

Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2016

Mass Intentions

Wednesday, December 7th
6:30 P.M. – Wally Huehlefeld

Thursday, December 8th
7 A.M. – Victor Pavliska

Saturday, December 10th
5 P.M. – Marcus & Diane Janak

Sunday, December 11th
7 A.M. – Margaret Timm
9 A.M. – Margaret Mitchell

This Sunday's Holy Scriptures

Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

Your Gift to God: November 27th

Sweet Home	\$1,660.50
Special Collection	\$26
Koerth	\$461
Special Collection	\$89

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 8th, is a holy day of obligation.

Mass Schedule:

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

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 24th – 5:00 P.M.
10:00 P.M.

December 25th – 9:00 A.M.

(All in Sweet Home)

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.

Office Christmas Schedule

The Pastoral Center will close at 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, December 22nd and reopen at 8:00 A.M. on Monday, January 2nd. Deadline for the December 25th and January 1st bulletins will be noon on Wednesday, December 21st.

*"I really only love God as much as I love
the person I love the least."*

-- Dorothy Day

Reminder: CCD

There **will not** be CCD classes this week. Families are reminded that in place of CCD they should attend the 6:30 P.M. vigil Mass on Wednesday for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which is a holy day of obligation. CCD classes will resume on Wednesday, January 4th.

Projects Update

Rectory work continues as electrical wiring is being addressed as are plumbing issues. Hopefully soon the windows will be installed.

Sweet Home Church window framing will most likely begin later in December or early January. Frames were expected to arrive this past week, but work at Koerth takes precedence so painters can then do their part. The work on the tower has progressed well and now interior repairs to choir loft are being handled. As mentioned previously, work at Koerth will not be completed by Christmas, but hopefully soon thereafter.

Offering Envelopes

As a reminder, the offering envelopes will be mailed at two month intervals starting with 2017. Those who requested offering envelopes at the time of the census renewal will begin receiving them with this new service.

"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!



FORMED.org

We have subscribed to FORMED.org now for two months. The subscription will continue until the end of December. Thus far 50 parishioners have logged on to utilize the possibilities offered. Towards the end of December a decision will be made to see if maintaining the subscription is warranted--if more take advantage of this service in particular. Give it a try...and let us know if it is meaningful or not. The login code is: **WJKPMW**.

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 23rd.

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.

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

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.



The Emmaus Center: *Counseling in the Catholic Tradition*

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www.emmauscounselingcenter.com
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Extending a Listening Heart to Those in Need

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.

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.

O Come,
O Come
Emmanuel

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.