

Calendar

Monday

December 18
Advent Weekday
Jer 23:5-8
Mt 1:18-25

Tuesday

December 19
Advent Weekday
Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a
Luke 1:5-25

Wednesday

December 20
Advent Weekday
Is 7:10-14
Lk 1:26-38

Thursday

December 21
Advent Weekday
Sg 2:8-14
Lk 1:39-45

Friday

December 22
Advent Weekday
1 Sm 1:24-28
1 Lk 1:46-56

Saturday

December 23
Advent Weekday
Mal 3:1-4, 23-24
Lk 1:57-66

Sunday

December 24
Fourth Sunday of Advent
2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12,
14a, 16
Rom 16:25-27
Lk 1:26-38

Dear Padre,

Once again I feel overwhelmed by the commercial hype of Christmas. Any suggestions for keeping a Christ-centered Christmas amid the shopping and gift expectations?

It's our Advent task to make Christ, Emmanuel, present in our lives. We do this by centering on the love and peace that is within us and offering that to others. By staying centered and at peace, we'll find the Christ Child even in the midst of the mania!



- **Take time to pray.** In Advent, church decorations accent the sense of longing during this season. Make it a part of your schedule to stop in daily for quiet time and prayer.
- **Spend less money.** Buy fewer gifts, ones that you really enjoy buying. Let your family know that you intend to spend less money and want to enjoy your purchasing experience. Ask them to help you select gifts that have meaning.
- **Be inspiring.** Give gifts that focus more on Christ and Christmas. They could be inspirational books, a Christian music CD, or tickets to a Christmas play or concert.
- **Start a tradition.** Make it a point to find a new Christmas tradition from a different culture and adopt that tradition for this season.
- **Volunteer.** Give someone a gift of unexpected kindness, compassion, and unconditional love. Visit the sick, help in a soup kitchen, buy and wrap presents that will be given to the poor.

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A Word From Pope Francis

To celebrate Christmas in a fruitful manner, we are called to pause in "places" of astonishment....The first place is the other, in whom we recognize a brother or sister, because since the birth of Jesus occurred, every face is marked with a semblance to the Son of God. Above all when it is the face of the poor, because God entered the world poor, and it was to the poor, in the first place, that he allowed himself to draw near.

—Angelus, December 20, 2015



3rd Sunday Of Advent

December 17, 2017



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*The voice of one crying in the wilderness,
Prepare ye the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.*



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Every Friday Adoration from 8:30 a.m.
to 9:30 a.m
SACRAMENT OF
RECONCILIATION
Both Before Mass and by Appointment.

Mass Schedule for this Week
Our Lady of Chartres Mass Schedule
Sun 7:30 am +Jimmy Ammons
St. Ann Mass Schedule & Intentions
Sat 4:00 pm +Dwayne Fazzio
Sun 9:00am +Dwayne Fazzio
Sun 6pm +Dwayne Fazzio
Mon 8:00am +Cubby Ladner

Tues 8:00 am Spec Int
Wed 6:00 pm +Dwayne Fazzio
6:30pm Penance Service
Thu 8:00 am +Pete Mockler
Fri 8:00 am Benefactors

From Father Khoa's Desk...

Dear Parishioners and Friends, Jesus likes you. Jesus loves you. Jesus longs for you!

"There is one ... coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." Untying sandal straps was no prestigious job. In the days of John the Baptist, those straps would have been especially unpleasant to deal with. Besides the usual odors that accompany sockless leather footwear, there would have been the grime and dirt from the sandy roads and paths that swirled around the people who went everywhere on foot. Taking off someone's shoes upon their arrival was the task of the lowly servants. So when John says he's unworthy of doing this task for the "one who is coming after me," he is putting himself in a very humble position. And rightly so.

John realizes that the Christ the Anointed One, the Messiah is so far above him, so far above any of us, that we are truly unworthy of him. Indeed, the Son of God is not just the greatest of men; he is God made man and in his presence we most appropriately should bow in humble homage. Yet this God chose to stoop down to our human level and walk among us. He chose to get his sandals dirty. And still today he chooses to allow us to encounter him as a friend and companion. But as John reminds us by his example, this encounter with the Lord is not the result of our own merits or accomplishments. We are sinners who stand in need of Christ's help. But thanks be to God, he is always willing to extend this help to us. As St. Paul says in today's epistle, "May the God of peace make you perfectly holy." Indeed it is God who does the perfecting, not us by our own power. So let us approach the Lord this Advent season with a spirit of hopeful humility, trusting that God

alone can make us worthy of welcoming his Son.

