**MASS SCHEDULE**

**Weekends**
Saturday.....5:00 pm; (7:00 pm, Spanish)
Sunday.....9:00 am, 11:00 am;
( 1:00 pm, Spanish)

**Weekdays**
Monday - Friday 8:00 am; (7:00 pm Spanish) No Spanish evening Mass on the last Friday of each month.
First Saturday .... 8:00 am

**Holy Day of Obligation Mass Schedule**
8:00 am, 6:00 pm, (8:00 pm Spanish)

**Confession**
Saturday ............ 3:30 - 4:45 pm
Sunday............... 7:30 - 8:30 am
Or by appointment

**Baptism Preparation**
English: Call 307-256-9814 to register
Spanish: 1st & 2nd Sat., 2:00 pm (Scanlan)

**Baptism**
English: 4th Saturday at 9:00 am
Spanish: 3rd Saturday at 9:00 am

**Marriage Preparation**
English: Contact the Parish Office
Spanish: Contact a Deacon

**Anointing of the Sick**
First Friday during 8:00 am Mass
Call Parish Office for home/hospital anointing

**Eucharistic Adoration**
Tuesday - Friday......9:00 am - 7:00 pm
Last Friday of the Month, 9:00 am to Saturday 6:00 am

**Mission Churches Mass Schedule**

**Saint Paul’s - Hurricane** (171 S. Main)
Sunday Mass—12:30 pm

**San Pablo Mission - Beryl Junction** (721 S. Highway 18)
Sunday Mass—9:00 am

**Saint Christopher’s - Kanab**
(39 West 200 South)
Daily Mass—8:00 am, Sundays— 9:00 am

**Zion Park- Springdale** (Canyon Community Center, 126 Lion Blvd.)
SCAP...............Sundays at 8:00 am
Palm Sunday through December 1st

**Church Office**
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**Office Hours**
Monday - Friday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Closed from 12 noon - 1:00 pm, M-F

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**December 8, 2019 / 2nd Sunday of Advent**

**Saint George**

**CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Rev. David Bittmenn, Pastor
Rev. Sébastien Sasa Nganomo Babisayone, Parochial Vicar

**Thank you for your generosity!**
Thanksgiving Food Baskets

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Thanks to your generosity we were able to distribute 95 Thanksgiving food baskets (553 family members) and Smith’s gift cards. Now, we need your help with Christmas food baskets. Wagons will be available in the church’s vestibule for your donations. Or, you may bring them to Our Mother’s Food Pantry on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:00 to 11:30 or on Wednesday afternoons from 1:30 to 4:00 until December 19.

The pantry is located on the third floor of the Scanlan building. We would especially appreciate donations of flour tortillas, bags of potatoes, boxes of mashed potatoes, canned fruit, corn, black beans, green beans and diced tomatoes, cake mixes, dinner rolls, jello, corn muffin mixes, and cream of mushroom or cream of chicken soups. Due to the unavailability of the Kuzy Hall freezers, we will be supplying Smith’s gift cards for the purchase of turkey or ham, so cash donations are also welcome.

May God bless you for your kindness to those in need during the Christmas season and throughout the year.

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Repentance~Forgiveness~Humility

Repentance may also be identified as Contrition or Penance. Contrition is defined in the CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, Second Edition, as: “Sorrow of the soul and hatred for the sin committed, together with a resolution not to sin again. Contrition is the most important act of the penitent, and is necessary for the reception of the Sacrament of Penance.”

Penance is defined by the CATECHISM in an interior and exterior sense. “Interior penance: a conversion of heart toward God and away from sin, which implies the intention to change one’s life because of hope in divine mercy. External acts of penance include fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. The observance of certain penitential practices is obliged by the fourth precept of the Church.”

True repentance offers us the ability to not only seek forgiveness for our offenses, but even more challenging, to forgive others for the offenses and hurts we have suffered from them. It allows us to truly say “I forgive you”, so we can genuinely pray for the good and well-being of the other.

“You love St. Augustine, St. Magdalene, these souls to whom ‘many sins were forgiven because they loved much’ . . . I love their repentance, and especially...their loving audacity! When I see Magdalene walking up before the many guests, washing with her tears the feet of her adored Master, whom she is touching for the first time, . . . and, sinner though she is, this Heart of love was not only disposed to pardon her but to lavish on her the blessings of His divine intimacy, to lift her to the highest summits of contemplation. . . .”

