

## Readings and Mass Intentions

### SUN, DEC. 14

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50,  
53-54/1 Thes 5:16-24/Is 6 1:1/  
Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

**8:00 a.m. Mass**..... Ione Dunn †

**10:30 a.m. Mass**

### MON, DEC. 15

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and  
7bc, 8-9/Ps 85:8/Mt 21:23-27

**9:00 a.m. Mass**

**7:00 p.m. Mass**

### TUE, DEC. 16

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19  
and 23/Mt 21:28-32

### WED, DEC. 17

*St. Virginia Centurione Bracelli*

Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/  
Mt 1:1-17

**9:00 a.m. Mass**

### THU, DEC. 18

Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/  
Mt 1:18-25

**9:00 a.m. Mass**

### FRI, DEC. 19

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab,  
16-17/Lk 1:5-25

**9:00 Mass**

### SAT, DEC. 20

Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/  
Lk 1:26-38

**5:30 p.m. Mass**..... Emory Hodges



### There will be no CCD and Confirmation Classes

Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>, Dec. 28<sup>th</sup> and Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>.

Classes will resume on Sunday, Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Enjoy your holiday break!**

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

### Returning our Treasure in Thanksgiving Financial Information thru the week of Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>:

Weekly Need:.....\$11,350.00  
Weekly Actual:.....\$9,335.00  
2nd Collection (F/M Fund):...\$2,592.25  
Attendance: .....660

Church Debt Loan Balance:\$753,427.00  
Property Loan Balance:.....\$475,661.01  
(as of 11/10/14)

## Blessed Among Us

**Sr. Alicia Domon  
Martyr (1937-1977)**

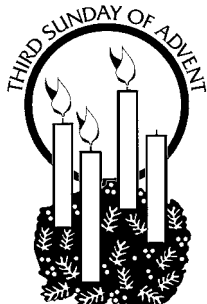
During the period of 1976 to 1983 a military dictatorship in Argentina conducted a “dirty war against “subversives” and dissidents. Thousands of civilians were killed; many were “disappeared”—abducted by the military, never to be seen again. Two French nuns, sisters Alicia Domon and Leonie Duquet, were among them.

Members of the Toulouse Institute of the Sisters of Foreign Mission, they were among the many foreign missionaries who came to work in Latin America in the 1960’s. While at first they engaged in traditional ministries, by 1969, like many other religious of the time, they moved out of their convent and into an urban shantytown to share the life of the poor.

Sr. Alicia became involved with the “Mothers of the Disappeared”, who gathered in the central plaza each day, holding photographs of their missing children, offering a silent rebuke to the military regime. On Dec. 8, 1977, she and twelve other women were seized. Her housemate Sr. Leonie was also picked up. Neither of them was ever seen again, but later reports confirmed that after being tortured they were tossed from an airplane over the Atlantic Ocean.

Several months before her death Alicia had written to the archbishop of Toulouse: “I would ask you not to do anything to save me which could endanger others. I have already made the sacrifice of my life.”

*“I didn’t come here (to the shantytown) to tell people what they had to do but in order that we could help each other and share life’s joys and sorrows.”—Sr. Alicia Domon*



## THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 14, 2014

Once again we encounter John the Baptist in today’s Gospel. John’s presence and preaching stir up the hopes of the people. The one who is to come is the Son of God, our redeemer. Today’s text from Third Isaiah is considered a foreshadowing of the mission of Jesus. Writing with an expectation of an imminent return of the Lord Jesus, Paul exhorts them to live lives of holiness as they wait. Two thousand years later, we still anticipate his return and so are called to live with that same hope, cooperating with the grace of God in our lives.

*For Reflection: How does my baptismal anointing unite me with Christ’s mission to bring good news to the world? God desires to make us holy and blameless; do I regularly seek God’s grace to grow in holiness, or am I content to stay as I am?*

### 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, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm**



## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

**Christmas Eve, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>**

Mass @ 4:30 (children’s program) & Midnight Mass

**Christmas Day, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>**

10:30 am

**New Years Day, Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>**

10:30am



## Children’s Choir Rehearsal

For the Christmas Pageant  
Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> 9:00-9:15am in choir room

All children 1<sup>st</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade  
We will be singing on Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>  
At the 4:30 Mass

## UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

<b>Dec 15:</b>	<b>Advent Penance Service</b>	<b>Dec 17:</b>	<b>Women's Group 9:30</b>
	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Dec 21:</b>	<b>Christmas Pageant</b>
<b>Dec 15:</b>	<b>Boy Scouts 7:00</b>		<b>Practice 9:00</b>
<b>Dec 16:</b>	<b>Men's Group 6:30</b>		

*Thank you to all the ladies who spent an afternoon cleaning the sanctuary for advent and Christmas. we appreciate your efforts to help prepare our parish for the celebration of the birth of our Lord.*

### 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.



We would like to recognize and congratulate those RCIA participants who made the Right of Acceptance this past Saturday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>.

*Garrett Gibson  
Norman Kaminsky  
Steve Marsh  
Laura Riehm  
Lacey Siebold  
Jeni Toudouze  
Linda Wise*

#### Anointing of the Sick

After each of the Masses on Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>, Monsignor will have the Anointing of the sick sacrament. Those who are about to undergo surgery or those who will benefit from the reception of the sacrament are welcome. All participants should be baptized and of age of reason.

#### THANK YOU...

*We appreciate your support of the annual Angel Wings program. Due to your generosity many children will now have a blessed Christmas morning.*

### DIocese NEWS

The Diocese of Fort Worth  
Will participate in the  
*Year of Consecrated Life*  
Declared by Pope Francis  
November 30, 2014 - February 2, 2016

### COMMUNITY NEWS

#### Catholic Daughters of America Education Scholarships

Application Deadline May 1, 2015  
High School, College, Graduate School  
Call Kay Fuhrman for information  
682-553-3162

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

**SAT, DEC. 20 • 5:30 PM**

#### ALTAR SERVERS

PS - Clark Crawford PS - Clayton Crawford

#### LECTORS

Shawn Parks Barbara Gosnell

#### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Bobby Zeigler

#### USHERS

Mike Barron Tom Merkley  
Wayne Mohr Bobby Zeigler

#### SOUND BOARD

Larry Mask

**SUN, DEC. 21 • 8:00 AM MASS**

#### ALTAR SERVERS

PS - Aiden Slabbekoorn  
PS - Brian Slabbekoorn

#### LECTORS

Julia Murphey Dave Mestemaker

#### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Eloy Sanchez

#### USHERS

Loren Mott John Brown  
Duane Knesek Kandi Smith

#### SOUND BOARD

Robert Speer

**SUN, DEC. 21 • 10:30 AM MASS**

#### ALTAR SERVERS

PS - Olivia Caggiano PS - Gabriel Lane

#### LECTORS

Stephanie Lane Marc Pierel

#### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Joe Zschiesche Melissa Watzlavick  
Robert Watzlavick

#### USHERS

Sheila Hill Caitlyn Andrews  
Rene Chavez Savannah Grammer

#### SOUND BOARD

Mike Andrews

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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

Joe DiMartino, Blaine Blaire, Doris Eggemeyer, Evan Brown, Brenda Scallan, Al Cross and Fr. Jim Miller+