

# Second Sunday of Advent

## December 9, 2018

### Mass Intentions

**Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup>**

7 A.M. – Dolphie Jalufka

**Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**

7 A.M. – Otto, Lydia & Toni Havel

**Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**

7 A.M. – Willie Maresh

**Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**

7 A.M. – August Pekar

**Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**

7 A.M. – Cecelia Kucera

**Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**

5 P.M. – James Jurica

**Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**

7 A.M. – Otto, Lydia & Toni Havel

9 A.M. – Annie Bolech

### Sanctuary Candle Intention

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week for the sick and homebound parishioners.

### This Sunday's Holy Scriptures

Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

### Your Gift to God: December 2<sup>nd</sup>

Sweet Home	\$1,862
Online Giving	\$320
Building Fund	\$20
DSA	\$5
Koerth	\$703
Building Fund	\$1,065
DSA	\$45

*May God reward your generosity!*

### 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.

*“Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight his paths”*

### Special Collection

A special collection for the Retired Religious Fund will be taken up at all Masses this weekend, December 7-8.

### Daily Mass Time Change

Beginning this week daily Mass will be celebrated at **7:00 A.M.** instead of 8:00 A.M. at Queen of Peace.

### Advent Penance Services

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

Monday, December 10 – Moulton

Tuesday, December 11 - Hallettsville

Thursday, December 13 – Shiner

Friday, December 14 - Yoakum

### FYI: Parish Office Schedule

The Parish Office will close at 12-noon on Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup> and re-open at 8:00 A.M. Wednesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Deadline for the December 23<sup>rd</sup> and December 30<sup>th</sup> bulletins is noon Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>.**

### Second Week of Advent Prayer

Let us pray.

O Lord, stir up our hearts  
that we may prepare for Thy only begotten Son,  
that through His coming  
we may be made worthy to serve Thee with pure  
souls.

Through the same Christ our Lord.

Amen.

## Fr. Dominic's Installation

Bishop Cahill will join us on **Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>** at the 5:00 P.M. Mass for Fr. Dominic's formal installation. Chili and cornbread will be served following Mass at the parish hall. Parishioners are asked to bring a dessert.

## Feast of Christmas Mass Schedule

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

Koerth - December 25<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 A.M.

## Consoling the Heart of Jesus Small-Group Retreat

Join us for a 10 week small –group retreat that delves into the simplicity and grandeur of Consoling spirituality. This retreat is based on the popular book by Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC, *Consoling the Heart of Jesus*.

Gain new insights into how you can console Jesus; learn the keys to the great sanctity of the saints and blessed like Therese of Lisieux, Faustina Kowalska, and Mother Teresa; and have all the tools you'll need to "Become a saint, a great saint, and quickly."

The Small-Group Retreat will be held at 6:00 P.M. at the St. Joseph Family Center beginning on **Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>** and will continue for the following Sundays ending on March 10<sup>th</sup>. For more information, contact Joan Macha at 361-293-1371 or Joyce Harper at 361-798-6325.

## Prayer for Advent

My hidden Lord Jesus, I love You and thank You with profound gratitude for uniting Yourself with fallen humanity. When You first entered into this world, You remained hidden for nine months in the immaculate womb of Your Blessed Mother. She carried You, body and blood, soul and divinity, within the sanctuary of her body. She also carried You within her heart as a result of her perfect love for You and her perfect obedience to the will of the Father.

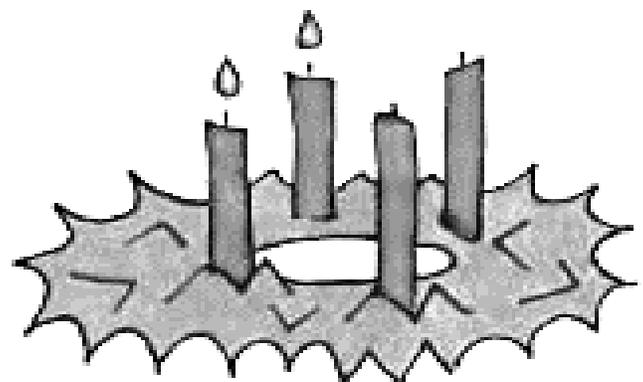
Precious Lord, as I embrace this Advent Season, please open my eyes to see the great value and blessing of Your Incarnation. Help me to discover Your hidden presence in this world and within my own soul. I desire to see, understand and experience the profound effects that Your Incarnation has on my life and I desire to receive those effects more fully this Advent. May I become a sanctuary in which You dwell so that I, like Your dear Mother, may bring Your presence into the world.

My loving Jesus, I choose You, this Advent, as my King and my God. I abandon myself to You and seek to put all my trust in Your tender care. Draw me close to You and free me from my sin so that I may love You with a pure and holy heart.

Mother Mary, as You carried your dear Son in your immaculate womb, you also carried Him in your heart. Pray for me, this Advent, that I may surrender myself to the will of the Father in imitation of you. You said "Yes" to all that God asked of you and never hesitated to fully embrace His divine will. Pray that I may imitate your perfect example so as to share a deeper union with you and your divine Son.

Come, Lord Jesus,  
Come, Lord Jesus,  
Come, Lord Jesus!

Amen.



"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

## How to Go to Confession...

May the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of all the saints, whatever good you do and suffering you endure, heal your sins, help you grow in holiness, and reward you with eternal life.

Go in peace. —*Rite of Penance*, no. 93

### 1 PREPARATION:

Before going to confession, take some time to prepare. Begin with prayer, and reflect on your life since your last confession. How have you—in your thoughts, words, and actions—neglected to live Christ's commands to “love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind,” and to “love your neighbor as yourself” (Mt 22:37, 39)? As a help with this “examination of conscience,” you might review the Ten Commandments or the Beatitudes (Ex 20:2-17; Dt 5:6-21; Mt 5:3-10; or Lk 6:20-26).

### 2 GREETING:

The priest will welcome you; he may say a short blessing or read a Scripture passage.

### 3 THE SIGN OF THE CROSS:

Together, you and the priest will make the Sign of the Cross. You may then begin your confession with these or similar words: “Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. It has been [*give days, months, or years*] since my last confession.”

### 4 CONFESSION:

Confess all your sins to the priest. If you are unsure what to say, ask the priest for help. When you are finished, conclude with these or similar words: “I am sorry for these and all my sins.”

### 5 PENANCE:

The priest will propose an act of penance. The penance might be prayer, a work of mercy, or an act of charity. He might also counsel you on how to better live a Christian life.

### 6 ACT OF CONTRITION:

After the priest has conferred your penance, pray an Act of Contrition, expressing sorrow for your sins and resolving to sin no more. A suggested Act of Contrition is:

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy.

(*Rite of Penance*, no. 45)

### 7 ABSOLUTION:

The priest will extend his hands over your head and pronounce the words of absolution. You respond, “Amen.”

### 8 PRAISE:

The priest will usually praise the mercy of God and will invite you to do the same. For example, the priest may say, “Give thanks to the Lord for he is good.” And your response would be, “His mercy endures for ever.” (*Rite of Penance*, no. 47).

### 9 DISMISSAL:

The priest will conclude the sacrament, often saying, “Go in peace.”

**If it has been a while since your last confession, remember, “Do not fear” (Is 41:10). The priest will help guide you. And feel free to take this how to guide with you!**

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*“Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,  
have mercy on me,  
a sinner.”*

