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 Masses—Jan 1
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

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

Thrift Store Update
In order to better serve both the needs of our parish and the St. George community, our Thrift Store is making some changes.

As the smallest charitable thrift store in St. George, maximizing space in the intake area and on the sales floor is a top priority. We are being more selective in the types of donation being accepted (such as electronics) and have stopped accepting large furniture donations, including sofas and dining room sets.

Many of our customers have indicated they have limited household space and these items do not fit their needs. Also, by early next year, the book department will be completely reorganized to be more accessible while freeing up much needed space on the sales floor.

What never changes is that our Thrift Store can always use donations of clothing—including shoes, boots and coats—in good, clean condition. You can also call the Thrift Store (435-673-1029) during business hours to see what other donations are most needed. While Thrift Store proceeds are largely used to maintain and renovate the parish campus, donated items are shared with other local charities and with individuals in need through our voucher program.

Lastly, but far from least, our Thrift Store needs volunteers. Many of our current volunteers have been with the store for many years, finding great satisfaction in putting their skills and talents to good use. Interestingly, not all of our Thrift Store volunteers are Catholics, but all enjoy our friendly and inclusive atmosphere.

If you are interested in learning more about volunteering, please call or stop by the Thrift Store and speak with either Jackie Rickman or Diane Cellini.

New window art—reflecting that our Thrift Store is a ministry of the Saint George Catholic Church—changes with each season.
“You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way, to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.” (Canticle of Zechariah)

John the Baptist was very humble in his ministry, identifying that he was not worthy to unfasten the sandals on the feet of the One Who would follow him.

Yet, Jesus was even more humble. He entered this world in very meager and poor conditions, conditions of poverty. He sought neither fame nor fortune, power or control. He lived simply. He died a cruel, harsh death, with few who stood by Him until the end. This description does not paint a picture of victory, success or long-lasting reign of a ruler. Yet, so it is.

Jesus’ power to overcome evil with good, sin by forgiveness and mercy, and death with eternal life, has lived on since His selfless sacrifice on the cross so many years ago.

Jesus’ healing, life-giving and life-saving powers live on among us when we but open our minds and hearts to His very real presence in our lives. He reaches out to touch and heal, to comfort and console, to lead and guide. He is with us always, until the end of time.

"Among all the voices that surround and beckon us, we need to discern the unique cadence of God’s voice. And we have a number of principles that come to us from Jesus, from Scripture, and from the deep wells of our Christian tradition that can help us discern God’s voice among the multitude of voices that beckon us:

~The voice of God is recognized both in whispers, and in thunder and in storm.

~The voice of God is recognized in the call to what’s higher and invites us to holiness, even as it is recognized in the call to humility.

~The voice of God is the one that most challenges and stretches us, even as it is the only voice that ultimately soothes and comforts us.

~The voice of God always invites us to live beyond all fear, even as it inspires holy fear.

~The voice of God is always heard wherever there is genuine enjoyment and gratitude, even as it asks us to deny ourselves and die to ourselves."1

Jesus is and always will be The Way, The Truth and The Life!

1Prayer: Our Deepest Longing by Ronald Rolheiser

~Carole Drake
Pastoral Assistant and Community Outreach
Themes of Advent – conversion.
Like many Advent themes conversion and watchfulness are not limited to the Advent season. Yet Advent highlights certain aspects of watchfulness and conversion. Millennia ago these themes, like others, were seen by the faithful in terms of “troping,” a word coming from the Greek word for “turning.” The idea was that the mysteries and themes highly valued by the Church were like spiritual jewels or gems. Just as it is possible to slowly turn a gem in the light to see new shades of color, so too the Church’s central mysteries and themes contain unbelievably vast shades of meaning. Slowly turning these mysteries and themes in mind and heart reveals new shades of meaning.

At its heart, conversion is “a turning to God, an abandonment of one’s own outlook… and the meaningless gestures of contrition, of the easy worship that is meant to protect [us] against God (p. 35).” Conversion is real surrender and Advent admits this demanding aspect of conversion. John the Baptist was the personification of rugged abandonment of self-will. He lived in the desert, wore a coarse clothing of “camel’s hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. (Matthew 3:4).” John was uncompromising in his preaching: “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand (Matthew 3:2)!"