Underlying repentance and forgiveness is the beautiful virtue of humility. Humility is not prideful. It places God first as the author of all that is good and invites us to turn to Him in prayer for all our needs. When we voluntarily embrace humility, it can be described as poverty of spirit.

“Lord God, through the preaching and ministry of John the Baptist, you manifested your Son to the world in the waters of the Jordan River. Prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ so that we may trust in him as the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Through our repentance, may we recognize and work toward the coming of your Kingdom, through Christ our Lord. Amen.”

Arrepentimiento~Perdón~Humildad

El arrepentimiento también puede identificarse como Contrición o Penitencia. La Contrición se define en el CATECISMO DE LA IGLESIA CATÓLICA, segunda edición, como: “Dolor del alma y odio por el pecado cometido, junto con una resolución de no volver a pecar. La contrición es el acto más importante del penitente y es necesaria para la recepción del Sacramento de la Penitencia.”

La Penitencia se define por el CATECISMO en un sentido interior y exterior. “Penitencia interior: una conversión del corazón hacia Dios y lejos del pecado, lo que implica la intención de cambiar la vida de uno por la esperanza en la misericordia divina.

Los actos externos de penitencia incluyen ayuno, oración y limosna. La observancia de ciertas prácticas penitenciales está obligada por el cuarto precepto de la Iglesia”.

El verdadero arrepentimiento nos ofrece la capacidad de no solo buscar el perdón por nuestras ofensas, sino aún más desafiante, de perdonar a otros por las ofensas y heridas que hemos sufrido de ellas. Nos permite decir verdaderamente "Te perdono", para que podamos orar genuinamente por el bien y el bienestar del otro.

"Amas a San Agustín, Santa Magdalena, estas almas a quienes" muchos pecados fueron perdonados porque amaban mucho "... Me encanta su arrepentimiento, y especialmente... ¡su audacia amorosa! Cuando veo a Magdalena caminando ante los muchos invitados, lavando con sus lágrimas los pies de su adorado Maestro, a quien toca por primera vez, . . . y, aunque es una pecadora, este Corazón de amor no solo estaba dispuesto a perdonarla, sino a prodigarle las bendiciones de Su intimidad divina, elevarla a las cumbres más altas de la contemplación. . . .”

El arrepentimiento y el perdón subyacentes son la hermosa virtud de la humildad. La humildad no es orgullosa. Coloca a Dios primero como el autor de todo lo que es bueno y nos invita a recurrir a Él en oración por todas nuestras necesidades. Cuando aceptamos voluntariamente la humildad, puede describirse como pobreza de espíritu.

“Señor Dios, a través de la predicación y el ministerio de Juan el Bautista, manifestaste a tu Hijo al mundo en las aguas del río Jordán. Prepara nuestros corazones para la venida de Cristo para que podamos confiar en Él como el Cordero de Dios que quita los pecados del mundo. A través de nuestro arrepentimiento, podemos reconocer y trabajar hacia la venida de su Reino, a través de Cristo nuestro Señor. Amén.”

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1The Way of Simple Love: Inspiring Words from Therese of Lisieux by Fr. Gary Caster
2Saint Junipero Serra’s Camino: A Pilgrimage Guide to the California Missions by Stephen J. Binz

Carole Drake
Pastoral Assistant and Community Outreach
Theirs of Advent – hope. In Advent we look for the long-awaited one, the One in whom we have “unquestioning confidence … and with great hope expect everything from him (p. 27).” We aim high and we don’t hold back. We hope for ultimate righteousness before God, we hope for ultimate well-being before God coming from the Newborn in Bethlehem. Hoping only for earthly blessings is just too small.

And yet we struggle with Advent hope. We are a race beaten down by sin and death. Violence and injustice bow our heads to the ground and the hope of Advent seems too much, too unrealistic, and too generous. Why set ourselves up for great disappointment? Although we really wish to live in God’s salvation and we truly yearn for immortality, we find ourselves constrained to earthly hopes and often material ones. Whether we wish to or not, we find ourselves confined to the half of reality that we can physically clutch and guard against an uncertain future. And so we do not live fully, truly, or really. Our hope slowly becomes a lesser hope and not the real hope of the Scriptures. It becomes difficult to lift our heads to real love and real life.

