require of us as we celebrate the miracle of Bethlehem.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — You will be given this sign: the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel (Isaiah 7:10-14).

Psalm — Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory (Psalm 24).

Second Reading — God has called us to belong to Jesus Christ (Romans 1:1-7).

Gospel — The son born of Mary shall be called Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. He shall be Emmanuel, "God is with us" (Matthew 1:18-24).

ST. MARY

Basket Raffle Winners

Congratulations to Peggy Tolboom and Dorothy Martinez on winning the Christmas baskets from Helping Hands. Thank you to all who participated.

Christmas Program at St. Mary

St. Mary's CCD students will sing for all who wish to attend the Annual Christmas Program on December 18, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m..

There will be **no CCD** classes on Sunday, **December 25 and January 1.**

Programa Navideña en St. Mary

Los estudiantes de CCD cantaran para todos quien asisten a la Programa Navideña en el 18 de diciembre a las 11:00 a.m. hasta 12:15 p.m.

No tendremos clases de catecismo el domingo de 25 de diciembre ni el 1 de enero.

FIESTA DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE

Gracias a los que participaron en las danzas para la fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. Gracias a los que ayudaron y coordinaron la comida, la música, la limpieza y la Santa Misa.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Tuesday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Thursday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Friday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66

Saturday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79

Sunday: **Vigil:** Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]

Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14;

Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7;

Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6;

Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve Mass (Saturday Vigil)

5:00 p.m. St. Brendan
7:00 p.m. Sacred Heart (Comanche)
9:00 p.m. St. Mary

Christmas Day Mass (Sunday)

9:30 a.m. St. Mary
11:00 a.m. Our Lady of Guadalupe (DeLeon)

New Years Eve and New Years Day Mass (Saturday)

5:00 p.m. St. Brendan (Vigil for Mary, Mother of God)
7:30 p.m. St. Mary (Vigil for Mary, Mother of God)

(Sunday)

9:30 a.m. St. Mary (Mary, Mother of God)
11:00 a.m. Sacred Heart (Comanche)

**Please cut out this schedule and post it in a visible place.
Thank you!**

Horario de la Misa Navideña

Misa Vigilia Navideña (sabado)

5:00 p.m. St. Brendan
7:00 p.m. Sagrado Corazón (Comanche)
9:00 p.m. St. Mary

Misa Navideña (domingo)

9:30 a.m. St. Mary
11:00 a.m. Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe
(DeLeon)

**Favor de cortar este horario y ponerlo en lugar visible.
¡Gracias!**

Año Nuevo Misa Vigilia y Día del Año Nuevo(Sabado)

5:00 p.m. St. Brendan (Vigilia de Maria, Madre de Dios)
7:30 p.m. St. Mary (Vigilia Maria, Madre de Dios)

9:30 a.m. St. Mary (Fiesta de Maria, Madre de Dios)
11:00 a.m. Sacred Heart (Comanche)

NEWS FOR ALL PARISHES

2nd Collections:

Church in Latin America - January 28-29, 2017
Church in Central and Eastern Europe - March 1, 2017
(Ash Wednesday)

BAPTISM COORDINATOR

We are in need of an English speaking Baptism Coordinator. If you have an interest in volunteering your time and talent, please contact the Church office at (254)965-5693 to speak with Fr. Matthew.

Thanks!

Father Matthew would like to thank the Helping Hands group who coordinated the dinner for priests who attended the Advent Penance Service on Friday, December 16. Also, thank you to those who prepared the Church for this wonderful evening of forgiveness and love. Also, thank you to those who attended the Penance Service.

OUR NEW WEBSITE

**Please visit us at: www.stbrendanscc.org
Favor de visitarnos en el web:**

Annual Diocesan Appeal

The Annual Diocesan Appeal continues in our four parishes and throughout the Diocese of Fort Worth.

Congratulations to St. Mary's, St. Brendan's, and Sacred Heart parishes on reaching your goals. Our Lady of Guadalupe is very close to their goal.

As of December 5th, the following commitments and payments have been made in our four parishes:

	Goal	Committed	Paid
St. Mary -	\$7668	\$9531.50	\$7561.50
St. Brendan -	\$7668	\$8103.88	\$5646.11
Our Lady of Guadalupe -	\$1760	\$1310	\$900
Sacred Heart -	\$3128	\$3186.50	\$2936.50

If you have not participated in this year's appeal, you may drop your commitment envelope in the collection basket or you can mail it to the Diocese in the postage paid.

If you did not receive the mail out, the information and forms are in the back of all churches for you to pick-up after Mass.

Thanks to all of you who have already pledged and are helping move us toward our goals as a Parish Community.

The Roman Church has been singing the "O" Antiphons since at least the eighth century. They are the antiphons that accompany the Magnificat canticle of Evening Prayer from December 17-23. They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but present ones as well. Their repeated use of the imperative "Come!" embodies the longing of all for the Divine Messiah.

December 17

O Wisdom of our God Most High,
guiding creation with power and love:
come to teach us the path of knowledge!

December 18

O Leader of the House of Israel,
giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai:
come to rescue us with your mighty power!

December 19

O Root of Jesse's stem,
sign of God's love for all his people:
come to save us without delay!

December 20

O Key of David,
opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom:
come and free the prisoners of darkness!

December 21

O Radiant Dawn,
splendor of eternal light, sun of justice:
come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.

December 22

O King of all nations and keystone of the Church:
come and save man, whom you formed from the dust!

December 23

O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law:
come to save us, Lord our God!

—From: **Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers** and www.usccb.org

PRAYER CORNER: Prayers this week for: Jana Piskor, Abel Cruz, Filegonio Cardenas, Josefina Basulto de Solorio, Ed Withers, Maria Inez Hernandez, Juan Hernandez, Maureen Bole, Billy Joe Fulfer, Angel Coronado, David Gonzales, Jeanna DeVinney, Nursing Home Patients and all those who are