

Readings and Mass Intentions

SUN, NOV. 30

Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3,
15-16, 18-19/1 Cor 1:3-9/Ps 85:8/
Mk 13:33-37

8:00 a.m. Mass

10:30 a.m. **Martha Curry**

MON, DEC. 1

Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7,
8-9/Mt 8:5-11

TUE, DEC. 2

Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/
Lk 10:21-24

WED, DEC. 3

Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/
Mt 15:29-37

9:00 a.m. Mass

THU, DEC. 4 - St. Anuarite
Nengapeta

Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21,
25-27a/Is 55:6/Mt 7:21, 24-27

9:00 a.m. Mass

FRI, DEC. 5 - St. Crispina

Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/
Mt 9:27-31

9:00 Mass

First Friday Adoration

SAT, DEC. 6

Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4,
5-6/Is 33:22/Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

5:30 p.m. Mass

Memo to the Men's Club...

Monsignor would like to thank those members of the Men's Club who worked in the yard at the rectory to prep it for the open house. You did a fantastic job and Monsignor appreciates your generosity of your time, skill and effort to this project.

Returning our Treasure in Thanksgiving
**Financial Information thru the week
of November 22nd & 23rd:**

Weekly Need:\$11,350.00

*Attendance and Offering Totals
will be posted in next week's bulletin.*

Church Debt Loan Balance:\$753,427.00

Property Loan Balance:.....\$475,661.01
(as of 11/10/14)

Blessed Among Us

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
Composer (1756-1791)

Arguably the greatest classical composer of all time, Mozart was born in Salzburg, Austria. His prodigious musical talent was evident from early childhood. By the age of six he was performing in the royal courts of Europe, and his fame as a composer quickly followed. His compositions ranged across every genre, from Masses and Oratorios to symphonies and secular operas. Still, he spent much of his life in financial insecurity, depending on the fickle support of patrons in the Church and royal courts. His short life ended in poverty and protracted illness. In 1791 he worked feverishly on a Requiem, convinced he was writing for his own funeral. He died before its completion on December 5, 1791, and was buried in a pauper's grave.

Mozart is considered widely as a great religious artist. In all his work there is a delight in creation, a balance, an affirmation of the final triumph of light and life over death and darkness. George Bernard Shaw wrote that Mozart's music is "the only music that would not sound out of place in the mouth of God."

"I never lie down at night without reflecting I may not live to see another day...For this blessing I daily thank my Creator and wish with all my heart that each one of my fellow creatures could enjoy it." -Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart



THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 30, 2014

Advent is a time of remembering and a time of waiting. We remember Christ's birth into our world, and we watch and wait for his second coming. During the first weeks of the season, our focus is on the latter. It is only in the final days of advent that our focus shifts to commemorating his birth in Bethlehem.

In today's Gospel Jesus calls us to "be watchful and alert!". This message had a greater sense of immediacy in the early days of the church because many believed that Jesus's return was imminent. Obviously, they were mistaken. But we are still called to live lives of watchfulness in anticipation of his return. We share in the mission of the church to transform the world as God's reign unfolds in anticipation of the parousia.

For reflection: As we await Christ's return, how can I use my spiritual gifts for the good of the church? Do I use the season of Advent to reflect on Christ's return?

The Season of Advent

The word "advent" comes from the Latin *adventus* meaning "arrival" or "coming", particularly of something having great importance. The Advent wreath and the colors of Advent are probably the most popular symbols of the season. Each week we wait and light a different candle in anticipation of His birth. The purple candles represent the primary color of Advent and symbolize repentance. The rose colored candle used during the third week represents joy and reveals a shift in the season away from repentance and toward celebration. The white candle symbolizes the purity of the Christ child.

Angel Wings

Hopefully you were able to take a wing from our tree last weekend. If you didn't and would like to participate, we have a few left, please call the parish office. Remember the gifts are due back to the parish unwrapped on **December 7th**.



Advent Penance Service

Please plan to join us for the beautiful sacrament of Reconciliation. May our hearts be filled with the peace and joy that this sacrament can bring this Advent season.

Monday, December 15th @ 7:00pm

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Nov 30:	No CCD or Confirmation Class	Dec 4:	A.C.T.s meeting 6:30
Dec 1:	Boy Scouts 7:00	Dec 5:	First Friday Adoration 9:30
Dec 1:	Adult Bible Study 6:30	Dec 7:	CCD and Confirmation Classes resume
Dec 2:	Men's Group 6:30	Dec 7:	Adoration for Vocations 9:00
Dec 3:	Women's Group 9:30	Dec 8:	Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass 7:00pm
Dec 3:	Youth Group 6:30		
Dec 3:	RCIA 7:00		

**Big
Thank
You!**

To all who have prepared and served food at the Center of Hope this past year on the Holy Redeemer sponsored days. Your generosity of your time and talents are greatly appreciated by the men and women who benefit from this program. We will continue to provide this community service in 2015.

A MANGER FOR BABY JESUS

Advent is a time for us to connect with God in prayer, and with others through helpfulness and kindness. The empty manger represents simple and humble hearts that are ready to welcome Jesus when he comes. Advent is the time to rid ourselves of distractions, self-centeredness and superficial longings and replace them with charity and loving expectation so that Jesus will find a cradle of love in our hearts in which to rest.



We would like to make our manger more welcoming for the baby Jesus. We ask that you offer up every good deed, every helping and kind act you perform, and every time of prayer that you give to Jesus this Advent season. As a symbol of your gift, place a small amount of straw in the manger in the church to symbolize your weekly gift to Jesus. Parents, please encourage your children of all ages to participate. The straw is next to the manger, simply put a few pieces in the manger before Mass. By Christmas, Jesus will find a comfortable manger made up of our charitable acts.



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE, DECEMBER 24TH
Mass @ 4:30 (children's program)
& Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY, DECEMBER 25TH
10:30 am

NEW YEARS DAY, JANUARY 1ST
10:30am

COMMUNITY NEWS



Your are invited to attend A Quiet Day Advent Retreat and Pantry Shower for the Carmelite Nuns

Tuesday, December 2nd from
10:00am-2:00pm
5801 Mount Carmel Drive, Arlington
For additional information, contact
Peggy Porter 817-275-4777

Trim the Tree

We would like to invite all families to bring a special Christmas ornament to place on our Parish Christmas tree in the Narthex.
Let's trim the tree and make it beautiful.

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ARE
CALLED TO SERVE:**

SAT, DEC. 6 • 5:30 PM

ALTAR SERVERS

PS - Reagan Knesek PS - Graham Zeigler

LECTORS

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Mark Hojnacki

USHERS

Dave Knesek Monica Knesek
Tom Merkley Bobby Zeigler

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SUN, DEC. 7 • 8:00 AM MASS

ALTAR SERVERS

PS - William Rudd PS - Ben Slabbekoorn

LECTORS

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Tim Clements

USHERS

Loren Mott John Brown
Duane Knesek Kandi Smith

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SUN, DEC. 7 • 10:30 AM MASS

ALTAR SERVERS

PS - Kate Myers PS - Scott Tudor

LECTORS

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Joe Zschiesche Chris Lane
Cody Palmer

USHERS

Sheila Hill Caitlyn Andrews
Rene Chavez Rocco Rotundo

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HOLY REDEEMER'S PRAYER INTENTION BOOK

Please continue to remember and pray for all those listed in the prayer intention book and those listed below.

Remember in Prayer - Recuerde en Oración
Fred Plata, Ray Devlin, Maryrita Mallet,
Tyler Mohr, Felicia Cooper,
Marsha Stillman, Sue Parks †,
Cathy Breedlove †