

**Parish Services/Ministries**

**Anointing of the Sick:**

Call 830-484-3302

**Adoration:**

Every 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month  
7:30am – 4:30pm

**Baptism:**

Contact Pastor for Pre-Baptismal class and to set a date.

**Confessions:**

Before Masses

**Deacons:**

Deacon Alan Crosby  
Deacon Michael Velasquez

**Marriage:**

Contact Pastor at least 6 months ahead for preparation and a date.

**RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

Contact Father or Gerri Garza (830-484-2260) or (830-200-9854).

**Victim Assistance & Safe Environment**

**Director:**

Steve Martinez (210-734-7786)

**Altar Flower Coordinator:** Linda

Moczygemba (830-484-2351)

**Altar Society**

President – Ester Luna

**ACTS Mission**

Core – Gerri Garza

**Catholic Daughters of the Americas:**

Regent – Karen Ulrich

**Junior Catholic Daughters**

Chairman – Lisa West  
Co-Chairman – Deborah Felux Henke  
President – Emma Johnson

**Knights of Columbus**

Grand Knight – Terry Gorzell

**Faith Formation Classes:**

DRE – Rebecca Raabe

**Funeral Committee:**

Leader – Carolyn Krawietz

**Church Website:**

blessedsacramentpoth.org

**The Healing Rosary**



The Litany of our Blessed Mother, and the Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, is being recited every Sunday evening beginning at **5:00 pm** in the music room at the Faith Formation Building. Pray for yourself, pray for another.

**Seton Home Donations for**

**December**

Shampoo & Conditioner, Hand Soap, Hygiene Products, Deodorant & Toothpaste.

**Mass Intentions For The Week of  
December 17<sup>th</sup> thru December 23<sup>rd</sup> 2018**

**Monday, December 17**

**6:30pm**

- ✠Robert & Agnes Moy
- ✠Leroy Arnold
- ✠Desmond & Libbie Johns
- ✠Rhonda Kallies
- ✠Henry Sr., Mark, Dennis & Carol Felux



**Tuesday, December 18 (ADVENT CONFESSIONS)**

**6:30pm**

- ✠Jacob, Annie & Alfred Jarzombek
- ✠Sammy Morales

**Wednesday, December 19 (MORNING MASS)**

**7:00AM**

- ✠Mary Brandesky

**Thursday, December 20**

**No Mass**

**Friday, December 21**

**7:00am**

- ✠Mary Moy, Bina & Edmund Kotzur

**Saturday, December 22**

**5:30pm**

- ✠Elias Yosko

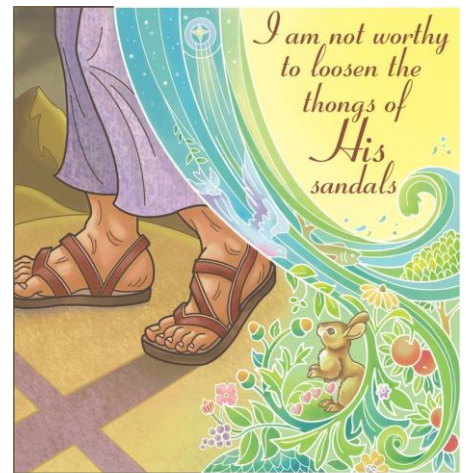
**Sunday, December 23**

**7:30am**

- ✠Victor & Agnes Dugi, Ben & Mary Lyssy

**10:00am**

Parish Family



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**Monday, December 24 (CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S MASS)**

**6:00pm**

- ✠Henry Gorzell

**(MIDNIGHT MASS)**

**12:00AM**

- ✠Kathleen, Gabriel & Margie Pawelek

**Tuesday, December 25 (CHRISTMAS DAY)**

**9:00am**

- ✠Rosemary Kotara

**WEEKLY MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

Dates Times	Lector Commentator	Eucharistic Ministers	Organist	Greeters Ushers
12/22 5:30pm	Gladys Billimek Dawn Dylla	Joyce Labus	****	John Olenick Jim Pruski
12/23 7:30am	Preston Dallmeyer Patrick Moczygemba	Rose Maris	Francine Dugi	Rodney Kotara Steve Kotara
12/23 10:00am	Shawn Nelson Rookie Nelson	Mary Baumann	BSC Choir	David Pollok Mark Jarzombek

**ALTAR SERVERS – ALL PRESENT AT MASS**

The Second Collection for the weekend of 12/22 – 12/23 will be for the Capital Campaign Fund (On the Way Adale).

**Offertory Collection Totals for 12/8 – 12/9**

Sunday - \$4,499.94; Christmas Flowers - \$172.00;  
Immaculate Conception - \$296.00; Retired Religious - \$1,198.00  
Capital Campaign Fund (Running Total) - \$61,515.78

**WE PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR COMMUNITY: LET US PRAY:**

May the Lord of Love and Mercy send the grace of healing and consolation upon all our sick in the Parish and in our community,



especially: **Joe B. Wiatrek (12/5), Bobbie Pena (11/28), Joseph Henke (11/16), Mary Waclawczyk (10/31), JoAnn Pawelek (10/18), Johnny Pawelek (10/18), Shawna Wiatrek (10/18), Lewis Bayer (10/1), Patricia Pollok (10/1), Janice Green (9/19), Father John Wagner (9/12), Alan Crosby (9/6), Bertha Guevara (8/24), John Tackitt (8/1), Ruth Poth (7/25), Leonarda De La Garza (7/11), Shanna Swierc (6/14).** Please call the rectory to add or remove someone from our list.



