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SUNDAY LITURGY

Saturday Evening

5:00 pm

Sundays

8:00 am

11:00 am

5:00 pm



Daily Mass

Monday through Friday

7:00 am

12:05 pm

Saturday

8:00 am

CONFESSION

Saturday

3:00 pm - Cathedral

Thursday before First Friday

3:00 pm - Cathedral

Saint John Gualbert Cathedral Parish

Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths:
all flesh shall see the salvation of God.



Sunday, December 8, - Second Sunday of Advent

Readings: Isaiah 11:1-10/ Romans 15:4-9/ Matthew 3:1-12

8:00 am: George Najjar (Wife, Children, & Grandchildren)

11:00 am: Krall & Leech Families (Frank Krall)

5:00 pm: For the Intentions of the People of the Parish

Monday, December 9, - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Readings: Genesis 3:9-15/ Ephesians 1:3-6,11-12/ Luke 1:26-38

7:00 am: Saint Anne Society

12:05 pm: Eileen Rengh (Charlotte Ecklund)

Tuesday, December 10, - Advent Weekday

Readings: Isaiah 40:1-11/ Matthew 18:12-14

7:00 am: John S. & Madeline Lauper (Sons, John, Terry, David, & Brian)

12:05 pm: John Bair, Birthday Celebration (Cha Cha Bair)

Wednesday, December 11, Advent Weekday, Saint Damasus I, Pope

Readings: Isaiah 40:25-31/ Matthew 11:28-30

7:00 am: Loretta Klug (Timothea & Michael Peskuric)

12:05 pm: Leona Yambor (Family)

Thursday, December 12, Our Lady of Guadalupe

Readings: Zechariah 2:14-17or Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/ Luke 1:26-38 or Luke 1:39-47

7:00 am: Cha Cha Bair, Birthday Celebration (John Bair)

12:05 pm: Joseph A. Corona (Wife, Mary)

Friday, December 13, Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

Readings: Isaiah 48:17-19/ Matthew 11:16-19

7:00 am: Living & Deceased Members 1st Catholic Slovak Ladies

12:05 pm: Stephen & Catherine Siwy (Family)

Saturday, December 14, Saint John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church

Readings: Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11 / Matthew 17:9a, 10-13

8:00 am: Ronald Vogel, Birthday Remembrance (Kiel Family)

5:00 pm: Francis P. Stephens (Wife, Gloria)

Sunday, December 15, - Third Sunday of Advent

Readings: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10/ James 5:7-10/ Matthew 11:2-11

8:00 am: Julius Kovach, 15th Anniversary (Janet & Richard Sanders)

11:00 am: Herb Delawder, 4th Anniversary (Wife, Cathy & Jensen)

5:00 pm: For the Intentions of the People of the Parish

From Our Pastor...

Advent: 'Tis the Season for Reconciliation Our parish reconciliation service is this Sunday, December 8, 1:30 PM. Several priests will be available for the hearing of confessions.

At least seven additional opportunities exist for your celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for the Birth of Our Lord. These are: Transfiguration, East Conemaugh – Wednesday, December 11, 6:30 PM; St Clement, Upper Yoder, Wednesday, December 11, 7:00 PM; Our Mother of Sorrows, Westmont – Monday, December 16, 6:00 PM; St. Therese, West End – Monday, December 16, 6:30 PM; Visitation, Eighth Ward – Tuesday, December 17; St Patrick, Moxham – Thursday, December 19, 7:00 PM; and St. Benedict, Geistown – Sunday, December 22, 5:00 PM.

Advent Wreath Helpers We invite volunteers to light the Advent wreath candles. We welcome at least two Advent wreath helpers and especially enjoy seeing entire families bringing the light of Advent forward. One person carries a small candle to the Advent Wreath and another person uses a taper to light the Advent wreath candles from the carried light. Other family members may accompany the candle and taper bearers. A sign-up page for each week is at both the Clinton Street and St. Anne Shrine entrance ways. You may also volunteer by contacting Fr Jim at the rectory (536-0117). The procession to the wreath is excellent preparation for Christmas. Please volunteer now.

Putting the Nativity Together On Monday, December 23, at 1:00, we are bringing Mary, Joseph, angels, shepherds, kings, villagers, and sundry animals into the cathedral. You are most welcome to help assemble our manger tableau and add the bows of gold in our Christmas decorating of our parish family's home.

Immaculate Conception Observance Moved Yet Lived The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, moved this year to Monday and not a day of obligatory Mass attendance, honors Mary for her willingness to let God break into her own set and safe world for the sake of the greater world beyond herself; God appeals to her selflessness and humility to give birth to his Christ.

It may seem that annunciations happen only to Mary and people in the Bible — but the fact is that God calls every one of us to the vocation of prophet, the ministry of charity, the work of forgiveness. Archangel Gabriel may come in the form of an invitation, a plea, a concern for another's well-being. Like Mary, we think of all the kinds of reasons why this does not make any sense or that it is beyond us — but it is in these everyday annunciations that God changes the course of history.

In the Advents of our lives, God calls us to bring his Christ into our own time and place. May we respond to our "annunciations" with the faith and trust of Mary, the Immaculate Conception, by putting aside our doubts and fears to say I am your servant, O God. May it be done to me according to your word.

Gracious God, may we possess the faith and trust of your daughter Mary to say yes to your call to each one of us to reveal your presence in our own time and place. In our welcoming of your Son into our homes and hearts, may we embrace the Advent meaning of this gift of time you have given us.