Yet Advent also includes a gentler side of conversion. The birth of Jesus was not to unfold strictly according to human ways and this caused Joseph, the betrothed of Mary, immense sorrow because Mary was with child before their wedding was completed. With a broken heart Joseph who was “a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly (Matthew 1:19).” In the midst of his sadness and pain an angel appeared to Joseph. The angel soothed his pain and confirmed what he most deeply wanted to hear: Mary had not been unfaithful to him. She was a true servant of the Lord and his ways. Joseph “took Mary into his home (Matthew 2:24).” There would be doubts and trials, as well as more conversion for Joseph. But God had literally entered his home. He was not at all alone in his journey.

-Temmas de Adviento - conversión. Como muchos temas de Adviento, la conversión y la vigilancia no se limitan a la temporada de Adviento. Sin embargo, Adviento destaca ciertos aspectos de la vigilancia y la conversión. Hace milenios, los fieles vieron estos temas, como otros, en términos de "tropezar", una palabra que proviene de la palabra griega para "girar". La idea era que los misterios y temas altamente valorados por la Iglesia y eran como joyas espirituales o prendas. Del mismo modo que es posible convertir lentamente una prenda en la luz para ver nuevos tonos de color, también los misterios y temas centrales de la Iglesia contienen tonos de significado increíblemente vastos. Lentamente, volviendo estos misterios y temas en mente y corazón revela nuevos tonos de significado.

En el fondo, la conversión es "volverse a Dios, abandonar la propia perspectiva... y los gestos sin sentido de la contrición, de la adoración fácil que debe protegernos [a Dios] (p. 35)". La conversión es real renderse y Adviento admite este aspecto exigente de la conversión. Juan el Bautista fue la personificación del abandono rudo de la voluntad propia. Vivía en el desierto, vestía una ropa tosca de "pelo de camello" y tenía un cinturón de cuero alrededor de la cintura. Su comida era langostas y miel salvaje. (Mateo 3:4). Juan fue inflexible en su predicación: "¡Arrepíéntanse, porque el reino de los cielos está cerca (Mateo 3: 2)!

Sin embargo, Adviento también incluye un lado más suave de la conversión. El nacimiento de Jesús no debía desarrollarse estrictamente de acuerdo con las formas humanas y esto causó a José, el prometido de María, un dolor inmenso porque María estaba embarazada antes de que se completara su boda. Con el corazón roto, José, que era "un hombre justo, pero no estaba dispuesto a exponerla a la vergüenza, decidió divorciarse de ella en silencio (Mateo 1:19)". En medio de su tristeza y dolor, un ángel se le apareció a José. El ángel alivió su dolor y confirmó lo que más deseaba escuchar: Mary no le había sido infiel. Ella era una verdadera sierva del Señor y sus caminos. José "llevó a María a su casa (Mateo 2:24)". Habría dudas y pruebas, así como más conversión para José. Pero Dios literalmente había entrado en su hogar. No estaba solo en su viaje.

-The quotations in this paragraph not from Scripture are from Adrian Nocent, The Liturgical Year: Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Liturgical Press, Collegeville, MN, pp. 35.
**PARISH EVENTS**

**Monday**
- 10:00 am  Everyday God (1/6, 1/20, 2/10, 2/24)  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
- 5:00 pm  Holy Hour of Reparation Church
- 6:00 pm  CCD  Scanlan

**Second Tuesday**
- 1:00 pm  Women’s Group Lunch at Hammons  Santa Clara

**Wednesday**
- 12:00 pm  Bulletin Deadline (11 days prior to publication date)*
- 6:30 pm  Holy Spirit Prayer Group  Scanlan, FL2
- 6:30 pm  Knights of Columbus  Scanlan, FL3
- 7:00 pm  Neo Catechumenal Way  Scanlan, FL2
- 7:00 pm  Clases Biblicas 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 (1/3, 2/7, 3/6)  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
- 11:00am  CCD  Scanlan
- 5:00 pm  Rosary  Church

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

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At all Masses - K of C Food Drive

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

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday 12/14**
- 5:00 pm  ◆ Alfred Jankus  
  ◆ Deacon Willie Folkes  
  ◆ Amy Burcham  
  All military service personnel, living and deceased

**Sunday 12/15**
- 9:00 am  ◆ Dolores Pallotta  
  ◆ Genevieve Gauthier  
  ◆ Marta DuBois  
- 11:00 am  ◆ James Klein by Mary Klein

