

Readings and Mass Intentions

SUN, DEC. 21

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27-29/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:38/
Lk 1:26-38

8:00 a.m. Mass.....**Janifer Ellner**

10:30 a.m. Mass

MON, DEC. 22

1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56

TUE, DEC. 23 -

St. Marguerite d'Youville

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66

WED, DEC. 24 - *Christmas Eve*

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Lk 1:67-79

4:30 pm Mass

Midnight Mass

THU, DEC. 25 - *Christmas Day*

Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18

10:30 a.m. Mass

FRI, DEC. 26 - *St. Fabiola*

Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Ps 118:26a, 27a/Mt 10:17-22

No Daily Mass

SAT, DEC. 27 - *St. John*

1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a and 2-8

5:30 p.m. Mass..... **Bill Devlin**

There will be no CCD and Confirmation Classes Dec. 21st, Dec. 28th and Jan. 4th. Classes will resume on Sunday, Jan. 11th.

Enjoy your holiday break!

Merry Christmas and

Happy New Year!

Returning our Treasure in Thanksgiving
Financial Information thru the week of Dec. 13th & 14th:

Weekly Need:.....\$11,350.00

Weekly Actual:.....\$11,043.58

Feast of the

Immaculate Conception:\$841.36

2nd Collection

(Retirement Fund

for Religious):\$2,562.00

Attendance:720

Church Debt Loan Balance:\$753,427.00

Property Loan Balance:.....\$475,661.01

(as of 11/10/14)

Blessed Among Us

Chico Mendes

Rubber Worker and Martyr (1944-1988)

Chico Mendes, who was assassinated in 1988, was the leader of a movement linking the defense of the Amazon region with justice for the poor who lived there. Living in the state of Acre in Amazonian region of Northwest Brazil, he organized a union of the region's rubber tappers and other poor families who earned their meager living by extracting the renewable resource of the rain forest. Mendes was himself the son of tappers who arrived in the Amazon in the 1940s to take advantage of the rubber boom. In more recent years the fate of such workers was threatened by giant landowners and ranchers who preferred to burn and clear the forests to make way for cattle.

Mendes began organizing the rubber workers in 1977, with the initial aim of simply protecting their livelihood. But he gradually expanded his concerns to encompass a wider ecological vision. The burning of the forest threatened the survival of the planet. Thus "the cry of the earth" was connected to the "cry of the poor". Though the owners resorted to threats and violence to break the union, the worker's nonviolent tactics gradually attracted international attention. But it was not enough to protect Mendes. He was shot and killed on Dec. 22, 1988.

"Chico had a lot of faith. When he died I was filled with despair. But God comforted me and inspired me to work alongside others to carry on Chico's work. They killed him but they didn't kill his ideals or crush the struggle."—Ilsa Mendes, widow of Chico Mendes



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 21, 2014

God's promise of a Messiah, originally found in "the prophetic writings", is fulfilled in Jesus, so faith in Jesus leads to salvation. Concluding his letter with a doxology, a prayer of praise to God, Paul tells us that because God has fulfilled the promises in Jesus, we should give glory to God.

In these last days of Advent we turn our focus to preparing to commemorate the birth of Jesus. Today's Gospel is the story of the annunciation. God's angel Gabriel is sent to Mary. The link to the promise made to David is reinforced by the angel's statement that Mary's child will be given "the throne of David his father". But this is no ordinary child; conceived by the Holy Spirit, he "will be called holy, the Son of God".

For Reflection: How does Jesus's connection to David link him more closely to salvation history? What can I do to make my immediate preparation for Christmas take on a more spiritual dimension?



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve, Dec. 24th

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

Christmas Day, Dec. 25th

10:30 am

New Years Day, Jan. 1st

10:30am

Christmas Flowers and Décor in Honor of Christ's Birth

If you would like to donate a poinsettia or contribute to the beautiful Christmas décor in memory of a loved one, please contact the parish office.

What a wonderful way to honor the Baby Jesus and a loved one.



