

# First Sunday of Advent

## November 27, 2016

### Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>  
5 P.M. – Margie Brosch

Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>  
7 A.M. – Adolph Faltsek  
9 A.M. – Richard Klimitchek &  
Maurice DeBord

### This Sunday's Holy Scriptures

Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37- 44

### Your Gift to God: November 20<sup>th</sup>

Sweet Home	\$1,541
Special Collection	\$165.45
Koerth	\$462
Special Collection	\$45

*May God reward your generosity!*

### Special Collection

A special collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious will be taken up at all Masses December 10-11.

### Celebrate the Lord's Abundant Mercy

Each Saturday the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance/Confession) is available from 4:00 P.M. to 4:40 P.M. in the Sweet Home confessional.

### Feast of the Immaculate Conception

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, December 8<sup>th</sup>, is a holy day of obligation.

#### Mass Schedule:

Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 P.M. (*Vigil Mass*)  
Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 A.M.

*"Show us, Lord, your love;  
and grant us your salvation."*

### Advent Penance Services

*All services begin at 5:30 P.M.*

Monday, December 12 – Shiner  
Tuesday, December 13 - Hallettsville  
Thursday, December 15 – Moulton  
Friday, December 16 - Yoakum

### Christmas Flowers

Extra envelopes for the Christmas Flower donations may be found in the Church entrances. Donors and their listed memorials will be in the bulletin after Christmas. This applies to Sweet Home and Koerth.

### Feast of Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24<sup>th</sup> – 5:00 P.M.  
10:00 P.M.

December 25<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 A.M.

*(All in Sweet Home)*

### Christmas Donations for YNR Residents

Yoakum Nursing and Rehabilitation Center is accepting Christmas gift donations for their residents. Donations should be dropped off at the front desk at YNR by **December 2<sup>nd</sup>**. For more information contact Sabrina Hustead, Activity Director at 361-293.2801. Give a little Christmas cheer to our senior members by donating a gift for Christmas!

### Advent Wreaths, etc.

The St. Joseph Pastoral Center has a few Advent wreaths available for purchase along with other religious articles that may make nice Christmas presents. Stop by during regular business hours and check it out.

## A New Year's Resolution You Can Keep

Want to start the New Year in a way that will transform your work, your marriage, your family, and your life? Are you ready to learn the quickest surest, and easiest way to holiness? In our hectic day and time, Saint John Paul II and Saint Mother Teresa knew that the quickest way to be transformed into a saint is through a relationship with Our Blessed Mother Mary.

Join us on January 3, 2017, as we begin a 33-day preparation for Marian Consecration. Each day we'll individually follow four great Marian giants: St. Louis de Montfort, St. Maximilian Kolbe, Saint Mother Teresa, and Saint John Paul II. They'll teach us the secrets to drawing closer to the Heart of Jesus through the Heart of Mary. In our weekly meetings, Sundays from 6:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M., we'll share our insights within our small group and then watch a 30-minute video. The video by popular author and speaker, Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC, brings our individual reflections and group experience into a clear and live-able focus.

If you want to transform your relationship with Christ, this is a perfect New Year's Resolution. Contact Joyce Harper, 361-798-6325, prior to December 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## TMIY

Over seventy men have risked deeper involvement in their faith relationship and tried the *That Man Is You* offering we have embarked upon for the men of the parishes. It is never too late! Try it out...put your toe in the water...see if it is for you! Each Wednesday morning the men gather at 6:00 A.M.--breakfast, camaraderie, inspiration/reflection and discussion. All concludes at 7:30 A.M.

## "From Thy Bounty"

The new St. Joseph Parish cookbook, "From Thy Bounty" is available at the St. Joseph Pastoral Center for \$20...get them as the extra gift to share during the upcoming holidays!

## Cemetery Inquiries

Anyone with questions regarding the Catholic Cemeteries should contact the local representatives for the Cemeteries.

### Queen of Peace:

Harvey Matusek & J. O. Hermes

### St. John the Baptist:

Gene Velek & Jerry/Joyce Kurtz

They can provide the needed information and help with locating available plots. They will also provide the needed details to complete a purchase/reservation and receive a deed for record purposes.



## The Emmaus Center:

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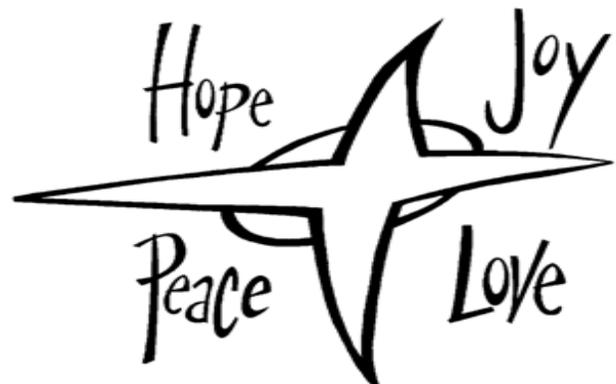
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For an appointment, go to  
[www.emmauscounselingcenter.com](http://www.emmauscounselingcenter.com)  
or call 361-212-0830

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## [www.qpcatholicchurch.com](http://www.qpcatholicchurch.com)

Make sure and check out the parish website for Queen of Peace and St. John the Baptist. A few of the historical pictures are there (still looking for pictures of the church interiors) as well as CCD/Faith Formation calendar, registration and weekly bulletin. There is also a link to the diocesan cemetery database for both cemeteries and links to Catholic sites of interest.



## FORMED.org

We are approaching the end of the second month of our "trial run" with FORMED.org. There have been a number of parish family members that have signed up for at least a peak. More need to sign in and utilize this offering so that the subscription is justified and worthwhile. This offering especially could be helpful with catechisms in Faith Formation. We will continue subscribing for another month and then evaluate if it is being utilized. The login code is: **WJKPMW**.

## Now on FORMED: Forgiven



**FORGIVEN: The Transforming Power of Confession is available on FORMED starting today!**

The latest addition to the Augustine Institute library of sacramental preparation programs, FORGIVEN carefully explains the Church's teaching on the Sacrament of Reconciliation, including a practical "walk through" of what happens in the confessional and how every moment connects to Scripture, Tradition, and God's passionate desire to be with us.

**WATCH SESSION ONE NOW**

O Come,  
O Come  
Emmanuel

## Online Giving

The company that provides our offertory envelopes has the ability to allow "online giving" for those who would want to utilize it. There is a link on the parish website that has more information. It offers the possibility of using this for a one-time gift or for setting up regular giving in place of using envelopes. There is an instructional video that provides extra information posted there as well. The donations/gifts given are deposited directly either in Queen of Peace or St. John the Baptist Church accounts--and can be done by bank transfer, electronic check, or using a credit card--and can be setup for single instance, weekly, monthly, etc.

## Advent Prayer

Father, in the wilderness of the Jordan you sent a messenger to prepare people's hearts for the coming of your Son. Help me to hear his words and repent of my sins, so that I may clearly see the way to walk, the truth to speak, and the life to live for Him, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.



*"May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation."*