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
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Closed from 12 noon - 1:00 pm, M-F

December 22, 2019 / 4th Sunday of Advent

Saint George
CATHOLIC CHURCH
Rev. David Bittmenn, Pastor
Rev. Sébastien Sasa Nganomo Babisayone, Parochial Vicar

4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” - Mt 1:21

“Dará a luz un hijo y tú le pondrás el nombre de Jesús, porque Él salvará a su pueblo de sus pecados”. - Mt 1, 21

Christmas Masses/Misas de Navidad

December 24  5:00 pm-Children’s Mass (English/ingles)
12 Midnight Mass (English/ingles)
December 25  9:00 am (English/ingles)
11:00 am (English/ingles)
1:00 pm (español)

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Christmas is but a few days away. Gifts have been purchased and delivered. Dinner is planned. Travel arrangements have been made. To what else must I attend? Have I forgotten anyone? What about God? What gift can I possibly give Him upon which He will smile and find favor? The gift of “self”, totally, unselfishly given, can compare with no other.

Litany of Humility

O Jesus, meek and humble of heart, Hear me.
From the desire of being esteemed, Deliver me, O Jesus.
From the desire of being extolled, Deliver me, O Jesus.
From the desire of being praised, Deliver me, O Jesus.
From the desire of being preferred to others, Deliver me, O Jesus.
From the desire of being consulted, Deliver me, O Jesus.
From the fear of being humiliated, Deliver me, O Jesus.
From the fear of being despised, Deliver me, O Jesus.
From the fear of suffering rebukes, Deliver me, O Jesus.
From the fear of being calumniated, Deliver me, O Jesus.
From the fear of being forgotten, Deliver me, O Jesus.
From the fear of being ridiculed, Deliver me, O Jesus.
From the fear of being juzgado with malignity, Deliver me, O Jesus.
That others may be loved more than I, Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.
That others may be esteemed more than I, Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.
That, in the opinion of the world, others may increase and I may decrease, Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.
That others may be chosen and I set aside, Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.
That others may be praised and I go unnoticed, Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.
That others may be preferred to me in everything, Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.
That others may become holier than I, provided that I may become as holy as I should, Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.

Amen.

“My sacrifice, O God, is a contrite spirit; a contrite, humbled heart, O God, you will not scorn.”
(Psalm 51:19)

A Blessed, Merry Christmas to all our Parish Family!

Carole Drake
Pastoral Assistant and Community Outreach
Themes of Advent – the coming of Christ.
The Promise of the Prophets, the Ideal King, the Hope of the ages is close. The Scriptures are filled with passages like the one from Isaiah 11:1,10: “But a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse and from his roots a bud shall blossom…. On that day the root of Jesse, set up as a signal for the peoples – Him the nations will seek out; his dwelling shall be glorious.” It is only a matter of days before we celebrate his coming as one of us.

And yet Christ is already with us. He is present body, soul, and divinity at the Eucharist, he is present through the graces we experience, and he is present where two or three are gathered in his name. “The Christian hopes for what he already possesses….. [Christians] already possess in an invisible but real fashion what the baptismal ritual, in the oldest of its prayers, calls ‘the rudiments of their own glory…’ (Adrian Nocent, The Liturgical Year: Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Liturgical Press, Collegeville, MN, p. 30).” In baptism we received an unchanging mark or capacity drawing us closer to God in the here and now.

We go through life acknowledging the presence of a great many people. With some of them we shall spend more time and in the process we shall understand and acknowledge more about them. They shall change our lives and with a few of them we shall understand something of love. They will have been with us and yet part of them will remain hidden until what is covered is revealed through the passing of time. The waiting, hope, and conversion of Advent helps us uncover more of Christ already among us as we prepare once again for his Incarnation. We know Christ so as to know Him more. And so the One with us is the One we await in longing and joy.

For centuries upon centuries the Church has celebrated Christ’s coming and for centuries upon centuries the Church has admitted that a part of Christ is still covered, still hidden. Even as we rejoice in the proximity Emmanuel or “God among us,” we look for more of Christ in the more distant future. Advent reminds us God will come to us in a particularly profound way at the day of our death and at the end of all days. We are an Advent people throughout our lives, preparing and waiting and hoping while converting in joy and longing.

Y sin embargo, Cristo ya está con nosotros. Él está presente en el cuerpo, el alma y la divinidad en la Eucaristía, está presente a través de las gracias que experimentamos, y está presente donde dos o tres se reúnen en su nombre. “El cristiano espera lo que ya posee... [Los cristianos] ya poseen de manera invisible pero real lo que el ritual bautismal, en la más antigua de sus oraciones, llama 'los rudimentos de su propia gloria...' (Adrian Nocent, The Liturgical Year: Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Liturgical Press, Collegeville, MN, p. 30).” En el bautismo recibimos una marca o capacidad inmutable que nos acerca a Dios en el aquí y ahora.