FROM OUR PARISH

Resurrection Religious Education News:

- **Sunday, December 8 - Confirmation sessions 9A, 10A and 11B - 9:00 to 11:00 am - St. John Paul II Building**
- **Service hours available - Any student needing hours please come out on Saturday, December 14 Children's Christmas party 1:00 to 3 :00pm Resurrection Church Hall.**

The **Christian Life and Service Committee** will be conducting their **Annual Yellow Ribbon Campaign** in support of pro-life before and after all Masses the weekend of January 11 & 12. The monetary donations received will get our fellow parishioners down to Washington, DC for the March for Life to be held on Friday, January 24th. Thank you for your many prayers and generosity in supporting this effort.

2020 Offertory Envelopes will be available beginning on Thanksgiving Day near the Clinton Street entrances.

FROM OTHER PARISHES & THE COMMUNITY

The Church of the Transfiguration, 201 Third St, Conemaugh, will be holding a **Fish Fry** on Friday, December 13th from 3:30 - 6:30PM. Cost: \$10.00/meal Take-Outs Available, Please call (814)535-2698

Saint Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church, 803 Somerset Avenue, Windber is holding a **Big Bingo** on December 13th. Doors open at 5pm and Early Bird begins at 6:15pm with the Bingo beginning at 6:30pm. Admission \$35 includes 12 cards Regular/Double games 12 cards 2 Jack pots – Fast bingo. Call Theresa at 814-691-1434 – Call Janice at 814-242-4776 – Call Jeffrey at 814-233-7749.

You are invited to recite the **Rosary at St. Clement Church** in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Saturday, December 14th at Noon. We will also pray to Keep Christ In Christmas. A short movie about Our Lady of Guadalupe will be shown in the 3rd Grade classroom of the school building afterward. All are welcome!

Christmas at the Russell House: Christmas 2019 marks the 20th year **Moxham Renaissance** has hosted Christmas at the Russel House and the public is invited to attend. This year's celebration will be held on Sat. Dec. 14th from 1 PM to 8 PM and Sun. Dec. 15th from Noon to 5 PM. Come join us for food, fun, music and good cheer.

Top TWELVE Fun Facts About the First CHRISTMAS

1. The 'Three Wise Men' are not mentioned by name in the Bible. They are now commonly known as Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar as these names were detailed in an early 6th century Greek manuscript.
2. The Three Wise Men of the East, are also called the Magi, are featured in the Bible story of the Nativity. The story of the Three Wise Men are detailed in the Bible in Matthew 2, 1-5; 7-15; 19-23.
3. Bethlehem means “house of meat or bread” famous as the birthplace of Jesus, means in Arabic “House of Meat” (Bayt Lahm) and in Hebrew “House of Bread” (Bet Lehem).
4. The Three Wise Men presented the infant Jesus with three gifts which were fit for a king. **Gold** as a symbol of kingship on earth, symbolizing virtue.
5. **Myrrh** (an embalming oil) was used as an anointing oil and as a symbol of suffering.
6. **Frankincense** was used as a perfume, symbolizing prayer and the priesthood.
7. Herod was the King of Judaea and sent the three wise men to Bethlehem.
8. Caesar Augustus (Gaius Octavius, great-nephew Julius Caesar) was the name of the Roman Emperor who sent out a decree that all the world should be taxed.
9. The name of Joseph's city was Nazareth. Population between 500—2,000 citizens MAX!
10. The baby Jesus was wrapped in swaddling clothes. This was a practice in Roman times when clothing and strips of fabric were wrapped about a baby to hold its arms and legs immobile, straightening and strengthening the body.
11. Joseph and Mary went to Egypt to flee from Herod.
12. The Star of Bethlehem was reported by Matthew, but at the same time Chinese astronomers recorded it, too. "What Kind of Astronomical Marvel was the Star of Bethlehem" Christianity Today, 23 November 2015.

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COLLECTION: 12/01/2019		
Collection - cash		\$1,175.00
Collection - envelopes		\$3,647.99
Second Collection		\$278.06
Catholic Charities		\$210.00
Maintenance		\$360.00
All Saints		\$10.00
Thanksgiving		\$30.00
All Souls		\$15.00
Retirement for Religious		\$25.00
Christmas		\$100.00
Christmas Flowers		\$581.00
Immaculate Conception		\$30.00
Total \$6,462.05		
Thank you for your Stewardship		

Families and the Gospel *Matthew 3:1-12*

Like John the Baptist, every parent “prepares the way of the Lord” in the hearts of their children. Advent is a good time to ask; “Do I help or hinder my children to know Jesus?”

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Advent of Christmas Concert
Saturday, December 21, 7pm
Save the Date



Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Servers, and Audio Operators, Dec. 14-15

Saturday, Dec. 14, 5:00 PM

Reader: Dixie Lochrie, Karen Pavlosky
Eucharistic Minister: Betty King, Elizabeth King, Pat Loughlin, Elizabeth Rhoades, Terry Rhoades
Server: Keara Brandon, Jason Harris
Audio Operator: Michael Stoskey

Sunday, Dec. 15, 8:00 AM

Reader: Dave Harteis, Brigid Starchok
Eucharistic Minister: Melissa Gates, Carmen Grasso, Sam Grasso, Pam Sabol, Don Yokitis
Server: Hayden Gates, Nate Gates
Audio Operator: Rose Eckenrod

Sunday, Dec. 15, 11:00 AM

Reader: Rachel Hall, Mary Jane Verbiar
Eucharistic Minister: Esperanza Bair, Jodie Hall, James Hollis, Lonnie Rietscha, Russ Smith
Server: Damien Byer, Hayleigh Rietscha
Audio Operator: Jim Horner

Sunday, Dec. 15, 5:00 PM

Reader: Christine Brothers, Heather Jezeskie
Eucharistic Minister: Charlotte Amenti, Louise Aust, Vi Najjar, Pat Roth, Request one minister
Server: Namita Gallo, James Sandoval
Audio Operator: Ron Jezeskie

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