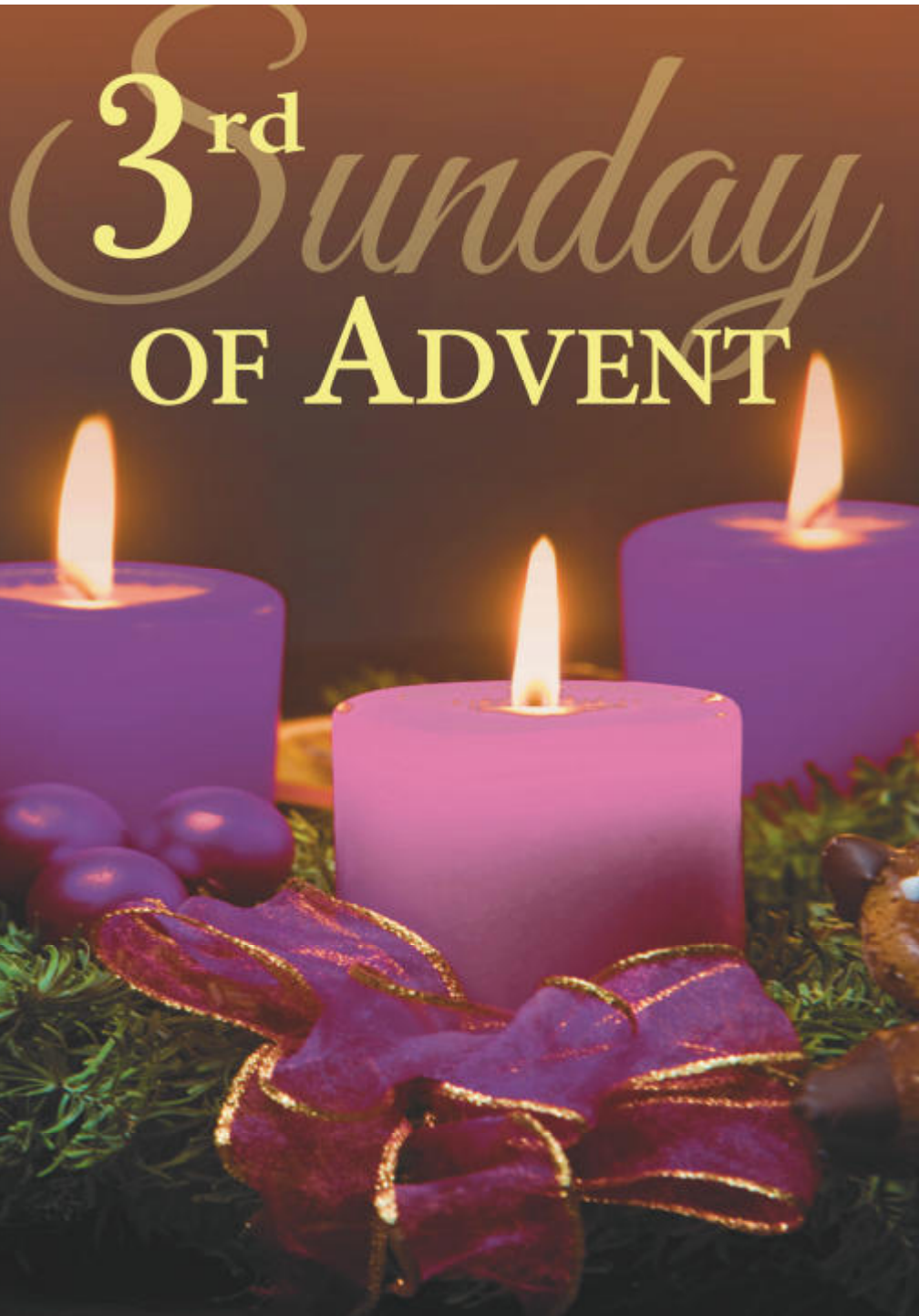


Sacred Heart

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Office Hours:

Mon. - Thurs. 8:30am - 4:30pm

Fri. - 8:30am - 12pm

Sacraments & Liturgies

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm

Sunday: 8:00am (Spanish), 10:30am

Holy Days of Obligation:

9:00am & 7:00pm

Daily Mass:

Tues, Wed & Fri.: 9:00am

Thurs.: 5:30pm

First Friday Mass: 12:00 p.m. at

St. John's Chapel

Confession:

Saturday: 4:30-5:15pm & by appt.