Angel Wings

The committee organizing the Angel Wings project packed up all the gifts and delivered them to Catholic Charities. A horse trailer was needed to transport almost 30 bikes that were donated! Thank you all for your generosity.

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

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| Dec 21: | Christmas Pageant Practice | Dec 25: | Christmas Day Mass |
| | 9:00am | | 10:30 am |
| Dec 23: | Bea's Quilting Group | Dec 24- | Parish Office Closed |
| Dec 24: | Christmas Eve Mass | Jan 2: | No Classes or Meetings |
| | 4:30 (Children's Program) | Dec 26 & 31/ | No Daily Mass |
| | Midnight | Jan 2: | |

DIOCESE NEWS

Prayer for the Year of Consecrated Life

O God, throughout the ages you have called women and men to pursue lives of perfect charity through the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity, and obedience. During this Year of Consecrated Life, we give you thanks for these courageous witnesses of Faith and models of inspiration. Their pursuit of holy lives teaches us to make a more perfect offering of ourselves to you. Continue to enrich your Church by calling forth sons and daughters who, having found the pearl of great price, treasure the Kingdom of Heaven above all things. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



Rachel's Corner

Christmas can be very difficult when you are dealing with the pain of abortion. Surrender your pain to God during a Rachel weekend retreat, and let the Lord show you His healing mercy. Feel the joy of Christmas again

Next retreat April 10
817-923-4757



Year End Giving

As this year draws to a close, you are likely to be reviewing your important financial matters, including your charitable giving for 2014. Now is a good time to think about *what* to give and *when* to give it.

It is also an important time to reflect on the call to stewardship - to give back to God in gratitude. Please remember your parish where your gifts can make a lasting difference.

**THANK YOU
MAYER MATERIALS, LP.
WITHOUT YOUR SUPPORT THE BULLETIN WOULD NOT
BE POSSIBLE. PLEASE PATRONIZE OUR SPONSORS. SEE
BACK OF BULLETIN.**



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
Al Cross, Carrie Lee Thomas+

WED, DEC. 24 • 4:30 PM MASS

ALTAR SERVERS

PS - Rachel Knesek PS - Tanner Wheaton

LECTORS

Edmund Gutierrez Tim Schauf

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Chuck Sheridan

USHERS

Volunteer if Attending

SOUND

Larry Mask

WED, DEC. 24 • MIDNIGHT

ALTAR SERVERS

PS - Courtney Andrews PS - Carson Fronk

LECTORS

Laura Quinn Parice Aziere

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Bobby Zeigler

USHERS

Regina Grammer Monica Knesek
Dave Knesek Savannah Grammer

SOUND

Noah Murphey

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ARE CALLED TO SERVE:

THU, DEC. 25 • 10:30 AM

ALTAR SERVERS

PS - Natalie Mott PS - Katrina Mott

LECTORS

Pinky Dyer Pinky Dyer

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Arturo Sandoval David Wagner

Carol Wagner

USHERS

Volunteer if Attending

SOUND

Robert Speer

SAT, DEC. 27 • 5:30 PM

ALTAR SERVERS

PS - Haley Knesek PS - Noah Knesek

LECTORS

Stever Weaver Anne Peirce

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Mark Hojnacki

USHERS

Mike Barron Tom Merkley
Rose Young Bobby Zeigler

SOUND BOARD

Dave Vandercook

SUN, DEC. 28 • 8:00 AM MASS

ALTAR SERVERS

PS - Brian McGee PS - Ben Slabbekoorn

LECTORS

Julia Murphey Candi Lear

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Clay Melton

USHERS

Jeff Hensley John Brown
Duane Knesek Wayne Mohr

SOUND BOARD

Larry Mask

SUN, DEC. 28 • 10:30 AM MASS

ALTAR SERVERS

PS - Kate Mayer PS - Stephen Grammer

LECTORS

Donya Fronk Ken Mican

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Joe Zschiesche Rick Zilar

Monica Collins

USHERS

Regina Grammer Tom Edmonston
Rocco Rotundo Donald Woodall

SOUND BOARD

Mike Andrews