Have a great week! May God bless all of us!

...Fr. Khoa

St. Ann and OLC Penance Service
is on **this Wednesday** December 20 after 6 pm mass.

ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP:**

70Identifiable: **\$1,813.00**; Loose: **\$1,576.00**;
Total: **\$3,389.00**; Children: **\$30.05**;
Immaculate Conception: **\$386.00**

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Identifiable: **\$160.00**; Loose: **\$155.00**; Total:
\$315.00.

****Amount needed weekly \$2,908.84.**

Thank you for your generosity.

Christmas Vigil Mass: this year, we will have a special program for children after the homily. Thank you.

Altar Society: meets 2nd Sunday.

Christmas Flowers: Thank you for your generosity.

Thanksgiving and Christmas Basket: We thank you all the parishioners who participated in the food drive for Thanksgiving and Christmas. With your generous heart, 25 families received help during Thanksgiving and about 30 families during Christmas. We also thank Monica and all those who set up and distributed the foods. May our good works glorify God!

MASS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MIN.	SERVERS	USHERS	GIFT B.
Sat Dec 16 4pm	Henrietta	Kermit Northrop, Dianne Northrop, Kay Van Pelts.	Samantha	Mike Kermit	Mary Taylor
Sun 7:30am	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Tery Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun Dec 17 9am	Lisa Cuevas	James Quintini, Susan Peleaz, Kim Wood	Nick Jaseigh	Will Burke Gary Thomas	Al Eiselen Family
Sun 6pm	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Sat Dec 23 4pm	Mike West	WC King, Lennell King, Ellen West.	Austin	Dale August	Helen Ladner
Sun 7:30am	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Tery Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun Dec 24 9am	Sharon Leimer	Robin Petero, Lester Palmer, Lisa Cuevas	Will Keegan	Garland Pat	James and Nicki Quintini

ST. ANN ACTIVITIES.

Bible Study: We will study **St James beginning on January 8.** Please join us. Classes are on **Mondays 6:30pm.** For more information, please contact **Ruth.**

MASS FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS: You can have Masses offered for the deceased as well as for living family and friends. Mass cards and envelopes are available at the office.

VISITATION OF THE SICK: Please keep the parish office informed so we may minister to those who are ill at home, in the hospital, or in a nursing facility. For those wishing to receive the Eucharist contact the parish office, 832-2560.

Church Cleaning 2018: **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

At this time, there will be no one calling to schedule the church cleaning, so if you want to help and can take two weeks at a time, please sign up on the schedule at the back of the church. January is quickly approaching and needs to be filled. A very big "thank you" to those who donated their time this year!!

Bereavement Committee: Please contact **Sharon Leimer** at 539-9928. Lasagna, green salad, rolls, and deserts will be provided for the funeral reception upon request. Thank you.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION MARRIAGE
Church regulations require at least six months of preparation for a wedding. Our advice is to call well in advance of that time if you wish to reserve a wedding date and receive info: one's own parish clergy are expected to supervise your Catholic prenuptial preparation and to officiate at the wedding.

PRAYER REQUESTS Those who are ill: Leslie Cuevas, Dcn Jack Hunter, Lee James, Darlene Billingsley, Victoria Moran, Jerry Malley, Vivian Clifford, Ezekiel Rutherford, John Moran, Jerry Rutland, Dalwin Cuevas, Colby Cagle, Debbie Bowen, Andrew Fillengame, Melissa Peterson, Breanna Ladner, Gerald Barrilleaux, Margaret Northrop, Andrew, James Moran, Sharon Somora, and Marie Nance, Patricia Lizana, August Schonewitz, William Shaw, Robert Necaise, Nancy Ladner, Loretta Ladner, Matt Bryant, Anthony Moran, Paul Ladner, and Dianne Dearman .