

# St. Mary Catholic Church

## Mission Parish

815 St. Mary's Church Rd.  
Fayetteville (near Ellinger)



### MASSES

**Wednesday at 7:00 a.m.**

*Elo & Lillian Balzer †*

**Thursday at 6:00 p.m.**

*Johnnie Walla †*

**Friday at 7:00 a.m.**

*Living and dec'd of the  
Svrcek and Knippel Families*

**Sunday at 8:00 a.m.**

*Henry & Alma Mrkwa †*

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

60 to 20 minutes before Mass

# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

207 E. Bell St.

Fayetteville

www.stjohnfayetteville.com



### MASSES

**Tuesday at 5:00 p.m.**

*Joe & Martha Dybala †*

**Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.**

*Cyril Kulhanek †*

**Thursday at 7:00 a.m.**

*Joe & Sophie Kaspar †*

**Friday at 6:00 p.m.**

*Darwin, Clemens, & Elenora Brokmeyer †*

**Saturday at 7:30 a.m.**

*Joe B. Krenek †*

**Saturday Vigil at 6:00 p.m.**

*For the People*

**Sunday at 10:00 a.m.**

*Hugo & Irene Mascheck †*

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Wednesday 6:00-6:30 p.m.

First Friday: 4:00-5:30 p.m.



Pope Francis  
Vatican City State



Bishop Joe S. Vásquez  
Diocese of Austin



# St. Martin Catholic Church

World's Smallest Catholic Church

Historic Chapel

3490 S. Hwy 237

Round Top

(near Warrenton)

### MONTHLY MASS

**Wednesday, December 18, at 9:00 a.m.**

*For the intentions left on the altar*

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**Marriage preparation:** Contact the priest before setting the date and at least nine months before the date desired.

**Baptism Preparation Classes** will be held on the fourth Monday of each month. Parents & Godparents must have attended a Baptism Preparation class within three years of the Baptism. Contact the parish office to register.

**Parish Registration** forms available at the entrance of the Church and online.

**THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**December 15, AD 2019**

**ST. MARY'S NEWS**

<b>Sunday Offering:</b>	\$ 921.00
<b>Online Giving:</b>	\$ 240.00
<b>Retired Clergy:</b>	\$ 879.00

**ST. MARY'S PARISH ADVENT DINNER** is **TODAY, December 15**. A catered dinner will be served at 12:00 noon with social time beginning at 11:00 a.m. Dessert donations are welcome! All are invited to come together in food and fellowship in preparation for the coming of our Lord. Join us!

**ST. MARY ALTAR SOCIETY'S ANNUAL CANDY/BAKE SALE** will be on Saturday, **December 21**, at St. Mary's Parish Hall, starting at 8:00 a.m. Raffle tickets are available from any member. *All unsold tickets should be returned Saturday.* Hotdogs, sandwiches, and many Christmas items will be available. We hope to see you there!

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE** are announced for the first time for **Katrina Gaertner & Jose Olalde**, who will be united in the bonds of Holy Matrimony at St. Mary Catholic Church, on Saturday, **January 4, 2020**.

**ST. JOHN'S NEWS**

<b>Sunday Offering:</b>	\$ 3,931.00
<b>Online Giving:</b>	\$ 1,670.00
<b>Retired Clergy:</b>	\$ 1,267.00

**ST. JOHN'S CEMETERY NOTICE:** Now that the November observation of our deceased loved ones is over, we need your help in picking up ornaments and breakable items, as well as consistently maintaining the gravesites according to the cemetery rules and regulations. Copies of the "Rules, Regulations and Specifications of St. John's Cemetery Association" can be found at the entrance of the Church. Please email or call the office with any questions or concerns. Your help is appreciated!

**ST. JOHN'S & ST. MARY'S NEWS**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** T.J. Beck, Brandon Benson, Brian Chovanec, Margie Chovanec, Adell Coufal, Bennie Daricek, Paul Estrada, Brian Fruge, Waldine Fruge, Hannah Glenn, Dan Hall, Randy Hoelscher, J.D. Kovar, Jordan Lee, El Gene and Mary Ann Sommerfeld, Judy Supak, Barbara Tieken, Randy Vasek, Bennie Volcik, and Maggie Williams. *(Though they will remain in our prayers, names will only remain on the prayer list for two months, unless a new request is received.)*

**THE WEDNESDAY FAITH FORMATION COLLECTION** for this month, benefiting Pro-Life activities, totaled \$64.77.

**FAITH FORMATION:** Classes have been dismissed for the Christmas holidays and will resume on Wednesday, **January 8**.

**YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE** is **TODAY** after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. They will sing at St. John during the 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. The last practice is **December 22**. Call or text Rachel Schley at (979) 249-7501 for more information.