Even so the call of a full life never quite escapes us. We find ourselves living a contradiction, wishing to look up and not daring to do so. We know the waiting of Advent is an active waiting through which we place to one side preoccupations and distractions, if only for a moment, so as to hear God through experience, Scripture, and examples in life. Slowly the gentleness of God soothes our souls and we realize our hope is in Him. We hope in Him to live fully, truly, and really. We hope in Him so as to hope more fully in Him.

Over time, hope grows bit by bit beyond only that half of reality that is material and which we can physically clutch against an uncertain future. Over time our object of hope becomes God Himself. We stop fixing our hope on the here and now, on successes of life. We embrace a bigger hope which through God embraces all humanity, all creation, and everything passing on its way to renewal. That star above the manger in Bethlehem truly pierces the night of sin and death.

**EVENTS and MASS INTENTIONS**

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### PARISH EVENTS

#### Monday
- **10:00 am** Everyday God (12/9)  
  Scanlan, FL2
- **7:00 pm** RCIA  
  Scanlan, FL2
- **3:30 pm** Holy Rosary—please join us  
  Hurricane

#### Tuesday
- **9:00 am** Marian Hour - Our Lady of Peace  
  Church
- **12-4 pm** Bridge Group-Room at the Square, St. George
- **6:00 pm** CCD  
  Scanlan

#### Second Tuesday
- **1:00 pm** Women's Group Lunch at Harmons  
  Santa Clara

#### Wednesday
- **12:00 pm** Bulletin Deadline (11 days prior to publication date)*
- **6:30 pm** Holy Spirit Prayer Group  
  Scanlan, FL2
- **7:00 pm** Holy Hour of Reparation  
  Church
- **7:00 pm** Neo Catechumenal Way  
  Scanlan, FL2
- **7:00 pm** Classes Biblical CERS  
  Scanlan, FL2

#### Third Wednesday
- **6:30 pm** 4th Degree K of C  
  Scanlan, FL3

#### Thursday
- **9:00 am** Prayers for the Unborn  
  Church
- **6:00 pm** CCD  
  Scanlan

#### Second Thursday
- **1:30 pm** Mass at Sterling Court, St. George  
  324N 1680E

#### Friday
- **7:00 pm** Holy Hour, Spanish  
  Church

#### First Friday
- **8:00 am** Anointing of the Sick at Mass  
  Church
- **6:30 pm** Women’s Group (Sept-June)  
  Scanlan, FL2

#### Last Friday
- **9:00 am** Eucharistic Adoration begins  
  Church

#### Saturday
- **7:00 pm** Neo Catechumenal Way  
  Scanlan, FL2

#### First Saturday
- **8:00 am** Mass in Honor of Our Lady  
  Church
- **9:30 am** Walk for Life  
  Bluff & 600S

#### After last Friday
- **6:00 am** Eucharistic Adoration ends with Mass  
  Church

#### First Weekend
- At all Masses - Renovation Fund Collection

#### Third Weekend
- At all Masses - K of C Food Drive

#### Sunday
- **9:00 am** CCD  
  Scanlan
- **11:00 am** CCD  
  Scanlan
- **5:00 pm** Rosary  
  Church

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*Early deadlines all of December & early January. Please call the Parish Office for specific dates.*

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**Our Lady of Grace Candle**

*burns this week in memory of*

**Erin Vanderkolked**

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### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday 12/7
- **5:00 pm** 🕊 Alfred Jankus
  🕊 Anna May Wozny by Kathleen Hnath
  🕊 George & Wilma Weber
  🕊 Navie Clark
  All military service personnel, living and deceased
- **7:00 pm** (Spanish) Pro Populo

#### Sunday 12/8
- **9:00 am** 🕊 Carol Collins by her parents
  🕊 Carlos DuBois
- **11:00 am** 🕊 Camden Parker by Lenore
  🕊 Lillian Dupre
- **1:00 pm** (Spanish) Pro Populo

#### Monday 12/9
- **8:00 am** 🕊 Dora York
- **7:00 pm** (Spanish) Pro Populo

#### Tuesday 12/10
- **8:00 am** 🕊 Miles, Arthur, Vincent, Augustin
- **7:00 pm** (Spanish) Pro Populo

#### Wednesday 12/11
- **8:00 am** Evelyn Romero
- **7:00 pm** (Spanish) Pro Populo

#### Thursday 12/12
- **8:00 am** 🕊 Panchito Frank Ramirez
- **7:00 pm** (Spanish) Pro Populo

#### Friday 12/13
- **8:00 am** Peter Pallotta—for his health
- **7:00 pm** (Spanish) Pro Populo
**PARISH MISSION STATEMENT**

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As the body of Christ, we are led by the Holy Spirit to know, love and serve God and one another.