**Let us Pray for those in the MILITARY:**

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in

our time of need. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen. **Thom Raabe, Charlie Raabe, Derek Raabe, Alan Johns, Dale Arnold, Alison Moczygemba, Baldemar Flores IV.**

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sunday:** Third Sunday of Advent; Las Posadas begins
- Tuesday:** International Migrants Day
- Friday:** St. Peter Canisius; Winter begins

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday:** Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
- Tuesday:** Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
- Wednesday:** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
- Thursday:** Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38
- Friday:** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
- Saturday:** 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
- Sunday:** Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

**Hunter's Mass**

The Hunter's Mass for this year will be held at the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary church in Cestohowa on Sundays at 8:00pm from Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> – Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Catholic Daughters Texas Memorial Scholarship**

All high school senior JCDA members or seniors who have a mother or grandmother in CDA may apply for the 2019 State Court Scholarship as well as the Local CDA Scholarship. Deadline for State is January 31, 2019. Deadline for Local is March 1, 2019. Applications can be found on the church website and at the High School Counselors office.

**Children's Christmas Play**

The next practices are **12/16 & 12/23** at 8:30am in the church. The Children's Christmas Play will take place on Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, (Christmas Eve) at 6:00pm.

**Advent Confessions**

Confessions for Blessed Sacrament will be held on Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, after the 6:30pm Mass.

**St. Barbara Melkite Mission**

Representatives from St. Barbara Melkite Mission are visiting our parish the weekend of Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> thru the 23<sup>rd</sup>. They will speak to us briefly about their mission and what they do to support our Catholic brothers and sisters in the Holy Land. **They will also have a display of beautiful religious articles for purchase handmade by our Catholic community over there.** Thank you for your support and God Bless.

*The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst, you have no further misfortune to fear. — Zephaniah 3:15b*



**Our Special Day**

In case you didn't notice the Birthday List on the bulletin board, Father Gregory wants to keep a list of everyone's birthdays on display, by week, so that others can wish you a Happy Birthday on your very special day. So on your way in or out take a glance at the board and see who is celebrating a birthday that week and wish them a very blessed day on their birthday.



**Christmas Church Decorations**

We want to thank those who came and helped decorate the church this past Sunday. **We were very short on volunteers** but those that did show up worked extra hard and got the job done. The church looks absolutely gorgeous. Thank you once again.

**WITNESSES**

*Our actions are the best witnesses of our thoughts.*



**It's Time to BINGO**

Come & join us for an afternoon of fun playing Bingo this Sunday, December 16th, from 3:00-5:00pm in the Parish Hall. Everyone is invited.

**IMPRESSIONABLE**

*A child's life is like a piece of paper on which every passerby leaves a mark.*

—Ancient Chinese proverb

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Years ago, the trick question on religion quizzes would be to name all the liturgical colors, or the colors of the vestments worn at Mass. Rose is a color seldom seen, used at most two days a year.

Today, "Gaudete Sunday," is one of those days. The name of the day is drawn from an opening verse in the old Latin Mass texts: Gaudete is Latin for "Rejoice!" This year's Gospel certainly reflects that mood as Elizabeth feels her infant within her leaping for joy at the presence of Mary. Mary's visit to her aged cousin is an act of compassion between women, as two

kinswomen who are bearing children into the world share their joy. Some churches retain the custom of having the priest wear rose vestments today, and many will use a rose candle in the Advent wreath. Violet is the official color for Advent and Lent, but many parishes employ different hues for each season, trying to keep them distinct. In medieval times, dye was costly, and poor parishes used unornamented plain cloth for vestments. Dyes were expensive and some colors, particularly purple, difficult to achieve. In England, purple dye was made from mollusks, yielding at best a deep indigo or blue and not the desired violet. Thus, the color of Advent in the British Isles has long been a deep blue, reminding many people of Mary's presence at the heart of the Advent mystery. That theology is largely unplanned: it's all because of the clams!

**Faith Formation Classes**

Next Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> will be the last class for this year. We will start up again on January 9, 2019. Enjoy the Christmas break!!!!

**Christmas Collection**

This coming 2019, four men will be ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of San Antonio. Assumption Seminary is grateful for the generosity of this parish that enables these men and many others to receive the Pastoral training, theological education, and spiritual preparation needed to be Christ-centered priests. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection at Christmas is designated for the mission of your seminary—Assumption Seminary. Please continue praying for vocations.

**Kids will be Kids**

A pastor needed to ask a parishioner something about volunteering for an event at the church. So he decided to call their home.

When he did a little boy answered. The Pastor asked "May I speak to your mother"? She's busy right now. Well how about your father? He's busy right now. The Pastor asked if there was anyone else in the house he could talk to.

Yes the boy said, the policemen are here! The

Pastor asked may I speak to one of them. The little boy whispered they are busy. Well is there anyone else the Pastor asked? The little boy whispered the Firemen are here. May I speak with one of them. They are busy too. The Pastor asked the little boy what are they all doing that they are too busy to talk to me. The little boy whispered, "they are busy looking for me".

**Senior Citizens Christmas Celebration**

We had a wonderful turnout for the Senior Citizens Mass and Luncheon. Father Gregory led us in singing Christmas Carols. Our contest winners were Anita Castellano, Colleen Keller & Dora Cervantes. Thanks for dressing up and celebrating with us.

**Advent Retreat**

ACTS Core would like to thank Deacon Michael and Judy Pawelek as well as Deacon Wally and Jo Ann Cantu for their wonderful presentations at the Advent Retreat last

Saturday. They prepared us to experience Advent with JOY in our hearts and challenged us to spread that JOY to all those we meet.



**PASTERKA**

**SHEPHERD'S MASS**

*Immaculate Conception of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic  
Church in Panna Maria TX  
Monday, December 24, 2017  
Celebration begins with Koledy  
(Polish Carols) @ 3:30pm  
Followed By  
Holy Mass @ 4:00pm  
Everyone is Welcome!!*