**THANK YOU:** The CDA would like to thank all who took part in supporting our Veterans and Angel Tree projects. Both were very successful, and your generosity is greatly appreciated.

**CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY CHRISTMAS**

**DECORATING:** CYM youth will be decorating St. John Church on Sunday, **December 22**, after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. All high school students are asked to participate as we set up the manglers and decorate the church for Christmas. Parents are welcome to join; your help will be appreciated.



**MASS INTENTIONS**

There are Mass openings for 2020. Please come by the church office if you would like to have a Mass said for the intention of a living or deceased relative or friend.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Monthly Meeting** will be on Tuesday, **December 17**, at 7:00 p.m.

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS**

- **CDA EDUCATION CONTEST:** This year's topics are "Blessed are the peacemakers", and "Living in harmony with others". Students in grades 4-12 and CDA members may enter. Entry forms are at Fayetteville ISD and at the entrance of the church. **January 22** is the deadline to return all entries.
- **CDA SCHOLARSHIPS:** Graduating seniors related to a living CDA member in good standing are eligible to apply for the State Scholarship. Local Scholarships are offered to graduating seniors whose mother is a CDA member of Court 1440. Contact Donna at (713) 818-1470 for information. Applications are due by **January 31**.

**ANNUAL CANDY/BAKE SALE** supporting the St. Mary Altar Society will be held Saturday, **December 21**, at St. Mary's Parish Hall, starting at 8:00 a.m. Raffle tickets are available from any member and at the sale. Come, get a hotdog or sandwich and then enjoy shopping for Christmas items and goodies. See you there!

**THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY** for members of *both* Knights of Columbus and Catholic Daughters of America will be on Sunday, **December 29**, at St. John's Parish Hall. The social begins at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7:30 p.m. Each person is asked to bring a dry good item for the AMEN Food Pantry, such as cereal, rice, pasta, etc.

**CATECHETICAL RETREAT – SAVE THE DATE!** The first *deanery-wide* catechist retreat will be held Saturday, **January 11**, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in College Station. The focus of the retreat will be on one's relationship with Christ, with emphasis on personal prayer and the Ignatian Spirituality. All Catechists, Aides, substitute instructors, Bible Study leaders, RCIA leaders, and anyone currently involved in or interested in serving in the Faith Formation Program are asked to attend.

**CLERICAL ENDOWMENT FUND CHRISTMAS CARDS**

are a good way to remember someone at Christmas and support those studying for the priesthood. Both the donor and recipient are remembered in The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass offered for them by Bishop Vásquez and the Director of Seminarians. These cards may be for living or deceased friends and loved ones. The \$2 cards are available at the parish office, at Fayetteville Bank, from Margaret Kubala at (979) 378-2877, or Donna Shula at (713) 818-1470.



**MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY CERTIFICATES** will be distributed at the weekend Masses, celebrating the Feast of the Holy Family, on **December 29 & 30**.

# THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## December 15, AD 2019



**THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU** to St. Luke's Productions, especially Jennifer and Angelyn for the inspiring performance of *Faustina: Messenger of Divine Mercy*. Thank you to all the people that helped set-up and take-down the set for the performance. And most importantly, thank you to the parishioners that sponsored this event – a beautiful gift to our parishes! Keep them all in your prayers.



**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL CLOSE** at noon on Christmas Eve and will reopen on Thursday, January 2. The deadline for the bulletins of Dec. 22 and Dec. 29 is Wednesday, December 18.

**2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES** with your name on them are on the tables at the entrance of the church. The boxes have been placed in alphabetical order. Anyone not having an assigned box is asked to pick up a blank set. **EVERYONE using envelopes should place their name on the first few envelopes**, so we can be sure all information is accurate.

**LITURGICAL DUTIES LISTS** are available at the entrance of the church. The Liturgical Duties lists are also available on the parish websites on the "Mass Times" page.

**SENIOR CITIZEN SOCIAL** will be on Thursday, **December 19**, from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. at St. John's Parish Hall. All senior citizens are invited for an afternoon of games, fellowship and refreshments.