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Como cuerpo de Cristo, somos guiados por el Espíritu Santo para conocer, amar y servir a Dios y unos a otros.

**Weekly Collection Report**

Collection (11/24) .......................... $ 12,176

**Capital Improvement Project (October)**

Renovation and Improvement Fund .... $ 445,561

Restricted Fund—Kuzy Hall Pledges $ 64,334

Renovation Fund Collections ............. $ 7,889

**This weekend’s second collection benefits the Saint George Catholic Church Renovation Projects**

If you have Building Fund envelopes, you may use them for this collection. You may also contribute to the Renovation Projects fund through our online giving.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS and REPORTS**

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**LOOKING AHEAD**

Dec 7-8 & 14-15 San Pablo Christmas Eve Drive
Dec 16 Lieto Voices! Christmas Concert, 7 pm
Dec 28 Taste of Carmel: Carmelite Spirituality Group, 2:15 pm, Scanlan, FL2.

**Penance Service**

*(English and Spanish)*

December 15 at 6:00 pm

Several priests will be available to hear confessions.

**Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

As December 8 is the 2nd Sunday of Advent, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is transferred to Monday, December 9 and is not observed as a holy day of obligation.

**Knights of Columbus**

Food Collection—Next Weekend

Donations will be used for the Christmas food baskets.

**Caballeros de Colón**

Recogida de Alimentos—próximo fin de semana

Las donaciones se utilizarán para las canastas de alimentos de Navidad.

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**Rectory…………673-7354**

Pastor .................. Rev. David Bittmenn

Parochial Vicar........ Rev. Sébastien Sasa Ngonomo Babisayone

Retired.................. Rev. Glenn Dare

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Rigoberto Aguirre............ 628-9107

Rogaciano Tellez............... 652-9219

**Baptismal Preparation Registration (English)**

Kathy Snyder..................307-256-9814—call to register

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**Religious Education Coordinator**

Mariana Lawrentz …720-227-8319 or 673-2604 (mlawrentz@sgcatholics.com)

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**Online Giving Link ……..please visit our website**

**Bulletin Ministry……sgcc.bulletin@gmail.com**

**Thrift Store……..673-1029 Gift Shop……..688-1948**

**Newman Catholic Club**

Veronica Gonzales, President: veronica.gonzales@dmail.dixie.edu

**Maintenance……..Call Office (673-2604)**
Scripture Readings for the Week of December 8

Sunday: Is 11:1-10/ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 19 [cf. 7]/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12
Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25
Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Next Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/ Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 [Is 35:4]/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

ANNOUNCEMENTS and EVENTS

This Weekend & Next Weekend
Christmas Eve Drive
San Pablo Mission - Beryl Junction
A Women’s Group member will be present to receive your donations before and after Masses. All items should be unwrapped. Questions? Call Bonnie Arndt, 435-632-0000.

Requested items include:
- Jackets – Men or women – Adult Medium, Large, or XL
- Rolled Plush Blankets
- Stuffed Animals, Games, Puzzles, Books, Coloring Books & Crayons
- Soccer Balls, Footballs & Basketballs
- Scarves & Boys/Girls Socks
- Candy

Thank you!

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Servicio de penitencia
(Inglés y español)
15 de diciembre a las 6:00 pm
Varios sacerdotes estarán disponibles para escuchar confesiones.

La segunda colecta este fin de semana...
Será a beneficio de los proyectos de la Iglesia Católica de Saint George.

Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción de la Bienaventurada Virgen María
Como el 8 de diciembre es el segundo domingo de Adviento, la solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción de la Santísima Virgen María se transfiere al lunes 9 de diciembre y no se observa como un día sagrado de obligación.

Beneficios de la segunda colecta del próximo fin de semana

Servicios a la comunidad católica en nuestra diócesis

Next Weekend’s Second Collection Benefits
Catholic Community Services in Our Diocese

Visit our Parish Gift Shop to see the variety of Advent wreaths, ornaments, books, candles, jewelry, Christmas cards and much more. Come in to find that special Christmas gift. You have until Sunday, December 22nd to shop.

Business Hours: Tuesday - Friday 10am - 2pm and after the weekend Masses.

Contact: Sharon Rawlins 435-688-1948

Our Lady of Guadalupe