**Monday 12/16**
- 8:00 am  ◆ Tom Madden by Lenore

**Tuesday 12/17**
- 8:00 am  ◆ Christine Sanzone

**Wednesday 12/18**
- 8:00 am  Cierra Clark

**Thursday 12/19**
- 8:00 am  Family Novak by Lidija

**Friday 12/20**
- 8:00 am  Angela, Marija & Sisters by Lidija

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Our Lady of Grace Candle burns this week in memory of

Jennifer Lonnitz Trejo
LOOKING AHEAD
Dec 14-15  San Pablo Christmas Eve Drive
Dec 16    Lieto Voices! Christmas Concert, 7 pm
Dec 23    Gift Shop closed—re-opens 1/7
Dec 24    Parish Office closed—re-opens 12/30
Dec 24    Thrift Store closed—re-opens 12/26
Dec 28    Taste of Carmel: Carmelite Spirituality Group, 2:15 pm, Scanlan, FL2

Penance Services
(English and Spanish)
December 15 at 6:00 pm
December 16 at 12:00 noon
Several priests will be available to hear confessions.

Angel of Christmas Tree
If you are participating in this wonderful program, please remember to secure the tag with number on it to your wrapped gift(s).
Gift drop off is after Mass or at the Parish Office before Wednesday, December 18.
The suggested purchase price is between $25-$50.

Lieto Voices!
“Arise, Shine!”
Monday, December 16
in the Church 7:00 pm—free admission

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT
We are one community nourished and transformed by the Eucharist.
As the body of Christ, we are led by the Holy Spirit to know, love and serve God and one another.
Somos una comunidad alimentada y transformada por la Eucaristía.
Como cuerpo de Cristo, somos guiados por el Espíritu Santo para conocer, amar y servir a Dios y unos a otros.

Rectory…………673-7354
Pastor………………Rev. David Bittmenn
Parochial Vicar……..Rev. Sébastien Sasa Nганomo Babisayone
Retired……………..Rev. Glenn Dare
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Newman Catholic Club
Veronica Gonzales, President: veronica.gonzales@dmail.dixie.edu
Maintenance……Call Office (673-2604)

Weekly Collection Report
Collection (12/1) …………………………….$ 10,987
Capital Improvement Project (November)
Renovation and Improvement Fund ….. $ 404,288
Restricted Fund—Kuzy Hall Pledges $ 64,453
Renovation Fund Collections ………….. $ 14,319

Holy Day of Obligation
Wednesday, January 1
The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, is a Holy Day of Obligation in the Diocese of Salt Lake City.
The Bishop, cognizant of the importance of our Blessed Mother in the Church and recognizing that inclement weather in rural areas of the Diocese at times makes celebrating Mass impossible, affirms that January 1 is a Holy Day of Obligation and that bad weather in the missions may cause this Mass to be cancelled.

Saint George Masses    Hurricane Mass
8:00 am—English    6:00 pm—English
6:00 pm—English    8:00 pm—Spanish

“Everyday” God 2020—Begins January 6
10:00 am to 12 noon—Scanlan Bldg.
ANNOUNCEMENTS and EVENTS

This Weekend—Christmas Eve Drive to Benefit
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.

Thank you!

Christmas Food Baskets
A reminder that 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.

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

Santo día de obligación
Miércoles 1 de enero
La solemnidad de María, la Santa Madre de Dios, es un día santo de obligación en la diócesis de Salt Lake City.

El Obispo, consciente de la importancia de nuestra Santísima Madre en la Iglesia y reconociendo que el clima incolormente en las áreas rurales de la Diócesis a veces hace imposible celebrar la Misa, afirma que el 1 de enero es un Día Santo de Obligación y que el mal tiempo en las misiones puede hacer que esta misa se cancele.

San Jorge Misas
8:00 am — Inglés
6:00 pm — Inglés
8:00 pm — español

Christmas Masses/Misas de Navidad
December 24
5:00 pm—Children’s Mass (English/ingles)
7:00 pm (español)

12 Midnight
Mass (English/ingles)

December 25
9:00 am (English/ingles)
11:00 am (English/ingles)
1:00 pm (español)

Servicios de penitencia
(Inglés y español)
15 de diciembre a las 6:00 pm
16 de diciembre a las 12:00 del mediodía

Varios sacerdotes estarán disponibles para escuchar confesiones.

Beneficios de la segunda colecta este fin de semana
Servicios a la comunidad católica en nuestra diócesis

This 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

Scripture Readings for the Week of December 15

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
Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17
Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25
Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25
Friday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38
Saturday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45
Next Sunday: Is 7:10-14/ Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7c, 10b]/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

OPEN THE EYES OF MY HEART