Pasamos por la vida reconociendo la presencia de muchas personas. Con algunos de ellos pasaremos más tiempo y en el proceso entenderemos y reconoceremos más sobre ellos. Cambiarán nuestras vidas y con algunos de ellos entenderemos algo de amor. Ellos habrán estado con nosotros y, sin embargo, parte de ellos permanecerán ocultos hasta que lo que está cubierto se revele con el paso del tiempo. La espera, la esperanza y la conversión del Adviento nos ayudan a descubrir más de Cristo que ya está entre nosotros mientras nos preparamos una vez más para su Encarnación. Conocemos a Cristo para conocerlo más. Y entonces el que está con nosotros es el que esperamos con anhelo y alegría.

Durante siglos y siglos la Iglesia ha celebrado la venida de Cristo y durante siglos y siglos la Iglesia ha admitido que una parte de Cristo todavía está cubierta, aún oculta. Incluso cuando nos regocijamos en la proximidad de Emmanuel o "Dios entre nosotros", buscamos más de Cristo en el futuro más lejano. Adviento nos recuerda que Dios vendrá a nosotros de una manera particularmente profunda el día de nuestra muerte y al final de todos los días. Somos un pueblo adventista a lo largo de nuestras vidas, preparándonos, esperando y esperando mientras nos convertimos en alegría y anhelo.
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*Early deadlines all of December & early January.*

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday 12/21**
- 5:00 pm  †Alfred Jankus  
  †David Zudis *by Dad*  
  †Phyllis Hurtado– her birthday *by Art*
  All military service personnel, living and deceased

**Sunday 12/22**
- 9:00 am   Breanna, granddaughter of the DeMaio’s  
  †James Ruter  
  †Caren Olson
- 11:00 am  Patrick Bondad Family
- 1:00 pm   Jaime y Consuelo Merlo

**Monday 12/23**
- 8:00 am   †JoElyn Brotherton
- 7:00 pm   (Spanish) Pro Populo

**Tuesday 12/24**
- 8:00 am   †Rick Parpolowics
- 5:00 pm   For All the Children of the Parish
- 7:00 pm   (Spanish) Pro Populo

**Midnight Mass - Peace on Earth**

**Wednesday 12/25**
- 9:00 am   †Dolores Pallotta  
- 11:00 am  To End Abortion and Euthanasia
- 1:00 pm   (Spanish) Pro Populo

**Thursday 12/26**
- 8:00 am   †Nancy Grosshans
- 7:00 pm   (Spanish) Pro Populo

**Friday 12/27**
- 8:00 am   †JoElyn Brotherton
**LOOKING AHEAD**

Dec 24  Gift Shop closed—re-opens 1/7  
Dec 24  Parish Office/Food Pantry closed until 12/30  
Dec 24  Thrift Store closed—re-opens 12/26  
Dec 25  The Nativity of the Lord  
Dec 31  Parish Office /Food pantry closed until 1/3  
Dec 31  Thrift Store closed—re-opens 1/2  
Jan  1  Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God  
Jan  4  Pro-Life “Walk for Life” 9:30 am  
Jan 25  Taste of Carmel: Carmelite Spirituality Group, 2:15 pm, Scanlan, FL2

**Meeting Schedule “Everyday God” 2020**

**Mondays**
10:00 am-12:00 pm, Scanlan FL2

| January 6 | March 23 |
| January 20 | April 13 |
| February 10 | April 27 |
| February 24 | May 11 |
| March 9 | May 25 |

**Wheelchair Available**
The Knights of Columbus have a wheelchair available for free for anyone who has the short-term (2-3 weeks) need for one. For further information contact George D’Apuzzo at 435-619-0727.

**Weekly Collection Report**

Collection (12/8) ........................................... $ 12,237

**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**

| 8:00 am—English | 6:00 pm—English | 8:00 pm—Spanish |

**Hurricane Mass**

6:00 pm—English

**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 Ngonomo Babisyone  
Retired………………..Rev. Glenn Dare  

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Bookkeeper……………Barbana Harrison (bharrison@sgcatholics.com)  
Receptionist……………Nora Escatel (office@sgcatholics.com)  

**Deacons**
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)  

**Website………………..saintgeorgecatholics.com**  

**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 22

Sunday:  Is 7:10-14/ Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7c, 10b]/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24
Monday:  Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66
Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79
Midnight: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 3-2, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14
Thursday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22
Friday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Saturday: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18
Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/ Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23