Baptism: By appointment, contact Parish Office.

Weddings: Six months notice required. Please contact the pastor to begin the preparation process.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Tuesday 9:30-10:30am & Friday

6:00-7:00pm.

December 15 - 16, 2018 • 3rd Sunday of Advent

Third Sunday of Advent

In Christianity, we hear often about the "Good News." We might often associate it with Jesus' compassion to the poor, his healings and miracles, and the salvation he won for us. In today's Gospel, we read of John the Baptist. "Exhorting them in many other ways, he preached good news to the people." Yet as we examine the rest of the reading, we see examples of John's preaching. If you have two cloaks, give one away. Don't cheat others out of their money, extort, or lie. And, of course, the warning that the Messiah is on the move and "his winnowing fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Not only do John's listeners enjoy his message, but they seem to think he might be the awaited Messiah! To understand today's Gospel, it's important to understand the Jewish people. For most of their history, God's chosen people had been under someone else's heel. They were slaves in Egypt. Their kingdoms were ravaged first by the Assyrians, then the Babylonians. Now they were under the yoke of the Roman Empire. Familiar with being strangers in a strange land, welcoming the stranger, caring for the vulnerable, and enacting justice was incredibly important to them as a people. While John's words may seem odd or strong to our modern ears, this call to justice was welcome, even if it was directed at the hearer.

The truth is, no one is exempt from John's call to repentance. We all have further to go in the Christian life. We can all grow in virtue and love our neighbors more generously. The Church gives us the Advent season to examine our own hearts. Did any of John's warnings resonate with you? That could be a great thing to bring to Jesus this week!

Catechetical Corner

Religious Education Classes are every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. followed by the Rosary at 10:05 a.m. Parents please join us for the Rosary.

Next Confirmation Class - January 9, 2019

RCIA - Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

Prayers for the Sick:

Please pray for: Sussana Romero, Dcn. Mark Pittman, Ron Jones, Alan Craig, Kay Austin, Alma Tovas, Richard Contu, Jolinda Contu, Jennifer Adrian, Jerry Dickerson, Mary Louise Boyne, Katie Kroll, Don Cain, Vic & Lois Berube, Betty Conway, Bob & Tina Searcy, Linda Haney, Mae Nabozny, Erica Beuchat.

Happy Birthday to: Emelyn Beuchat (15); Linda Lawson (17); Mark Pittman (19); Rebekah Schuler (20); Linda Haney (21).

Did we miss your birthday or anniversary? Please contact the office so we can update our information.

Mass Intentions: December 15 - 21, 2018

Saturday	Special Intentions
Sunday 8:00	Congregation
Sunday 10:30	Special Intentions
Tuesday	Ritchie Family / Catherine Ritchie
Wednesday	Mark Pittman / Julie Pittman
Thursday	Special Intentions
Friday	Fletcher Family / Catherine Ritchie

Readings for the week of December 16th, 2018

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



Liturgical Ministers

Lector/Ann	Euch. Min	Altar Server	Usher/ Gr.
December 15 - 16 2018			
5:30 pm			
J. Everard	K. Sontag	B. McLane	D. Hancock
M. Tanner	J. Sontag	N. Newton	M. Neises
10:30 am			
C. Gebetsberger	C. Cavenah	S. Mulvihill	W. Haney
S. James	B. Greuel	J. Schuler	R. Mulvihill
M. Craig/J. Schuler			
December 22 - 23, 2018			
5:30 pm			
D. Hancock	K. Sontag	B. McLane	J. Schuler
V. Berube	B. Whitesell	M. Whitesell	J. Sontag
10:30 am			
C. Lawson	D. Everard	J. Schuler	D. Wise
S. Beuchat	L. Haney	J. Pense	K. Lawson
S. Larson / T. Jones			