**ST. JOHN ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR:** Please come by the office to pick up your orders. We do have a few extras for purchase!

**START THE NEW YEAR** by developing a closer relationship to God and our Catholic faith! Increase your sense of belonging to the parish by availing yourself of our resources and having a bible study with a few friends!

We can't always offer the exact class or workshop for everyone in the parish, but we can help you facilitate a gathering to grow in your faith through prayer, scripture, discussion and fellowship. If you have an idea for a group study or would like to review some of the many resources the parish has available, please contact the office. Our parishes are blessed to have the facilities and the materials to help you start a small group to help you grow in your own faith, learn the teachings of the Church, and deepen your relationship with Jesus. Your Baptism calls you to share in Jesus' ministry, why not start here?

### **HEART OF JESUS RETREAT FOR YOUNG MEN**

The Heart of Jesus Retreat will be held **December 18-20** at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton. This retreat is open to seniors in high school and men 18 to 35 years old. Father Jonathan Raia and other priests and seminarians will lead participants in learning how to embrace their identity and journey through the discernment of their vocation. The registration fee for this retreat is \$35. It covers your lodging, food and retreat materials. Go to [www.godiscalling.me](http://www.godiscalling.me) or call (512) 949-2430 for more details.

**SAVE THE DATE** for the Texas Catholic Pro-Life Day in Austin! On **January 25, 2020**, join the Diocese of Austin for these Pro-Life Activities: Sidewalk Prayer Vigil, Rosary for Life, Diocesan Pro-Life Mass, March for Life, Texas Rally for Life, among others.

**A SILENCE WITH THE SACRAMENTS RETREAT** will be held **December 19** at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton. Spend a day entering into the Advent season. Mass and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered. Arrive between 9 and 10 a.m. and depart by 4 p.m. Visit [www.cedarbrake.org](http://www.cedarbrake.org) or call (254) 780-2436 to register.

**COUPLES PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE** should contact their priest or deacon at least nine months prior to their wedding date in order to begin the marriage preparation process. Engaged couples are encouraged to inquire at their parish about pre-marriage retreats and classes. Marriage Preparation is an important process that allows couples to discern and explore their vocation of marriage by looking closely at their relationships with one another and with God.

**CONSIDER THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION – DIOCESE OF AUSTIN IN YOUR WILL:** The Catholic Foundation – Diocese of Austin is a non-profit organization established in 2007 to provide a means for individuals and organizations to provide long-term financial stability for the diocese and its churches, schools, agencies and organizations. The Foundation provides a means to generate income to help sustain the long-term strength and viability of Catholic institutions in Central Texas. For more information about how to include the Foundation in your will or estate plan please visit [www.catholicfdn.org](http://www.catholicfdn.org) or contact Scott Whitaker at [scott-whitaker@austindiocese.org](mailto:scott-whitaker@austindiocese.org) or (512) 949-2441.

### *Come Gather in Prayer with Us!*

\***Saturday** night – pray the Rosary before the 6:00 p.m. Mass at **St. John Church** for the intention of religious vocations

\***Monday** evening – pray the Angelus, the Rosary, the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and other prayers at 6:00 p.m. at **St. Mary Church**

\***Tuesday** evening – pray the Rosary at **4:30 p.m.** (Mass will be at 5:00 p.m.) at **St. John Church**

## **Catholic Social Teaching Corner**

**Dec. 14-15, Third Sunday of Advent**

This Sunday the readings tell us where to look for the Lord's coming: when the blind see and the lame walk; and when the dead are raised to life and the poor have good news preached to them. In our day the Lord's presence is seen when walls of oppression fall, when enemies seek avenues of fellowship and trust, when the poor and homeless find care and the forgotten are included. The Kingdom is among us, are we acting as Kingdom people?

**Dic. 14-15, Tercer Domingo de Adviento**

Este domingo, las lecturas nos dicen dónde buscar la venida del Señor: cuando los ciegos vean, los cojos caminen; cuando los muertos sean levantados a la vida y a los pobres les sean anunciadas buenas noticias. En nuestros días, La presencia del Señor es vista cuando caen los muros de la opresión, cuando enemigos buscan avenidas de compañerismo y confianza, cuando los pobres y las personas sin hogar encuentran cuidados y los olvidados son incluidos. El Reino está entre nosotros ¿Actuamos como personas del Reino?



**THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**December 15, AD 2019**

**ST. JOHN LITURGICAL DUTIES**

**LECTOR**

**Saturday** – Margaret Alford

**Sunday** – Kathy Kneblak

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

**Saturday** – Annette Little(H), Sharon Martinek(H),  
 Leslie Little\*(H), Madeline Kovar(C), Yvonne Smith(C),  
 Joan Malota(C), Addie Dybala(C)

**Sunday** – Jim Mattair(H), Kathy Kneblak(H), John Spiess\*(H),  
 Mary Quiros(C), Janell Warschak(C), Lori Spiess(C),  
 Christine Wied(C)

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Saturday** – Evan Blazek, Lydia Huebner, Dustin Canik

**Sunday** – Cole Brackman, Ricky Schilling, Marissa Halamiczek

**GIFT BEARERS**

**Saturday** – Jonathan Noska Family

**Sunday** – Brian Warschak Family

**ALTAR DUTY FOR DECEMBER:** Carrol Hollimon,  
 Lisa Hollimon, Pat Sury, Alma Rodriguez

**USHERS FOR DECEMBER**

**Saturday** – Robert Kasmiersky, Joseph Munsch, Steve Lyssy,  
 Christopher Stastny

**Sunday** – John Cufu, Jim Mattair, Alvin Minarcik, Arlis Keilers

**ST. JOHN CONTACTS**

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Hall Rental	Parish Office	979-378-2277
Cemetery	Ronald Kramr	979-249-6152

**ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE SCHEDULE**

<b>Rockdale</b>	Monday	December 16	6:00 p.m.
<b>La Grange</b>	Tuesday	December 17	7:00 p.m.
<b>Chappell Hill</b>	Wednesday	December 18	7:00 p.m.
<b>Lexington</b>	Thursday	December 19	7:00 p.m.
<b>Somerville</b>	Friday	December 20	7:00 p.m.

**NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

**DECEMBER 24 – CHRISTMAS EVE**

Vigil Mass - 6:00 p.m. at St. John

Mass during the night - 12:00 midnight at St. Mary

**DECEMBER 25 – CHRISTMAS DAY**

8:00 a.m. - St. Mary

10:00 a.m. - St. John

**MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**

**DECEMBER 31 – NEW YEAR'S EVE**

Vigil Mass - 6:00 p.m. at St. John

**JANUARY 1 – NEW YEAR'S DAY**

8:00 a.m. - St. Mary

10:00 a.m. - St. John

**ST. MARY LITURGICAL DUTIES**

**LECTOR**

**Sunday** – Robert Balzer

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

**Sunday** – Aimee Korenek, Jan Jurecka, L.J. Korenek,  
 Paulette Urban

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Sunday** – Kole Schmitt, Klayten Schmitt

**GIFT BEARERS**

**Sunday** – Vernon Jurecka Family

**USHERS FOR DECEMBER**

Bradley Divin, Darryl Bradley, Dennis Orsak, Anton Becka

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*Third Sunday of Advent*



**Gaudete Sunday and the Rose Candle**

The Third Sunday of Advent is also known as Gaudete Sunday. The word “gaudete” is derived from the Latin words “gaudium,” joy, and “gaudeo,” *to rejoice or be glad*. Gaudete Sunday occurs eight to thirteen days before Christmas, and the nearness of this major feast is reason for great joy.

Gaudete is taken from today’s Entrance Antiphon: “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near” (paraphrase, Phil 4:4-5). Advent is a time of joyful expectation and eager preparation for the Solemnity of Christmas.

There is joy in looking forward to the annual celebration of Christmas, but there is also joy in remembering the birth of Jesus on the first Christmas. There is joy in knowing that he was born to save people from their sins (Mt 1:21b). The joy also extends to anticipation of the Second Coming, either at the end of physical life or the end of the world, the time when believers will be given the crown of righteousness (2 Tm 4:8) and a place in the Father’s house (Jn 14:2) to dwell with God and his angels and saints for all eternity.

Rose represents joy and may be used as the liturgical color for Gaudete Sunday. Violet remains the official color for the Season of Advent, the Third Sunday included, because all of Advent has a penitential tone, a time of conversion, reparation, and forgiveness in preparation for the Lord’s coming. However, Gaudete Sunday offers a one-day respite to look ahead to the joyful celebration of the Nativity.

Christ is coming! Are you ready?

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