Sacred Heart Church Collections

December 8 - 9, 2018

Saturday/Sunday Collection (Envelope)...\$ 2,253.00
 Loose.....\$ 939.00
Total Week-end Collection.....\$ 3,192.00
 Capital Improvement\$ 50.00
 Holy Day\$ 459.00

December 2, 2018

Week-end Collection.....\$ 4,060.02

Honor the Lord with generosity Ecc. 35:7





Please watch the bulletin for Youth Group News

**LIVE THE LITURGY -
INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

This Gaudete Sunday calls us to rejoice because the Lord is near. Does your heart rejoice and sing, or are the pressures and burdens of life weighing you down? We can easily become overwhelmed. The weaknesses and sins of life, indeed our own weakness and sin, eat away at the joy and hope God wants us to know. Those who are grounded in their faith and possess deep spiritual lives know that God is near. Realizing this puts life into perspective. We really want to be free from our burdens but do not always know how to achieve this. We keep stumbling and falling. Advent is a time when we can learn to "do life differently," just like John the Baptist instructed the crowds. Joy and hope are the gifts God offers, not anxiety and despair.

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP -
RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

I wish I were a better steward. I would like to think I am a pretty generous person, and I do work hard to cultivate the characteristics of a good Everyday Steward in my life. However, stewardship is about more than giving. It is also about prudence and wise planning. It is about storing up grain for the lean years and making sure there is enough oil to light your lamps when the power goes out. If I were a better steward, I would have that \$1,000 emergency fund to dip into when I need a car repair. I would save more for retirement and vacation. I would have more food in the garage freezer because I bought more on sale and prepared for when money was a little tighter. In a nutshell, I would be prepared for whatever comes my way, good or bad.

Advent is a time of preparation. We not only prepare for Christmas, but for the day when Jesus Christ returns again. Unfortunately, we too often act like this is the only time to prepare for such events. We should be preparing all throughout the year.

If we only focus on our spirituality at Advent and Lent, then we are poor stewards of our time the rest of the year. The wise steward is always cultivating their faith and working to improve their relationship with God. They know that they need to be prepared for anything at any time. They stand ready, waiting for the call of their God.

- - Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Parish Organizations

Knights of Columbus: The Sacred Heart Council meets at 7:00 pm on the 1st Tuesday of the month.

Contact Grand Knight Robert Mulvihill 918-906-7170.

Prayer Network: For prayer requests, contact Sheila Ford at (918) 695-8796 or email at skfgma14x@gmail.com or contact the office at (918) 224-0944.

Women's Bible Study Group: Meets Tuesday mornings 10:30-11:45am. Contact Julie Pittman 918-519-2029.

Fatima Ladies: Meet every 3rd Sunday at 11:45 a.m. Contact Sue Johnston 918-227-1431.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please continue bringing hats, gloves/mittens and socks for the Fatima Ladies tree and coats for The Coats of Compassion drive. New or gently used. All sizes - men, women and children. Items will be delivered to Catholic Charities and the Sapulpa Salvation Army.

The Advent Penance Rite will be Monday, December 17th, at 6:00 p.m.

We will be decorating the church Sunday, December 23rd. Please stay after Mass and help us prepare the church for His coming.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

**Christmas Eve: December 24th
at 5:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.**

**Choir Presentation: 10:00 p.m.
Wine & Cheese Reception immediately after Mass**

Christmas Day: December 25th at 10:30 a.m.

A sign up sheet for ministry volunteers for Christmas and New Year Masses are on the glass case in the gathering area. All Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers and Ushers your help is needed. Please sign up.

Sacred Heart welcomes all new members to our parish family. Please fill out a registration form that is available in the gathering area or call the office @ 918-224-0944.



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